
Happenings -31E

April 2006

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From the Governor

Wow!! April is here already. Hope you have gotten that much dreaded chore of filing with I.R.S. accomplished. For those of us fortunate enough to be able to see God's handiwork, the beautiful spring landscapes and very comfortable temperatures invite us to spend more time outdoors and much less inside with "paper work."

This is also an excellent time to review your Lions Clubs' accomplishments, your success in meeting your goals, and what is still to be done in this last quarter of the Lion year.

Does your club have money sitting in the bank, being saved for some unexpected event or crisis, the proverbial "rainy day"? While "being prepared" is admirable, opportunities for service may be escaping. Do the expenses of the past few years really warrant a large nest egg? Consider using some of the extra monies on hand to benefit a community need, contribute to White Cane, present a deserving Lion with a Jack Stickley Fellowship or Melvin Jones Fellowship. Contributing toward a William Woolard Partner-In-Service will benefit the VIPS in North Carolina. The people in our communities have made contributions to use to benefit those in need – not the bank. One philosophy that has been discussed at forums and conventions is that healthy

clubs can begin and end the Lions year with a zero balance.

We have two (2) more months to accomplish the goals we set for ourselves this year. Let's reach into that inner strength and end the year with a sense of pride that Lions of District E have served with
PASSION.

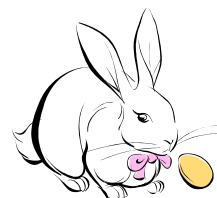


Thanks for all you do!
Lion Dale

SECRETARIES

Please double check your activity reports for correct dates. I have received some with no dates or the same date as a previously received report.

Also, LCJ has informed me that there are twelve (12) clubs that are delinquent with MMR (Monthly Membership Reports) between September 2005 and January 2006. Your help in updating all reports is appreciated so that District 31-E will continue to receive its fair-share from LCJ (grants and other funding requests).



Praises & Promises

Clubs around District E have had some very successful fund-raisers and community projects:

- ✓ Denton Lions Club held the Little Miss Denton Pageant – filled with lots of "cuties"
- ✓ Marshville Lions Club auctioned off everything that wasn't nailed down
- ✓ Fair Grove and Thomasville Lions Clubs have found ways to eat, give things away, and still earn money for their projects
- ✓ Locust Lions Club is providing shade and beauty by selling shrubbery
- ✓ Rockwell Lions sponsored a day of Putt-Putt for the VIPs
- ✓ Gold Hill and Rockwell Lions Clubs have aligned themselves to provide a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 29
- ✓ Franklin-Ellis Lions Club with Big Bunny Chris Beck are sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt. They will also present a Magic Show on April 27.
- ✓ Welcome Lions Club welcomes the Easter Bunny Lion with a parade.

This is a mere sampling of the activities in our District. Governor Dale will include your events in the newsletter if you will provide him with the information.



ON THE TRAIL WITH GOVERNOR DALE

- April 11 West Lexington
- 18 Benton Heights
- 20-23 State Convention, Greenville, NC
- 27 Mt. Pleasant

- May 4 Waxhaw
- 5-6 Council of Governors Meeting, Hickory, NC
- 7 NCLF Board Meeting

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PU 101's

As you well know, election of new officers should be taking place during April. Please send copies of your PU 101's to DGE Morris VanVleet, PO Box 1406, Rockwell, NC 28138 or e-mail gpoohbar@alltel.net. Of course, copies to DG Dale and Secretary/Treasurer Harvey would be appreciated. DGE Morris needs the information, including e-mail addresses for president, secretary, vice presidents and treasurer, as soon as possible, preferably by April 30, 2006. Thank you for your help.



How is your club doing on the raffle tickets for Camp Dogwood? Our goal statewide this year is \$160,000 and we are very far away from that right now.

If every member in the Excellent District sells the 3 books, we will raise over \$30,000. Please push these sales. When the Properties Committee presented the plan to replace all dorms without private baths, Lions of North Carolina agreed to accept the challenge and support the project. The completion of the Wanda Lineberger Dorm is the first half of that project. We're starting to work now to replace the Shaw-Brown building. \$250,000 has already been pledged, thanks to the generosity of PDG Bill and Donna Udovich.

