District Sight Update

As a follow up to conversation I had with DG Chuck, I have done the following:

- Had a phone conversation ZC Mike Huffman, proposed that I attend his zoom zone meeting on Oct 29, also proposed that I loop in Caren Forstein, CEO POB to discuss both a Lions collaborative vision screening discussed with Caren recently, and creating a new opportunity to address Sentra Foundation help for students in Alexandria area
- Having a phone call with Kendra 10-20, already spoke to Caren and she is attending 10-29 with me.
- Sending ZC Mike attached preschool doc to get his help in promoting preschool vision screenings in his area

Listen UP

Called ZC Bill Poole, Don Bradley and Tony at Merrifield about donating/ getting trained. Jim and I were table host on Oct 15 at Second Story event. I got Katri from Merrifield to attend, she let me know at their Oct 14 board meeting they

approved $500 donation and some of their members do want to be trained.

General Community Efforts

- Established a partnership with Visual Health, they now have our boxes, getting ZC Mike's help to get box to Alexandria location
- In conversation with the Visual Health Medical Director, we agreed there is a need to raise awareness about importance of preschool vision screening and the impact screen time is having on our youth. As a result, we have agreed to jointly plan such an event and she has agreed to be the speaker. Tentative date for event is Tuesday, April 6 7-8:30. My hope is that this becomes a model for an event Lions can do anywhere in the District. I will probably invite Zone C and D leadership. BTW, doctor in their Reston office can now see 3-6 year old children, Reston Lions have a signed MOU with this practice.
- Planning a late fall FFB in person event focus on Mobility and Mental Health
- Planning a FFB virtual FFB Januarry event about travelling, both locally and worldwide

- Aa result of my outreach, now have a phone meeting with the Principal at Herndon ES. Vision screening with FCPS on the list as well as asking her to host April 6 event. Already sent VLEIF scholastic grant info and asking her help to circulate it

LOVF Special Needs Committee

- Processed two application, one for hearing aid assistance, one to help 7 year old girl with diabetes and multiple other issues get a dog.

VLEIF

- I am now attending NFB state convention in Herndon Oct 22-23 to promote VLEIF Scholastic grant with Lion Rodney Neely
- Sent email with application to all public school systems in No.VA counties

American Council of the Blind

- I am now Co Program Chair, help connect Theresa Breedin and Lisa Calhoun ACB members to become Lions. Lion Sally Cooney Anderson was key to making this happen.