

# THE LIONS ROAR



News & Events from Lions of Virginia District 24-I Feb / Mar 2026

## SPRING INTO LEADERSHIP

It's almost Spring when Lions Clubs around the world – and District 24-I – are welcoming new Lions and electing a new slate of officers for the coming Lions year.

We are excited to invite you to our 1st Annual Spring Into Leadership event on April 25, 2026. Your District 24-I Leadership Team is working to provide a comprehensive training experience convenient to both sides of this District that is larger (22,000 square miles) than the combined square mileage of Rhode Island, Maryland, and Delaware combined (16,441 square miles).

Two training locations - Prospect and Poquoson - are available. Choose the one that works for you and your club members. These sessions are designed to prepare new Lion Leaders - and some who've been around the block a few times - for supporting your clubs next Lions year. This year's training is on WorldWide Induction Day, so we encourage clubs with newer Lions to attend for this meaningful welcome to Lions and for New Member Orientation.

Breakfast & Lunch will be provided for the cost of \$10/person at both locations. So you don't have to remember your checkbook or stop by the ATM en route, we are using Zeffy.com for you to register and pay. Zeffy.com is a secure site for non-profits to manage events, fundraisers, auctions, and communications. You can use your checking information or credit/debit card for secure transactions that deposit directly into the District's checking account. It's more secure than stuffing checks into an envelope that could get lost between your event and the bank.

Register below for the location of your choice:



**Riverside Community Church**  
45 Simpson Road @ Hwy 460 E  
Prospect, VA

[Register for Prospect](#)



**Tabernacle United Methodist Church 803**  
Poquoson Avenue  
Poquoson, VA

[Register for Poquoson](#)

Registration to guarantee meals will close on Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

Spring Into Leadership 2026 promises to be a fun and inspiring day welcoming newer Lions, preparing Lion Leaders, and becoming more comfortable with Lion Portal - and the food will be pretty good, too.

Watch your e-mail for more information on the day's agendas. You'll come with questions and leave with new information, new Lion friends, and renewed friendships. See you there!

Yours in Lions service & friendship,

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# Spring Into Leadership Expo PROSPECT, VA



## District 24-I Spring into Leadership Expo

April 25, 2026 \* Riverside Community Church

45 Simpson Road \* Prospect, VA 23960

*Featuring*

- 9:00-9:45 am: Registration & Continental Breakfast with juice, coffee, water
- 10:00 am: Welcome, Introductions & Housekeeping  
Club Officer Position Training with Lion Portal  
*Is your club operating in silos? Not changed personnel in more than three years? Motivating your club to plan, administer, serve, and play as a Team is a solid step toward revitalizing your club culture and becoming more inviting to prospective Lions! (NOTE: Need at least 3 from your club)*
- 11:30-11:45 am: Break
- 11:45 am: World Wide Induction Ceremony - All
- Noon: Club Officer Team Training Group Report-Outs  
New Member Orientation - Lions who've never received NMO
- 12:30 pm: Lunch & Announcements
- 1:15 pm: Club Planning, Problem Solving & Pathways to Success  
*Need new ideas? Looking for best practices with innovative ideas to address club issues from possibilities to personalities? Let's model a team approach to the opportunities in our midst!*
- 3:00 pm: Wrap-up, closing & clean-up
- 3:30 pm: Safe travels!

