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GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS

What a surprise, as of July 1, 2007 you will be able to elect your District Governor at the Mid-winter Convention. In the past, the PDG's recommended to the International Board who they wanted to be Governor. At the last International Board Meeting, they voted to give us back the ability to have our certified delegates elect them. The term "transitional" will no longer be used to refer to districts. Sounds good for a change, doesn't it?

Congratulations to three more sets of new grandparents. Ron and Sallie Staley, Harvey and Diane Whitley and Scott and Cleo Zemke all are proud new grandparents. I know all of these proud couples are happy as can be. Congratulations to you all.

Very soon, we will be chartering the new club in Kannapolis. Sounds great to say we will have a new club in the district again. This proves that we can do it. We just have to put forth the effort and time it takes to get the job done. There is no reason at all that we can not do this every year. In fact, we can not just sit back and look at what we have accomplished this year. I don't know about the rest of you but I can now feel the age creeping up on me and we need to keep up the good work of getting our future signed up as "NEW LIONS".

My year will soon be over. In fact it might as well be there already. Lion Sydney is already planning to have a really nice Installation and Awards Banquet. She has been nice enough to allow me to pass out the awards for some deserving Lions at the same banquet. That shows a lot of thought in what she is doing. She wants to cut down on the amount of travel we all have to do and save us some money at the same time.

Lion Nancy Rummage and I have been busy getting all the data together, that tells us if there are 100% Secretaries, Jack Stickley Fellows, Melvin Jones Fellows, etc. There will be some surprises at the awards banquet. We are doing things a little different than in the past. Got your interest up, then fill out the registration form for the banquet and see what is going to happen.

We are sad to report the passing of a long time Lion from the Concord Lions Club. Lion Ken Kiser joined the Concord Lions in 1960 and has been an active pin trader for many years. I know the Concord Lions and the District will miss him. Rest in peace and may God bless you and your family. Please keep their family in your prayers.

We have a lot of work to do and such a short time to get there. We are in the process of setting up a charter night for the Kannapolis Lions Club and on May the 19th I will be installing new members for the China Grove Lions Club. As of now, they have nine on the

books with a commitment for another seven coming on board. It will be good to have both of these clubs as stand alone clubs and a great addition to our district. I don't know about you but this has been a great year for all of us. I presented a task for each and every one of us and the task is being met. At the Mid-Winter Convention I challenged everyone in attendance to find their replacement this year. Not all of them will stay with us but there were 255 Lions and guests present and if we would have gained 255 new Lions, we would have had over 1300 members in the district by June 30th. That magic number of 1300 is a number that I plan to help Lion Sydney shoot for before her year is up. I really think that if we put our minds and efforts together, we can obtain that goal. So far this year, I personally have recruited members for four (4) districts and at last count, I have brought in nine members with eight more that said they would join shortly. If I can do it, we all can.

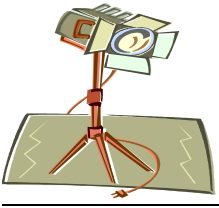
Again, I would like to thank the hard working people who gave their time to attend the extension training in Mount Pleasant. It is hard to adjust your schedule to meet the time it takes to take on the added work of gaining new members. I know it was a strain for some but turned out to be well worth it in the end.

Now it is time for me to thank the Lions of District 31-E for their fine efforts for this Lion's year. We have done far more then I expected. We have written a new chapter in the fine book of Lionism. It takes more then talking to put on a fine Mid-winter, Officer's Training, Club Extension Training, all the fine projects for the visually impaired, the fine work with the school systems and any other task that I have not mentioned. I keep looking at the fine job the clubs are doing with their White Cane contributions and with all the clubs we have lost in the past and all the hard times with several factories closing in the area and still the clubs are looking great. Next time Lion Bennie sends out the information sheets, just look at all the clubs that have increased their contribution this year. I think it is great that they all are putting forth the fine work.

