
HAPPENINGS – DISTRICT 31-E

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From the Governor

Have you ever had one of those days when you couldn't get started or had difficulty choosing which project to start? I am experiencing such a month: but the days have been rewarding. The club visits have been great and I continue to find Lions that are working on many varieties of projects to benefit their communities as well as VIPs. Do the projects your club is doing make you feel good about being a Lion? I certainly hope so.

Laraine and I have just returned from the VIP Fishing Tournament on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. What a rewarding experience this continues to be. The planning and preparations by the sponsoring clubs and their volunteers created a splendid event for both the VIPs and the remaining Lions who came. 357 VIPs fished on a combination of 3 piers and 2 boats, catching over 1,000 pounds of fish. More details will be provided later in this newsletter. The smiles and shrieks of joy made the work worthwhile.

As we approach the upcoming holiday season (yes, it really is just around the corner!) many clubs/county counsels have already begun planning the Christmas parties in honor of the VIPs in the communities. Many will also be preparing "care baskets" for not only the visually impaired, but others in need. Thank you for all you do as you serve. The "PASSION TO EXCEL" is alive and well in District 31-E

Lion Dale

**2nd Cabinet Meeting
Wednesday, October 26,
2005**

6:30pm

**Troutman's Bar-B-Que
1388 Warren C. Coleman Blvd.
(Hwy 601 South)
Concord, NC**

Cost: \$8.50

**Buffet with choice of BBQ/Grilled
Chicken, several vegetables,
dessert and beverage.
(Pay at the door)**

Each chairperson is requested to provide a written report for the minutes, and to present a summary only to help expedite the process.

**Mid-Winter Convention
January 27-28, 2006
Holiday Inn
Jake Alexander Blvd.
Salisbury, NC**

It is time to start gathering those door prizes and auction items. The proceeds from any items that your club provides for the auction will be credited toward your White Cane contribution. If you would like to help with the planning of/working at the convention, please contact Governor Dale (704-233-5593) or Vice-Governor Morris VanVleet (704-279-9358).

PLUS 10

Have you seen anyone wearing this button?

Find out what it's all about at the 2nd Cabinet meeting October 26.

Camp Dogwood

Most Lions in North Carolina have heard of Camp Dogwood. If you or some of your club's members have not visited the camp, plan to do so this Lion's Year. Founded in 1967 along the shore of Lake Norman in Catawba County, NC, the 4.1 acre campus offers a resort setting for the blind and visually impaired. The campus is really beautiful and has, in the past year, been updated to better serve our VIPs. Although the programs offered at Camp Dogwood are funded by White Cane contributions, the upkeep and maintenance is dependent on the sales of those famous Camp Dogwood tickets. Furnishing the new Wanda Limburger Dormitory is one of the goals of this year's funding. Lions of NC also need to start planning a second new dorm to replace the Shaw-Brown building. If you have not received your tickets, please contact me at 704-233-5593. Each Lion is asked to sell at least 3 books of tickets. Again, remember that White Cane covers the costs of the programs at Camp, while the monies raised by the Camp Dogwood Ticket Sales pays for the bricks and mortar (the buildings and their upkeep)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PASSION TO SERVE THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED!

Laraine Dupree, District Chairperson

How does the "Excellent" District compare in NC?

Contributions (Thru September 2005):

White Cane	\$16,367.10	3 rd
Camp Dogwood	70.00	7 th
Clinical Eye	339.60	2 nd
Jack Stickley	1,000.00	1 st
Wm. L. Woolard	700.00	3 rd
Mem/Hon	1,555.00	2 nd

District E is setting the pace. We are the only district that has contributed to each of these 6 programs!!!!

Thank you for responding to Boys and Girls Home, Lake Waccamaw by sending your donations in early to help them meet their money crunch!

A few clubs have not yet sent the district dues to Cabinet Sec/Treas Harvey Whitley. Please check your records and send them ASAP!
Thank you.

ONE MORE TIME -----

Lions License Plates
Contact Lions Harvey & Diane Whitley to register yours. We need just a few more!

