Be The Change You Want To See

That is my theme for 2023-2024. My emphasis this year is to try to reverse the last forty years of Lions declining membership in our clubs, the District, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and in the United States! I will be calling on our members and clubs to develop programs and activities that are meaningful to our communities; programs that serve and are appealing and creative enough to attract younger members.

Our motto, WE SERVE, will be the cornerstone of all our efforts. We all know that the best way to attract new members is to be visible while serving and to provide service that makes a difference in our communities.

I invite you to support me in taking a hard look at our clubs and taking action to ensure that their legacies will continue. We must ensure our future. Toward this goal, I will be asking our clubs to work with our Global Membership Approach Team: Chairperson - PCC John Knepper, Global Membership Coordinator - PDG Sally Kenavan, and Global Service Team Coordinator - Lion Shirley Gorospe.

My "plan of change" is not about wiping away our tradition or tried-and-true core principles. It's about making Lions Clubs stronger so that our values will last for years to come. It's about using effective tactics to strengthen the District at all levels. It's about ensuring that every person who engages with us has a meaningful, valuable, and fulfilling experience.

It's about changing more lives and communities for the better.

It is my hope that we will commit ourselves to increasing our impact, expanding our reach, enhancing the experiences and engagement of Lions, and increasing our ability to adapt and be innovative.

What does this mean for you? Hopefully, each Lion and Lions Club will have these same priorities. Each club will ensure that their members and officers are equipped to advance these priorities and develop innovative strategies. Each club will be encouraged to have their officers attend officer training. Clubs will encourage and support their members financially so they can attend RLLI (Regional Lions Leadership Institutes) and encourage those who want additional training to apply for ALLI (Advanced Lions Leadership Institutes). PDG Rose Burrus, our incoming Global Leadership Team Coordinator, will be available to help clubs with all their training needs.

I hope we will all be audacious and innovative in how we implement District 24-L's action plans.

Thank you for your support of me. I look forward to a year of promise.

"The Secret of Change is to Focus not on Fighting the Old but on Building the New."

-- Socrates
Training Modules on the District 24-L Website

If you missed any of the offered trainings, you can view the slides and recordings using the links below:

- Club President
- Club Secretary
- Club Treasurer
- Membership Chair
- Zone Chair
- Service Chair

Remember to fill out the short form and click on REPORT MY TRAINING.

Paw Prints to Resume Monthly Publication

Those interested in submitting items should follow the schedule below. Email submissions to sallyca75@gmail.com. When published, a link will be emailed and the current issue of Paw Prints will be posted on the District website.

If you are submitting an informative item for publication, send it in Word or in the body of an email. There is no need to format text. Please keep it to 350 words. For each item, there is a maximum of two sharp pictures. Action shots are always better than head shots. Do not include clip art. If the item is posted on your club website, include the link to that page.

If you are submitting an announcement for an event, include the name and date of the event in the email Subject. If there is text, keep it to 50 words. If there is a poster, email it to sallyca75@gmail.com and wallace.burrus@comcast.net. If the item is posted on your club website, include the link to that page.

And finally, your Paw Prints Editor reserves the right to edit copy and crop photos.

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Starting a New Year

LCI has set some challenging goals for MD-24 to achieve, including establishing three new clubs and initiating 777 new members. Incoming President, Dr. Patti Hill, feels that we can accomplish this if we start IMMEDIATELY.

This goal translates to one new club in our District and 259 new members.

The Lions Global Action Team (GAT) is a vast network of dedicated Lions of all levels who are focused on helping districts achieve their goals. This important team helps foster club membership growth, increase Lions' visibility in the community through impactful service, and build strong, innovative leaders. Team members are available to help.

Last year, 22 of the 50 Multiple Districts in Constitutional Area 1 had positive membership. This year, let's make sure we are counted in that number.

The team has some very helpful information, and the members want to meet with your club and work with you to achieve your goals.

Remember that LCI and LCIF need us in order to continue to serve 1.5 BILLION people. Are you up to the challenge?

Our 2023-2024 GAT area leaders are Lions Beth Stevens lionstevens@cox.net and Cindy Gregg orffteacher1@verizon.net.

