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Governor's Blog

The movie "The Patriot" is a powerful drama about the American Revolutionary War in South Carolina. There is a scene in which

Benjamin Martin, Played by Mel Gibson, is in the heat of one of the major battle scenes. The young fighters have taken a major hit in the battle and start to retreat. Benjamin sees this and in a fit of emotion and bravery he picks up the Colonial flag and runs towards the British. The fleeing militia sees this and they turn and rejoin the fight and end up taking the field of battle away from the British. This battle turned the tide towards the united Colonial army and militia and in the months ahead, won their independence. Very powerful.



Now I guess you are saying, "Gary, what in the heck are you writing this for?" It is all for basic symbolism. As Lions we at times get into battles. We fight against the "Business as Usual" mentality, Apathy, declining membership, Aging membership, lack of passion and energy. Every year we start the year saying it is going to be different this year, we are going to go into this with new energy and purpose and then the battle begins and when it gets tough, we fall away and with discouragement, we fall back to what is comfortable, safe even. When opportunities to screen are requested, we find an excuse to decline. Some of our clubs have become very good at this. Their declining club membership, lack of District involvement shows they have dropped their guns and ran. They are back in the comfort of "Business as usual" and feeling very safe but they are far from secure.

It doesn't have to be this way. We do have a battle to fight, we do have the boots on the ground to win it, we do have the resources available to support it. We just have to rally around the Flag and rejoin the fight.

This year we the District have picked up the flag and are advancing forward. Our cry is to believe in why we should fight this fight and win the day. There are citizens out there that we provide hope and service to that need us. We cannot wait for them to find us. We have to be proactive in our outreach and find them and offer what we can. That is a battle worth fighting for. Active face to face service whether it is Diabetes screening, HOTV Child Screening, Using the Sight and Hearing Van, Using the LAMP trailer, Cleaning the highways, Volunteering in our Free Clinics, Feeding the poor and others make a direct impact on those we serve. It takes leadership at the club level to raise this flag and rally the membership.

Lions Clubs International was founded on open ended questions of What if? and Why not? Melvin Jones stood up and asked "What if we pulled together our time, talents and resources and form an organization that uses these to assist the less fortunate? Many people stepped forward and in unison said "why not?" Everything about us, what we do, was started with this simple question "What if?" .What if we started a club in that city, community? What if we raised money to purchase a Sight and Hearing Van? What if we organize a local charity foundation to help the clubs meet large financial needs? What if we train our Lions to perform Diabetes screenings? What if we trained our Lions to perform preschool eye screenings so that all our children will begin school vision ready? In all of these instances, the question was asked and as a group, we stood up and said "why not". We mobilized and made it happen.

As leaders of our clubs, we have to be open to those that stand before our clubs and ask "What if?" If it is needed in your community, rally around that flag and mobilize and make it happen and say "why not?!" This battle is worth it, our mission is worth It.; "Why not?"

Lion Gary

Move To Grow

Believe in Why



IPDG Doug
Mueller

Fellow Lions, In a couple of weeks we will go to State Convention. On Sunday morning we will have the privilege of electing a new District Governor and a 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor in a process defined by our State Constitution and By-Laws. It is important that we vote in these elections, either as our Lions Club has directed us or as our conscience guides us. And when we vote on Sunday morning or direct our delegates to cast their votes on Sunday morning, we should be focused on the Right Reasons – Is the candidate that you are voting for the best candidate for the office or in the case of a non-contested election, is candidate ready and able to serve in the office to which we are electing them. It shouldn't be who has the best give aways or hospitality room or any other reasons. This year, District 24D has no contested elections, making the choice simple, vote for or against the single candidate for each office. I will be in Roanoke and on Sunday morning I will cast a ballot for each office. It is a privilege that I look forward to exercising.

See you around the District!

Spring is here and our Lions Clubs have been busy with vision, glaucoma, hearing and diabetes screening throughout 24-D. Just in the month of April we have held screenings in Boykins, Chesapeake, Franklin, Norfolk, Northampton County, Oceanview, York County and Wakefield, resulting in 39 eye exams, 711 vision screenings, 368 hearing test, 25 blood sugar test and 107 pairs of recycled glasses being dispensed. The Lions Clubs who have participated in these events have been energized by the service they have provided to over 700 citizens. Yes, our Sight and Hearing Van and our Eyeglass recycling trailer have been put to good use. Our deepest gratitude to Lion Dr. Hauser Weiler and Dr. Fred Gross for donating their time to provide complete eye exams free of charge. Also thank you to DG Gary and Lion Mike Keelean for purchasing lighted HOTV boxes for use in our District. As I write this column, all three kits are being used in our communities. If your club hasn't had a program on HOTV, contact Lions Minnie and Bob Nery to learn just how easy this screening is to do.

