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District 31-E



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"Share Success Through Service"

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District Theme:

Share the "Pride"
Share the "Service"

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Greeting to all of my fellow Lions
This first month has certainly been a busy month for my part. Having returned from Governor's School and the International Convention on July 10, 2004. I have not stopped since arriving home.

Having observed all the festivities of the convention and the arrival of our new President Lion Clement Kusiak of Maryland, all the excitement and enthusiasm is now upon us to have a very good and successful year in District 31-E.

This first month has been just that, several of the clubs have already taken in new members and more appear to be on the way. Several clubs have submitted their goals and what a job some are attempting to do for the upcoming year.

President Kussiak has outlined several of the programs he wishes each club to be a part of for this year. Please refer to the July issue of the Lions magazine which just arrived recently.

The condition of our District is very good, as we look forward to the many things to come. Some of things of major importance to us is the NCLF, with White Cane, Camp Dogwood and many many more programs that we the Lions of North Carolina deal with and support every day and month with our time and monetary gifts

Also, many other levels of support we all need to keep in our hearts and minds, is the support of the International LCIF along with the Leader Dog program for support of the Visually Impaired. In fact there are so many it is just hard to list all, but each club can add all of their support for many of the programs put forth by LCI.

Yours in Lionism:

Fred



LIONS; BIG AUGUST EVENT

An important event for August is the **White Cane Kickoff** to be held at **Jay's Fish House** in Albemarle. Time is 6:30PM, **Wednesday, August 25, 2004**. Presidents, Secretaries, White Cane Chairpersons and all other interested persons should be present for this most important meeting. Come join District 31-E Chairperson Tim Williams, along with NCLF President, Lion Harvey Whitley, NCLF Executive Director Lion Steve Walker, and many others who will be present.

NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY, PAY TO THE DOOR, MEAL \$10.00

BIG ERROR;

Lion Betty Hayes, Welcome and Lion Gordon McAdams, Fair Grove were omitted from the list of 100% Secretaries for 2003-2004. No excuse, just a major mistake. They are two of the best and congratulations are in order for both on being in the list of top secretaries for the past year.

50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY:

Congratulations are in order to **Rockwell Lions Club**, who on Saturday, September 18, 2004 will celebrate their 50th Anniversary of being chartered. The club was chartered on September 20, 1954 and sponsored by the China Grove Lions Club. This big event will take place at the Bethel Baptist Church Gym, 401 Depot St, Rockwell beginning at 6:30PM. Invitations will be forthcoming soon.

SECRETARIES:

Please note in the District Directory a few things which will be different for the upcoming year. Page 27, note the **Eye Research funds** will be sent **Directly** to the NCLF at Sherrills Ford and not to the Cabinet Secretary as in the past. Note: Did you send your club **1st VP Name, Telephone # and email address** to the Cabinet Secretary? If not, please do so, Thanks

PRESIDENTS

Do you need a program, check the District Directory for a listing of District Chairperson for a list of very good Lions who are just waiting for the call to duty. Give 'em a call.

NEW MEMBERS:

CLUB
Mt. Pleasant
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Fair Grove
Fair Grove
Gold Hill

NEW MEMBER
Kendall Johnson
Robert Blackwelder
Mark Thames
Debbie L. Fritts
Carol A. Dutcher
Anthony Cinquemani

SPONSOR
Leonard Ritchie
Roy Casper
Phil Byrd
Patrica Carroll
Scott Johnson
Kathy Rummage



GOVERNOR'S CLUB VISITATION SCHEDULE

This list to be published 2 months in advance

If a conflict, please advise immediately

August 02.....Davis-Townsend	September 02.....Gold Hill
August 03.....(Noon) Lexington DT	September 15.....Salisbury
August 03.....Welcome	September 16.....Landis
August 05.....Midway	September 20.....Mt. Ulla
August 10.....Hasty	September 21.....Spencer
August 12.....Wallburg	September 23.....Mt. Pleasant
August 16.....Cleveland	September 28.....Odell
August 26.....Churchland	September 30.....Thomasville

