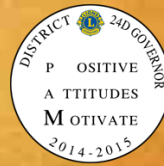


The Knights' Vision

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District 24-D

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February Governor's Message



Fellow Lions, while this is not an original Blog from me, I found this little guide to be very pertinent to our club needs for new members and I hope you will find it as interesting as I did.

INTRODUCTION – MEMBERSHIP OUR HIGHEST MOUNTAIN

(from: Just Ask New Member Recruiting Guide for Clubs)

District Governor
Pamela Kidwell

STEP 1 of 4:

“Just Ask! A Pin that is designed to guide your club through the process of recruiting new members and effectively managing club growth. The strength of your membership and the health of your club will determine your ability to do what all Lions love to do – serve. So keep in mind that more members mean more service. Although the concept is simple – just ask community members to join – the following steps will help you prepare an effective outreach plan so you are successful when you’re ready to ask. Just Ask! Will lead your club through a four-step process for recruiting new members: 1. Preparing your club; 2. Creating your club’s growth plan; 3. Implementing your club’s growth plan; 4. Welcoming your new member.

STEP 1: PREPARE YOUR CLUB: The first step to inviting new members to join your Lions club is to get your club ready. • Decide what you want your club to be. • What does your club want to focus on? • What do your members want your club to be? • How do you envision your club next year? Five years from now? • Identify what you want your club to accomplish. • What type of service projects does your club want to conduct? • How often? • Where? • Decide what your goals are. Use the Recruiting Goals form to define your club membership goals. Be sure to consider how new members will fit in with your objectives.

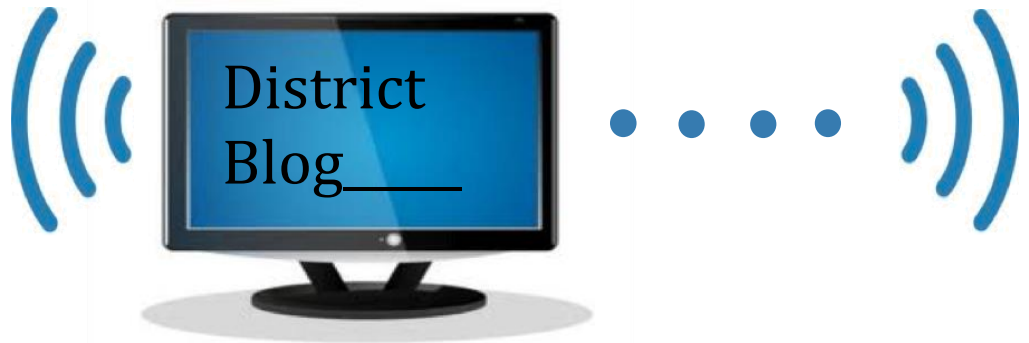
define your club membership goals. Be sure to consider how new members will fit in with your objectives. • Why does your club want new members? Before you begin inviting new members, it is important to identify why. The answer should be clear, tangible and relevant, not simply “for more service.” For example: “If we had 3 more members, we could pack 100 more lunches for the homeless each month.” • Who are your target members? Are they younger members, women, community professionals, parents of Leos, family members or friends? Your club may have more than one target group. Keep in mind that when recruiting new members, it often works best to recruit a group of 2-4 people. • Who will help your club recruit? Although everyone in your club should be encouraged to help recruit new members, a membership development team should be selected to guide the recruitment effort. Use the Membership Development Team form to organize your team. Each member has strengths and preferences. Make the most of these by encouraging your members to take on roles in the recruiting process. Important roles include: • Organizing – Some members are planners; they see each step and can prioritize what needs to be done. These Lions should focus on guiding your club’s recruiting effort. • Promoting – Tech-savvy and creative members can create brochures, issue your press releases, and update your website and social media networks. • Reaching Out – These are your Lions that like to talk, especially about your club. Encourage them to promote Lions to your target groups and get them on the phone with prospective new members. • Welcoming – Lions who are trained to conduct new member orientation and coordinate mentoring will ensure your new members feel welcome and quickly settle into your club. LCI provides training for both orientation and mentoring.” Look for Step 2 next month unless you are anxious to learn more!!!!

