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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

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October 2004 newsletter already, it just does not seem possible that this much time has gone by since I first assumed the position of your District Governor in July, 2004. Each month and the visitation of the clubs has gone very well. There are many programs and projects that we as Lions are giving our "all" to support, whether it be from LCI or our local District 31-E.

Although our membership is a little low at this time, I do have a positive outlook for our figures to improve. As I receive the MMR's, many clubs are showing an increase in members. To me this is a good sign of a healthy and improving district. Many of our clubs are responding to the district goals as set out at the beginning of this year by sending their monies to the Cabinet Secretary /Treasurer early.

The latest cumulative report received from LCI through July, shows that we in 31-E are 101 members short as to what LCI desires us to have to be a strong and working district.

Quite a few clubs have responded with generous contributions to White Cane and the many other projects and goals that we as Lions support. The ongoing work and contribution by all Lions of 31-E is absolutely fantastic.

Many clubs have already made a contribution to the Governor's Capsule Program, which is a project to help the funding of the new Dorm at Camp Dogwood. Your Council of Governor's do appreciate this support by all Lions for this worthwhile cause.

I want to urge every Club, every President and every Lion to give all your energy and support to our many programs and causes that we all undertake and support each and every day as Lions.

Yours in Lionism,
Fred



District Theme:

Share the "Pride"
Share the "Service"

SECRETARIES CORNER

First I would like to address an issue of importance to all and especially the Club secretaries. In September, I attended the USA/Canada Forum in Reno. The many seminar's presented were all informative, but one I attended will be of particular interest to our Club officers.

I am not a computer expert as some of you are, but I am going to give you the facts just as they were presented to the class. The new LCI reporting format is up and running and relative easy to use. I would encourage all Secretaries to start using it as soon as possible..

The president and secretary may log on to the new WMMR and use it to transmit your club information to LCI. After bringing up the LCI web page, you then enter into the area indicating "to transmit member reports". After doing this, it will bring up a full yellow page on your screen. Read all this the first time and it will help you in many ways. Then scroll to the bottom of page and click on the right block indicating the new wmmr format and report. Also while reading this yellow page you can download various instructions on the use of the new report.

To enter into the LCI report page for your club, you will need your NEW member number and your club password.. Your club password is at the bottom of your club billing from LCI. IF you do not have these, please contact the DG by telephone and I will assist you getting the correct numbers. (REMEMBER BY TELEPHONE ONLY, I WILL NOT DO IT BY E-MAIL OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS.) (Hope you can understand the reasoning behind this) If you have other questions, please contact me by any manner and I will be most happy to assist you in any way possible

One of the main things is that when you file the new report, it does **NOT** send a copy to the DG as old report did. You have to save the report to your files and send it to the DG as an attachment

Another item is, that you cannot file the following monthly report prior to 4:00PM Chicago time on the 28th day of the month. It will show the proper month when it is time to file said monthly report..

Moving on, again as I requested in the September newsletter, please recheck all your club records, especially back ones to make sure all your wmmr reports are up to date and have been filed and recorded properly and on time. This is of much importance to the District Governor and especially to LCI.



TRAVELING WITH GOVERNOR FRED

October 04.....Central Lions Club (visit)
October 05.....Concord Lions Club (visit)
October 06.....Davidson Co Lions Raffle-Lexington
October 11 thru 13.....VIP Fishing ..Manteo
October 16..... Pilot Lions Club HD Dinner (Davidson Co VIP's)
October 19.....Harrisburg Lions Club (visit)
October 20.....Mid-Winter planning committee/ Salisbury
October 21..... Kannapolis Lions Club (visit)
October 25.....Pilot Lions Club (visit)
October 26.....Arcadia Lions Club (visit)
October 27..... 2nd Cabinet Meeting-Jay's Fish (Albemarle)
October 28.....Locust Lions Club (visit)

DISTRICT CLUB ACTIVITIES

LOCUST: Club to sponsor Vision Van: Oct. 3-4, 2004

MT. ULLA: Pumpkin Festival: Oct. 23-24, 2004

ODELL: BBQ-Pork or Chicken: 11:00AM until: Oct. 16, 2004
Odell Lions Hut: NC 73 & Odell School Rd

