



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

DISTRICT 31-E NEWSLETTER

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**BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW
THROUGH SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP**

AUGUST 2002

Governor's Message

Lion Judy and I had just returned from Osaka, Japan and before I had a chance to sit down in my easy chair, it was off to Leader Dogs for the Blind for the weekend!

Our trip to Osaka was long and tiring. I was in class for five days of excellent training to learn how to become an effective District Governor for our great district. We started class at 8:00 AM and class was over at 5:00 PM. We had a working lunch on several occasions. I assure you that your District Governor had his hands full trying to learn how we could apply all the new programs of our International President, Lion Kay Fukushima.

There are many interesting new ways to build our leadership, provide service to our communities, and grow our membership. If we will put in practice the many suggestions, as outlined in Lion Kay's program, we will find that Lions Clubs around the world will benefit greatly. It will be a new generation of Lions working for the common good of all!

Please read the article on page four for a brief outline of the goals and programs this year. Also, I strongly encourage you to read the next issue of our North Carolina Lions Foundation Newsletter. Collectively the nine District Governors plan to present the International Presidents' program for this year. Now I'm trying to figure out how I can condense what I learned over five days to a twenty-minute speech.

While I was in training in Osaka Lion Judy and some of her new found friends were off seeing the sights, shopping and learning the subway system in Osaka. Can you believe that while we Governors were hard at work, our wives were out seeing the town?

One of the highlights was attending the Twinning Luncheon where we were paired with a couple from Bangladesh. The start of the Convention found us marching in the parade at Universal Studios Japan where we waved and cheered for North Carolina.

We have just returned home from Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan. We flew from Charlotte on Saturday morning to Detroit and returned home late Sunday night. Lion Judy and I were very impressed with the Leader Dog School for the Blind. We, as Lions, can be very proud of the facility and what it does for the blind around the world. I wish that each of you could have heard the speakers who told what their dogs had helped them accomplish.

Closer home, we, as Lions of North Carolina, can be very proud of what has been accomplished at our own Camp Dogwood. It is a great facility and admired by all who visit. You could never visit at a better time than while the camping season is in session. If you would like to schedule a club meeting or take new or prospective members to see the camp, just call Camp Dogwood to make arrangements. Just as a reminder, we will have a District Cabinet meeting at Camp Dogwood on May 18th, 2003. That is one week before the Camp opens next summer.

Directory Corrections

Please make the following corrections in your Directory for 2002-2003:

Page 27: International Association of Lions Clubs phone number should be **(630) 571-5466**. It is correct on page 28.

Pages 35 & 40: **Lion Harvey Whitley's** Business phone number should be **(704) 821-0981** and the fax number is **(704) 821-9803**.

Page 36: **Lion Diane Whitley's** e-mail address should be: lionpdg31e@aol.com.

Pages 16 & 41: **Lion Georgianne Jenkins** is moving back to Concord and the new address is **250 Scenic Drive, Concord, NC 28025**. The phone number is **(704) 721-3315**.

Page 19: **Stanfield Lions Club** has changed their meetings to the **2nd and 4th Thursdays at the Senior Center, 105 Poplar Street, Stanfield at 7:00 pm**.

Program Speakers for Clubs

Lion Georgianne Jenkins, whose new address appears above, asked us to remind the clubs that she will be available for programs on the environment as the Environment Chairman and would love to give their club a program.

Also send a copy of your club newsletter to **Lion Georgianne** who is also chair of the Bulletins Committee.

Other Committee Chairs will also be happy to come and present a program for your clubs. They are listed on pages 34 – 41 of the directory. (Also you can count a program by a District Chairman on the points contest – item #34.) **Please give them a call!**

WHITE CANE 2002-2003

It soon will be time to begin another *White Cane Drive!* Our **Kickoff Meeting will be on August 28th** at Jay's Seafood Restaurant in Albemarle. The meal will begin at 6:30 pm and the meeting will start at 7:00. Jay's Seafood is located at 40439 Stoney Gap Road which turns off of Highway 52 about two miles south of Albemarle. Turn left on Stoney Gap Road if you are going south from Albemarle. Jay's is approximately one-fourth mile on the left. The cost of the buffet meal is \$9.00, which includes beverage and gratuity. Pay at the door.

Every Club should be represented at this meeting by its President, Secretary, White Cane Chair and any other interested Lions. Vital information will be presented. Our Humanitarian/White Cane Chair for the District is **Lion Betty Hinson** from the Unionville Lions Club and the State Chair for Humanitarian/White Cane is **Lion Sid Scruggs**, Past International Director. Let's encourage them that night by bringing a contribution to start the ball rolling for another record setting year!

The White Cane total contributions for District 31-E for 2001-2002, was \$136,900 and for the State, the total was \$844,059. A full report will be given at the White Cane Workshop.