This is only Step 1 and a good place to start – watch for Step 2, 3 and 4 or if you are fired up and want to jump ahead then please go to Lionsclubs.org and in search box put “Just Ask”, this will pull up the Just Ask Guide with all the steps. This is good stuff and I hope every Lion reading this Blog will attempt to print this guide (23 pages).

This year’s Winter Social which is to be a Winter Wonderland – I assure you this means “no snow or bad weather”, we will be honoring ALL Past District Governors, PDG’s, from 24D and across the state so don't forget to register for the Winter Social on February 28th and attend the District Meeting at 2:30 p.m. right in the Holiday Inn – the room that will also serve as our Hospitality Room. I am confident we will fill the entire hotel, I have reserved all rooms @ \$79.00 – so you need to call directly to 804-436-1500, otherwise if you try to book online you will get there are no rooms in the inn. Looking forward to seeing you all and a fun time to be had by all!

REMEMBER, POSITIVE ATTITUDES MOTIVATE

DG PAM



Lion Ray Yannello
1st Vice District Governor

Life is short and we, as Lion volunteers, try to improve the lives of those around us, one step at a time. If we try to do too much, then nothing gets done. If we don't try hard enough, then nothing seems to ever get done. The recent passing of PDG Bob Tolbert's wife, Dorothy "Dot", has got to make you stop and ask, "Have I done enough?". Dot was an amazing women, slowed in recent years, but a look back shows how she gave all she could. She served in the US Army Medical Corps during WW II, she was a volunteer in so many organizations that it made my head spin. To me, she was always an inspiration. Always cheerful, always smiling. I can only hope that I can do one tenth of what she accomplished. Happy trails Dot!

I spent a weekend in Morgantown, WV with 33 1VDGs of our area (OH, PA, VA, WV). I was not surprised that membership is bleak across the area, but am pleased that 24-D actually has the 8th highest membership of the 38 area Districts. We are only 25 members behind 6th place, which I know we can achieve this year. The training provided no magical method to increasing membership, but one thing that was highlighted is being more relevant and getting ourselves positive publicity. No one from LCI is going to help us more than we can help ourselves. Try to "Ask One", you'll be surprised by the result.

A highlight of the the weekend was a short presentation on the Centennial of Service and what it represents. The goal of LCI is to touch the lives of 100-million people between now and 2017 in four different Campaign areas, Youth, Hunger, Vision, & Environment. Accurate reporting is the only way we can reach the goal. Ten of our clubs have completed all four campaigns for the year 2014/2015 and 28 other clubs have reported completing at least one of those four challenges. Unfortunately 18 clubs have reported nothing, but I know they have done much in the way of service to their communities. It's just a mater of completing the LCI Activity report. Our Centennial Coordinator, PID Hauser Weiler, will talk more about the Centennial of Service in this and future editions of the Knight's Vision. Please support this worthwhile goal of LCI.

One final note. I need your help next year. I am trying to put together a viable cabinet of officers and committee chairs. Please consider volunteering, if you are interested in helping. When asked, please say yes. I can't do it alone. Our District and Lions as a whole can only succeed if we work together.

