



# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

## DISTRICT 31-E NEWSLETTER

**We Serve**

**Issue 1**

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

**July 2002**

### Governor's Message

It's hard to believe that this Lions year is here and time to begin another year for our great district. I also find it hard to believe that in a matter of a few days Lion Judy and I will be on our way to Osaka, Japan for District Governor training and our International Convention.

I find it a humbling experience to have the responsibility of leading this great district, which has had so many fantastic accomplishments! We have had such excellent leadership in our district in the past and I sincerely appreciate their help and advice along the way. I especially want to thank **District Governor George Ohm** and **Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Don Byerly, PDG** for the outstanding job they have done this past year. I am only beginning to comprehend the number of hours they have spent for our district.

Our theme for this year, "Building a Better Tomorrow Through Service and Leadership" reminds us that it takes every Lion and every Lions Club working together to make tomorrow a brighter day for those less fortunate. I am so thankful for each and every Lion who is part of this building team.

### Message to Club Presidents

For our Club Presidents, I would strongly encourage you to make a plan for your year. This is your year and what you accomplish starts July 1<sup>st</sup>. You are encouraged to prepare a

budget. Set goals for where you would like to see your membership to be come June 30, 2003. Make plans for raising funds and for interesting meetings and activities. Think of ways to change or improve on what the Club has done in the past! I would appreciate a copy of your goals for this Lions' year. Please include in your club goals the District Monetary Goals as found in the Directory.

### District Cabinet Meeting

The District Cabinet consists of all of the Committee Chairs, Club Presidents and Club Secretaries. Our first District Cabinet meeting will be at **Pfeiffer University on Wednesday, July 31, 2002 at 6:30 PM**. It is encouraged that all Cabinet members be present. **A registration form is enclosed.**

Club Presidents are encouraged to invite their Program Chairperson to come to the District Cabinet meeting. We will have a "break out" session at the end of the meeting for Clubs to be able to plan their program year with our District Committee Chairs. The Cabinet members will have their calendars and this will be an excellent opportunity to plan for "good" productive meetings during your Lions' Year.

The District Cabinet Chairs can give your club a good understanding of what is taking place in your zone, region, state and international in their subject area. Please don't miss this opportunity! All Lions are welcome at every Cabinet meeting, but we do need to know how many meals to plan. **Register by July 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

## Membership Growth

We need to continue to “grow” our membership. This continues to be one of our most pressing needs. I have often used the expression “many hands make a load go lighter.” This is the key to making our clubs more productive. In my own club, I wish we had more members just to do what we are trying to do now! Can you identify with this?

This year I am asking the **Region Chairs and Zone Chairs** to work together as a team with **each club Membership Committee**. The purpose is to be “pro-active” in membership growth. When we find a club that is having success getting new members, we want to let other Membership Committees know of their success. They may want to apply their “secret of success” in their club. When they find a club that is successful, they are to get the message out to our membership by use of the Governor’s Newsletter. We want to share success stories. We can learn from each other.

## Special Thanks

Our three District Training Sessions at the end of May were outstanding! I am so appreciative of all who participated and of the leaders who collectively did simply a fantastic job. **Lion Bennie Pugh** gave a very informative overview of what takes place in District 31-E and the state. **Lion Harvey Whitley** trained our incoming Presidents and gave them “Stuff Club Presidents Need to Know.” **Lion Ron Staley** trained our incoming Secretaries who have one of the most demanding jobs in Lionism. Thanks also to **Lion George Culp** for teaching the Tail Twisters, **Lion George Ohm** for working with District Chairs and Region and Zone Chairs, and **Lion Allan Thompson** for training new members. For those that attended, I know that your year is already off to an excellent start. If you were unable to attend and need help, please contact one of us. Again, my hat is off to these fine Lions.

## Fourth of July Celebration

This will be the first time that I can remember that I won’t be home on the Fourth of July with family doing some kind of cooking on the grill. This year during the Fourth I will find myself half way around the world in Osaka, Japan, but I’ll have my best friend, Lion Judy, with me. I’m sure that after what happened on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, July 4<sup>th</sup> will never be the same for this generation. It will be a time to celebrate our freedoms and an opportunity to reflect on where we have been in our country’s history and where our future will take us.

I wish you all the best of health, fun and fellowship during this time of celebration. Let us keep in our prayers those that are fighting for our freedom this very day.

THANK YOU, VETERANS!



**District Directories for 2002-2003** are available for every Club President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair and Program Chair. If you have not received your directory or if you need an extra one, please let me know: 704-788-4409 or [jwilliford@dialpoint.net](mailto:jwilliford@dialpoint.net).