***A one-day Lions leadership - service - club-building event you can't miss!***

**Today's facilitators: PCC Greg Cole, PDG Homer Cook,  
PDG Helen Person**

**Breakfast & lunch provided.**

**\$10 registration**

(Payable at registration on Zeffy  
or cash/check to District 24-I)

# Spring Into Leadership Expo

## POQUOSON, VA

**MD 24-I Spring into Leadership**  
**Saturday, April 25, 2026**  
**Tabernacle United Methodist Church**  
**831 Poquoson Avenue**  
**Poquoson, VA 23662**

9:30 a.m.	Registration/Coffee & pastries	Host Club Poquoson Lions Club
10:00 a.m.	<b>Welcome, Introductions</b>	Lion Dr. Patti Ralabate
10:10 a.m.	<b>Learning and Leading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Overview of leadership roles, Lion Portal and LCI learning resources</li> </ul>	Room A Lion Dr. Patti Ralabate
10:30 a.m.	<b>Break Out Sessions</b>	
	<b>Focus on Membership</b> Developing a membership growth plan that attracts members, onboard members and leaders, and strengthens member retention and engagement	Room B Lions PCC Donna Weiler & Bob Meter
	<b>Focus on Marketing and Communications</b> Developing strategies to promote your club's service to the community and build relationships for your fundraising activities	Room C Lion Colleen Woodard
11:45 a.m.	<b>World Wide Induction Day Ceremony</b>	Room A Lions PCC Donna Weiler and PID Dr. H. Hauser Weiler
12:30 p.m.	LUNCH	Room A and extension space
1:15 p.m.	<b>Break Out Sessions</b>	
	<b>How to be an Engaging Leader:</b> President, Vice President	Room B Lion George Thomas
	<b>Supporting the Mission:</b> Treasurer, Secretary, Club Administrator	Room C Lion Dr. Kate Richmond
	<b>Designing with Purpose:</b> Membership, Service and Fundraising Chairs	Room A Lion Kandy Daley
2:15 p.m.	<b>"FUN" Raising: Making Lions a roaring good time</b>	Room A Lion Dr. Patti Ralabate
3:00 p.m.	<b>Raffles and Adjournment</b>	

# 24 - I LIONS It's March Madness Baby!

Can you make the Sweet 16,  
the Elite 8 or THE FINAL 4?

## VIRGINIA LIONS CHALLENGE

International President AP Singh has challenged every club to work on membership and challenges every club to bring in one new member this month! Virginia Lions stepped it up a notch and are offering a banner patch to a club that brings in 2 new members