Virginia Lions State Convention will be held on May 20-23, 2010. Please come out and join DG Gary, Lion Al Miller, Lion Stanley Furman and myself in Roanoke. This year's convention offers a variety of schools for participants to attend, including how to build a club website, how to apply for a LCIF grant, Certified Guiding Lion, HOTV Screening and tail twisters school. Each Lion in our District attending the schools, who didn't attend our 24-D Leadership training, will receive our 24-D Leadership pin along with their certificate of attendance. So mark your calendars and I look forward to seeing everyone there.



1st Vice
District
Governor
Donna Weiler



2nd Vice
District
Governor

On April 8, 2010 our District Governor Lion Gary Rapier made his official visit to the Virginia Beach Central Lions Club. DG Lion Gary gave an inspirational speech on how Lions "SERVE" what we as Lions should be accomplishing. Incoming VBC Lions Club. President Franklin Watler and Lion Azeez Mohammad were so moved that they stood up and congratulated DG Lion Gary on his fine speech. They were not the only Lions that were touch by the message conveyed by DG Lion Gary. We need more dynamic leaders.

The Lions Year 2009-2010 is drawing to a close. DG Lion Gary Rapier is completing the last of his visits. The Journey for Sight was held. The Lions District 24-D Bland Contest winners have been selected, the Lions Clubs have elected their new officers for Lions Year 2010-2011 and will sent in their District 24-D donations for the past year. The last major Lions functions are the Virginia Lions State Convention, May 20-23, 2010 in Roanoke, VA., the last district meeting in June and Lions Clubs International Convention, June 28, 2010-July 2, 2010. Any Lion may attend any convention and it is not too late.

The Day I Became a Lion

Submitted by 1st VDG Lion Donna Weiler



There are moments that define us. Moments that shape us into better human beings. For me that moment came when my Lions club, Lancaster County, decided to hold a food drive and put together Christmas food baskets for those families that are overlooked by all other charitable groups. Each Lion was given one to two baskets and the names of addresses of where they were to be delivered. So on a bright and cheery Saturday morning, my husband and I started out to make our deliveries. Our first delivery was to an elderly woman who lived in a run down trailer. She had plastic taped to her windows and heated her home with a kerosene heater. When she welcomed us into her home, we saw that she had little or no creature comforts, and no evidence of Christmas decorations. She was alone and isolated. The light in her eyes when we told her we were Lions and had a Christmas meal for her was a delight to behold. She could not thank us enough.

The next home was a two room wooden house with a collapsing roof that had been patched over with tar paper and tar, sagging dangerously. Inside was a large family, poorly clothed and cold. There was no evidence of indoor plumbing and they used an out house. After hearing about this family, our Lions club pulled together and purchased a coat, clothing and a toy for each child. The second thing done was one of our Lions, a contractor, returned and fixed the roof so that it would not cave in. The house is still standing today.

We are all surrounded by affluence, and few of us ever lack the necessities of life. Seeing how many of the people in our community, whom we see daily on the street or in the stores were poor, are needy and in some cases desperate, was indeed an eye-opener for us. To be able to bring joy to the eyes of a lonely old woman, and security to a desperately poor family, was indeed the spirit of Christmas, and what we as Lions are all about.

That Christmas, many years ago, was when I became a Lion.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR STORIES TO DG GARY RAPIER

gtrapier24d@cox.net

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Around the District

A few **Southside Lions** cleaned and trimmed the outside area of the Eyeglass Recycling Center in Chesapeake as an Earth Day service project on April 22, 2010.

24-D



Eye Bowl

June 12th 1:00—3:00 PM
AMF Lanes 6660 Indian River Road



Sight & Hearing Van Bowl-A-Thon

Support the S&H Van Replacement Fund! Cost per bowler is \$20, and we ask each team to drum up a minimum of \$250 in sponsorship. Team members do not have to be Lions.

50/50 tickets for a \$5 Donation!!! Drawing at the Bowl-A-Thon.

For more information, contact PDG Chet Kramer @ 757-681-3018

Sponsoring Club:

Team Name:

Team Members:

(1)

(2)

(3)

(4)

(5)

Sponsoring Club:

Team Name:

Team Members:

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(4)

(5)

Make checks payable to Lions Sight & Hearing Unit and mail to Lion John Cranford, 2126 Wake Forest Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

District Governor's Schedule

M A Y

- 1st - Diabetes Camp
- 4th - Exmore Belle Haven
- 8th - Crossroads White Cane
- 10th - Deep Creek Board Meeting

- 13th - Denbigh Charter Night
- 14th - Governor's Son Graduates (Maine)
- 20th -23rd - Virginia State Convention
- 28th - 29th - District Blind Whitewater Rafting

