



# District 31-E Newsletter

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## THOUGHTS FROM THE GOVERNOR



I cannot believe it is already December. I hope every one had a wonderful Thanksgiving with their families. As the first half of our Lions year comes to a close, a lot of Christmas activities are planned. Lion Roger and I had a wonderful time in the Locust Parade on Saturday. Next Saturday I will be off to Cleveland for their Christmas Parade. It is so much fun to meet everyone in the different communities. Most counties and clubs have planned Christmas parties for the VIP's in their areas. As the time and weather changes, let's remember our elderly neighbors and our VIP's and make sure they are warm and well taken care of. Remember, little things like a phone call can make a big different in the life of our VIP's and the elderly. It saddens me greatly to pass on the next bit of information to our district. This is a paragraph out of the Lexington Downtown newsletter from Lion Jerry Bates.

*THIS IS the most difficult paragraph I've ever written in the Downtown Sound. Within a few months, Nancy and I will leave Lexington and probably move to East Tennessee/Virginia area.*

*I cannot convey to you the pain and agony that went into this decision. Health concerns weigh heavily in the equation. We have no family in the Piedmont area but Nancy's son and his family reside in Johnson City – a 4 hour drive from Lexington. We just need to be closer to them as the grandchildren grow up and are involved in activities they want us to attend.*

*Almost 50 years have been spent in Davidson County, and I joined the Lions Club within two weeks of opening my office in Denton. I will leave behind a large part of myself – especially my heart. I'll keep you posted as to our departure.*

Lion Jerry is one of the most inspira-

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### ON THE GO WITH THE GOVERNOR

Please contact District Governor Sydney if you plan to have a joint meeting with another club in your area when she makes her official visit.

**December**

- 1 - Cleveland Christmas Parade
- 10 - Rowan County Christmas Party
- 13 - Toys for Tots; Monroe
- 18 - Harrisburg Lions and VIP Christmas Party

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Note: Please advise District Governor Sydney, (h)704 455-5535, (b)704 455-5848, email: speudy@ctc.net, if the above meeting time and/or date is not convenient or if there is a scheduling conflict.

**January**

- 9 - Salisbury Lions Club

**8 New Lions**

**DENTON**

**Dianna Wald**  
Sponsor:  
Theresa Matthews

**Janet Call**  
Sponsor: Linda Aldridge

**FAIR GROVE**

**Bradley Overcash**  
Sponsor: Gordon McAdams  
**Jennifer Smith**  
Sponsor: Dixie McAdams

**WAXHAW**

**Charles Baer**  
Sponsor: (Not reported)

**WEST LEXINGTON**

**Adam Blanton**  
Sponsor: (Not reported)

**LEXINGTON DOWNTOWN**

**William Chesson, Sr.**  
Sponsor: (N/A)

**Tish Blanton**  
Sponsor: (Not reported)

**PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR BEVERLY ROBERTS TO SPEAK AT MIDWINTER**

Dr. Beverly A. Roberts of Hephzibah, Georgia, USA, will be the guest speaker at the Midwinter Convention in January. Past Director Roberts is a retired dean of a technical college in Georgia.

A member of the Hephzibah Lions Club since 1990, Past Director Roberts has held many offices within the association. Additionally, she has served on the Forum Planning Committee and presented at five USA/Canada Forums and was a group leader at the District Governor-elect School three times. She has received numerous awards including\club Lion of the Year Award, District Governor Excellence Award, three Georgia Li-



ons Lighthouse Leadership Awards, six International Presidential Medals and four International President's Certificates of Appreciation. Past Director Roberts is a life member of the North Carolina

Foundation and the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind. She is a recipient of the Multiple District 18 Terry Calhoun Award. She has also received the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association grants its members, and is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Past Director Roberts is active in numerous professional and community organizations.

**WhasHappnin' !!!**

1. The Davidson County Lions Council will have its annual VIP Christmas parties. The Thomasville area clubs will have their VIP Christmas Party at Memorial United Methodist Church in Thomasville on Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30PM. The Lexington area clubs will be at the Lexington YMCA on Thursday, December 13 at 6:30PM. Entertainment will be by the Grove Singers of Lexington. For information call the council president Butch Conrad at 336-746-5046.
2. Gifts will be passed out at the VA Hospital in Salisbury on Dec. 18th in building 6. The time is 6:00PM not 6:30 as previously announced. Lion Linda VanVleet
3. Harrisburg Lions Club First Friday Fish Fry
4. Hot Dog Sale Every Thursday 10:30AM to 1:30PM Harrisburg Lions Club.
5. The Cleveland Lions Club Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 1, at 2:00 PM.
6. The Cleveland Lions Club shoulder/turkey fund raiser on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like a shoulder or turkey for Christmas, contact Gary or Liz Steele at 704-278-2252. Shoulders and turkeys will be ready for pickup starting at 7AM.

**CLEVELAND LIONS EVENTS**

by Gary Steele

The Cleveland Lions Club will host the annual Cleveland Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 1st, at 2:00 PM. People seem to enjoy this parade and last year we had a huge turnout. If you have nothing to do and want to have a great time, come join us. We will also have our shoulder/turkey fund raiser on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like a shoulder or turkey for Christmas, contact Lions Gary or Liz Steele at 704-278-2252. Shoulders and turkeys will be ready for pickup starting at 7AM on the 22nd. We would also like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you at Mid-Winter.

