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District 31-E Newsletter

“Leadership, Innovation, Education:
Gateway to Service”



International Association of Lions Clubs

Governor's Message

It is with deep humility that I embark on this journey as District Governor of District 31-E; the excellent district. Your outpouring of support overwhelms me. So many of you have offered to help in any way needed that I know we are going to have a very successful Lions year. Thank you for your commitment to serve in your community and our district.

We must stop at this point to honor and thank two people who have freely given a year of their lives to guide us in “building a better tomorrow”.

Lions **PDG Clarence and Judy Williford** have given hours upon hours and driven miles upon miles in service this past Lions year. Thank you both for all that you did and will do for Lionism in District 31-E.

Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer **Ron Staley, PDG** likewise has given of himself to serve our district. Thank you Sallie for letting us share him and his leadership.

President Tae-Sup Lee's theme for 2003-2004 is: “**Innovation: Gateway to Our Future**”.

Innovation is our one unlimited resource to build membership, to strengthen our clubs, and to meet our mission of service. Innovation will mean that we embrace change without abandoning our traditions. It must **involve every Lion**. We each must give our best effort and share equally in the benefits innovation brings. We must make membership meaningful to Lions as well as beneficial to those we serve.

Innovation can be a part of everything we do as Lions: club meetings, service projects, membership recruitment, leadership, and public relations. I challenge each of us to “think out of the box” and use at least one new idea in each area of service this year.

Thanks to Our Leadership

Lion Ron Staley conducted three super training sessions for our incoming district officers. **Lion Harvey Whitley** instructed twenty-five Presidents. I know they welcomed the sheet “Stuff Club Presidents Need to Know”. **Lion Ron Staley** trained thirty-two Secretaries (some serving dual roles as Treasurer) plus nine Treasurers.

Lions Allan Thompson and Arnold Bivens conducted workshops for fourteen of our Membership Chairpersons. **Lions Bennie Pugh and Judy Williford** gave a very enlightening presentation about Lionism in North Carolina and on the local level for about thirty-five new members.

I'm sure the Tail Twisters attending **Lion George Culp's** tail twisting session came away with many funny and useful ideas. **Lion Clarence Williford** joined me in talking with the Region, Zone, and Committee Chairpersons. I reminded each of them that they are my “eyes and ears” in the district this year. It will take all of us working as a team to be successful.

Attitudes of Volunteers

Lion Harvey Whitley began each of the training sessions with a presentation about **Volunteers**. A volunteer is a person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service. People who volunteer are said to live longer, healthier, happy lives.

Motivating our volunteers is simply finding out what people like to do—and can do well—and then letting them do it. People are motivated when they understand the payoffs of service.

Some ways to develop good attitudes in our volunteers is to involve them in the decision-making and be sure their assignment fits their skills and interests.

A Volunteer Needs:

- * To know what to do
- * To know how to do it
- * To be able to do it
- * To agree to the task

All volunteers want to be recognized for their efforts. Praise and recognition are two of the top ten motivators.

“Volunteers -There’s a Special Place in Heaven”

**Many may be shocked to find,
When the day of judgement nears,
That there’s a special place in
Heaven set aside for VOLUNTEERS.**

**Furnished with big recliners,
Satin couches and footstools;
When there’s no committee chairman,
No group leaders or car pools.**

**No eager team that needs a coach,
No bazaar and no bake sale,
There will be nothing to staple,
Not one thing to fold or mail.**

**You ask, who’ll serve these privileged
Few and work for all they’re worth?**

**All those who reaped the benefits,
And not once volunteered on earth.**

Anonymous

District Directories

District Directories will be available for every Club President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, and Program Chair. If you will need extras, please let me know: 704-283-5681 or lionswhitley@aol.com.

These should be available at the first District Cabinet meeting at Harrisburg.

District Cabinet Meeting

Our first District Cabinet meeting will be held at the **Harrisburg Lions Den** on Wednesday, **July 30, 2003, at 6:30 PM**. All Club **Presidents**, Club **Secretaries**, and **all of the Committee Chairs** are part of the District Cabinet. **Club Program Chairpersons** should also attend.

Again this year, I am asking that each Committee Chairperson bring their calendar and be available during a “break out” session. This will permit the Club Program Chairperson to schedule them for a meeting.

The District Chairs will be able to give our Lions an understanding of what is going on in their specific committee. Please give these leaders an opportunity to educate our Lions. **Register by July 22nd**.

Goals

Innovation includes establishing attainable goals to reach our vision. Club Presidents, what is your vision for your club? I encourage each of you to set written goals for your year. What major service project do you plan to accomplish? Where do you envision your membership to be at the end of June, 2004?