Yours in Lionism,

ALR



Lion Tucker Casanova
2nd Vice District Governor

Lions,

I ran into a new word the other day... "ZUGZWANG" Weird, huh? It's real, if you don't believe me go ahead and look it up. German in origin, it's actually a chess term that is just starting to sneak its way into everyday use. Its definition has drifted a bit... but basically it means: "A situation in which a person is forced to make a move though he or she would prefer not to." How many times have we run into that in our own lives? Afraid to make a decision, or more likely... to follow through with an action because it's outside of our comfort zone? I'm as guilty at that as anyone, we've all resisted change, but we need to remain a dynamic organization. In the world we live in, the things that don't change, that don't adapt? They get left behind. We need to make those hard choices and support each other

in finding new ways to become culturally relevant. Now something I'm sure you are as tired of hearing as I am is lots of "Go gett'em Lions!" with out any advice on how to actually DO it, so I'm going to do my best to get you started. Ready? Here we go... just a thought... off the top of my head... Organize a get-together, open house, block party, or luncheon. Be smart about it, if you want to attract a bunch of new members don't do it in the middle of a week day... if you don't know how to start one of these projects ask around. I know plenty of Lions with experience entertaining. Or, check the Sunday paper. There is always something going down in Norfolk and Virginia Beach and you can usually find it in the 'Compass' section of the Virginia Pilot. If there is a kind of event or party that you want to throw and you don't know how? Go to a couple events other people are having, bring a friend/Lion with you, and have fun! Don't worry about recruiting at first (That being said wear your pin, bring a business card and just in case a membership form) Remember, you don't have to do it by yourself! I think a lot of the hesitation comes from the misconception we have to do this alone. Nothing can be further from the truth! Form a 'Community Liaison' or 'Public Relations' cabinet in your club and get out there. Challenge yourselves and each other to get out and show the world what we're about! (And have fun doing it!)

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Tucker Casanova, 2nd VDG District 24-D



GOVERNOR'S CONTEST 2014 2015



Oct-14	#members at year end 6/14 per LCI	# members last month	month gains	month losses	current	month points	total points
REGION 1							
Region 1-Zone A							
Gloucester	21	21					
Lancaster County	38	37	0	1	36	1860	49,818
Mathews	58	59	1	0	60	850	6,245
Middlesex	47	45	1	2	44	4103	25,885
Northumberland Co.	25	25	No report received				
Tappahannock	41	52	0	0	52	1365	23,071
Total Zone A	230						

Region 1-Zone B							
New Kent County	25	27	0	0	27	575	7,760
James City	50	51	2	0	53	2240	13,630
Poquoson	53	53	0	1	52	1505	16,742
Williamsburg Host	69	72	1	1	72	4849	32,165
York	30	30	No report received				
Total Zone B	227						

Region 1-Zone C							
Denbigh	33	29	0	0	29	3279	23,802
Hampton Mercury	15	14	0	1	13	480	6,555
Hampton Phoebus	26	27	0	1	26	1800	1800
Oyster Pt. Mariner	19	19	0	0	19	1475	1475
Newport News Host	16	17	0	0	17	1350	18,137
Northampton	21	21	0	0	21	2100	15,808
Warwick	27	26	0	0	26	2955	11,049
Total Zone C	157						
TOTAL REG. 1	614						

REGION 2							
Region 2-Zone D							
Chesapeake Host	12	12	1	0	13	3960	22,264
Churchland	42	41	0	0	41	2480	24,369
Cradock	18	18	No report received				
Children First	18	18	No report received				
Deep Creek	16	16	No report received				45,035
Great Bridge	18	20	1	0	21	3400	28,007
Portsmouth Host	25	25	0	1	24	625	11,637
SouthSide	41	39	0	1	38	4296	39,570
Western Branch	23	21	0	1	20	3321	30,053
Total Zone D	213						

Region 2-Zone E							
Little Creek	19	20	0	0	20	1785	11,105
Norfolk Host	34	34					
Middle Town	19	19					
Norview	13	13	0	0	13	1340	12,220
Oceanview	20	24	0	0	24	6937	39,966
Wards Corner	25	21					3800
NSU	19	19					
EVMS	12	7	0	1	6	2701	10,251
Total Zone E	161						

Oct-14	members at year end 6/14 per LCI	# members last month	month gains	month losses	current	month points	total points
Region 2-Zone F							
Boykins	30	30	No report received				
Franklin	16	16	No report received				
Smithfield	24	28	0	0	28	810	20,703
Suffolk	22	22	No report received				
Surry County	18	18	0	0	18	350	1375
Windsor	20	18	0	0	18	970	14,730
Total Zone F	130						
Total Reg. 2	504						

