



District Governor Dennis Kelly



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



My fellow Lions,

Thanksgiving always brings to mind those less fortunate and these thoughts are especially true for Lions. Our motto "We Serve" professes our goal to make the lives of people in our communities better in as many ways as we can. As I have stated in my club visitations, "Service is the foundation of the Lions House". Our International Service theme for the December and January is relieving the hunger, a theme that resonates with us as we shared the Thanksgiving meal with families and friends. We will find many opportunities to Serve during the next few months. It seems that the holiday season makes us more aware of the people that need our assistance. Stories abound in the paper and on television of groups working together to help others. This is a prime time for us to work in our communities and show what Lions can do.

However, service should not be limited to a few months in the year; it is our motto and should be practiced by every member of every club every day. Our

service needs to be relevant to the needs of the communities that we serve. Relevant service provides us visibility in our communities. Visibility creates awareness of what we do and awareness of what we do creates the opportunity to increase our membership. Relevant service also will help us retain our members.

The theme of the Winter Conference is "Celebrate Service" We are requesting that clubs submit pictures of the service projects that they have performed this year to 24ALionsserve@yahoo.com. Please include a narrative describing the service project, its goals and outcome as well as identify Lions in the pictures. These pictures will be featured at the Winter Conference.

We are also changing the way that we usually conduct the Winter Conference. We will start Saturday morning with a continental breakfast. Then we will work in the community for 3 to 4 hours performing service. A list of available service projects will be part of the registration package. We will reconvene for lunch and then spend the next two hours involved in an interactive sharing of ideas and successful projects that can help us to grow our organization and make it more effective. More information will be sent out in the next few weeks. Save the date Saturday February 25th at the Hospitality House in Fredericksburg.

On behalf of your District Leadership Team, myself and Lion Cheryl, 1st VDG Emily and Lion Chuck, and 2nd VDG Mike and Lion Betsy, we wish you and your families the happiest of Holiday seasons. Thank you for having the courage and commitment to be Lions and take the action necessary to make our world a better place for all.

DG Dennis

Directory Changes

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*All newsletter submissions must now be
 emailed to:*

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AND

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no later than the 15th of each month.

Thank you!

**Deceased
 Lions**

Edward Cheek	Alexandria Host
Russell H. Frazier Jr.	Alexandria Lincolnia
Thomas Warrington	Lake Jackson
Samuel Kitchen	Lovettsville

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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New Members

Manolo Macatangay	Alexandria Asian American
Heidi A. Lowery	Alexandria Watergate
Robert G. Lowery	Alexandria Watergate
Dawn Teaque	Aquia Evening
Daniel Visone Jr.	Aquia Harbour Host
Charlie Caldwell	Clifton
Charles W. Kishick	Clifton
Tom Kinman	Fairfax Host
Bobby D. Anderson	Fredericksburg Host
Elton R Wright	Fredericksburg Host
Mark D. Sickles	Kingstowne
John A Beere	Manassas Host
Frank Bandy	Mason Neck
Kristina F. Tompkins	Mason Neck
Oliver L. Turner	Middleburg
Michael T. Powers	Montclair
Glenna Gonzalez	Reston
Travis A. Jackson	South Riding
Andrew H. Hall	Spotsylvania
Rachel B. Luerhs	Spotsylvania
Debbie Mims	Spotsylvania
Walter Bud Gaylord	Stafford County
Theodore R. Borduas	Vienna Host

(Excerpted from the 2005-2006 District Directory)

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT

The Office of the District Governor is the highest ranking authority within our District. Accordingly, proper recognition and respect for the Lion who holds this office requires the careful attention of the clubs within the District.

No one means to be inconsiderate and, certainly not rude but sometimes under certain circumstances we lack the information to guarantee a smooth meeting. The following list of suggestions may prove helpful:

1. Do not have any other programs during the District Governor's official visit. He is the program.
2. Have a member (preferably a Past President) meet the District Governor and keep him entertained until dinner. It is good practice to have him meet all the Lions present.
3. Be sure he is seated at the head table, next to the President and to his right. Many times the Vice District Governor, Cabinet Secretary, Region Chairperson or Zone Chairperson will accompany the District Governor. In these cases, the President should introduce the highest ranking officer of those present, in the order listed in 3 above, who will introduce the District Governor.
4. The District Governor is the highest ranking in each District and deserves the respect of his office. The District Governor should NOT be introduced at any time other than when he is being introduced as a speaker. When he is introduced, the members should immediately rise and applaud and should do so again at the conclusion of his talk.
5. District Officers are usually treated as guest of the club.
6. Even though the District Governor will most certainly be a good sport, it is not considered good taste to have the Tail Twister bother him to excess.
7. Remember that the Governor would like to meet with your entire Board of Directors immediately after your regular meeting. Try to have 100% attendance.
8. Do not hesitate to discuss club problems with your District Governor. It is his job to help solve problems and give new ideas to clubs that have run out of ideas. Maybe your Club will have ideas that will help other Clubs. Make this meeting with your District Governor a real down-to-earth get-together.

