



The Lions Roar

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Helen Person, District Governor

It's a New Year!

When the clock strikes midnight the morning of January 1st, it's almost as though the signaling of the new year tells us we can begin anew. The errors of the past are forgiven and the resolutions we made will guide our year ahead.

In Lions, the New Year marks the halfway point in the year. Goals not yet met still have a six-month window for completion. We still have time to:

- complete service projects,
- report service from the first half of the year in MyLion,
- raise our antennae for new Lions to serve with us, and
- recruit Club Leaders who have not served in the same position umpteen years.

Why do we need to do these, Lion Helen?

Service Projects: Strike a balance with writing checks

Service to your community and beyond is why Lions Clubs exist. Sharing the proceeds of your fundraisers is a wonderful thing, though it is in the community seeing Lions at work in the community that makes them want to be a Lion, too.

Report your Club's Service in MyLion

Look at the Lions emblem on your vest, your Lions pin, on correspondence you receive from anybody associated with Lions. That emblem is one your club was given authorization to use when your club was chartered.

Lions Clubs International and our Foundation partner with large foundations around the world to assist with large projects such as:

- Build needed water and sewer infrastructure for underserved populations,
- Constructing schools in areas where education facilities are desperately needed, and
- Provide emergency response support in the wake of natural disasters.

Your dollars to LCIF help Lions provide resources on a global scale, but also here in Virginia where Lions in Pound, Virginia, continue to receive support from LCIF following devastating flood damage last July. Just ask Lions in Mayfield, Kentucky, where a pre-Christmas 2021 tornado flattened their town and summer flooding added insult to injury. LCIF has been on the ground there since it all started – and will not leave until the town is back on its feet.

When LCIF partners with a large foundation for millions of dollars of support, it is vital for LCI to be able to say, “Yes, our Lions are serving. Just look what our Lions in Virginia are doing” – and have the reports to back them up. Your service reporting counts! Please catch up with your reports for this year.

Need help with reporting? Your Club President, Secretary, or Club Administrator can report for your club. If they need assistance, PDG Rich Evans, our District 24-I Administrator, is ready to help (lionriche@yahoo.com or 804-852-0455).

Raise our antennae to find new Lions

Lions, without new Lions – of any age – we cannot grow. Lions join to serve. Here’s where you find them:

- your church
- your workplace
- the YMCA
- other organizations of which you are a part (without cannibalizing another service group! Partner with them, don’t snake their members!)
- your neighborhood
- your family

Appeal to their Servant Leader side – invite them to your next service event. If your meetings are really fun, invite them to a meeting! (If everybody scatters at the end like somebody just turned on a light in a room filled with roaches, you might re-think the meeting.)

Recruit Club Leaders for fresh ideas and fresh community connections

If you’re wondering why the same Lions are serving repeat terms as Club or District officers, see the previous section.

We have to bring in new Lions so seasoned Lions can serve in a different capacity next year. We have to be prepared that a new Lion leader may not do things the same way you would. Don’t leave them in the dark. Support them as they take Club Officer training for their position. Be ready to provide answers and direction without being bossy and critical. The former will be helpful. The latter could be fatal to the health of your club.

Longstanding tradition partnered with new ideas and new blood are the lifeblood of our Association. How can you help your Club and District Leaders to meet our goals for this year, get ready for the year ahead, and fulfill your role as a Lion Leader? Happy New Year, Lions!

2022-2023 Reported District 24-I Service

Reporting Goal: 75% Actual: 55%

1,049 activities reported * 100,017 people served
15,597 volunteer hours

Planning for the New Year

Lion Homer Cook
1st Vice District Governor

Hopefully we have all enjoyed the holiday season and are looking forward to the new year. We are half way through the Lions year; time flies by when you are having fun. By getting Lions to Find Their Gear and provide service, DG Helen has the district marching smartly toward the District Goals. We need to support DG Helen for the remainder of the Lions year and we need to start thinking about next year.

Next year we need to put out a new directory.

- To put out the directory we need people who want to serve as Zone chairs, Region chairs and on committees. If you want to serve, please let me know.
- The information for the Club Officers comes from what is listed in MyLCI.
- The information for the Zone and Region chairs comes from MyLCI.
- The information on your club, meeting locations, time of meeting and the President and Secretary comes from the information in MY LCI.
- To put it bluntly, most of the information in the directory comes from MyLCI.
- Is the information for your club members correct in MyLCI? If it is not correct, how do you expect the directory to be correct?

Next year we need to pass a budget.