District Achievement Program

Mar '10	JUNE 2009	last month	Monthly Gains	Monthly Losses	Current	Monthly Points	Total points	Mar '10	JUNE 2009	last month	Monthly Gains	Monthly Losses	Current	Monthly Points	Total points
REGION 1								REGION 2 - ZONE D							
REGION 1 - ZONE A								Crossroads							
Gloucester	26	22	1		23	1850	13950	Little Creek	14	9			9	1050	5310
Lancaster County	36	39			39	1351	12998	Norfolk Host	29	26			26	1500	17520
Mathews	54	53	3		56	6190	27352	Norfolk Middle Town	39	38			38	850	11914
Middlesex	58	55	4	1	58	3918	20750	Norview	27	53			53	N/R	0
Northumberland Co.	39	33			33	N/R	0	Oceanview	21	20			20	N/R	4610
Tappahannock	25	24			24	845	9426	Wards Corner	23	21	1		22	2597	21847
Richmond County	12	20	2		22	2450	17909	Total Zone D	27	27			27	1015	10168
Total Zone A	250	246	10	1	255	16604	102385		180	194	1	0	195	7012	71369
REGION 1 - ZONE B East								REGION 2 - ZONE G							
Denbigh	31	32	1		33	2590	12636	Boykins							
Hampton Host	12	11			11	N/R	0	Franklin	24	24			24	N/R	0
Hampton Mercury	23	29			29	892	12413	Smithfield	22	25			25	N/R	0
Hampton Phoebus	30	30			30	675	6395	Suffolk	16	16			16	N/R	13041
Oyster Pt. Mariner	22	20			20	N/R	9403	Surry County	24	23			23	N/R	0
Newport News Host	16	15			15	460	2400	Windsor	16	16	1		17	1050	4380
Northampton	24	23	1	3	21	1090	7345	Total Zone G	20	21		3	18	2651	11826
Warwick	32	32			32	1700	10467	TOTAL REGION 2	122	125	1	3	123	3701	29247
Total Zone B East	190	192	2	3	191	40615	265829		570	581	3	4	580	28465	248071
REGION 1 - ZONE B West								REGION 3							
New Kent County	39	38			38	N/R	15450	REGION 3 - ZONE E West							
James City	38	37			37	1665	14490	Aragona- Pem.	12	21		1	20	590	10202
Poquoson	62	63			63	N/R	16315	Bayside	56	53			53	790	15649
Williamsburg Host	66	69			69	3055	17010	Kempsville	45	44			44	3080	12590
William, New Town	34	39			39	N/R	5005	VB Town Center	36	35			35	1746	11683
York	44	43			43	N/R	13983	Woodstock	17	18			18	1745	18825
Total Zone B West	283	289	0	0	289	52742	409141	Total Zone E West	166	171	0	1	170	7951	68949
TOTAL REGION 1	723	727	12	4	735	69346	511526	REGION 3 - ZONE E East							
REGION 2								Oceana/Lynn/Gold	23	19			19	3285	13306
REGION 2 - ZONE C								Princess Anne	14	14			14	1360	13290
Chesapeake Host	7	10			10	N/R	7399	Oceanside	16	16			16	910	24553
Churchland	50	49			49	1930	22520	Thalia	22	25	2		27	8583	43843
Cradock	19	17			17	440	4540	VB Central	52	50			50	642	14877
DAC Center	29	24	1		25	1625	15679	VB Host	18	16			16	985	7545
Deep Creek	28	29			29	1160	18897	Total Zone E East	145	140	2	0	142	31667	255312
Great Bridge	16	16			16	1485	9016	REGION 3 - ZONE F							
Portsmouth Host	23	23			23	1587	9587	Cape Charles	23	22			22	200	1825
SouthSide	61	60		1	59	5110	30279	Central Shores	16	17			17	1030	13402
West Branch	35	34			34	4415	29538	N.Accomack	9	14			14	N/R	0
Total Zone C	268	262	1	1	262	17752	147455	Exmore Belle Haven	0	10			10	N/R	0
submitted by: Lion Nancy Cranford								Onancock	14	13			13	N/R	0
2009-2010 Achievement chair								Total Zone F	62	76	0	0	76	1230	15227
								TOTAL REGION 3	373	387	2	1	388	32897	339488
									June '09	Feb '10	Gains	Loss	Mar '10		
								TOTAL DISTRICT	1666	1695	17	9	1703		

Traveling Leo Visits

No report published this month! Governor Gary wants the winner of the Traveling Leo contest to be a secret! The traveling Leo year ends May 31st.
Look for the results in an upcoming issue of the KV!

A smile can start a conversation without saying a word.



24D APRIL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Club	New Member	Sponsor
Gloucester	Lion Robert B Rooks	Lion George Larrimore
Hampton Northampton	Lion Yeliz Carrasquil	Lion Rick Barry
Lancaster	Lion Mark Gates	Lion James Sawdy
	Lion Joanne Pheris	Lion Pam Kidwell
Newport News Denbigh	Lion Kim Marlow	Lion Barbara Brown
Middlesex County	Lion Michael Carey	Lion Richard Brown
	Lion Daphne Guill	Lion Mike Firkins
	Lion Mark Hooper	Lion Harrison Leach
	Lion James Padgett	Lion Joel Vedelli
Surry County	Lion Barolyn Blount	Lion Sheila Harrison
	Lion Stanley Holloman	Lion Joyce Baker
Tappahannock	Lion John Giambanco	Lion Carol Lynn
Hampton Mercury	Lion Susanne Toney PHD	Lion Kanata Jackson
	Lion Janice Williams	Lion Thomas Yager
Poquoson	Lion Salvador Dominguez	Lion Jeremy Jordan
Richmond County	Lion Debra Payne	Lion Amy Calhoon
	Lion Judith Roy	Lion Amy Calhoon
Virginia Beach Town Center	Lion Doretha Snowden	Lion Misty Hagen
Aragona Pembroke	Lion Barbara "Babs" Kennedy	Lion Donnie Johnson
	Lion Dr. Sandeep Samudre	Lion Tucker Casanova
	Lion Nekisha Simmons	Lion Nikki Sholders
Club	Deceased Member	
Aragona Pembroke	Lion Samuel Warren	24D says "THANK YOU" to Lions who gave many years of selfless service!