NC Lions State Convention
April 21-23
Greenville Hilton
Greenville, NC

**District 31E Cabinet Meeting
Concord, NC
March 29, 2006**

The fourth district 31E cabinet meeting for 2005-2006 was called to order by District Governor Dale Dupree at 6:38pm.

The pledge of allegiance was led by VDG Morris Van Vleet.

The invocation was delivered by PDG Clarence Williford.

DG Dupree welcomed everyone. He recognized all Past District Governors, Jack Stickley Fellows, Melvin Jones Fellows, and Wollard Partners-in-Service. Lion Donna Mikles, Rockwell Lions Club, was recognized as the newest member present.

Tail Twister PDG Clarence Williford entertained the meeting with some jokes. \$61 was collected in fines for White Cane. Also placed in the bucket was a check for \$3,500 from Mt. Pleasant Lions. All these funds will go to White Cane.

DG Dupree appointed PDG Allan Thompson to serve as parliamentarian.

Minutes for the third cabinet meeting were approved as published. The motion to approve was made by Lion Theresa Matthews and seconded by PDG Jim Walker. Motion approved.

The Financial Report was presented by CS/T Harvey Whitley. The motion to approve was made by PDG Bennie Pugh and seconded by PDG Ron Staley. Motion approved.

A sign-up sheet was circulated for roll call purposes. 54 Lions were present including 14 President/Vice Presidents, 19 Secretary/Treasurers, the District Governor, Vice District Governor, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, and 16 other Lions.

Reports of Region and Zone activities were made by RC George Barrier, ZC Stella Stirewalt, ZC Sydney Eudy, and ZC Lorraine Dupree. A written report was filed by ZC Stirewalt.

The following Committee Reports were given:

Club Supplies—PDG Clarence Williford reported on how the LCI website is a useful tool for ordering supplies.

Historian—PCC Harvey Whitley reported that the new NC Lions history book is taking shape. All clubs need to be represented. Be sure to turn in your club article right away to Ted James. If your club has pictures of Lions activities, that would also be helpful.

Leadership Development—PDG Ron Staley announced that he would be setting the new officer training dates within the next few weeks.

Ron also made a report on the proposed new dormitory at Camp Dogwood to which PDG Bill and Donna Udovich have made a substantial monetary pledge. Ron mentioned that room sponsorships for \$5,000 and furnishings sponsorships for \$2,500 are being encouraged. A three year payment plan is available for these donations.

LEO—Lion Terry Cauble reported the LEO State Convention will be May 5-7. Clubs are encouraged to pay ½ of the registration fees for their LEOs. A motion was made by VDG Morris Van Vleet and seconded by Butch Conrad for the district to pay up to \$200 per club for transportation if requested.

Orientation—PDG Ron Staley reported that there would be a New Member Orientation class offered at the officer training session.

State Convention—VDG Morris Van Vleet reported on the upcoming convention for April 20-23 in Greenville.

VDG Van Vleet also requested that clubs get their PU-101's in ASAP.

Camp Dogwood—Lion Lorraine Dupree urged the clubs to sell their tickets. The drawing will be June 5 at Camp Dogwood. VIP Theresa Munyon was recognized for selling 42 books already.

Humanitarian/White Cane—Lion Theresa Matthews reported that we are at about 55% of last years giving. We need to get the funds in.

Properties—PDG Bennie Pugh echoed PDG Ron Staley's report. We will be seeking a vote to proceed with the new building at State Convention.

Volunteers—PDG David Smoot encouraged all who can to participate in Volunteer Week beginning the week of April 10. We will be pouring concrete sidewalks to connect the Stickley building with the Lodge. Last year only two came from 31E.

VAVS—Lion Linda Van Vleet reported on the successful joint February meeting hosted by Welcome and West Lexington.

A motion was made by PDG Jim Walker and seconded by PDG Clarence Williford to accept the reports as presented. Motion approved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- DG Dupree presented the Locust Club an award for Peace Poster participation.

