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Upcoming Events!

- August 2 - Regular Dinner meeting - 7:00pm - Children of Chernobyl
- August 9 - Board Meeting 7:30pm at the Library
- August 13 - Flea Market sale at S-F Lions location
- August 16 - No dinner meeting
- August 19 - Lions Night with the Potomac Nationals
- August 28 - Visitation Awards & Kickoff Dinner @ Park West Lions Community Building
- Sept 62 - Regular Dinner meeting - 7:00pm
- Sept. 13 - Board Meeting 7:30pm at the Library
- Sept. 202 - Regular Dinner meeting - 7:00pm
- Sept 22 - 26 USA- Canada Lions Leadership Forum - Peoria, Il



A Pretty Good Start

The King Lion's Roar

July in Annandale is a month for heat, humidity, vacations, and the beginning of the Annandale Lions Club year. We certainly saw the heat and humidity, I'm still waiting for vacation reports, and the Annandale Lions Club got off to a great start to the Lions year.

Both July speakers were wonderful, and my thanks to Lions Clem Brineman and Mel Hottman for sharing their friends and neighbors with us. Ningrum Sirait gave us a first hand account of the efforts to rebuild communities in South Asia following the massive tsunami that struck that region in late 2004. Bob Herbst may be the only former Cabinet official to address our group, and his personal accounts of efforts to restore fish populations in Lake Superior and to allocate massive Federal lands in Alaska were interesting and informative.

We held our second annual picnic for the Children of Chernobyl and their host families on Sunday July 24. The weather was perfect, and the more than 50 Lions and guests had some good conversation, a few games, and a delicious picnic repast, thanks to the help of Lions Jim Hopson, Leon Conover, and Mel Hottman. Supervisor Penny Gross stopped by to visit for a few minutes. No reports of poison ivy, no ants, no bears. The event was a great success.

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Coming up, our program for the August 2 dinner meeting will be the Children of Chernobyl. We have seen first-hand the benefits to the children that result from spending part of their summer away from the radioactive zone surrounding the failed Chernobyl nuclear reactor. However, political and bureaucratic concerns in Belarus have complicated this worthwhile project. We look forward to learning more on August 2.

On Saturday August 13, a few of us plan to bring a little junk, er, precious collectibles, to the VRE lot in Springfield and sell them at the Springfield-Franconia Host Lions flea market. Al-

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DG Woody's Theme

It is indeed a great honor to have been selected to serve as your District Governor for Lions year 2005 - 2006. I am very excited about our new year and look forward to working with all District 24-A Lions as we move forward and continue to provide service to our communities.

The new Lions Clubs International President is Ashok Mehta from India. His theme for this Lions year is "Passion to Excel," and includes five (5) parts: Passion to Lead,

Passion to Grow, Passion to Perform, Passion to Serve, and Passion to Promote.

District 24-A Lions have always demonstrated a great passion for serving our communities as evidenced by the tremendous amount of volunteer hours, and the large sums of monies raised and put back into the community to help those in need. Let us continue that "Passion" as we go through this Lions year.

My personal theme for this Lions year is "A Passion Lion Year 2005-2006 for Quality Growth and Service." As I mentioned before, I believe that Lions of District 24-A already have great passion in service to our communities. Therefore, I think we can extend that passion for "Quality Growth" in the district. With "Quality Growth," I believe the "Quality of Service" will also improve.

My goals for the year are simple and attainable:

- To stress President Ashok Mehta's goal of "Plus One." This simply means that each club will show a net increase of one (1) member, and our district will have an extension of one (1) new club. In doing this, we will have a net increase of 70 new

members plus the number of charter members in the new club. I believe this is both a realistic and attainable goal.

- Continue to stress Past District Governor Doug's theme of "Club Retreats." This is a good way to help restore or increase passion within the clubs.
- Work closely with the MERL Team to attain our membership goals, and to assist any clubs that seek advice on membership growth.
- Continue Past District Governor Bill Jones' "Proud Lion Pin" award to new members and sponsors who complete the required process.
 - Continue emphasis on retention of current members.
 - Honor new members and sponsors at the World Wide Induction Day Ceremony.
 - Increase Women Membership by a net of 35.
- Continue to stress that clubs have fun at meetings and fund raising events.

