



District 31-F Lions

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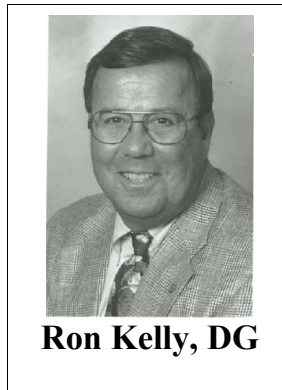
January, 2007

New Year's Wishes From The District Governor

May you get a clean bill of health from your dentist, your cardiologist, your gastroenterologist, your urologist, your proctologist, your psychiatrist, your plumber, and the I.R.S.

May your hair, your teeth, your facelift, your abs, and your stocks not fall; and your blood pressure, your triglycerides, your cholesterol, your white blood count and your mortgage interest not rise.

May New Year's Eve find you seated around the table, together with your beloved family and cherished friends. You find the food better, the environment quieter, the cost much cheaper, and the pleasure much more fulfilling



Ron Kelly, DG

than anything else you might ordinarily do that night.

May you remember to say “I love you” at least once a day to your spouse, your child, your parents, your siblings: but not to your secretary, your nurse, your masseuse, your hairdresser or your tennis instructor.

May you live in a world at peace and with the awareness of God's love in every sunset, every flower's unfolding petals, every baby's smile, every lover's kiss, and every wonderful astonishing, miraculous beat of our heart.

Council of Governors Approve Partnership with N.C. Division of Emergency Management

The N.C. Council of Governors approved a new partnership between the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management and the Lions of North Carolina. The creation of this partnership will be another conduit for providing assistance and information to the handicapped, senior citizens, and individuals who may not fully understand the process of applying for assistance or their long-term recovery needs.

The Individual Assistance Program in partnership with the Lions of North Carolina will provide assistance through outreach, filling out forms, assisting at recovery centers, canvassing communities, and distributing educational materials and emergency preparedness kits. The combined efforts will bring the Lions Clubs in compliance with the National Incident Management System and offer training in preparation of the recovery process.

By the first of January, 2007, an outline and call for help will be given to each district governor. Schedules for training, information and literature will be formulated for this new endeavor in the State of North Carolina for the benefit of those devastated by natural or man-made disasters.

The partnership will be an ongoing addition to the services Lions give every day all over North Carolina. The education and preparedness will show the people of North Carolina what Lions Clubs International is all about and the impact individual Lions Clubs have on their communities.

District and State Lions Schedule

February 9	State Council Caucus, 7 p.m., Asheville
February 10	State Council Meeting, 9 a.m., Asheville
February 11	N.C. Lions Foundation Board, 9 a.m., Asheville
February 17	Third Cabinet Meeting, 1 p.m., Clinton
May 30 – June 2	N.C. Lions State Convention, Asheville
July 2-6	Lions International Convention, Chicago, Ill

District Governor's Official Club Visits

January 4	Official Visit to Ellerbe Lions Club
January 9	Official Visit to Pinehurst Lions Club
January 11	Official Visit to Carthage Lions Club
January 16	Official Visit to St. Andrews Campus Lions Club
January 22	Official Visit to Campbell University Lions Club
February 12	Official Visit to Fayetteville Sejong Lions Club
February 13	Official Visit to Fayetteville Haymount Lions Club
February 15	Official Visit to Red Springs Lions Club
February 22	Official Visit to Fayetteville Host Lions Club
February 28	Orientation Meeting at Western Harnett Lions Club

Send your news for the newsletter by the 20th of the month to Lion Gary Greene [liongary31f@yahoo.com!](mailto:liongary31f@yahoo.com)

Keep Those International Dues Paid Up To Date!

All Lions Clubs officers should be aware of the new constitutional ruling that Lions Clubs International is implementing on international dues which affect clubs with balances exceeding 150 days.