WELCOME: White Cane Roadblock: Oct. 16, 2004

WALLBURG: BBQ Chicken: Oct. 22, 2004
Golf Tournament: Oct. 30, 2004

CONCORD: Club to Sponsor Vision Van: Oct. 20, 2004

WAXHAW: 4th Annual Tournament: Oct. 16, 2004
Stonebridge Golf Club-Monroe, NC

PILOT: Davidson Co. VIP Hot Dog Lunch: Oct 16. 2004
Lions Den: 1:00PM

You are the only person on this earth who can use your own ability

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS 31-E

<i>NEW MEMBER</i>	<i>CLUB</i>	<i>SPONSOR</i>
Mark Pierce	Marshville	
Frankie Allison	Odell	Steve Emerson
Opal Allison	Odell	Steve Emerson
Charles Holder	Linwood	Sammy Shoaf
Margaret Sink	Linwood	Howard Coble
Donald Sink	Linwood	Howard Coble
Richard Broadway	Linwood	George Beeker

DECEASED

Lion Mason Benson—Odell Lions Club
Lion Ira Craven— Denton Lions Club

ANNIVERSARIES-OCTOBER 2004

Thomasville Lions Club: 66 Years
Aquadale Lions Club: 52 Years
Misenheimer Lions Club: 48 Years
Welcome Lions Club: 46 Years

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is a definite concern for all Lions of North Carolina and especially for me in District 31-E. The cumulative report from LCI was received through the month of July 2004. The report reflects that we in District 31-E are **101** members short of the LCI desired goal of 1250 members per district in order not to be a transitional district. It is requested that each Lion in District 31-E, invited at least one person to visit your Lions club in the very near future



MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS MONTH

The following article was submitted for publication by PDG Jerry Austin for our Lions.

“At their last meeting the NCLF Board of Directors proclaimed the month of November to be Memorial and Honorariums Month.”

Every club in District 32-E is urged to contact the District Memorials and Honorariums chairman, Lion Andy Darr of the Hasty Lions Club for an informative presentation about this program that has so much potential, especially for White Cane Funding.

Please consider last year's statistics: During 2003-2004, 48 Clubs in N. C. increased their White Cane contributions by \$200.00 or more through memorials and honorariums. Nineteen of those noted an increase of \$500.00 or more and seven realized an increase of over \$1, 000.00. The size of a club is not a factor.. Average membership of clubs with a \$200-\$500 boost was 28.6. Clubs realizing a \$501 to \$1000.00 increase has a membership of 30 while those netting more than \$1000. or more had a memberships of 36.

I am proud to report that fifteen of those 48 clubs are in District 31-E. Total memorials and honorariums added \$9, 602 to our White Cane, or an average of \$640.00 for each of the 15 clubs involved. This participation enabled District 31-E to be the top district in the state for memorials and honorarium giving.

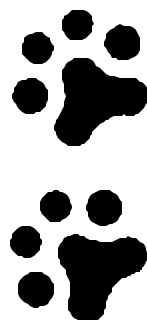
Please contact Lions Andy for information and inspiration that will help us to be a 100% District.. Benefits abound: a rather painless way to boost White Cane accounts and untold benefits to the Visually and Hearing Impaired.

Thanks to all for your dedication and service through Lionism.

Jerry Austin, PDG
State Chairman, M & H Committee

2nd DISTRICT CABINET MEETING

Attention all Lions: The 2nd District Cabinet meeting will be held on Wednesday October 27, 2004 at Jay's Fish House, Albemarle, NC. Food service will start at approximately 6:30PM with the meeting to begin shortly thereafter as all are finished with their meal.



LCIF HELP HURRICANE VICTIMS

Please read the following inserts taken from e-mail from Dr. Tae Sup Lee,
LCIF Chairperson: **PLEASE CONSIDER AND RESPOND ACCORDINGLY**

To my fellow Lions:

After Hurricane Frances devastated the Port of Lucie area in Florida, Lions handed out vouchers for food and clothing redeemable at Wal-Mart. Residents had little food because their power was out, and their possessions were ruined by days of rain, which poured after high winds tore their roofs off. The vouchers were made possible by an LCIF Emergency Grant.

