

# FREDERICKSBURG HOST LIONS

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## OUR LIONS ROAR

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### ***BOARD ACTIONS***

The Board of Directors held its September meeting on September 1, 2005, was hosted by Lion Ken Lapin at the Pub in Spotsylvania county. Eleven board members were present. The board approved a contribution of \$250 to the Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina relief. The Board may consider additional donations when the Lions of Virginia settles on a plan. The Board accepted the resignations of Lions Jack White and Art Steinberg. The Board also received the resignation of Lion Fritz Leedy which was not accepted: the Board voted to make Lion Fritz and Honorary Member. The Board received a detailed accounting for the Heritage Run. The Board also discussed the club goals for 2005-2006 and the possibility of a December cocktail party in lieu of a regular dinner meeting.

### ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

September 1	Board Meeting at (Lapin) The Pub
September 8	Cookout at Decatur's
September 22	Dinner at FCC
October 6	Board Meeting at Stephens
October 13	Dinner at FCC
October 27	Dinner At FCC (DG visits) Board Meeting Follows
October 28,29	Fall Conference at Fairlakes Hyatt



### ***CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST***

During the month of August, the Club made the following donations:

Eye exams (14)	\$ 420
Eyeglasses(12)	778
Lions of Virginia Foundation	750
Fredericksburg War Memorial Fund	100

Activities other than cash donations included: (1) August 11 dinner program by Lion Dick Stephens on his foreign travels, (2) August 25 dinner program by the Fall Line Blue Grass Band, (3) Sight and Hearing Screening Van at Harrison Road Community Center on August 13 and at Bragg Hill on August 27, and (4) President Jack Rowley and Secretary Bob Sexton attended Visitation and Awards banquet at Park West Lions in Manassas on August 28.

### ***SIGHT AND HEARING VAN***

On August 13 the club worked the Sight and Hearing Van at the Harrison Road Community Center. Under the direction of Lion Ken Lapin along with Lions Zeleznock, Snyder, and Moore, a total of 18 persons were screened. Five hearing screenings were abnormal with two being referred. Seven vision screenings were abnormal with 2 referrals. Of the 14 glaucoma screenings none were abnormal.

On August 27 the Club screened 45 individuals at the Bragg Hill Community Center Day. Lions Stephens, Gramann, Stitt, Tully, and Cook worked the van as did Elaine Cook. There were 24 hearing referrals, 14 vision referrals, and one glaucoma referral.

## ***UPCOMING MEETINGS***

September 8 will be our annual fall picnic to be held at the home of Lion Rick Decatur and Lioness Margi. As usual this will be an outstanding event with great food and great fellowship.

At the September 22 dinner meeting we will be having a program by Janel Donahue of the Rappahannock United Way.

## ***VISITATION/AWARDS DINNER***

President Jack Rowley and Secretary Bob Sexton attended the Visitation/Awards Dinner at the Park West Lions Club building in Manassas on August 28, 2005. Although King Lion Jack was a little late due to a tour of Manassas compliments of Mapquest, he did finally make it. The Club did very well with awards for the 2004-2005 Lions year. Major awards received included: State Achievement Award, Presidents Excellence, 100 % Secretary, and Best Two-page Newsletter. In addition, we received the Region V Club of the Year Award.

## ***WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENTS***

The White House Christmas ornaments, our newest fund raiser, have arrived. The selling price is \$17 each. See Jack Rowley to get your supply. Please try to sell to your friends and neighbors. These make very nice Christmas presents.

## ***DIRECTORY UPDATES***

**Please remember to let the Club secretary know if you have any changes in the information printed in the handbook, such as address, phone number, or email address.** The new handbook has gone to the printer and should be ready by September 8.



## ***OCTOBER RETREAT***

On October 13 we will hold our retreat in lieu of our regular dinner meeting. King Lion Jack is taking a slightly different approach this year. Each Board member will be calling a group of members to get the responses to six questions. Our King Lion will compile the answers and have a preliminary review for the October Board meeting. In order that members may give some thought before being called, the questions are listed below:

1. What do you like most about being a Lion and being a member of the Fredericksburg Host Lions?
2. What are the three most important improvements that you could recommend for the Club?
3. How do you recommend that we increase Club membership?
4. Are there areas where you would like to be more involved with Lions?
5. Should we have more fun activities in place of meetings?
6. Do you have any other thoughts or comments about the Lions?

Please be candid in your responses which can remain anonymous. We have a great Lions Club and the purpose of this exercise is to make it better.

## ***HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF***

LCIF has made grants for relief for victims of Hurricane Katrina. They are encouraging donations to LCIF which will also be used for that purpose. The Lions of Virginia is trying to put together a relief effort state-wide but details are not yet known. In the meantime, the Board approved a \$250 donation to the Red Cross and will likely approve additional funds for relief efforts. Burk Host Lions took matters into their own hands and delivered three tons of water to victims. They worked through the National Guard and made the delivery in Fort Shelby, Alabama. More to come later.