REGION 3							
Region 3-Zone G							
Oc/Lynn/Gold	19	19	No report received				1,320
Princess Anne	15	17	0	0	17	1990	24,783
Oceanside	18	19	0	0	19	4024	25,654
Thalia	37	36	0	0	36	3186	42,468
VB Central	25	25	No report received				
VB Host	15	15	No report received				1,176
Total Zone G	129						

Region 3-Zone H							
Aragona-Pemb.	17	17	No report received				12,325
Bayside	43	41	0	0	41	1825	14,020
Kempsville	40	39	0	0	39	1617	12,851
VB Town Center	69	71	1	0	72	3172	37,679
Woodstock	15	16	2	0	18	2575	22,945
Total Zone H	184						

Region 3-Zone I							
Cape Charles	14	13	0	0	13	2075	11,020
Central Shores	17	17	No report received				
N. Accomack	3	5	No report received				2515
Onancock	10	10	No report received				3,750
Total Zone I	44						
Total Reg. 2	357						

District 24D Calendar of Events

FEB

- 2 **Official Visit, Central Shore**
- 3 **Official Visit, Hampton Mercury**
- 3 **Zone B Meeting, Holiday Inn Gateway, 6:00 pm social**
- 4 **Zone E Meeting, Mon & Pops Restaurant**
- 5 **Official Visit, Oyster Point Mariner**
- 7 **Zone G Open House, Lions Medical Eye Center, Brickhouse Auditorium, 11 am**
- 10 **Official Visit, Middlesex**
- 11 **Williamsburg Host Bland**
- 12 **Official Visit, Kempsville**
- 17 **Official Visit, Surry County**
- 19 **Official Visit, Franklin**
- 24 **Official Visit, Great Bridge**
- 25 **Official Visit, Norfolk Middle Town**
- 26 **Official Visit, Windsor Lions**
- 28 **Governor's Winter Social, Kilmarnock**

MAR

- 3 **Official Visit, Norfolk Host**
- 5 **Council Meeting & DG-E Trng, Roanoke**
- 9 **Charter Night, Northampton**
- 10 **Region I Meeting, Piankatank Ruritan Bldg**
- 11 **Official Visit, Princess Anne - 2nd VDG Tucker**
- 12 **Official Visit, Warwick**
- 14 **Charter Night, Hampton-Mercury**
- 17 **Official Visit, Western Branch**
- 19 **Region III Bland**
- 20 **Official Visit, Wards Corner**
- 24 **Region II Meeting, Teppanyaki Grill**
- 26 **Region III Meeting, Tabernacle United Methodist Church**

APR

- 9 **Official Visit, Denbigh**
- 9 **Zone A Meeting**
- 11 **Journey for Sight**
- 16 **Official Visit, Norview**
- 16 **Zone B Meeting**
- 18 **Leadership Training**
- 23 **OV, Northumberland**
- 26 **Vision Walk**
- 28 **Official Visit, O-L-G**
- 29 **Kempsville Golf Awards**

MAY

- 1 **District Bland, ODU**
- 14-17 **State Convention**

JUN

- 10 **Final District Meeting**
- 26 - 30 **International Convention**



*** District Governor will be in attendance**

DIRECTORY CHANGES



* Aragona-Pembroke Lions meeting date has changed: meets 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Frankies Place for Ribs, Providence Road/Kempsville Road, VB

* Aragona-Pembroke President, Lion Don Ward – cell phone # 757-729-4710

* Hampton-Mercury meeting place: Bethany United Methodist Church, 1509 Todds Lane, Hampton 23666. Meeting time remains the same, 12:30pm

* Lion Randy Jones, cell (757) 450-6118

* Lion Jeff Robbins, Zone D Chair, e-mail: jeffrobbins3040@gmail.com



Norfolk Homeless Connect

January 28th the Charity Foundation of 24-D, sponsored the Sight and Hearing van to the Norfolk Scope to support the Homeless Connect.