Visit the Club Excellence Award Application to view the criteria and download the application


Clubs chartered prior to January 1, 2023, qualify for the award

Applications must be signed by the District Governor

Applications are due by August 31, 2023

Check out the LCI Membership Chairperson page.

Read more about the Global Membership Approach.

Membership Growth Event Toolbox
By Lion Sally Cooney Anderson
Paw Prints Editor

There are two big reasons why I am a Lion. The first is because LCI has a major stress on service and the second is because of all the wonderful friends I have made in clubs, the District, and even in the state!

Many of you know I have a goal to expand our service projects to include volunteers from more than one club. Because I am a Regular member of one club and an Associate of another, this goal has become a reality with these two clubs. We have combined efforts in quite a few projects this past year.

PDG Rose Burrus led the way by recruiting Lions to screen students in the Fredericksburg and Stafford County school districts. Incredible efforts, due diligence, and teamwork resulted in screening over 7,500 students.

Zone F Chair Mark Larsen also crossed club lines in recruiting for the Rappahannock River Clean Up.

And, I am sure there are more examples in our District.

Using the SignUp Genius platform makes recruiting, tracking, and communicating with volunteers easy. We can even include an invitation to non-Lions.

If this is something of interest to your club, please email me at sallyca75@gmail.com.

Pictured above: Lions from Greater Falls Run and Fredericksburg Host purchased and made lunch at the Signs of Fun camp for the deaf and hearing impaired.

Pictured at left, Lions from the same two clubs help with arts and crafts at the Mary Washington Healthcare Kids For A Cure camp for children with Type 1 diabetes.
This year’s White Cane event raised $3,165.65 in cash and $55 in QRC donations for a total of $3,220.65! This means our Club and the Aquia Evening Lions Club each received $1,610.33. This was the most raised since tracking started in 2019.

It was a group effort that made this happen. Chief of Police Craig Cunningham spent several hours helping us collect donations, and we appreciate all the help from him and his officers.

I also would like to thank Aquia Harbour Host’s King Lion Joe Miler, “Lion” 3rd VP Dan Visone, and Lions Ramona Bonnan, Rob Kirby, Chris Engleright, Chris and Alexis Scott, and Curt Johnson for standing (and dancing) while we solicited our fellow neighbors for donations.

The Harbour residents, guests, and contractors were very generous, and the money raised will help us, as we enter the new Lion Year, to continue assisting our neighbors in need.

In addition, the Club awarded scholarships to Brooke Point High School seniors Mayokun Omitogun, Ella Knee, and Alexis Weese.
Ten local students recently received scholarships from our Club at a dinner meeting planned to recognize each recipient. Scholarship recipients are (pictured at right, from left to right, front row) Zachary Gruninger, Battlefield High School; Jayden Turner, Patriot High School; Elena Shropshire, Battlefield High School; Evan Davisson, Patriot High School; (back row) Audrey Basler, Patriot High School; Anandita Hussain, Battlefield High School; Rebecca Violett, Patriot High School; and Alexis Francis, Patriot High School. Recipients not in the photo: Cameron Kacala, Patriot High School; and Diya Patel, Patriot High School.

Club President Doug Cross and Scholarship Chairperson Jim Williams presented each student with a check for $1,000, made payable to the university or college he or she will be attending in the fall.

Williams stated that the selection process was very competitive as there were many applicants. Grade point averages and transcripts were only part of the process used in the selection of the final recipients. Also considered was the amount and type of service and volunteer time applicants gave to the community. Each recipient had an extensive amount of time participating in various projects.

