



## District 31-F Lions

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# “Communication; Matters”

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## Disasters Occur; When They Do, People Need Help

### *District Governor Ron Kelly*

For decades, Lions have provided humanitarian assistance to people affected by disasters. Lions worldwide remain dedicated to serving their communities, especially in times of crisis. This past year Lions Clubs International (LCI) developed the “Lions ALERT Program” as a way to provide Lions with a standardized structure and network to deliver needed services to people in emergency situations.



the NCDEM they must learn more about Emergency Management.

Each Lion who wishes to participate in the partnership must complete the “FEMA Independent Study Course.” This is easily accomplished by going to the website <http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>. Three courses, ICS 100: Introduction to Incident Command System, ICS 200: Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents, and IS 700: Introduction National Incident Management System are offered free of charge.

FEMA Certification is required for Lions membership for Individual Assistance and National Incidence & Management Compliance. After Lion’s members complete the Independent Study Courses, they will be able to sign up for “Reservist Training.”

At this point, Lions in MD 31-F who have completed the courses should notify me at [rfkelly@mindspring.com](mailto:rfkelly@mindspring.com) so that I can compile a list of those who have been certified for forwarding to the NCDEM. They will then determine the best training localities for “Reservist Training.” This Partnership with the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management is a WIN-WIN situation. The NCDEM needs assistance from within a community when a disaster strikes. Lions need a highly visible community project to attract and maintain an active membership.

As I have said in previous newsletters, building membership has always been a challenge. Today, however, that challenge has become an opportunity, something very different from what it was in the past, because its focus is upon recruiting and retaining a very different group of individuals: those who grew up during that unprecedented era known as the Baby Boom.(in the U.S. alone more than 78 million were born between 1946 and 1964.) The sheer number of Baby Boomers is only one reason to be encouraged. Another is their propensity to volunteer.

Also, this past year, Lion Paul R. Bledsoe, N. C. Lions Foundation Public Information & Education Chair and Emily Young, Individual Assistance Manager for the N. C. Department of Emergency Management (NCDEM) put together the **Lions of North Carolina Disaster Recovery Assistance and Outreach Partnership with the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management**. The objective of this Partnership was to offer Lions throughout MD-31 the opportunity to offer assistance with “Disaster Recovery Services,” education, and statewide information guided by the NCDEM team.

With numerous clubs located throughout the 100 counties of North Carolina , Lions would become an integral part of emergency management outreach and recovery assistance in the communities in which they live and work. As an overview of this partnership, Lions will be assisting the NCDEM in offering individual assistance after disasters. At Disaster Recovery Centers, Lions will help victims with the filling out of forms necessary for relief benefits.

Prior to any disaster, Lions will offer disaster preparedness education with the VIP’s, handicapped and senior citizens with information and seminars under the umbrella of various state organizations and councils such as the NC Council of Aging and Adult Services. For Lions who wish to become involved with the Disaster Assistance Partnership with

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## District and State Lions Schedule

May 5 State Council of Governors meeting, Winston-Salem  
May 6 NCLF Board meeting, Winston-Salem  
May 31 – June 3 N.C. Lions State Convention, Asheville

### Important Information Your PU-101 Form

Clubs that have used the WMMR site to file monthly membership reports, activities reports, etc. during the past fiscal year will not receive a printed paper copy of the Officer Reporting Form (PU-101). Go to the logon page of the WMMR site and follow Page 8 of the instructions on the Quick Reference Guide, which you can download from the logon page.

Clubs that have not used the WMMR site during the past year will receive a printed paper copy.

Anyone wishing to file a paper copy (fill out by hand and fax or mail to headquarters) may obtain one from the Web site by doing the following: Click “Resources”, Click “Forms”, Click “Other” from the menu on the right, Click “Download” under the first entry—Officer Reporting Form.

**THE DEADLINE FOR FILING YOUR PU-101 IS MAY 15, 2007.**

**It is important that Club Secretaries mail (or e-mail) the Cabinet Secretary Jan Kelly with the names of their Club’s Delegates and Alternates to the State Convention on May 31 through June 3.**

## GOVERNOR'S COLUMN

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Studies show that their rate of volunteerism is relatively high, consistent over time, and greater than any other age group. Based on its current attitudes and activities, the Baby Boomers include millions of men and women who have the predisposition to identify with our mission, the desire to do the kind of volunteer work we offer, the time to participate, and the will to make a difference in our communities.

In recruiting them, your job is to connect with all these feelings by presenting your club in ways that demonstrate how its people and plans align with their wants and interests. If your clubs list of service projects includes an active involvement in the Lions of North Carolina Disaster Recovery Assistance and Outreach Partnership, perhaps this would be the connecting link between your club and the new volunteer’s attitude of wanting to help others and making the community a better place to live.

