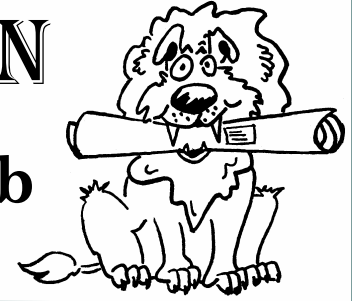




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### Upcoming Events!

- Aug. 21 - Regular Dinner mtg. 7:00pm
- Aug 26 - Visitation Kickoff Dinner - Dumfries Triangle Rescue Squad,
- Sept 4 - Regular Dinner mtg. 7:00pm - Program: Girl Scout Troop - diabetes awareness project
- Sept 11 - Board Meeting 7:30pm at the Library
- Sept 16 - Youth Camp open house & picnic
- Sept 18 - Regular Dinner mtg. 7:00pm
- Sept 29 - Sight / Hearing screening at Mason District Park
- Oct. 10 - Vision screening with Lake of Woods Lions at Montessori School, Annandale
- Oct 13 - Light the Night
- Oct 25 - Hearing screening at Montessori school, Annandale
- Oct 26 - Sight / Hearing screening at Wakefield Park - Senior's Health Fair
- Oct 26 - 27 Fall Conference



### The King Lion's Roar

What makes the Annandale Lions Club unique is not what we do; there are many Lions Clubs around the world that provide services in a similar manner. How we do our service is again, not unique. What does make us unique is the community we serve, Annandale Virginia. Interestingly we have worked on programs this past year that have touched the lives of children as far away as Iraq and Chernobyl along with people in Southwest Virginia and throughout Northern Virginia. That having been said, our focus, our reason for existence since 1948 has been primarily to serve the needs of Annandale. The services we provide ultimately requires the attention and participation of people; our members. I appreciate what each of our members contributes in time and effort. I moreover realize that we could do more with more resources.

Our club, Annandale Lions Charities, Inc. is a tax exempt 501-c-3 qualified charity. We appreciate any contribution that a person makes to our charitable account, which can be done at this web site. As we emerge from the summer and begin our service calendar in earnest we look for people in our community who would consider visiting one of our meetings, learning more about the women and men who are Lions and ultimately joining the organization to serve the people in our community.

To my fellow club members I encourage you to invite people to learn more about us. To readers of our web site please contact me directly to learn more about Lions and how, as our motto states simply, "We Serve". My email is [sjaffe@aol.com](mailto:sjaffe@aol.com) and my cell phone where you can always leave a message is (703) 855-3160.

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Yours in Lionism,

Sid Jaffe

# DG Joe's Theme & Goals

Lion, Lionesses and Leos:

We have already embarked on another long step toward the remolding of Lions Clubs and District operations and other changes to meet the needs of the 21st Century. By the time you and I read this edition of the Lion Reporter the new Lions Year 2007-2008 will have begun and things have already started moving.



This year International President Mahendra Amarasuriya has set the course for change to meet the evolving shifts in generations, ethnic, and other Lions community groups. His personal theme is "Challenge to Change".



My theme for this year is "Better Communications, Better Clubs and Great Lions". The major goals for this year are:

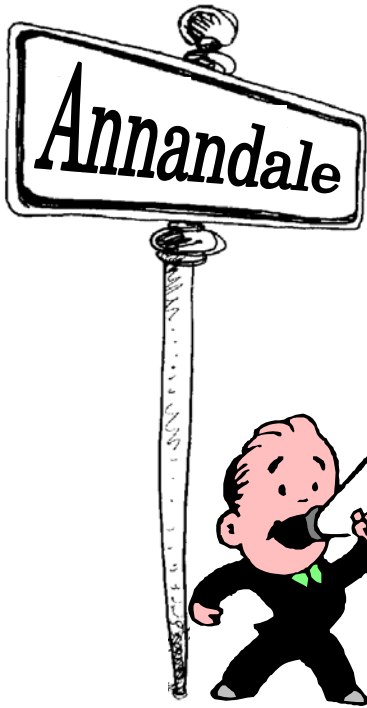
- **Better Communications** - to improve communications within the District 24-A and in the Clubs
- **Increased Membership** - increase 24-A membership by at least one net new member per club by the end of the year
- **New Clubs** - we will add four (4) new clubs through Extension projects
- **Reaffirm Community Service Needs** - each Club should examine and survey the needs of its community and determine what the new Service needs are and match them with new Service Activities
- **Campaign Sight First II** - we must finish up the third and last year of "Campaign Sight First II" with the same zeal that got us on target for the first two years.