Club should also involve the local community in their fundraising efforts, by doing activities in which others want to be involved. Fundraising can be a very effective tool for recruiting quality members. I am elated that the number of Leo Clubs continue to grow, and I ask the Leo Chairs to insure that the resources of the District are available to support these young men and women.

I am asking for your assistance to make it possible for me to achieve my personal goals, and the theme and goal of our International President, Ashok Mehta. With your support, I know that District 24-A, a truly outstanding District, will only get better as we exemplify the motto "We Serve."



Meet the Gov

Lion Woody joined the Mason Neck Lions Club in April 1996 and served as Secretary from September 1996 to June 1998. He served as Club President from July 1998 to June 2000. He has served as Bulletin Editor from 1999-2000, Zone Chair 2000-2001, Cabinet Secretary 2001-2002, Cabinet Treasurer 2002-2003 and District Coordinator/Retention Chair 2003-2004. He has also served his club as Membership, Public Relations, Leadership and various club activities and fundraising chairs. Lion Woody was elected Vice District Governor 2004-2005 and District Governor 2005-2006. Lion Woody is a Melvin Jones Fellow. He has two adult sons and four grandchildren. He resides in Springfield, VA.



Meet the Vice

Lion Harry Parker was born in Staten Island, NY, on December 10, 1947. He earned his B.S. degree in Business Administration from Duquesne University. Lion Harry and his wife Karen were married in 1971 and reside in Annandale. Lion Harry's military service was with New Jersey's Army National Guard from 1969-1975. He recently retired from the U.S. House of Representatives, after thirty-three years of service. Lion Harry became a member of the Bailey's Cross Roads Host Lions Club in October 1978. Since becoming a Lion, Harry has served the club in many capacities, including club president in 1982-1983 and 2004-2005, chairperson of a number of committees. At the sub- and multiple district levels, Lion Harry has served as Zone Chairperson and State Convention Chairperson from 1994 to present time. He served as MD State Convention Chairperson at the Sheraton Premiere.



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though many of the collectibles are priceless, we will sell them anyway, with proceeds to be given to the Annandale Lions to defray administrative costs. This is not a Lions project, but if you have any junk, er, priceless collectibles that you would like to part with, please sign up at the August 2 dinner meeting, and come join us.

We will not have a dinner meeting on the third Tuesday in August (August 16). Instead, we will see history in the making on Friday August 19, as the Potomac Nationals take on the Kinston Indians in a Carolina League baseball contest at Pfitzner Stadium in Prince William County. An affiliate of the Washington Nationals, the Potomac Nationals develop the future stars of the National League East. In addition to seeing these exciting future stars, we will get to see Big Shot's replacement, Uncle Slam, as team mascot.

For those who cannot make the baseball game, a few of us will visit with the Fairfax Host Lions Club on our regular meeting night (August 16). Fairfax Host meets at Mama's Italian Restaurant, a quarter mile or so west of Fairfax Circle on Fairfax (formerly Arlington) Boulevard.

It feels like a lot going on. I wonder how things will be when summer is over and the pace picks up?

August 16 Meeting Alternatives

As in the past, the club will be attending Lions night with the Cannons on August 19 in lieu of our second August meeting. If you do not want to go to the game, Lion Mike is arranging for a visitation to the Fairfax Lions Club on August 16. Get with Mike or Jim for the details - If you elect to go on the visitation in lieu of attending the ball game, the club will pick up the cost of the dinner at Mama's on the 16th.

MASON DISTRICT STATION POLICE UPDATES

From recent MASON DISTRICT STATION emails

Numerous incidents of graffiti occurred in the Annandale area on Monday, July 11 between 10:00 p.m. and midnight, approximately 23 cases of destruction of property occurred in the Annandale area. Graffiti was spray-painted on 14 cars, three buildings, three signs, two dumpsters and one fence. The neighborhoods affected were along Heritage Drive, Lafayette Forest Drive, Briarwood North Court, Americana Drive, Patriot Drive and Ivymount Court. Investigators believe all the cases to be connected and gang related. A 14-year-old Annandale-area boy has been charged with five misdemeanor counts of destruction of property and released to the custody of his parents pending his court date.