- PCC Donna, CC Greg and PDG Beth have agreed to serve on the budget committee for Lions year 23/24. They will put together a budget proposal for our first cabinet meeting.
- The budget committee can pull numbers out of the air and put a budget together. However, for it to be meaningful they need help from you.
- If you have agreed to be on a committee, serve on the GAT team, or have a special project that you want the district to consider, they need to know.
- If the budget committee does not know about your project, they will not be able to help you get funding from the district.

When you consider that CC Greg and DG Helen held conferences and only charged \$25 to attend you can imagine the potential loss. They did it by getting donations from Lions, clubs, and members of the community. Clubs can help by donating items to be auctioned off or providing cash. When they have an auction it raises money to defray the cost, so bid it up.

Next year I am required to turn in a lot of goals to LCI. Now I have a few questions for you.

- What goal would you set for the district?
- What would you like the district to accomplish?
- Is there a specific project that you would like to have considered as a District Project?
- Would you like to have an ELLI at the District or MD level?
- What type of training would you like to have at our conferences? It can be Lions training or training on a topic that would be beneficial to Lions and the general public.

If you have any suggestions, please let me know. My email is: lionhomercook@gmail.com

What's that "L"?

Lion Dr. Kristina Ramsey
2nd Vice District Governor

I'm not sure what it was about this past Christmas break, but it seemed like EVERYONE I came across during my travels wanted to know, "What's that L?" I'm always wearing my pin and I have several times seen people point at it and I overhear the word "Lion" interspersed within their own language, but to flat out ask me is something different! As an out of the closet introvert, this sudden attention horrified and shocked me. So, the first time someone asked the question in the Atlanta airport, I said the first, most boring synopsis of Lions that you could imagine! And even I cringed!! Who would want to be a part of that?!

On my flight to Dallas, I said to myself, I have GOT to get my elevator speech together. I pulled what I had remembered PID Jerome Thompson say at our 24-I conference several years ago and what ID Jay Moughan has said and I just "made it personal." Isn't that what a Lions organization is, when you get down to the bare bones, a personal commitment to your community?

I spent a week in the Dallas area with my family and during that time I continued to craft my "Come to Lions" speech. Short, sweet, energetic and to the point. I was ready!

Now, on my return trip through the Atlanta airport, standing in line for an adult beverage because of the weather, I hear the man behind me ask, "What's that L?"

Are you ready with your response?



James City Lions Club Bagging Williamsburg Area Hunger



The James City Lions Club (JCLC) is active in multiple areas of need in our community. Hunger relief is one of our core missions, so supporting hunger relief organizations is one of the major annual budget items. Last year we provided almost \$6,200 in funds to the Peninsula Food Bank, Williamsburg House of Mercy, Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army, FISH, Proclaiming Grace Outreach, Grove Outreach, and Faith in Action. In addition, the Club requested and was awarded a \$500 grant from the Lions Southeastern Virginia Charity Foundation for the Proclaiming Grace Outreach Pantry.

Funds are critical to these organizations. However, volunteer boots on the ground demonstrate our Lions Club's real value to the community. During 2022 James City Lions supported hunger relief in the Williamsburg area by volunteering with and providing donations for organizations dedicated to combatting hunger in a community where one would not think it would be an issue.

The year ended with Holiday Gift Baskets of Food, though the service never comes to an end for this busy group of Lions. Learn more and read the full story of how James City Lions are making the world a better place for those in need in their area at www.lionsdistrict24i.org.

Lions Club Projects

Williamsburg Host Lions Club

Williamsburg , VA — December 2022

Lion Pat Kerr, Secretary

The Williamsburg Host Lions Club members participated in the 2022 Williamsburg Christmas Parade, "Merry and Bright". We dedicated this year's float in honor of Lion Steve Anderson who passed away this year. Lion Steve was the Chairman for several years and brought home a 1st or 2nd place win nearly every year with his original and unique ideas.



Pictured are Lions Chris McCarron, in the Lion Costume is Leo Morrisette Club President, John Dean; Mike Villaggio; Pat Kerr; Bert Bull and Doug Brown. Kneeling in front are Lion Shana Lawler and Rilee Lawler. Not pictured are Lion Paul Kerr and Fernando Jimenez.

Williamsburg Host Lions Club

Williamsburg , VA — December 20, 2022

Lion Pat Kerr, Secretary

At their annual Christmas Party held at the Holiday Inn Gateway on December 20, the members of the Williamsburg Host Lions Club collected 30+ bags of non-perishable food for FISH. This is part of the Lions District 24I "Lions Bag Hunger" drive.

Delivering the bags is Lion Paul Kerr.



