



District 31-F Lions

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North Carolina



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2007 – A Year of Celebrations

District Governor Ron Kelly

90th Anniversary of the Association (June 1917). On June 7, 1917, Melvin Jones invited business leaders from around the United States to an organizational meeting to help lay the groundwork for a new type of club focused primarily on the betterment of their communities and the world at large. Today, 1.3 million men and women Lions and in approximately 45,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic locations are working to make the world a better place. Worldwide, Lions clubs are recognized for their services to the blind and visually impaired. This service began when Helen Keller challenged Lions to become “knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness” during the 1925 Lions Clubs International Convention. Today, Lions extend their commitment to sight conservation through countless local efforts, as well as through their international SightFirst Program and Lions World Sight Day, a global partnership of United Nations agencies, eye care and philanthropic organizations and health professionals. In addition, Lions make a strong commitment to young people through youth outreach programs. Lions also collect and recycle used eyeglasses for distribution in developing countries, work to improve the environment, build homes for the disabled, support diabetes education, conduct hearing programs

and, through their foundation, provide disaster relief around the world. Based on a recent report of Lions clubs worldwide, it is estimated that each Lions club donates \$9,900 annually to charitable causes. Each year Lions club members volunteer approximately 76 million hours, which is the equivalent to 36,500 people working full time for a year.



50th Anniversary of Leo Clubs (December 1957). On December 5, 1957, members of the Glenside Lions Club in Abington, Pennsylvania formed the first Leo Club at the local High School.

Open to young men and young women, the objective of the Leo Club Program was, and still 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.” In 1967, the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International adopted the Leo Club Program as an official program of the association. Today, the Leo Club Program is stronger than ever.

Community service remains the cornerstone of the program. Like their Lion counterparts, Leo club members enjoy serving their neighbors and watching positive results unfold. Today, the Leo movement has grown to more than 5,600 clubs in more than 130 countries and approximately 150,000 members. Lions Clubs in District 31-F currently sponsor six Leo Clubs. The most recent club is the Brick City Leo Club sponsored by the Sanford Lions Club which had its charter night on February 17, 2007.

20th Anniversary of the Peace Poster Program (January 1988). For the past two decades, Lions clubs have sponsored the Peace Poster Contest in schools. The program provides children, ages 11 through 13, with a creative outlet to display their feelings for peace. Through the contest, Lions have made connections, received media exposure, and had fun. The 2006-2007, District 31-F and State winner is Deaton Wright, of Southern Pines, NC, a thirteen year old student at the West Pine Middle School in West End. Deaton’s theme was “Celebrate Peace.” The sponsoring club was the Seven Lakes Lions Club. The theme of the 2007-2008 contest is “Peace around the World.” For more information, to view winning posters,

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR COLUMN

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order a kit and send Peace Poster e-cards, visit the Peace Poster section of the LCI Web Site.

20th Anniversary of Women Lions (July 1987). Although always present as Lionesses and in other supporting

roles, women were officially invited to become Lions in 1987. Two decades later women are the fastest growing group of Lions making up nearly 20% of all members and taking on numerous leadership roles within the association, including 30.5% of council chairpersons, 18.1% of district governors, and 15.6% of club presidents. The growth of women in Lions this year continues to exceed the totals since the women's initiative

began three years ago. Currently, the association has gained over 18,000 new women members worldwide in the first half of this fiscal year (2006-2007) and 414 districts have a net growth in women members. Here in North Carolina the highlight of the year-to-date plus 69 net membership growth in District 31-F is the fact that it is composed of 67 women and 2 men.

District and State Lions Schedule

March 1 Charter Night, Richmond County Luncheon Club, 7 p.m., Hamlet Lions Den

District Governor's Official Club Visits

March 8 Official Visit to Roseboro Lions Club
March 15 Official Visit to Hamlet Lions Club
March 22 Official Visit to Evergreen Lions Club
April 5 Official Visit to Vass 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)

Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute

The 2007 Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute will be Thursday, March 29, through Sunday, April 1, at the Blue Springs Baptist Conference Center in Marianna, Fla. The institute is designed for Lions who have not yet attained the position of vice district governor. The institute will help develop leadership skills as well as educating the participants about Lionism. Applications are due by March 16. Contact District Governor Ron Kelly.

One Child Goes Blind Every Minute

It's a stark fact. By the time you finish reading this page one child somewhere in the world will have gone blind. One goes blind every minute. Half-a-million will have lost their sight by the end of the year, Childhood blindness is only one part of the global vision crisis. If nothing is done, experts say that the world's blind population could double from 37 million to 74 million by 2020.