ADDITIONAL TRAVELING WITH GOVERNOR FRED

Aug. 06/07/08.....NCLF Board & Installation Holiday Inn-Salisbury
Aug.25..... White Cane Kick Off - Jay's Fish House, 6:30PM Albemarle

REMINDERS:

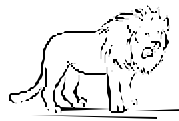
July 04 Newsletter- GOVERNOR' CAPSULE PROGRAM
July 10, 2004 was the big launch date for this program, All clubs to contribute \$50.00 for big drawing in the Spring, Proceeds to benefit Camp Dogwood, Southeast Guide Dogs, and Diabetes Awareness. Refer back to July 04 newsletter for complete info on this Lions event.

COMING EVENTS IN DISTRICT 31-E:

2nd District Cabinet Meeting to be Wednesday, October 27, 2004, 6:30 PM at Jay's Fish Restaurant, Albemarle, NC Please mark your calendar's accordingly.

1st CABINET MEETING-HARRISBURG

The 1st Cabinet meeting at Harrisburg on July 28th was a great success for everyone. Many thanks to Harrisburg Lions for the invite to use their club. Special thanks to Lion Bobby and his wife for a great meal, I am sure the large turnout of Lions enjoyed the meal and hospitality as much as I did.. A complete set of minutes are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.



RE-CAP DISTRICT 31-E (2003-2004)

Our District finished at the end of June 2004 in very good shape, This was greatly attributed to our PDG Diane Whitley with her leadership for the year, 2003-2004. Although Lion Diane served at the Council Chair of the State Council of Governor's, she still found the necessary time to perform her duties in 31-E very well.

Statistics are normally very boring to read or even listen to, but I do find it necessary to share our good record of achievements with each of you. Of the 9 Districts in the State, Dist. 31-E did the following in each category as of 6-30-04

White Cane:	\$132,177.00	Statewide: #1 of 9
Eye Research:	\$ 14,708.00	Statewide #1 of 9
Hon/Memorials	\$ 12,384.00	Statewide #1 of 9

These are just three of the reasons I am very proud to be the Governor of 31-E. We are off to a very good start for 2004-2005 and I have no doubt that we, all the Lions of this excellent District can do even better for this year.

REGION AND ZONE CHAIR:

I encourage each of you to be pro-active this year, in other words don't wait on the phone to ring, call the Presidents or Secretaries to see if you might come to their club to visit. Also, each region and zone chair is asked to look at the clubs in their regions to see if any clubs might need help or ask the merlo team to assist with some type of new program for them.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS:

As always, we will have several corrections; here are some already, just let me know when you can, so a correction might be run in the newsletter

Page 21: Unionville Lion Doris Rushing e-mail : dori3149@carolina.rr.com

Page 26: Dates: Aug. NCLF should be Aug. 6, 7, 8.

Page 33:Historian, Dr. Jerry Bates, address should be PO Box 1353, Lexington.27293

NC LIONS LICENSE PLATES

If you are interested in securing a Lions NC License Plate for your motor vehicle, please let Lion Harvey Whiteley, PCC know. He is working to secure this service throught the State for the NC Lions. He needs a number to give to the State so the order might be placed or secured. Give Lion Harvey a number either by phone, e-mail or snail mail.

Remember if you find yourself in a hole, it would be wise to stop digging



DISTRICT 31-E CABINET MEETING
Harrisburg Lions Den
Harrisburg NC
July 28, 2004

The First District 31-E Cabinet meeting was held on July 28, 2004..

