



# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT 31-E NEWSLETTER

**We Serve**  
Issue 3

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

**SEPTEMBER 2002**

## Governor's Message

The Membership and Club Summary Report from Lions International shows the figures for July 1, 2001 through June 2002. In District 31-E we gained one new club – the Livingstone College Lions, added 134 new members and dropped 155 members for a *net loss of 21 members*. The total membership in 31-E stood at 1235.

It is easy to understand why the primary emphasis this year is on growing our membership. It was surprising to see that the only area in the world that had a net gain was Europe. The United States and affiliates Bermuda and Bahamas had a net loss of 6,794 members and the total international figure was a *net loss of 19,643*.

The good news is that we are still alive and well, just shrinking! As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2002, **there were 1,362,382 members in 44,786 clubs** in 189 countries. And the best news is that Lions around the world are still working hard to serve others.

It is vital that every club examines itself and evaluates its service to the community. Clubs that are growing are clubs that are active and working together in harmony. Make sure your club meetings are productive and educational but also fun. Look for new ways to improve your club.

Please invite our State Committee Chairs and our NCLF Committee Chairs to your clubs for programs. Some of our clubs are not taking full advantage of this inside opportunity. Their presentations can be informative and encouraging to all Lions and prospective Lions. I want to assure every Lion that you will not disappoint any Committee Chair because of a small attendance.

As District Governor, I have already visited almost a fourth of the clubs and I have enjoyed every visit! I want to sincerely thank you for your warm hospitality and willingness to listen.

Our message this year is that every club find a way to increase their club membership. It is very important that every club get **A Club Builders Toolbox**. It is available from Club Supplies for \$ 14.95 or can be downloaded from the District 31-E Website: [www.lions31e.org](http://www.lions31e.org). Then after you have a copy, study it and put it into practice.

One suggestion I would like to make: couples are a great way to grow your membership. It is an opportunity for families to become involved. I have seen first hand how the ladies in many of the clubs have “made a difference.” An *additional bonus, when both spouses join at the same time, they only have to pay half the International dues for the second spouse.*

I am looking forward to great things from each and every club this year as we work together to “build a better tomorrow.”

## District Cabinet Meeting

### SPECIAL NOTE:

### LAST MONTH'S NEWSLETTER HAD THE WRONG DATE – IT SHOULD BE OCTOBER 29TH

Please put **Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar for our second Cabinet Meeting that will be held in Welcome at the Hook and Anchor Family Seafood Restaurant. The cost of the meal is \$11.00 per person and includes taxes and tips. The menu is fried flounder, shrimp, grilled chicken breast, baked potato or French fries, slaw, hushpuppies, dessert and your drinks. Advance reservations are not necessary; pay at the door. The meal will be at **6:30 pm followed by the meeting at 7:00.**

Directions to the Hook and Anchor Restaurant are to take Hwy 52 N to the Welcome exit number 92. At the stop sign take a right. The restaurant will be approximately 1 1/2 miles on the right. We look forward to seeing you!

From the July Membership Reports, we welcome the following new members:

**Arcadia Lions Club:**

**Millard Martin** sponsor - James Bumgarner

**Concord Lions Club:**

**Ralph H. McLaughlin** sponsor - Robert Burrage

**Harrisburg Lions Club:**

**Cathy Anderson** sponsored by Rhodema Near

**Erica Lewis** sponsored by Joseph Council

**Jackson Park Lions Club:**

**Tommy Green** sponsored by Bobby Kirby

**Locust Lions Club:**

**John Elsheimer** sponsored by Wilson Barbee

**Salisbury Lions Club:**

**Charles (Buddy) Poole** Transfer from  
Thomasville Lions Club

**Thomasville Lions Club:**

**April Wood** sponsored by J. Leonard

**Welcome Lions Club:**

**Wayne Winegar** sponsored by Katie Koontz

**Robbin Winegar** sponsored by Katie Koontz

## District Governor's Schedule

### CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES:

Please review the dates to be sure that my planned visit does not conflict with a scheduled program at your club. Let me know if a change is needed as soon as possible. (704-788-4409) Consider my visit to your club as your program. I look forward to being with you!

