

District 31-E Newsletter



THOUGHTS FROM THE GOVERNOR

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I have had a wonderful month visiting clubs. I met some interesting Lions and wonderful Tail Twisters. I have had the opportunity to see parts of the state I have not seen before. Also Lion Roger and I have gone to Grand Rapids for the USA Canada Forum. We met some more great Lions at the forum. One was the District Governor from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Lion Frank Wedig. The salmon had started running the week we were in Grand Rapids and with the Grand River running next to the hotel, Lion Roger had his eyes as much as possible on the river looking for fish of any kind. We saw a fish ladder that the salmon use to swim up stream. Lion Roger saw one fish using the ladder and it was just about close enough to touch, but the sign said "No Fishing" so he just had to watch. We also saw people fishing downtown. One man pulled in a catfish weighting about 5 lbs. and we saw another man pull in a large salmon.

Now it is time to think about the VIP Fishing Tournament that starts on Oct. 8th. From the information I got from Lion Gwen White, it looks like District 31-E has 80 participants this year from Cabarrus, Davidson, Rowan, Stanly, and Union counties. Each of the VIP's is ready for a week of fun. I have several newcomers in my group this year and they can hardly wait to leave. As you saw last month our VIP's had a great summer at Camp Dogwood and now they plan on having just as much fun fishing at the Outer Banks.

We have our second Cabinet meeting on Sunday, October 28th at Camp Dogwood. I am looking forward to seeing how close we are to opening

the new Udovich dorm. We also have our mid-winter convention coming up in January. I hope everyone is making plans to attend.

As we plan our community activities let's make sure it is something important to the community and that we have fun. If we are having fun doing our Lions activities then others will want to come and join with us. A new program in Lionism is Lions ALERT. This is a great way for us to serve our communities. Please review the information below on the Lions ALERT program from the Lions International web site.

Three new programs will help Lions serve their communities better, and increase membership. "People want to be a part of what we're doing as Lions," said International President Jimmy M. Ross of Texas. "So I'm asking you to offer Lionism to others. The more people we have in each Lions club, the more people we'll have to serve our communities. I'm asking you to bring in more new members in order to have more best friends. " When man-made and natural disasters occur, victims need food, shelter and other basic necessities. A community-wide plan of action can aid in providing assistance to disaster victims. The new Lions ALERT program encourages Lions Clubs to create pro-active emergency plans for three levels of emergencies.

A Level One emergency such as a house fire or a localized flood affects few people. A single Lions club can aid those affected by providing basic necessities such as drinking water, food, shelter or clothing.

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WhasHappnin!!!

CLEVELAND LIONS CLUB HOLDS JOE HALL SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST *by Gary Steele*

The Cleveland Lions had a great fundraiser at the Joe Hall Scholarship Breakfast. People were going through the door from 7:00 am until 10:00 am. We even had to go to the store and buy more supplies. This helped us raise over \$2,000.00 for the

scholarship. Our next fundraiser will be Brunswick Stew. It will go on sale on Saturday, October 27th. Don't miss out on a good meal. We also sell it in quart freezer bags so it's easy to store.

CONCORD LIONS HOLDS LIFE CENTER PICNIC *by Ron Staley*

The Concord Lions Club held their 22nd annual Coltrane LIFE Center Picnic at Camp Dogwood on September 13th. 70-80 participants, family members and staff of the

sat in the rocking chairs on the porch overlooking the lake. In spite of the drought, Camp Director, Sandy



How many Lions does it take to cook a hamburger?

Coltrane LIFE Center look forward to the September outing each year. This event was begun by PDG Bill Udovich as Concord's World Service Day Project. Lion Bill continues to chair the event which features a meal of grilled hamburgers with all the trimmings and dessert for lunch. Following lunch, the participants played bingo, went boat riding and



Just a few more games of Bingo and we'll have enough money to pay for the trip home.

Lazenby, found enough water on the lake to keep the pontoon boat afloat. She asked anyone who might fall out of the boat to please walk to shore.