**EACH CLUB  
WITH 2 NEW  
MEMBERS**

**THE CLUB WITH  
MOST NEW  
MEMBERS IN 24-1**

**THE CLUB WITH  
MOST NEW  
MEMBERS IN VA**

BRACKETS ARE BELOW AND 2 CLUBS ALREADY EARNED A BANNER PATCH

CLUB NAME	NOW	LAST YR	NEW	DROP	GAIN	MARCH														
VIRGINIA BEACH ARABADONA WOODSTOCK	17	14	4	1	3	3	MIDDLESEX COUNTY	20	19	1	0	1	0							
CHARLOTTESVILLE	15	14	2	0	2	2	NEW KENT COUNTY	41	36	4	0	4	0							
BOTOMNS	7	6	1	0	1	1	NEWPORT NEWS DENBIGH	23	24	1	2	-1	0							
AMELIA	18	15	3	0	3	0	NEWPORT NEWS HOST	13	15	2	2	-1	0							
AMHERST COUNTY	13	14	0	2	-2	0	NORFOLK HOST	22	24	0	2	-2	0							
APPOLOTONA	6	10	0	1	-1	0	NORFOLK LITTLE CREEK	16	14	1	0	1	0							
BLACKSTONE	4	6	0	1	-1	0	NORFOLK MIDDLE TOWN	10	10	0	0	0	0							
BON AIR MANCHESTER MIDLOTHIAN	26	28	1	2	-1	0	NORFOLK NORVIEW	8	6	0	0	0	0							
BRANDSPRING & MID OTTOMAN (WOODLAKE)	27	30	3	2	1	0	NORFOLK OCEAN VIEW	22	18	4	0	4	0							
BROOKVILLE THUNDERLAKE	14	14	0	0	0	0	NORFOLK WAREHOUSES CORNER	10	10	0	0	0	0							
CAPE CHARLES	19	19	0	0	0	0	NORTH AMHERST COUNTY	10	19	0	0	0	0							
CENTRAL SHORE	10	10	0	0	0	0	POQUOSON	37	37	0	0	0	0							
CHASE CITY	10	11	1	-1	0	0	PORTSMOUTH HOST	18	17	0	0	0	0							
CHESAPEAKE GREAT BRIDGE	13	15	0	0	0	0	POWERSVILLE	68	68	0	0	0	0							
CHESAPEAKE HOST	16	15	1	0	1	0	RICHMOND BATTLEFIELD PARK	11	12	0	1	-1	0							
CHESAPEAKE SOUTHWIDE	33	37	0	5	-6	0	RICHMOND JAMES RIVER	18	19	1	1	0	0							
CHESAPEAKE WESTERN BRANCH	6	9	0	3	-3	0	RISINGSBURG	17	16	0	1	-1	0							
CHESTER	15	17	0	2	-2	0	SEVA PENNSYLVANIA/Asian-American	64	35	32	1	31	0							
CHESTERFIELD PREV BLINDNESS HNG	18	17	1	0	1	0	SMITHFIELD	27	31	2	5	-3	0							
CHARLOTTESVILLE	14	14	0	0	0	0	SOUTH BEESON	7	7	0	0	0	0							
CLARKSVILLE	24	26	1	5	0	0	SOUTH HILL	28	26	0	0	0	0							
CRADOCK	16	17	0	0	0	0	Staffordham Virginia/Filipino - American	64	49	21	14	0	0							
DANVILLE HOST	18	18	0	0	0	0	SUFFOLK	16	17	0	1	-1	0							
DANVILLE MORNING	6	6	0	0	0	0	SURRY COUNTY	19	17	3	1	-2	0							
DEWATDIE	9	9	0	0	0	0	SWANSON VIRGINIA/Asian-American	17	22	1	6	-6	0							
EASTERN VIRGINIA MEDICAL SCHOOL	20	20	9	9	0	0	TAPPANHANNOCK	22	24	2	4	-2	0							
FAIRVILLE	37	42	2	7	-5	0	VARRA	19	19	0	0	0	0							
FRANKLIN	11	12	2	3	-1	0	VIRGINIA BEACH BAYSIDE	14	16	0	0	0	0							
GRENA	12	13	0	1	-1	0	VIRGINIA BEACH CENTRAL	7	7	0	0	0	0							
HAMPTON MERCURY	27	16	0	4	-4	0	VIRGINIA BEACH HOST	14	14	0	0	0	0							
HOPKINSVILLE FRANCES GEORGE INC	11	10	1	0	1	0	VIRGINIA BEACH KEMPVILLE	22	26	1	3	-2	0							
JAMES CITY	66	73	7	12	-5	0	VIRGINIA BEACH PRINCESS ANNE OCEANSIDE	18	20	1	2	-1	0							
KENNESAW VICTORIA L C	12	12	0	0	0	0	VIRGINIA BEACH THALIA	42	38	6	0	6	0							
LANCASTER COUNTY	26	29	3	3	0	0	VIRGINIA BEACH TOWN CENTER-BLIND	48	46	4	2	2	0							
LANRICHVILLE	21	21	0	0	0	0	WILLIAMSBURG HOST	25	25	1	4	-3	0							
LYNCHBURG 7 HILLS	11	12	0	1	-1	0	WINSTON	20	19	1	2	0	0							
MATHIAS	20	20	0	3	-3	0	YORK	26	26	0	0	0	0							
MEDICINESVILLE	13	14	1	2	-1	0	TOTALS	1,054	1,047	133	122	13	6							

Sign up and start fundraising today:  
<https://give.fightingblindness.org/event/hampton-roads-visionwalk-2026/e720438>

If your club would like to donate \$500 to be listed on the T-shirt the deadline is March 13th. Fill out the PDF and send it in. Some clubs have already set up team fundraising pages

Your efforts will culminate with a ceremony at leadership training on Worldwide Induction Day on April 25th get your club come out and support our new members. Another great project to bring your new members is the Foundation Fighting Blindness Vision-Walk! 17th street April 18th.