Around the District



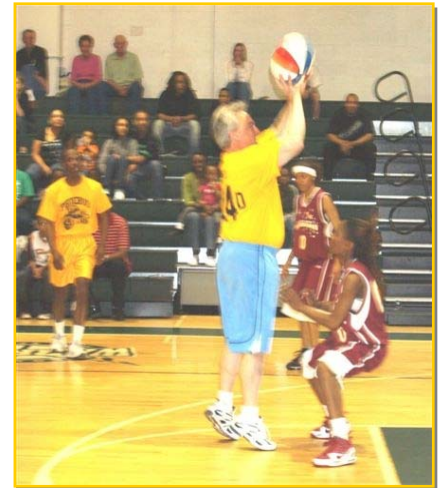
Virginia Beach Central Lions Club met 7:00 PM, April 8, 2010 at the Happy Buffet, 879 Lynnhaven Pkwy. VA Beach. District Governor Lion Gary Rapier made his annual visit and made a very inspiring speech, which moved two of the members to praise DG Lion Gary publicly. DG Lion Gary installed Lion Rhonda Willis, sponsored by 2nd VDG Lion Alton Miller. DG Lion Gary presented 2nd VDG Lion Alton Miller with his Grand Masters 50 Member Key. Traveling Leo visits by the Virginia Beach Thalia Lions Club and Poquoson

Lions Club took place. Lions Natalie Williams and Susan Ford have volunteered for the "Wild Water Rafting With the Blind". DG Lion Gary needs more volunteers and he may be contacted at 469-5493.





Hampton Phoebus Lions - Harlem Ambassadors Basketball game



Around the District

Hampton Phoebus held a great fundraiser basketball game with the Harlem Ambassadors.

Playing in the game were many business leaders from the community and our own 24D Governor, Lion Gary Rapier. DG Gary even made a basket!!! Well done, Lions Jackie Crowe, Lion John Randow-Perez and all the Hampton Phoebus Lions!!



24D LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Leadership Training and New Member Orientation was held 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM, April 3, 2010 at the Smithfield Center, Smithfield, VA. Leadership Training for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Zone Chairpersons and PDGs was taught as well as New Member Orientation. Over 70 Lions from District 24-D attended the training. This was worthwhile training for the new Lion Club Officers-Elect to prepare them for their new duties.

The PDGs attended training to emphasize what is expected of them after being a District Governor. The Lions District 24-D Cabinet members Lions Governor Gary Rapier, 1st VDG Donna Weiler, 2nd VDG Alton Miller, Secretary Donnie Johnson and Zone Chairpersons Stanley Furman, Ray Yannello and Jeffrey Robbins were in attendance.



Pictured above is Williamsburg Secretary Lion Dudley Orr in foreground, and Lion Phyllis Bricker and Zone Chairperson Lion Jeff Robbins in background. This training is imperative for all new Lions and Officers. A wealth of knowledge can be gained by attending!

Submitted by 2nd VDG Lion Al Miller



Portsmouth Host Lions Club Harold Taylor Memorial Golf Tournament

SLEEPY HOLE GOLF COURSE

Benefiting:

**Portsmouth
Host Lions Club**



Charity Fund

May 18, 2010

Registration 11:00 AM

Shotgun Start 12:00 Noon

Dinner 5:00 PM

4-Person Best Ball



Cost:

\$260/Team- \$65/Individual
Green Fees- Cart-Buffer Dinner

Mulligans:

\$5 each up to 4, \$10 each additional

Corporate Gold

\$500 -1 Team & 2 Holes Sponsored

Corporate Silver

\$350 - 1 Team & Hole Sponsor

Corporate Bronze

\$250- 1 Player & Hole Sponsor

Hole Sponsor

\$100 Includes sign

Entry Form:



Team Name: _____

Captain: _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

Mail/Deliver to:

Dennis Palmer 401 Snead Fairway Portsmouth, Va. 23701

Corporate Sponsor: ___Gold___Silver___Bronze___Hole

Data for Hole Sign _____

Address _____

Phone (____) ____-____

Email Address _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Checks payable to: Portsmouth Host Lions Club

Any questions contact Dennis Palmer 397-5811 or Len Wardle 488-0155

All Sponsor information or logos can be emailed to Bill.Sleasman@dom.com

VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION INFO CAN BE FOUND ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE.