## Lions Help With Clean-Up Day At Boys and Girls Homes

By W. Brad Logsdon, PCC, District Chair, Boys and Girls Homes

It was “Civic Club Clean-Up Day” at Boys and Girls Homes under the guidance of Tom Lamont, Director of Civic Club Development for the Homes. WOW, what a day we had on Saturday, April 21. Not only was the weather great, the Lions in attendance were even greater. The Lions Cottage now has the best looking exterior of any of the cottages. We trimmed shrubs, planted flowers and finished it all off with red mulch. While all the Lions were working on the outside, several of the boys and teaching parents were painting one of the bed rooms. You have to stop and check things out.

We have to extend our THANKS to VDG Tommy Brooks, who delivered a truck load of top soil; Anne Neroni, State Chair who brought a new rug for the living room and a new grill, complete with charcoal and more flowers. More thanks go out to Ray Lambert, president of the Seven Lakes club and his five other workers, they were busy getting the planting area ready for the flowers they brought; then four Lions from Pinehurst, Barbara and Brad

Logsdon, district treasure Bill Koontz and Mike Malone arrived with several flats of flowers. Already hard at work were Pieter and Diane Westerbeek from Clinton, who also delivered flowers and new shrubs and lots of planting design ideas. A short time later Tommy Tyler from Lake Waccamaw and Earl Duncan from Tabor City arrived with a trailer load of red mulch. While we were waiting for the hot dogs and hamburgers to cook on the grill; Ken Bucher, from the Apex club found some leaky faucets needing repair, plus a wobbly bench needing some help and in a few minutes they were all in better shape. A big THANK YOU goes out to all for spending a big part of their Saturday to dress up our cottage; we all look forward to do it again another day.

I did leave out a big chunk of our help and that was the boys from the Lions Cottage, pitching in to spread the mulch. When the day was finished we all agreed our time was well spent. Before the year is over we need to find the time to give the inside of the cottage a little brighter color.

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

# 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

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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 – March 2007

## **ABERDEEN**

JAMES MACK  
Sponsor: FRANK McNEILL

## **COATS**

JAMES SUTTON  
Sponsor: MARK LANGDON

DANNY FERGUSON  
Sponsor: TOMMY ENNIS

WILLIAM POPE  
Sponsor: CLAY STEPHENSON

## **MASSEY HILL**

JAMES “ANDY” MILLER  
Sponsor: HENRY MILLER

EARL CAIN  
Sponsor: LEE CAIN

PATRICK SESSOMS  
Sponsor: WILLIE CHASON

RAY LOCKAMY  
Sponsor: ROBERT LOCKAMY

## **HAMLET**

NANCY AVERITTE  
Sponsor: PEGGY HARRINGTON

## **SEVEN LAKES**

LEONARD DARBY  
CELESTINE DARBY  
Sponsor: Ray Lambert

## **WEST MONTGOMERY**

EDWARD CARTER  
Sponsor: FRED MORRIS

## **District Membership**

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|---|------|
| Membership at start of Lions year, June 30, 2006: | 1244 |
| Official Lions International tally, March, 2007   | 1280 |
| 2006-7 new members (as of April 28, 2007)         | 174  |
| 2006-7 dropped members (as of April 28, 2007):    | 146  |
| 2006-7 deceased members (as of April 28, 2007):   | 22   |
| Number of new clubs:                              | 1    |

## **Second Annual Lions Club Golf Tournament**

The Sanford Lions Club's golf tournament will be June 2 at 8:30 a.m. At the Quail Ridge Golf Club in Sanford. The format will be 4-Player Captain's Choice. The prizes include top three teams, longest drive, and closest to the pin. Sign up as a team or as an individual. Entry fee of \$50 per player includes lunch after the tournament. Make checks payable to the Sanford Lions Club. Contact: Jim Romine 774-1173 or [jromine@alltel.net](mailto:jromine@alltel.net) or mail player names and telephone numbers to Jim Romine, 1316 Gormly Circle, Sanford, NC 27330.

## **White Cane Donations Behind Last Year's Levels**

If the programs and services are to continue for the aid to the blind and visually impaired, we need to make dramatic strides in our donations.

Please take the time to check the most recent report, included with this newsletter; we are more than \$20,000 behind last year's donations for the same date. I know May is the big month for White Cane fundraisers, but will they generate enough to catch-up on the shortfall?

Has your club reviewed where the money goes? Has your club had a White Cane Program? Does your club have extra fund sitting in the bank? Will your club help bring District F back into the lead in White Cane donations?

