
HAPPENINGS

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FROM THE GOVERNOR

MID-WINTER CONVENTION
JANUARY 27-28, 2006

The past few months have contained numerous happenings that have given us new perspectives of life and perhaps made us re-evaluate our priorities. As one scholar has said, "the only constant in life is change."

Lions have responded to the natural disasters in our nation and abroad with open wallets and caring hearts; yet, the visually impaired in our communities are still receiving needed assistance.

This time of year has always been special to Laraine and me as we gather with family to celebrate Thanksgiving. We are especially thankful for the many new friends we have met in our Lions family and for the opportunity to serve that you have given us. At each of the Cabinet Meetings this year, we have heard how you are reaching out to serve the visually/hearing impaired people in your communities. Many of you have held special programs to honor Veterans. Lions, you are doing a wonderful job! Please send me information about your club's special events for this Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

The unseasonably warm weather may have lulled us into a false sense of having lots of time before the holidays; but the changing of the leaves last weekend and the cooler nights last week shock us to reality that the holidays are here! I wish each of you a happy and safe Thanksgiving. Please join me in thanking our Maker for the wonderful blessings He has given us this year. The year may not have been perfect, but we have been allowed to enjoy our families, friends and this great earth just a little longer, and we have been given the opportunity to laugh. Oh! What a joy to laugh and smile.

Your convention committee has met and plans are underway to make this year's convention the best ever. Some changes are being made; so look for new excitement at our "Friday Night WING DING." In addition to excellent entertainment from the GROVE SINGERS, we are planning some Bingo. Saturday morning's Tail Twister's Breakfast and Auction offers, in addition to loads of fun, an opportunity for your club to increase its White Cane Donation for this year. Following the breakfast, you will have the opportunity to hear some first-hand accounts about organ-transplants from both the donor and hopefully, from the recipient. This will be followed by an information session about one of LCI's newer programs, LION'S QUEST. Please plan to attend these sessions. In the afternoon, after the 3rd District Cabinet Meeting, we hope to have an Orientation Session for all new members and any Lion who may like to refocus on the programs of Lions in North Carolina. Saturday will be capped by the District Governor's Banquet with our weekend guest, ID Bill Crawford, presenting the keynote address. Mark your calendars now to attend the 2006 Mid-Winter Convention.

Lion Morris VanVleet, VDG. is working hard to make this a very successful and informative weekend.

*Happy Thanksgiving,
Lions Dale and Laraine*

January 27-28, 2006

BMW & SIGHT FIRST II

HAVE YOU ATTENDED A USA-CANADA FORUM?

Next year's forum will be held in Columbus, OH in September. The forums offer a venue of fun, fellowship, and information.

Numerous informal training sessions are led by grass-roots Lions. In addition, there are several motivational speakers at seminar sessions and as guest speakers at each of the lunch/dinner sessions.

The State Council of Governors has approved bidding for the 2011 Forum to be held in Raleigh at the new Convention Center that is being constructed.

Several years ago, Winston Salem hosted the Forum, with Lions from all over our State pitching in. Should Raleigh be accepted as a forum site, all Lions will be needed to make the forum successful and to present North Carolina as the jewel we know it to be. Please let the Governor know how you feel about this opportunity.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS

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The 2006 Council of Governors is working to meet North Carolina's goals in the Sight First II Campaign by sponsoring a luxury car raffle. The BMW 325 was selected as the vehicle; and the winner gets a choice of red, black, or white. Each governor will have 100 tickets to sell at a cost of \$100.00 each. That's a total of 900 tickets! You may contact me at 704-233-5593 to reserve your ticket. Lion Harvey Whitley, PCC, is the Sector Co-coordinator, appointed by LCI, for North Carolina; David Smoot is our District Chairperson. 75% of the monies raised will be used in the SFII campaign and the remaining 25% will benefit White Cane. Lion Harvey will be giving us more information about Sight First II after the first of the year.