- District Governor Fred Plummer called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.
- Lion Dale Dupree, VDG led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Chaplain Lion Clarence Williford, PDG gave the Invocation.
- Lion Allan Thompson, PDG was appointed parliamentarian.
- DG Plummer recognized all Past District Governors, Melvin Jones Fellows, Jack Stickley Fellows, and William L. Woolard Partners-in-Service
- The District Governor recognized District Tail Twister Andy Darr who preceded to harass the group but raised \$133.00 for White Cane. Thanks Andy.
- Zone 1 Chairperson Tony Hyde, seconded by VDG Dale Dupree, made a motion that all Lions from District 31-E in attendance at the Cabinet Meetings be allowed to vote. The Lions must be in good standing of Clubs in good standing. This allowance is for the entire 2004-2005 Lions year. The motion was approved.
- Zone 2 Chairperson Pam Stegman, seconded by Laraine Dupree, made a motion to designate LSB & CCB banks for deposited funds. LSB will be used for the checking accounts and a CD will be maintained at CCB. The motion was approved
- A bond has been secured by the State Council to cover all the District Cabinet Treasurers for up to \$50,000 each. The pro rata share for our district would be \$46.39. VDG Dale Dupree, seconded by Zone 2 Chairperson, made a motion to accept this as our bond for the year. The motion was approved
- DG Fred recognized Immediate PDG Diane Whitley and thanked her for a great job during the past year. PDG Diane presented several awards to people that were not in attendance at the Awards Banquet.
- PDG Diane Whitley, seconded by Gary Steele, made a motion that the minutes of the May Cabinet Meeting be approved as presented. The motion was approved.
- Clyde Rummage, seconded by Pam Stegman, made a motion to accept the Treasurers report as presented.
- The Audit will be done by PDG Ron Staley and presented at the October Cabinet Meeting.

Region and Zone Reports:

- Zone 2 Chairperson Pam Stegman reported that Zone 2 had their 1st meeting.
- Zone 3 Chairperson Morris Van Vleet, reported that Rockwell and Zone 3 were sponsoring the Vision Van. Rockwell will be celebrating their 50th anniversary.

Committee Reports

- Diabetes Awareness – Wayne Thonen, Chair: will attempt to get club chairmen appointed and programs active in the clubs.
- Internet – PDG Bennie Pugh, Chair: - Still a few clubs not on the Internet, need 1st VP, 56 newsletters are being mailed with 300+ being delivered by email. We need to continue to reduce the number being mailed.
- LCIF/SightFirst – PDG Diane Whitley, Chair: - Report attached
- Leadership Development – PDG Harvey Whitley, Chair talked about how proud he was of our effort for white cane, we lead the State again, and invited everyone to attend the Installation Banquet in Salisbury, August 7th.
- Membership – PDG Allan Thompson, Chair: encouraged programs and said lack of programs were reason for low membership. Lion Allan recommended several Committee Chairpersons for potential programs for clubs.
- Nominating – PDG Bill Udovich, Chair: requested help from the entire district in securing a VDG nominee for coming year.

- Orientation – PDG Ron Staley, Chair - expressed concern for the low number of new Lions receiving Orientation. Four meeting meetings were held in the past year with low to no attendance at each. Lion Ron is willing to come to clubs to do the training.
- Promotions – PDG Diane Whitley, Chair Report attached
- Research/Long Range Planning – PDG Ted James, Chair: asked for ideas for needed changes to the organization
- Retention – PDG Wilson Barbee, Chair: requested chance to give club programs
- State Convention – VDG Dale Dupree, Chair: - May 27-29 in Raleigh
- Youth Exchange – PDG Jim Walker, Chair - Report by Allan Thompson. The W. Lexington Club is hosting Youth Exchange students this weekend requested \$64 for RCR tickets for the students and \$114.50 for Old Salem tickets for a total of \$178.50. Laraine Dupree, seconded by Pam Stegman, made a motion, that we fund the tickets for both functions. The motion was approved.
- Youth Outreach – Judy Williford, Chair: encouraged everyone to support the Peace Poster Contest. She suggested ordering the kit now at a cost of about \$8. They need to be submitted by early November.
- Camp Dogwood – Laraine Dupree, Chair: Camp Dogwood tickets will be available at White Cane Workshop
- Humanitarian/White Cane – Tim Williams, Chair: Encouraged programs and attendance at the Workshop
- Memorials & Honorariums – Andy Darr, Chair: - Goal: each club contribute at least one Memorial or Honorarium. Andy is going to give \$1 for each club and harass each club that does not do more. PDG Jerry Austin, State Chairman, suggested encouraging family members to contribute in their honor.
- Properties – PDG Bennie Pugh, Chair: reported that the foundation for the new dorm is in place and the framing has started.
- VAVS – Linda VanVleet, Chair: Thanks and next year is booked. Will put multiple club on a night if more clubs would like to participate.
- VIP Fishing – PDG Aldeen Robbins reported that 26 were attending from Davidson County

