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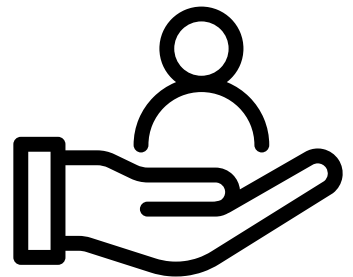
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at home and around the world.



Governor's Message

Hello Lions,

In February, most people think of LOVE and giving items to signify their feelings of caring for a spouse, partner, child, friends, etc. Lions is a local, state, and international family. All are working towards the same goal of providing services for their communities. It is a good time to show our LOVE by purchasing a 24C Charity Foundation Raffle Ticket to support LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation). If your club has NOT received your book of 6 raffle tickets for \$20 each, please let me know. Also, when your club contributes a total of \$1,000 to LCIF, the club can then give a Melvin Jones Fellowship to a member who has served the club and community faithfully.

This time of year, most are wanting to keep close to the warmth of your home, but now is the time of greatest need for food, clothing, and shelter. To help us to keep contributing to our communities needs, we need to continue reaching out to encourage new prospective members to join. This will help us sustain and grow our footprints in our areas.

Over time our community needs do change and we do not need to be focusing on something that is not really relevant anymore. Be observant and listen to what your communities are in need of. Do a Community Assessment with your area leaders and officials. This is a good place to start!

Did you put those LOVF tickets in a drawer or on a shelf? It is never NOT the right time to sell these tickets. Our District is aware of the many needs that LOVF has contributed to help our projects. The drawing will be April 21 at our State Convention in Dulles, VA. Maybe YOU will be the \$10,000 winner this year!!!!

Remember, we are “Growing Lions for Service to Change the World.”

DG Jean

MD24 Service Projects

Please enter your service projects in LCI (lionsclubs.org).

Reporting is vital to the success of our local Lions clubs, districts, and international. LCI reviews the activities of the clubs and districts requesting financial assistance and uses this information for determining eligibility for grants. If you need help entering activities, please contact Lion Joel Lytton, District 24C administrator (jclytton@gmail.com). Please consider participating in the MD 24 State-wide environmental projects.



Districts 24L, C, and I are supporting International President, Dr. Patti Hill's environmental initiative by participating in two State-wide environmental projects. The first project is the NexTrex recycling program, which will run through June 2024. We are collecting soft plastics (see website below for details). After 1,000 pounds are collected NexTrex donates a bench to your community. For more information visit the Nextrex site: www.nextrex.com

The second project is a Spring tree planting. Clubs can choose to do tree planting or buy seedlings/saplings for area residents and other organizations to plant. We will share more information on this project in the Spring.

We are asking all clubs to participate in these important projects. The plastics recycling project may result in your club receiving a bench and will help get the plastics out of our environment.

Please post pictures on social media platforms of your club participating in these projects and use [#lionsgogreen](https://twitter.com/hashtag/lionsgogreen). International President, Dr. Patti Hill will see these posts when using the hashtag.

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LCIF (Lions Club International Foundation)

Bring hope to people in communities who have lost homes, businesses and even loved ones to natural disasters. No matter where these tragedies happen, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is there with critical funding for Lions-led disaster relief efforts. Make a gift to restore communities.

In Arkansas, a tornado with 165 mph winds leveled homes and killed people. This storm caused widespread devastation throughout the Southern and Midwestern U.S. LCIF responded with Emergency Grants totaling US\$70,000 for immediate needs across multiple states. Your support continues to aid local Lions-led relief and impact lives.

Your donation to the general Disaster Fund supports Lions' efforts to make a lasting difference. LCIF quickly provided a US\$10,000 Emergency Grant for Spokane County, WA wildfire evacuations, supplying essentials like school items, clothes, baby needs and first aid kits, plus food and water.