Club Visitations

Your district leadership team has completed all club visitations for the year. Visiting all the clubs this early allowed us to communicate the district goals in plenty of time for clubs to understand and act on those goals. The focus of the team, for the rest of the year, will be working with clubs that are facing challenges in membership and leadership.

I, as District Governor, will visit any club in the district, schedule permitting, that invites me to a meeting. I will also make myself available to install your new members, one of the best duties I have as district governor.

Please coordinate all requests for visits and installations through my Cabinet Secretary, Lion Cheryl, at ckellylion@yahoo.com



District 24-A Leading Lion Program



Leading Lion Program instructions

Congratulations on taking the next step to move forward in your Lions' career. Our organization needs qualified leaders who have the courage to take on the role of a leader, the commitment to improve their leadership skills and take action once they are in a leadership position to move our organization forward in a positive manner.

The first thing you need to do to begin the Leading Lion process is to log on to the Lions Learning Center using this link; <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/lions-learning-center/index.php>

Once you are in the Learning Center you will need to register. You can view an online tutorial that will guide you through this process at; <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/news-train-llc-video.php>.

Once you are registered you can select the course from the Leading Lion curriculum. Since you are just beginning the program your courses will be listed under Level One, the Basic Degree.

Leading Lion Program Curriculum

Three levels based on the four core competencies and the respective 18 courses for leaders in the Lions Learning Center.

Level One	Leading Lion Basic Degree Introduction to Lions Leadership Writing your personal mission statement Setting goals Delegation Effective listening Managing meetings	Level Two	Leading Lion Master Degree Member Motivation Effective teams Decision making Creativity Promoting innovation Public speaking
Level Three	Leading Lion Graduate Degree Coaching Managing change Conflict resolution Valuing member diversity Providing community service Public relations		

You need to start at Level One and work your way through Level Three.

You can do the courses at your leisure and in the comfort of your own home. Once you have completed all courses for a particular level you will be awarded your certificate for that level. Once you have completed all three levels you will be awarded your degree as Leading Lion.

Once you have completed a course you need to save your profile report indicating the completed status of a course and email to 2nd VDG Mike Ryan at: mike.ryan77@verizon.net

Thank you for having the courage and commitment to serve as a leader in Lions.

DG Dennis



Tyson Corner Lions club held our tree planting on Sunday, November 6. Along with the Pimmit Hills Citizen Association, we planted 10 trees at Plmmit Hills School.



VLEI President Lion Elden Wright receiving Certificate of Appreciation as speaker and check for VLEI at Falls Church Lions meeting on November 8th.

The District 24-A Lions Club Newsletter Contest

The editors of the Lion Reporter hereby announce our Lions Club Newsletter Contest. Each and every District 24-A Club is invited to submit their Club newsletter for consideration. The rules are very basic:

1. Read the criteria for the judging as described in the Club Newsletter Rating Sheet below and follow it when preparing **your club's October, November, or December 2011 newsletter.**
2. Choose which newsletter from Step 1 that you wish to enter.
3. Mail OR e-mail **your club's newsletter** to Lions Jim Alexander and Rose Burrus (addresses can be found in the 24-A directory). Newsletters **MUST** be sent to both of us to be considered.
4. **Newsletters must be received by January 15, 2012.**
5. The winning newsletter will be announced at the Winter Conference on February 25, 2012.
6. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Winner (prizes are as follows: 1st: \$125.00; 2nd: \$75.00; 3rd: \$50.00)

So, start planning now! We're looking forward to seeing your newsletters!

