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District 31-E Newsletter

**“Leadership, Innovation, Education:
Gateway to Service”**

International Association of Lions Clubs



Governor's Message

Happy Holidays!!

WOW!! It's holiday time already! Time surely does fly when you're having fun! I want to take this time to thank all of you for your support and encouragement this Lions year. You have truly made this an exciting time in my life.

I know that each club is busy with plans to reach out to our VIPs and others in our communities. Holidays mean family time and it is so thoughtful of you to include those we serve as part of your families. Clubs, zones, and counties are planning Christmas parties and deliveries of fruit and food baskets. You show the world that Lions truly believe it is better to give than to receive.

Harvey and I wish each family peace and love with our Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays!!

Upcoming Club Events

Dec. 4 – Davidson County VIP Christmas Party
Union County VIP Christmas Party
Dec. 6 – Cleveland Christmas Parade
Dec. 9 – Davidson County VIP Christmas Party

Dec. 9 - Rowan County VIP Christmas Party
Dec. 13– Vision Van, Waxhaw
Dec. 20 –Cleveland Shoulder/Turkey Fundraiser

Club News

Lion Henry Pierce of the Harrisburg Lions Club continues to have good and bad days and would appreciate your cards and/or calls. Please keep him and family in your prayers.

Henry's home address is: 531 Moss Spring Road
Albemarle, NC 28001

Address in W-S is: Hawthorne Inn, Room 116
420 High Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Remember to ROAR like a Lion: Reach Ot And Respond

Division of Services for the Blind

Debbie Jackson has agreed to become the new director of the Division of Services for the Blind effective December 1, 2003. She served as Assistant Division Director for Programs and Facilities and has worked closely with John Deluca who resigned effective November 30, 2003. Debbie has more than 20 years of services with this department.

Debbie has worked to move the division forward in its use of technology. This has fostered an environment where staff is encouraged to develop their skills and try new ideas, resulting in the receipt of a Kate B. Reynolds/Americorps grant focused on providing technology services to blind and visually impaired consumers in rural parts of North Carolina. Lions in District 31-E welcome Debbie to her new role.

New Members

<u>Club</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsoring Lion</u>
Cleveland	Carol Watt	Jerry Blankenship
Cleveland	Thomas Sutton	Cherie Sutton
Denton	Ava Badgett	Joe Parnell
Denton	Kerry Fralic	John Cutts
Lexington Downtown	Jason Whitehead	G. Wood
Rockwell	Don Stirewalk	Stella Stirewalk
Salisbury	Robyn McVay	Wayne Kennerly

Lion PDG Ron Staley, District Orientation Chairperson is holding a **new member orientation** session on Wednesday, December 3, at Coburn United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Salisbury. Presidents and secretaries, let's try to get all of our new Lions to attend. Invitations will be sent to all new members who've joined in the last several months.

Remember!! Induction fees for all women joining a Lions club during the period November 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 are waived! Now is the time to actively pursue those women whom you feel would make great Lions. Invite couples to join—two for the price of one. Remember to include the waiver form with the application.

Lion Deaths

Lion Harry Upchurch of the **Norwood Lions Club** passed away on Nov. 18, 2003. He had been a member of the club since Jan. 2000. He will be greatly missed.

Lion Harry Bryant of the **Wallburg Lions Club** passed away on Nov. 20, 1003. He had been a Lion for 45 years and was active for many years but inactive in recent years due to health reasons. He was a Life member. He will be greatly missed.

What is Age-Related Macular Degeneration?

The most common cause of central vision loss in persons over age 55 is age-related macular degeneration.

The retina is nerve tissue that lines the inside of the eye. It is light sensitive and turns light into nerve signals sent to the brain. The macula is located at the center of the retina and is essential for central reading vision. The macula is the only part of the retina that provides detailed vision and is used to read small print.