Since July 1, 2023, LCIF has awarded nearly 70 grants, totaling more than US\$1.5 million to empower Lions in Constitutional Area I. Learn more about [LCIF Disaster Relief grants](#) or email LCIFGlobalGrants@lionsclubs.org. Your donation qualifies for Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) and Progressive MJF credit. Your generous donations to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund, specifically reserved for all disaster relief, helps Lions continue to serve.



To Donate,
please go to
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>

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Appalachia Lions Club News

On December 12th our club distributed 60 food boxes to the needy in our community. We had 4 volunteers with 8 volunteer hours.

On December 14th, we had our Christmas dinner and awards night. We were very honored to have as our guest DG Jean Cook, PDG John Seaborn, and Joan Miller, Peace Poster Chair.

Several members in our club were awarded WE SERVE pins for their dedication to feeding the hungry. They are Ben Hooper, Gary Williams, Jimmy Fillmore, Allen Wolfe, Will Owens, and Bill Snyder.

These members under the supervision of Jennifer Joliffe received WE SERVE pins for their dedication to eye screening the children of Scott County Schools. They are Lions Ben Hooper, Gary Williams, Roger Ramey, Jackie Johnson, Endora Johnson, Jimmy Fillmore, Allen Wolfe, Tammy Collins, Sandy Thomas, Bill Snyder, Krystal Roberts, and Will Owens. They screened 1343 children, referred 148 with a total of 236 volunteer hours.

Members Lion Gary Williams and Lion Larry Williams were presented the Community Service Award, Sandy Thomas received a membership key from LCI, Allen Wolfe was chosen Lion of the year, and DG Jean Cook presented Sheree Ramey with a certificate for completing the Proud Lion Program.

We donated 100 dollars to Mountain Empire Older Citizens Fuel Fund.

January 3rd we had 5 members distribute 60 food boxes to the needy with 15 volunteer hours.



Pound Lions Club News

The president of the Pound Lions Club is the director of the local food bank. Four other Lions are volunteers at the center. In addition to boxing the food and distributing it, several volunteers must go to the local distribution center load up food, bring it to the Pound, and then unload it. The director also orders food from the Food City and Pound IGA for additional items, picks them up and unloads with the help of other volunteers. The food bank is open every Thursday. Over 200 families were served with around 100 volunteer hours.

We were given details about a family with children who attend Adams Combined School in Pound, Va. There were 5 children in the family and two adults. We purchased 2 toys of their choice for each child as well as a stuffed animal and a complete outfit including new shoes for each child. We also purchased a box of groceries including cereal, milk, bread, crackers, sugar, flour, meal, butter, cream, potatoes, cookies, peanut butter, pop tarts, beans, corn, stuffing, a ham, chips, candy, fruit, and juice drinks.

The Pound Lions Club purchased 300 pack of nabs which we donated to the town parade committee to be included in the treat bags for the Christmas parade. Three of the members assisted with filling the bags and boxing them for distribution during the parade. On the day of the parade 6 club members and 3 three students from Central High School had an entry in the parade from which we distributed stuffed animals to all the kids on the parade route. Lions members obtained the town tree and helped with the decoration.



Lions Angela Britton and Randy Carter



Lions Charlene Shortt
Janice Bolling, Angela Britton
Johnny Tompkins



Lion Johnny Tompkins



Lions members,
NHS members, and Ella

Pound Lions Club News Continued

On Thanksgiving day Pound club president, Charlene Shortt, assisted with the distribution of over 300 dinners to residents of Wise County and the City of Norton at the Episcopal Church. This was a community volunteer effort sponsored by churches, businesses, and individuals

At our Christmas pot luck dinner, Lion Johnny Tompkins was presented with a Melvin Jones Award by District Governor Jean Cook. Johnny is very deserving of this award. President Charlene Shortt also presented a plaque in memory of Lion Sherril Sturgill, secretary, who passed away in February 2023. We are donating a bench in her honor to be placed in town. Lion Sherril was a dedicated Lion who had served the club and community well.