Jim Alexander and Rose Burrus, Editors, Lion Reporter

CLUB NEWSLETTER RATING SHEET

Points Possible
5 (Excellent), 4 (Very Good), 3 (Good), 2 (Fair), 1 (Poor)

Allocated
5 Excellent
1 Unacceptable

1. General Appearance:

A. Layout and spacing – neat and appealing	5	4	3	2	1
B. Font (size and appearance) makes newsletter readable	5	4	3	2	1
C. Use of color – neat and attractive but not distracting	5	4	3	2	1
D. Graphics, illustrations and pictures are clear and well-cropped	5	4	3	2	1

2. Content (Quality):

A. Local club news	5	4	3	2	1
B. Fundraiser Information article(s)	5	4	3	2	1
C. Community support/activities article(s)	5	4	3	2	1
D. Commentary (Letter from the editor or chapter officer, editorial, advice/opinion.)	5	4	3	2	1
E. News articles address the 5 Ws (Who, what, where, when and how.)					

3. Organization:

A. Easy to find information quickly (index, clear headings)	5	4	3	2	1
B. Graphics, pictures and illustrations relate to and support the articles they accompany	5	4	3	2	1
C. Sections or articles clearly distinguishable from one another (Headlines and captions)	5	4	3	2	1
D. Articles contain by-lines, and newsletter includes 3 or more contributors.	5	4	3	2	1

4. Mechanics:

A. Correct spelling and grammar	5	4	3	2	1
B. Punctuation	5	4	3	2	1
C. 2 - 6 pages in length (each side counts as one page) (front and back acceptable.)	5	4	3	2	1

TOTAL POINTS

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2012 Annual State Convention Chesapeake, Virginia

Fellow Lions,

The link below will take you directly to the registration site with the Lions code already in place. The dates are 16—20 May 2012 to allow anyone that wishes to come in early and to stay to Sunday to do so at the discount rate rather than the normal \$199.00 rate. Depending on what time the new Council is out of their first meeting, some may wish to stay rather than drive home.

[http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/orfgr?
groupCode=lvslvsa@app=resvlink&fromDate=5/16/12&toDate=5/20/12](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/orfgr?groupCode=lvslvsa@app=resvlink&fromDate=5/16/12&toDate=5/20/12)



Volunteer Opportunity

Last year many Lions and friends were able to volunteer to assist the Lions Community Outreach Foundation (LCOF) screen over 1000 people with eye, hearing and preschool vision screenings (PSVP) at the NBC4 Health and Fitness Expo. We are looking for that commitment again for 2012.

When: January 14-15, 2012

Time: 9:00a.m. to 5p.m.

Time slots preferred

9:00am to 11:30am

11:00am to 2:00pm

2:00pm to close (apx. 5:30pm))

Where: The Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mt. Vernon Place, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001
The Walter E. Washington Convention Center is located between 7th and 9th Streets and N Street and Mt. Vernon Place in downtown DC, right across from the new City Museum

Metro access: Yellow Line marked Mt Vernon Sq/7th St-Convention Center

If you can help us again with this important mission, contact myself or Yiia at LCOF .

We need at least 3 people (per category - eye/hearing/PSVP), per shift and one shift leader to make this a success again this year.

Thanks in advance For more information:

Sandi Halterman, President LCOF
cab22c@aol.com
301 751-8627

or

Lionsoutreach.com for more information

Lions and the Combined Federal Campaign

From IPDG Dennis Brining, LCIF Coordinator 24-A

Fellow Lions, are you a federal employee? Do you have federal employees in your club? Did you know that federal employees can donate to their favorite charities through payroll deductions? The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is the largest workplace charitable giving program in the United States which helps to raise millions of dollars each year to benefit those in need throughout the world. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is one of the approved CFC charities that benefit from federal employee giving.

Nearly four million federal employees and military personnel are able to contribute to the charities of their choice during the CFC annual charity drive, which runs from September 1st through December 15th each year. Please encourage your fellow federally employed Lions to donate through this program so that LCIF can bring sight saving, youth, health and disaster relief projects to your community and the world community.

If you are a federal employee and want to know how to support LCIF through your workplace, please contact your HR department and let them know the amount you want deducted as well as LCIF's CFC number (11971). Thank you for your generous and tireless support for Lions work in the United States and around the world.