Scholarship recipients will be attending the following institutions of higher learning:

Alexis Francis – Bridgewater College
Anandita Hussain – University of Virginia-Wise
Audrey Basler – Auburn University
Cameron Kacala – George Mason University
Diya Patel – University of Virginia
Elena Shropshire – Stanford University
Evan Davisson – University of Virginia
Jayden Turner – Christopher Newport University

Rebecca Violett – Rochester Institute of Technology
Zachary Gruninger – University of Georgia
Update
By Lion Chuck Schwab
Leader Dog Chair

As we come to the end of the Lion Year, it’s time to look back and see how our year has been. On a sad note, two clients lost their best friends this year, and we also had some medical issues with one of our leader dogs. But on a better note, Lions across the state have taken an active role in helping future clients with the application process to become independent. We also welcomed a new leader dog to Virginia who has recently met a new best friend and partner. They are currently getting to know each other as they start to explore their neighborhood together.

As Lions, we are always looking to find and form new partnerships to serve our community. Leader Dog does, too. Leader Dog and Paws with a Cause are working together to help clients to become independent and unstoppable.

Thank you for your continued support for Leader Dogs for the Blind. It is because of you that we can continue to expand our services, and one thing is for sure, the demand is very high.

Season 5 of the Taking the Lead podcast is coming in August, and in the meantime, we’re replaying a few of our favorite episodes. In the very first recording we did, our co-host, Timothy, talked about his experience as a person who’s blind and "passing" for someone without a disability. Listen to Hiding Blind. You can let us know what you have enjoyed hearing about and what you would like us to cover next season by taking the Survey.

Remember, in every Leader Dog beats the heart of a Lion!

Regional Lions Club eyeglass-donation facility returns

Click to see more VisionWalk photos.

Take a look at the chart to see our amazing track record, and see the difference your dedication makes — both in the fight against blinding retinal diseases and in the lives of those counting on cures.
In Memoriam

Aquia Evening
Ann W. Stengel
Member since 2016
Obituary

Broadway
Churchill Blakey
Member since 2001
Obituary

Fredericksburg Host
Robert Gramann
Member since 1984
Obituary

Lake of the Woods Lioness
Diane Pittman
Member since 2018
Obituary

Part West
Ronald H. Long
Member since 1977
Obituary

Welcome New Members

AQUIA HARBOUR HOST
Kayleigh A. Johnson
Sponsor: Alexis Scott

Christine R. Salomon
Sponsor: Rene Anderson

Yari N. San Inocencio
Sponsor: Rene Anderson

BAILEYS CROSSROADS HOST
Diane H. Bender
Sponsor: Jane Brungart

BASYE BRYCE MOUNTAIN
Molly Greene
Sponsor: Louise Di Benedetto

J.R. Haywood
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EDINBURG
Wilhelmina F. Santiful
Sponsor: Luther Santiful

FREDERICKSBURG HOST
April S. French
Sponsor: Kenneth Lapin

Valerie E. White
Sponsor: Glenn Goodpasture

FRONT ROYAL
Matthew A. Tederick
Sponsor: Daryl Funk

GREATER FALLS RUN
Robert C. Brown
Sponsor: James Purton

GREENE COUNTY
William Kevin Dowell
Sponsor: Stephanie Dowell

LAKE OF THE WOODS LIONESS
Rosemary Butcher
Sponsor: Billie Cooke

Gayla K. Crow
Sponsor: Lynne Kovach

Katherine Phillips
Sponsor: Billie Cooke

LOUISA
Earle G. Jacobs
Sponsor: David Jacobs

SCOTTSVILLE
Alexander Stone
Sponsor: Ronald Smith

SPRINGFIELD FRANCONIA HOST
Sandra Frances
Sponsor: Joan Gupta

STERLING
Neddal Abu-Taa
Sponsor: Cindy Berg

WARRENTON
Joseph Yednock
Sponsor: Jon Holmes
T-Shirt prices were raised due to price increases from the supplier. All sizes are now $15. T-shirt sales are one of the ways funds are raised to support Lions participation in the National Memorial Day Parade.

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As of June 1, 2023, all T-Shirts are $15.

*4XL & 5XL sizes available in limited supply but can be special ordered.

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Springfield, VA 22153  
woodywoodard@cox.net

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Olney, Md 20832-1304  
bwlavely@verizon.net

Postage/shipping will be figured when order is shipped. We will try to ship at the most economical rate. Orders over $100.00 will ship free. You will be sent an invoice.

Make Checks Payable to: Lions NMDP

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