Chesterfield Prevent Blindness Morning Lions Club

Richmond, VA – November 30, 2022

Lion Nina Cox

On November 30, the Chesterfield Lions Club presented a check for \$500 to the Chesterfield Food Bank. Many thanks to the Lions Charity Foundation of Southeastern Virginia for the grant money awarded for these dedicated Lions to "Bag Hunger" in their community!



From left to right are: Kim Hill, Executive Director of the Chesterfield Food Bank, Lion Nina Cox, President of the Chesterfield Prevent Blindness Morning Lions Club, and PDG Lion CH Newman.

In LY (Lions Year) 2022-2023, District 24-I Lions have donated \$15,910 to assist with LCIF-supported projects around the world. *What about you?*

Ocean View Lions Club

Norfolk, VA – December 8, 2022

Gary and Meredith Coldren

Lion President Nancy Grochowski of Norfolk Ocean View Lions Club presents a \$500 check from the Lions District Charity Foundation of SE VA to Lorena Rice, the treasurer of the Episcopal Church of the Advent, Norfolk VA, for their very active food pantry. The Ocean View Lions Club also collected bags of groceries and a case of bottled water, plus three Lions brooms for this church's pantry, in appreciation of their service to the community. Lions Gary and Meredith Coldren helped deliver the supplies. Pictured are (from left) Lion President Nancy Grochowski, Lion Gary Coldren and Lorena Rice, Treasurer, Episcopal Church of the Advent.



If the local newspaper wrote an obituary for your Lions Club,
What would it say?

How many projects did your club do in its lifetime?

How many people were helped by your Lions Club?

How many people will miss your service?

James City Lions Club

Williamsburg, VA — December 6, 2022

Lion Joe Moore

On Tuesday, December 6, 2022, members of the James City Lions Club provided vision and hearing screening for 30 children aged 3 to 7 years. The screenings were at the James City County Community Action Agency (JCC-CAA) Poplar Creek facility in Norge, VA. Of the 30 children, 21 passed vision screening and 28 passed hearing screening. Referrals were given to 9 children for further vision evaluation, and 2 were given referrals for further hearing evaluation. It was a very successful event for all involved.

Vision/Hearing Screening Team for December 6th:
(From left) Maria Duran,
JCC-CAA Health Coordinator; Joe Moore, Hearing Screening Lead;

James City Lions volunteering for the James City county Community Action Agency to screen vision and hearing for 30 clients. (From left) Maria Duran, JCC-CAA Health Coordinator; Johanna Theloosen, Vision Screening Lead; Kandy Daley; Ruth Bott.



Williamsburg, VA — December 2022

Lion Jack Reitz

On a cold rainy Tuesday, 6 members of the James City Lions Club collected numerous used eyeglasses and hearing aids, 4 bags of donations for FISH, and 470 pounds of soft plastic to recycle with Trex as raw material for use in their decking. For the Club's efforts Trex gives them a free bench for donation to a local school. The Club has donated 5 benches through this program. JCLC is also working with the James City–Bruton Volunteer Fire Department to help get benches for Station #1. The next plastic collection will be December 21 at the Colonial Town Plaza Shopping Center in Lightfoot. For more info see: James City Lions Club website.



James City Lions Wayne Glass, Warren Wright, Len Taubman, and Peter Brusman, along with Don Martin and Jack Reitz collected soft plastics, hearing aids, and eyeglasses..



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Cape Charles Lions Club

Eastern Shore, VA — December 2022

Lion Terri Long

The Cape Charles Lions Club had a very productive year.

By working their food service vehicle, affectionately known as the "Chuck Wagon" serving crab cakes, fried oysters, and other picnic fair at Northampton County fundraising events (which included the Barrier Islands Center Arts and "Music on the Farm"), the Cape Charles 4th of July Celebration, the Eastern Shore Ag Fair, and the Exmore Fall Festival, to name a few—the Club was able to promote Lionism as well as raise funds for local projects.

On November 5, the Lions held a community health fair at the Cape Charles YMCA offering a number of free services. The Lions Mobile Sight and Hearing was on site for eye and hearing testing. Local nursing students provided free blood pressure checks, and diabetes screening with glucose and A1C tests.

Free eyeglasses were provided to eligible participants from the LAMP trailer, and were fitted by volunteers. Vouchers were provided for those who could not be fitted at the event. Participants received free reusable grocery bags, educational materials and other gifts donated by community participants. A special thank you to DG Lion Nancy Person, and her husband who came all the way to the Eastern Shore to be present.