Compassion

Attentiveness

Responsiveness

Encouragement

VIP FISHING TOURNAMENT

Imagine yourself standing on a pier off the beach at Nags Head on a cloudy day with a steady mist and, at times, a heavy mist. Listen carefully. Above the sounds of the breakers, you can hear excited shouts: "I've got one!" up and down the pier.

The size of the fish doesn't matter. A 2 inch brim causes just as much excitement as the 1.8 lb croaker. Even the crabs were welcomed.

In approximately five hours of fishing, 357 VIPs caught more than 1,000 pounds of fish. No one minded the weather! In fact, the only reason these special folks were willing to stop: we ran out of bait.

Each of these fishermen/women will have their own favorite tale to relate. Lion Laraine stayed with "Miss Lucy" all day. Miss Lucy is 87 years young and had never been fishing. She caught almost 10 pounds of fish! At one of the seminars on Wednesday morning, Miss Lucy announced her triumph to the group and told them she was taking her catch home so that her family would believe her good fortune. And I believe she was already planning next year's trip.

District E was well represented at the tournament. I'm not sure how many VIPs were there, but they had a wonderful time! Several Lions from our district were also present to help. Some came as group leaders or helpers while others were there as volunteers to serve, escort, and clean up. Whether the Lions

or the VIPs were more blessed is still up for discussion.

Everyone who went was a winner; but we did have some trophy winners also:

Outer Banks Pier

3rd Place: Annie Bragg Cabarrus

2nd Place: Rick McClellan Cabarrus

Avalon Pier:

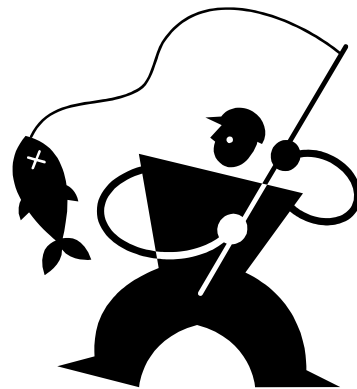
2nd Place: Mary Alice Hughes Davidson
Group Awards:

2nd Place: Rowan County

11 lbs 2 oz per participant

In addition to the fishing on Tuesday, participants were treated to Bible Study and a dance on Monday evening and seminars about diabetes, fitness, imaging, and Medicare Part D on Wednesday morning. The event wound up with a banquet on Wednesday evening with a circus theme. Rumor has it that your governor was running around with purple hair! There was a lot of clowning going on for sure!!

Thank you to those Lions who traveled with the VIPs to and from the tournament. You are a very special group



ON THE TRAIL WITH DALE

Oct. 24 Denton
 25 Norwood
 26 Cabinet Meeting
 Troutman's BBQ
 Concord, NC
 6:30pm

Nov. 3 Marshville
 4-5 31-F Fall Conv.
 7 Davis-Townsend
 8 Linwood
 11-12 State Council Mtg
 Charlotte, NC
 14 Unionville
 15
 Welcome
 17
 Landis
 18-19 31-A Fall Conv.
 20 Monroe Christmas
 Parade
 26 Locust Christmas
 Parade

More Directory Corrections

Page 8 Region II – Zone 3
 Add Livingstone College
 Page 9 Andy Darr zip code 27360
 Page 10 Dixie McAdams
 Page 14 Nancy Rummage
 704-279-4492
 Page 18 Frances Almond
 E: Falmond@infionline.net
 Page 23 South Davidson Leo Club
 Zip Code 27239
 Page 30 Steve Wilson Zip = 27565
 Page 33 Jim Walker Zip = 28110
 Page 35 Jack Bryan
 Mint Hill Lions Club
 Swannanoa (spelling)
 Page 36 Pinehurst, NC 28374
 Page 37 Charles Holleman
 Delete 2nd e-mail address
 Page 38 Sammy Shoaf Zip = 27292
 Page 39 Anne Neroni
 Calabash Lions Club
 Page 39 Chris Beck (Carla)
 Franklin-Ellis Lions Club
 C. Allen Reinhardt
 Bennie Pugh Zip = 27360
 Page 41 Coy Black, PDG (Dec'd)
 4501 Stephens Church Rd
 Page 42 Eliminate Business Phones:
 James Walker, Unionville
 David Miller, W. Lexington
 Dr. Ted James, Salisbury
 Page 42 Bennie Rumpfelt
 130 Turnbuckle Court
 Clemmons, NC 27012
 336-712-0825
 Page 43 Rev. James Peeler
 Zip = 27361
 Dr. Jerry Bates
 426 Country Club Rd.
 Lexington, NC 27292
 No business phone

Why did you become a Lion?