I recommend that you prepare a budget and ask that you include the District Goals in your budget. These were given to each Club Secretary who attended training.

White Cane	\$76 /mem.
Eye Research	\$12 /mem.
Boys & Girls Home	\$ 1 /mem.
Youth Ex., Outreach, Leo	\$.25/mem.
Leader Dog	\$ 2 /mem.
LCIF	\$ 1.50/mem
Stickley Fellowships	\$ 2 /mem.
VAVS	\$ 2 /mem.
SE Guide Dogs	\$ 1.25/mem.
Total	\$98.00/mem

Optional: VIP Fishing Tour. \$25

I would like to have a copy of your goals for the 2003-2004 Lions year.

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 DG, 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 or 704-247-3043 and let him know which version of Excel you run on your computer.

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Zone 5 Chair

No Volunteer

Zone 6 Chair

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28079

Bulletins

John Leister
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Indian Trail, NC



White Cane

Our District total for 2002-2003 will be in excess of \$136,133.85. **Lion Betty Hinson** has done an outstanding job for us this year. Congratulations, Betty! A great big "Thank you" goes out to **all the Clubs** also. You made it happen. We'll have final figures next month.

White Cane 2003-2004

Please put **Wednesday, August 27, 2003** on your calendar for our Humanitarian/ White Cane Kickoff. We will meet at Jay's Seafood Restaurant in Albemarle at 6:30 PM. Every Club should be represented by their President, Secretary, White Cane Chair and other interested Lions. **Lion Dale Dupree** from the Wingate Lions Club is our District White Cane Chairperson. Let's see how many clubs can kick off our campaign with a contribution that night.

MERLO Team

Vice District Fred Plummer will be the chairman of the MERLO Team for our District. This Committee consists of the Chairpersons for: Membership, Extension, Retention, Leadership, and Orientation. Region and Zone Chairpersons are also a part of this very important committee.

Our District Membership is less than the 1250 required by International and it is imperative that we add to our numbers. Too many good Lions are dropping out. Why? What do we need to change in order to keep them? Are our meetings informative and interesting? Are our service projects meaningful? Are our fundraisers worthwhile? Are we having fun? Where might we start a new club in our district?

Driving with Diane

I plan to publish my schedule for three months at a time. Please **review the dates** to be sure that my plans don't conflict with yours. I don't want to interfere with an important club

event. Please consider my visit your program for the meeting. It would not be fair to shorten a guest speaker's presentation. We will have a short Board of Directors meeting after the club visit. I look forward to visiting each club!

June 25-July 5 International Convention

Denver, CO

July 11-13 Leader Dog, Rochester, MI

July 15 Benton Heights Lions Club

July 17 District F's Installation

July 18 District J's Installation

July 19 District H's Installation

July 21 Central Lions Club

July 22 Odell Lions Club

July 24 Locust Lions Club

July 25 District A's Installation

July 26 District G's Installation

July 30 District Cabinet Meeting

Harrisburg Lions Den

August 1 District C's Installation

August 4 Mount Ulla Lions Club

August 5 Lexington DT LC (noon)

Harrisburg Lions Club

August 7 Wadesboro Lions Club

August 8 NCLF Executive Meeting

August 9 State Council & NCLF

Installation

August 10 NCLF Board Meeting

Charlotte

August 11 Southmont Lions Club

August 12 Zone 6 Meeting

August 13 Abemarle Lions Club (noon)

August 18 Davis-Townsend Lions Club

August 19 Oakboro Lions Club (noon)

August 21 Kannapolis Lions Club

August 26 Arcadia Lions Club

August 27 Humanitarian/White Cane

Jay's Seafood, Albemarle

August 28 Mount Pleasant Lions Club

Sept. 4 Thomasville LC (noon)

Midway Lions Club

Sept. 8 Pilot Lions Club

Sept. 9 Norwood Lions Club

Sept. 10 Salisbury Lions Club (1:00)

Sept. 11 Midland Lions Club

Sept. 15 Mount Pleasant Lioness

Lions Club

Sept. 17-21 USA/Canada Forum
Portland, Oregon
Sept. 23 Hasty Lions Club
Sept 25 Wallburg Lions Club
Sept. 29 Fairgrove Lions Club

Club News

I need your help for this part of the newsletter. The only way for me to know what is going on in your Club is if you tell me. Please be sure to send in the **Activities Report** each month. It is very important that Club secretaries keep me informed—two or three months in advance would be good. All news for the newsletter should be given to me by the 20th of the month.