For Oct. Dec 2011

Laughs to Brighten Your Day

A bar owner in the Old West has just hired a timid new bartender. The owner of the establishment is giving his new hire some instructions on running the place. He tells the timid man, "If you ever hear that Big John is coming to town, drop everything and run for the hills!! He's the meanest, biggest, nastiest outlaw who ever lived!!" A few weeks pass uneventfully. But one afternoon, a local cowhand comes running through town yelling, "Big John is coming to town!! Run for your lives!!!" When the bartender exits the saloon to start running, he's knocked to the ground by several townspeople scurrying out of town. As he's picking himself up, he sees a large man approaching the saloon, probably about 7 feet tall, muscular, grunting and growling as he walks. He stomps up to the door, orders the poor barkeep inside, and demands, "I want a beer NOW!!" He pounds his heavy fist on the bar, splitting it in half. The bartender nervously hands the big man a beer, hands shaking. He takes the beer, rips the top of the bottle off with his teeth, and downs the beer in one gulp. As the poor timid bartender cowers behind the bar, the big man gets up to leave. "Do you want another beer?" the bartender calls out. "Dang it, I don't have time!!" the big man yells. "I gotta get out of town!!! Didn't ya hear Big John is a-comin??"

A mangy looking guy who goes into a bar and orders a drink. The bartender says: "No way. I don't think you can pay for it. The guy says, "You're right. I don't have any money, but if I show you something you haven't seen before, will you give me a drink?" The bartender says, "Only if what you show me ain't risque." "Deal!" says the guy and reaches into his coat pocket and pulls out a hamster. He puts the hamster on the bar and it runs to the end of the bar, climbs down the bar, runs across the room, up the piano, jumps on the key board and starts playing a tune. And the hamster is really good. The bartender says, "You're right. I've never seen anything like that before. That hamster is truly good on the piano." The guy downs the drink and asks the bartender for another. "Money or another miracle, or else no drink", says the bartender. The guy reaches into his coat again and pulls out a frog. He puts the frog on the bar, and the frog starts to sing. He has a marvelous voice and great pitch. A fine singer. A stranger from the other end of the bar runs over to the guy and offers him \$300 for the frog. The guy says, "It's a deal." He takes the three hundred and gives the stranger the frog. The stranger runs out of the bar. The bartender says to the guy, "Are you some kind of nut? You sold a singing frog for \$300? It must have been worth millions. You must be crazy." "Not so", says the guy. "The hamster is also a ventriloquist."



What is Lions Visitation?

If you read the Lions visitation reporting forms, the purposes of visitation seems clear:

- **CLUB VISITATION:** Awarded annually to the Lions and Lioness Club in the District with the most of its members performing visitations, or having visited the most clubs in the area, or having its members drive the most miles per Lion's year for visitations, or just having visited all the clubs in the region or District.
- **INDIVIDUAL VISITATION:** Awarded annually to the Lions attending more club meetings than anyone else, or having the most visitation miles travelled per Lion's year.

Frequently, the visitors sit together and talk together. They listen to your club perform some business, and then drive home. Unfortunately, this has been the *modus operandi* for many years.

THE PROBLEM IS THAT VISITATION OFTEN FAILS THE "SO WHAT?" TEST.

When was the last time you had fun or learned something your club can use?

This kickoff letter is to encourage you and your club to do something different this year. While the visitors are consuming that chicken fillet, we hope you will call on them to do something useful.

Have your visitors tell your club how they raise money

Have your visitors tell your club how they recruit new members

Have your visitors tell your club how they have a tail-twister that does fun things

Have your visitors tell your club how they do something to retain members who seldom show up

Have your visitors tell your club how they how they make their dinner meetings fun

Have your visitors tell your club how they have an impact with their charity money

Have your visitors tell your club how they raise extra admin money

Show your visitors copies of your club's bulletin and ask about theirs

Got a club problem? Ask your visitors if their club ever dealt with something similar

Your club has the opportunity to learn something – something useful – something that can help your club and send your visitors back impressed with your club's enthusiasm and desire to become an even better club.

So here are some ideas – yours without even paying the cost of a postage stamp. They are yours to use or modify as you see fit. They are yours to make visitation into something that will strengthen your club and strengthen Lionism. Make visitation useful and fun.

REMEMBER – IT'S FUN TO BE A LION



Lions of Virginia, District 24-A Visitation Award Requirements 2011-2012



Purpose

The Visitation Program is intended to promote fellowship and provide an opportunity to meet and socialize with fellow Lions and Lionesses. Visitation is intended to facilitate an exchange of ideas at the Club level and to foster support and friendship between Clubs.