Hampton Roads  
**VisionWalk**  
 17th Street Park • Virginia Beach, VA  
 Saturday, April 18, 2026

**Presenting Sponsor: \$20,000**  
 Champion package, plus:  
 • Inclusion in all present events  
 • Opportunity to be listed in the VisionWalk Club  
 • Take an special event tickets (select locations)

**Community Sponsorship Levels**

**Champion: \$10,000**  
 Captain package, plus:  
 • Present on stage at event (stage banner)  
 • Present logo on event t-shirts  
 • Logo with host on local VisionWalk homepage  
 • Inclusion in local press event (press)  
 • Event day booth with sampling upon approval  
 • Inclusion in local press event (press)  
 • Individual event staff  
 • Opportunity for in-house corporate kickoff  
 • Special Recognition Certificate (during program presentation)

**Captain: \$5,000**  
 Leader package, plus:  
 • Inclusion in VisionWalk press release  
 • Inclusion in one pre-event blast  
 • Inclusion in event social post (depending on other sponsors)

**Booth Sponsor: \$3,000**  
 Leader package, plus:  
 • Logo on walk t-shirts and t-shirts  
 • Logo on walk t-shirt and stage banner  
 • Logo on local VisionWalk homepage  
 • Inclusion in local press event (press)  
 • Inclusion in event social post (depending on other sponsors)

**Partner: \$1,000**  
 Supporter package, plus:  
 • Name on event t-shirt  
 • Name on local VisionWalk homepage  
 • Name in walk route sign

**Supporter: \$500**  
 • Name on sign of event stage banner

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_  
 CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
 STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
 SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to form a company team  
 We would like information on volunteering at the VisionWalk  
 We would like to sponsor an activity on site  
 PLEASE INDICATE PREFERRED PAYMENT METHOD  
 Debit  
 Credit  
[www.fightingblindness.org/hamptonroads/visionwalk](http://www.fightingblindness.org/hamptonroads/visionwalk)

**Booth Sponsor: \$3,000**  
 Leader package, plus:  
 • Logo on walk t-shirts and t-shirts  
 • Logo on walk t-shirt and stage banner  
 • Logo on local VisionWalk homepage  
 • Inclusion in local press event (press)  
 • Inclusion in event social post (depending on other sponsors)

**Partner: \$1,000**  
 Supporter package, plus:  
 • Name on event t-shirt  
 • Name on local VisionWalk homepage  
 • Name in walk route sign

**Supporter: \$500**  
 • Name on sign of event stage banner

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please mail or email this form with payment to:  
 Foundation Fighting Blindness, Hampton Roads VisionWalk  
 P.O. Box 45031 • Baltimore, MD 21207-5033  
 Lauren Mercer at [Lauren@fightingblindness.org](mailto:Lauren@fightingblindness.org)  
 or call 443-339-8547

**VisionWalk.org** **FIGHTING BLINDNESS**



**MD 24 Lions of Virginia 103rd State Convention**

May 28 - 31, 2026  
Delta Hotel - Bristol, VA

**Guest - VP Mark and Lion Lynn Lyon**

**Registration**

Online registration using Zeffy - No fee, secure registration

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/lions-of-virginia-103rd-state-convention>

**Mail registration**

<http://e-district.org/userfiles/374/file/2026%20State%20Convention%20Registration.pdf>

**Make your hotel reservations early**

[www.marriott.com/tride](http://www.marriott.com/tride)