The Coltrane LIFE Center is a senior daycare facility for the elderly. Originally it was housed in the basements of two downtown Concord Churches. Lion Bill's wife, Donna, played a big part in getting it started.

1. To **All Club Presidents, Secretaries, Zone Chairs, District Committee Chairs, and District Officers:** The District Cabinet meeting will be on Sunday, October 28, 2PM-4:30 PM at Camp Dogwood. No meal will be served. All Lions are invited to attend District Cabinet Meetings.
2. The **Odell Lions Club Fall BBQ** will be on Saturday, October 20, starting at 10AM.
3. The **Christmas party at the VA** will be Tuesday, December 18th at 6:30PM in Building 6. We will be caroling and passing out gifts as usual. There will be refreshments and door prizes afterwards. We hope we have as good a turn out as we had last year! If you need further information, please contact Linda VanVleet (email: busybee2@windstream.net).
4. **Harrisburg Lions Club** - has its hot dog sale every Thursday, 10:30AM to 1:30PM.
5. **Harrisburg Lions Club** - First Friday Fish Fry (Calabash Shrimp Cat Fish and Alaskan White).

9 NEW LIONS THIS MONTH!

Secretary's Corner

ALBEMARLE

Donald Fink

Sponsor: James Nance

HARRISBURG

Judy Harper

Sponsor: Sydney Eudy

ROCKWELL

Jennifer Christy

Sponsor: Phyllis Spry

Susan Thomas

Sponsor: Phyllis Spry

WELCOME

Jack Thrift Jr.

Sponsor: Bruce Hayes

Sherry Thrift

Sponsor: Betty Hayes

WEST LEXINGTON

Corey Brown

Sponsor: Allan Thompson

Angie Brown

Sponsor: Allan Thompson

1. Clubs, please mail your dues to Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Ron Staley ASAP. Bills were sent to **Club Secretaries** in August and payment was due September 15. Reminders have been sent to 10 clubs that have not sent payments.
2. **Peace Poster Contest** - Clubs can order a Peace Poster kit (PPK-1) from the Club Supplies Sales Depart-

(Continued from page 1) **Thoughts from the Governor**

A Level Two emergency affects a larger geographical area. A coordinated district response may be necessary to aid the victims of a tornado, hurricane, cyclone or mudslide. Government and other relief agencies may appear as first responders in a Level Two emergency. Lions districts may be eligible to request a Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Emergency Grant for a Level Two emergency.

A Level Three emergency affects hundreds or thousands of people. A multiple district or several multiple districts may be involved in the relief efforts when a major catastrophic event such as a tsunami or an earthquake affects a region. Lions can work alongside government and other relief agencies such as the Red Cross to help victims of a Level Three emergency. District governors and council chairpersons have been asked to encourage Lions to serve as community leaders in the organization of a local Lions ALERT team to develop a community-wide emergency response plan. The chairperson of the Lions ALERT committee can meet with local government officials and emergency response professionals (firefighters, healthcare professionals, law enforcement personnel, transportation specialists, media representatives) to create a customized emergency response plan. In areas where an emergency response plan already exists, the ALERT chairperson can inform local officials of the availability of Lions volunteers in the event of a disaster. The names of Lions ALERT chairpersons can be submitted to Lions International Headquarters for posting on the Lions Web site. Every emergency situation has four separate phases: mitigation or disaster prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. After identification of the four phases, consider the volunteer opportunities that exist for your Lions club. For example, after the World Trade Center disaster, New York Lions mobilized their efforts and provided food and temporary shelter for relief workers at Ground Zero. Four years later, Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center volunteers provided free replacement eyeglasses to Hurricane Katrina victims.

If you would like to be part of the Lions ALERT Team in North Carolina please let me know as soon as possible.



ment at International Headquarters. The cost of the kit is US\$7.95 + shipping. To order online, go to www.lionsclubs.org, click: [Lions Store](#) (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit).