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| September 3         | Rockwell Lions Club                                  |
| September 5         | Salisbury Lions Club<br>70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary |
| September 9         | Livingstone College Lions Club<br>Charter Night      |
| September 10        | Hasty Lions Club                                     |
| September 12        | Midland Lions Club                                   |
| September 17        | Harrisburg Lions Club                                |
| September 18 – 22   | USA/Canada Forum<br>Fort Worth, TX                   |
| September 23        | Unionville Lions Club                                |
| September 24        | West Lexington Lions Club                            |
| September 25 (noon) | Albemarle Lions Club                                 |
| October 2 (1:00 PM) | 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 14-17       | VIP Fishing Tournament<br>Outer Banks, NC            |
| October 21          | Cleveland Lions Club                                 |
| October 24 (noon)   | Thomasville Lions Club                               |
| October 24          | Stanfield Lions Club                                 |
| October 26          | District 31-B Fall Convention                        |
| October 29          | District Cabinet Meeting-Welcome                     |
| November 2          | District 31-C Fall Convention                        |
| November 4          | Davis-Townsend Lions Club                            |
| November 5          | Concord Lions Club                                   |
| November 7 (noon)   | Monroe Lions Club                                    |
| November 7          | Misenheimer Lions Club                               |
| November 11         | Pilot Lions Club                                     |
| November 12         | Franklin Ellis Lions Club                            |
| November 16         | District 31-A Fall Convention                        |
| November 18         | Mt. Pleasant Lioness Club                            |
| November 19 (noon)  | Lexington Downtown<br>Lions Club                     |
| November 21         | Midway Lions Club                                    |
| November 23         | District 31-F Fall Convention                        |

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW NCLF PRESIDENT— LION DAVID SMOOT

By Lion Jerry Bates, PDG

**“OUR GOOD FRIEND** and neighbor, Lion C. David Smoot, a member of the Thomasville Lions Club since 1984, has been elected to the Presidency of the N. C. Lions Foundation.

Lion Smoot has served as club Secretary from 1987 to 2002, relinquishing the position just once, when he served as club President.

David has received a 15-member key, the Best Secretary Award in our district of 46 clubs, the Ben Q Foreman Award as the outstanding Lion in our 1,250-member district, the International President's Leadership Award (the second-highest award given by Lions Clubs International), a Leo Advisor Award for mentoring the Thomasville High School Leo Club and was elected president of the Davidson County Lions Council.

This somewhat quiet and unassuming Lion was elected Governor of District 31-E in 1997-98, voted Thomasville's Lion of the Year, was named the Jaycee's Outstanding Young Firefighter in 1981, Baseball Coach of the Year in 1987 and received a Distinguished Service Award from the American Red Cross in 1988.

Employed by the City of Thomasville in 1972, he is an honor graduate at T.T.C.C., a graduate of the National Fire Academy in Maryland as well as the Fire Prevention School at UNC Chapel Hill. Lion Smoot is presently employed as Assistant Fire Chief.

In other community activities, he served on the Board of Directors of the T. A. Finch Community YMCA, was elected President of Habitat for Humanity, Vice Chairman, American Red Cross F/S, Western N.C., Chapter Chairman High Point-Thomasville ARC, Thomasville City Schools Advisory Board and is a 26-year volunteer with Davidson County 4H.

With assistance from the third-largest Lions club in North Carolina as well as fellow Past District Governors Bennie Pugh and Aldeen Robbins, “King” David is more than qualified to assume this high office and to provide leadership for our 10,000 Tar Heel Lions as we continue to assist those in need of our services.”

Thank you Lion David for all you have done and continue to do for District 31.

## THOMASVILLE LIONS CLUB NEW MEETING LOCATION

After 64 years of meeting at the Thomasville Womans Club, the Thomasville Lions Club will move to the Safari Steak House for their future meetings. The Safari is located just off I-85 on Laura Lane. Going North on I-85 take Exit 103 (Highway 109), turn left under the Interstate and right just as you pass Captain Tom's Restaurant. The Safari is at the end of the road. Do not go into the Restaurant, the meeting is in the first set of double doors to the right of the Safari.



