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| <p><b>Issue 3</b><br/><b>September</b><br/><b>2003</b></p> | <p><b>District 31-E Newsletter</b><br/><b>“Leadership, Innovation, Education:<br/>Gateway to Service”</b><br/><b>International Association of Lions Clubs</b></p> |  |
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### **Governor’s Message**

I want to thank all Lions in all the clubs I have visited so far for their hospitality. It has really been a pleasure to meet so many new friends and to renew so many relationships. Each club has made me feel so welcomed. Lions are one big family no matter where we are located. A few club visits have had to be rescheduled due either to my schedule or the club’s. I’ll reschedule them as soon as possible.

Lion Harvey and I were privileged to spend the day on Monday, August 18, in Raleigh at the US Blind Golf Association (USBGA) Tournament.

Harvey was one of about 25 sighted golfers who was able to play a round of golf with visually impaired and totally blind golfers. The first nine holes were played with a VIP golfer named George Jones from South Carolina (no, not the singer). George has some vision but very little. He was especially good putting the ball. Our second nine holes were played with a totally blind golfer named Ron Stanley from Ohio. Ron’s wife was his coach and when she lined him up properly, he could hit the ball nearly as far as we sighted golfers. It was truly an enlightening experience. After the tournament, we sighted golfers put on blindfolds and had a putting contest. Makes a difference.

I spent the day on various volunteer tasks, one of which was working with a group of visually impaired children from the Governor Morehead School for the Blind and from Wake County Schools. I spent the morning lining up shots for students to practice putting, chipping, and driving the ball. When driving, students used tennis balls and plastic golf clubs but it made no difference to them, the experience was real. Other fun activities were also enjoyed. The Winners? All of us, especially those “WE SERVE.”

## Directories

District directories were distributed at the White Cane Kick-Off. If your club wasn't represented there and you still don't have yours, I promise to get them to you as quickly as I can. Zone Chairpersons will be asked to help deliver them.

### Corrections to 2003-2004 District 31-E Directory:

page 29 – William L. Woolard email address [WLWCLTNC@aol.com](mailto:WLWCLTNC@aol.com)

page 31 – District F-Alan King's new address: Sanford Lions Club

P.O. Box 3007, Sanford, NC 27330

Res: 919-770-1182, Bus: 919-775-3434, Fax: 919-776-9050

page 33 – Hamilton Slate's Phone # should be 910-281-4859

page 35 – Retention Chairperson: Jim Caudle, PDG (Linda)

Hendersonville Daybreak Lions Club

727 St. John's Way, Hendersonville, NC 28791

Res: 828-698-0146 E: jimc@a-o.com

Page 42 – David Miller should not have a Business phone listed.

Harvey Whitley's Business phone should be 704-821-0981.

Jim Chandler should not have a Business phone listed.

Jerry Austin's address should be P.O. Box 399.

Dr. Jerry Bates's address should be P.O. Box 1353; Zip Code 27293

## White Cane Kickoff

I want to thank everyone who came to represent your Lions Club at the White Cane Kickoff. It is always inspiring to see so many Lions eager to raise funds so that we may perform the services we do for the visually impaired in North Carolina.

### Some examples are:

531 hearing aids were provided to the hearing impaired across North Carolina.

1,555 canes were given to the visually impaired.

138,791 pairs of eyeglasses were recycled providing improved vision to thousands of individuals.

10,054 individuals were screened with the Vision Van.

Over 850 campers attended Camp Dogwood for a week.

28 sighted students of visually impaired parents received Educational Grants

Over 998 eye exams were provided through Matching Funds.

Over 1,433 pairs of eyeglasses were purchased through Matching Funds.

100+ miscellaneous requests for assistance were provided through Matching Funds.

### **Contributions also provide assistance to the:**

- VIP Fishing Tournament and their 500+ participants.
- Blind Center in Washington providing services to the visually impaired.
- Governor Morehead School for the Blind athletic program.
- Division of Services for the Blind for the production of over 55,000 pages of Braille, 10,500 pages of large print, and 350 tapes.
- Radio Reading Services in purchasing radio receivers for visually impaired individuals.
- DSB Mini Centers providing services to over 700 visually impaired individuals.

