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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

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HAPPY NEW YEAR. What a great way to start a new message to each of my fellow Lions. I also hope that each of you had a very Merry Christmas. (I still use Christ in my greetings to all).

Well, either half of our year together is gone, or we still have half of the year to go. (You can either be a pessimist or an optimist) either way we are still going strong, just like the energizer rabbit. Each of Our Clubs in District 31-E are doing well, goals being met, dues paid on time, new programs in the works, etc. Membership a little low but we will prevail.

The White Cane goals are coming in very good as are others that we all support. Club visitations have all gone very good as I have been most graciously welcomed at all the Clubs I have visited. I am about 60 per cent through with the Clubs and hope to complete the remainder within the next few months.

The absolutely hardest decision I have had to make as your Governor, was the judging of the Peace Posters for our District. Thanks to all involved as our Poster sponsored by the Indian Trail Club went on to win the State Contest and is now at LCI for further judging. This all made me feel much better as having made a correct decision for our Poster. We are also going to honor the artist Brittany Stilwell at our Mid-Winter.

As I previously stated, time absolutely flies. We are gearing our Clubs up to have a great showing for Clinical Eye Research in selling the Bob Timberlake raffle tickets. Don't forget, we also need to push very hard on the Camp Dogwood tickets, this makes a great difference for our monies to Camp Dogwood. Then again, there is the Governors Capsule Program which I have mentioned numerous times, all proceeds to benefit the new dorm at Camp Dogwood, some to SE guide dogs and some to help childrens diabetes awareness.

District Theme:

Share the "Pride"
Share the "Service"

Yours in Lionism:
Fred



TRAVELING WITH GOVERNOR FRED

Jan. 04.....	Rockwell Lions Club
Jan. 05.....	Albemarle Lions Club
Jan. 10.....	Southmont Lions Club
Jan. 11.....	Franklin-Ellis Lions Club
Jan. 12.....	Davidson Co Lions Council
Jan. 14/15.....	District G-H-J Mid-Winter Convention
Jan. 20/23.....	District E Mid-Winter Convention
Jan. 28/29.....	District D Mid-Winter Convention
Feb. 03.....	Aquadale Lions Club
Feb. 05.....	District C Mid-Winter Convention

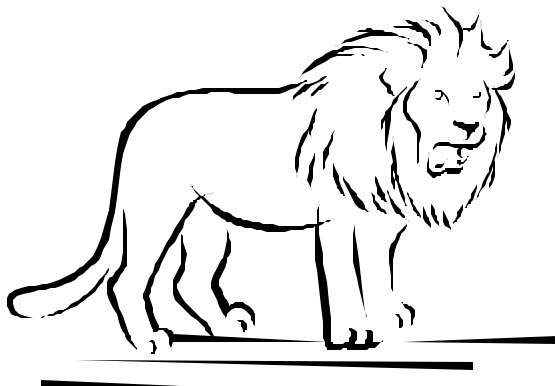
PEACE POSTERS

As I previously announced, our District is a BIG Winner. There were a total of 8 Peace Posters entered by the Clubs of District 31-E for this years judging. Each poster was very good, and it was a tough call to select No. 1. My committee and I finally selected one which was very outstanding. This particular Poster was then forwarded to the State Council Chairperson for further judging. We were notified in mid-December that the District 31-E selection had been judged as No. 1 in the State. The poster has been forwarded to Lions Clubs International for the International contest. Our big winner in District 31-E was Ms. Brittany Stilwell, sponsored by the Indian Trail Lions Club.

Brittany and her family have been invited to be our special guest for our Saturday night banquet on January 22 at our Mid-Winter convention in Salisbury. Our District will give Brittany a Bond, as a special token for representing us very well. Brittany will also be a special guest at the State convention in Raleigh on May 28, where she will be presented a \$500.00 Bond for winning the State competition. We are all wishing Brittany the very best in the International judging, where the winner and family will be invited to the United Nations in March of 2005. Let's all cross our fingers for Brittany. Also, a big thanks goes to the Indian Trail Lions Club for sponsoring Brittany and bringing this recognition to our District.

ADDED FOR MID-WINTER: ALL WHO ARE BRINGING ITEMS FOR DOOR PRIZES OR AUCTION, PLEASE MARK ACCORDINGLY AND BRING FRIDAY NIGHT SO THAT WE CAN START ON TIME SATURDAY AM.