Some Helpful Rules to Live By

- Never give up.
 - Learn to listen. God gave you two ears and one mouth; listen twice as much as you talk.
 - Always be positive and enthusiastic in everything you do. Positive people attract other positive people.
 - Cause something good to happen.
 - Under promise and over deliver.
 - Accept the fact that we live in an imperfect world.
 - Give praise in public. Criticize in private.
- Borrowed from the Methodist Healthcare Publication.

Traveling with the Governor



Please review the dates to be sure that my planned visit does not conflict with an important event in your club. Please consider my visit to your club as your program. We will have a short Board of Directors meeting after the club visit. I look forward to being with you!

August 1	Wadesboro Lions Club
August 5	Central Lions Club
August 6	Spencer Lions Club
August 8	Locust Lions Club
August 9	NCLF Executive Committee Meeting
August 10	State Council & NCLF Installation
August 11	NCLF Board Meeting Holiday Inn, Salisbury
August 12	Indian Trail Lions Club
August 13	Arcadia Lions Club
August 15	Kannapolis Lions Club
August 19	Mt.Ulla Lions Club
August 20	Oakboro Lions Club
August 22	Linwood Lions Club
August 28	White Cane Kick Off!!!! Jay's Seafood, Albemarle
September 3	Rockwell Lions Club
September 5	Salisbury Lions Club 70 th Anniversary
September 9	Livingstone College Lions Club Charter Night
September 10	Hasty Lions Club
September 12	Midland Lions Club
September 17	Harrisburg Lions Club
September 18 – 22	USA/Canada Forum Fort Worth, TX
September 23	Unionville Lions Club
September 24	West Lexington Lions Club
September 25	Albemarle Lions Club
September 26	Landis Lions Club
October 1	Welcome Lions Club
October 2	Salisbury Lions Club

October 3	Aquadale Lions Club
October 7	Fair Grove Lions Club
October 8	Norwood Lions Club
October 10	Mount Pleasant Lions Club
October 13-17	VIP Fishing Tournament Outer Banks, NC
October 21	Cleveland Lions Club
October 24 (noon)	Thomasville Lions Club
October 24	Stanfield Lions Club
October 30	District Cabinet Meeting Hook & Anchor, Welcome, NC

USA/Canada Leadership Forum

The USA/Canada Leadership Forum will be in Ft. Worth, Texas on September 19-21. The registration fee is \$155 if you register by August 15th. If you want to go and need a registration form, they are available on line at www.usa-canada-lions-forum.com/ or in The Lion magazine or contact District Governor Clarence Williford (704-788-4409).

VIP FISHING TOURNAMENT

On October 14th over 500 visually impaired along with Lion volunteers will converge on the Outer Banks for two days of fishing and seminars. Awards are given for their accomplishments during the exciting VIP Fishing Tournament. Lions who help always talk about the joy they experience just being part of this outing.

The expenses of the tournament are great and donations are needed. **Please ask your club to make a donation of at least \$25 to support a VIP fisherman.** Checks can be made payable to VIP Fishing Tournament and sent to Lion Ron Staley, Cabinet Secretary Treasurer who will forward them to the tournament.

Lion Sydney Eudy, Zone 4 Chair, has worked to make it possible for VIPs in our area to travel by chartered bus this year rather than in separate vans. Thanks to all the clubs that have made that possible.



TOOLS TO BUILD A BETTER TOMORROW

Lions International President, Kay K. Fukushima has challenged every Lion and every Lions Club to open the toolbox, take out the tools, and go to work “Building a Better Tomorrow” for Lionism in the 21st century.

New goals, innovative ideas, and assistance programs are being promoted to help all of the clubs and districts with their efforts.

The **goals** are to:

- Double in 2002-2003, and beyond, the average number of new clubs formed each year from 1100 to 2200
- Improve retention of club members by 50% or more
- Increase threefold the number of district governors achieving the 100% award
- Create trained groups of future Lion leaders
- Improve the image and prestige of Lions

The **program** designed to accomplish these goals includes:

- Tools: **A Club Builders Toolbox** is available from Club Supplies for \$14.95 plus postage. Sections within the toolbox are: membership programs, new member recruitment, networking, relationship building, improve club meetings, transfer of leadership, fund raising ideas, signature service projects, club retreats, building cadres of leaders, spotlighting leaders.
- Lion power: to engage Lions who want to make a difference. An International Area Impact Team has been created to motivate and help district leaders to organize new clubs and achieve program goals, including formation of MERL

teams, “Top Ten” Teams, District Orientation Teams, Certified Guiding Lion Teams.