But Lions will not allow "nothing to be done." True to our commitment to be "knights of the blind," Lions have launched Campaign SightFirst II to prevent this tragedy. CSF II has set out to raise at least \$150 million to continue and expand the extraordinary work of SightFirst.

You and/or your club can do your part to help Lions worldwide raise the needed funds. A SightFirst II contribution form appears on page three of this newsletter. On it you can record Club Gifts as well as gifts from both Lions and non-lions. Fill it out today. Do your share to help combat preventable blindness.

**Lions & Friends have raised
\$70, 917, 627
To save sight through CSF II**

SIGHTFIRST II FORM FOR CLUBS



— Club Record of Contribution RC-1 Form USA —



Use a No. 2 pencil, blue or black ink pen only. Carefully fill in the boxes like this.

SAMPLE

Club Name:															
Club Number:				District:				Preparer's Member #:							
Prepared by:											Date Prepared:	M M / O O / Y Y			
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Please make a copy for your files and forward the original to LCIF in the pre-addressed envelope to Lions Clubs International Foundation-Campaign Sightfirst II • C/O Scantron Survey Services • PO Box 57075 • Irvine, Ca 92619-9821

Welcome New Lions To District 31-F – January 2007

LAURINBURG

ADA COTTON
JEAN ARCHER
IDA McGILL
Sponsor: Rebecca Brooks

ROSIE BUNDY
ERNEST BUNDY
Sponsor: HARLAN JOYCE

LENORA BALDWIN
SYREETA LEAK
EVELYN BARNES
BARBARA McKOY
CHARLES BOYD
CHESTER PURNELL JR.
EUPHUR BRYANT
Sponsor: THOMAS BROOKS

ELIZABETHTOWN

NELL McGREGOR
Sponsor: JOHN McNEILL

MT. GILEAD

JOSEPH MARTIN
Sponsor: J.R. KINCAID

SANFORD

DONALD MORTON
Sponsor: PHILLIP BRADLEY

WESTERN HARNETT

JAMES SURLES JR.
GAIL SURLES
Sponsor: VINCENT
SCHIMMOLLER

VASS

ALAN INGRAHAM
Sponsor: TERRANCE KERR

District Membership

Membership at start of Lions year, June 30, 2006:	1244
Official Lions International tally, January, 2007:	1313
2006-7 new members (as of Feb. 25, 2007)	157
2006-7 dropped members (as of Jan. 26, 2007):	121
2006-7 deceased members (as of Dec. 31, 2006):	19
Number of new clubs:	1

THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS AS THEY APPEAR

A man was flying from Seattle to San Francisco. Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sacramento along the way. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes. Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind. The man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her Seeing Eye dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight.

He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, "Kathy, we are in Sacramento for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?" The blind lady replied, "No thanks, but maybe my dog would like to stretch his legs." Picture this: All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Seeing Eye dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses. People scattered.



They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!

True story.... Have a great day and remember... **THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS AS THEY APPEAR.**

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	\$2,231.30	23	\$2,614.00	85.36%	92.97
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	\$700.00	17	\$2,595.00	26.97%	30.43
Campbell University (NEW)		\$ -				
Carthage	12	\$ -		\$560.00	0.00%	0.00
Candor	24	\$1,430.00	29	\$1,250.00	114.40%	59.58
Chadbourn	19	\$2,500.00	14	\$2,613.12	95.67%	131.58
Clarkton	19	\$1,000.00	24	\$1,000.00	100.00%	52.63
Clinton	35	\$6,000.00	49	\$9,000.00	66.67%	171.43
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	\$90.00	21	\$585.00	0.00%	3.46
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	\$2,500.00	61	\$3,000.00	83.33%	34.72
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	\$180.00	26	\$325.00	55.38%	9.00
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		\$ -				
Saint Pauls	19	\$ -	17	\$1,530.00	0.00%	0.00
Sandhills Cyberspace		\$ -				
Seven Lakes	44	\$2,050.00	63	\$5,339.58	38.39%	46.59
Sanford	123	\$1,964.09	108	\$2,235.74	87.85%	15.97
Southern Pines	17	\$600.00	21	\$2,724.00	22.03%	35.29
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	\$4,500.00	57	\$4,615.00	97.51%	91.84
West Montgomery	17	\$ -	18	\$425.00	0.00%	0.00
Western Harnett	33	\$ -	23	\$490.00	0.00%	0.00
Whiteville	37	\$1,900.00	53	\$1,020.00	186.27%	51.35
MISCELLANEOUS	0	\$ -	0	\$884.36	0.00%	0.00
TOTAL	1153	\$37,378.39	1,231	\$96,803.22	38.61%	32.42