- A report was made by Campaign SightFirst II Sector Coordinator Harvey Whitley that all District and Group Coordinators for 31E have been trained and are now ready to assist the clubs in learning their roles in the campaign.
- IPDG Fred Plummer was presented a Certificate of Appreciation from LCI for his excellent service as District Governor for 2004-2005.
- DG Dupree asked that the clubs be sure all deceased members have been reported so their names can be read at the State Convention service on Sunday.

Announcements:

- Next cabinet meeting will be held at the State convention in Greenville, April 23, 2006.
- Support our candidate for NCLF 2nd VP Jim Walker and candidate for NCLF President Ron Staley, May 7, in Hickory at the NCLF annual membership meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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



“I will not just live my life—I will invest my life”.....Helen Keller

If you have been reading your Lions magazine, you have read about the successes of SightFirst which was launched by LCIF 15 years ago. Lions throughout the world raised over \$143,000,000 with the goal of reducing preventable and reversible blindness. Through SightFirst funding, millions have received the gift of sight due to a simple cataract surgery that we Americans take for granted. Over the last 15 years almost \$200,000,000 has been spent from this original amount raised. In about three to four years, all the money will be gone. Will the sight problems be gone? Obviously not.

Without further help from the Lions SightFirst program, the number of blind people in the world could double from 40 to 80 million by the year 2020. With this in mind, LCIF has launched a new SightFirst campaign known as SightFirst II. The goal this time is \$150,000,000 with a stretch goal of \$200,000,000. The theme is “Vision for all”. This program will continue the work already done, but it will also provide for more services to children, research, and new ways to control diabetic eye disease.

Over the next few months, specially trained Group Coordinators will be coming to your club to explain the program. Are we asking you to substitute this program for the good work you already do? No. We are looking to educate you about the plan and present alternatives for you to participate without taking away from what you already do.

PID Sid Scruggs often states that LIONS stands for “**Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services**”. I would like to emphasize the word **INDIVIDUALS** as it relates to the campaign. You will be given an opportunity to participate as an individual and not just as a club. That makes it **PERSONAL**, just like the above quote from Helen Keller.

I look forward to working with you as Sector Coordinator for North Carolina over the next three years as we make our state a leader in this project. Our District coordinator for 31E is PDG David Smoot. Group Coordinators are Gordon McAdams, George Barrier, and Lorraine Dupree.

Harvey Whitley, PCC
Sector Coordinator
North Carolina



NC Lions 83rd State Convention Greenville, NC



A Town Hall Meeting with Lion Jimmy M. Ross, First Vice President, Lions International, will be held during the First General Session on Saturday, April 22, 2006. Be sure to bring your questions and thoughts !

State Committee Reports will be held to a minimum to allow time for this meeting. Only those reports that are required will be given.



Seminars and Breakout Sessions Saturday, 2:30 PM -4:00 PM

	Section C	Section E	Section F
2:30-3:10 PM	"A Visit to Boys and Girls Homes of NC" Mr. Bill Thomson President, Boys and Girls Homes of NC	"Where does your White Cane Money Go" Lion Steve Walker Executive Director, NCLF	"Campaign Sigh First!" Lion Harvey Whitley PCC, Past President, NCLF
3:10-3:20 Break			
	Section C	Section E	Section F
3:20-4:00 PM	"Brainstorming on Fundraising" Lion Dave Butler, PCC A participation workshop, bring your ideas to share!	"Publicity: What is it, and how do I get it for my club?" Lions Gwen White, Mike Schwartz, DG Paul Bledsoe, and Jack Stephens Panel discussion	"What about a leader dog?" Lion Bunny Tabatt Field Representative for Leader Dog School for The Blind Program