These goals may seem overwhelming, but they can be met with some work, some cooperation, and answering an occasional call for help. Better Communications is a by-product of any event that involves Lions getting together and talking to each other, and listening to speakers or training instructors. Some good meetings are Retreats, International and State Conventions, Fall/Winter Conferences, Visitation Kick Off meetings, Club meetings and any training opportunities. Time critical items will be sent directly by email to all 24-A Lions who want this service. Membership and Extension has been jump started by the June 3rd and 10th Zone and Region Chairperson Training and Workshops. IPDG Woody, PCC Phil Schrack, and Membership Chairperson Doug Cross passed on all of their collective wisdom to our new Chairpersons. Our CSF II Chairperson Dennis Brining has been diligently working the Program for the last two years and has taken us to a high level of distinction and with your continued superb support we will finish out this 3rd year again in that fine position.

## VLEI Scholarship

It is assumed that the Virginia Lions Eye Institute Foundation will again offer scholastic awards to visually handicapped (20/70 in best corrected eye) students for training / education. The awards may be used for attendance at a college, university, trade school, or rehabilitation program for visually impaired. It may also be used to enhance the opportunities for attendance at educational institutions or necessary equipment aids to education. This is not restricted to college or trade school students. All applications with the Club endorsement are normally due no later than 1 Nov.

If you know someone in our area that would be interested in applying, have them get in touch with Mike or Sid ASAP.



Volunteering is an American tradition that has made an immeasurable contribution to communities, organizations, and individuals throughout the country. Today's volunteers

are active, dynamic, creative individuals who possess the skills, desire, patience, and time to accomplish a wide variety of tasks.

As a Club that is based on community service it is critical that we build on our membership so that we can carry on the great traditions of the Annandale Lions. In order to build our membership we are going to have grow new members from wherever we can find people that want to contribute there time and energies to helping their neighbors and the community as a whole. We all must participate to build a club atmosphere that provides a place for new members to come and grow into the membership that will keep our club moving forward. One area that I feel that presents us with a major undertaking as well as an opportunity for our club is recruiting younger members. Without new members we will not be able to refresh our commitment to the community. We have to be flexible so that people are not bogged down by bureaucratic procedures, by protocol, and by pomp and pageantry. Young people appear to be more interested in hands-on projects and not spending their time at meetings.” This is a challenge for all of us but one that we need to pursue to remain a healthy and vibrant club.

Please help me look at ways that we can build

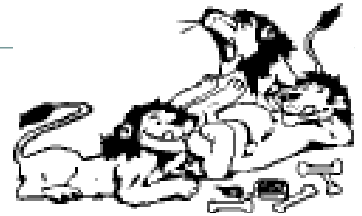
## Harry's Corner

our membership, if you have a good idea, please let the Board knew so that it becomes a part of our overall recruitment efforts. If everyone could find one new member this would be a real winner for the club.

One of the significant events that make up the bi-monthly dinner meeting is the opportunity to be informed and entertained by our various guest speakers. Each of our speakers brought and shared their knowledge and experience with our members. We have heard from some super individuals who shared their personal life adventures, enthralled us with their wit and humor as well as provided us with knowledge that we can use in our daily lives. Invite a guest to come share our program. It has been my privilege to help find these great speakers for our meetings as well as I want to thank all of our members who helped me in putting together the dinner program.

### Youth Camp Open House

The open house and picnic will be held on Sunday, September 16th. A free lunch will be served from 1:00 to 2:00. Where can you get a better deal - fresh air and free food. You also can tour our Youth Camp which is located on a mountain, west of the Town of Paris and the Appalachian Trail and just east of the Shenandoah River in Clarke County, VA. (See article on page 8 for a history and description of the camp.) If interested check with Sid and we may be able to car pool to the picnic.