Lion Johnny Tompkins



Pres. Charlene Shortt and Ed Sturgill

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Saltville-Rich Valley Lions Club News

Saltville-Rich Valley Lions Club Peace Poster Contest results.

1st PIC - group of 8 students participating, Northwood Middle School, eight grade, ages 13 under direction of teacher, Ms. Kimberly Wynegar

2nd PIC - Winners - pictured left to right - Second Place Winner Raymond Hughtes III, First Place Winner Lexi Feeny and Third Place Winner - Channing Waldie.

3rd PIC - Winners with (l)_Club President Ernest Blevins & (r) Ms. Kimberly Wynegar, teacher.



Saltville-Rich Valley Lions Club News

Continued

Recently the Saltville-Rich Valley Lions Club had the privilege of awarding a Melvin Jones Fellowship to one of its members. Club President Ernest Blevins had the honor of presenting a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Linda Larmer. Lion Linda is the club's treasurer, annual carnival chairperson and coordinator, and held two consecutive terms as club president, Lion Linda excels in community service. She not only works in club activities but provides services to individuals in the Saltville area and surrounding communities. Using her personal vehicle Lion Linda transports individuals to doctor appointments, medical procedures, hospitals and emergency rooms to name a few.

Lion Linda helps individuals setting up their medications eliminating errors in dosages, etc. She can be seen mowing her neighbor's lawn.



Wytheville Lions Club News

Congratulations to Lion Rob Kern and to Lion John Todd on receiving their Melvin Jones Fellowships in December for the faithful years of service to the fundraisers and service projects of the Wytheville Lions Club.



Read Across America

Read Across America (RAA) is celebrated this year the week of March 2-6th, 2024. We celebrate the books of Dr. Seuss. His birthday is March 2nd. Our district is encouraging members to contact elementary schools in their areas and ask them to participate in this program. What we can do is read to children in their classrooms. Call a school and ask to speak to a principal or vice principal and ask if this is something you can do for them to help celebrate literacy in the schools! It can be one school or several, it can be one classroom or several, just take direction from the school. Books by Dr. Seuss are often selected by the teacher, but you can bring a few of your own(just check with the teacher on his or her preference).

Any questions, please feel to contact Lion Terry Jones (Reading Chair) at 540-798.2524 or email terrysteve.jones1@gmail.com



White Cane

Greetings fellow Lions. Now that the holidays are behind us we can turn our thoughts to White Cane. But some may ask, Why Do We Do White Cane? Before we look at that question, here's a little White Cane history.

1921 - James Biggs, a photographer from Bristol, England, became blind following an accident. Because he was feeling uncomfortable with the amount of traffic around his home, he painted his walking stick white to be more visible.

1930 - Lion George A. Bonham, President of the Peoria, Ill. Lions Club introduced the idea of using the white cane with a red band as a means of assisting the blind in independent mobility. The Peoria Lions Club approved the idea and white canes were made and distributed. Shortly after, the Peoria City Council adopted the first ordinance in the country giving the white cane users the right-of-way to cross the street.

1964 - The US Congress approved a resolution authorizing the President of the United States to annually issue a proclamation designating October 15th as "National White Cane Safety Day". President Lyndon Johnson was the first US President to sign the proclamation.

1969 - The International Federation of the Blind adopted October 15th as "International White Cane Safety Day".

Virginia also has white cane laws. State Law:

- Section 46.2-932.1
- Section 46.2-933
- Section 46.2-934

Look em up

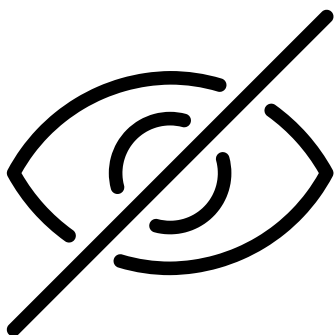
White Cane Continued

Now back to our question, **Why Do We Do White Cane?**

- **To increase public awareness of white cane**
- **It's an excellent way to raise funds for your vision projects and programs**
- **Good public exposure for your club. We gotta let 'em know we're here.**
- **It's the Lion thing to do.**

And if these reasons aren't enough, let's not forget the District contest. Forgot about it didn't you? Well here's how it works.

