

# April

## Birthdays

*Lion Charlie Daniels – 20<sup>th</sup>*



## Anniversaries

*Lion Linda Steffey – 2010*

*Lion Karrie Lyons – 2010*

*Lion David Lyons – 2010*



## Dates to Remember

- Apr 8 & 9: White Cane, True Value Hardware
- Apr 9: Leadership Day, Sarah Hudgins Center, NN
- Apr 11: Smithfield Lions Monthly Meeting
- Apr 15: Cruz-In at Charlie Daniels
- Apr 16: Riverside Nursing Home Activity, 2 PM
- Apr 16, Audible Easter Egg Hunt, Bayville Farms Park
- Apr 16: Annual Journey for Sight 5K Run/Walk
- Apr 16: District Meeting/Governor's Ball
- Apr 23: Car Show, Riverside Nursing Home, 10 AM
- Apr 26: Smithfield H.S. Spring Concert
- Apr 29 – May 1: Lions Diabetes Family Camp

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

Smithfield Lions Club  
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Smithfield, VA 23430

## **“BETWEEN THE LIONS”**

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### President's Message

Fellow Lions,

Brennan Daigle celebrated his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Brennan deserves more birthdays but it isn't possible. Brennan has a very rare cancer in which muscular tumors attach to his bones. Doctors told his family there's nothing more they can do—Brennan only has a few weeks remaining.

Brennan has always loved the Army. His mother created a Facebook page called Brennan's Brigade to keep family and friends informed of his condition. Postings to the page have come from around the world to include soldiers in Afghanistan who attached a photo of themselves holding an American flag encouraging Brennan to remain "Army Strong!"

Brennan's greatest wish was to meet some soldiers in person. The Fort Polk Community Relations Office put out a call for a few soldiers to attend Brennan's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday party--40 showed up!

Brennan was told he was going fishing with his father. But when he got out of his dad's truck, he was greeted by a formation of soldiers, standing at attention in front of a National Guard Humvee. Brennan was speechless as the soldiers shouted "Happy Birthday Brennan" and broke into applause.

Brennan got to sit behind the wheel of the Humvee. He giggled! Then the troops took him for a spin. Afterwards he was led to the front of the formation where he shook hands with each soldier. Then he was inducted into the Army as an honorary member, given a commemorative coin symbolizing merit & excellence and a military jacket with his name stitched to the garment. Some of the soldiers admitted the event put things into perspective—especially for those taking their own children for granted. For others—it was a reminder of how fortunate most of us are!



**Remember to bring spare change to the April meeting in support of Eyeglass Recycling Center**

Community service isn't a rare commodity among the men and women in our military—nor is it for Smithfield Lions. This year we've donated at least 20 holiday meals to the most isolated and downtrodden in our area. We've donated several pairs of eyeglasses to those who simply can't afford them. We just made a sizeable donation to LCIF for disaster relief in Japan. Finally, we've spent hundreds of hours entertaining residents at the Riverside Nursing Home. For the residents at Riverside, the time we spend with them, to include picking items off of the prize cart, is their opportunity to once again bask in the spotlight. They love the attention---it's well deserved! We should never under-estimate the impact we're having on folks who too often think they've been tossed aside. They're the folks Lions exist for!

As for Brennan, it took a while for his new honor to sink in. He asked his mom the day after his birthday, "Am I really in the Army?" His mom assured him he was. Brennan responded, "That's awesome!" For all of the awesome things you do month in and month out, I remain proud to be a Smithfield Lion and your president!

Lion Tim



### February's Month Ending Balances:

Administrative Account: \$2411.58  
Activities Account: \$10,495.47  
Certificates of Deposit:  
Project Lifesaver: \$3,132.99  
General Funds, Activities: \$3,569.43



**Remember** to call Lion Sol. He needs to know if you're coming to the April 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

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**Fourth quarter dues are due**

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### APRIL PROGRAM

Election 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.