

Happenings - District 31-E

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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK

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With the new Lions year well underway, I want to thank each of you that came to the first Cabinet Meeting in Wingate and to the Awards/Installation Banquet the same evening. We had a great time and have gotten off to a super start. Considering the increasing cost of gas, I appreciate your willingness to come.

Our International President Ashok Mehta has challenged us to display a Passion to Excel in all our Lion activities this year. So, as many of you have already heard me say, "Toot your Lion horn!" Let your neighbors, community, and your state know what your Lions Club is doing. There are numerous ways to do this: newspapers (both a small community paper and your local town/city paper), radio, Cable TV announcement boards, hand outs, and church bulletins. Many clubs are using at least one of these media to tell their stories. If you have found other successful methods or have additional suggestions, please share them with the rest of us. I will be glad to pass on your suggestions in upcoming newsletters. We know that humbleness is a virtue, but this is one time that we must TOOT OUR LIONS HORNS so that others will know what we do so that they may wish to join us!

ON THE ROAD WITH THE GOVERNOR

September

1 Gold Hill
8 Churchland
12 Pilot
15 Misenheimer
19 Cleveland
20-24 USA/Canada Forum
27 Hasty

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Midway Lions Club:
Pilot Lions Club
Thomasville Lions Club
Welcome Lions Club

Pam Rush
Margaret Hunt
Jack Stratas
Betsy J. Koloshinsky

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September

2 Southmont Bingo 7pm
5 Labor Day

- 6 Charter Night
- 10 Denton Downtown Festival
- 14 Vision Van – Rockwell Elementary
- 14 Davidson County Lions Council, FairGrove Lions Den @ 7pm
- 22 Arcadia Blood Drive
- 22-24 USA-Canada Forum, Peoria, IL
- 23 Zone 3 Meeting – Jabes @ 6:30pm
- 23 Fred Kirby Golf Tournament, Indian Trail Lions Club
- 24 Waxhaw VIP Golf Tournament
- 24 Everybody’s Day – Thomasville
- 29 Morgan School Vision Van, Gold Hill Lions
- 29 Vision Van Morgan School – Gold Hill

October

- 1 Denton 2nd Annual Shrimp Boil
- 7 Southmont Lions Bingo
- 8 Wallburg Golf Tournament
- 10-15 VIP FISHING TOURNAMENT
- 15 Southmont Lions Fun Day

Please check with the VIP’s in your area to be sure arrangements are being made for transportation to the Fishing Tournament. If you have no one from your area attending, please consider sponsoring a fisherman by sending \$25.00 to help defray the costs of this event.

PRAYER REMINDERS

The Lions of District 31-E are blessed to be part of a family that cares. Please keep me apprised of concerns that affect your club. Remember, a load that is shared with others becomes much lighter

Lion Glenn Bunch, PDG District 31-H
 Lions Pat, Andrew, and Andy Darr, Hasty Lions Club
 Lion Raymond Hayes, Pres. Boone Lions Club, Former member of Wingate Lions Club

**District 31E Minutes
 First Cabinet Meeting
 Wingate, NC
 July 30, 2005**

Call to Order—Meeting was called to order at 3:10PM by District Governor Dale Dupree

Pledge of Allegiance—Led by Vice-District Governor Morris VanVleet

Invocation—Led by Lion Butch Conrad, District Chaplain

Welcome and Opening Remarks—DG Dupree welcomed all in attendance. He spoke of the emphasis this year on spreading the message of Lionism.

DG Dupree called for all Past District Governors, Melvin Jones Fellows, Jack Stickley Fellows, and William L. Woolard Partners-in-Service to stand and be recognized.

In the absence of District Tail Twister Clarence Williford, PDG Wilson Barbee was called upon to be acting Tail Twister. A motion was made by PDG Jim Walker and seconded by Lion Pat Carroll to fine Tail Twister Clarence for being late. The vote failed as Acting Tail Twister Barbee voted No. He said he was obligated to defend his fellow Tail Twister.

DG Dupree appointed PDG Ron Staley as Parliamentarian

Determination of Voter Eligibility—Lion Bobbi Coble made the motion to allow all Lions in attendance at the cabinet meeting to be eligible to vote. Seconded by PDG Jim Walker. Motion passed.

Reading and approval of minutes from May cabinet meeting—a motion was made by Lion Clyde Rummage and seconded by PDG Jim Walker to accept the minutes as published. Motion passed.

Financial Report for 2004-2005—Past CS/T Bennie Pugh presented the financial report from 2004-2005. Motion was made by Lion Gary Steele and seconded by PDG Allan Thompson to accept the report. Motion passed.

Audit of 2004-2005 Financial Records—PDG Ron Staley reported that he had audited the books for 2004-2005 and found no discrepancies. Motion was made by PDG Allan Thompson to accept the audit report. Seconded by PDG George Ohm. Motion passed.

