

March

Birthdays

Lion Kasey Campbell – 5th
Lion Yvonne May – 8th
Lion Karrie Lyons – 12th



Anniversaries

Lion Bruce Young – ‘66
Lion Bentley Crabtree – ‘97



Dates to Remember

Mar 9: Region Meeting, Smithfield Center
Mar 14: Smithfield Lions Monthly Meeting
Mar 19: Riverside Nursing Home Activity, 2 PM
Apr 1 & 15: First Smithfield Lions Cruz-Ins for 2011
Apr 2: Region 2 Bland, Great Bridge Presbyterian
Apr 8 & 9: White Cane at True Value Hardware
Apr 9: Leadership Day, Sarah Hudgins Center, NN
Apr 11: Smithfield Lions Monthly Meeting
Apr 14: District Bland, Location TBD
Apr 16: District Meeting/Governor's Ball

For information on any of these events, contact any club officer or refer to the Knights Vision.



Meeting: Second Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Smithfield Station
415 S. Church Street
Smithfield, VA

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President's Message

Fellow Lions,

"You can make something of your life or you can do nothing with it. It's up to you." So says a very remarkable lady named Diane Rose!

Diane is an artist—and an exceptional one at that! But she doesn't paint on canvass or throw clay—she works her magic with fabrics, needles and thread. Diane quilts—and is very prolific at it. She created 500 quilts between 1998 and 2008! She recently completed her 600th quilt and is pressing ahead towards number 700!! Her designs are ornate and intricate. Most of her quilts are created the old fashioned way by hand-stitching patches of cloth together. But she's also a master with a sewing machine!! It's a shame, however, that she's never seen one of her finished projects. As you may have guessed, since I'm writing about her, Diane is blind. She is known as the Amazing Quilter—the only – known totally blind quilter!

Vision-impaired with glaucoma all her life, Diane became blind as a result of an accident in 1984, a mere four days before she was to undergo a cornea transplant. She's uses her lack of sight as a springboard to give motivational talks! When asked how she feels about being handicapped, she quickly springs into action. According to Diane, she doesn't have a handicap—her blindness is merely an inconvenience. "The way I look at it, if I can do what I have done, without sight, how much more can you do?" Diane uses her talent to motivate others to achieve their true potential.

Diane's achievements are considerable. Without sight, she became heavily involved in the Nashville music scene as a journalist covering various aspects and personalities in country music. Her connections resulted in quilts being sold to many of Nashville's biggest stars like Loretta Lynn.



Remember to bring spare change to the March meeting in support of Diabetes Camp

I'm proud to say Smithfield Lions are doing their part to help others achieve their full potential! Just last Wednesday, Lion Betty Payne performed Pediavision screening on over 32 children at Benn's Church Preschool. Many of us who've seen Pediavision results are floored at the number of children requiring referrals—in some cases as much as 40% of those screened! In addition to Pediavision, Lion Linda Steffey has collected nearly 1,200 eyeglasses over the past two years for recycling. Finally, we're in the process of procuring eyeglasses for a Smithfield H.S. student. The student's mom recently passed away and he now lives with a brother. We're getting our Leo Club involved as we procure eyeglasses for their classmate!

Diane Rose is an example to many. President Bush has one of her quilts hanging in his office in Crawford, Texas! According to Diane, "I use the quilts to show what I can do, in the face of the obstacles life has put in my way and God has helped me overcome." For all you do to help the handicapped overcome obstacles—I remain proud to be a Smithfield Lion and your president!

Lion Tim



January's Month Ending Balances:

Administrative Account: \$2062.83

Activities Account: \$10,482.40

Certificates of Deposit:

Project Lifesaver: \$3,132.60

General Funds, Activities: \$3,568.98



Remember to call Lion Sol. He needs to know if you're coming to the March meeting: 484-7146

Traveling Leo Report

Goal: Visit every Zone Club this year!

Boykins - 👍 Sept

Franklin - 👍 Oct

Surry - 👍 Jan

Western Branch - 👍 Feb

Suffolk or Windsor - Next

Third quarter dues are due

MARCH PROGRAM

Nomination of Club Officers



EYEGLASS RECYCLING CENTER

Please bring recyclable eyeglasses to our monthly meetings until further notice.

New Eyeglass Recycling Center hours and dates of operation are TBD. Lions Betty Payne and Bruce Young will provide details soon.