**Use the following codes to book your room**

King Room - \$109.00 + tax  
use code: LC6LC6A

Queen Room - \$109.00 + tax  
use code: LC6LC6C

Junior Suite - \$124.00 + tax  
use code: LC6LC6B

LCIF Fundraiser

Duck Race Promo Video

[http://e-district.org/userfiles/374/file/MD24-L\\_promo\\_video\\_01092026.mp4](http://e-district.org/userfiles/374/file/MD24-L_promo_video_01092026.mp4)



Link to purchase Ducks  
<https://ezvirtualrace.com/lions>



# James City Lions Club FEEDING THOSE IN NEED



## MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

During the last week of the Community of Faith Mission's (CoFM) Emergency Shelter program, the James City Lions Club prepared and served a dinner meal for the shelter guests. CoFM, with the support of its partner churches and organizations, has housed and fed the homeless overnight since mid-November. This community of caring comes together each year during the coldest months of the year to offer warmth and protection when it is most needed. The James City Lions Club participated as part of its hunger relief mission. Pictured from left: Lions Colleen Woodard, Annette Sumlin, Vicki Mahr, Mariana Dudley, and Linda Benner. **Submitted: Colleen Woodard**

## MEALS FOR SENIORS

Hunger doesn't take a day off. Recognizing this critical fact, members of the James City Lions Club prepare healthy meals every week for over 200 seniors and individuals with disabilities who receive assistance from the Williamsburg Area Meals on Wheels. Recently, a team of JC Lions had the unique opportunity to learn cooking techniques directly from the Williamsburg Area Meals on Wheels Chef, Christian Illanes. Shown from left are Lion Paul White, Chef Illanes, Lion Suzi Brannon, and Lion Patti Ralabate. **Submitted: Patti Ralabate**



## COMMUNITY OF FAITH MISSION MEALS

Supporting the Community of Faith Mission, the James City Lions Club prepared and served a meal for 50 guests and volunteers at St. Bede Catholic Church on February 11. The Community of Faith Mission organizes 16 churches and other community organizations to provide overnight shelter with hearty meals nightly during the cold winter months November - March. Serving that evening were (from left) Lions Linda Benner, Armen Melikian (project leader), Carl Kropf, Annette Sumlin, Kandy Daley and Marianna Dudley. **Submitted: Armen Melikian.**



## BLAND MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION WINNERS

Bland Music Scholarship Competition Winners  
 Congratulations to our talented music students! On February 19, the Williamsburg Host Lions Club and the James City Lions Club partnered to offer the annual Bland Music Scholarship Competition held in Patriots Colony. Competing in instrumental and vocal music categories, the winners earned monetary scholarship awards and the eligibility to showcase their performances at subsequent district and state competitions for additional scholarship awards. Winners pictured from left are 1st Place/Instrumental, Megan Elizabeth Baggott, Governor's School for the Arts/Nansemond River High School; 2nd Place/Instrumental, Lauren Leejung Kang, Grafton High School; 1st Place/Vocal, Canton Gregory Murphy, Jamestown High School; and 2nd Place/Vocal, Lily E. Webb, Tabb High School.

**Submitted: Kate Richmond**

Williamsburg Host Lions Club and James City Lions Club

## SERVICE PROJECTS



## FAMILY FESTIVAL FUN DAY

On March 14th, members of the James City Lions Club volunteered with the WJCC Public Schools to celebrate its Family Festival Fun Day. The Lions and their mascot greeted students with a bubble station at the entrance to make, chase, and pop bubbles. A good time was had by all, and each student received a free container of bubbles to take home. Pictured from left: Lions Marianna Dudley, Carl Devore, Chris McCarron (Mascot), and Cindy Devore. Not pictured: Lions John Barone and Marla Boren.