The ruling states: "Effective July 1, 2007, any club that has past dues balances in excess of \$20 per member or \$1,000 per club (whichever is less) outstanding past 150 days will be automatically suspended, including the charter, rights, privileges, and obligations of the Lions Club for a period not to exceed 90 days. During this time, the Club must pay the entire amount billed before the suspension status is lifted. If the Club does not pay this amount in 90 days, the Club will be automatically cancelled.

Welcome New Lions To District 31-F – November 2006

MARY STEWART

GLENN COX JR.
Sponsor: KENNETH LEE

SEJONG

SUSAN CHOI
Sponsor: JAMES CHOI

PEMBROKE

MILFORD OXENDINE
Sponsor: ALEX STRICKLAND

MASSEY HILL

BENJAMIN WALTON
Sponsor: ROBERT THORNTON

SARAH KIM

Sponsor: DAVID TAESUN KIM

ALBERT CONNER

Sponsor: BENJY JACOBS

HAMLET

ADOLPH SMITH
Sponsor: JERRY THOMAS

UP SUN CHANG

Sponsor: SEUK J. CHANG

RENFERD SCOTT

Sponsor: BENJY JACOBS

MT. GILEAD

JAMES RICHARDSON
Sponsor: ROBERT JORDAN

SANDHILLS CYBERSPACE

EVONNE BENNETT
Sponsor: MICHAEL MARTIN

District Membership By The Numbers

Membership at start of Lions year, June 20, 2006:	1244
Official Lions International tally, November, 2006:	1335
2006-7 new members (as of Dec. 31, 2006)	135
2006-7 dropped members (as of Dec. 31, 2006):	66
2006-7 deceased members (as of Dec. 31, 2006):	6
Number of new clubs:	1

Lions International Update

Looking for Lions Images From Now and Then

Lions Clubs International is searching for Lions images from 1917 to the present especially those prior to 1985. Please send photos, digital images (300 dpi or greater) burned to a CD or uploaded to LCI's FTP site, slides, negatives, film, and/or video. Historic images will be returned upon request. Include information about the images. Consider contacting your local library and/or historical society to see if any Lions-related images are available. Send images with contact information by Feb. 28, 2007, to Jay Copp, THE LION magazine, 300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842.

20th Year of the Peace Poster Program

For the past two decades, Lions Clubs have sponsored the Peace Poster Contest in schools and sponsored youth groups. The program provides children ages 11 through 13 with a creative outlet to discuss their feelings for peace. Through the contest, Lions have made connections, received media exposure, and had fun. The theme of the 2007-08 contest is "Peace Around The World." For more information, order your kit for the coming year.

Strides: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness

This exciting program is an active method of informing the public about diabetes, the leading cause of new cases of blindness in adults. In 1984, the International Association of Lions Clubs adopted the Diabetes Awareness Program in an effort to reduce new cases of diabetic retinopathy. Today, every Lions Club, district, and multiple district can organize a Lions Walk. Go to www.lionsclubs.org and request the Strides Information Packet.

Lions Recycle Eyeglasses for Life

Lions, Leos, and other volunteers collect used eyeglasses for donation to Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers that are located throughout the world. The used eyeglasses are cleaned, repaired, and classified by prescription. The eyeglasses are then distributed to those in need by Lion volunteers and other organizations hosting optical missions in developing countries. To get your collection box, call the North Carolina Lions Foundation at 800-662-7401.

Is there a Leo Club in your community?

The Leo Club Program objective is:

"To provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national, and international community."

The Leo Club Motto is:

Leadership - Leos develop skills as organizers, time managers, and motivators of their peers.

Experience - Leos learn the importance of cooperation through the performance of community service.

Opportunity - Membership in a Leo club provides young people with a chance to excel, to develop character traits, and to receive recognition for their contributions to the community.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

WHITE CANE 2006-07

Have you heard the story of my umbrella? Yes, just like the one you use when it rains and too many blind, visually or hearing impaired the umbrella give them the protection they need. Whether it is in the form of a cane, eye glasses, hearing aid, matching funds, a trip to Camp Dogwood or the VIP Fishing Tournament our umbrella is there to assist those needing our help.