General Guidance

Clubs are encouraged to make their Visitations early in the Lion Year. The Club Visitation Chairman is requested to provide his or her name, address, telephone number and e-mail address to **District Visitation Chairman Lion Joe Volpe** no later than **September 26, 2011**. The information may be mailed or e-mailed to:

Lion Joe Volpe, PDG
9796 Kedge Ct.
Vienna, VA 22181-3206
j.volpe3@verizon.net

Clubs are encouraged to have joint meetings as part of the Visitation Program.

Dates

The 2011-2012 Visitation Program begins July 1, 2011 and ends June 30, 2012.

Visitation Reports

A Visitation Report is due to the District Visitation Chairman by **July 31, 2012** reporting all visits made by Club members during the Lion Year 2011-2012 Visitation Program period. The Report must include Club name, number of active members, names of members making visits, names of the Clubs visited and dates of the visits. The Report must specify the award(s) for which the Club is qualifying. Club Visitation Chairmen should maintain this information on an ongoing basis during the Lion Year to facilitate creating this end-of-year report.

Qualification Requirements for a Visitation

Individual Visitations

1. Qualifying Individual Visits toward the 100% Member Visitation Award include visits to any official Club Dinner Meeting of another Club or attendance at a District or State Lions Convention, the District Visitation and Awards Dinner, Fall and Winter Conference and Pin-Swaps. **Attendance at Joint or Multi-Club Meetings will count as an Individual Visitation to each of the sponsoring Clubs that is not your home Club. For example, attendance at Tri-State would count as a Visitation to Lovettsville Lions Club, Brunswick Lions Club and Harpers Ferry-Bolivar Lions Club. A Visitation to a joint meeting of Park-West and Manassas Lioness Lions Clubs would count as an Individual Visitation to both Clubs.**
2. A President's or Secretary's attendance at a Zone Meeting at a Club in the Zone will count as a qualifying Individual Visit. Zone Meetings not conducted at a Club Dinner Meeting will also qualify as an Individual Visitation.

3. Visitations where a Lion is an honored guest (Zone or Region Chairman official visit, a Visit by a District 24A cabinet member, or where a Lion gives the Program) also qualify as an Individual Visitation regardless of whether or not the Lion pays for his/her own dinner. Visits to informal gatherings of Lions do not qualify as a Visitation.

4. An Individual Visitation can also be counted toward the requirements for the Club Visitation Award if a member is visiting a Club Dinner Meeting of another Club and the team size requirement for his/her Club has been met (see Club Visitation below). If a single member visits another Club on his/her own it will count only as an Individual Visitation, not a Club Visitation, unless his/her Club's team size requirement specifies otherwise.

Club Visitations

1. Team size for qualifying Club Visitations is based on Club size. Clubs with an active membership of 25 or more must have two or more Lions members in a Visitation team for a Qualifying Visit. Clubs with an active membership of less than 25 may make qualifying Visits with a single member. Regardless of Club size, any member attending a Dinner Meeting at least 50 miles from his/her Club or a Dinner Meeting in another District will qualify as a Club Visitation.

2. Visitation team attendance at Joint or Multi-Club Meetings will count as a Club Visitation to each of the sponsoring Clubs that is not your home Club. For example, attendance at Tri-State would count as a Club Visitation to Lovettsville Lions Club, Brunswick Lions Club and Harpers Ferry-Bolivar Lions Club. A Visitation to a joint meeting of Park-West and Manassas Lioness Lions Clubs would count as a Club Visitation to both Clubs.

3. An Individual Visitation can also be counted toward the requirements for the Club Visitation Award if you are visiting a Club Dinner Meeting of another Club and the team size requirement for your Club has been met.

100% Member Visitation Award

1. Each active member on the Club roster as of July 1, 2011 and members joining prior to April 1, 2011 must make one Visit during the period of the 2011-2012 Visitation Program.

2. Clubs that lose an active member during this period need not show a Visitation for this Lion, provided the dropped member has been properly reported on the Monthly Membership Report to Lions Clubs International.

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2. Each Club must make at least 16 qualifying Club Visits (to 16 different clubs) to qualify for the "Club Visitation Award." A Visitation to each Lions and Lioness Club in its Zone is required. Regardless of the number of members visiting as part of the Visitation team, it will only count as one Club Visitation to that particular Club in that Lion Year.

3. An Individual Visitation may be counted toward qualification requirements for both the "100% Member Visitation Award" and the "Club Visitation Award" as long as criteria for both are met.

NE Lion's Den Progress Report

Thank you Lions!