I just want to take the time to thank a few Lions personally for their fine work. I must start with my cabinet secretary/treasurer. Lion Nancy has really turned up the speed dial to help get all the things done that need to be addressed. Lions Ron Staley and George Barrier who have accepted the assignment of "Guiding Lions" for the Kannapolis Club and Lions Linda Van Vleet and Stella Stirewalt for taking on the role of Liaisons for the China Grove Club till we get the magic number to make it a club and then Guiding Lions for them. People like Lion Bennie Pugh for the fine job with the newsletter and keeping us up to date with all the important information he sends to us with the email system. We need the fine officers of all the clubs in the district and while I am at it, I would again like to thank the Lions of Mount Pleasant for the use of their fine Lions Den for the training. Lion Harry Lassiter, thank your members for me at your next meeting. Everyone has thanked me for the fine year this year. I appreciate their nice thoughts but this is not my year, it is our year and we have all done our share to make it a huge success. We have so many fine people like Lion Mary Smith from Cleveland, Ricky Hicks from Churchland, Tim Williams from Linwood and so many more that would take the entire newsletter to mention them all. It has been a pleasure to work with you all this year and I look forward to working with you in the future.

MEMBERSHIP

<u>NEW LION</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
1. Lester Howie	Bob Welch	Waxhaw
2. Judy Howie	Bob Welch	Waxhaw
3. Walter Wise	Judy Ludwig	Churchland



GOVERNOR'S SPOTLIGHT

This month we are going to do something different. We are spotlighting all those who took the time to attend the Officer training that was offered by the District at the 1st Baptist Church in Salisbury and the 1st Baptist Church in Monroe. This is coming out before the session in Monroe but I think we need to thank those who will attend there also. This session was open to all Lions in the District and we had a great turn out. There had to be somewhere around 75 – 80 Lions interested in how their job should be done to help their club.

Naturally I think we need to thank all the presenters and the people behind the scenes who helped put this on. Lion Tim Williams did a fantastic job of organizing the session. Lions Ron Staley, Harvey Whitley, David Smoot and Diane Whitley gave great presentations. Lion George Barrier III supplied great snacks for all to enjoy. Lion Laraine Dupree was lined up to supply snacks for the south training session. When there is a job to do and you ask this young lady to handle it, she always does her best.

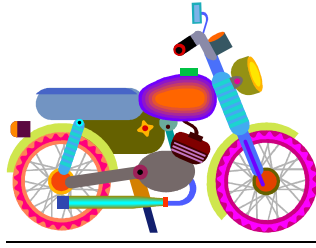
Lion Sydney and I gave short to the point comments but one presentation had to be done. Lion George Barrier III sponsored a new Lion and had to be given the certificate and pin he earned. Congratulations Lion George.

And last but not least, one last time I would like to thank Lions Nancy Rummage and Bennie Pugh for the help in getting this newsletter out every month and on time for this year. It took a great effort but this is the only communication that has the potential to reach every Lion in the District. Without communication we cannot do our best for the community and the District.

Thank you Lion Dr. Jerry Bates. You have inspired me to do more then I have expected to do myself. In my opinion, this District has been so blessed to have you on our team.

ONE SPECIAL MESSAGE

I WAS OFFERED THE PRIVILAGE OF INSTALLING THE NEW OFFICERS OF THE SOUTH PARK LIONS IN DISTRICT 31-C. UNFORTUNATELY, IT IS THE SAME DAY WE HAVE OUR FLIGHT RESERVATIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN CHICAGO. THIS, IN MY ESTIMATION, WAS A START OF GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR PRESENT DISTRICT AND NEW MEMBERS WE WILL HAVE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THANK YOU LION HUNTER FOR THE INVITATION, I WON'T HAVE TO TURN YOU DOWN IN THE FUTURE, IF THE OFFER IS EXTENDED AGAIN.