## News of the Board

At the Board meeting, a budget for the upcoming Lions year was presented and approved subject to a bit of tweaking that will occur at the next Board Meeting.

The committee assignments for this Lions Year were finalized and are listed on page 7.

Sid would like the club to do a community newsletter again this year prior to the first fruit sale. Sid was requesting articles ASAP so we would be able to mail the newsletter by end of Sept. Items specifically identified were the fruit sale schedule, White House Christmas Ornament sales, membership, the Peace Poster contest, "Light the Night," the Iraqi child's cornea operation, and the screening van schedule. Other articles would be welcome.

Sid spoke to Supervisor Penny Gross and told her we would

not be selling hot dogs at the Mason Park Festival but would have the screening van and also be supporting a Girl Scout Troop that would be doing diabetes awareness. Penny understood the reasons behind our decision and asked us to reconsider for next year if the situation changes. A couple of the Girl Scouts will present a program at our September 4 meeting that summarizes their plans for Mason Park and will be asking for support from the club.

Sid also reported that he had a nice discussion with the Pattersons. They are a small company that is doing a lot of painting and drywall work at the Shattucks. They had been giving a donation to a youth organization in Richmond and were looking for a local charity for their company to make donations.

They indicated that they would donate about \$25 a month starting in Aug. Sid invited them to our guests at the September 4 meeting.

Mike Olwan also brought a \$300 donation from Mounzer Sibay. Mike will invite Mounzer to be our guest at a future meeting and we will send an acknowledgement letter.

Remember to thank both of them for their support when they come to a meeting.

Approved a \$200 donation to the Lake of the Woods Lions Club to help us with the vision screening at the Montessori school on Oct 10.

Our oral history project will be starting shortly and hope to be completed by our next charter night (i.e. our 60th anniversary)

## LCIF Ranked Best NGO Worldwide

In a special report released Thursday, July 5, 2007, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) ranked best among non-governmental organizations (NGOs) worldwide. From 34 global organizations, LCIF came in first for its execution of programs, demonstrated accountability, communications internally and externally, program adaptability to the surrounding community, and understanding the goals of its corporate supporters.

LCIF beat out Rotary International, Habitat for Humanity, UNESCO and UNICEF, to name a

few on the list.

The ratings were compiled by the Financial Times in association with the Dalberg Global Development Advisers and the United Nations Global Compact. The assessment was published in the Financial Times' Corporate Citizenship and Philanthropy special report and highlights companies' growing interest in long-term partnerships to tackle an expanding range of social issues. . The list was also reproduced in the Chronicle of Philanthropy.

## Committee Assignments

Oversight	Committee	Members 2007 - 08 Committee chairs shown in <b>Bold</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Diabetes	<b>Sid Jaffe</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Eyeglass Recycling	<b>Dave Welty</b> , Jim Hopson
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Sight & Hearing	<b>Mike McLaughlin</b> (Sight / Hearing Van) Rene Alvir, Linda Han
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Technology	<b>Clem Brineman</b> , Mike McLaughlin
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	White Cane	<b>Leon Conover</b> , Dave Welty
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Constitution	<b>Rudy Meekins</b> , Erk Worden
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Fruit Sales	<b>Randy Robey</b> , Sid Jaffe
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Greeter	<b>Leon Conover</b> , <b>Marty Figley</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Mason-Dixon Editor	<b>John Landers</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Membership	<b>John Landers</b> , Mike McLaughlin, Linda Han, Harry Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Music Director	<b>Mel Hottman</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	PR	<b>Sandra Sawicki</b> , Vellie Dietrich - Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Programs	<b>Harry Hall</b> , Sid Jaffe
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Ornaments and Misc. Fund Raising	<b>Marty Figley</b> , Randy Robey, Leon Conover
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Sunshine	<b>Randy Robey</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Visitation	<b>Bill and Pat Shattuck</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP	Bland Contest	<b>Gene Boucher</b> , Pat Shattuck, Marty Figley
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP	Highway Cleanup	<b>Leon Conover</b> , Dave Welty
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP	International Relations	<b>Mike Olwan</b> , Paul Shin
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP	Peace Poster	<b>Mel Hottman</b> , Pat Shattuck
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP	Service for Seniors	<b>Dale Shaffer</b> , Bill Hoffman
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP	Youth, Scholarship, & Annandale HS	<b>Ed Kennedy</b> , Sid Jaffe, Jim Hopson

# Children of Chernobyl Picnic



On April 26, 1986 the largest man-made accident in history occurred on the 4th power-generating unit of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant located in a small Ukraine town Prypiat, a few kilometers from Belarus border.