There were 12 clubs that sent workers. They were Town Center Blind, Chesapeake Host, Thalia, Little Creek, Oceanside, Churchland, Western Branch, Little Creek, Warwick, Norfolk Host, Virginia Beach Central & Oceanview. 192 were registered 184 were screened, 57 were referred for vision, 8 for Hearing, 69 readers were given out, 1 Banana box of sunglasses, 1 1/2 Banana boxes of cases were given out.

A big Thank you to each Lion who was there & especially a big thanks to Lions Clay Senecal & Jim Kidder for taking the van to scope and then back to the barn. It was a great day & all the Lions were a positive reflection of our district. They lived our Motto "We Serve"

Lions Open House and Lions Medical Eye Bank Tour



You are cordially invited to the
Lions Open House and Lions Medical Eye Bank Tour
Saturday February 7th
10 AM – 1:30 PM

Sentara Norfolk General Hospital
Brickhouse Auditorium, 2nd Floor

Please join us for an inside look at how Lions serve our community, the inner workings of the Lions Medical Eye Bank and a tour of the facility. Hear an inspirational testimonial from a family member who chose to donate the corneas of a loved one. Also hear from a transplant recipient who will share their experience of receiving the generous gift of sight. Their stories will inspire your heart.

Please RSVP to Lion Pat 675-2211 by Monday February 2nd. Parking will be in Outpatient parking Lot C, the Heart Hospital Garage (Caution Validation may not be Available). Or Valet Parking in front of the River Pavilion. Free Handicapped Parking will be in the Raleigh Garage.



District Governor Pamela Kidwell

Governor's Winter Social

2015

Date: February 28, 2015

*Location: Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club, Kilmarnock, VA
804-435-1340, www.icycc.com*

Time: Cocktails 6:00 p.m. Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$38.00 per person

Meal Choices: (Vegetarian Option Available Upon Request)

Chicken Picatta over Linguini or

Roaster Port Loin and Mushroom Ragout

Vegetarian Option: Eggplant Parmesan, served with side of pasta

Names of those attending/Title (PDG/PID, 2nd VDG, etc.) From District # _____

Name _____

Name _____

Please circle your meal choice above.

Total Number of People Attending: _____

Cost: \$38.00 per person

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Make checks payable to: Aragona Pembroke
Lions Club. Mail to: 904 Whitbeck Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23464. Please annotate
as "Governor's Social"

**Reservations must be
received by February
15, 2015. There will
be no ticket sales at
the door and there is
no guarantee of a
meal for anyone not
submitting their
reservation by
February 15, 2015.**



Lions of Virginia District 24-D

Region I Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

6:00 p.m. Social/Cash Bar

7:00 p.m. Dinner/Meeting

Meal Cost: \$17.00

Piankatank Ruritan Building

7138 Buckley Hall Road

Hudgins, Virginia

Mail reservations to Lion Gerald Jones

P.O. Box 281 Mathews, VA 23109

Make checks payable to Mathews Lions Club

Reservations must be received by March 1, 2015

Any Questions call Lion Jeffrey Gaddis (804) 854-9638

Thank you!!!!



Club/Individual(s) Name (s) _____

Number Attending _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Contact Telephone # _____

Lions of Virginia District 24-D

Region II Meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

6:00 p.m. Social, Dinner

7:00 p.m. Meeting

Teppanyaki Grill & Buffet

Southern Shopping Center, 7525 Tidewater Drive #18, Norfolk, VA 23505

(757) 588-0588

Meal Cost - \$15.00 including drinks and tip

Mail Reservations to Lion Gary Coldren

9546 Wells Parkway, Norfolk VA 23503

Make checks payable to Ocean View Lions Club

Reservations must be made by March 17, 2015

If you have questions, call Lion Zone E Chairperson Cecil Smithson
at 757-583-3676 or 757-375-8925 or email csmithson1@cox.net

Thanks, and hope to see you there!