Think back to that first Lion event that you attended. What did you see, hear, or feel that made you want to be a part of this service organization? I dare say that most of us were impressed by the many different services that Lions render and the difference that can be made for someone in need.

For some reason, Lions are not telling the real story of Lionism. Maybe we don't want to be considered pompous or brag about what we do. We do, however, need to broadcast the news that LIONS SERVE to recruit more helpers.

We may have printed this earlier, but it does bear repeating. What would the people in your community say that Lions do? If their responses are selling brooms, barbecue, chickens, light bulbs, or work at the local fair, we are losing our purpose.

Lion Sid Scruggs, PID, has told about asking the local school for suggestions for needed services. The local Lions expected to hear about the need for tutoring, reading to young students, buying school supplies, or even listening to students read. But the local principal had different ideas. The need at that school was to refurbish the playground, which is what the Lions did. That activity was visible to the whole community.

Lion Glenda Gandy of Thomasville is known in the district for the number of hours she spends with VIPs each year.

The Vision Van is probably the best exposure that North Carolina Lions receive. The services rendered by Lion Mike Howard and local Lions are priceless. The referral percentage in District E is 58%. Six screenings have been held in our district since July 1, 2005. Thanks to the Lions that support the van.

MISSION 30 is one of the newest programs to be introduced. Lions are becoming an endangered species, and it is up to each of us to reverse this trend. Each club is encouraged to increase its membership by at least one (1) person during this year. **THIS MEANS THAT IF A MEMBER LEAVES YOUR CLUB FOR ANY REASON YOU WILL NEED TO INSTALL TWO NEW MEMBERS FOR A NET GAIN OF ONE** Each district is encouraged to add 1 club. Again, when was your last new member installed?



LOVING
INDIVIDUALS
OFFERING
NEEDED
SERVICES

FROM THE LCIF CHAIRPERSON

“The powerful earthquake in Pakistan and India that killed tens of thousands and devastated the lives of millions has deeply touched the hearts of all Lions....

“LCIF issued a Major Catastrophe Grant of US\$200,000 to assist with both short and long-term needs. LCIF also quickly issued three US\$10,000 Emergency Grants so Lions in the affected areas can quickly help people get food, water, and medicine..

“LCIF also created a Pakistan Earthquake Relief Fund for Lions, Lions clubs and others to make designated donations. Mail a check payable to LCIF and write ‘Pakistan earthquake relief’ in the memo field. Send the check to LCIF, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523, USA, Attn: Donor Services.....

“LCIFalso has taken steps to alert the general public that it is accepting donations for its Pakistan earthquake relief. As it did following Hurricane Katrina, LCIF has been listed on the Network for Good Web site, which solicits and accepts donations on behalf of high- profile charities for major catastrophes. Network for Good is the Internet’s leading charitable resource....

Clement F. Kusiak
2005-2006 LCIF Chairperson”



“We Care”