You and only you hold the answers to our success.

Will you make it happen? I am available to tell you the White Cane story, where the money goes - - call me 910-692-7966.

-- Lion Brad Logsdon, PCC  
District Chair, White Cane

## 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          | \$2,281.30         | 23           | \$2,614.00         | 87.27%        | 95.05             |
| 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  |             | \$ -               |              |                    |               |                   |
| Carthage             | 12          | \$250.00           |              | \$560.00           | 44.64%        | 20.83             |
| 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          | \$1,000.00         | 30           | \$1,100.00         | 90.91%        | 38.46             |
| Dublin               | 8           | \$1,241.00         | 14           | \$1,400.00         | 88.64%        | 155.13            |
| 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           | \$150.00           | 5            | \$150.00           | 100.00%       | 30.00             |
| Fayetteville         | 13          | \$500.00           | 30           | \$100.00           | 500.00%       | 38.46             |
| Fayetteville Sejong  | 28          | \$ -               |              | \$100.00           | 0.00%         |                   |
| Godwin               | 12          | \$1,300.00         | 12           | \$1,300.00         | 100.00%       | 108.33            |
| Hamlet               | 65          | \$6,666.00         | 67           | \$8,500.00         | 78.42%        | 102.55            |
| Haymount             | 3           | \$2,920.00         | 6            | \$2,500.00         | 116.80%       | 973.33            |
| 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           | \$450.00           | 9            | \$630.00           | 71.43%        | 64.29             |
| Pembroke             | 17          | \$1,246.00         | 21           | \$1,522.42         | 81.84%        | 73.29             |
| 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          | \$1,046.40         | 16           | \$500.00           | 209.28%       | 87.20             |
| 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          | \$4,807.71         | 63           | \$5,339.58         | 90.04%        | 109.27            |
| Sanford              | 123         | \$1,964.09         | 108          | \$2,235.74         | 87.85%        | 15.97             |
| Southern Pines       | 17          | \$1,000.00         | 21           | \$2,724.00         | 36.71%        | 58.82             |
| Spring Lake          | 5           | \$ -               | 11           | \$100.00           | 0.00%         | 0.00              |
| Tabor City           | 12          | \$1,046.40         | 16           | \$1,032.00         | 101.40%       | 87.20             |
| 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          | \$400.00           | 18           | \$425.00           | 94.12%        | 23.53             |
| Western Harnett      | 33          | \$ -               | 23           | \$490.00           | 0.00%         | 0.00              |
| Whiteville           | 37          | \$1,900.00         | 53           | \$1,020.00         | 186.27%       | 51.35             |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b> | 0           | \$ -               | 0            | \$884.36           | 0.00%         | 0.00              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>1153</b> | <b>\$56,260.90</b> | <b>1,231</b> | <b>\$96,803.22</b> | <b>58.12%</b> | <b>48.80</b>      |

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White Cane \$56,260.90 (fifth in the state)</li> <li>• Camp Dogwood ticket sales \$9,195 (seventh in the state)</li> <li>• Clinical Eye Research \$2,775 (fourth in the state)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memorials and Honorariums \$1,505 (ninth in the state)</li> <li>• Jack Stickley Fellowships \$3,100 (third in the state)</li> </ul> |
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## President Jimmy Ross: Be The Best You Can Be

This is the year of the Lion. I spoke those words to thousands of Lions in Boston shortly after taking the oath of office as the new International President. The new Lion year is not about me, I said. It's about every Lion throughout the world. It's about renewing our commitment to our communities. It's about rededicating ourselves to our neighborhoods. It's about putting our best self forward and keeping the "We Serve" spirit at the heart and soul of our time and efforts as Lions.

We know the obstacles that stand in our way. There is not enough time in our day. There are not enough members. There is not enough energy. These are real concerns that can't be easily dismissed. But they can be overcome. What it takes is each of us to focus on the positive, to set our goals high and then to make those goals become a reality. The only way we can make this happen is to believe in ourselves, to stamp out negativity and to be the best Lion we can be.

What we need is a paradigm shift in our traditional ways of thinking. We are accustomed to performing certain projects and achieving at a certain level. But don't let the past hold us hostage. We need to throw open the windows of possibility. You have to dream it before you can do it.

I can't think of a better way to blaze new trails of service than to be inspired by what other Lions are doing. We may think that as a smaller club or as individual Lions we are limited or restrained in our objectives. But all you need to do is to see the awesome projects undertaken by Lions like yourself to realize that the sky is the limit. The Web site of Lions Clubs International offers many examples of the valuable service performed by Lions.