Over twenty years after the disaster the legacy of Chernobyl's environmental, medical, economic and social devastation continues as a daily reality for the people of Belarus. The Chernobyl Children's Project is one of many groups in Europe, North America, and Asia that have organized grass-roots relief efforts to bring some of the children living in areas contaminated by Chernobyl nuclear plant to areas where a clean environment, healthy diet, etc will allow their body to cleanse itself and strengthen their immune system.



The Annandale Lions again but this year with the support of the Dumfries – Potomac Lions hosted a picnic for the Children of Chernobyl and their Annandale host families at Brookfield Park. This year's children came from the Gomel and Mogilev regions of Belarus which are the most contaminated regions of the country and will remain so for the foreseeable future.

There were approximately 140 attendees at the picnic and although it stormed for about an hour and a half, our intrepid Lions cooks (Mel and Randy) were not deterred by the thunder and rain and remained at their grills until the cooking was complete and everyone was fed. The grub must have been pretty good since we only ended up with a few leftover M&M's.



The skies cleared in time for Marty and Velli to operate the children's games, which all enjoyed but were a linguistic challenge. (If there was an award for "herding cats" both Marty and Vellie would have earned it that day.)

This year the ensemble Russkiye Musikanty from the Washington Balalaika Society was a tremendous hit with an hour of instrumental and Russian folk songs.

In addition, the Annandale and Dumfries Potomac Lions Clubs also provided at least a year's worth of multi-vitamins for each child to take back to Belarus.



## Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp

In 1958, Richard Kohlway, a member of the Herndon Lions Club was instrumental in obtaining support from his Club, and the Chantilly and Oakton Lions Clubs, to form the Northern Virginia Youth Summer Camp, Inc., a Virginia Corporation. A committee searched



in Rappahannock and Clarke Counties for an appropriate camp-

ground site and recommended a 99-acre farm on a mountain in Clarke County, the present campground site. The site was purchased for \$10,000, after some very trusting Lions signed personal notes to secure a loan.

From 1958 to 1972 nine Lions Clubs supported the project, raised money from various fundraising drives, paid off the loan, built three cabins, a nice pavilion, and improved



the property. The Pavilion was built on the site of the old home-stead. A 1979 survey shows we have

120 acres. From 1986 to 1996 further improvements have been made to the roads and cabins; a pond, picnic tables at the pavilion and a bathhouse have been constructed. In 1995, the Clifton, Baileys Crossroads and Engleside cabins were built.

Over the years youth groups have used the camp, Lions Clubs have had picnics and overnight stays and shared lots of good fellowship. Many Boy Scout Eagle projects, such as an amphitheater, orienteering trail, horseshoe

pits, a maintenance building, bunk beds, picnic



tables, and rustic tent campsites (at least one of which was done by our scout troop) have enhanced the camp.

A new formal corporation was formed with its present title and an I.R.S. 501.3c tax exemption was obtained allowing donations to the camp to be fully tax deductible. The Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp, Inc., is a non-profit, public service organization supported by the Lions Clubs of District 24-A. Its purpose is to provide low cost camping facilities to any youth group accompanied by adult leaders and supervisors.

All Lions, Lionesses and Leos of District 24-A are free to use the facilities for club picnics, outings, etc. All groups or clubs using the facilities must first obtain approval of their local Lions Club and then schedule their visit and obtain gate keys. The Camp Site is located on a mountain west of the Town of Paris and the Appalachian Trail and just east of the Shenandoah River in Clarke County, Virginia. Facilities include a 2000-square-foot Pavilion with fireplace and picnic tables, six cabins, a modern wheel chair oriented bathhouse with toilets, hot and cold water showers, wash facilities for both male and female, a large playing field and a caretaker's house. In 1995 with a Lions of Virginia Foundation grant, a meeting facility was constructed.

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