There are two types of AMD: Dry and Wet. Dry AMD – with aging, deposits called drusen collect underneath the retina. As drusen accumulate, vision may deteriorate. This type of vision deterioration is usually mild. However, geographic atrophy, a version of Dry AMD, can sometimes cause more severe vision loss. Wet AMD – Abnormal blood vessels grow beneath the retina. These abnormal blood vessels leak fluid or blood and lift the retina away from the eye wall. This is the most common cause of severe vision loss in AMD.

As reported last month, the procedure requires two surgeries about eight weeks apart. Following translocation, vision is tilted and some people notice double vision. This is because the macula's new location has caused a change in central vision. The second surgery performed in the muscles of the eye usually corrects this, although there is a chance that some tilt and double vision may persist. Both surgeries are outpatient procedures.

For Macular Translocation Surgery to be of benefit, you need to have AMD in both eyes, be unable to read with either eye, and vision loss in the second eye for less than 6 months (any longer and vision recovery is less likely).

A Message from Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina
November 24, 2003

Dear Friends of Boys and Girls Homes:

Greetings! Last week at our campus Thanksgiving dinner, our chaplain asked the children to name some of the things they were thankful for. Many of them named their cottage teaching parents, an indication to me that the children appreciate having a place to live where they feel safe and loved and where their basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter are met. As the children were making their listings, I was thinking of how we are able to make these things available. It is only through the unique relationship we enjoy with friends such as you that we are able to provide for the children's needs!

As we observe Thanksgiving this week and reflect on the blessings we enjoy, please know that among ours here at Boys and Girls Homes is the friendship of kind and generous folks such as you. It is a real treasure to us! Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours. Thank you for being a friend to Boys and Girls Homes and the children we serve!

Sincerely,

Larry W. Hewett
Vice President for Communications

Peace Poster Contest

AND THE **WINNER** IS: 12 year old **Keanna Murray** of JN Fries Middle School, Concord. She is quoted as saying “Peace is the key to unlock the world.” Keanna was sponsored by the Jackson Park Lions Club.

Driving with Diane

Dec. 1	*Davis-Townsend* Lions Club	Jan. 20	Welcome Lions Club
Dec. 4	Davidson County VIP Christmas Party	Jan. 23-24	District E Mid-Winter Convention
	Union County VIP Christmas Party		Holiday Inn, Salisbury
Dec. 5-6	DGE Training-Camp Dogwood	Jan. 28	NC Eye Bank
Dec. 9	Rowan County VIP Christmas Party	Jan. 30-31	District D Mid-Winter
	Davidson County VIP Christmas Party	Feb. 2	*Mount Ulla* Lions Club
Dec. 10	Albemarle VIP Christmas Party	Feb. 5	*Aquadale* Lions Club
	NC Eye Bank Meeting	Feb. 6	NCLF Executive Board Meeting
Dec. 13	NCLF Executive Board Meeting		State Council of Governors Caucus
Dec. 22	**VAVS Christmas Party**	Feb. 7	State Council of Governors Meeting
Jan. 6	Concord Lions Club	Feb. 8	NCLF Board Meeting
Jan. 12	Indian Trail Lions Club	Feb 9	Wingate Lions Club
Jan. 13	Odell Lions Club	Feb. 19	Misenheimer Lions Club
Jan. 15	Monroe Lions Club (noon)	Feb. 27-29	DGE Training-Camp Dogwood
	Marshville	Mar. 5-7	State Convention, Fayetteville
Jan. 16-17	Districts G, H, & J	Mar. 8	Jackson Park Lions Club
	Mid-Winter Convention	Mar. 22	Unionville Lions Club

*Rescheduled

**Note Date Change

Liberty Day Kids

How did you do on last month’s quiz on the Constitution? Try these: The first three articles of the U.S. Constitution describe the three branches of the U.S. government: what are they? How long is one term of a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, before that person has to be re-elected by the people? The Constitution gives three necessary qualifications for someone to become a member of the U.S. Senate: what are they? Where do all bills to raise revenue for the U.S. government have to start in the process for that bill to become a law? What right is given in the 15th Amendment to the Constitution?