A home invasion robbery occurred in the Annandale area in the 4500 block of Duncan Drive. On Wednesday, July 13 around 10:30 p.m., a 52-year-old Annandale-area woman was laying in her bed when a man with a gun entered her room. The victim's son, 22, heard her yelling, which prompted him to come out of his room. The son saw three men, one struggling with his mother. He grabbed his pepper spray and sprayed all three men. Then the son's girlfriend, 18, came out of the same bedroom and pointed a rifle at the men. She was disarmed by one of the suspects. The three suspects then fled the residence. The rifle has not been located.

The suspects were described as black men in their 20's, wearing black and blue athletic suits and bandannas. The first suspect was described as approximately 6-foot 1-inch tall and weighed around 250 pounds. The second and third suspects were approximately 5-foot 8-inches tall and weighed around 160 pounds.

A Clever Canine

A wealthy old lady decides to go on a photo safari in Africa, while taking her faithful aged poodle named Cuddles, along for the company.

One day the poodle starts chasing butterflies and before long, Cuddles discovers that she's lost. Wandering about, she notices a leopard heading rapidly in her direction with the intention of having lunch. The old poodle thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep doo-doo now!"

Noticing some bones on the ground close by, she immediately settles down to chew on the bones with her back to the approaching cat.

Just as the leopard is about to leap, the old poodle exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard! I wonder if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the young leopard halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees. "Whew!", says the leopard, "That was close! That old poodle nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So off he goes, but the old poodle sees him heading after the leopard with great speed, and figures that something must be up. The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard

The young leopard is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, monkey, hop on my back & see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

Now, the old poodle sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?", but instead of running, the dog sits down with her back to her attackers, pretending she hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old poodle says: "Where's that dang monkey? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another leopard!"

Moral of this story? Don't mess with old farts - age & treachery will always overcome youth & skill!

Bailey's Cross Roads Host Lions Club



RAFFLE EXTRAORDINAIRE

September 30, 2005

Dunn Loring Fire & Rescue Department

2148 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA 22027

6:30—8:00 PM Social

8:00—10:00 PM Drawing

TOTAL PRIZES: \$10,000

GRAND PRIZE: \$8,000

**Heavy Hors d'oeuvres and Beverages
Dress Casual**

*Ticket Cost \$100 (Admits 2)
Only 200 tickets will be sold!*

DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!

No one under 21 admitted

Contact: Shirley Wilson

Check payable to Bailey's Cross Roads Host Lions Club

**Send check to Shirley Wilson,
6213 Settlers Trail Place
Gainesville, VA 20155**

TICKET WILL BE MAILED

News of the “Bored”



Flea Market @ VRE lot on 8/13/05. Need members to turn out to work, and to donate items to sell.

Lion Art Fearing Memorial - Lion Rudy Meekins moved we set up a fund for Lion Art to go to Alzheimer's relief. Seconded by Lion Sid Jaffe. The campaign will run till mid-October, 2005.

Children of Chernobyl picnic - 7/24/05. Will feature hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, vegetables and dips, chips, grapes, bananas and muffins. Expecting about 65 people including Lions.

Sight and Hearing - Screening van is scheduled for the Mason District Park Day, 9/24/05. We will also be running a hotdog stand at the park that day.

Membership - Lion Sid will draft and present a thank you letter to the host parents of the Children of Chernobyl with an invitation to a dinner meeting.

Budget - The club has a target of \$15,000 in fundraising this year, and all committee chairs are requested to submit their budgets @ the next board meeting.

Technology - Please review the club's website and let Lions John and Mike McLaughlin know of any suggestions for the web page.

The October 11 Board meeting will be @ Lion Rudy Meekins' office.

The Bailey's Lions Club has ceased its bingo operations. The cost of the State Gaming Commission (~ \$625 /week) was too much for a small operation to absorb. They are selling their gear. If you know of any organization that may be interested, let me know and I will pass it on.

International President visits Banda Aceh

Editors Note: I received the following information from LCI - I noted that IP Kusiak visited the same area that was home to our first speaker in July - Dr. Ningrum Surait. This is an outsider's perspective of the tsunami relief effort, while Dr Surait provided us with an insiders view of the relief effort. Although, as should be expected, there are differences; the overall message seems to be the same.