Club/Individual(s) Name (s) _____

Number Attending _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Contact Telephone # _____

Lions of Virginia District 24-D

Region III Meeting

Thursday, March 26, 2015

6:30 p.m. - Social, Dinner

7:30 p.m. Meeting

Tabernacle United Methodist Church

1265 Sand Bridge Road Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456

Meal Cost - \$16.00

Mail Reservations to Lion Eddie Ackiss

1984 Princess Anne Road Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Make Checks Payable to Princess Anne Lions

Reservations Required by March 19, 2015

Any Questions Call Region III Chairperson Lion Beth Stevens 368-8055

Or Lion Eddie 757-721-6408 or Email palionsclub@cox.net



Club/Individual(s) Name (s) _____

Number Attending _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Contact Telephone # _____

Region I Meeting, Tuesday, March 10, 2015
HOSTED BY MATHEWS LIONS CLUB

Social: 6:00 p.m., **Dinner:** 7:00 p.m., **Meeting** follows

Deadline for reservations March 1st -- contact Lion Jeff Gaddis, 804-854-9638,
gaddis.jeffery@gmail.com

Location: Piankatank Ruritan Building, 7138 Buckley Hall Road, Hudgins, VA

RESERVATION FORM Region I

Cost of meal: **\$17.00** – Make checks payable to **Mathews Lions Club**

Mail reservations form and check to: **Lion Gerald Jones, P.O. Box 281, Mathews, VA 23109**

Name _____ Club/District Committee _____ Number Attending _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Region II Meeting, March 24, 2015
HOSTED BY OCEAN VIEW LIONS CLUB

Social: 6:00 p.m., **Dinner:** 7:00 p.m., **Meeting** follows

Deadline for reservations is March 17, for questions contact Zone E Chair, Lion Cecil Smithson, 757-583-3676 or 757-375-8925, csmithson1@cox.net

Location: Teppanyaki Grill & Buffet, Southern Shopping Center, 7525 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk

RESERVATION FORM Region II

Cost of meal is **\$15.00**. Make check payable to **Ocean View Lions Club**.

Mail reservations form and check to: **Lion Gary Coldren, 9546 Wells Parkway, Norfolk, VA 23505**

Name _____ Club/District Committee _____ Number Attending _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Region III Meeting, March 26, 2015
HOSTED BY PRINCESS ANNE LIONS CLUB

Social: 6:30 p.m., **Dinner:** 7:30 p.m., **Meeting** follows

Deadline for reservations is March 19, for questions contact Region III Chair, Lion Beth Stevens, 757-368-8055 or Lion Eddie Ackiss, 757-721-6408, or e-mail palionsclub@cox.net

Location: Tabernacle United Methodist Church, 1265 Sand Bridge Road, Virginia Beach, 23456

RESERVATION FORM Region III

Cost of Meal: \$16.00. Make check payable to: **Princess Anne Lions Club**

Mail Reservation form and check to: Lion Eddie Ackiss, 1984 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Name _____ Club/District Committee _____ Number Attending _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____



Kempsville Lions Club 25th Annual Charity Golf Tournament & District Governor's Cup 2015

Heron Ridge Golf Club
Virginia Beach, VA
Wednesday, April 29, 2015
11:00 AM Registration / 11:30 AM BBQ Lunch
12:30 PM Shotgun Start

FOUR-PERSON BEST BALL, CAPTAIN'S CHOICE

\$85.00 Per Golfer - \$340.00 Per Team

Must have at least 1 Lion per team

Lowest team score wins the District Governor's Cup
Business Sponsorships for Advertising are Available

- Two flights, three team winners in each flight
 - Prize for closest to the pin
 - Prize for longest and most accurate drive
 - Additional gift for the lowest scoring Lions team
- Door prizes will be drawn and winners posted during play.