PRIDE IS TASTELESS, COLORLESS, AND SIZELESS, YET IT IS THE HARDEST TO SWALLOW.
(August B. Black)



MID-WINTER: DISTRICT 31-E
Holiday Inn, Salisbury, NC
January 21-22, 2005

The time is getting near, for our District Mid-Winter. Every Lion in District 31-E should have the dates of January 21 & 22 marked on their calendar. Each and every Lion and guest is encouraged to come and enjoy the fun and fellowship of our Mid-Winter. **REMEMBER:** If you register before January 12, 2005, Friday night is free, fun, food and entertainment included. Registration will start At 4:00 PM and continue until 8:30 PM. The serving of food will commence at 6:30 PM and continue until all present are seated.

GET THOSE REGISTRATION FORMS INTO LION BENNIE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (Copy is enclosed in this Newsletter and make copies as needed.).

Saturday starts bright and early with a big tail-twister breakfast, along with door prizes and a big auction. After all this we will move into a seminar, led by our own Lion Harvey Whitley. After Lunch, a special session is to be conducted by PDG Diane Whitley for the purpose of endorsing and sending recommendations to LCI for District Governor for the year 2005-2006. (This being necessary since we are a transitional District). Once this is completed, we will immediately move into a regular District Cabinet meeting, this being completed no later than 3:00 PM.

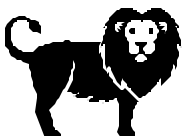
Our District Hospitality room will be open from 3:30 PM until 5:00 PM. Our own Vice District Governor Dale Dupree and wife, Lion Laraine will host this event on behalf of our District

The Saturday night banquet will commence at 6:00 PM. This evening event and meal promises to be a treat for all. The highlight of the evening will be the comments and speech of our guest, Lions International Director Walter "Bud" Wahl and wife, Lion Jama. Lions Bud and Jama are from Streator, Illinois and we welcome them to North Carolina and especially District 31-E.

For your Info: The District Governor, along with Mid-Winter Chair and Co-Chair, Lions Dale and Bennie will be available at the Holiday Inn beginning early afternoon Thursday, the 20th as the Convention committee will be working to get everything in place for each and everyone to enjoy as they arrive on the 21st.

Friday Am after breakfast, the District Governor and Lion Helen will travel with our special guest to visit Camp Dogwood and to see firsthand how North CAROLINA Lions do special things for our Visually Impaired.

**DOGWOOD TICKETS: TURN IN STUBS BEFORE MID-WINTER
SO THEY WILL BE INCLUDED IN OUR MID-WINTER DRAWING**



REMINDERS FROM PAST NEWSLETTERS:

BOB TIMBERLAKE PRINTS: By now the President of each Lions Club in District 31-E should have in their possession a supply of tickets for our District raffle of the Bob Timberlake Prints for Clinical Eye Research. Each Lion is encouraged to sell as many of these tickets as possible as all proceeds got to Clinical Eye Research. For a \$5.00 donation you get a ticket on (2) signed, numbered, and framed prints by Bob Timberlake. The winner will be drawn at the Lions State Convention in Raleigh on May 27-29, 2005. As visits or contacts are made with the Clubs, either myself or the District Clinical Eye Research Chairman will bring these prints for display. We also are going to be selling tickets at the Mid-Winter
PLEASE PRINT NAME OF SELLING CLUB ON BACK OF STUB FOR CREDIT.

NC LICENSE PLATES: Lion Harvey Whitley is still taking names of all who desire to order a special NC Lions Plate for your automobile. The sooner we get enough names, (300) minimum, the order can be pasted along to the State.

CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES: A special thanks are in order as Cabinet/ST Lion Bennie reports that all Clubs have paid their District Dues for the first half of the year. For each Club that has not yet met or paid their District goals please try to do so as soon as possible.

WHITE CANE contributions are a little slow but I know each Club will do their share and contribute what they can to this most worth while project.

GOVERNORS CAPSULE PROGRAM: As mentioned in the past, I encourage all Clubs to remember this project to help Camp Dogwood in the building project. The furniture for the new Dorm has been ordered, now we need to help pay for it. As of last count, District 31-E was leading in contributions to this program, let's continue to lead the pack.