ON THE TRAIL WITH DALE

Due to the incredibly busy season of the year, the Governor will not be making few Club visits during December. We are looking forward to seeing many of you as we come to your Christmas parades. If you will forward the dates for your VIP Christmas functions, we will try to be present for as many of these as possible.

December 8	Thomasville Lions Club
December 8	Stanfield Lions Club
January 27-28	Mid-Winter Conv.

Sensory Garden Pavers:

Lion Steve Walker will be placing the next order for the pavers in January. This may be the last time that the pavers will be available at \$50.00. Forms for ordering the pavers to honor your favorite Lion, a family member, a friend, or your Lions Club may be obtained by calling the NCLF office (800-662-7401) or on the NCLF web site www.nclf.org.

District 31E
Second Cabinet Meeting
Concord, NC
October 26, 2005

Call to Order—Meeting was called to order at 7:19 PM by District Governor Dale Dupree

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

Invocation—Led by PDG Clarence Williford

Welcome and Opening Remarks—DG Dupree welcomed all in attendance. He thanked them all for coming. He expressed appreciation to the clubs for the hospitality they had shown during his visits. He reviewed the districts participation in statewide fund raising and commended district E for having recorded positive results in all areas.

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

District Tail Twister Clarence Williford was given the floor and entertained the meeting with some “humorous” stories. He then fined the group because he said he “had to”. \$75 was collected.

DG Dupree appointed PDG Allan Thompson as Parliamentarian

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

Financial Report for period 6/24/05 to 10/25/05 was presented by CS/T Harvey Whitley Motion by PDG David Smoot and seconded by Gary Steele to accept the report. Motion passed.

Roll Call—A sign in sheet was circulated—Attendees included the District Governor, Vice-District Governor, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, 21 club presidents/vice presidents, 20 club secretaries, and 32 other Lions.

Reports were received from Region and Zone Chairs as follows:

- Region 1—Lion Gordon McAdams—no report
- Zone 1—absent
- Zone 2—Lion Bobbi Coble—report on file
- Region 2—Lion George Barrier—report on file
- Zone 3—Lion Stella Stirewalt—report on file
- Zone 4—Lion Sydney Eudy—report on file

- Region 3—Vacant
- Zone 5—Vacant
- Zone 6—Lion Laraine Dupree—no report

Reports received were primarily announcing the activities of the zones and regions. 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—Kathy Rummage, no report
- 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.
- Club Supplies—PDG Clarence Williford, no report
- Diabetes Awareness—Absent
- Extension—Absent
- Historian—PCC Ted James, Chairman was absent, but PDG George Ohm reported that Ted needs for the clubs to get their club history reports in to him right away. The Historian Committee will be meeting early December to begin organizing the new state history book.
- Information Technology—PDG Bennie Pugh reported on the problems with Lions web sites due to the hurricane in Florida. He hopes the sites will be up soon.
- LCIF/Sightfirst—IPDG Fred Plummer reported on the recent activity of LCIF due to the recent earthquakes and hurricanes. Written report on file. Campaign Sightfirst II Sector Coordinator Harvey Whitley also spoke about the new campaign. He asked for a volunteer to be District Coordinator.
- Leadership Development—PDG Ron Staley, no report
- LEO—Lion Terry Cauble asked for clubs sponsoring LEO clubs to assist him in getting report of club activities from Lion liaisons.
- Liberty Day—Lion Sarah Troublefield reported on attending state Liberty Day. Written report on file.
- Lions Quest—Lion Gary Steele, no report
- Lions Service for Children—PDG Diane Whitley, written report on file
- Membership—PCC Diane Whitley and Lion Helen Plummer—“We need more members to help us serve more people.”
- Nominating—PDG Bill Udovich reports that we have a candidate for VDG. The President of the Harrisburg Lions Club read a resolution in support of Lion Sydney Eudy as a candidate for VDG 2006-2007.
- Orientation—PDG Ron Staley asked clubs to encourage their new members to attend cabinet meetings.
- Promotions—IPDG Fred Plummer emphasized the purchase of state trading pins. Written report on file.
- Long Range Planning—Absent
- Retention—Absent
- State Convention— VDG Morris VanVleet, no report
- Women’s Leadership Development—Lion Betty Hinson, no report
- Youth Exchange—Absent

