

NOTE: Although I took a lot of notes and photos, I was not able to get everything. If you have a correction or something to add to these notes, please email me at sallyca75@gmail.com. If you were a presenter and you had visuals, please email to me as well.

Highlights

- 250 people attended!
- Incoming International President Mark Lyon and his wife Lynn attended the Convention, participated in many of the sessions, and got to know many Lions in our District.
- We were featured on the [Local News](#).

Service Projects



Attendees packed bags that were given to the *Children's Advocacy Center of Highlands Community Services*.

In addition, the Virtual Duck Race to benefit LCIF was a huge success.



Two of the programs we do in our district are Multi-District Programs:

- *Balls for All*
- The *Listen Up!* program has already screened more than 1,000 children.

Elections

The proposed changes to the bylaws were approved.

All of the D24-L candidates on the ballot for 2026-2027 were approved as follows:

- DG Chuck Schwab
- 1VDG Greg DeRosa
- 2VDG Mark Larsen
- Candidate for International Director Marty Alford
He will stand for election at the International Convention in Hong Kong.

Words of Wisdom

- We need to embrace modern strategies for recruiting Lions in today's changing world.
- Service First! That's how we will grow our numbers.
- Service prepares us to lead.

Strategies & Ideas

- Have your speech ready. Start with why you are a Lion. Continue with what Lions do in your community.
- Focus on relationships.

- At the beginning of the year, include all members in setting club goals and manage progress throughout the year.
- Keys to Success:
 - Flexibility
 - Telling service stories
 - Training Lions and supporting them in their jobs
- Ask new members “What works for you?” “What motivates you?” “What would you like to do?”
- Assign mentors (who may also be sponsors) to work with new Lions.
- Listen to new ideas.
- After 3 months, ask new Lions “Of the things we do, what do you like?” “How can we improve?”
- Ask current members “What would it take for you to be more active?”
- Work with other non-profit organizations and other Lions Clubs.
- Consider doing a service project at a meeting.
- Survey members:
 - What are your three most favorite causes/projects/thingswe do?
- Follow up with those who received scholarships. Invite them to join the club.
- Make meetings fun.
- If you are the President, personally greet new attendees.
- Offer rides.

Tools

- LionsUSA.org
- SWOT Analysis

Lions of Virginia Foundation

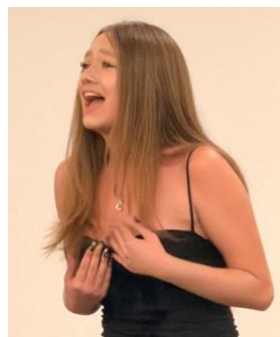
LOVF expands your club’s impact!

So far, in this Lion Year, LOVF has made 69 humanitarian grants, eight disaster grants, and one special needs grant to local clubs!

Bland Music Competition

All three districts had winners.

To date, \$27,600 has been awarded in music scholarships.



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On the Horizon

At the 2026 International Convention, delegates will vote on two proposals.

- International dues increase.
- Reallocation of the number of International Director seats, based on the number of Lions in each Constitutional Area. The US is in Constitutional Area #1. We will lose two seats, going from 11 to 9, because our number of Lions has decreased and other areas have increased.