

## June

### Birthdays

*Lion Terry Castonguay – 10<sup>th</sup>*

*Lion Linda Sherfey – 19<sup>th</sup>*



### Membership Anniversaries

*Lion Yvonne – 2010*

### Dates to Remember

Jun 8: 24-D District Meeting, Topping, VA (7 PM)

Jun 11: Sight & Hearing Van Bowl-A-Thon,  
Indian River Lanes (1-3 PM)

Jun 13: Smithfield Lions Monthly Meeting

Jun 17: Smithfield Lions Cruz-In (6-9 PM)

Jun 18: Riverside Nursing Home Activity

Jun 21: Final Traveling Leo of Year (Suffolk Club)

Jun 25: Smithfield Olden Days (Lions Booth)

July 1 & 15: Smithfield Lions Cruz-In (6-9 PM)

July 8: Classic Car Owners Appreciation Rally

Charlie Daniels Racing (6-9 PM)

July 11: Smithfield Lions Monthly Meeting

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  
c/o Lion Tim Marinelli  
106 Harrison Drive  
Smithfield, VA 23430

## “BETWEEN THE LIONS”

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### President's Message

Fellow Lions,

Gander, Newfoundland was once dubbed the "biggest gas station in the world." During the 1940's & 50's, every overseas flight stopped there before crossing the Atlantic. Jumbo jets eventually made stops at Gander obsolete. As a result, the small north coast community returned to the quiet lifestyle it knew before the era of aviation. No one could foresee this community becoming the finest example of humanity during one of humanity's darkest hours!!

In the immediate aftermath of the attacks on 9-11, all air traffic was grounded. Gander, which handles 8 domestic flights a day, received 38 jumbo jets. Some 7,000 passengers & crews became instant refugees seeking humanitarian assistance. Gander, with only 500 hotel beds, absorbed the near doubling of its population without hesitation. Gander residents immediately responded with incredible kindness and generosity. Locals rushed home-cooked meals to the airport terminal and temporary shelters. Folks from Gander comforted passengers as they learned about the attacks. Two passengers, Hannah and Dennis O'Rourke, became immediately concerned for the wellbeing of their son, a NY firefighter. Beulah Cooper, a local, made it her mission to comfort the O'Rourkes in any way possible. Sadly, it was later learned their concerns were more than justified.

Since passengers couldn't access their luggage, residents donated clothes and opened their stores--free of charge! Prescriptions were filled by the only two pharmacies in Gander at no-cost. Residents gave unfettered access to their homes and cars. Striking school bus drivers put differences aside and drove their guests anywhere they wanted to go. For four days, Gander unselfishly offered help, comfort and hope to strangers simply because they could!



**Remember to bring spare change to the June meeting. We'll select a worthy cause during the meeting!**

For 2 years I've written about heroes like the good folks of Gander. My first two messages were about heroes I know well—Smithfield Lions! In the past 2 years we've started a Leo Club, parked over 2200 cars, entertained the elderly, collected nearly 1,000 eyeglasses, donated to relief efforts in Haiti and Japan, reinvigorated Bland competitions, delivered food baskets, screened the young and elderly, donated \$2300 to the replacement Sight & Hearing Van, refurbished eyeglass drop-boxes, hosted region & district meetings and were twice designated as Smithfield Community Ambassadors. In short, you've unselfishly served simply because you could!

Since Gander residents refused to accept monetary thanks, passengers established a college fund for Gander students. The fund has grown to over \$900,000! As Canada is proud of Gander, I'll forever be proud that I'm a Smithfield Lion! Thank you for the opportunity to have served as your president these last 2 years!!

Lion Tim



### April's Month Ending Balances:

Administrative Account: \$3,128.62  
Activities Account: \$10,473.89  
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 June meeting: 484-7146

### Traveling Leo Report

**Goal: Visit every Zone Club this year!**

Franklin - 🐾 Oct

Surry - 🐾 Jan

Western Branch - 🐾 Feb

Windsor - 🐾 Apr

Suffolk – June 21st

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**Fourth quarter dues are due**

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### JUNE PROGRAM

Club Awards



### 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.