It is also in the March issue of the Knights Vision.

Lion Jim Adams has a new email address. Please make the change in your directory.
adams141@cox.net

PCC Jay Arnold celebrated his 75th birthday Wednesday, April 7, 2010!
HAPPY 75 YEARS YOUNG, LION JAY!



LAMP AND RAM UPDATE 2010



2010 RAM SCHEDULE

This has been a very busy time for the District with LAMP events and screenings. It has been wonderful to witness the enthusiasm among our Clubs and see the results in the patients we serve. Many thanks to DG Gary for his enthusiasm in promoting screenings with the Sight & Hearing Van and the LAMP trailer for complete exams and dispensing glasses. In one combined event with the Mathews Lions Club, both units were present making for a very efficient use of our resources. I hope that we can have more events like this as it reproduces what Lions do at the RAM Project in Wise, VA.

RAM: July 23 – 25, 2010 is just around the corner! Our 11th RAM project is already fully planned, at the same Fair Grounds in Wise, Virginia. This a wonderful chance to see what Lions can do when we come together from all over the state. It fully shows how many can do more than the few.

There has been a question as to housing. Lion Judy Miller, the 24F RAM Chair sent the following lodging information.

Hotels:

Inn at Norton	276-679-7000	Norton
Super Eight	276-679-0893	Norton
Holiday Inn	276-679-6655	Norton
Days Inn	276-679-5340	Norton
Best Western	276-328-3500	Wise
Comfort Inn	276-523- 5911	Big Stone Gap

Camping facilities:

Country Inn and Camping	276-523-0374	Big Stone Gap
Whispering Pines at Camp Bethel	800-359-3409 or 276-328-6876	Wise

There are an additional 15 Campsites for RV's/Camping at the Fair Grounds in Wise where RAM takes place. If anyone is interested in one of these RAM sites, let Lion Judy Miller know ASAP and she will make a reservation. There is no charge for these spots.

If anyone has any questions, concerning the above information, please call Lion Judy, 24F RAM Chair, at 276-679-0031 or 276-679-3730 or e-mail her at judym@nortonva.org.

Any Lions, or friends of Lions, interested in the RAM project this summer can contact me at weiler@sylvaninfo.net or at 804-435-0341 or Lion Nancy Cranford at nanlouram@verizon.net to sign up for a life altering community service project.

LAMP: The Phoebus Lions, Mathews Lions, Surry Lions, Deep Creek Lions, Aragona-Pembroke Lions, and Norfolk Middletown Lions have all had successful LAMP events. Projects are scheduled with Franklin Lions, Warwick Lions, Surry Lions, Norfolk Middletown Lions and Onancock Lions between now and the end of this Lions' Year. Any Club still wanting to schedule a LAMP event in their community, please contact me as there are still many open days. Using a Community screening with eye exams and free eyeglasses is a great way to show-case your Club and attract new members, especially if you invite eye-care providers to help, then thank them at a club meeting following the event.

Schedule a LAMP event in your community NOW. Call or e-mail me to schedule.

Submitted by Lion Hauser Weiler, LAMP/RAM Chair 24D

Important information about required pre-registration for LAMP/RAM PROJECT

Pre-registration for the Lions Assisted Medical Project (LAMP) Remote Area Medical (RAM) Event to be held in Wise, Virginia is required by Mountain States Health Alliance. Please fill out the appropriate volunteer registration form and return as noted on the form.

The **"Lions Assisted Medical Project Registration"** form is for Lions, friends of Lions, spouses of Lions, and adult children of Lions who are sponsored and participating as Lions non-medical volunteers.

The **"Lions Assisted Medical Project Under 18 Registration"** form is for youth (typically children or grandchildren) of Lions who are sponsored and participating with a registered Lion as a non-medical volunteer.

If Lions are Professional Medical Volunteers, they should use the **"2010 Medical Volunteer Registration"** form. Lions will need to have their medical credentials verified prior to participation. Medical Professionals who are Lions can also send a copy of this form (without their medical credentials) to Lion Greg Hart to receive credit for Lions participation.

Registration forms can be found and down-loaded from the new 24-D website, or from LAMP/RAM Chair Lion Hauser Weiler at: weiler@sylvaninfo.net

FOUR SHIPS ARE COMING TO 24D!

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Around the District

Norfolk Middletown Lions sponsored a LAMP project at Park Place Medical Center in Norfolk on April 17th 2010. Several citizens received free eye exams and eye glasses.

Pictured left is Lion Marvin Clemmons with a Norfolk citizen and pictured right is Dr Fred Gross, who assisted by providing eye exams. Norfolk Middle Town is "Moving to Grow"!



The Lions Charity Foundation of District 24-D, Inc. met at 7:00 pm,



Monday, April 19, 2010 at Buffet City, Chesapeake Square Shopping Center, in Chesapeake. The new President beginning July 2010 will be Lion Michael Keelean. Since there is no longer a donation from the LPGA Tournament, a fundraiser is planned for October 2010. Chairperson PDG Lion Chet Kramer needs volunteers to help with the fundraiser. Lion Chet maybe reached at Bus: 757-627-4583 or Cell: 757-681-3018.