- Motivation (Incentives and Recognition)

The plan is to build membership, *now* and for the *future*. We need to expand the number of Lions clubs in our district, whether it be Regular Lions clubs, New Century clubs, Campus clubs, Leo clubs or Branch clubs. Each club in District 31-E needs to grow their membership.

At the closing session of the District Governors Training in Osaka, the speaker was Past International President Bill Biggs. I would like to share some of his remarks with you:

Work enthusiastically! It’s all a process of hard work and determination.

Be the BEST Lion you can be! Have internal motivation, the kind that comes from the heart and forgets self.

Every person needs a push sometimes. We can change our lives by changing our attitude! Change your thoughts and you change your world.

Each of you has a foundation to build on. Use all of your talent.

As a leader of your club and district, will you accept the challenge to be part of the team that is working to build a better tomorrow?

REMINDERS

Send the Membership Report to International and to the Governor by the 3rd of the month.

Send copies of the Points and Activities Form to the DG, VDG, Region and Zone Chairs by the 3rd of the month.

Order Peace Poster Kits now.

If you have not received your Directory, it will be available at District meetings on July 31 and August 28.

LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE CHARTER NIGHT

Come and help us celebrate Livingstone College's Charter Night! Livingstone College is only the second college in North Carolina to form a College Campus Lions club and as far as known is the first Historically Black College or University in the world to sponsor a bona fide Lions Club. Livingstone's Charter was granted by Lions Clubs International on April 16, 2002 with a total of 28 members. Twenty-three members are students and five members are faculty and college staff.

The Salisbury Lions Club sponsored the Livingstone College Club and is planning to attend the Charter Night as their Club meeting. The Salisbury Club has also purchased the Club Banner for the new Club, which will be presented on Charter Night. The gong, gavel and speaker's stand were donated by the Kannapolis Luncheon Club. All Clubs are urged to attend this important celebration and to make a monetary contribution to enable this young club to get a good start in Lionism.

**Salisbury Lions Club 70th Anniversary
Thursday, September 5, 2002
6:30 PM - Holiday Inn Salisbury**

**Speaker will be PDG Harvey F. Whitley,
2nd Vice President of the NC Lions
Foundation**

**Lions and guests are invited to
celebrate this event with us:
Cost is \$15.00 per person**

Reservations need to be in by August 29th.

Make check out to Salisbury Lions Club
and mail to:
Lion Robert T. Loeblein
410 Brownrigg Road
Salisbury, NC 28144
704-636-4766

**REGISTRATION AND DONATION FOR
LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE LIONS CLUB CHARTER NIGHT**

**WHEN: Monday, September 9, 2002 at 7:00 PM
Meal served at 8:00 PM**

**WHERE: Livingstone College, 701 West Monroe Street, Salisbury, NC
Aggrey Cafeteria, President's Board Room**

COST: \$11.00 per person.

Meal consists of salad, two meats, vegetables, dessert and tea and coffee.

Make checks payable to: Livingstone College Lions Club for a meal or a contribution.

PLEASE RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 4, 2002

NAME _____ CLUB _____ AMT _____

**Mail to: Livingstone College Lions Club
701 West Monroe Street
Salisbury, NC 28144
Attention: Rev. Jordan Boyd**

**Total Meal Cost _____
Donation _____
Check Total _____**

DISTRICT 31-E AWARDS

At the Awards Night Banquet on July 20th, Lion George Ohm, Immediate Past President, expressed his appreciation and presented plaques to those who served our district during 2001-2002. They included the Region and Zone Chairs, the State Council Committee Chairs, the NCLF Committee Chairs and the Unaffiliated Chairpersons. The following Awards were presented for 2001-2002:

Club Awards:

Best All Around Club – Thomasville Lions Club

Most Improved Club – Marshville Lions Club

Membership: Clubs with a net gain of 5 or more new members within each group.

Group I – none

Group II – **Mount Ulla Lions Club (5)**

Group III – **Harrisburg Lions Club (7)**

Group IV – none

Points Contest: Clubs with highest points within each group.

Group I – **Gold Hill Lions Club**

Group II – **Benton Heights Lions Club**

Group III – **Unionville Lions Club**

Group IV – **Salisbury Lions Club**

Bulletin Award presented by Dr. Jerry Bates:
Indian Trail Lions Club

Bulletin Certificates:
Concord Lions Club
Harrisburg Lions Club
Lexington Downtown Lions Club
Mt. Pleasant Lions Club

Community Improvement Award presented by David Smoot:
Denton Lions Club

Community Service Award presented by Gene Simpson:
Indian Trail Lions Club

Quinton Austin Membership Award:
Mount Ulla Lions Club

White Cane Award presented by Ron Staley:
Odell Lions Club

Organ and Tissue Procurement Award
presented by Don O. Byerly to the Club securing the most Eye, Organ and Tissue wills:
Churchland Lions Club