The support of Lions from District 24-A has been impressive for the \$100,000.00 pledge drive to equip and furnish the **LION'S DEN CONFERENCE ROOM** at the Northeast training facility of Canine Companions for Independence (CCI). The pledge was made by Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence (LPCCI) when the newly dedicated, state-of-the-art Miller Family Campus CCI Northeast training facility opened in 2009.

CCI provides service dogs to people with disabilities other than blindness and LPCCI is the official Lions Foundation supporting CCI. Over \$2.5 million has been generated by Lions in support of CCI since the founding of LPCCI in 1982. CCI operates nationwide and has placed over 3,700 dogs since 1975. The dogs are provided for free to CCI's clients.

The Northeast Region of CCI encompasses thirteen states, Virginia being the southernmost of them.

The pledge drive runs until 2015. Clubs who pledge \$1,000.00 will have their names engraved on the Lion's Den plaque indicating their support as a "**100 Club Northeast Lion's Den Sponsor.**" A patch for your club's banner will also recognize your pledge. See more at this web site: <http://lpcci.com/denpledge.htm>

As of this writing the pledge drive is more than 80% of the way to the \$100,000.00 goal. There is still time for you or your club to have your name on the wall in recognition of your support for this fantastic service dog organization. Six clubs and one couple from District 24-A have already made pledges.

Submitted by Lion Jim Purton

Lion Jim Purton of the Greater Falls Run Lions Club is the District 24-A Cabinet Chairman for CCI. He and his wife, Lion Michele, are volunteer puppy raisers for CCI. Meeting presentations and further information are available by contacting Lion Jim at jimpurton@yahoo.com

**Woodbridge Lions Club Presents
Nuts and More!**

1 pound bag of Walnuts or Pistachios for \$9.00
 1 pound bag of Pecans, Cashews or the Deluxe Nut Mix for \$10.00
 1 pound bag of Fruit and Nut Mix for \$7.00
 1 pound bag of Gummy Bears for \$6.00
 Box of Pecan Clusters for \$9.00

All you have to do is call the "Nut Lady"
 Lion Carrel Ball at 703-590-3953 or
 Lion Hope Boggs at 703-565-3495
 LionHopeBoggs@hotmail.com

Club Presidents and Secretaries: Please pass on to your club members!!!!!!

SIGHT AND HEARING VAN CORPORATION



**DRIVERS
WANTED**



**NO COMMERCIAL LICENSE NEEDED
PAID POSITION
A REWARDING AND FULFILLING JOB**

CONTACTS:

PDG Doug Cross – President – 703-743-2333

Lion Bob Kirk – Scheduler – 703-743-5508

PDG Mac McLaughlin – Treas – 703-280-2225

Lion Ralph Thompson – Rep – 703-280-2356

The date for the [2012 District Bland Contest](#) has been set. It will take place on Sunday, April 15th at 2:00, at the Alexandria Lyceum. Please mark this in your calendars.



As a celebration of the
Stafford County Lions Club's 60th anniversary
(coming in March 2012),
 we have had a special pin made (pictured above), and we are
 selling these pins as a fundraiser to support the
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

The price of the pin is \$5.00.

To reserve your pin(s), print out this page, fill in the information requested, and
 send your payment to:

Stafford County Lions Club
 P.O. Box 2526
 Stafford, VA 22555

There is a limited number of pins available, so reserve yours NOW!!!

Name: _____

Club: _____

Yes, I want to support **JDRF**. Please reserve ____ pins for me (at \$5.00
 each). I have enclosed \$ _____, and I understand that I will be able to
 pick them up at the 2012 Winter Conference.



Charity Texas Hold-Em

Saturday, 25 February 2012

\$3,000+ in Prizes

Limited to 180 Players

2:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Dumfries-Triangle Rescue Squad 3R

For Tickets Mail \$50 donation to:

Montclair Lions Club

P.O. Box 246

Dumfries, VA 22026

ALL Donations Benefit Montclair Lions Supported Charities



The Stafford County Lions Club

Juvenile Diabetes Charity Cruise

Carnival Glory

October 28, 2012

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Day	Port	Arrival	Departure
Oct 28, 2012	Norfolk, VA	---	5:00 p.m.
Oct 29, 2012	Fun Day at Sea	---	---
Oct 30, 2012	Nassau, the Bahamas	11:30 a.m.	10:00 p.m.
Oct 31, 2012	Freeport, the Bahamas	8:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
Nov 01, 2012	Fun Day at Sea	---	---
Nov 02, 2012	Norfolk, VA	8:00 a.m.	---

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The "I-Plan"© for Membership Growth in Lions Clubs

Some Lions Clubs have tried for years to increase the number of members in their clubs; most have not. Membership statistics in the Commonwealth of Virginia clearly reflect the results of this vast amount of inaction. Membership has dropped from 12,848 in October 1978 to 8,548 in October 2009. With this progression, it is just a matter of time before the "last one out can turn out the lights."