**Club Secretaries** please send your Monthly Membership Report to International and to the District Governor by the **third** of the month. Also send copies of the Activities and Points Sheet to the DG, Vice District Governor, Region and Zone Chairs. This year’s **points sheet** is available for secretaries running Microsoft Excel 97, 98 or 2000. If you would like a copy, contact **Ron Staley** at [RSTALEY@carolina.rr.com](mailto:RSTALEY@carolina.rr.com) or 704-427-3043 and let him know which version of Excel you run on your computer.

## Give Credit Where Credit is Due

Now is a good time to recognize those who served your Club well during the last year or to honor anyone and at the same time to help the North Carolina Lions Foundation. Consider the following:

- ❖ Jack Stickley Fellowships – Cost \$500
- ❖ William L. Woolard “Partner-in-Service” Program
  - Levels: Founder \$100      Patron \$750
  - Supporter \$300    Ambassador \$1000
  - Friend \$500        Knight \$1250
  - Partner \$1500
- ❖ Engraved paver for the VIP Fragrance Garden at Camp Dogwood – Cost \$50
- ❖ A Memorial or Honorarium for any amount.

For more information, contact the District Chairperson or NCLF at 1-800-662-7401.

# White Cane

The total White Cane Contributions for District 31-E for 2001-2002 at this time appears to be over \$132,000! We will have the final report for you next month. Congratulations and thanks to all the Clubs and to **Lion Andy Darr** for all the hard work!

## WHITE CANE 2002-2003

It soon will be time to begin another *White Cane Drive*. Our **Kickoff Meeting will be on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** at Jay’s Seafood Restaurant in Albemarle. Every Club should be represented at this meeting by their President, Secretary, White Cane Chair and any other interested Lions. A lot of vital information will be presented. Our Humanitarian/White Cane Chair for the District is **Lion Betty Hinson** from the Unionville Lions Club. Let’s encourage her that night by bringing a contribution to start the ball rolling for another record setting year!

## Traveling with the Governor



I plan to use a three-month projection for club visits. **Please review the dates** to be sure that my planned visit does not conflict with an important event in your club and advise accordingly. Please do not have a speaker or program when I visit. 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!

July 2 – 13	International Convention Osaka, Japan
July 19 – 21	Leader Dog, Rochester, MI
July 22	Jackson Park Lions Club
July 25	Wallburg Lions Club
July 31	District Cabinet Meeting, Pfeiffer University

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!!!!

September 3	Rockwell Lions Club
September 5	Aquadale Lions Club
September 9	Unionville Lions Club
September 10	Hasty Lions Club
September 12	Midland Lions Club
September 18 – 22	USA/Canada Forum Fort Worth, TX
September 24	West Lexington Lions Club
September 25	Albemarle Lions Club
September 26	Landis Lions Club

## USA/Canada Leadership Forum

This year's Leadership Forum is in Ft. Worth, Texas on September 19-21. The USA/ Canada Forum is always an outstanding learning experience and the visit to "Cowtown" offers plenty to do in your free time. The registration fee is \$155 if you register by August 15<sup>th</sup>. If you want to go and need a registration form, they are available on line at [www.usa-canada-lions-forum.com/](http://www.usa-canada-lions-forum.com/) or in The Lion magazine or contact the District Governor (704-788-4409).

## "Dream of Peace"

The 2002-2003 Peace Poster Contest Kits are on sale now. Clubs need to go ahead and order the kit to present to a teacher at a middle school when schools reopen at the beginning of August. A Club may select one **winning poster** per contest sponsored and it **must be sent to the District Governor by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002**. The teachers will need at least two months to fit this project into their lesson plans.

All the rules and information are contained in the kit, which can be ordered from Club Supplies for \$7.95 plus tax. You can order by calling 1-800-710-7822 or online at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org). Posters can be displayed at various locations in the community along with information about Lions.

Last year's winner was featured in the June issue of The Lion magazine. One of the 23 merit award winners was from District 31-H who was presented a check for \$500 at our North Carolina State Convention.

If your Club has not participated in the Peace Poster Contest before, why not give it a try? If you have questions call Lion Judy Williford at 704-788-4409.

## Club News Goes Here!



Reading about what the Clubs in District 31-E are doing is always a favorite part of the Newsletter. Since we are going to press on the 24<sup>th</sup> of the month, we have not received the Activity Reports for June. When we get back from the International Convention we expect to have a box full of reports to read and summarize for the next Newsletter. It is very important for Club Secretaries to **let us know not only what your Club has been doing but what the Club is planning to do!** Two or three months in advance would really be appreciated!

If you find it difficult to fill out the **Points Sheets**, you might try having members fill out a personal Attendance and Activity Report at each meeting. They could list the **"Type of Activity"** such as anything they do to aid or assist any individual or group we serve; **"For Whom: Person/Organization"; "Hours"; "Miles"**. Then just add up the numbers. Many of the clubs have made up their own form. The **Concord Lions Club** has a good one. If you need a copy, contact **Lion Ron Staley**, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer.