*“Excellence thru
Caring”*

**THE NORTH CAROLINA LIONS FOUNDATION
HUMANITARIAN WHITE CANE REPORT**

10/14/2005

LIONS CLUB	DIST	2005-2006		2004-2005		% OF 05-06	05-06 AMT PER MEM
		MEMS	CONTRIB	MEMS	CONTRIB		
Albemarle	E	52	\$ -	51	\$ 3,775.00	0.00%	0.00
Aquadale	E	17	\$ -	12	\$ 1,294.00	0.00%	0.00
Arcadia	E	13	\$ -	19	\$ 1,130.00	0.00%	0.00
Benton Heights	E	22	\$ -	20	\$ 1,695.00	0.00%	0.00
Central	E	31	\$ -	41	\$ 4,610.00	0.00%	0.00
Churchland	E	11	\$ 40.00	18	\$ 160.00	25.00%	3.64
Cleveland	E	28	\$ 75.00	34	\$ 3,355.00	2.24%	2.68
Concord	E	26	\$ 2,800.00	32	\$ 5,250.00	53.33%	107.69
Davis-Townsend	E	25	\$ -	33	\$ 1,940.47	0.00%	0.00
Denton	E	40	\$ 20.00	41	\$ 3,105.50	0.64%	0.50
Fair Grove	E	32	\$ 50.00	30	\$ 2,526.38	1.98%	1.56
Franklin-Ellis	E	13	\$ -	15	\$ 2,105.12	0.00%	0.00
Gold Hill	E	18	\$ 25.00	17	\$ 2,381.31	1.05%	1.39
Harrisburg	E	35	\$ 1,000.00	38	\$ 9,000.00	11.11%	28.57
Hasty	E	17	\$ 707.00	16	\$ 1,575.00	44.89%	41.59
Indian Trail	E	19	\$ 50.00	24	\$ 1,849.00	2.70%	2.63
Jackson Park	E	11	\$ -	13	\$ 3,222.03	0.00%	0.00
Landis	E	12	\$ 15.00	13	\$ 1,289.00	1.16%	1.25
Lexington Downtown	E	34	\$ 2,090.00	32	\$ 4,145.00	50.42%	61.47
Linwood	E	25	\$ -	24	\$ 3,160.00	0.00%	0.00
Livingstone	E	18	\$ -	28	\$ 2.00	0.00%	0.00
Locust	E	26	\$ -	17	\$ 1,562.50	0.00%	0.00
Marshville	E	9	\$ -	10	\$ 1,186.00	0.00%	0.00
Midway	E	37	\$ 50.00	36	\$ 3,775.00	1.32%	1.35
Misenheimer	E	10	\$ -	18	\$ 2,509.60	0.00%	0.00
Monroe	E	19	\$ 25.00	28	\$ 1,280.00	1.95%	1.32
Mount Pleasant	E	53	\$ 2,675.00	65	\$ 10,481.00	25.52%	50.47
Mount Ulla	E	22	\$ -	21	\$ 3,369.00	0.00%	0.00
Norwood	E	21	\$ -	29	\$ 1,748.00	0.00%	0.00
Oakboro	E	11	\$ -	10	\$ 2.00	0.00%	0.00
Odell	E	16	\$ -	18	\$ 4,231.50	0.00%	0.00
Pilot	E	39	\$ 160.00	34	\$ 4,695.00	3.41%	4.10
Rockwell	E	19	\$ 770.00	17	\$ 4,237.66	18.17%	40.53
Salisbury	E	48	\$ 286.10	59	\$ 4,245.00	6.74%	5.96
Southmont	E	17	\$ -	14	\$ 1,185.42	0.00%	0.00
Spencer	E	10	\$ -	15	\$ 698.00	0.00%	0.00
Stanfield	E	11	\$ -	14	\$ 996.00	0.00%	0.00
Thomasville	E	74	\$ 2,225.00	82	\$ 12,500.00	17.80%	30.07
Unionville	E	27	\$ 2,575.00	27	\$ 4,497.21	57.26%	95.37
Wadesboro	E	4	\$ -	8	\$ 306.00	0.00%	0.00
Wallburg	E	25	\$ -	23	\$ 1,278.80	0.00%	0.00
Waxhaw	E	19	\$ 1,000.00	29	\$ 2,104.00	47.53%	52.63
Welcome	E	20	\$ 10.00	24	\$ 1,882.60	0.53%	0.50
West Lexington	E	20	\$ -	24	\$ 3,094.50	0.00%	0.00
Wingate	E	25	\$ 90.00	24	\$ 2,113.00	4.26%	3.60
MISCELLANEOUS	E	0	\$ 201.00	0	\$ 2,378.27	8.45%	0.00
TOTAL	E	1,081	\$ 16,939.10	1,197	\$ 133,925.87	12.65%	15.67



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