Presentation of Budget for 2005-2006—Past CS/T Bennie Pugh presented the budget for 2005-2006 which includes \$19 dues per member for District, State, and Mid-Winter Dues. PDG Ron Staley made a motion to accept the budget. Seconded by PDG Clarence Williford. Motion passed.

Acting Tail Twister Wilson Barbee then asked for the floor and noted that District Tail Twister Clarence Williford had arrived. Despite multiple excuses, the Tail Twister was fined \$5 for his “lateness”. He paid \$10.

Approval of Depository for District Funds for 2005-2006—CS/T Harvey Whitley made a recommendation that Trinity Bank be utilized as depository. PDG Bennie Pugh made a motion to accept the recommendation. Seconded by PDG Jim Walker. Motion passed.

Approval of bond for Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer—CS/T Whitley made a recommendation that 31E participate in the Multiple District plan which gives a reduced rate. Lion Clyde rummage made a motion to accept the recommendation. Seconded by Lion Sydney Eudy. Motion passed.

Roll Call—A sign in sheet was circulated—Attendees included the District Governor, Vice-District Governor, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, 10 club presidents, 15 club secretaries, 3 club treasurers, and 25 other Lions.

Reports were received from Region and Zone Chairs as follows:

Region 1—Lion Gordon McAdams

Zone 1—absent

Zone 2—Lion Bobbi Coble

Region 2—Lion George Barrier

Zone 3—absent

Zone 4—Lion Sydney Eudy

Region 3—Vacant

Zone 5—Vacant

Zone 6—Lion Laraine Dupree

Since we are early in the year, reports received were primarily announcing the first zone meetings. DG Dupree urged each zone to let him know about their upcoming activities so they can be published in the District newsletter.

Reports from District Chairpersons as follows:

Boys and Girls Home—Absent

Budget and Finance—No Report

Bulletins—No Report

Camp Dogwood—Lion Laraine Dupree reported that Camp Dogwood tickets would be available at the HWC kickoff on August 24 at Jays Seafood in Albemarle. There will be three books for each Lion. The drawing this year will NOT be at the State Convention since it is in April.

Drawing date will be in June; the exact date will be announced later.

Chaplain—No Report

Clinical Eye Research—Absent

Constitution/Bylaws—PDG Jim Walker—No report for this committee but PDG Jim reported on his mission trip earlier this year to the tsunami area.

Environment—Absent

Extension—Absent

Historian—PCC Ted James reported on the planned 1988-2005 NC Lion history book. Clubs are asked to write a 250 word report about their club for the publication. Lion Ted is also serving as State Historian Chairperson this year.

Long Range Planning—PCC Ted James asked for help in formulating our plans for the future. He said we could start by each club increasing their membership by at least one this year.

Humanitarian/White Cane—Absent

Internet—PDG Bennie Pugh asked that the clubs supply him the info on their 1st Vice-Presidents for the web site. He also asked for anyone wanting the newsletter by e-mail to supply him their address.

Jack Stickley Fellow—PDG George Ohm explained the purpose of the JSF. He suggested it as a good way to honor an outstanding Lion.

LCIF/Sightfirst—IPDG Fred Plummer had no report. However, PCC Harvey Whitley reported on the new Campaign Sightfirst II which begins this year. PCC Whitley has been appointed a Sector Coordinator and will be attending training in Oakbrook August 20-21.

Leadership Development—PDG Ron Staley deferred to last years chairperson, PCC Harvey Whitley for a report on last years training. Two sessions were held, one at Davidson County Community College and the other in Monroe.

LEO—No Report

Liberty Day—Absent

Lioness—Absent

Lions Quest—No Report

Lions Service for Children—No Report

Membership—PCC Diane Whitley—Stressed each club set a membership goal. Our goal this year is at least one member per club.

Memorials/Honorariums—No Report

Nominating—PDG Bill Udovich reports that we have no candidate for VDG at this time. There are lots of qualified people and you do not need to be retired.

Organ and Tissue Procurement—Lion Chris Beck has an excellent real-life experience to share about organ donation. He would like to share his story at your club. He also would like for each club to secure at least one organ will per member this year.

Orientation—PDG Ron Staley will conduct orientation for your new members in the club or the zone.
Partner-In-Service—No Report
Promotions—No Report
Properties—PDG Bennie Pugh stressed that we go see the new Lineberger Dorm at Camp Dogwood.
Public Information—No Report
Retention—Absent
Vision Van—No Report
Sight/Hearing Conservation—No Report
Southeastern Guide Dogs—Absent
State Convention—No Report
Tail Twister—Lion Clarence Williford—Collected an additional \$59 in fines
VAVS—Lion Linda VanVleet—Thanks to all the Lions who have helped out at the VA.
VIP Fishing Tournament—PDG Aldeen Robbins—Tournament is in October with 20 going from our district.
Volunteers—No Report
Women's Leadership Development—Absent

Old Business—None

New Business:

Letter from Lion Andy Darr read by IPDG Fred Plummer
USA flag passed on by IPDG Plummer to DG Dupree. This was a gift to the district from Lion Bill Southern
PDG Willie Welborne spoke of his love for Lionism. He is our "Senior PDG" in 31E. He said "Thank you for being my friend". PDG Wellborne was then fined \$5 for lying about his wife.

