

## District 24L, Zone M – Final Cabinet Report

May 28, 2026

### Zone M Clubs

- Broadway
- Basye-Bryce Mountain
- New Market
- Harrisonburg

From a Zone standpoint, Zone M has been pretty inactive this last quarter. A hoped-for meeting did not materialize as planned, as meeting sites continue to be a challenge. The clubs within the Zone continue as they have been, with a couple of notable observations.

It was wonderful to see Lion Fred Shobe accept a Club Excellence Award at the Winter Conference. The Broadway Club continues to be a high-functioning club - - a model if you will. Suffice it to say, they do have a number of members who serve as role models for all when it comes to Lions involvement. This serves as a message to all that immersing oneself in activities professed in the organization's mission, leads not only to club success, but personal satisfaction. We congratulate Lion Fred and all members of the Broadway Club. Lion Fred will be serving as the new Zone Chair, and will be able to share guidance in building strong, productive clubs.

The New Market Club continues to meet regularly and follow their standard practices. Two of their members are faithful about Zone meeting participation. These two Lions also faithfully participate in the Shenandoah County school vision and hearing screening effort, and have established long-time relationships with Lions in the Basye-Bryce Club, the Mount Jackson Club and Edinburg Club. During screening season, these friendships allow for a healthy exchange of plans and ideas. New Market could perhaps benefit from some type of prepared reorientation to the greater Lions organization. While literature and digital resources are surely available, these members would likely enjoy a program. This could be handled during a District visit or through some other type of guest presentation.

The Basye-Bryce Mountain club has experienced a bit of a slump and gradual, yet continuing loss of membership. After some analysis, it has been determined that a lack of a solid committee structure has led to a waning in involvement and, therefore, personal satisfaction. Changes are being put in place to actively involve all members in Club activities.

The Harrisonburg Club continues to isolate. They do not participate in Zone activities or respond to any outreach attempts. They do, seemingly, provide some service to their community, which is a good thing.

As shared in the past, the makeup of Zone M seems awkward and in some ways challenging. The clubs are geographically distanced, as it is approximately 40 miles between Basye-Bryce Mountain and Harrisonburg. School screening is a major service project for Basye-Bryce and New Market, while Rockingham County schools do not avail themselves of this important Lions service. Many Lions friendships have been forged during screening sessions among the Shenandoah County Clubs. Basye-Bryce and New Market are closely aligned with the Mount Jackson, Edinburg and Woodstock Clubs.

While participation in Zone meetings has been slim, the sessions have been lively and productive. An expanded participation during the meetings can be attributed to the ability to Zoom District program chairs and other representative into the meetings. The willingness of these Lions to participate remotely and share important ideas and information has proven valuable.

I believe the Zone concept is a valuable approach for “chunking up” District-related communication and administrative needs. I wish Lion Fred great success as the next Zone M Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted,

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