The oldest White Cane program is the distribution of the cane; about 1,500 canes were distributed last year. Whether it is the mobility cane or support cane our help give many the confidence to cope with the loss of sight.

Many clubs received more than they gave in matching funds to provide eye exams, eyeglasses, eye surgery or even prosthetic eye. Discussions continue as the Matching Fund budget gets tighter; adjustments were necessary to meet the budget. With your help more can be done to help those in need.

About 50 percent of the White Cane Drive funds go to support Camp Dogwood, not the maintenance or building, but the experience offered to 800 campers every year; where the campers have the enjoyment of water activities, arts and crafts, horse-back riding and the many hours of fellowship in the porch rockers. All this is the result of your White Cane donations.

Lest we not forget about 10,000 North Carolinians will discover they have a vision problem as the result of their visit to our "21st Century Vision Van". Yes, about 20,000 people will have a vision screening and about 50% will be told they need to see an eye professional. Many of these will be school children, where vision problems will have an impact on their education. Your donation goes a long way to support this project.

The first half of our Lionistic Year is complete, where do we stand? To date 19 of our 53 clubs have contributed \$20,142.80 compared to last year's \$39,351.00. Less than 40 percent of the clubs in District F have sent any contribution to the North Carolina Lions Foundation for the Humanitarian/White Cane Drive; yes, most of the White Cane fund raising events take place in the last six months of our year. Please keep in mind that those in need help all year long. If you have set your goal for White Cane and have the money in the bank, write the check today, it will help.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO TO HELP OUR VIP'S.

CALL ME TODAY TO SET A PROGRAM FOR YOUR CLUB. 910-692-7966

-- BRAD LOGSDON, DISTRICT WHITE CANE CHAIR

North Carolina Lions Foundation

Humanitarian White Cane Report – District 31-F

Lions Club	2006-7		2005-6		% of 05-06	06-07 Amt Per Mem
	Mems	Contrib	Mems	Contrib		
Aberdeen	24	\$2,142.80	23	\$2,614.00	81.97%	89.28
Biscoe	16	\$1,434.00	24	\$981.00	146.18%	89.63
Bladenboro	17	\$1,308.00	15	\$1,500.00	87.20%	76.94
Buies Creek	23	\$ -	17	\$2,595.00	0.00%	0.00
Campbell University (NEW)		\$ -				
Carthage	12	\$ -		\$560.00	0.00%	0.00
Candor	24	\$ -	29	\$1,250.00	0.00%	0.00
Chadbourn	19	\$ -	14	\$2,613.12	0.00%	0.00
Clarkton	19	\$ -	24	\$1,000.00	0.00%	0.00
Clinton	35	\$3,000.00	49	\$9,000.00	33.33%	85.71
Coats	26	\$ -	30	\$1,100.00	0.00%	0.00
Dublin	8	\$ -	14	\$1,400.00	0.00%	0.00
Dunn	21	\$ -	31	\$1,000.00	0.00%	0.00
Elizabethtown	18	\$ -	12	\$100.00	0.00%	0.00
Ellerbe	30	\$1,000.00	35	\$1,000.00	100.00%	33.33
Erwin	25	\$ -	30	\$1,750.00	0.00%	0.00
Evergreen	5	\$ -	5	\$150.00	0.00%	0.00
Fayetteville	13	\$500.00	30	\$100.00	500.00%	38.46
Fayetteville Sejong	28	\$ -		\$100.00	0.00%	
Godwin	12	\$ -	12	\$1,300.00	0.00%	0.00
Hamlet	65	\$1,041.00	67	\$8,500.00	12.25%	16.02
Haymount	3	\$1,000.00	6	\$2,500.00	40.00%	333.33
Lake Waccamaw	5	\$ -	11	\$500.00	0.00%	0.00
Laurel Hill	17	\$100.00	17	\$16,130.00	0.62%	5.88
Laurinburg	15	\$200.00	27	\$100.00	0.00%	13.33
Lillington	26	\$ -	21	\$585.00	0.00%	0.00
Lumberton	24	\$1,050.00	30	\$4,000.00	26.25%	43.75
Mary Stewart	20	\$ -	17	\$3,000.00	0.00%	0.00
Massey Hill	72	\$1,500.00	61	\$3,000.00	50.00%	20.83
Mount Gilead	26	\$1,000.00	27	\$850.00	117.65%	38.46
Newton Grove	7	\$ -	9	\$630.00	0.00%	0.00
Pembroke	17	\$ -	21	\$1,522.42	0.00%	0.00
Pinebluff	23	\$ -	22	\$2,002.00	0.00%	0.00
Pinehurst	20	\$150.00	26	\$325.00	46.15%	7.50
Red Springs	9	\$100.00	11	\$50.00	200.00%	11.11
Robbins	14	\$ -	16	\$100.00	0.00%	0.00
Rockingham	12	\$ -	16	\$500.00	0.00%	0.00
Roseboro	8	\$ -	16	\$600.00	0.00%	0.00
Rowland	10	\$ -	13	\$400.00	0.00%	0.00
St. Andrews Campus(NEW)		\$ -				
Saint Pauls	19	\$ -	17	\$1,530.00	0.00%	0.00
Sandhills Cyberspace (NEW)		\$ -				
Seven Lakes	44	\$2,025.00	63	\$5,339.58	37.92%	46.02
Sanford	123	\$1,292.00	108	\$2,235.74	57.79%	10.50
Southern Pines	17	\$300.00	21	\$2,724.00	11.01%	17.65
Spring Lake	5	\$ -	11	\$100.00	0.00%	0.00
Tabor City	12	\$ -	16	\$1,032.00	0.00%	0.00
Troy	29	\$1,000.00	16	\$1,000.00	100.00%	34.48
Vass	49	\$ -	57	\$4,615.00	0.00%	0.00
West Montgomery	17	\$ -	18	\$425.00	0.00%	0.00
Western Harnett	33	\$ -	23	\$490.00	0.00%	0.00
Whiteville	37	\$ -	53	\$1,020.00	0.00%	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS	0	\$ -	0	\$884.36	0.00%	0.00
TOTAL	1153	\$20,142.80	1,231	\$96,803.22	20.81%	17.47