Brandermill, Midlothian, Woodlake Lions Club

Midlothian, VA — December 2022

Lion Jim Stewart

The Brandermill, Midlothian, Woodlake Lions Club obtained a grant from the Lions Charity Foundation of Southwest VA. On Dec. 17 Lion Tammara Kidd, 1st V. P., and Lion Jim Stewart, Secretary, presented a \$500 check to The Sunday Park Food Pantry. The Pantry is a joint venture of the Brandermill Church and the Boathouse Restaurant in Midlothian, VA. The Pantry is at the center of our community. They began in November of 2020 and now serve 20 to 30 families each week.

The volunteers with the Sunday Park Food Pantry know their clients well. Asking for help is humiliating for many; it's a tough thing to do. Fortunately, the church volunteers have relationships with the clients and know how to ask what's going on when people seem down. They are a family. With the continued support of those in the community who have been blessed, the Pantry will serve for many years in their mission to help alleviate hunger and malnutrition. The BMW Lions are privileged to be a small part of this effort.



Aragona-Woodstock Lions Club

Virginia Beach, VA – November 19, 2022
Lion Chris Johnson

As part of its annual tradition, the Aragona-Woodstock Lions Club provided turkeys and all of the trimmings to two families in need at Woodstock Elementary School. Lion Al Hoover, his wife Jackie, and Lion Peg Couser did the shopping. Pictured are two of the school's staff members receiving the donations. The Club is contacted by the social worker serving the school each year.



Aragona-Woodstock Lions Club

Virginia Beach, VA – December 23, 2022
Lion Chris Johnson

The Aragona-Woodstock Lions Club of Virginia Beach was proud to present a check from the Lions Charity Foundation. The amount was for \$500 which was donated to Virginia Peninsula Food Bank. This donation represents the ability to supply 1,500 meals to those in need.

(From left) Adam Jordan, Volunteer Services; Renee Figurelle, Chief Operating Officer; PDG Donnie Johnson; Lion Chris Johnson; and Lisa Olverson, Chief Financial Officer.



Richmond West Breakfast Lions Club

Richmond, VA – December 13, 2022
Lion Lu Roberts

On December 13 the Richmond West Breakfast Lions Club held a Christmas luncheon at the First Baptist Church. Our guests included both visually and hearing impaired participants who look forward to this event each year. Lion members transported the guests to the event, acted as wait staff and then returned the guests to their homes. Lion Rob Blackmore was the Master of Ceremonies, leading the Christmas songs and even waiting tables. Everyone enjoyed the special event.

Guests for Christmas luncheon



**Our first Multiple District Winter Conference featuring
Past International Director Jerome Thompson
Presenting Friday evening & Saturday lunch messages!**



**2022-2023 Winterfest
Multiple District Conference**

February 24-25 2023

Doubletree by Hilton

1021 Koger Center Blvd

Richmond, VA 23235



Lion____ Leo____ Guest ____ District____ Name on Tag_____

Name: _____ Email address: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Club: _____ Lions Position: _____

NOTE: Any registrations received/postmarked after 10 Feb 23 will be processed on a space available basis ONLY. All attendees must pay registration regardless of meal attendance.

Item	Options	Item Cost	Total Cost
Registration includes conference participation and limited-edition conference pin.			
Early Registration	Postmarked on/ before 31 Jan	@ \$30.00	
Late Registration	Postmarked Feb 1 – Feb 10	@ \$45.00	
50/50 Tickets (Friday Dinner) Blue Ticket	10 Tickets	@ \$10.00	
	30 Tickets	@ \$20.00	
50/50 Tickets (Saturday Lunch) Yellow Ticket	10 Tickets	@ \$10.00	
	30 Tickets	@ \$20.00	
Friday Buffet Dinner (Mexican Fiesta)		@ \$38.00	
Saturday Continental Breakfast		@ \$22.00	
Saturday Lunch (Soup, Salad, Potato Bar)		@ \$35.00	
Total			0

Please complete a separate form for each attendee. However, one check can pay for multiple registrations. Please note: Walk-in registrations will be charged \$60 and will not be guaranteed meals.

Return completed registration form(s) with check (made payable to: Lions of Virginia 2023 Winter Conference) to: PID Hauser Weiler, PO Box 849, Kilmarnock, VA 22482

Hotel reservations must be made by January 25, 2023 to get the room rate of \$139.00 + tax (\$158.46 per night). Reservations made by calling 804-379-3800. Be sure to tell Reservations you are with the "Lions Clubs of District 24I Winterfest" to receive the conference rate. Conference hotel room rates are good for stays up to three days prior and three days following the event.

Any questions contact: PID Hauser Weiler, 804-577-3561, hauser2020@gmail.com



MD 24 Winterfest
February 24-25, 2023
Doubletree by Hilton
1021 Koger Boulevard
Richmond, VA 23235



Agenda

Note: Session times, locations, presenters subject to change.