It does not have to be this way. Lions Clubs that decide they want to increase their membership can do so, but it is a two-pronged effort. Not only must they get new members into their clubs, they must keep the members they already have. You can't do anything about deaths and transfers, but you can influence all others. Make being a Lion a fun experience and bring young members into your club.

Under the "I-Plan" © approach, there are some simple steps to follow. They are:

- Identify prospective new members for your club.
- Interest them in learning new things they can use in their work life (planning, speaking, organizing), if appropriate, and in helping those in need in their community.

- Invite them to attend a meeting or a fundraiser and ask them to join.
- Induct them into your club with a meaningful ceremony after a good orientation.
- Involve them in the activities of the club as quickly as possible, but don't overload them.

To be certain that your club is ready for visits by potential new members, it may be necessary to conduct a club tune-up process. Essentials of this process are shown on the attached form.

If your club does not have a workable plan for increasing its membership, the "I-Plan" © will work if your club decides it wants to grow and you are willing to make the effort to make the plan work.

The "I-Plan"© is available for those clubs that would like to have a copy and is available by contacting PCC William Bartlett or IPDG Dennis Brining.

(The "I-Plan" © and all of its materials was developed by PCC Bill Bartlett, District 24-A, MD 24 in July 2010 as an all inclusive fill-in-the-blanks membership growth plan for Lions Clubs that are struggling to grow and that want to grow.)

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Calendar of Events for District 24

December 10, 2011

24-A Cabinet Social, Fredericksburg VA

January 6 - 7, 2012

Pre-Convention Meeting – Chesapeake, VA

February 18, 2012

24-B Winter Social

February 25, 2012

24-A Winter Conference

March 9 – 10, 2012

VDG Training – Holiday Inn Valley View

May 17 – 20, 2012

State Convention – Chesapeake

June 22 – 26, 2012

International Convention – Busan, Korea



24-A Lion Nancy Lagasse & her CCI Service Dog Arkin

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For Meeting Presentations Contact Lion Jim Purton, Cabinet Chairman for LPCCI

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FAIRFAX HOST LIONS CLUB

Home club of:



IPDG Dennis Brining
(Council Chair, MD 24)



PCC Bill Smith and PCC Bill Bartlett

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King Lion Charlie Raper

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Manassas Lioness Lions Club



President: Anita Waggy
703-361-5327
Secretary: Traci Connolly
703-257-0443



Meeting Place: City Tavern Grill (3rd Monday, 6:30 PM)
9405 Main Street (Corner of Center & Main Streets), Manassas, VA

Manassas Lioness Lions Club Objectives

- Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- Promote the principle of good government and good citizenship.
- Take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- Unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- Provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- Encourage service minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency.
- Promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

<http://www.thoseladylions.org>

Northwest Arlington
Lions Club



1st Monday, 7:00 pm
Dan & Brads
Restaurant

Hilton Hotel
Ballston Metro
950 N. Stafford St.
Arlington

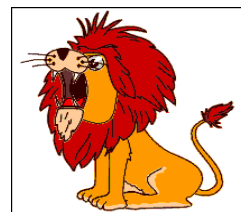
MOUNT VERNON EVENING LIONS CLUB

Meetings 3rd Tuesday
Social 6:30 pm Dinner 7:00 pm

PEMA'S

8430 Richmond Hwy.
Alexandria, VA

Pres: Andrea Corsillo 703-960-4973
Sec: Margaret Minney 703-360-8519



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Chartered April 30, 1974

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2nd & 4th Mondays

Brittany's Sports Bar
12449 Dillingham Square



Social 6:45 PM Dinner 7:00 PM

www.LakeRidgeLionsClub.org

2011-2012

President: Daniel Hilleary (danielhilleary@yahoo.com)
Secretary: Michelle Henshaw (lion_michelle22192@yahoo.com)

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A Lions Club for all Seasons
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Fauquier Host Lions Club