The voucher program works very well, says 35-D District Governor Doris Hollins. The TV stations went into the community and interviewed the residents and told them, "The Lions are the only people who give us something in our hands so we can go shop and get medicine, food and clothing."

In the wake of the recent hurricanes, LCIF has provided 17 Emergency Grants to districts in Florida, Alabama, North Carolina, West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania as well as districts in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. The \$10,000 or \$5,000 Emergency Grants enable the Lions to respond to immediate needs and supplement the Volunteer service Lions do following disasters.

Lions in the areas devastated by the hurricanes or flooding want other Lions to know they've responded to the disaster and appreciate the support through the emergency grants. The devastation here has been unbelievable. A little creek in Lisbon became a flash flood of water that wiped out homes and roadways, says 13-D District Governor Verna Williams of Bristolville, Ohio. The Lisbon Lions were the first on the scene, helping people with food and shelter. We need to spread the word about Lionism.

Lions who wish to contribute to an LCIF fund for those affected by the storms can send a check to LCIF at 300 W. 22nd St, Oak Brook, IL 60523. Make the check payable to LCIF with a notation that the donation is for the US Hurricane Relief Fund 2004. (Because these donations are for a specific fund, these donations are not eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition or a Contributing Membership)

The large number of disasters this year, both in the US and elsewhere, has resulted in a far large number of Emergency Grants this year so far. Since July 1, LCIF has made 87 Emergency Grants for \$745,000, compared to 155 Emergency Grants for \$1,150, 00 for the entire 2003-2004 fiscal year

Lions who wish to help replenish the Emergency Grants fund can send a check to LCIF at the same address as above or make an on-line contribution at:
e-mail: [lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lions_lcif_donatecredit card.shtml](mailto:lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lions_lcif_donatecredit%20card.shtml)

ODDS AND ENDS

THE new 2004-2005 state trading Pins are now available, the supply is limited so advise the DG how many you or your club needs and wishes to purchase. The price is \$1.50.

DISTRICT 31-E mid-winter is just around the corner (January 21-22, 2005) Holiday Inn, Salisbury, NC. VDG Dale Dupree is starting the planning stage real soon. More will be in the November and December newsletter. Our International guest for this convention will be ID Lion Walter R. "Bud" Wahl and his wife of Streator, Illinois. We all look forward to Lion "Bud" visiting with 31-E.

NC LIONS Lions license plates are still in the "works" so advise Lion Harvey Whitley as soon as possible as to your intentions of need.

THINGS to come in future issues of your District 31-E newsletters:

More info on PID Lion Sid Scruggs

Club points sheet for all clubs to be listed after 1st of year (2005)

IF each Lion in District 31-E would ask and be responsible for one (1) new person to join your Lions Club, membership problems would cease to exist, especially District 31-E.

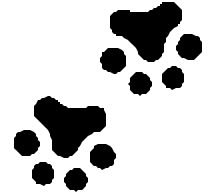
REMEMBER the Governor's of MD31, CAPSULE PROGRAM which was described in the July 04 Newsletter. A definite good cause (assist with New Dorm at Camp Dogwood, Youth Diabetes Awareness Program and more Dogs for SE Guide Dogs.

ALL Clubs to make every effort to meet the District monetary goals for the 2004-2005 year, Thanks to those clubs who have already sent the goals money to the Cabinet S/T.

REMEMBER Your VIP's , Heart warming for everybody.

PLANNING meeting for the District 31-E Mid-Winter convention:
October 20, 2004 at Fosters Family Restaurant, Jake Alexander Blvd, Salisbury, NC
6:30PM: (Formely Prime Sirloin, Same place as last year)

DISTRICT 31-E PINS are now available for \$2.00. To secure or purchase please contact Lion Bill Southern, Pilot Lions Club with a visit to your club or phone #336-882-4266.



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