Club Secretaries, you are the liaison between your Club and the District. Please make sure that information included in the newsletter is distributed to your Club members. Of course, the Newsletter is available on-line at www.lions31e.org for all Lions with Internet access. **Club Secretaries**, please forward the e-mail addresses for your club members to **Lion Bennie Pugh** at bpugh@cprsystems.com. He can then notify them as to when the newsletter is available.

USA/Canada Leadership Forum

Portland, Oregon is hosting this year's USA/Canada Leadership Forum from September 18-20, 2003. The registration fee is \$175 until August 15, 2003. After that it goes to \$185. Registration forms are available online at www.usa-canada-lions-forum.com or in The Lion magazine.

Peace Poster

“Create A Brighter Tomorrow” is the theme for the 2003-2004 Peace Poster Contest. Kits include everything needed to sponsor a contest. Ordering your kit now would permit you to present it to a middle school teacher when school reopens. Kits can be ordered from Club Supplies or from the Internet at www.lionsclubs.org.

Each club selects **one winning poster** to submit to the District Governor by **November 15, 2003**. Statewide winners are announced at the State Convention. This year this would be the first weekend of March, 2004, in Fayetteville. International winners are announced during Lions Day at the United Nations held in March.

If your Club hasn't participated in the Peace Poster Contest, then this is one innovative way to change your projects.

Things to Think About

1. Make sure your club is listed in local phone books, community calendar of events in your news-paper, along with the name of a contact person and a phone number. Keep this information up-to-date.
2. Wear your Lions pin at all times.
3. Place a highway sign or marker outside your community. Keep it in good condition.
4. Donate a subscription of THE LION Magazine or a copy of “We Serve: A History of the Lions Clubs” to your local library.
5. Share news about your club with district and neighboring clubs. They could be some of your biggest supporters.

District Cabinet Awards and Installation

On June 21st, the Benton Heights Lions Club hosted over 100 Lions and guests at District 31-E's Awards and Installation Banquet. **Past Council Chairman Harvey Whitley** was the speaker and installing office. It was especially meaningful to have him install me as District Governor of District 31-E. I appreciate the fact that so many of you attended. Thank you for starting 2003-2004 off with a bang. **Awards**

Region Chairs

Region I Chair – James K. Berry
Region II Chair – Clyde H. Rummage
Region III Chair – Gail Barbee

