

"Beyond the Horizon"



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Building a New Future – Keeping The Past Fresh

Fellow Lions, as we emerge from this pandemic and enter a new and changing future let us not forget the past that we have built. We are growing and learning and evolving as Lions and Clubs as Zones and as Districts. Whenever there was need the Lions were there and helping others out. For most us that means doing what we were taught from the great members and fellow lions that were our mentors. They showed us how to be great workers to build a greater community than when we arrived. But they also taught us that change is ongoing and that includes how we meet, what actions we take and what projects we develop and end. We need to breathe new life and energy into our communities and yes I do think community fairs and Fall prevention seminars can be part of that. However do not rush to do these events but plan them well and prepare your communities, your fellow lions and other volunteers for the event. These take time to be well planned. If you need tools to help LCI has great resources at The Lions learning center. LCI also has a number of helpful and willing members at the home office who are willing and ready to help and provide additional resources. These resources can be invaluable. But most importantly we need to teach other lions how to organize events, plan events and prepare for the unexpected things that happen. Often times the difference between success and failure is not the event or the planning but the handling of the unexpected at the last moment. The most important aspect of that is to have one person in charge and let that person make the decisions when it comes to responding on the fly in the heat of the moment. The event becomes a great success for lions and others when there is one figure to go to handle all pf the final details and the urgent last minute changes.

MEMBERSHIP

Fellow Lions gathering members has truly been a challenge this year it has been hard to get members and be in contact to talk with prospective members when we have the requirement of social distancing. But do not fear you have failed but instead look up on this time as the time to prepare to, to get ready and to practice and test yourself and then go forward with confidence. Many of the people you meet and could become valuable Lions not because of our great work, which is a strong cord to pull on, but because of the great caring people that work in and for Lions. You are the greatest asset of Lionism. Your energy, your friendship, your concern for others and your willingness to not only teach but to listen to new Lions as they join us and move forward in their lives and become the next generation of Lions and leaders.

The people you approach are all looking for something they want to help and they want to be a part of something greater than themselves. However they also want to be respected, heard and encouraged. Many lack the needed skills and experience to manage the events and create projects but they are eager, energetic and full of ideas. We need to listen to their ideas. Some may not be good but we need to listen anyway and help them to understand why they are not appropriate. As we get them to understand the environment and the community they are working in their ideas will grow and improve and lead us in a new path. But we have to listen to their initial ideas even if they are not workable to understand where they are coming from and how we must approach them to lead them into a new and brighter future for them and for Lions and for their community.

We also must be receptive to the fact that perhaps their ideas are not so bad but we are deeply committed to what has been done before and keep working the old path. I have been around a long time and there are things about writing and reading I understand and am very familiar with and I am not so understanding when it comes to texting and social media. But I have begun to realize that fault is not the younger people who have the knowledge and understanding but my preference to old patterns and old ways. I am working to understand these new paths but I am also asking them to join me in the old paths and find how we can merge these two paths together. New isn't always better and the old is not always right, but when we merge the two and use some of both effectively in a coherent plan they both shine even brighter and show both the old and the new that we can work together and be greater than each of us was separately.

Membership in Lions will always be a challenge and will not be an end all to all things. We will always be looking to the future and perhaps one day we will see our founding projects no longer needed. They have reached a point where the community we live in no longer needs that project because there is no one in our community that needs the help of that project. But we as Lions will know that it means we will begin to find new projects that our communities need and we as Lions will find a way to create these new projects and show our community that the Lions are not a one shot one time venture but an ongoing changing entity that meets our communities needs by listening to new lions and new members of our communities and showing them that they too can join Lions and do great things.

DG Scott Durbin
Global Membership Approach Champion



LEADERSHIP

Leadership Fridays including incoming officer training sessions is in full swing. I greatly appreciate all the member participation we've experienced for these sessions. A special thanks to our trainers who have dedicated a lot of time developing quality educational sessions for you. To date, 53% of our clubs have attended training classes. Make sure to join us soon if your club isn't on the participating list shown below. Remember, all incoming club officers need to attend their respective class to meet the leadership requirement for the Club Excellence Award. More importantly, it's essential for club officers to receive officer training to effectively do their jobs well. Past sessions are posted on the district website under the officer training tab if you missed a session, you're interested in.