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Cane \$37,378.39 (eighth in the state) • Camp Dogwood ticket sales \$5,933 (eighth in the state) • Clinical Eye Research \$1,695 (third in the state) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorials and Honorariums \$830 (eighth in the state) • Jack Stickley Fellowships \$2,600 (second in the state) |
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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)

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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:

Lion Joe Silvers, PDG
 State Convention Chairperson
 95 Highland Center Blvd.
 Asheville, NC 28806

1-800-232-1378 Cell: 828-230-7793

DISTRICT 31-F
MINUTES OF THIRD CABINET MEETING
February 17, 2007 @ 1:00pm
Clinton, NC

Call to Order: District Governor Ron Kelly at 1:15pm

Invocation: VDG Tommy Brooks

Pledge of Allegiance: Cabinet Treasurer Bill Koontz

Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum: Cabinet Secretary Jan Kelly. 18 Lions present, representing 7 clubs. Members in attendance: Ron Kelly DG, Tommy Brooks VDG, Gary P. Greene IPDG, Jan Kelly Cabinet Secretary, Bill Koontz Cabinet Treasurer, and Zone Chairs, Pieter Westerbeek, Dave Martin, and Randy Roller. Absent Zone Chairs: Harold Marion, Earl Duncan, Larry Dire. Quorum present.

Appointment of Parliamentarian: Lion Charles Smith appointed

Reading of the Minutes of the Second Cabinet Meeting from November 4, 2006: Motion made to approve the minutes as distributed and seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Cabinet Treasurer Bill Koontz distributed copies of the financial report covering the period 11/1/06-2/1/07. Three clubs still delinquent in their dues. Lion Bill recommended that Youth Outreach become a budget item on next year's budget. Restricted funds were then reviewed by Lion Bill. The only balance that remains is in the Jack Stickley fund. All others have been received and sent out again. A motion was made by Lion Charles Smith and seconded by Lion Randy Roller to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Review of the finances from last year: On January 24, 2007 the Financial Review Committee composed of Lion Bob Hughes, Lion Craig Stokes, and Lion Bill Koontz reviewed the financial books from last year (2005-2006) and found them to be in order.

New Business:

Remarks by DG Ron Kelly: He discussed the format changes that were made in the District Convention this past November. An Elvis impersonator was popular at the Family Fun Night; there was no PDG Luncheon; and the Banquet was moved up from evening to 1pm. Clubs who signed up 8 people for the Banquet were able to reserve a table of 8. The purpose was twofold – to encourage more Lions to come to the Banquet who cannot/do not drive at night and to reduce the cost by having to stay only one night instead of two. The profit for the convention was \$1648.12. There was additional cost when the keynote speaker stayed an additional 2 days.

Membership to date: Started our year with 1244. Our highest number was 1335. Our current number is 1314. The District is now out of transition and clubs are adding new members as the momentum continues. Reference was made to the spread sheet handout which shows the clubs monthly membership reports, new members and their sponsors, as well as dropped members and the reason.

DG Ron requested Zone Chairs to keep Gary Greene and himself updated with the names of deceased members so that they will be included in the Service of Remembrance at the State Convention.

The State Council decided at their recent meeting to eliminate District C (the district with the smallest number of members) by absorbing it into surrounding districts.

The picture of the Peace Poster winner, Deaton Wright, was circulated. He is not only the local winner, the District 31-F winner but also the State winner. He goes on to the International level.

There is a new Leo club being organized in Sanford.

Lion Rufe Livingston sent a report regarding District 31F lagging behind in Camp Dogwood ticket sales. Each Lion is asked to sell 3 booklets of chances toward the support of Camp Dogwood.

The District 31-F ad for the State Convention was circulated. It emphasizes our membership growth.

Communication within our district and beyond: DG Ron's theme this year is Communication Matters and to that end he is obtaining an ever-increasing number of emails from club members. We have been successful in not only reducing the cost of mailing the monthly newsletters but also are reaching far more Lions via email not only in NC but fellow District Governors in other parts of the world.

Dues for Campus Lions Clubs: It was voted in the 2nd Cabinet meeting in 2004 that Campus Clubs would be exempt from District dues.

Next year's budget needs to include this exemption as well as a line item for a \$200.00 savings bond for the District Peace Poster winner. The district also funds a banner for any new club and that cost is currently \$177.00 which is not included in this year's budget.