## GOLF TOURNAMENT TIME!

**Golfers can enjoy a day on the course and at the same time support Lions Clubs projects:**

**Saturday, Sept. 7 Waxhaw Lions Golf Tournament – Contact Lion Brett Dillard at 704- 843-2413.**

**Wednesday, Sept. 25 “The Annual Dave Conrad Memorial Golf Tournament” at Lexington Municipal Club sponsored by the Lexington Downtown Lions Club. Call Lion Mark Breeden at 336-249-8616.**

**Saturday, Sept. 28 “The First Annual Carlyle Cox Memorial Golf Tournament” sponsored by the Wallburg Lions Club at the Maple Leaf Golf Club in Kernersville (Just off Hwy 311 N between High Point & Winston-Salem). Tee time is 10:30 & cost is \$45 per person. Call Lion Greer Smith at 336-769-3381 or Lion Evon Lambeth at 336-788-5529.**

**Friday, October 18 “The Second Annual Lion Fred Kirby Memorial Golf Tournament” at Emerald Lake Golf Club. Sponsored by the Indian Trail Lions Club. Contact Lion Bob Flippin at 704-821-7531 or Lion Bob Saks at 704-882-6405. Cost of \$65 includes cart & lunch. Deadline is October 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**LION ARCHIE KINDLE TO SPEAK AT  
CHARTER NIGHT**

On **September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM** come and help us celebrate **Livingstone College Lions Club's Charter Night!** The speaker that evening will be **Lion Archie D. Kindle**, a member of the **Lexington Downtown Lions Club** since 1995. Sometimes known as "Big Daddy" to his employees and Lion friends, Archie is owner and President of Plaza Ford Lincoln Mercury. He is well known in the automotive field, being ranked by Black Enterprise Magazine as one of the top 100 black-owned auto dealers in the United States for the past six years.

Among his many civic accomplishments, he is a member of the Board of Trustees at Barber-Scotia College, a Director of Lexington's Wachovia Bank and a board member of the Davidson County Family Services. His personality, determination, hard work and dedication to helping others make him an outstanding Lion.

Livingstone College is only the second college in North Carolina to form a College Campus Lions club. Livingstone's Charter was granted by Lions Clubs International on April 16, 2002 with a total of 28 members.

The Livingstone College Club is sponsored by the **Salisbury Lions Club** which plans to attend the Charter Night as their Club meeting.

**Return the Registration Form below by September 4<sup>th</sup>** and come to hear Lion Archie on September 9<sup>th</sup> as we welcome our newest Lions Club and install their officers and members!

**Please make the following correction to your District 31-E Directory:**

**Page 34: Extension Committee Chair Lion Don Byerly, PDG - Phone number should be (704) 633-0976.**

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

**WHEN: Monday, September 9, 2002 at 7:30 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** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Mail to: Livingstone College Lions Club  
701 West Monroe Street  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
Attention: Rev. Jordan Boyd**

**Total Meal Cost** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check Total** \_\_\_\_\_

# IDEAS FOR CLUB PROJECTS

The deadline to purchase kits for the 2002-2003 Lions International Peace Poster Contest, “Dream of Peace,” is just around the corner. Please purchase kits before the October 1 deadline. Call the Club Supplies Sales Department at (800) 710-7822 today. Also, please remember that November 15 is the postmark deadline for clubs to submit one winning poster to the District Governor for the district judging.

Another exciting opportunity is Sight Night, an eyeglass collection in October centered around your community’s trick-or-treat night. Volunteers from Lions clubs, Lenscrafters, Scouts and other organizations across North America canvass their neighborhoods to collect eyeglasses. To learn more about how clubs can participate visit [www.sightnight.org](http://www.sightnight.org).

Participate in Lions World Sight Day by sponsoring local activities and programs to educate your community about the need to conquer blindness and preserve sight. Clubs can schedule activities on October 10—Lions World Sight Day—or anytime during October. This year Lions World Sight Day will focus on diabetic retinopathy, a common complication of diabetes and the leading cause of vision loss in adults in the industrialized world. Clubs can download the updated Lions World Sight Day Activity Guide from <http://www.lionsclubs.org/LCIPubLib/EN/PR804.pdf>. Also see the article on page 41 of the July/August issue of THE LION magazine.

Be sure to see the September issue of THE LION magazine, page 6, for President Kay K. Fukushima’s message: [A Menu to Energize Lions Clubs](#) for more ideas.