**Submitted: Marla Boren**

## OTMDC EYE EXAMS

On February 11, James City Lions provided comprehensive eye examinations at Olde Towne Medical and Dental Center (OTMDC). Lion Dr. Pamela Lundberg conducted the examinations which included treatment for eye diseases such as Glaucoma, monitoring for diabetic retinopathy and referral for eye surgery when indicated. Lion Annette Sumlin provided administrative support by assisting on site staff and coordinating the patient flow. The James City Lions Club established the Eye Clinic at the OTMDC in 2017. It is staffed by Lion volunteers and operates each month on an as needed basis. **Submitted: Linda Benner**



## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

In 2025, Lions Clubs International launched a global initiative to support mental health and wellness through awareness, education, and advocacy. On Feb 26, the James City Lions Club hosted the president of NAMI Williamsburg, Carmen Andreoli, to share the work the National Alliance on Mental Illness does locally and nationally to support those who suffer from mental illness, their families and caregivers. Pictured from the left with Mr. Andreoli are Lions Colleen Woodard and Rachel Williams (club president).

**Submitted: Linda Benner**

## Powhatan Lions Club Celebrate 50 YEARS OF SERVICE



In 1976 as America celebrated its 200 th birthday, a group of young men in Powhatan County chose to accept the challenge of organizing a local chapter of Lions Club International. On March 2, they were chartered and in these 50 years they have served thousands of hours, contributed over \$500,000 to charities, added their labor to building projects from private homeowners' ramps to community parks & picnic tables. Powhatan citizens owe Labor Day & Christmas parades, Christmas Mother deliveries, and college scholarships to their work and devotion to serving Powhatan County.



March 4, 2026 they celebrated at their usual meeting place, The County Seat back room which was transformed into a kaleidoscope of club colors in blue and gold with banners, blue table toppers, gold placemats, and handmade floral pieces. The club celebrated with a scrumptious dinner & a historic video highlighting Powhatan Lions' history including interviews with the four charter members who still are active. The four charter members were recognized by Lions International with special memorial certificates and half century pins.



The guest speaker, R. Lee Ware, shared congratulations as he reflected on the book BOWLING ALONE, a sociological study of the decline in civic participation in recent decades. He congratulated the club on the significance of Powhatan Lions not only still existing but thriving as the largest club in the district, adding members often.

The evening ended with recognition of the 50th Anniversary Committee: Charter members Jim Blandford, Ralph "Larry" Lyons, Jim Washburn, and Elwood Yates assisted by Kara Hughes and Jon Drake.



We don't plan to rest on our laurels: two weeks before the celebration many Lions participated in "Real Money, Real World" at Powhatan Middle School , an economics program sponsored by Powhatan Cooperative Extension. The next week several Lions screened vision at Virginia Information Technology Agency. March 7 Lions hosted a very successful 3rd Annual Chili Cook Off. The very next day 4 members helped 7 Powhatan Rescue Squad members demolish rescue squad grounds bathrooms which will be rebuilt in time for our 50 th Annual Steer Roast April 22 - so mark your calendar for that. MEANWHILE, we will also keep helping recycle old glasses, assist vision patients at Free Clinic of Powhatan, schedule a Clean Up Day on a portion of Old Buckingham Round, investigate early childhood hearing screenings, and to continue TO SERVE Powhatan. We recognize this generous county continues to support our projects: we thank you.



**Submitted: Mary Harrison**

March 2026

## LEADING THE WAY

Leader Dogs for the Blind – Lions Newsletter



### Future Leader Dog Winner, Raised by Lions of Iowa

In January, Lion Ann Baughman and PDG Rick Baughman came to Michigan to return Future Leader Dog (FLD) Winzer to start his official guide dog training. FLD Winzer was born in September 2024 to Leader Dog Mom Ahyoka in a litter of 7. He spent his first few weeks with his mom, siblings, and an amazing host family. Four of his siblings are yellow, but FLD Winzer and two of his sisters are black Labrador retrievers. When he was very small, he wore a blue collar to distinguish himself.

In November 2024, FLD Winzer and his siblings moved to Leader Dog campus for 2 weeks of kindergarten. He got his first vaccines and a clean bill of health from the veterinary team. While he was on campus, he got to play with his siblings and a crew of volunteers. He had the time of his life while our volunteers helped him learn to explore new environments and experiences with confidence and curiosity.