By the Numbers (out of nine districts in the state):

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Cane \$20,142.80 (ninth in the state) • Camp Dogwood ticket sales \$5,563 (third in the state) • Clinical Eye Research \$505 (third in the state) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorials and Honorariums \$365 (eighth in the state) • Jack Stickley Fellowships \$1,500 (second in the state)
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Deaton Wright Wins Local, District & State Competition In Lions International Peace Poster Contest

Deaton Wright, an 8th grade student at the West Pine Middle School , has taken the first steps to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning the local competition sponsored by the Seven Lakes Lions Club. Wright's poster then went on to win both the District 31-F and the Multiple District 31 Statewide competition.

Wright's poster was among more than 350,000 entries submitted worldwide in the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the program to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

“As the theme of this years contest was “Celebrate Peace”, I incorporated a birthday cake, a hot air balloon and the flags of numerous countries as the basic components of my poster,” the thirteen year old from Southern Pines, NC said. At the District level, the poster was selected by a panel of judges assembled by W. Clifford Stuckey, Chairman of the Sandhills Community College Fine Arts Department for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme. On the State level, selection was done by the Fine Arts Department of Appalachian State University.

Seven Lakes Lions Club President Ray Lambert said he was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students at West Pine Middle School . “It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions.”

“Wright's poster, having been selected on the Local, District , and Statewide levels, now moves on to the International level of competition if he is to be declared the international grand prize winner,” Lambert said.

One international grand prize winner and 23 merit winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of \$2,500, plus a trip for the winner and two family members to New York City , New York , for the awards ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of \$500.

“As this is the first time a Moore County student's peace poster has advanced to the international level of competition, our club is cheering for Deaton and we hope that his vision will ultimately be shared with others around the world,” Lambert said.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with nearly 1.35 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world.

Attention Club Presidents and Secretaries

YOU are the conduit to share this newsletter with your club members.