3. If your club publishes a **Monthly Newsletter**, please email or send a copy to the District Bulletin Chairperson Lion Theresa Matthews at either PO Box 788, Denton, NC 27239-0788 or at: mkmsales@mindspring.com.

LET'S WELCOME OUR FAMILY *by Ron Staley*

At the NC Lions State Convention in June, the Lions Clubs in Mecklenburg and Gaston counties voted to become members of District 31-E. The Lions of District 31-E also voted unanimously to welcome these Lions Clubs into our district. If everything goes as planned this will occur on July 1, 2008. On that date, our district will change. The number of clubs and the membership in our district will dramatically increase. Lion Leaders from 22 clubs will be attending our cabinet meetings. The area we serve will increase by two counties with a population approaching 1,900,000 people. Our district will

have 20% of the total population of North Carolina, yet only 8 out of 100 counties will be in our area. Our members will live in some of the most rural and some of the most urban areas in North Carolina.

For 15 years as a banker I was involved in bank mergers. During that time I saw some that were successful and some that were real disasters. The one thing I learned in those 15 years is that combining two groups of people from two organizations is not easy. When it was successful it was because there was a lot of give and take and a huge amount of "getting to know what we and our counterparts in the

other bank valued." It also required that neither group take anything for granted. The things we believed insignificant would always end up causing the most dissention and animosity.

Over the next several months, Lions from our district and Lions from Mecklenburg and Gaston County will be meeting. In the business of bank mergers, we used to call this the "sniffing process." This was a critical time. This was when understanding, trust and honest differences of opinion surfaced. Our ultimate success or failure rested on the relations that occurred

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EXCERPTS FROM LEXINGTON DOWNTOWN NEWSLETTERS

One thing I admire about the minister of Central UMC in Concord is his ability to finish exactly at 12:00 noon after a service that includes recognizing several members of the congregation, special music by two choirs and hand bells, a children's sermon, communion, and an uplifting sermon. Reading the "Lexington Downtown Sound" is the same experience. For those of you who don't receive this well known newsletter, the following are a few excerpts and not so accurate quotes.

The Lexington Downtown's 27th Annual Dave Conrad Memorial Golf Tournament was a huge success. On the day of the tournament, the temperature dropped 10 degrees and "Shirley Girl" and the "Ol' Man" were seen dancing the Arkansas Turkey Trot in the middle of the road. (What a sight that must have been.) According to PDG Jerry Bates,

"guests were laughing, talking, filling their tummies with chicken and BBQ, and enjoying themselves." (Imagine that, BBQ in Lexington!) It should be noted that in addition to the frivolity and chest pounding, the Lexington Downtown Lions Club cleared \$10,696 from the tournament.

One item of interest in both the club's newsletter and the local



Club members with cat painting

newspaper was a huge (4 ft. by 5 ft.) picture of a white cat. It seems

this "prize" is awarded to the golf team receiving last place honors. Lion Bill Keesler's team took the award.

Also of note: "The local police raided the Lexington Downtown Lions den." It seems their mission was to do some type of eradication and it involved unnamed members. Maybe someone from Lexington DT can give a better account.

I see the "Ol' man" is making another attempt at giving up his Editor's pen; I meant to say typewriter. He is again trying to find someone who will take over the task of reporting the news for the Lexington DT Hardshells. Good luck on that endeavor, Jerry. Following you would be like having to take the podium after a Sid Scruggs speech...the most anyone can hope for is honorable mention.

UNIONVILLE LIONS CLUB COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN *by Rachel Walker*

Unionville Lions Club, the state's first model club for SightFirst II, has completed a successful letter-writing campaign. At its first meeting in August, club members brought names and addresses of family, friends, and local businesses and addressed letters and envelopes to these individuals, soliciting contributions. At the September 24th meeting, the club secretary announced that the fundraiser had resulted in the amount of \$4,067.50 in cash received and estimated contributions.

The Unionville Lions toasted their success with a non-alcoholic beverage and the Chicken Dance, led by Lion President Rachel Walker. Special invited guests included PDG Harvey Whitley, Sector Coordinator for SightFirst II, and his spouse PDG Diane Whitley.