I hope some of you have arranged for a team of Liberty Day Kids to be in the Post Office on December 13 to quiz people waiting in line. This is a huge membership and publicity generator for our Lions Clubs. Remember that everyone of these kids parents are probably in their 30’s (kids are 9-12). A perfect age to be recruited into your local Lions Clubs.

Answers to questions at beginning of article: 1. legislative, executive, judicial; 2. 2 years; 3. be 30 years old, be a citizen of the US for 9 years, be an inhabitant of the state from which elected; 4. House of Representatives; 5. the right of people of all races to vote.

The International Association of Lions Clubs

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The 2004 North Carolina Lions State Convention

March 5-7, 2004

Holiday Inn Bordeaux

Fayetteville, North Carolina

Sponsorship Contract

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK

CONVENTION SPONSOR (COVER)	\$2,300
Plus, Full Page 2005 Convention	
CENTERFOLD	\$1,500
BACK COVER	\$1,000
FRONT & BACK INSIDE PAGES	\$750
FULL PAGE	\$300 (7 1/2 X 10)
GOLD PAGE	\$500 (7 1/2 X 10)
1/2 PAGE	\$200 (7 1/2 X 4 7/8)
1/4 PAGE	\$125 (3 5/8 X 4 7/8)
1/8 PAGE	\$ 75 (3 5/8 X 2 3/8)
PATRON	\$ 25

Note: All ads will have 1/2 inch border around page unless instructed otherwise, less than full page will have 1/4 inch separation.

Please submit ad copy (include logos if required) and check payable to:

NORTH CAROLINA LIONS 2004 CONVENTION

North Carolina Lions 2004 State Convention, Fayetteville, North Carolina

REGISTRATION FORM

2004 North Carolina Lions State Convention

March 5-7, 2004, Holiday Inn Bordeaux
1709 Owen Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28304
Registration Deadline: February 26, 2004

Friday, March 5

10:00 am Golf Tournament, Gates Four Golf & Country Club
7:00 pm Parade of Countries, Fun Night Variety Show, Ice Cream Bar

Saturday, March 6

7:30 – 9:30 am Tail Twisters/Key Members Breakfast and Auction
12:00 – 1:30 pm Past District Governors Luncheon
2:00 – 4:00 pm Liberty Day, Airborne & Special Operations Museum
7:00 – 9:30 pm District Governors Banquet

*All activities at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux
Liberty Day, at the Airborne & Special Operations Museum
100 Bragg Boulevard, Fayetteville (Downtown)*

Name Lion/Guest	Club	District	Honors
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Fun Night <small>Circle</small>	Tail Twisters Breakfast	PDG Lunch	Liberty Day	<u>MJF-JSF-WLW</u> DG Banquet
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TICKET ORDER SUMMARY

Golf Tournament	_____ players @ \$45.00	=	\$ _____	
Fun Night	_____ tickets (no charge)	=	\$ free _____	
Tail Twisters Breakfast	_____ tickets @ \$10.00 each	=	\$ _____	
Past District Governors Lunch	_____ tickets @ \$12.00 each	=	\$ _____	
Liberty Day	_____ tickets (no charge)	=	\$ free _____	
Liberty Day-Transportation	_____ tickets @ \$2.00	=	\$ _____	
District Governors Banquet	_____ tickets @ \$25.00 each	=	\$ _____	

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

(Price includes all tax and gratuities)

Make checks payable to: NORTH CAROLINA 2004 STATE CONVENTION
Mail checks to: Clinton Lions Club, P.O. Box 53, NC 28329-0053

Any Questions or concerns please contact:
W. Brad Logsdon, PDG
910-692-7966

Hotel Reservations : Should be made directly with the **HOLIDAY INN BORDEAUX**
1-800-0211 or 910-323-0111 – Room Rate: \$69.00/night + tax
Note: Room cut-off date: February 9, 2004



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Secretary/Treasurer
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