Our service takes many facets. We serve through club renewal and development. We serve by developing leaders. We serve by promoting our activities. But all this has to start with a heartfelt desire to be the best Lion we can be. A wise man once said, "Be the change you want." In other words, if you want to change the world, start with yourself.

Take a minute or two to assess your own service commitment as well as your club's and determine if any improvements can be made. Change happens whether we like or not. To stand still is to let change dictate to us instead of taking hold and directing the future. We Lions in the past have always been able to take charge of our circumstances and continue our service no matter the external forces at work. Our future depends on each of us individually as much as it does collectively.

### Installment Plan Available For Jack Stickley Fellowships

Did you know that an installment plan is available for the purchase of a Jack Stickley Fellowship?

With only \$100 toward the purchase of the \$500 Stickley Fellowship, you can start the process for recognizing one of your fellow Lions. Although the Fellowship will not be awarded until the payments are completed, this alternative offers a club the opportunity to make a planned budgetary allocation on a regular basis.

Club awards ceremonies are coming up soon. Be sure to contact the North Carolina Lions Foundation to get a Fellowship for those hard-working Lions in your club. Go to [www.nclf.org](http://www.nclf.org) and click on the word "forms". Look for the entry for the Stickley Fellowship or call PDG Gary Greene, District Stickley Chair, at 910-582-8757.

### Has Your Club Followed Up On Family Membership Dues?

The Family Membership Dues rate began on January 1, 2007. This is a permanent program that was ratified as part of the Lions Clubs International Constitution.

This program applies to existing or new Lions in and/or joining the same club and living in the same household related by birth, marriage and other legal means - such as parents, children, spouses, aunts/uncles, cousins, grandparents and in-laws of spouses.

The first family member (Head of Household - HH) is required to pay the full International Dues (US\$39.00) and any applicable entrance fee. Up to four more subsequent qualifying family members over the age of majority in the same household and the same club shall pay one-half of the standard annual dues (US\$19.50) and no association entrance fees.

## District Governor Elect Corner

The time for state convention is just around the corner. A lot of excitement is building around it. It's sold out. I guess some people really do have a good time when they go. My hope is that our fall convention will also be a great success. Several of us met and discussed some plans for it and had dinner together. "It's great to be a Lion" and am excited about the coming year.

I was able to go to Boys and Girls Home for cleanup day and had a really good time working on the grounds and the fellowship and food were great. I hope this newsletter will find you in good health. I hope that in the future that if you have health concerns or loss of family, please allow us to help you through our thoughts and prayers. Please send your concerns to me.

Remember to get your new slate of officers turned in by May 15 so that we can get the directories printed. Time moves along and still so much to do. I look forward to seeing you soon.

-- Tommy Brooks, DGE

## Helen Keller's Speech

**1925 International Convention  
Cedar Point, Ohio USA June 30, 1925**

Dear Lions and Ladies:

I suppose you have heard the legend that represents opportunity as a capricious lady, who knocks at every door but once, and if the door isn't opened quickly, she passes on, never to return. And that is as it should be. Lovely, desirable ladies won't wait. You have to go out and grab 'em.

I am your opportunity. I am knocking at your door. I want to be adopted. The legend doesn't say what you are to do when several beautiful opportunities present themselves at the same door. I guess you have to choose the one you love best. I hope you will adopt me. I am the youngest here, and what I offer you is full of splendid opportunities for service.

The American Foundation for the Blind is only four years old. It grew out of the imperative needs of the blind, and was called into existence by the sightless themselves. It is national and international in scope and in importance. It represents the best and most enlightened thought on our subject that has been reached so far. Its object is to make the lives of the blind more worthwhile everywhere by increasing their economic value and giving them the joy of normal activity.

Try to imagine how you would feel if you were suddenly stricken blind today. Picture yourself stumbling and groping at noonday as in the night; your work, your independence, gone. In that dark world wouldn't you be glad if a friend took you by the hand and said, "Come with me and I will teach you how to do some of the things you used to do when you could see"? That is just the kind of friend the American Foundation is going to be to all the blind in this country if seeing people will give it the support it must have.

You have heard how through a little word dropped from the fingers of another, a ray of light from another soul touched the darkness of my mind and I found myself, found the world, found God. It is because my teacher learned about me and broke through the dark, silent imprisonment which held me that I am able to work for myself and for others. It is the caring we want more than money. The gift without the sympathy and interest of the giver is empty. If you care, if we can make the people of this great country care, the blind will indeed triumph over blindness.

The opportunity I bring to you, Lions, is this: To foster and sponsor the work of the American Foundation for the Blind. Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?

I thank you.



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