## CLUB NEWS

Lions clubs in Davidson County have tickets for the **DAVIDSON COUNTY LIONS RAFFLE** to be held at the American Legion Building in Lexington on **Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**. A \$100 ticket entitles you to two steak dinners for you and your spouse/friend, at least one nice door prize (which could be as much as \$5000) and lots of fun and fellowship. **Contact any Lion officer in Davidson County.**

The **Arcadia Lions Club** is sponsoring a **Gospel Sing on September 21<sup>st</sup>** at the Family Life Center of Friedburg Moravian Church from 7:00 til 9:00. There is no admission charge but they will accept donations which will be given to White Cane. All groups singing will be donating their time and talents. The Church is located in northern Davidson County. From Highway 150 North just before the Forsyth County line, turn left on Old Salisbury Road, go ½ mile and turn left on Friedburg Church Rd. The Church is located about 2 miles on the right. For more information, call Jim at (336) 764-0135 or [jbumgarner@roadway.com](mailto:jbumgarner@roadway.com).

**Harrisburg Lions** will help with a health screening for children at their club on **September 21**. On **October 12** they will have an ALL YOU CARE TO EAT BREAKFAST.

The **Concord Lions** will be taking the Coltrane Life Center Senior Day Care participants to Camp Dogwood on September 18<sup>th</sup> for an outing.

The **Waxhaw Lions Club** is sponsoring a Blind Golf Tournament on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**DISTRICT 31-E CABINET MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer, NC  
**July 31, 2002**

The first District 31-E Cabinet meeting was held at Pfeiffer University, on July 31, 2002 at 6:30 PM. 97 members were in attendance representing 33 clubs in the District.

- The meeting was called to order by District Governor Clarence Williford.
- Lion Diane Whitley, VDG, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Lion Butch Conrad gave the Invocation.

**New Business**

- PDG Harvey Whitley was appointed parliamentarian.
- The District Governor recognized all William L. Woolard Partners in Service, Past District Governors, Jack Stickley Fellows and Melvin Jones Fellows.
- The District Governor recognized District Tail Twister Lion George Culp. Lion Culp levied several fines to deserving Lions. He held a mock trial of Lion Theresa Matthews for failing to take Linus the Lion to a Club Meeting. Lion Theresa was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$10 unless members would contribute \$100 to Boys and Girls Homes.
- A motion was made by Zone Chair Sydney Eudy that all Lions attending Cabinet Meeting during the Lion year 2002-2003 and in good standing be given the privilege of voting in all matters that may come before the District. Zone Chair Lion Tim Williams seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed by the Cabinet members.
- Lion Andy Darr moved that the District maintain deposited funds at Central Carolina Bank. The motion was seconded by Lion Dan DeRoner and unanimously approved.
- Lion Bennie Pugh moved that a bond covering the District Governor and Cabinet Secretary Treasurer be purchased for approximately \$175. The motions was seconded by PDG George Ohm and unanimously approved.
- The District Governor called for a reading of the minutes of the last Cabinet Meeting. Lion Betty Hinson moved that the minutes be approved as published in the June, 2002 District Newsletter. The motion was seconded by Lion Lorraine Dupree and unanimously approved.
- Camp Dogwood Chair, Lion Jim Gulledge reported that the goal for Camp Dogwood Raffle Ticket sales this year is 3 books not 2 books per member. Lion Jim also stated that he was available to give Camp Dogwood programs at any club.
- White Cane Chair, Lion Betty Hinson, invited all Club Presidents, Secretaries and White Cane Chairs to the White Cane Kickoff at 6:30, August 28 at Jays Fish Camp in Albemarle. Lion Betty asked all clubs to bring any White Cane Contributions to the meeting to help show support for the project.
- VAVS Chair, Lion Linda VanVleet, reported several openings are available for clubs to give socials at the VA hospital. She requested clubs contact her if they are interested.
- Lion Theresa Matthews requested representatives of clubs see her after the meeting to pick up Boys and Girls Home Certificates of Appreciation she was unable to distribute at the Awards Banquet.
- District Internet Chair, Lion Bennie Pugh, reported that there are 34 clubs in the district with Web sites. He asked the remaining clubs to see him after the meeting and pick up the forms for setting up their club on the Internet. Lion Bennie also reported that anyone having problems downloading or viewing the newsletter using Adobe Reader should update their Adobe software to version 5.1. Lion Bennie had copies of the Adobe Reader on CD for members needing one.
- The District Governor made an appeal to everyone to receive their newsletter by email. The emailed newsletter is delivered much quicker and saves the District approximately \$1 for each copy that doesn't have to be printed and mailed using the US Postal Service.