April Course Descriptions:

Marketing & Communications Chair **Lion Helen Person 4/1/2021**

"Be the Mane Event: Telling your Lions story" This interactive session promises great pointers for: Composing pictures that tell your story, timing your media presence, using one entry for multi-media coverage and LCI resources to get you started. Lion Helen is a marketing professional so you don't want to miss her expert tips.

Club Secretary **Lion Homer Cook 4/9/2021**

An effective Club Secretary can have a direct impact on member satisfaction for your club. Lion Homer will outline the importance of maintaining club records, reporting membership in MyLCI, highlights of strong club communications and featuring service projects on MyLion.

Club President **FVDG Greg Cole 4/16/2021**

FVDG Greg will lead the conversation with incoming Club Presidents to share his vision for Lions year 2021 – 2022. He will outline the new Club of Distinction Program, leadership, communications, service from the heart, and roles and responsibilities of the Club President. Be sure to join us to gear-up for next year.

New Member Orientation **Lion Joy Richardson 4/23/2021**

Join Lion Joy to learn a brief history of Lions Clubs International, the association structure, district service projects and what you can do to get involved. DG Scott has approved attendance of this session acceptable to meet the orientation requirement for the Proud Lion/Proud Sponsor Award. Clubs with new members wishing to participate in the Worldwide Induction Ceremony, directly following orientation, should send the list of member names to PDG Beth Stevens at lionstevens@cox.net by 4/16/2021 for certificates to be printed.

Welcome to our New Lions!

East VA Med School

Ryan Lamrani
Sponsor: Lion John Gote

Shamhawi Thakur
Sponsor: Lion John Gote

James City

Katherine E. Black
Sponsor: Lion Armen Melikian

Marla F. Boren
Sponsor: Lion Patricia Ralabate

Newport News Host

Joshua W. Hickman
Sponsor: Lion Katelynn Phillips

Norfolk Ocean View

Andrea C. Petras
Sponsor: Lion Cecil Smithson

Oceana-Lynnhaven-Golden

Cheri B. Moore
Sponsor: Lion Kathy Harvey-Jones

Michael E. Moore
Sponsor: Lion Kathy Harvey-Jones

Virginia Beach Aragona Woodstock

Edwin H. Pingel
Sponsor: Lion Donald Ward

Linda R. Pingel
Sponsor: Lion Mary Ward

In Memory

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers these Lions, their families, friends, and Clubs.

Hopewell

*Lion Daniel L. Benka
Lion Joseph H. McCaffery*

Poquoson

Lion Robert Z. Wagner

Richmond West Breakfast

Lion William L. Alley

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Fellow Lions, I know this has been a difficult year for all of us and many are feeling the panic and difficulty of working with and using new technologies and platforms of communication. These are changes that we as Lions need to face and adjust to and use. Many of the things we are doing our younger members and new young lions are much more familiar with and will allow us to merge more successfully. How can we work more successfully? This is the hard part and the easy part. Our younger Lions in Lionism know the platforms and the technology and our more experienced Lions know the workings and of Lionism and of putting on and working on events and projects. The Young Lions can teach us to use the platforms and technologies and the more Senior Lions can educate the younger Lions on protocol, organization, planning events and working events. This will allow them to take over. Also it will allow us to have a more open exchange of ideas. How do we get the exchange? We must listen to each other. There are different approaches. I learned a lot in my youth when I played various role playing games. These games gave you unusual circumstances and situations that required new and ingenious approaches to finding a solution. Once you start looking at things from different perspectives new and interesting and sometimes bizarre ideas appear. Do not discount what seems a bazaar idea, it just might be the right solution.

Reach out and stretch your minds and your ideas Lions. Ask a Younger Lion what they think and younger Lions ask a senior Lion why the idea did not work in the past. Perhaps together we can find new solutions that make things work today that failed yesterday.

Respectfully Yours,
Lion Scott Durbin
District Governor

Hey fellow Lions,

Things are sometimes more difficult than they appear. The newsletter came out late this month because the Editor could not come up with some ideas for articles. If you have an idea just drop the editor a line and he will be happy to try and probably will include it in the next newsletter or another newsletter later. Lions have great thoughts and ideas and sometimes the editor needs a little help to create articles useful to all the lions of the district. Until next month my fellow Lions, take care and emerge strong like a new butterfly coming free.

Take care My Lion Friends,
Clarence TCEL