PDG Lion Chet Kramer (pictured left) speaks about fundraiser to take place in October 2010 to replace the Busch LPGA tournament fundraiser. PDG Lion Dudley Godwin looks on.

Around the District

Aragona Pembroke Lions Celebrate 50 Years!

On Tuesday, April 13th, Emmanuel Episcopal Church was the setting for the 50th Anniversary Charter Night Celebration for the Aragona-Pembroke Lions Club.

Lions enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner and were addressed by guest speaker Barney Gill. Pictured here are:



24D District Gov Gary Rapier and his wife, Lion Renee Rapier, also attended the celebration.

The Mystery Lion



May's Mystery Lion grew up in Fairfax, VA. He was educated at Dartmouth College AB; Medical College of Virginia MD; Bethesda National Naval Medical Center Residency in Ophthalmology; and the Georgetown University Medical School Fellowship. This distinguished Lion was invited in 1987 to be a Lion by PDG Bud Warren while Chairman of the Eye Bank. To his credit, he has earned awards for club Lion of the Year, Distinguished Service RAM Project, Progressive Melvin Jones, 100% District Governor, LCI Presidential Medal, Kentucky Colonel, Arkansas Traveler, 40 Member Key. He has been Club President two times, Zone Chair, Region Chair, District Governor, Council Chairman, Member and past Chairman of the Board of the Eye Bank. He has been married for 15 years to another Lion, has 4 children (two who are Lions) and 5 grandchildren (3 who think they are Lion cubs)! Career highlights include Navy Flight Surgeon; Chief of Ophthalmology Portsmouth Naval Hospital; Group Surgeon Amphibious Group Two; Lecturer for Alcon Laboratories. He enjoys collecting and restoring antique cars and traveling. Our May Mystery Lion is a 32 Degree Mason and is Treasurer of the Northern Neck Medical Association. Eleven years ago he started the eye portion of an important service project held in Wise, VA. If you don't know who this Lion is, you must be a brand new Lion in 24D! Answer on a following page.



THALIA LIONS PLANT GINGKO TREE

On April 13, 2010, Thalia Lions planted their gingko tree (carefully nurtured during the winter) on the grounds of Paul's Garage in Virginia Beach.

The tree was planted in memory of Thalia Lions Club's last charter member, Lion Paul Sutton.

Pictured with the budding tree are the current owner of Paul's Garage, Lion Kim Vakos, Thalia Lion Jim Healy, and incoming 2010-2011 Thalia Lions President, Lion Steve Rosnov.

(Article submitted by Lion John Watters)

LIONISM THRIVING IN POQUOSON

The Poquoson Leo Club recently celebrated their 10-year anniversary. The Poquoson Leo Club is the largest youth service club on campus with over 30 members. The club is very active and participates in numerous activities to include Meals on Wheels, Transitions, Adopt a family, Relay for Live, and Backpack for Kids through VA Peninsula Food Bank. They also assist the Poquoson Lions annual fund raiser, the Lion Mint Sales at the Sea Food Festival.



Poquoson Leos Club provide took things into their own hands and organized assistance with cleaning up the home of widow Lois Parker after the November 2009 Nor'Easter.

Pictured L– R: Poquoson Lion's President BT Smith, Leos Will Amante, Phil Bochman, Carrie Shelllear, Keenan McGonigle, Tina Lou, Lion Jeff Mungo and Leo President Joseph Amante. The club was successful in removing over a ton wet and soggy debris from her garage, patio and storage building.

Lion BT Smith, President of the Poquoson Lions Club, presented LEO President Joseph Amante with their ten year Anniversary Patch while Leo Secretary Amy Brandon assisted with the club's banner.



The Poquoson Lions Club held their 62nd Annual Charter Night on March 18, 2010 at the Kiln Creek Country Club. They were fortunate to have their two remaining Charter Members present, Lion Ray Baker (below: fourth from the right in the first row) and next to him, on his left, Lion George Hunt. There were 40 Lions present and all enjoyed a superb meal and an entertaining evening.



*Happy 62nd
Anniversary,
Poquoson
Lions!*

NOTE from the KV Editor: Please try to get all submissions to the newsletter to me by the 15th of the month, if at all possible. For the past three months, I have received almost all of the articles from the 22nd-26th of the month, which leaves me little time to compile it. Thanks for your help. – Lion Donna Baker



My name is Lion Tucker... but who I am is not nearly as important as what I do. As part of the Lions Medical Eye Bank & Research Center of Eastern Virginia (LMEB) for more than three years, I count myself as a lucky man. My time at LMEB has allowed me the opportunity to see, first hand, the good works that come from being a part of an organization that promotes healing and the recovery of sight. Our efforts are far reaching: restoring vision not just to our neighbors in Hampton Roads and the United States, but around the world.