### **Club News**

- Gold Hill has a goal to bring in at least five new members during 2003-2004.
- Hasty has a goal of increasing membership by net of three – President Keith has a personal goal of two and challenges everyone to get one new member.
- Indian Trail has a goal of five new members for this year.
- Locust Lions donated a new American flag to be flown at the Community building.
- Waxhaw has a goal of adding five new members during 2003-2004.
- Arcadia has a goal of increasing membership by two.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Sept. 4 – Salisbury Charter Night
- Sept. 10 – Waxhaw Golf Tournament
- Sept. 20 – Indian Trail turkey Shoot starts
- Sept. 26 – Indian Trail's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Fred Kirby Memorial golf tournament
- Oct. 8 - Davidson County Fundraiser
- Oct. 18 - Waxhaw's Blind Golf Tournament
- Oct. 18 - Arcadia's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gospel Sing
- Oct. 27 - Zone 4 Meeting  
Harrisburg Lions Den
- Oct. 30 - District Cabinet Meeting



***We Serve***

**Driving with Diane**

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| Sept. 4     | Thomasville LC (noon)<br>Midway Lions Club            | Oct.13-16 | VIP Fishing Tournament<br>Nags Head        |
| Sept. 8     | Pilot Lions Club                                      | Oct. 20   | Cleveland Lions Club                       |
| Sept.9      | Norwood Lions Club                                    | Oct. 21   | Spencer Lions Club                         |
| Sept. 10    | Salisbury Lions Club (1:00PM)                         | Oct. 23   | Linwood Lions Club                         |
| Sept. 11    | Midland Lions Club                                    | Oct. 27   | Zone 4 Meeting, Harrisburg                 |
| Sept. 12    | Advisory Ctm for the Blind<br>Raleigh 1:00 PM         | Oct. 28   | Franklin-Ellis LC                          |
| Sept. 13    | Commission for the Blind<br>Raleigh 10:00 AM          | Oct. 30   | District Cabinet Mtg                       |
| Sept. 15    | Mount Pleasant Lioness<br>Lions Club                  | Nov. 4    | Rockwell Lions Club                        |
| Sept. 17-21 | USA/Canada Forum<br>Portland, Oregon                  | Nov. 6    | Waxhaw Lions Club                          |
| Sept.. 23   | Hasty Lions Club                                      | Nov. 7    | NCLF Executive BD.<br>State Council Caucus |
| Sept. 25    | Wallburg Lions Club                                   | Nov. 8    | State Council Meeting                      |
| Sept. 29    | Fair Grove Lions Club                                 | Nov. 9    | NCLF Board Meeting                         |
| October 2   | Gold Hill Lions Club                                  | Nov. 10   | Mt. Pleasant LEO Club<br>Denton Lions Club |
| October 3   | Vision Van - South Piedmont<br>Community College      | Nov. 13   | Stanfield Lions Club                       |
| October 4   | Vision Van – Union Power<br>Health Fair at Wingate U. | Nov. 17   | Indian Trail Lioness Club                  |
| October 8   | Davidson County Fundraiser                            | Nov. 20   | Landis Lions Club                          |
| October 9   | Churchland Lions Club                                 | Nov. 25   | West Lexington Lions Club                  |
| October 12  | NCLF Executive Board                                  | Dec. 4    | Union County VIP<br>Christmas Party        |
|             |   | Dec. 9    | Rowan County VIP<br>Christmas Party        |

### USA/Canada Forum

The **Forum** will be held in **Portland, Oregon, September 18-20, 2003**. The Saturday evening banquet speaker is **Wally Amos**, the father of **Famous Amos cookies**.

The **Forum Store** (operated by our own PID Ron & Jane Huber) will have **new catalog items** as well as favorites brought each year.

Registration is available at the web site: **<http://www.usa-canada-lions-forum.com>**

### Peace Poster Contest

Don't forget the upcoming Peace Poster Contest. This year's theme is "**Create a Brighter Tomorrow**". Peace Poster Kits are now available from the Club Supplies Sales Department at Lions International Headquarters. The Kits are available until October 1, 2003 for \$7.95 plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. Each kit contains all materials needed to sponsor one contest. A Lions Club may sponsor more than one contest but a kit is needed for each. Order your kit(s) now before it is too late. What a great way to reach young people.

### **Positive Suggestions on Club Building**

The following suggestions are borrowed from District Governor David Rhodes' August Newsletter for District J. They were composed by Lion Blair Currie, Secretary of the Edenton Lions Club.