- Vice District Governor Diane Whitley reported that the Mid Winter Convention Committee has not met, but she is looking for entertainers for the Friday night Fun Night.
- PDG David Smoot, NCLF President-elect, announced the NCLF installation will be held at the Holiday Inn in Salisbury on August 10.
- District Tail Twister Culp reported that members at tonight's meeting contributed \$111.00 for Boys and Girls Homes.
- A member of the Waxhaw Lions Club reported that they will be holding a golf tournament on September 9.
- PDG Don Byerly reminded everyone that the Livingstone College Lions Club's charter night is 7:30 on September 9. Everyone is invited to attend and registration forms are in the Newsletter.
- PDG Don Byerly presented the June 30, 2002 financial statement. Lion Evon Lambeth moved that the financial statement be approved. Lion Marshall Riggins seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- PDG Harvey Whitley presented the audit report. Lion Whitley commended Past CST Don Byerly on a job well done. Lion Whitley reported there were no major discrepancies and all restricted and unrestricted monies are accounted for. The District Governor called for a vote to accept the audit. The audit was unanimously accepted.
- Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Ron Staley gave a presentation on the district budget process and the need to present a balanced budget. Lion Staley reported that although expenses have remained relatively flat for the past 5-7 years, income has been decreasing because of loss of membership, a reduction in membership fees and drops in interest rates. This has placed a strain on the district's reserve balances.
- Immediate PDG George Ohm presented the budget for 2002-2003. Lion George recommended that as a means of balancing the budget membership dues be increased to 13.00 and that the Mid-Winter no longer be funded from member dues. Following Discussion PDG Wilson Barbee moved that the first page of the budget be approved (Administration Income and Expense) and the Midwinter Committee meet and present a recommendation at the next Cabinet Meeting. The motion was seconded by Lion BA Smith and unanimously approved.

#### Old Business

- PDG Governor Ohm made a number of presentations to persons unable to attend the Awards Banquet. Included were plaques to Lion Gail Barbee and DG Clarence Williford, a Progressive Jack Stickley to VDG Diane Whitley, Bulletin Certificate to Lexington Downtown Lions Club and Certificate for Sponsoring two new members to Lion Evon Lambeth. PDG Ohm also presented the Bob Timberlake print raffled at the Awards Banquet to the Pilot Lions Club.

The District Governor adjourned the meeting at 9:00 and invited clubs to meet with District Chairs to schedule club programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Staley, PDG

Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

#### A NOTE FROM THE NEWSLETTER "EDITOR":

Last month we sent the newsletter by using a printing service which uses bulk mail. We gave it to them on July 26<sup>th</sup>. We don't know what date they mailed it or how long it sat in the post office but we later learned that some people didn't receive it until August 20<sup>th</sup>. WE APOLOGIZE! Of course that is not acceptable so this month we will be mailing it ourselves with first class postage while keeping the cost the same. We're learning as we go. Thanks for your patience.

Please try to get information for the Newsletter to us by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Lion Judy Williford, 6604 Weldon Circle, Concord, NC 28027 or [jcwilliford@dialpoint.net](mailto:jcwilliford@dialpoint.net).

**Secretaries:** Please send us a copy of your newsletter if you want credit on the Points sheet.

Let us show our TRUE COLORS September 11, 2002



A Way To Honor Our Nation Together

September 11, 2002 is soon approaching. On that day, please wear red, white and blue to show your support for those who lost their lives on 9-11-01 and to honor the heroes who worked to save them and the families left behind. At noon your time on September 11, 2002, no matter where you are or what you are doing, stop, put your hand on your heart, and say the Pledge of Allegiance out loud or to yourself and say a prayer for our nation.

God Bless the U.S.A.

Contributed by Lion Aldeen Robbins, PDG

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