In my prior position at LMEB I was a Donor Call Coordinator. The chance to connect with the families of donors and witness the great charity that is transplant donation first hand was and remains a powerful thing. However, I find inspiration in my new function as the eye bank's Hospital and Community Education Coordinator. It is with great gratitude I accept this position. As much as I enjoy exploring this new role, there is little time for celebration. The hard truth is, while many reading this are aware of the Eye Bank and what we do, there is a large percentage of the public that is not. It is my job to change that.



With the support of the bright and gifted staff of the LMEB, plans already have begun to create new venues of exposure. Our flagship effort is focused on community outreach events. The American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life", LifeNet Health's Charity Tennis and Golf Tournaments, and the Lions' own "Journey for Sight" have Eye Bank staff attending, or participating. I like to think of this as creating a strong public presence.

Our next effort is to expand our Interfaith Advisory Council on Donation. We have a dedicated group of community leaders from a broad spectrum of beliefs. They are willing to advise us on how to best reach a diverse public with their full, storied history. Welcoming new men and women of faith will strengthen our efforts in ways I can only begin to imagine. United in the altruism that is tissue donation, we cannot fail.

Inspiration comes from all around us. We are lucky to live in a community with such charitable people. In my daily travels I constantly witness local businesses giving back to the neighborhoods that support them. I feel strongly, when given the opportunity, they will be excited to support the Eye Bank and its mission. With their help we can remove all limitations. It has been my experience that it is extremely rare for anything profound to come from the efforts of a single person. So, I'd like to close with a request.

Be a part of your Eye Bank. It's here because of you. Join us in our events. Come by for a tour, see our staff at work, make suggestions and ask questions. Invite us to speak at your clubs and recommend functions where we can engage the very public we serve.

Thank you all very much for this opportunity, I hope to meet you soon.

Lion Tucker Casanova - Hospital & Community Education Coordinator
Lions Medical Eye Bank & Research Center of Eastern Virginia
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Fellow Lions,

The family of Lois D. Wilson, especially PDG Debbie Ivey and Lion Pat "Sissy" Kerr, would like to extend our gratitude and thanks for all the calls, cards and the attendance at our mother's funeral. It is still a shock that we have lost her, but with the support of our Lions Family, it is a little easier to cope with her loss. Many of you had met our "Mama" and knew what a great person she was. If you did not have a chance to meet her, trust me that she was a great lady!! Our entire family would like to thank you for all you have done.

Lions Debbie and Pat "Sissy"

JOURNEY FOR SIGHT

Submitted by Lion Alton Miller



The Journey for Sight was held Saturday morning, April 10, 2010 at Fort Story. The District 24-D Lions were there to assist the handicap and blind runners. Some Lions picked up and delivered the blind to and from the race. All the participants were awarded prizes. The Lions Clubs cooked and served food and drinks. Lions gave out t-shirts commemorating the event. Tidewater Striders helped with the race. This is a great way for a Lion to have a hands on experience helping the blind and handicapped. Pictured left is Journey for Sight Chairperson, Lion Dan Hurley, awarding prizes. Right and below are Blind participants and Lion's in Service.



FRANKLIN/WINDSOR/BOYKINS LIONS LAMP

Franklin Lions Club hosted a LAMP project on April 10, 2010. The actual number screened is not known because some of



the recipients may have kept the paperwork, but the total seen was estimated between 125-136 people. Lions handed out sixty-six pairs of glasses but still need to find glasses for thirteen more. Nine people were identified as needing eye exams, which could increase the need for glasses. Thirty seven people were in great shape.



There were nine Lions from the Franklin club, seven from Windsor, and three from Boykins. Dr PCC Hauser Weiler, 1st VG Donna Weiler, and Gov Gary Rapier were also there bringing the total of Lions present to twenty two. In addition, there were twenty others helping with the event which could lead to three or four new Lions for the Franklin or Boykins clubs. Only 1/3 of those who signed up were able to be screened, so another LAMP project on May 15th has been scheduled.



Submitted by Lion Jeff Jacobs

District 24D Bland Competition

Submitted by Lion Ginny Rauch, Southside Lions - District Bland Chair 24D

First of all, thank you so very much for your cooperation this year. I had great help for the District Bland and boy did I need it!! I was fighting a sinus infection and had difficulty keeping my head on!! I realized one half hour before the performance that I had forgotten the judges sheets. Yikes. I flew home and got back at 7:02. Thank goodness for our dear wonderful Governor because he did a great stand up waiting for me!! Next year I want an assistant to proof everything!

None the less, if you are going to convention you will have super representation from our district.

1st place Vocal is Caroline Scruggs, representing Williamsburg

1st place Instrumental is Annika Jenkins, representing Thalia

2nd place Vocal was Emily Leidy, representing Thalia

2nd place Instrumental was Alexandra Lee, representing York

3rd place Vocal was Noah Sauber, representing Smithfield

3rd place Instrumental was Trevor Hofelich, representing Chesapeake Host and Great Bridge



Wow, what a concert. The judges had a difficult time and I think we will see big winners at state!! Next year if your contestants were not high school seniors, bring them back and have them compete again. Many students compete more than once. We are so blessed in our District with amazing talent and I'm so proud of your support. Be on the lookout all year for talent!!