- **Contest runs through April 1st, 2024**
- **You hold your white cane events**
- **You send Lion Danny Miller the event info, as they happen (date, what you did and where and the amount collected).**
- **Lion Danny will keep a running tab of each reporting club's totals**
- **The club that raises the most money will be declared the winner and will be announced at the State Convention in April.**
- **Winning club will receive from the District matching funds, not to exceed \$250.00.**
- **Example : Winning club collects a total of \$175.00, they receive another \$175.00. Collect \$250.00 or more will receive \$250.00.**



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OAE Hearing Screening Device Training

OAE HEARING SCREENING DEVICE TRAINING

WHEN: February 6, 2024

TIME: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WHERE: Wytheville Meeting Center, 333 Community Blvd., Wytheville, VA 24382

COST: FREE & Lunch Provided

SPEAKER: Lindsey Richard, Au.D., CCC-A, Educational Audiologist, from the Commonwealth of VA at the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind

If you do hearing screening in schools, day-cares, or Health Fairs, this Otoacoustic Emissions (OAE) type of Hearing Screening Device will give you a simple, portable, accurate, and fast reading when screening in all types of testing environments. This presentation and hands on training is being offered as a follow up to the training that was offered in August 2023 in Staunton, VA and to the demonstration at the 24-C Fall Conference in September in Wytheville, VA. This will give you more time to become familiar with the device and to decide if this device would be a fit to help expand your Lions club hearing screening services to your community. This device is excellent in helping to identify Late-onset Hearing Loss. This is the period between birth and school age and the prevalence of hearing loss which doubles during this time. There is always the issue of cost. This unit sells for approximately \$5,700. In order to make this feasible, clubs may look at going to together as a zone, or a region and purchase a unit for all to use. Also, we do have the wonderful LOVF matching grant.

All Lions that have an interest in this type of screening and feel that it would be beneficial, please contact me as soon as possible at cookjean548@gmail.com or 276-223-8471.

DG Jean



LCIF Raffle Information

LIONS DISTRICT 24C CHARITY FOUNDATION

RAFFLE TO SUPPORT LCIF

FIRST PRIZE - \$1,000

2nd PRIZE - \$500

3RD PRIZE - @250

300 TICKETS TO BE SOLD AT \$20.00 PER TICKET

The drawing will be held on April 21, 2024 at the Lions State Convention.

Tickets can be sold to Lions Clubs, Lions members, and the public. Each club in District 24C will be asked to sell 6 tickets.

For tickets contact: IPDG Connie Saunders at 304-920-1051 or Email, saundersem@earthlink.net

OR, your Zone Chair, and any Charity Board Member.

Make checks payable to: District 24C Charity Foundation, memo line "LCIF Raffle"

Please print your name, phone number, and the Selling Club's name on the ticket.

Mail checks and ticket stubs to:

**IPDG Connie Saunders, President, D24C Charity Foundation PO Box 1158
Bluefield, VA 24605**

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State Convention Nominations Committee



MD24 Lions of Virginia
501 Elm Ave SW
Roanoke, VA 24016



January 3, 2024

Dear Lions Club Secretary:

Each Club in the State Organization shall be notified by the State Secretary/Treasurer of the names and addresses of the members of the State Convention Nominations Committee at least seventy-five (75) days prior to the first day of the Annual State Convention.