Zone Chairs

Zone 1 Chair – Bruce J. Hayes

Zone 2 Chair – Tim Williams

Zone 3 Chair – Wayne R. Thonen

Zone 4 Chair – Sydney P. Eudy

Zone 5 Chair – Thomas A. Sanders

Zone 6 Chair – G. Dale Dupree

Certificates for State Committee Chairs

Boys & Girls Home Committee

Theresa W. Matthews

Constitution & By-Laws Committee

S. Aldeen Robbins, PDG

Diabetes Awareness Committee

Dan DeRoner

Diabetes Awareness Certificate of Service

Dan DeRoner

Extension Committee

Donald O. Byerly, PDG

Historian Committee

Dr. Jerry Bates, PDG

Internet Committee

Bennie Pugh

LCIF/SightFirst Committee

George Ohm, PDG

Leadership Development Committee

Ron L. Staley, PDG

Leo Committee

Terry Cauble

District Leo Club Chairman Achievement Award

Terry Cauble

Liberty Day

Laraine Dupree

Membership Committee

Chris Beck

Retention Committee

Wilson Barbee, PDG

Nominating Committee

Allan Thompson, PDG

Promotions Committee

George Ohm, PDG

Research/Long Range Planning Committee –

Dr. Ted James, PDG

State Convention Committee

Diane B. Whitley, District Governor Elect

Youth Exchange Committee

James R. Walker, PDG

Youth Outreach Committee

Terry Cauble

Certificates For North Carolina Lions Foundation Committee Chairs

Budget & Finance Committee

David Miller, PDG

By-Laws Committee

S. Aldeen Robbins, PDG

Camp Dogwood Committee

Jim Gullede

Clinical Eye Research Committee

Andy Darr

Humanitarian/White Cane

Betty Hinson

LEHP/Hearing/Sight Conservation

S. Andy King

Memorials & Honorariums

Betty Shaver

Organ & Tissue Procurement

Gayle Whitehead

Partner-In-Service

Dr. Ted James, PDG

Properties Committee

Billy D. Plummer

Public Information/Education

Rachel Walker

See the 21st Century Screening Unit

Dale Dupree

Jack Stickley Fellow Committee

Bruce Hayes

Volunteers Committee

Jerry L. Austin, PDG

2003 State Convention Committee Members

District 31-E

Attendance – Harvey F. Whitley, PDG

Credentials – Ron L Staley, PDG

Resolution – Donald O. Byerly, PDG

Rules – William “Bill” Udovich, PDG

Sargent-At-Arms – Wilson Barbee, PDG

Tail Twister – George H. Culp

Unaffiliated Chairpersons District 31-E

Bulletins & Environment – Georgianne Jenkins

Leader Dog – Judy C. Williford

Tail Twister – George H Culp

Chaplain – C. R. “Butch” Conrad

Lioness Coordinator – Coy Black, PDG

VAVS – Linda Van Vleet

Jack Stickley Fellowships

Clyde Rummage

Sydney Eudy

Tim Williams

Linda VanVleet

Ron L. Staley

Melvin Jones Fellowship

Judy Williford

District 31-E Club Awards

Best All Around Club

Welcome Lions Club

Most Improved Club

Churchland Lions Club

Membership Award Group 1

Locust Lions Club

Membership Award Group 2

Benton Heights Lions Club

Membership Award Group 3

Harrisburg Lions Club

Points Contest Award

Group 1 – Jackson Park Lions Club

Group 2 – Welcome Lions Club

Group 3 – Unionville Lions Club

Group 4 – Salisbury Lions Club

Community Improvement Award

Unionville Lions Club

Community Service Award

Welcome Lions Club

**New Horizons Award in Diabetes Education
(Certificate)**

Monroe Lions Club

Excellence in Effort Award (Certificate)

Sight Conservation and Work with the Blind
– Fairgrove Lions Club

International Understanding & Cooperation -

Peace Poster Patch

Concord Lions Club

Camp Dogwood Award

Welcome Lions Club

**Birdfeeder to Club Selling Most Camp
Dogwood Tickets per Member**

Welcome Lions Club

Bulletin Award
Thomasville Lions Club

Outstanding Zone Chair Award
Sidney Eudy
Tim Williams

Individual Awards

100% Secretaries

Vice District Governor Award
Diane B. Whitley

Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer
Ron L. Staley, PDG

Ben Q. Forman Award
George Ohm

Best Secretary Award
Betty Hayes

Harold Harrison Membership Award
Evon Lambeth

Jack Frank Award
Glenda Gaddy

Jungle Prowler Award
Theresa Matthews
Bruce Hayes

Wingate Lions Club – Laraine Dupree
Welcome Lions Club – Betty Hayes
Thomasville LC – David Smoot, PDG
Salisbury LC – Jerry L. Austin, PDG
Pilot Lion Club – Fred Plummer
Norwood LC – T. Marshall Riggins
Mt. Pleasant LC – George L. Barrier, III
Monroe Lions Club – Jane Austin
Locust Lions Club – Frances Almond
Jackson Park LC – Charles E. Justis
Indian Trail LC – Boyd E. Simmons
Hasty Lions Club – Bob R. Michael
Harrisburg Lions Club – Rhodema Near
Gold Hill LC – Nancy M. Rummage
Franklin-Ellis LC – Anthony W. Mullenax
Denton Lions Club – Theresa Matthews
Davis Townsend LC - Butch Conrad
Concord Lions Club – Georgianne Jenkins
Cleveland Lions Club – Robert D. Cline
Churchland LC – Sara Troublefield
Benton Heights LC – James S. Gullede

Club Secretaries:

Please send your 1st Vice Presidents Name,
Business and Home Phone Numbers and
email address to Lion Bennie Pugh at 15
N. Forrest Drive, Thomasville NC 27360
or bpugh@cprsystems.com for updating
your Club's Web Site.

District 31-E Cabinet Meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2003

Where: Harrisburg Lions Den
507 Patricia Avenue
Harrisburg, NC 28075

Time: 6:30 PM

Cost: \$10.00

Directions: From I-85 South, take the Speedway exit. Turn left to go to the Speedway. Turn right onto Hwy 29 and then to the left onto Morehead St. Just as you come into Harrisburg, Patricia Avenue will be on your left. Follow it around the big curve until you see the marker for the Lions Den.

From Hwy 601, turn toward Harrisburg on Hwy 49. At the stoplight in Harrisburg by the First Charter Bank, Patricia Avenue will be on your right.

Please complete the following and return with a check to Lion Laraine Dupree.

Name (Guest)

Club

Office

Number of reservations: _____ x \$10.00 = _____ total

Make checks payable to: **NC lions District 31-E**

Mail to: **Lion Laraine Dupree**
P.O. Box 485
Wingate, NC 28174



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