CHECK-IN TIME NO LATER THAN 12:00 Noon April 29th, 2015

*Teams are accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.

Player #1 _____	Lion - __Y__N Club _____
Address _____	Home Phone # _____
 Player #2 _____	 Lion - __Y__N Club _____
Address _____	Home Phone # _____
 Player #3 _____	 Lion - __Y__N Club _____
Address _____	Home Phone # _____
 Player #4 _____	 Lion - __Y__N Club _____
Address _____	Home Phone # _____

Please return completed forms as soon as possible, but no later than April 6, 2015 to Lion Don Burson,

Address: 5116 Hemlock Ave., Virginia Beach, VA 23464-2802, Phone # 757-495-5536

Email: donaldburson@cox.net. Make Checks payable to Kempsville Lions Club.

*Tournament will be rescheduled in case of inclement weather.



Lions Dick Gilbert, Welton Deshields,
Clyde Parker, Karen McNair and Wesley
Wills

On January 17 a group of Franklin Lions visited the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center to deliver 531 pairs of glasses and to get a tour of the center and help out with recycling. We were given a very informative tour by Lion Mary Davis and then we helped process some of the eyeglasses we turned in. It was a very worthwhile visit and we hope to schedule visits on a regular basis to help recycle.



Oops!!!Sorry this is late.....(editorial staff)

Oceanside members were at Kindred Health Care decorating their Christmas Tree for the 28th year. Lion Marlin Stockdill baked cookies and brought eggnog for the residents. The Girl Scouts from Troop # 174 under the leadership of Lion Angela Sandelier, Wards Corner Lions Club, sang Christmas carols. The Girl Scouts helped decorate the tree. Cox High School Orchestra had 2 Cello's played by Kevin Dickson & Will Greene, and a Violin played by Liz Ka there. They kept the residents in the holiday spirit with all their beautiful Christmas carols.

WHAT IS THE CENTENNIAL *Service Challenge?*

25 million people benefited

Special Goal:
Provide 10 million people with books & literacy

Key Service Areas*:

- Education Scholarships
- Leo Club Sponsor
- Sports/Music Instruments
- School Supplies
- Computers & Aids
- Lions Quest
- Peace Poster Contest
- Youth Camps & Exchange

DISTRICT 24D CONGRATULATES THE RECIPIENTS OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CENTENNIAL SERVICE AWARDS AS OF 30 DEC 2014

Chesapeake Great Bridge

Chesapeake Host

Chesapeake Southside

Norfolk Ocean View

Poquoson

Tappahannock

Virginia Beach Princess Anne

Virginia Beach Thalia

25 million people benefited

Special Goal:
Provide 10 million children with eye care

Key Service Areas*:

- Vision Screenings
- Low Vision Aids
- Braille Education
- Mobility/White Canes
- Sight Restoring Surgery
- Eye Banking
- Eyeglass Recycling

25 million people benefited

Special Goal:
Provide 10 million people with ongoing food assistance

Key Service Areas*:

- Food Pantries
- Soup Kitchens
- Feeding Programs
- Meal Delivery
- Agricultural/Garden Projects

Special Goal:
Plant 10 million trees

Key Service Areas*:

- Recycling Projects
- Sanitation & Latrines
- Solar Energy & Lights
- Parks, Playgrounds & Green Spaces
- Nature Cleanup Campaigns

* For more qualifying service areas, please visit lions100.org.