1. If a member is sick or absent, promptly send a Lions get-well card. Have a cheery and uplifting message such as "A Pillar of Strength is missing from the club, we need YOU!", or if you can write in verse, do so, it lets the absent Lion know you do care, and really miss their presence at the club.
2. New members: Never let a new member sit by themselves. A good approach is to know the background of the new member, then have a regular member of similar attribute quietly introduce themselves. It works!
3. Never use the phrase, "We need younger members!" How do you think senior members feel on hearing this? They might just question whether their effort is worthwhile, and quite often, the senior members are the most dependable at performing their duties in the club. If you have to refer to the need for new members, try saying- "We need some new blood here!"
4. One Lion in a club recently spoke of losing a potential member after he stressed how much WORK there was. We can understand this. Instead of using labor-insinuating "WORK", try to stress the JOY there is in campaigning on behalf of the blind.
5. Honorary President! This title of honor can be bestowed on long-serving Lions at little or no cost. To dignify the presentation, try to have a special meeting, all collar and tie, in a style befitting the occasion.
6. Lest we forget! Recognition of Lions widows. Lions widows in Edenton are invited to at least four annual functions. As a senior member witnesses this, surely it gives him/her greater resolve as a Lion knowing how widows are remembered.

### **Football - Lions Club Day at Wake Forest University**

Wake Forest University and the Lions of District 31-D invite all NC Lions MD-31 members, LEO Club members, and the entire Lions family to enjoy a special day of fellowship, food, and ACC football. See the attached form to order tickets. Deadline for registration is October 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Liberty Day Kids**

Lions International has come up with terrific assistance for Liberty Day Kids. The project is turning traditional education upside down – the kids teach the adults! Teams of 2 to 4 kids have 24 questions, taken directly from the text of the Constitution. They study the questions, and then go to a public place where people are waiting in line (a captive audience, not interrupting) and quiz adults.

The Liberty Day Kids most often go to the post office when there is a waiting line. Postmasters have been eager to have the kids there in order to entertain the people who are just waiting in line. On Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, there are sure to be lines in most post offices because of the Christmas rush. Plans are to have at least 20 teams in post offices in each state on that day.

Members of one Lions Club said they are in a rural area, and there are never lines in their post office. So, they held a party in the post office. They got the postmaster on board, and they invited the whole town at a time when the post office was open for business. There were plenty of people for the Liberty Day Kids to quiz, the postmaster sold a lot of stamps, and the Lions club got some new members!!

Liberty Day Chairperson Lion Laraine Dupree will be glad to tell your Lions Club more about the logistics of participating in this program. It sounds like a long way off, but really it isn't. If we are going to pull this off all over the country, we need to start *now*.



# *Lions Club Day*

*Saturday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>*

**Wake Forest**

**vs.**

**Georgia Tech**

\* Wake Forest University along with Lions District 31-D would like to invite all NC Lions MD-31 members, Leo Club members, and the entire Lions family to enjoy a special day of fellowship, food, and ACC football.

\* Package includes game ticket, food and beverage, and reserved tented tailgating space in the Red Lot.

- **Package price is only \$24.00 per person.**
- **Football game tentatively scheduled to kick-off at 3:30pm**
- **Tailgating will begin at 1:30pm with barbecue, chicken and all the trimmings!**
- To order tickets, determine the number of tickets needed for your group, fill out the attached order form, and return with payment to:  
WFU Marketing – Lions Club, 499 Deacon Blvd., Winston-Salem, NC 27105
- **For questions or to order by phone call (336) 758-5010.**

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**Lions Club Day Order Form  
Wake Forest vs. Georgia Tech  
Please print all information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ # of packages \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$24.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Due = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Make check payable to WFAA  
Return to: WFU Marketing-Lions  
499 Deacon Boulevard  
Winston-Salem, NC 27105

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

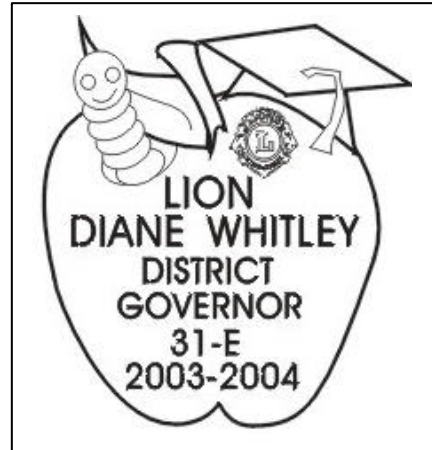
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**Registration Deadline – October 8<sup>th</sup>**



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**Secretary/Treasurer**  
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**Vice District Governor**  
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