

1VDG Cabinet Report May 2026

It has been a pleasure to visit with many of you the past two years and I look forward to visiting the rest of you next year as your District Governor. DG Dan and IPDG Jim has laid a great foundation for us to follow and it is my hope that we continue the momentum moving forward.

A wise PDG once told me to hold on and enjoy the ride. He was correct. When you begin the year as a 1VDG it is full steam ahead from visiting the Leader Dog Campus in Rochester Hills Michigan, going to the USA Canada Leadership Forum, to attending three Fall Conferences and a Winter Conference, to asking Lions to be on your cabinet, to attending Zoom training with Lions International. Your calendar fills up fast but the relationships you form and opportunities that present themselves is worth it.

The Ball For All project is now in it's second year. Requests continue to be received and Lions are meeting children and parents at events or after they have received their balls. I hope that this project, with the help of LOVF can continue as long as balls are being requested.

I am also very happy to share our new relationship with VSDB. Over the past several months, we have been able to visit with the staff and establish a list of items that both of us want to accomplish which include:

- Starting a new Leo Club in the fall of 2026 when the students return on campus.
- Start a new Specialty Lions Club for staff, parents, alumni and interested citizens with an emphasis on VSDB.
- Host a Peace Essay Contest on campus.
- Host a Peace Poster Contest on campus.
- Host a day or overnight experience at the Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp.
- Be visible at sporting events on campus to cheer the students on.
- Connect with students on campus or maybe even at home during summer breaks and holidays.

The list continues to grow as we continue to meet with the staff and students. A new relationship is also building with them because of our Listen Up Program. VSDB will be the referral base for Lions when we start screening children in early 2027.

I can go on but you get the idea, this past year has been busy and I look forward to serving with you and for you next year as your District Governor.

Until we meet again, Let's Keep Serving,

Chuck