DISTRICT POINTS: It was my intention to have the points sheet in the January newsletter for each Club to see how they were in line with other Clubs. Of course you know what happens to intentions sometime. Due to the fact that many of the MMR's don't arrive until after Jan. 1, I elected to wait until the February newsletter to include same. By doing this, I can include all of the first 6 months of our Lions year.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership has always been a topic of discussion as long as I can remember. It doesn't appear to change either. Yes, District 31-E is below as to what LCI would desire, but WE can do something about it. Just **ASK** someone to go with you to a Lions meeting and I have no doubts that we can increase our membership. It was with much sadness that it was necessary for your District Governor to recommend to LCI to cancel the charters of both the Midland Lions Club and the Kannapolis Lions Club, both at their request, they did not want to continue.



CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the family of **Lion Gary Beam**, a member of the Odell Lions Club for over 30 years. Lion Gary passed away December 17, 2004 and will be greatly missed for his Lions work with the Odell Lions Club.

Condolences to the family of **Mrs. Mae Hayes Bulla**, who passed away on December 30, 2004. Mrs. Bulla was the mother of Mrs. Sallie Staley, wife of PDG Ron Staley. The funeral for Mrs. Bulla was held Sunday, January 2, 2005 in High Point, NC.

PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT BILL WOOLARD

The Lions of District 31-E are delighted to hear of the great progress Lion Bill and his wife, Ms. Ginney are making. Their daughter, Margaret, has been keeping us updated on her parents progress. We are all so delighted things are much better now and we should certainly keep these wonderful friends of ours in our prayers each day.

STATE CONVENTION: MAY 27-29, 2005

The State Convention will be upon us before we know it. Lion Ivy Iversen has appealed to all Lions of North Carolina to fully support our great Convention. Each Club can support this effort by placing an Ad in the Convention book. This is one way to support our effort and. Also, Clubs to secure Ad's from various business about the State for support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 14-15.....Districts GHJ Mid-Winter, Henderson, NC
Jan. 21-22.....District 31-E Mid-Winter, Salisbury, NC
Jan. 28-29.....District 31-D Mid-Winter, Greensboro, NC
Feb.04-05.....District 31-C Mid-Winter, Concord, NC
Feb.11-13.....Council of Governors, NCLF Meeting, Raleigh NC
Feb.25-26.....VDG Training, Camp Dogwood
Mar. 23.....4th Cabinet Meeting, Jay's, Albemarle, NC

“YOU ARE THE ONLY PERSON ON THIS EARTH WHO CAN USE YOUR ABILITY”



LCIF

TSUNAMI EARTHQUAKE DISASTER: The following was received from Past International President Dr. Tae-Sup Lee, LCIF Chairperson for delivery to all Lions.

Dr. Lee writes the following: It was with great shock, disbelief and immense sadness that the people of the world have witnessed the horrific earthquake and tsunami disaster that has impacted millions across South Asia. Lions around the world have been contacting me to learn of LCIF's relief aid provided thus far, and also how they can support Lions in the region to respond to this great tragedy.

I am pleased to report that nearly US\$200,000 in emergency grant funding has been disbursed and a special designated fund established for Lions and others who want to help out. Attached is a first bulletin with an update of details of LCIF's relief efforts for this catastrophe.

On behalf of Lions of South Asia, I sincerely thank you for your interest, concern and compassion.

S/ Dr. Tae-Sup Lee/ LCIF Chairperson

Bulletin #1-December 29, 2004 (Inserts from Dr. Lee's bulletin)

In the past 72 hours, \$170,000 in LCIF Emergency Grant Funds have been dispatched to Lions districts in India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Indonesia to help the Lions provide food, blankets, water and other relief items.

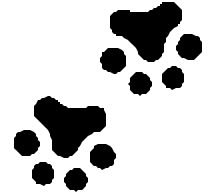
There are now 73,000 Lions in these hardest hit regions coming to the aid of the many victims in need. In India, the hardest hit districts in and around Chennai have also come together to coordinate the expenditure of \$50,000 in LCIF funding awarded for districts that cover the coastline from Tamil Nadu north to Orissa.

For Lions wishing to help support these efforts, LCIF has created a special designated fund, the "South Asia Tsunami Disaster 2004 Fund." to receive donations that will be forwarded on to the affected areas. In North America checks may be sent to LCIF. When making these donations, please send memo indicating what fund these monies are for. You may also contact the District LCIF Chairperson. For further info and questions please feel free to contact e: lcif@lionsclubs.org.

LCIF will continue to keep you updated through bulletins. More funds will be awarded by LCIF in coming days as the needs are assessed.

AS GOVERNOR, I ENCOURAGE EACH AND EVERY LION AND LIONS CLUB IN DISTRICT 31-E TO COME TO AID AND HELP OF OUR FRIENDS AND LIONS.





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