I recently toured tsunami-ravaged areas in Indonesia. The level of destruction, especially in the capital city of Banda Aceh, was astounding. Yet the people remain full of hope that their lives will soon be better.

I will tell you about one scene I witnessed that will help convey the devastating force of the tsunami. Outside the city, a massive barge loaded with coal lay aground far from the ocean shore. Next to it, also strangely ashore, was a battered tugboat. The tsunami had been so powerful that everything in its path, no matter how large or previously immovable, was violently displaced. It made me shudder to think how that same wave bore down on seaside villages and its unsuspecting inhabitants.

We cannot turn back the clock and reverse the damage caused by the tsunami, of course. But we Lions can help people rebuild, as LCIF and Lions in South Asia are doing. Here are some recent rebuilding initiatives:

- In the North Aceh province of Indonesia, local Lions have built 205 homes for tsunami victims. The wooden homes contain two bedrooms and electricity. The homes were paid for by LCIF and by funds mobilized by local Lions. LCIF is believed to be the first non-governmental organization to follow through with its commitment to rebuild in this region. LCIF also is planning to build a school in this area and is considering a plan to fund "economic revival" projects such as

fishing boats.

- The mayor of Banda Aceh, previously hesitant to work with foreign non-governmental organizations but impressed by the rebuilding of Lions in North Aceh, has invited LCIF to help rebuild his tattered city. Indonesian Lions and LCIF will collaborate on 150 homes.

- A Lions village with 150 homes will be constructed in Tanah Pasir, Indonesia.

- Lions in Sri Lanka plan to build 3,000 homes. More than 500 are currently under construction. Most of the 550-square-foot homes will be for fishermen and their families.

- LCIF's most recent disbursement for tsunami relief was US\$900,000 for Lions in Thailand to build a Lions village on the devastated Lanta islands. Lions are building 80 single-family homes for the fishermen and rubber farmers on the island.

I need to tell you that rebuilding in South Asia will not be easy or fast. In many regions, political instability is rife. Also problematic is the lack of infrastructure such as sewers and roads. These problems existed before the tsunami. The disaster compounded them.

LCIF and Lions will persevere. Lions are leaders in their communities, and we will deal with these difficulties as we build homes, schools and orphanages in the affected areas that often are being overlooked by other charities. People who lost so much so quickly will find some measure of solace thanks to the extraordinary generosity and service of Lions.

Yours in Service,

Clement F. Kusiak

2005-2006 LCIF Chairperson

Spotlight on Belarus

Belarus is a landlocked nation of Eastern Europe with the capital Minsk. It is also known as Byelarus. Belarus borders Poland on the west, Lithuania on the northwest, Latvia on the north, Russia on the east, and Ukraine on the south.

Historically in English, and today in some languages, Belarus was sometimes referred to as "White Russia" (a literal though not entirely correct translation of its name) or "White Ruthenia."

Belarus is a republic governed by a President and a bicameral Parliament (National Assembly or Natsyyanal'ny Skhod). The judiciary is headed by a Supreme Court and a Constitutional Court. At the higher administrative level, Belarus is divided into six provinces (voblasts), with Minsk city having a special status of the national capital. Voblasts are further subdivided into raions (usually translated as districts).

Although landlocked, it has 11,000 lakes. Three major rivers run through it: the Neman River, the Pripyat River, and the Dnepr River. Belarus is relatively flat and marsh-rich. The largest marsh territory is Polesie. Belarus' highest point is Dzyarzhynskaya Hara (Dzyarzhynsk Hill), 345 m, and its lowest point on the Neman river, 90 m.

The natural resources of Belarus are forests, peat deposits, small quantities of oil and natural gas, granite, dolomitic limestone, marl, chalk, sand, gravel, and clay.

As part of the former Soviet Union, Belarus had a relatively well-developed industrial base; it retained this industrial base following the break-up of the U.S.S.R. The country also has a broad agricultural base & a high education level. Among the former republics of the Soviet Union, it had one of the highest standards of living.