Because of other contributions submitted earlier to Sight-First II, the club will



The Chicken Dance, led by Lion President Rachel Walker

be presenting Melvin Jones Fellowships to six of its outstanding Lions at an October meeting.

UDOVICH DORM ADDS TO CAMP DOGWOOD LANDSCAPE *by Ron Staley*

For those visiting Camp Dogwood recently, the view has changed on the hill beside the Stickley Building. The open area once covered in red clay is



now occupied by a new brick building. The vision of the many Lions who sent contributions to pay for this addition to our camp is slowly becoming a reality. Several weeks ago I had the pleasure of walking through the building with PDG Bill Udovich. I could sense a real feeling of joy on his face as he looked at

the rooms and visualized what the dorm will look like when the furniture is in



place and there are VIP's enjoying their new quarters. Bill spent about an hour talking with the site supervisor. I couldn't help but marvel at how quickly he took in all that was going on and his understanding of the construction details. Although I have visited the construction site many times, I was amazed at how many things Bill pointed out that I had not seen.

THE HISTORY OF THE WHITE CANE

from Lions Clubs International website

In 1921, James Biggs, a photographer from Bristol, England became blind following an accident. Because he was feeling uncomfortable with the amount of traffic around his home, he painted his walking stick white to be more easily visible.

In the United States, the introduction of the White Cane is attributed to Lion George A. Bon-

*October 15
National White Cane
Safety Day*

ham (Peoria Lions Club). In 1930, he observed a man who was blind attempting to cross the street with a black cane that was barely visible to motorists against the dark pavement. The Lion offered to paint the cane white to make it more visible. By 1931, the Peoria Lions Club approved the project, and white canes were made and distributed. The Peoria City Council adopted an ordinance giving the bearers the right-of-way to cross the street. The news of the club's activity spread to other Lions Clubs, and the white cane became

We're on the Web:
www.lions31e.org



- 10/1 Homemade Cookies Day
- 10/3 Captain Kangaroo Day
- 10/4 National Golf Day
- 10/8 Columbus Day
- 10/14 Grover's Birthday (from Sesame Street fame)
- 10/31 Halloween

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HISTORY OF THE WHITE CANE

known by the blind and sighted alike, as a means of identifying the safe mobility needs of the visually impaired.

In 1931, Lions Clubs International began a program promoting the use of White Canes for people who are blind. While the White Cane is commonly accepted as a "symbol of blindness", various countries have different rules concerning what constitutes a "cane for the blind." In the United Kingdom, for example, the White Cane is recognized as being used by visually impaired persons; if the cane has two red bands added, it indicates that the user is deaf-blind. In some areas, the cane is yellow.

In the United States, laws vary from state to state, but in all cases, those carrying white canes are afforded the right of way when crossing a road and when in a public place.

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LET'S WELCOME OUR NEW FAMILY

during the "sniffing process". Fortunately Lions aren't bankers. The goals and values of all Lions Clubs are similar. Most of our programs and services are the same. We are all one happy family. We aren't like banks. We all do things the same way; or do we? When banks started merging, one of the comments we often heard was, "What's the big deal? How many ways can you cash a check and take a deposit?" Early on we found out! We may discover this same paradox in Lionism. What and how we do things may be different. Priorities may differ. If we aren't careful, we may become very emotional and angry over these seemingly "small differences." It is up to all of us to

make sure we recognize, respect and resolve our differences in a positive fashion. A positive attitude will permit us to function effectively as a new District. We will need to communicate and be sure everyone's concerns are addressed. We cannot afford for any Lions to feel they are not part of our new district. We must not allow ourselves to believe that only the Lions in Mecklenburg and Gaston County will have to change. If each organization recognizes and accepts the unique strengths of the other, our new district will be even stronger. As an eight county district we can and should be stronger and better than we are now. I hope and expect we will do just that. Now let's welcome our new family and make it happen.