Old Business

- Lion Harvey Whitley, President of NCLF reported that Club Lions would be recognized at the NCLF Installation Banquet on August 7. Encouraged them to be present at that meeting.
- Billy Southern introduced the new District Trading Pins. They are available at a cost of \$2.00 each from Lion Bill or the District Governor.

New Business

Please send needed directory changes to the District Governor for publishing in a future newsletter

Announcements:

- White Cane kick off will be at Jay's Seafood in Albemarle, August 25th starting at 6:30pm. No reservations, pay at the door. Cost \$10 per person.
- District Cabinet Meeting will be October 27 at Jay's Seafood in Albemarle starting at 6:30pm. No reservations, pay at the door. Cost \$10 per person.
- Mid Winter Convention – Holiday Inn Salisbury – January 21-22, 2004

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20pm

Respectfully submitted,
Bennie Pugh, PDG
Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

Attachment: Promotions and LCIF Report

Attachment to District 31-E District Minutes

Promotions

District 31-E
July 28, 2004

As your District Promotions Chairperson for 2004-2005 I don't have immediate access to all NC Lions stuff as Lions Clarence and George did since I'm not also the State Chairperson. But, if you are interested in purchasing any item sold by the State Promotions Committee, I'll be glad to take your order and get it for you. I will be accompanying Lion Harvey to probably all those meetings where it would be available.

You can still register for the USA/Canada Leadership Forum which will be held this year in Reno, Nevada on September 8-11. As a way of promoting North Carolina Lions at the Forum, we will be hosting an ice cream social with the state of Nebraska. All International Directors invited to our Fall and Mid-Winter Conventions will be invited to attend this social. The International Officers are invited also. Sometimes they attend, other times not. We'd love to have you be a part of this experience.

LCIF

Donations to LCIF are up, the affordable hearing aid program is set to launch, and LCIF supported more than 450 vital humanitarian service projects in the fiscal year 2003-2004. Donations to LCIF in 2003-2004 reached \$19 million, about a 7 percent increase from 2002-2003. The Board approved 52 grants for \$2.6 million for projects that will improve the lives of more than a million people in 22 countries. In 2003-2004, LCIF awarded 458 grants totaling \$20 million.

The Sightfirst Advisory Committee approved 12 new Sightfirst projects totaling \$1.7 million in May. \$156 million in Sightfirst grants have been approved for 673 projects in 80 countries. The Board heard the final report of the Sightfirst Phase II Feasibility Study regarding a possible second fundraising campaign. The overall response indicated that Lions are very proud of what Sightfirst has accomplished and understand the need to continue on with this challenge. No [mal decision has been made on the campaign.

LCIF sent emergency grants to two of our nine districts this year following the hurricane last fall. Funds have also been granted for at least one Habitat House in North Carolina. I received this week a check for \$75,000 for the construction of the new dorm at Camp Dogwood. You see, funds from LCIF do come back to us. So, let's keep making donations as contributing members and keep presenting Melvin Jones Fellowships to Lions who deserve them.

You can make installment payments on a Melvin Jones. I have a list of those and will be in touch with your club if it or a member of your club has a balance noted. I will need the new directory with current club officer's names, address, and e-mails before I can begin.

Submitted by:

Diane Whitley, PDG

Promotions Chairperson, Dist. 31-E

LCIF Chairperson. Dist. 31- E



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