## LITTLE MISS DENTON HOLDS SERVICE PROJECT

Little Miss Denton, Rachel Williams, kicked-off a service project at the Denton Autumn Festival, and over the next two months collected 300 eyeglasses and 4 hearing aids. While representing Denton Lions Club, Rachel was participating in an international program called "Lions Recycle for Sight". She placed collection boxes in numerous locations to gather used eyeglasses, sunglasses, and hearing aids, which will be turned in to the North Carolina Lions Foundation and distributed to the needy.

Collected eyeglasses are cleaned, repaired and hand-delivered during optical missions to developing countries. Used hearing aids are sent to Starkey Laboratories and the NC Lions Foundation is given salvage credit for them. The proceeds are used to provide additional hearing aids.

Rachel's project culminated

on Halloween at the Denton Street Treat in coordination with Sight Night. Sight Night is a part of Give the Gift of Sight, a series of charitable vision care



programs sponsored by Give the Gift of Sight Foundation and Luxottica Retail in conjunction with Lions Clubs International and other local charities.

Collection boxes were located at Denton Elementary

School, Denton Eye Clinic, CVS Pharmacy, Denton Drug, Blue Flint Animal Clinic in Asheboro, and Montgomery Farm and Garden in Troy.

The Denton Lions Club is proud to be a part of teaching young people to value service to others. It is also very proud to be represented by Little Miss Rachel Williams.

The Little Miss Denton Pageant is held each spring for first and second grade girls in the local elementary schools. While it is a major fundraiser for the Denton Lions, it is also a much anticipated community event. The winner travels across the state to pageants, parades, and festivals representing the Denton Lions and the Town of Denton.

After her successful eyeglass drive, Rachel and her family are raffling off a donated Bob Timberlake print. All proceeds will go to the Denton Lions Club.

## Unionville Lions Club: Hear Us Roar! by Lion Rachel Walker

The **Unionville Lions Club** continued its visibility in the community through the sponsorship of several events this past month. The club's annual **Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot** drew its usual family crowd and added approximately \$3,000 to the club's fundraising account. Honoring several local Lions and community Veterans, the club hosted eighty-seven people in a heart-warming **Veterans Appreciation Night** on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

In late October, Lion Terry Cauble, State and District Leo Chair, inducted forty new members into the **Piedmont Leo Club** and installed this year's current officers. Under the leadership of mathematics teacher Alyson Behr, the Piedmont Leos recently raised \$1600 for Breast Cancer Awareness through the sale of tee shirts they had designed. These Leos also raised funds to help defray medical expenses for a student from another high school who recently lost his battle to cancer. They also assisted the Unionville Lions with the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Shoot and will be providing Christmas gifts for several area families. The Unionville Lions Club also sponsored the **Peace Poster Contest** at its two local middle schools. In December, the club is looking forward to assisting with **Zone 6's VIP Christmas Party** at Monroe Country Club, the **Benton Heights Lions Club** Toys for Tots, and gifts for several community families.

## Secretary's Corner

This month you will be receiving forms to certify delegates for the District Officer Election at the Midwinter Convention. Be sure your club selects delegates and alternate delegates and the forms are returned to District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Staley. In order to vote at the Cabinet Meeting on Saturday January 26st, your delegates must be certified and your club's district dues must be paid.

**Davis-Townsend Lions Club  
Annual Christmas BBQ  
Pork Shoulder fund-raiser  
Friday & Saturday, December 21 & 22**

**Shoulders are \$40 each  
(BBQ dip included)  
Pick up at the Lions Den on Turner Road  
To order: call Lion Neil Clark at 336-249-1323**

***This is the best genuine Lexington BBQ in these parts!!***

**Harrisburg Lions Club  
BBQ BONELESS CHRISTMAS  
PORK BUTTS  
\$25.00**

**Average Cooked Weight: 5 lbs  
*Preorder by December 7<sup>th</sup>***

**Pick up on December 14<sup>th</sup>  
From 4 pm to 8 pm**

**Phone: 704-455-3738**

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motional Lions in North Carolina, and our District has been most fortunate to have Lion Jerry and his wife, Nancy, as part of our family. Lion Jerry, remember you and Nancy will always have a special place in the hearts of each of us in District E and you will be missed greatly when you move. As you and Nancy prepare for this change in your lives, may God bless you and keep you safe.

On a happier note; it is time for Peace Posters to be judged. This year we had nine entries from 6 different clubs. The following is a list of the clubs and the number of schools they sponsored: Concord Lions (2), Indian Trail Lions (1), Rockwell Lions (2), Unionville Lions (2), Welcome Lions (1) and Wingate Lions (1). It was not an easy task picking a winner. All the entries were good with wonderful statements on peace. I am pleased to announce we have a winner! Congratulations to Miss Sammie O’Sullivan of Porter Ridge Middle School and the Unionville Lions Club. Miss O’Sullivan’s statement is as follows: “I believe peace is about respect and not really fighting and believing in each other.” Make sure to check out all nine posters in this newsletter.

With all we have going on this month, lets remember to continue to work on our White Cane, SightFirst and other goals. Our Foundation operates on the goals we have set and as we finish the first half of this year, lets make plans to fulfill our goals. Christmas is a great time to honor or re-

member someone with a Memorial or Honorarium to the North Carolina Lions Foundation. It is not too late to work toward the President’s Excellence Award. Check out the requirements in your officers package or on the International website at: [http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/resources\\_broch\\_other.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/resources_broch_other.shtml).

Merry Christmas and Happy News Year.

*District Governor Sydney*

## Peace Posters



**Concord Lions Club**



**Indian Trail Lions Club**



**Rockwell Lions Club**



**Wingate Lions Club**

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