Announcements:

HWC Kickoff—August 24 at 6:30PM, Jays Seafood, Albemarle
Council and NCLF meetings—August 12-14, Greenville, NC
USA/Canada Forum—September 22-24, Peoria, IL
Peace Poster—Deadline to purchase a kit is October 1

Meeting adjourned at 4:35PM by DG Dupree

Respectfully Submitted,

Harvey F. Whitley, PCC
Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer 2005-2006

North Carolina Lions License Plates

The license plate project has hit a snail's pace. As of 8/24/05 we have 286 Lions who want to proudly display their Lions membership on their car or truck tag. We must have at least 300 to get them approved by DMV. Why wait? If you are interested e-mail Harvey or Diane Whitley at lionswhtley@aol.com and get an application. Or send a self addressed stamped envelope to 712 Heatherwood Dr., Monroe, NC 28112 to receive an application.

District Dues

Notices have been sent out for first half district dues. Club Presidents, please check to see if a notice has been received by your Treasurer. Payment is due by September 10th to NC Lions District 31E, 712 Heatherwood Dr., Monroe, NC 28112. If you did not get a notice, keep in mind that several clubs have NOT provided us with an M Report showing your new officers names and addresses. For those clubs, we will be sending the notice of dues to the attention of last year's president.

District 31-E – Club Awards

Timberlake Tickets - Total Sales		Fair Grove Lions Club
Timberlake Tickets - Sales Per Member		Jackson Park Lions Club
Membership	Group 1 (0 - 14)	Southmont Lions Club
Membership	Group 2 (15 - 24)	Monroe Lions Club
Membership	Group 4 (37 -)	Pilot Lions Club
Points Contest	Group 1 (0 - 14)	Landis Lions Club
Points Contest	Group 2 (15 - 24)	Welcome Lions Club
Points Contest	Group 3 (25 - 36)	Unionville Lions Club
Points Contest	Group 4 (37 -)	Salisbury Lions Club
Bulletin Award (presented by PDG Jerry Bates)		Gold Hill Lions Club
Camp Dogwood Tickets - Most Per/Member (presented by PDG's Harvey and Diane Whitley)		Welcome Lions Club
Organ and Tissue Procurement (presented by PDG Don Byerly)		Welcome Lions Club
Sight Conservation	Club Excellence in Effort	Welcome Lions Club
Community Improvement (presented by PDG David Smoot)		Thomasville Lions Club
Community Service (presented by Unionville Lions Club)		Welcome Lions Club
White Cane - Highest Per Member (presented by PDG Ron Staley)		Odell Lions Club
Most Improved Club		Monroe Lions Club
Best All Around Club		Thomasville Lions Club

Individual Awards

100% Secretaries

Benton Heights Lions Club	Diane B. Whitley, PDG
Cleveland Lions Club	Gary Steele
Concord Lions Club	Ron Staley, PDG

Davis Townsend Lions Club
Denton Lions Club
Fair Grove Lions Club
Gold Hill Lions Club
Hasty Lions Club
Jackson Park Lions Club
Landis Lions Club
Mt Pleasant Lions Club
Norwood Lions Club
Pilot Lions Club
Rockwell Lions Club
Salisbury Lions Club
Thomasville Lions Club
Unionville Lions Club
Welcome Lions Club

C. R. "Butch" Conrad
Theresa Matthews
H. Gordon McAdams
D. Keith Bowersox
Bob R. Michael
Judy Williford
Paul F. Whitley
George L. Barrier III
T. Marshall Riggins
Helen G. Plummer
Wayne Taylor
Jerry Austin, PDG
David Smoot, PDG
Betty Hinson
Betty Hayes

Best Secretary (presented by Lion Marie Price)

David Smoot, PDG

Outstanding Zone Chairperson (presented by PDG association)

Morris Van Vleet

Harold Harrison Membership Award
(presented by Thomasville Lions Club)

Helen Plummer

Jack Frank VIP Visits Award (presented by PDG Jack Frank)

Glenda Gandy

White Cane most money by Individual (presented by PDG Bennie Pugh)

Joel Rogers, Misenheimer \$ 1,405.00

Jack Stickley Fellow

Charles Boyle
Frances Almond
Bobbi Coble
Gordon McAdams
Bobby Michael

Melvin Jones Fellow

Sammy Shoaf
Fred Plummer

Ben Q. Forman Award (presented by the Salisbury Lions Club)

Gary Steele

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“Excellence through Caring”***