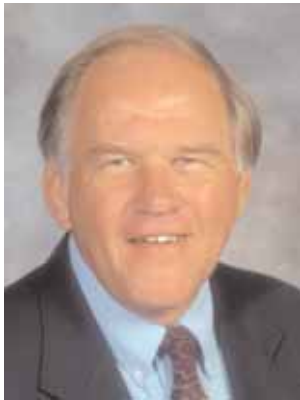




Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month starting at 12:15 p.m. at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center, Mercury Blvd. & I-64, Hampton, VA

## President's Message



A belated Happy Happy New Year to all of you. All of us who attended our Christmas Party on Monday, December 15, at the Hampton Yacht Club really enjoyed the celebration, excellent food and fellowship. Lion Patsy deserves special thanks for organizing this party. If you have not paid \$20 for your party guests, please give it to Lion Patsy at the January 2 meeting or mail it to her before January 5.

Lion Don Smith still has 20 books of LOVF raffle tickets left to distribute. Lion Doug Dwyer will be collecting the LOVF ticket monies between now and next spring.

Lion Don Fuller will be awarded a special service certificate at our January 9, 2009 meeting for his work as Leo Club Advisor in 2008. Unfortunately, this activity had to be terminated due to lack of Leo Club members and commitments to other Hampton Mercury Lions Club activities.

We received a very nice thank you note from Anne Caruso for our \$50 donation to the Downtown Hampton Child Development Center Blast Off 2009. This Blast Off 2009, a family FUNdraiser is scheduled for Saturday, January 31, 2009, 11 am to 4 pm at the Virginia Air and Space Center. Tickets are \$25 per adult, which includes a catered lunch, IMAX movie and Virginia symphony performance.

I received a summary accounting of the White Cane sales in our District from Lion Pat Kerr last week; 23 clubs participated with a total of \$31,254.01! The Norfolk Host Lions Club collected the most with a total of \$9K. Our total of \$1,127.50 put us in the upper half of all clubs participating. Many thanks for a job well done.

This year's Governors Ball to honor our Past District Governors will be held on February 14, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Patriot, 3032 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA. Room reservations must be made prior to February 4 to receive the special \$69 rate. A cash bar will open at 6 pm with a buffet dinner to follow at 7 pm. The cost for your registration by February 1, the Governor's Ball pin, dinner and dance will be \$40. Make checks payable to District 24-D and reference "Governor's Ball".

I strongly encourage everyone to actively find new members for the Hampton Mercury Lions Club. We need additional support if we plan to continue our many activities.

Happy New Year to all,

*Lion Tom*

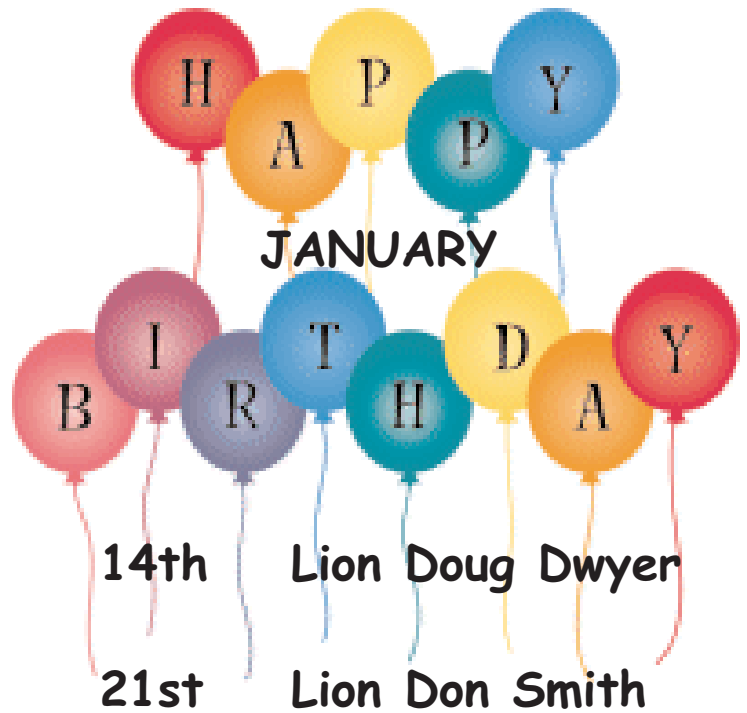




# Calendar

## January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 6 12:15 p.m. Regular Club Meeting followed by Board of Directors Meeting
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 20 Presidential Inauguration Day  
12:15 p.m. Regular Club Meeting



## The 2009 State Convention

The District 24-D web site incorrectly lists the dates for the 2009 Virginia Lions State Convention. The correct dates are 28-31 May 2009 at the Sheraton Premier – Tysons Corner, Vienna VA. More information is forthcoming, but keep the correct date marked on your calendar.