Lion's Bland winner sings lead roles in Virginia Opera

by Lion Ed DeLong, Thalia Lions

Aundi Marie Moore, a soprano who won first place honors in our Lions music scholarship contest some years ago is now a successful opera singer appearing with Virginia Opera as Serena in George Gershwin's Porgy and Bess.

She and Virginia Opera conductor Peter Mark attended the Wells theater and, during a discussion with them, Miss Moore reminisced about her win with the Lions and how much we helped her in her successful career. She has sung the role of Elvira in Don Giovanni with Monte Carlo Opera; Nedda in Pagliacci with Sarasota Opera; Rusalka in the 2008 Salzburg festival; many events with the Washington National opera including Elvira from Don Giovanni and is scheduled to sing the role of Serena with the Atlanta Opera.

It's not often that a star of her caliber returns to our area to tell us about how our efforts helped her along the way. Our Bland program is working, fellow Lions. Please keep supporting it.



What's going on outside of District 24D?

(Online readers, click the date to read more)

- [March 3, 2010](#) – Peace Poster Grand Prize Winner Announced
- [April 1, 2010](#) – Bank of America Awards Grant to LCIF for Lions Quest
- [April 14, 2010](#) – Lions and LCIF Providing Earthquake Relief in China

DISTRICT 24D VIRGINIA

District Picnic



Saturday, June 5th 2010

9am- 5pm

James River Bridge Pier Huntington Park

Let's celebrate a great Lions year by bringing our children, grandchildren, or our neighbor's children for a day of fishing.

Food, Fun, Fellowship and Music offered.

Don't want to fish? Come out and enjoy the day visiting the rose gardens and museums and great fellowship.

\$5.00 per person (Covers food) Send payment to District Treasurer PDG Bud Warren, specify "District Picnic" on payment.

Payment due by June 1st 2010

Music by Lion Jim Palacio and Friends

Fishing on Pier and Lake: 16yr & under no License required

17yrs & up Salt water / Fresh water License required.

Facilities: Sandy beach, baseball, basketball, Boat Ramp, Rose Gardens, Fishing (salt and fresh), Playground (Fort Fun) , Picnic shelters, Restrooms, Other attractions include the Virginia War Museum and the Vietnam War and Holocaust Remembrance memorials.

Bring your lawn chairs and your smiles.

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Sight & Hearing Mobile
Club Service Projects



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Norfolk Homeless Connect

Everyone,

We will be supporting the Annual Norfolk Homeless connect this April 22nd at the Scope Arena from 8:30 am to 3pm.

We will be providing eye screening only and will have 4 vision stations set up. Will need as many Lions as possible to support this worthy project. Also this is a great project to bring your new Lions and potential Lions to serve.

We will be offering free reader glasses.

All citizens referred for eye exams will be sent to a LAMP project that will happen in May or June at the Ghent Area Ministry. This project will provide free eye exams for those we referred and we will try to match them with our used prescription eye glasses. Those we can't, the group sponsoring this has a source for providing discounted glasses for them. Bottom line, this will not cost our clubs in Norfolk any money. What it does take is our time.

I hope all clubs in Norfolk and surrounding areas will consider sending out club members to support this event.

Please respond to me with names, times they can help, and tee shirt size. Need this information soon.

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April 22, 2010

Scope Arena

8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Shifts: 8:30 - 10:30 / 10:30 - 12:30 / 12:30 - 3:00

Send Submissions to: Minnie Nery

no later than the 13th of each month
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Sight & Hearing Unit Schedule

- ♦ Apr 2 Smithfield Lions Club Cruz-In
5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- ♦ Apr 11 Deep Creek Lions Club
Oliver Branch Baptist Church
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- ♦ Apr 13 Boykins Lions Club
Southampton Academy
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- ♦ Apr 16 York City Lions Club
Senior Center
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- ♦ Apr 17 Ocean View Lions Club
Pretlow Library
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- ♦ Apr 19-21 Lancaster Lions Club
Lancaster County Middle School
- ♦ Apr 22 Chesapeake Clarence Cuffee Ctr.
1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

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Eye Glass Recycling Center Schedule

Operating Hours: Fridays
11:00 AM —3:00 PM

Eye Glass Recycling Center
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Lion W. T. Perkins
757-482-6895 Home



2010 24D DISTRICT MEETING

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- ✻ FOOD!
- ✻ MUSIC!



WHEN: JUNE 9, 2010
SOCIAL HOUR AT 6:00 PM
DINNER AT 7:00

WHERE: SMITHFIELD CENTER
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PLEASE SEND YOUR REGISTRATION BY WEDNESDAY, 2 JUNE TO:
DISTRICT 24D MEETING
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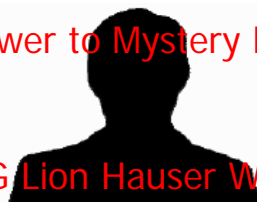
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