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REPORT FROM VLEIF – 2025-2026

1. **Scholastic Grants** – We received 19 qualified Scholastic Grant Applications. Total payout was \$48,300.00. None of this would be possible without the Clubs. Thanks to the sponsoring clubs for your participation. Our Grant Presentation ceremony on February 28, 2026, was attended by slightly less than 100 people including Grant Recipients, their Families/Friends, Lions, Doctors and Guests. All who attended seemed to enjoy the event.
2. In Honor of long-time board member Lion Ralph Thompson, a grant to award selected Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVIs) funds to be spent on students was established. The Grant Committee approved four \$1,000.00 grants this time. The reactions from the TVIs was gratifying and it was money well spent, as it went to increasing their ability to provide extras for their students.
3. The “Lion Richard A. Falls Research Grant” program continues to fund research projects dedicated to curing and/or preventing eye diseases and improving the life of those with vision impairments. Research Grants of \$12,225.00 were awarded last year.
4. VLEIF continues to fund and support the Lions Eye Clinic at the Inova complex. We contribute \$25,000.00 per year to the operating expenses. The clinic is dedicated to providing eyecare to indigents who have no insurance, and once per week perform eye exams and provide eyeglasses to needy individuals. These eye exams/glasses are funded by VLEIF.
5. VLEIF also joins with the “Prevention of Blindness Society of the Washington Metropolitan Area” (POB) in support of the Alexandria Low Vision Learning Center. This practice is dedicated to serving those who are chronically visually impaired in our community. POB & Alexandria Low Vision Learning Center have merged and VLEIF will provide an annual grant of up to \$30,000.00 for services to Low Vision individuals without insurance within the District 24-L coverage area.
8. The VLEIF Board has approved funds to assist the clubs with providing needed eyecare assistance when they come up against budget shortfalls. The remaining funds from the dissolution of the Sight and Hearing Van Corporation were turned over to VLEIF, and these funds will be used to assist the Clubs in their screening efforts. Contact me or our District Representative and we will help when we can.

Sincerely,

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