## 2009 RAM Project

The dates for the 2009 RAM Project are 23-26 July. It may sound like a long way off, but if you're interested in helping next summer then you may want to get hotel reservations now while there are still plenty of rooms available. More information will be available soon.

If you have an item you'd like to appear in this newsletter email [SueParr@Cox.Net](mailto:SueParr@Cox.Net) or call 757-579-2819.



Lion Susie, Editor

**Mathews Lions Club**  
your host for the March 10, 2009  
**Region I Meeting**  
Invites you to join us  
for another one of our renowned meals

### Oysters

Plus all the other good stuff & **ALL YOU CAN EAT 6:00 PM**  
Social - 7:00 PM  
Dinner Don't forget the wonderful door prizes! Place:  
Piankatank Ruritan  
Club on Route 198 just outside of Mathews  
For information call: (804) 725-9536 or (804) 725-3278



Lion Jim Adams, Manager of District 24-D's Eyeglass Recycling Center, will speak at our meeting on Tuesday, January 20th. This is a meeting you don't want to miss!

# 2009 GOVERNORS BALL

Dear Fellow Lions:

Once again it is time to plan to celebrate and honor our Past District Governors and the time is very near!! This year's ball will be February, 14, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Patriot, 3032 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Room reservations must be made prior to February 4, 2009. Special room rates are \$69.00 which includes an All American Breakfast Buffet. Call 757-565-2600 or 1-800-446-6001 to make your reservations TODAY. YOU MUST TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE LIONS' GOVERNOR'S BALL TO RECEIVE THIS RATE.

A cash bar will be set up at 6:00 P.M. with dinner to follow at 7:00 P.M. The cost for your registration, the Governor's Ball pin, dinner and dance will be \$40.00. Dinner will consist of a GREAT buffet where you will have several choices. Reservations must be received by February 1, 2009. Make checks payable to District 24-D and reference Governor's Ball. Send to PDG Debbie Ivey, 14810 Cypress Bank Road, Providence Forge, VA 23140. If you have questions, please call PDG Debbie at 757-406-9433 (cell), 804-966-5870 (home) or 804-966-5870 (work).

We will be celebrating not only our Past District Governors but our own country, the great United States of America and all those that have served. We will have special entertainment after dinner and then dance the night away "The Dukes".

There will be a Cabinet meeting at 2:00 P.M. I look forward to seeing you there!!

Yours in Lionism,  
*PDG Debbie Ivey*

**LET'S HONOR OUR PAST  
DISTRICT GOVERNORS**



**AND THE GREAT  
UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA**

**Saturday, February 14, 2009  
Holiday Inn Patriot  
3032 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA**

**Cabinet Meeting 2:00 P.M.  
Cash Bar 6:00 P.M.  
Dinner 7:00 P.M.**

Buffet Dinner with lots of choices: \$40.00 per person  
Includes: Registration, Governor's Ball pin, Dinner and Dance  
Dress: 40's, Red, White & Blue, "As you are" or Formal  
Just be there in something!

**SPECIAL  
ENTERTAINMENT**

**Music and Dancing Following Entertainment  
by "The Dukes"**

## RESERVATIONS FOR 2009 GOVERNOR'S BALL:

NUMBER ATTENDING:	AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$
NAMES:	
TELEPHONE:	LIONS CLUB:

# The Michelob Ultra Open May 4th - 10th, 2009

## This is a Lions Charity Foundation of District 24-D Revenue Sharing Program

**\$20,000 will be distributed  
to Lions Clubs in the District  
for helping with this event**

**Volunteer today!**

**An application is available in  
The Knights Vision  
District 24-D's Newsletter  
You can find it online at  
[www.District24D.com](http://www.District24D.com)**

### **Lion Doc's Corner**

Dan was a single guy living at home with his father and working in the family business. When he found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father died, he decided he needed a wife with which to share his fortune.

One evening at an investment meeting he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away. "I may look like just an ordinary man," he said to her, "but in just a few years, my father will die, and I'll inherit 20 million dollars." Impressed, the woman obtained his business card and three days later, she became his stepmother.



Women are so much better at estate planning than men.

The late Lion Doc Clodfelter had a truly wonderful sense of humor. This column was Lion Doc's idea. Let's keep it alive by sharing items that bring smiles. Please send your contributions to [SueParr@Cox.Net](mailto:SueParr@Cox.Net).

*Proud grandmother, Lion Grace McGee, shares this photo of her namesake, Gracie. The photo was taken on a recent visit.*

*It's easy to see why Lion Grace is brimming with pride over this beautiful little girl.*



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