If YOU do not pass on this newsletter, then your club members will never see this!

Make copies or post at your Lions Den!

**The newsletter is also available at the District's website:
www.nclions31f.org**

What is the key to membership recruitment?

ASK

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STATE LIONS CONVENTION ADVERTISING

2007 State Convention Chair Joe Silvers
& Vice Chair Larry Gasperson
1-800-232-1378 or Cell 828-230-7793
The 2007 North Carolina Lions State Convention
May 31-June 1 & 2, 2007
Renaissance Hotel
Asheville, NC

Sponsorship Contract

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

LION Contact (add solicitor)

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Club: _____ Email: _____

Convention Program Book

Size Advertisement

Size Ad: Full Page \$300 $7\frac{1}{2} \times 10$

1/2 Page \$200 $7\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{7}{8}$

1/4 Page \$125 $3\frac{5}{8} \times 4\frac{7}{8}$

1/8 Page \$ 75 $3\frac{5}{8} \times 2\frac{3}{8}$

Supporter page \$ _____

Back Cover \$1,000

Inside Cover \$ 750 each

(Front & Back)

Centerfold \$1,500

Special Instructions

Note: all ads have $\frac{1}{2}$ inch border around page unless instructed otherwise, less than full page will have $\frac{1}{4}$ inch separation.

Please submit ad copy (include logos if required)

Make Checks Payable to:

North Carolina Lions 2007 Convention

PDG Larry Gasperson, Treasurer

95 Highland Center Boulevard

Asheville, NC 28806

Send Ads to:

PDG Larry Gasperson

95 Highland Center Boulevard

Asheville, NC 28806

E-Mail: silversbrothers@bellsouth.net

DEADLINE MAY 1, 2007

REGISTRATION FORM
2007 NORTH CAROLINA LIONS STATE CONVENTION
MAY 31-JUNE 1-3, 2007
RENAISSANCE HOTEL, ASHEVILLE, NC
REGISTRATION DEADLINE, MAY 7, 2007

Friday June 1, 2007

10:00 a.m. 2007 NC Lions State Convention Golf Tournament \$45.00
 6:30 p.m. Friday Fun Night (Patriotic Theme) Supported by Bi-Lo Markets

Saturday June 2, 2007

7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Tail Twisters/Key Members Breakfast & Auction Supported by Ingles Markets
 10:00 a.m. Biltmore House Tour
 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Past District Governors' Luncheon (Not included in meal package)
 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 pm District Governors' Banquet (Coat & Tie)

MJF - JSF - WLWPIS - PDG - DG - VDG

<u>Name Lion/Guest</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Circle Honors</u>
Circle Function: Friday Fun Night	Tail Twisters Breakfast	Tour PDG Luncheon	DG Banquet

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Cost of Meal Package \$25.00 each person. MUST SIGN UP FOR MEALS

Meals:	Attending	
Friday Fun Night	_____	Included in meal package
Tail Twisters Breakfast	_____	Included in meal package
DG Banquet	_____	Included in meal package
Meal Package	_____	Meal Package @ \$25.00 ea\$ _____
PDG Luncheon	_____	Tickets @ \$15.00 each = \$ _____
Tour of Biltmore House	_____	Tickets @ \$36.00 each = \$ _____
Golf Tournament	_____	Golfer @ \$45.00 each = \$ _____
		Total Enclosed \$ _____

Additional Tours Available

Biltmore Village
 Grove Arcade
 Thomas Wolfe Home
 Harrah's Club (Cherokee NC)

Make Checks Payable to: North Carolina Lions 2007 State Convention

Mail Form and Checks to: Lion Marti Hill, Registration Chairperson
 NC Lions State Convention
 PO Box 23
 Skyland, NC 28776

Hotel Reservations:

Asheville Renaissance Hotel
 One Thomas Wolfe Plaza
 Asheville, NC 28801
 Phone: 1-800-468-3571 Fax: 828-254-1374

NOTE: Room Cutoff April 29, 2007 / \$79.00 + tax per day

Questions or Concerns Please Contact:

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