We would like to get Points Sheets from all clubs but we especially want to hear about your Club activities. **If you want something announced in the Newsletter right away, it needs to reach the governor by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.**

Also, please **send news about club members** such as births, weddings, milestone birthdays or anniversaries, serious illnesses and deaths.

Use your local newspaper to **keep the community informed** about what Lions are doing!

# DISTRICT 31-E AWARDS BANQUET

**Date:** Saturday, July 20, 2002

**Where:** First Baptist Church  
223 North Fulton Street  
Salisbury, NC 28144

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Cost:** \$10.00 per person

**Menu:** Baked Chicken Breast  
Cranberry Relish  
Potatoes Au Gratin  
Dilly Green Beans  
Rolls and Dessert  
Beverage

**Please join us in celebration of an outstanding Lionistic year! Business Casual Dress.**

Directions: From I-85 turn west on Hwy 52 (Innes Street), go through square (Main Street) – Fulton Street is 2<sup>nd</sup> block past Confederate Statue – turn right (North) on Fulton – First Baptist Church is in the second block on right – turn right at traffic light – park in rear.

**Please mail reservations by July 15, 2002.**

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**Please complete the following and return with check made out to Lion George D. Ohm.**

<b>Name (Guest)</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Office</b>
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**Number of reservations** \_\_\_\_\_ **x \$10.00 =** \_\_\_\_\_ **total**

**Mail to:** Lion George D. Ohm  
411 Wiley Ave.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

## E-MAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED

The District Newsletter is accessible on line at [www.lions31e.org](http://www.lions31e.org) for all Lions with Internet access. However if we have the e-mail addresses for club members, **Lion Bennie Pugh, PDG, Internet Committee Chairman**, can notify Lions when the newsletter is available.

**Club Secretaries**, please forward the email addresses for your club members to Lion Bennie at [bpugh@cprsystems.com](mailto:bpugh@cprsystems.com). Of course we realize that everyone is not on line, but for those who are we would like them to be able to get the information and pass it on to others.

The **Club Secretary** is the primary link between the District Governor and each club. Not all Club members receive the District Newsletter, so please be sure that you pass along information from the Newsletter to them at your meetings. Thank you!

## DISTRICT CABINET INSTALLATION

On Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Pfeiffer University over 100 Lions gathered for our District 31-E Cabinet Installation. We sincerely appreciate the fine turnout. It was a pleasure to have our **International Director Lion Sid Scruggs and his wife Lion Judy** as our speaker and installing officer. **Lion John Cline**, a charter member of the Jackson Park Lions Club, who has sponsored 35 members including the District Governor Elect, was presented a President's Pin from International President Frank Moore. **Lion Jerry Austin, PDG**, also received the President's Pin for his outstanding leadership in the North Carolina Lions Foundation and his work in the Salisbury Lions Club and the District.

Lion Sid encouraged the new Committee Chairs, Region and Zone Chairs, and Officers, as well as all Lions to be faithful in carrying out their responsibilities and to remember that we are building a bridge for those who will follow. We are to be a good example of L-I-O-N-S:

**L-oving**  
**I-ndividuals**  
**O-ffering**  
**N-eeded**  
**S-ervices**

### SEE THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY VISION VAN SCREENING SCHEDULE FOR 31-E

- 7/03/02 – DENTON (Denton & Farmer Lions)**  
Old Threshers Reunion – 1366 Jim Elliott Rd  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- 7/13/02 – WALLBURG (Wallburg Lions)**  
Wallburg Towne Center – Hwy 109  
12:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- 7/20/02 – HARRISBURG (Harrisburg Lions)**  
West Cabarrus Church – 7655 Speedway Blvd  
8:00 am to 12:00 pm

REGISTRATION FOR 31-E DISTRICT CABINET MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2002

6:30 P.M.

PFEIFFER UNIVERSITY  
Misenheimer, North Carolina

Cost: \$11.00 per person  
Buffet Style – Two Meats,  
Salads, Vegetables, Dessert, etc.  
Casual Dress

Please **mail** your registration forms **no later than July 23rd**

Make checks payable to District 31-E and mail to:

Lion Ron Staley  
7935 Altacrest Drive  
Concord, NC 28027

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Registration Form for District Cabinet Meeting  
July 31, 2002

CLUB NAME \_\_\_\_\_

LIONS \_\_\_\_\_

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NUMBER OF DINNERS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$11.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**JULY 20, 2002 – DISTRICT 31-E AWARDS NIGHT**

**JULY 31, 2002 – DISTRICT CABINET MEETING**

**AUGUST 9-11, 2002 – NCLF AND STATE LIONS COUNCIL**

**AUGUST 28, 2002 – WHITE CANE KICKOFF FOR 31-E**

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