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

4/11/2006

LIONS CLUB	DIST	2005-2006		2004-2005		% OF 05-06	05-06 AMT PER MEM
		MEMS	CONTRIB	MEMS	CONTRIB		
Albemarle	E	52	\$ 25.00	51	\$ 3,775.00	0.66%	0.48
Aquadale	E	17	\$ 1,060.00	12	\$ 1,294.00	81.92%	62.35
Arcadia	E	13	\$ -	19	\$ 1,130.00	0.00%	0.00
Benton Heights	E	22	\$ 157.50	20	\$ 1,695.00	9.29%	7.16
Central	E	31	\$ 2,000.00	41	\$ 4,610.00	43.38%	64.52
Churchland	E	11	\$ 105.00	18	\$ 160.00	65.63%	9.55
Cleveland	E	28	\$ 2,950.00	34	\$ 3,355.00	87.93%	105.36
Concord	E	26	\$ 3,685.00	32	\$ 5,250.00	70.19%	141.73
Davis-Townsend	E	25	\$ 1,936.25	33	\$ 1,940.47	99.78%	77.45
Denton	E	40	\$ 2,178.00	41	\$ 3,105.50	70.13%	54.45
Fair Grove	E	32	\$ 1,200.45	30	\$ 2,526.38	47.52%	37.51
Franklin-Ellis	E	13	\$ 111.00	15	\$ 2,105.12	5.27%	8.54
Gold Hill	E	18	\$ 515.13	17	\$ 2,381.31	21.63%	28.62
Harrisburg	E	35	\$ 3,277.00	38	\$ 9,000.00	36.41%	93.63
Hasty	E	17	\$ 2,052.00	16	\$ 1,575.00	130.29%	120.71
Indian Trail	E	19	\$ 2,133.00	24	\$ 1,849.00	115.36%	112.26
Jackson Park	E	11	\$ 955.00	13	\$ 3,222.03	29.64%	86.82
Landis	E	12	\$ 954.00	13	\$ 1,289.00	74.01%	79.50
Lexington Downtown	E	34	\$ 4,530.00	32	\$ 4,145.00	109.29%	133.24
Linwood	E	25	\$ 2,630.00	24	\$ 3,160.00	83.23%	105.20
Livingstone	E	18	\$ -	28	\$ 2.00	0.00%	0.00
Locust	E	26	\$ 1,200.00	17	\$ 1,562.50	76.80%	46.15
Marshville	E	9	\$ 693.00	10	\$ 1,186.00	58.43%	77.00
Midway	E	37	\$ 4,125.00	36	\$ 3,775.00	109.27%	111.49
Misenheimer	E	10	\$ -	18	\$ 2,509.60	0.00%	0.00
Monroe	E	19	\$ 150.00	28	\$ 1,280.00	11.72%	7.89
Mount Pleasant	E	53	\$ 6,345.00	65	\$ 10,481.00	60.54%	119.72
Mount Ulla	E	22	\$ -	21	\$ 3,369.00	0.00%	0.00
Norwood	E	21	\$ 1,232.00	29	\$ 1,748.00	70.48%	58.67
Oakboro	E	11	\$ -	10	\$ 253.00	0.00%	0.00
Odell	E	16	\$ 4,080.00	18	\$ 4,231.50	96.42%	255.00
Pilot	E	39	\$ 2,722.00	34	\$ 4,695.00	57.98%	69.79
Rockwell	E	19	\$ 2,357.50	17	\$ 4,237.66	55.63%	124.08
Salisbury	E	48	\$ 1,771.10	59	\$ 4,245.00	41.72%	36.90
Southmont	E	17	\$ 1,309.00	14	\$ 1,185.42	110.42%	77.00
Spencer	E	10	\$ -	15	\$ 698.00	0.00%	0.00
Stanfield	E	11	\$ 836.00	14	\$ 996.00	83.94%	76.00
Thomasville	E	74	\$ 3,818.04	82	\$ 12,500.00	30.54%	51.60
Unionville	E	27	\$ 3,090.00	27	\$ 4,497.21	68.71%	114.44
Wadesboro	E	4	\$ 400.00	8	\$ 306.00	130.72%	100.00
Wallburg	E	25	\$ -	23	\$ 1,278.80	0.00%	0.00
Waxhaw	E	19	\$ 2,500.00	29	\$ 2,104.00	118.82%	131.58
Welcome	E	20	\$ 1,575.00	24	\$ 1,882.60	83.66%	78.75
West Lexington	E	20	\$ 415.00	24	\$ 3,094.50	13.41%	20.75
Wingate	E	25	\$ 298.00	24	\$ 2,113.00	14.10%	11.92
MISCELLANEOUS	E	0	\$ 1,060.00	0	\$ 2,378.27	44.57%	0.00
TOTAL	E	1,081	\$ 72,430.97	1,197	\$ 134,176.87	53.98%	67.00

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