Friday, February 24, 2023			
4:30 – 6:30 pm	Exhibit Set-up/Registration	Shenandoah Ballroom Corridor	
6:30 pm	Dinner with PID Jerome Thompson	Parlor E, F	“Five Levels of Leadership”
	After Dinner Game Night	Parlor E, F	
Saturday, February 25, 2023			
7-10 am	Registration	Shenandoah Ballroom Corridor	
7:30 – 9 am	Continental Breakfast	Shenandoah Ballroom Corridor	
8:30 – 11 am	Exhibits	Shenandoah Ballroom Corridor	
Session 1: 8:30 – 9:30 am			
No Brag. Just Fact. Marketing Your Club		Parlor A	Lion Ted Cors & the James City Lions Club
Moneytalk for Non-Profits (Club Treasurer)		Parlor B	PDG Lee Winder, CPA **
Unraveling MyLCI/MyLion for Club Presidents & Secretaries		Parlor C	PDG Rich Evans ***##
The Pep Masters: Tail Twister School		York	PDG Debbie Ivey/PDG Jay Overbey
Session 2: 9:45 – 10:45 am			
Navigating Grants: LCIF & LOVF		Parlor A	PCC John Knepper/Mary Lou Newman
How do I? (Anything Technology, Ask)		Parlor B	Lion Wally Burrus
Lions Interactive Jigsaw Puzzle		Parlor C	The Three DGs
What do I do with all of these eyeglasses?		York	Lion Chris Lancto, Lion Bob Poland
Session 3: 10:45-11:45 am			
Constitution & By-Laws 101		Parlor A	PID Richard Chaffin, Lion Wally Burrus
Where do we see our club in 5 years?		Parlor B	CC Greg Cole
What is the Ohio Plan?		York	DG Rose Burrus
Lunch: 12:00 – 1:30 pm			
Keynote Presentation, Awards		Parlor C, D	PID Jerome Thompson, District Governors
Cabinet Meetings: 1:45-3:30 pm			
District 24-L		Parlor A	DG Rose Burrus
District 24-C		Parlor B	DG Connie Saunders
District 24-I		Parlor C	DG Helen Person
Post-Conference Meetings			
LOVF		Parlor A	PDG Lee Winder, Lion Judy Alford

**** Participants must complete Club Officer training for their position prior to this session.** This may have been completed in person or online since 2019. Please confirm with your respective District's GLT or in Lions Learning Center records. www.lionsclubs.org

Participants must bring personal laptop computer to access MyLCI/MyLion during session.



DISTRICT 24-I DG CALENDAR of SCHEDULED EVENTS, MEETINGS and CLUB VISITATIONS



Date	Time	MD 24 and District 24I Events	Location	Confirm
January 12, 2023	7:00 a.m.	Chesterfield Morning Prevent Blindness Lions Club	Shoney's Hwy 360/Hull Street Road Chesterfield, VA 23236	✓
January 21, 2023	2:00 PM	Virginia Beach Oceanside Lions Club Service Project	Virginia Beach Convention Ctr. 1000 19th Street Virginia Beach, VA 23451	✓
January 21, 2023	5:00 -7:00 p.m.	Portsmouth Host Lions Club 90th Charter Night	Portsmouth Boat Club 20 Elm Avenue Portsmouth, VA 23704	✓
January 27-28, 2023	3 pm (Friday) - 5 pm (Saturday)	MD24 Council of Governors Meeting/ District Governor Elect Training	Springhill Suites 301 Reserve Ave. SW Roanoke, VA 24016	✓
February 24-25, 2023	5:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Multiple District Winter Conference	Doubletree Hotel Midlothian, VA 23235	✓
March 1, 2023	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Powhatan Lions Club Installation	Powhatan, VA	✓
March 3-5, 2023	Times to be announced	Regional Lions Leadership Institute	Holiday Inn Monticello Charlottesville, VA 22902	✓
March 18, 2023	5:00 p.m. Social 6:00 p.m. Dinner	New Kent County Lions Club 41st Charter Night	Providence Forge Recreation Cntr. 9900 Carriage Road Providence Forge, VA 23140	✓
April 22, 2023	5:00 p.m. Social 6:00 p.m. Dinner	Northumberland Lions Club 70th Charter Night	TBD	✓
April 27-30, 2023	Times to be announced	Multiple District State Convention	Delta Hotel by Marriott Bristol, VA 24202	✓

Congratulations to District 24-I Clubs
who have added a total of 79 new Lions!
Let's hit net growth of 100 by February 1, 2023!