Just a few weeks later, Lion Ann and PDG Rick came to Michigan to pick him up for a year of adventure in Iowa. Ann and Rick taught FLD Winzer good house manners, social skills, and important basic obedience. They also invited him into their world, taking him to Lions club meetings, restaurants, and community events.

After a little more than a year learning how to be a happy, healthy, service-minded dog from his Lions parents, FLD Winzer was ready for college. He and his siblings returned to campus for guide dog training. They are working with guide dog mobility instructors to level up their skills in preparation for the best job a dog can have. In their free time, they play with other dogs and volunteers. Sometimes, they even hang out with the Lions team to practice being in an office.



To learn more, go to [LeaderDog.org](http://LeaderDog.org) and navigate to [Volunteer – Raise a Puppy](#).

[LeaderDog.org](http://LeaderDog.org) | [LionsSupport@leaderdog.org](mailto:LionsSupport@leaderdog.org) Lions International

### Symbolically Sponsor a Future Leader Dog

If raising a puppy for Leader Dog isn't in the cards for you, you can still support a Future Leader Dog by symbolically sponsoring a puppy. Your symbolic sponsorship connects you with a specific puppy and your \$500 gift strengthens the services we provide. Symbolic sponsors receive a photograph of the puppy, a certificate, a plush puppy and more. FLD Harper, FLD Jackson, and FLD TICA (who is being raised by a Lion in North Carolina) are available for sponsorship through June 30, 2026. To learn more, go to [LeaderDog.org](http://LeaderDog.org) and navigate to [Give a Gift – Ways to Give](#).



### Explore the Legacy Society

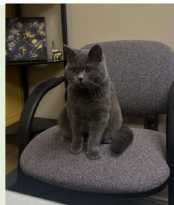
As a Lion, you serve the cause of vision, educate your neighbors about the services provided by Leader Dog, and fundraise to strengthen our programs. Thank you for continuing the Lions legacy that began more than 85 years ago.

Joining the Legacy Society by including Leader Dog in your will or trust is a powerful way to create your own lasting legacy of independence and confidence for people who are blind or have low vision. **Gifts of any size donated through your will or trust are simple to set up and ensure the future of our work for the cause of vision.** To learn more, go to [LeaderDog.org](http://LeaderDog.org) and navigate to [Give a Gift – Wills & Trusts](#).

### A Fact & A Quote

**Fact |** Leader Dogs for the Blind is proud to employ two Leader Cats. These friendly felines live in the Canine Development Center and help the Leader Dogs in training practice working with distractions. Updates on the activities of Leader Cat Taz and Leader Cat Blue (pictured in a meeting) can be found on Instagram [@TheLeaderCats](#).

**Quote |** "Just because a man lacks the use of his eyes doesn't mean he lacks vision." (Stevie Wonder)



[LeaderDog.org](http://LeaderDog.org) | [LionsSupport@leaderdog.org](mailto:LionsSupport@leaderdog.org) Lions International

## Visit Leader Dogs for the Blind's Website Here



**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

**APR • MAY • JUN • JUL**

DATE	TIME	MD 24 AND DISTRICT 24I EVENTS	LOCATION
Feb 15 - April 25	-	World Wide Induction Day Campaign	-
April 25	-	Spring Leadership Summit	Richmond, VA
May 28-31	-	103rd Lions of Virginia State Convention	Bristol, VA
June TBA	-	24 I End of Year Celebration/Cabinet Mtg #4	TBA
July 4-8	-	Lions International Convention	Hong Kong

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News & Events from Lions of Virginia District 24-I Feb/Mar 2026

**Deadline to submit** stories/articles photos and or announcements for **Apr Events** is **Apr 25<sup>th</sup>** to be released by the first week of May.  
*Late submissions accepted with no guarantee of feature!*

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