Lions Charity Foundation Donates \$10,000 to the Barrier Islands Center

Recently, the Lions Charity Foundation of District 24D donated \$10,000 to the Barrier Islands Center on behalf of the Eastern Shore Lions Clubs. The generous donation will be used to support the Barrier Islands Center's (BIC) *My First Field Trip* educational program designed to teach four and five year old children about art, music, manners and the history of the Barrier Islands. "The Lions of the Eastern Shore are proud of our community's history and we want to share the Shore's culture and traditions with the youth in our area. *My First Field Trip* provides this opportunity

for over 160 local children," said Lion Ben Kidd, President of the Central Shore Lions Club. This program brings educational lessons to life through the use of art and music. "Our manner goals include creating an environment of respect and good culture to create the Best base for children to be successful in life," explained Sally Dickinson, Barrier Islands Center Director of Education. Dickinson goes on to explain how history comes to life through creative lessons taught during the four visits the children make to BIC over a semester. She highlights a music lesson where the preschoolers learn the history of Cobb Island by viewing a harp used to entertain guests staying at the once famous Cobb's Island Hotel. Art teacher Charlene Huh, using her gentle ways and incredibly original art projects, works her magic in engaging children in the creative process of art. Each art lesson introduces a "master" artist to the students. As children are introduced to Katsushika Hokuasi, a Japanese artist world renown for his wave paintings, the lesson quickly moves into an interactive tutorial on peninsula living and the



Atlantic Ocean while the preschoolers create their own wave paintings. Children of migrant workers are included in the program over the summer semester which ends with an art work exposition during an open house for family members. In fact, Dickinson believes that involving parents is an added bonus of the program for BIC. Both local, public, and private schools support the program by providing transportation for *My First Field Trip*. "BIC is working hard to engage community partners, children and their families in this worthwhile instructional program. That's why the Lions Clubs of the Eastern Shore felt it was important to get involved," said John

Kluis, President of the Onancock Lions Club. A delegation of Lions had the opportunity to witness these creative learning techniques first-hand when they visited BIC to present the \$10,000 donation. "We were very impressed by the energy of Martha Giles, the music teacher. She had the kids completely captivated

by the use of bells to teach them the music scale. The students' positive energy and enthusiasm for learning was absolutely contagious," said Steve Warren, President of the Cape



Charles Lions Club. Everyone enjoyed the day interacting with the children, listening to their first attempts to play different musical instruments, and watching their eyes light up as they learned something new. Lion Don Fuller, President of the Lions Charity Foundation, sums it up best. "As Lions, we strive to provide educational opportunities for the youth in our communities. Our Lions Charity Foundation of District 24D is here to assist Lions Clubs to turn this goal into a reality through financial support. We are excited to continue our partnership with the Barrier

Islands Center's *My First Field Trip* educational program."



Please keep in yours prayers

From the Bayside Lions Club: Unfortunately, we have learned that our fellow Lion, Bob Dickerson, has a serious health issue. He had a scan which revealed a brain tumor and today (Thursday 22-Jan) a visit with a neurosurgeon. Tomorrow a biopsy will be taken to determine a course of action. It is anticipated that he will have both radiation and chemotherapy. We have been requested to be considerate of his condition. Please keep Pat and Bob in your thoughts and prayers. I suggest the best way to temporarily let him know that he is on our minds is by a mailed note or get well card. (Lion Bob Dickerson, 1203 Lawson Cove Circle, Virginia Beach, VA 23455)

Lion Charles Wood

From PDG Debbie Ivey: Notice was received today about PDG Bob Tolbert's wife Dorothy's funeral arrangements. Please keep the Tolbert family in your prayers. PDG Bob was Governor in 81-82, District 24-D. The full obituary for Dot Tolbert can be found at the following link. Her contributions to her community are far too numerous to list here: <http://www.legacy.com/funerals/peninsula-newport-news/obituary.aspx?n=dorothy-seal-tolbert-dot&pid=173977642>

From Lion Mark Davis, Bayside Lions Club: I was uncertain if you had been informed of Ivan Mapp. He passed away Thursday January 29th. His obituary and funeral details should be in the Sunday Virginian Pilot. If you know individuals that may not receive the paper, they may like to know. The service will be held at 11am Thursday February 5th Located at The HD Oliver Funeral Home on Laskin Rd. A graveside service will follow at Rosewood Cemetery, then a reception for all of his follow Lions, Friends, and family. The reception will be given at Haygood Methodist.

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