After an initial outburst of capitalist reform from 1991-1994, including privatization of state enterprises, creation of institutions of private property, and entrepreneurship, Belarus under Lukashenko has greatly slowed its pace of privatization and other market reforms, emphasizing the need for a "socially oriented market economy." About 80% of all industry remains in state hands, and foreign investment has been

hindered by a climate hostile to business. The banks, which had been privatized after independence, were renationalized under Lukashenko. Economic output, which declined for several years, revived somewhat in the late 1990s, but the economy remains dependent on Russian subsidies. Until 2000, subsidies to state enterprises and price controls on industrial and consumer staples constituted a major feature of the Bel-

arusian economy. Inflationary monetary practices, including the printing of money also has been regularly used to finance real sector growth and to cover the payment of salaries and pensions.

Peat, the country's most valuable mineral resource, is used for fuel and fertilizer and in the chemical industry. Belarus also has deposits of clay, sand, chalk, dolomite, phosphorite, & rock and potassium salt. Forests cover about a third of the land, and lumbering is an important occupation. Potatoes, flax, hemp, sugarbeets, rye, oats, & wheat are the chief agricultural products. Dairy and beef cattle, pigs, and chickens are raised. Belarus has only small reserves of petroleum and natural gas and imports most of its oil and gas from Russia. The main branches of industry produce tractors and trucks, earth movers for use in construction and mining, metal-cutting machine tools, agricultural equipment, motorcycles, chemicals, fertilizer, textiles, and consumer goods. The chief trading partners are Russia, Ukraine, Poland, & Germany.



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1. The Warsaw Uprising began as the Polish Home Army, numbering about 40,000 Polish patriots, began shooting at Germans in the streets. The Nazis then sent eight divisions to battle the Poles, who had hoped for, but did not receive, assistance from the Allies. Two months later, the rebellion was quashed. (1944)
- 2 With the jurors lifting the men onto their shoulders, the eight White Sox players accused of throwing the 1919 World Series are acquitted by the jury. The next day, Commissioner Kennesaw Mountain Landis will say the overwhelming evidence clearly shows the Black Sox fixed the games with gamblers and all involved are banned from playing professional baseball again. (1921)
3. Christopher Columbus began his first voyage from Palos, Spain, with three ships, Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria to what would come to be known as the New World. (1492)
3. Yankee catcher Les Nunamaker throws out three Tigers trying to steal second base in the same inning (1914)
5. KDKA radio station provides its listeners with the first ever broadcast of a major league game. Harold Arlin becomes baseball's first play-by-play announcer as he details the action as Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Phillies at Forbes Field, 8-5. (1921)
6. Brooks Robinson hits into his fourth career triple play setting a major league record. (1967)
7. George Washington established the Badge of Military Merit (Purple Heart) to honor wounded soldiers. (1782)
9. The Battle of Cedar Mountain, Virginia occurred during the Civil War. (1863)
14. President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act, creating the nation's first system of retirement income. (1935)
19. Forty-three inch tall Eddie Gaedel walks on four pitches in his only major league appearance. Bill Veeck's idea of playing the midget was legal at the time but is later outlawed. (1951)
21. Arthur R. Eldred of Oceanside, New York, became the first person to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout (1912)
24. The Duke of York awarded Englishman William Penn three 'lower counties' in the American colonies, which later became the state of Delaware. (1682)
24. Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash, killing 20,000. (A.D. 79)
26. At Brooklyn's Ebbets Field, NBC televises the first major league game in history on experimental station W2XBS. The Dodgers and Reds split a doubleheader. (1939)
27. The first play to be performed in the North American Colonies was Ye Bare and Ye Cubb. This play was written by Philip Alexander Bruce, and took place at Acomac, Va. (1665)
31. The first professional football game was played in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. For Latrobe's team, he hired a substitute quarterback named John Brallier for \$10 in expense money, making him the game's first professional player. (1895)
31. Shays' Rebellion began in Massachusetts as ex-Revolutionary War Captain Daniel Shays led an armed mob and prevented the Northampton Court from holding a session in order to prevent debtors, mostly poor farmers, from being tried and put in prison. Following this, in September, Shays' troops prevented Supreme Court sessions at Springfield, Mass. Early in 1787, they attacked the Federal arsenal at Springfield, but were soon routed and fled. Shays was sentenced to death but was pardoned in 1788. (1786)