* 24-C PCC Clark Vandergrift	3226 Bromley Road, SW, Roanoke, VA 24018
24-I PDG Ann Ragland	3799 Osborne Turnpike, Henrico, VA 23231
24-L PCC Ken Isaac	40 Riviera Drive Palm Cost, FL 32164
Lions of Virginia State Office	501 Elm Ave, SW Roanoke, VA 24016

(* General Chairperson)

Any club wishing to place the name of one of its members in nomination for the Office of District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor or 2nd Vice District Governor must submit a letter giving the name and physical address of such candidate, his/her occupation, and qualifying positions (at both club and district level). The letter must be signed by both the Club President and Secretary, certifying that the candidate's nomination was endorsed by the club or that the candidate was endorsed by the majority of the clubs in the sub-district.

The original letter must be submitted to the General Chairperson of the Nominations Committee PCC Clark Vandergrift, with a signed copy to the State Secretary-Treasurer, at least sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the State Convention, which will occur on Friday, April 19, 2024. Letters must be **in hand** no later than Monday, February 19, 2024. As a courtesy, clubs also usually send copies of the letter to their respective District Governor and to the sub-district Nominations Committee Chairperson, if that Lion is not the General Chairperson of the Nominations Committee.

Yours in Lionism,

Tammie J. Brightwell

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State Secretary

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CC: Nominations Committee

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State Convention Nominations Committee Continued



MD24 Lions of Virginia
501 Elm Ave SW
Roanoke, VA 24016



January 3, 2024

Dear Lions Club Secretary:

Lions Clubs International has made a change to the Voting Delegate formula for Multiple District and International Convention elections.

Effective January 1, 2024 discounted members of a club are not included in the club delegate formula calculation. In order to be considered, the member must pay full dues.

(insert from LCI Board Policy Manual Chapter 17)

h. Discounted Member: A member of this club who pays discounted dues as a result of their family membership status, student status or participation in any other discounted membership program offered by the association who desires to retain membership in this club and meets the qualifications for discounted dues. The membership status shall be verified by the board of directors of this club. A Discounted Member shall have all rights of an Active Member but be eligible to hold office in district or international meetings, but shall pay such dues as the local club may charge, which dues shall include district and international dues. **This membership category shall not be included in the club delegate formula calculation.**

The discounted member may still be assigned as a voting delegate at both MD24 and LCI conventions.

The annual MD24 State Convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency Dulles April 18 - 21, 2024. Delegate registration will begin in March. Instructions for registering your Club voting delegates will be provided with registration packages and will be posted on the MD24 and each District website as well as newsletters.

Discounted members may elect to switch to full paying members and will be considered in future delegate formula calculations if the membership change has been in effect for one year and one day from the day that the delegate list is released from Lions Clubs International. (Typically, one month prior to the convention.)

Yours in Lionism,

Tammie J. Brightwell

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State Secretary

Lions District 24C Fighting Hunger Day

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Who: All Clubs in District 24C

What: Plan a "Fighting Hunger Event"

When: May 4, 2024

Why: To support LCIF Focus area on Hunger

Suggestions/Ideas:

- Donate to LCIF to support Hunger
- LCIF Hunger grant
- LOVF Humanitarian Grant
- Stuff a Truck
- Food for Kids
- Food Drive
- Sporting event fundraiser for a local hunger related Charity
- Contact your local food pantry for other ideas
- Establish a food pantry

Beginning from July 1, 2023, District 24C clubs are asked to keep track and report to LCI in "MyLion, Activities", hunger related funds and/or pounds of food collected and donated, as well as the total service hours by Lions for each reported Hunger activity. Zone Chairs will select the club in their Zone with the most Hunger activities reported. The winning club from each Zone with their reported data will be submitted to 2VDG/GST Judy Alford no later than May 13, 2024 at LionJudyAlford@gmail.com.

The DG and the VDGs will select the District 24C winning club. The winning club will then select the member who was most active in the Hunger activity to receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship. The winning Lion will be recognized with the Melvin Jones Fellowship at the June, 2024 Cabinet meeting.

Contact: PCC Rick Carroll, District 24C Hunger Chair/LCIF Co-coordinator at:

Email: facarroll61@gmail.com;

Phone: 540-581-4941 (H), 540-484-3100, (C)