- Youth Activities Outreach--Absent
- Budget and Finance—Absent
- Camp Dogwood—Lion Laraine Dupree reported on improved furnishings at Camp Dogwood. She also emphasized the goal of 3 books per member. Written report on file.
- Clinical Eye Research—Absent
- Humanitarian/White Cane—Lion Teresa Matthews emphasized getting our VIP's involved in what we are doing for White Cane. She also spoke of Memorials and Honorariums as a way to boost White Cane totals.
- Memorials/Honorariums—Lion Tim Williams spoke of the +10 challenge from State Chairman Jerry Austin. The challenge is to increase M/H giving by at least \$10,000. The challenge for District E, however, is +20,000. Written report on file. After his report, PDG Allen Thompson reported that Lion Tim had recently been honored as “Davidson County Teacher of the Year.”
- Organ and Tissue Procurement—Lion Chris Beck will be sharing his real-life experience about organ donation at the Mid-Winter Convention. He would like to share his story at your club. Written report on file.
- Partner-In-Service—Lion Clyde Rummage reported on programs given.
- Properties—PDG Bennie Pugh reported that the committee is beginning initial study to propose replacing the Shaw Brown dorm. He also spoke of the work being done during volunteers week.
- Public Information—Absent
- Vision Van—Lion Sydney Eudy called for more use of the van in our district's communities. Written report on file
- Sight/Hearing Conservation—Lion Nancy Rummage reported on programs given
- Jack Stickley Fellow—PDG George Ohm, no report
- Volunteers—PDG David Smoot asked for more volunteers from District E this year at volunteer week. Last year we only had two. He also asked for more retired Lions to consider volunteering during camping season
- Bulletins—Lion Rachel Walker, No Report
- Chaplain—PDG Clarence Williford, No Report
- Environment—Absent
- . Southeastern Guide Dogs—Absent
- Lioness—Chairman PDG Coy Black has passed away. DG Dupree asked for a volunteer to fill in as chairman this year.
- Tail Twister—Lion Clarence Williford, no further fines
- VAVS—Lion Linda VanVleet—Thanks to all the Lions who have helped out at the VA. The annual Christmas party will be Dec. 20 in building 6. A motion was made by Lion Linda to raise the club VAVS Stipend from \$125 to \$150. Motioned seconded by PDG George Ohm. Motion passed.
- VIP Fishing Tournament—No report from the committee. However, all who volunteered at the tournament were asked to stand and be recognized. It was also reported that for the first time, a national fish-off was held with NC being the winner.

- A motion was made by PDG Allen Thompson and seconded by Lion Chris Beck to accept committee reports as presented. Motion passed.

A brief report of NCLF Board of Directors activities was given by DG Dupree and Immediate NCLF Past President Harvey Whitley. Emphasis was given to the establishment of a statewide speakers bureau. Any one interested please let it be known.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Disposition of tailtwister fines was requested by CS/T Whitley. A motion was made by PDG Bennie Pugh and seconded by PDG Jim Walker to send all tailtwister fines from the last cabinet meeting as well as future cabinet meetings to White Cane. Motion passed.
- Peace Poster deadline is closing in.
- District 31E has participated in ALL state fund raising activities to date.
- Motion by PDG George Ohm to donate \$500 to Youth Exchange state program. Seconded by Morris VanVleet. Motion passed.

Announcements:

- Next cabinet meeting will be in Salisbury at the Mid-Winter. The PDG's will need to meet to select a District Governor for 2006-2007 since we are a transitional district. We will also be asking club delegates to vote on a VDG for 2006-2007

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM by DG Dupree

Respectfully Submitted,

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



VAVS Christmas

Party

Tuesday, December 20

VA Hospital, Salisbury

CAMP DOGWOOD TICKETS

Have you sold your 3 books
yet?

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