Individual Awards:

Best Secretary Award by Don and Marie Price:
Presented by Lion Marie Price of the Unionville Lions Club:
Lion Judy Williford –
Jackson Park Lions Club

Harold Harrison Membership Award presented by the Thomasville Lions Club in honor of Lion Harold Harrison for sponsoring the most new Lions:
Lion C.R. "Butch" Conrad –
Davis Townsend Lions Club

Jack Frank Award presented by PDG Jack Frank of the Central Lions Club to the Lion making the most one-on-one visits to VIP's:
Lion Glenda Gandy – Thomasville Lions Club

Outstanding Zone Chairperson Award by the Past District Governors of District 31-E:
Lion Diane B. Whitley –Benton Heights Lions Club

100% Secretary Award: Awarded to every Secretary who attends Officer Training School, sends Membership Reports postmarked by the 3rd day of the following month, attends 2 Zone Meetings, attends 2 Cabinet meetings, and submits the PU101 Report to the District Governor postmarked by April 30.

Lion Sarah Troublefield – Churchland Lions Club
Lion Georgianne Jenkins – Concord Lions Club
Lion Butch Conrad – Davis Townsend Lions Club
Lion Theresa Matthews – Denton Lions Club
Lion Rhodema Near – Harrisburg Lions Club
Lion Bob Michael – Hasty Lions Club
Lion Judy Williford – Jackson Park Lions Club
Lion Jim Gullede – Benton Heights Lions Club
Lion David Smoot, PDG – Thomasville Lions Club
Lion Betty Hayes – Welcome Lions Club
Lion Jim Walker, PDG – Unionville Lions Club

White Cane Award presented by Bennie Pugh to the Lion who raises the most money for White Cane: **Lion Phillip Castrovinci** – Concord Lions Club

District Governors Challenge Pins – Lions sponsoring two or more new Lions:

Albemarle	Lion Rob Brown (2)
Churchland	Lion Sarah Troublefield (3)
Concord	PDG Ron Staley (2)
Concord	PDG Bill Udovich (2)
Davis Townsend	Lion Butch Conrad (6)
Harrisburg	Lion Sydney Eudy (3)
Mount Ulla	Lion Joyce Adkins (2)
Mount Ulla	Lion John Steele (2)
Mt. Pleasant	Lion A. Murph (2)
Norwood	Lion Tom Sanders (2)
Odell	Lion Bill Measmer (2)
Thomasville	Lion Glenda Gandy (2)
Thomasville	PDG Aldeen Robbins (2)
Thomasville	PDG David Smoot (2)
West Lexington	Lion Bill Bullin (2)

Extension Awards:

First – Lion Wayne Kennerly – for Livingstone College Lions Club
Third – Lion Don Byerly, PDG – for Livingstone College Lions Club

Jack Stickley Fellows were presented to the following Lions for exemplary service to District 31-E:

Lion C. R. “Butch” Conrad – Davis Townsend Lions Club
Lion Jim Gullede – Benton Heights Lions Club (Progressive)
Lion Ken Berry – Churchland Lions Club
Lion Wayne Thonen – Salisbury Lions Club
Lion George Culp – Concord Lions Club (Progressive)
Lion Diane B. Whitley – Benton Heights Lions Club (Progressive)
Lion Theresa Matthews – Denton Lions Club
Lion Bruce Hayes – Welcome Lions Club
Lion Wayne Kennerly – Salisbury Lions Club (Progressive)

Melvin Jones Fellows were presented to:

Lion Clyde Rummage – Gold Hill Lions Club
Lion Don Byerly, PDG – Salisbury Lions Club (Progressive)

Ben Q. Forman Award: Presented by the Salisbury Lions Club, in honor of PDG Ben Q. Forman.
Chosen by the District Governor to **Exemplify the District Lion of the Year:**
Lion Andrew Darr – Hasty Lions Club

Special Presentation - International President's Certificate of Appreciation:

Lion Andrew Darr – Hasty Lions Club

Drawing for Bob Timberlake Print “Ray’s Moon” – drawn from all clubs meeting the DG’s Clinical Eye Research Goal of \$12.00 per member: **Pilot Lions Club**

DG George Ohm presented a gift of a Reclining Lion desk curio to CST Don Byerly, and a Gavel Desk Set to his sponsor and mentor, Dr. Ted James

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“ONE WORLD, ONE HEART”

IMPORTANT DATES

**AUGUST 9-11, 2002
NCLF AND STATE LIONS COUNCIL
Holiday Inn - Salisbury**

**AUGUST 28, 2002
WHITE CANE KICKOFF FOR 31-E
Jay’s Seafood - Albemarle**

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"Building A Better Tomorrow Through Service and Leadership"

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