*ANNUAL GATHERING TO CELEBRATE
OUR PAST & FUTURE IN LIONISM from District 31-C Newsletter*

District 31-C will hold its last convention October 19-20 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Gastonia. The registration deadline is October 15. (See page 7 for registration form) Because of limited seats, early registration is recommended. International Director Steve Sherer of Ohio will be the guest speaker. Representatives from District 31-A and District 31-E will be on hand to answer questions and to promote their district programs and services.

*Last Convention
Planned for District
31-C
October 19-20*

There will be several changes in the convention format this year. Friday night will be a Family Reunion with entertainment by the Mal-

pass Brothers. On Saturday, there will be the traditional Tail Twisters Breakfast and Auction, however, District Governor John T. James will host a luncheon Saturday afternoon instead of the Saturday night banquet. The meal will include chicken fillets and London broil steak. ID Sherer will host a question-and-answer session Saturday morning, and there will be programs on the North Carolina Lions Foundation and Campaign SightFirst II. Overnight accommodations can be made at Courtyard for \$79 per night plus tax. The meal package will cost \$45 per person.

If you get this newsletter by USPS and have an email address, please send your email address to Bennie Pugh at: bpugh@cprsystems.com. Newsletters by email are at least a couple of days faster than the USPS. There is other information sent to the email addresses that does not get sent through the USPS.



District 31-C Fall Convention Registration Form



October 19-20, 2007
Gastonia, North Carolina

Courtyard By Marriott
1856 Remount Road
Gastonia, North Carolina

\$79 Per Night, Plus Tax
704.852.4411

Make Motel Reservations Directly With The Courtyard By Marriott

Make Checks Payable To
District 31-C Fall Convention

Mail Checks To
VDG Michael H. Schwartz
1678-C Robins Nest Court
Gastonia, North Carolina 28054

Convention Schedule

Friday, October 19, 2007

3:00 - 7:00 PM Convention Registration
3:00 - 6:00 PM Pin Trading/Promotions Committee/NCLF Table
7:00 - 10:00 PM District Family Reunion
8:00 - 9:30 PM The Malpass Brothers

Saturday, October 20, 2007

7:00 - 9:30 AM Tail Twister Breakfast & Auction
9:00 - 12:00 PM Pin Trading/Promotions Committee/NCLF Table
9:00 - 12:00 PM Registration
10:00 - 10:45 AM Town Hall Meeting
10:45 - 11:30 AM Campaign SighFirst II
11:30 - 12:15 PM North Carolina Lions Foundation
1:30 - 3:30 PM District Governor's Luncheon
4:00 - 5:00 PM District Cabinet Meeting
4:00 - 8:00 PM Hospitality Room

**Deadline For Convention Registration
Is October 15, 2007**

Lion Spouse Guest

Check All That Apply MJF JSF WLW

Name: _____ Club: _____ District _____

Friday Family Reunion Tail Twister Breakfast District Governor's Luncheon

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Friday Family Reunion Tail Twister Breakfast District Governor's Luncheon

	Event	Tickets	Price	Amount
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**Ticket Prices Are
Per Person**

	Friday Family Reunion		\$15.00	
	Tail Twister Breakfast		\$12.00	
	District Governor's Luncheon (Coat & Tie Requested)		\$18.00	

Total Amount Enclosed

\$

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.

October

1 Denton & Central
4 Wadesboro
8-11 VIP Fishing Tournament
18 Gold Hill
19-20 District 31-C Convention
22 Unionville
23 W. Lexington & Franklin
 -Ellis
25 Churchland
26-27 District 31-B Convention
28 2 PM Cabinet Meeting at
 Camp Dogwood

November

1 Midway
2-3 District F Convention
6 Lexington Downtown
6 Spencer
9-11 NCLF & Council of
 Governors Meetings
12 Pilot
15 Landis
16-17 District A Convention
22 Happy Thanksgiving
26 Indian Trail
27 Odell
29 Mt. Pleasant

———No Visits in December———

**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.

DISTRICT DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

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