ON THE ROAD WITH THE GOVERNOR

JUNE 1st & 2nd	State Convention-Ashville
3rd	Installation of New Officers, Cleveland Lions
7th	Installation of New Officers, Gold Hill Lions
21st	Celebration Dinner at Gold Hill Lions
25th	Installation of New Officers, Fair Grove Lions Club
29th	Fly to Chicago for the International Convention

RAFFLE A SUCCESS

On May 1st, 2007 the Rockwell Lions held their annual Boys & Girls Home & Nazareth Children's Home Raffle. Since all the prizes were cash there was a lot of anticipation. Our winners were: 1st Prize of \$100 - Lion Robie Walls of the Gold Hill Club, 2nd prize of \$75 – Lion Braxton Troublefield of the Churchland Lions Club, 3rd prize of \$50 - Tracey Montgomery (a relative from the China Grove branch of the Rockwell Club) & 4th prize of \$25 -Nancy Mintor from Myrtle Beach, S.C. This winner was extra special as she donated her winnings back to the raffle for the children. Lion Leebert Ketner was very proud of this winner, as she is his daughter!

Since last year we have expanded our raffle to help not only our Boys & Girls home in Waccamaw but also our very own Nazareth Children's Home here in Rockwell. It is a good feeling to know we are helping others & one day these children may be our leaders in Lionism! So a big thanks to all who have helped us in this project & we hope to see you next year!!

Lion Linda Van Vleet
President Rockwell Lions Club

IMPORTANT DATES

May 31st	MD-31 State Convention, Ashville
June 1st	Fifth Cabinet Meeting-State Convention
2nd	Camp Dogwood Raffle Drawing
13th	Officer Training, 1st Baptist Church Monroe 7pm
30th	Blind/Deaf Activities and Community Service Reports Due
July 2-6th	International Convention in Chicago
14th	Installation and Awards Banquet with 1st Cabinet Meeting Harrisburg Presbyterian Church 12:30pm
27th	Franklin Ellis Magic Show
31st	White Cane Kick-Off, Jay's Seafood, Albemarle 6:30pm



SECRETARY'S NOTES:

WE SERVE and have been serving all year. Now it's close to time for recognizing all those dedicated individual Lions and Clubs, who have accomplished so much this year. The Installation and Awards Banquet will be July 14th at Harrisburg Presbyterian Church, plan to attend. A copy of the banquet registration is attached. It is necessary to report information to the District Governor for some of the awards. The Community Improvement and Community Service Awards each require a letter sent to the District Governor listing accomplishments of the Club. Please mail letters for these two awards no later than June 15th.

A second Officer's Training and New Member Orientation is offered Wednesday, June 13 at 7pm at First Baptist Church, 109 Morrow Avenue, Monroe. Membership Chairpersons will also have an opportunity to get some valuable information.

Lions Clubs International will be sending printed material to only those clubs that file reports manually. Club materials will be available on-line for all other clubs. The previous Club President Kit and Club Secretary Kit have been combined as the Club Officers Kit and is available at www.lionsclubs.org. There is a new section on the association's web site called "Club Resource Center", with three main headings: Club Officer Information, Club Growth and Club Activities and Service. The Club Officer Information section is in groupings for: General Information, President, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Activities, Committees, Reporting and Application Forms, Order Forms, Legal and Awards.

HEARING AID APPLICATIONS

The state of North Carolina has new forms (May 23, 2007) for applying for hearing aids through the Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Be sure anyone requesting a free hearing aid has applied to the Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing before accepting their request. The application process has liberal financial requirements.

Information and forms can be found at:

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

5/30/2007

LIONS CLUB	DIST	2006-2007		2005-2006		% OF 05-06	06-07 AMT PER MEM
		MEMS	CONTRIB	MEMS	CONTRIB		
Albemarle	E	44	\$ -	51	\$ 3,750.00	0.00%	0.00
Aquadale	E	16	\$ -	12	\$ 1,060.00	0.00%	0.00
Arcadia	E	13	\$ 753.00	19	\$ 1,075.00	70.05%	57.92
Benton Heights	E	23	\$ 125.00	20	\$ 1,924.50	6.50%	5.43
Central	E	31	\$ 4,000.00	41	\$ 4,000.00	100.00%	129.03
Churchland	E	13	\$ 1,365.00	18	\$ 1,225.00	111.43%	105.00
Cleveland	E	23	\$ 2,525.00	34	\$ 2,950.00	85.59%	109.78
Concord	E	24	\$ 660.00	32	\$ 5,835.00	11.31%	27.50
Davis-Townsend	E	23	\$ 2,346.09	33	\$ 1,936.25	121.17%	102.00
Denton	E	42	\$ 3,350.00	41	\$ 3,258.00	102.82%	79.76
Fair Grove	E	27	\$ 4,385.50	30	\$ 2,760.45	158.87%	162.43
Franklin-Ellis	E	12	\$ 1,332.50	15	\$ 2,000.00	66.63%	111.04
Gold Hill	E	16	\$ 3,362.10	17	\$ 2,459.50	136.70%	210.13
Harrisburg	E	32	\$ 1,600.00	38	\$ 4,377.00	36.55%	50.00
Hasty	E	14	\$ 1,050.00	16	\$ 2,052.00	51.17%	75.00
Indian Trail	E	18	\$ 1,688.70	24	\$ 2,133.00	79.17%	93.82
Jackson Park	E	11	\$ 1,335.93	13	\$ 1,846.20	72.36%	121.45
Landis	E	12	\$ 924.00	13	\$ 1,054.00	87.67%	77.00
Lexington Downtown	E	34	\$ 4,635.00	32	\$ 4,605.00	100.65%	136.32
Linwood	E	24	\$ 2,200.00	24	\$ 3,486.00	63.11%	91.67
Locust	E	18	\$ 1,384.50	17	\$ 2,350.00	58.91%	76.92
Marshville	E	9	\$ 693.00	10	\$ 693.00	100.00%	77.00
Midway	E	35	\$ 4,500.00	36	\$ 4,250.00	105.88%	128.57
Monroe	E	18	\$ 1,050.00	28	\$ 1,150.00	91.30%	58.33
Mount Pleasant	E	54	\$ 7,322.00	65	\$ 10,345.00	70.78%	135.59
Mount Ulla	E	16	\$ 1,405.00	21	\$ -	0.00%	87.81
Norwood	E	18	\$ 1,436.00	29	\$ 1,232.00	116.56%	79.78
Oakboro	E	10	\$ -	10	\$ 398.00	0.00%	0.00
Odell	E	17	\$ 4,467.50	18	\$ 4,355.00	102.58%	262.79
Pilot	E	43	\$ 3,450.00	34	\$ 3,200.00	107.81%	80.23
Rockwell	E	19	\$ 5,679.73	17	\$ 4,968.33	114.32%	298.93
Salisbury	E	49	\$ 3,081.00	59	\$ 5,005.60	61.55%	62.88
Southmont	E	20	\$ 1,815.00	14	\$ 1,309.00	138.66%	90.75
Spencer	E	10	\$ 300.00	15	\$ 795.00	37.74%	30.00
Stanfield	E	13	\$ 1,300.00	14	\$ 836.00	155.50%	100.00
Thomasville	E	75	\$ 4,310.00	82	\$ 11,500.00	37.48%	57.47
Unionville	E	29	\$ 4,642.50	27	\$ 4,560.00	101.81%	160.09
Wadesboro	E	4	\$ -	8	\$ 400.00	0.00%	0.00
Wallburg	E	23	\$ 1,771.00	23	\$ 1,540.00	115.00%	77.00
Waxhaw	E	17	\$ 2,991.00	29	\$ 2,500.00	119.64%	175.94
Welcome	E	23	\$ 1,744.00	24	\$ 1,645.00	106.02%	75.83
West Lexington	E	20	\$ 2,780.00	24	\$ 2,550.00	109.02%	139.00
Wingate	E	23	\$ 1,182.50	24	\$ 2,900.50	40.77%	51.41
MISCELLANEOUS	E	0	\$ 980.75	0	\$ 1,691.69	57.97%	0.00
TOTAL	E	1,015	\$ 95,923.30	1,151	\$ 123,961.02	77.38%	94.51

Award and Installation Banquet
July 14, 2007 12:30 pm
Harrisburg Presbyterian Church
Hwy 49 and Robinson Church Road
Harrisburg NC

Chicken or Roast Beef
Green Beans and Potato Salad
Rolls and Dessert
Tea and Coffee
\$10.00

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Registration Deadline July 6th

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