Home Club of Past District Governors

Jack L. Middleton 1956-1957
William (Bill) Jones 2003-2004

Pres: Doc Plummer Res: 540-347-0017
Sec: Barbara Plummer Res: 540-347-0017

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6:00 PM I-Hop Warrenton



Bailey's Cross Roads Host Lions

Chartered in 1954

Home of

PID Roy Wilson
PCC Mike Valencia
PCC Shirley Wilson
PCC Harry Parker

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6:30 (Social) 7:00 (Dinner)

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For Information and Programs Contact Lion Mike McLaughlin, District Chair 703-471-6150 (w) Or 703-280-0403 (h) e-mail: MikeMcl@annandalelions.org

DUMFRIES-POTOMAC LIONS CLUB
King Lion Felix Garcia, President
703-680-0910 (home)

Dinner Meeting
Globe & Laurel
3987 Jefferson Davis Hwy
Stafford, VA 22554
1st Wednesday
Social: 6:30 pm Dinner: 7:00 pm



Secretary-Treasurer: Mary Coleman 703-221-3779

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Important Newsletter News

As you know, we reduced the prices for Lions Clubs and other Lions organizations who wish to place ads in the newsletter. Since the money raised was not needed for publishing and mailing, that money was used for Lions-related activities. Specifically, it went to the "Special Project to Increase Membership," and the materials produced were distributed to clubs to help with increasing their membership. We're also using some of the money as prizes for our Club Newsletter Contest. And, we have even more exciting ideas for next year.



In order to accommodate ads placed by non-Lion organizations and companies, I have developed the following new fee structure

Club and other Lions organizations (prices are for one year):

Business Card-Size Ad: \$40.00 ¼ Page Ad: **\$60.00**
 ½ Page Ad: **\$80.00** Full-Page Ad: **\$100.00**

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The form below is provided for your convenience. Thank you for your support of The Lion Reporter.

Jim Alexander, Senior Editor, District 24-A Newsletter

Yes, we want to place an ad in the District 24-A Newsletter

Club/Organization/Company Name _____

Point of Contact (Name/E-mail Address) _____

Size Ad (Select one)

Size Ad (Select one)

Lions Clubs & Organizations

Non-Lions Organizations & Companies

		# Mon.	TOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> Bus. Card Size (\$40.00 for one year)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bus. Card Size (\$20.00 per month)	X	=
<input type="checkbox"/> 1/4 Page (\$60.00 for one year)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/4 Page (\$30.00 per month)	X	=
<input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 Page (\$80.00 for one year)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 Page (\$40.00 per month)	X	=
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Please mail this form and your payment to:

Lion Jim Alexander
44 Boulder Drive
Stafford, VA 22554

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Sight & Hearing Van Schedule

All Lions Clubs: If your club plans to host the District 24-A Sight and Screen Unit, please contact the scheduler at 703-916-0973 or 703-743-5508, or via e-mail: rck1820@comcast.net

12/1/2011 Catholic School
 12/3/2011 Lake Jackson LC
 12/3/2011 Middleburg L.C.
 12/6/2011 Springfield Franconia Host
 12/7/2011 Springfield Franconia Host
 12/8/2011 Spotsylvania L.C.
 1/27/2012 Warrenton LC
 3/10/2012 Park-West Lions Club
 3/29/2012 Lake Jackson Lions Club
 4/7/2012 Tysons Cornor/Merrifield
 4/10/2012 Park-West Lions Club
 4/21/2012 Dalgren Lions Club
 4/27/2012 Bailey's Crossroads L.C.
 5/1/2012 Aquia Evemomg , L. C.
 5/5/2012 Sterling Lions Club
 5/6/2012 AlexandriaAsianAmerican
 5/28/2012 Falls Church Lions Club
 6/9/2012 Alexandria Watergate
 7/18/2011 LAMP
 7/19/2012 LAMP
 7/20/2012 LAMP
 7/21/2012 LAMP
 7/22/2012 LAMP
 7/23/2012 LAMP
 8/25/2012 Fredericksburg L.C.
 9/10/2012 Warrenton LC
 9/11/2012 Warrenton Lions Club
 9/12/2012 Fauquier Host LC
 9/13/2012 Fauquier Host LC
 9/14/2012 Fauquier Host LC
 9/17/2012 Montclair Lions Club
 9/17/2012 Warrenton Lions Club
 9/18/2012 Montclair Lions Club
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 10/27/2012 Arington South LC
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 11/6/2012 Catholic School
 12/4/2012 Catholic School