Zone Chair Reports:

Zone 1 – Pieter Westerbeek: the 2nd Zone meeting was held at the District Convention. The 3rd will be in May. The Roseboro club had a very successful oyster roast and Clinton has their fish fry in April. Clinton is hosting the Vision Van on 5/12/07. Clinton is giving a \$1,000 Melvin Jones Fellowship each year for the next 5 years for Sight First II.

Zone 2 – Dave Martin: the next Zone meeting is scheduled for March 3rd at 9:30am at Mary Stewart Club with a presentation

by Lion Brad Logsdon on White Cane. Sight First II is slow to get started. Sanford Club is donating \$1000.00. Clubs are beginning to establish goals for Sight First II. This evening Sanford Lions Club is chartering a church based Leo Club called the Brick City Leos with 62 members. Their enthusiasm is contagious.

Zone 3 – Harold Marion: No report

Zone 4 – Bobby Dunn: No report.

Zone 5 – Randy Roller: the next zone meeting will be the 4th Tuesday in March. Laurel Hill and Laurinburg had a combined Christmas party. Rockingham hosted the vision van and sold a lot of pecans. A Vision Impaired Persons Club is in the process of being formed. Ellerbe Club has added 2 women.

Zone 6 – Ray Lewis: No report

Zone 7 – Larry Dire: No report. Larry is moving out of the area

Zone 8 - unfilled

Zone 9 – Earl Duncan: No report

NC Foundation Committees:

CampDogwood – Rufe Livingston: Sent report encouraging Camp Dogwood tickets sales and for Zone chairs to work on that with their clubs.

Clinical Eye Research - Thomas Woods: no report

Jack Stickley – Gary Greene: District 31-F is second in the state.

Public Information and Education – Gary Greene: any information for the newsletter should be turned in to him by the 20th of the month.

Volunteers – Diane Westerbeek: Submitted report read by Pieter Westerbeek. Meeting was held 2/3/07. Plans are complete for Volunteer Week 4/16 – noon 4/20. List of jobs have been sent to the Zone Chairs.

NC State Council Committees:

Boys and Girls Home – Brad Logsdon: submitted report read by DG Ron. Thank you to all the Lions of District 31F for the support of the purchase of the 12 passenger van for Boys and Girls Home. Also thank you for the Christmas party and gifts for the 9 boys of the Lions cottage. We still need renovations and particularly a new roof for this 50 year old structure. Clean up day is April 21st – all are encouraged to come to help.

Extension – Gary Greene: The Riegelwood area suffered devastation and loss of life from a tornado recently. Lions International provided a \$10,000 donation. The ground work has been set for a new club there. There is also work on a VIP club spear-headed by VDG Tommy Brooks. Other target areas are White Lake, Hoffman, and Raeford.

(Disaster Relief / Lions Alert – DG Ron Kelly: This is a new initiative which began this year with President Jimmy Ross. Lions are located all over the world and are in a position to be first responders, coordinated with State and local EMS and FEMA personnel. Training is available on line with certification for those interested in helping others in a coordinated effort. North Carolina is very interested in the Lions Alert program. Watch for more information about this.)

LCIF/Sight First II – Charles Smith: Seems to be a lot of apathy and indifference by several clubs. If Lions don't carry out this initiative, blindness will double in the world. This is a 3 year drive to raise money to stop preventable blindness.

Leo – Bob Guenther: Sanford Club is excited about the chartering of the Brick City Leo Club which was formed through churches in the area. Charter night is tonight. Relay for Life is one of their projects.

Women's Membership – Diane Westerbeek: The proposed seminar on Women's Membership and Leadership to be held at the state convention was not selected.

District 31-F Committees:

Radio Reading Service – Charles Smith: broadcasts over Fayetteville public radio. Federal regulations required conversion to digital which

required new equipment which is gradually being paid off. Have adequate volunteers to read. Trying to increase the signal in Moore County

by utilizing towers in the area. There are 500-600 radios in use for the blind.

USA/Canada Forum – Gary Greene: the upcoming Forum is in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Miscellaneous:

Lion Charles Smith reported that Mt. Gilead Club gave a Jack Stickley to Lion Jerry Smith whose health is gradually improving. Club members will be participating for the first time in the spring cleaning week at Camp Dogwood.

DG Ron reported that Diabetic Testing is being considered as an additional component to the Vision Van screening.

Lion Charles reported that a local eye specialist in Laurinburg is going to Honduras in March and will be taking Lions recycled eyeglasses.

The next Cabinet meeting will be held at the State Convention in Asheville.

This meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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