

May

Birthdays

Lion Bruce Young – 19th
Lion Susan Castonguay – 31st



Anniversaries

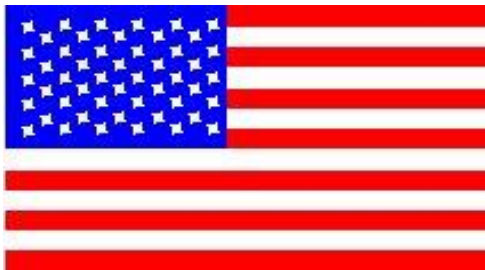
Lion Bruce Steffey – 1977
Lion Betty Taylor – 1992



Dates to Remember

May 6 & 20: Smithfield Lions Cruz-In (6-9 PM)
May 9: Smithfield Lions Monthly Meeting (7 PM)
May 19-22: State Convention, Richmond, VA
May 21: Riverside Nursing Home Activity (2 PM)
Jun 3 & 17: Smithfield Lions Cruz-In (6-9 PM)
Jun 11: Sight & Hearing Van Bowl-A-Thon
Jun 13: Smithfield Lions Monthly Meeting
Jun 18: Riverside Nursing Home Activity
Jun 25: Smithfield Olden Days (Lions Booth)

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,

Randy Pierce is a passionate guy. He loves football—he's a former "Fan of the Year" for the New England Patriots. I'm not certain what an avid fan must do to receive such distinction—but I'm sure he had to go well beyond body painting and walking around topless in a frozen stadium!

You should also know a few other things about Randy. He's an accomplished Electrical Engineer. He's the subject of an Emmy-nominated HBO documentary. He's also an exceptional dart-player, inspirational speaker and he plans to climb all of New Hampshire's 48 highest peaks by the year 2020! Each peak exceeds 4,000 ft in elevation!

Oh, by the way, Randy is also blind! An unknown neurological disorder began claiming Randy's vision in 1989 and by 2001, he was completely blind. Thanks to his first guide-dog, Ostend, Randy learned to overcome the challenges of losing his sight. But, in 2005, Ostend died. The disorder in Randy's life led to his confinement in a wheelchair.

Randy has since acquired a new guide dog—The Mighty Quinn. With the help of Quinn, Randy worked his way to full mobility and eventually began taking hikes. Randy says, "The greatest challenge to achieving through adversity is learning to believe in yourself, and then it's learning to identify and resolve problems as you approach your goals."

Randy created an organization to help him achieve the goal of climbing "the 48" tallest peaks—it's called "2020 Vision Quest." It's bringing a lot of attention to macular degeneration and other vision issues. More importantly, Randy replaced his crutches with a hiking stick! He now "sees" opportunities where others would see obstacles!



Remember to bring spare change to the May meeting in support of District Bland Competition

Randy fell victim to an unexpected disability. However, he's a great example of why there are no "throw aways" in our society. Just look at all the good he's going to accomplish for the blind and handicapped by his example. Likewise, Smithfield Lions are enablers for our newly established Leo Club, elderly at Riverside, those who need the eyeglasses and hearing aids we collect, and for all of the health screenings we've done and will do again at Smithfield's Olden Days in June.

Finally, Lion Bruce Young is about to have an audience with Smithfield community leaders about making the newly developed nature walk handicapped accessible. For these reasons, and many more, Smithfield Lions have once again been named Community Ambassadors--a significant award for a club that holds community service as a cornerstone of its existence.

Randy has gone from a complete loss of balance to conquering the tallest peaks of New Hampshire's White Mountains. For all you do to help us leap tall obstacles—I remain proud to be a Smithfield Lion and your president!

Lion Tim



March's Month Ending Balances:

Administrative Account: \$2907.85

Activities Account: \$9,729.42

Certificates of Deposit:

Project Lifesaver: \$3,133.77

General Funds, Activities: \$3,570.33



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

Traveling Leo Report

Goal: Visit every Zone Club this year!

Boykins - 👍 Sept

Franklin - 👍 Oct

Surry - 👍 Jan

Western Branch - 👍 Feb

Windsor - 👍 Apr

Suffolk - May

Fourth quarter dues are due

MAY PROGRAM

Ms. Leila Rice: ForKids



EYEGLOSS RECYCLING CENTER

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

New Eyeglass Recycling Center hours and dates of operation are can be obtained from Lions Betty Payne and Bruce Young.