



District 31-F Lions

Bladen, Columbus,
Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke,
Lee, Montgomery, Moore,
Richmond, Robeson, Sampson,
Scotland Counties
North Carolina



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Sharing The Ideals and Fellowship of 'We Serve'

As community and human needs grow, our capacity to answer them must grow accordingly. Therefore, it is imperative that our membership strength expand at a continuous rate in order to keep pace with the changes occurring around us, changes that will challenge us to share our commitment to successfully move forward as the leading force for voluntary service in communities around the world.

In emphasizing the need for membership development, I have set a goal of positive net gain for the coming Lionistic year of Plus 1 for each club (50 net new members) and a stretch goal of Plus 1.5 or 75 net new members for the District. This will bring our membership total to 1275/1300 by June 30 of 2007.

Obviously, inviting new members to share our success will improve our numbers, and organizing more clubs, whether they be traditional, campus, or club branches, will build our membership. Retention, however, will also be a key factor,



Ron Kelly, DG

for it has been said that there are more ex-Lions in our communities than active members. Each club simply must develop effective strategies to keep Lions from dropping away. Do this and, combined with new members and reinstated members, we will be assured of a positive net growth.

Lions, by inviting more community-spirited individuals into our clubs and sharing the ideals and fellowship of “We Serve” with them, there is no limit to all we can achieve. Growth in membership will permit us to further reach out to people in need, the blind and visually and hearing impaired and others who need the helping hands of those who truly care about them.

I am positive there are men and women in every community who would welcome an invitation to be a member of the world's largest service organization. Seek them out and offer them this unequalled chance to enjoy the satisfaction of being involved in voluntary community service.

“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?”

- Helen Keller

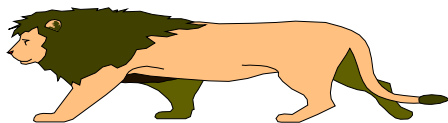
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District and State Lions Schedule

July 5	DG returns from International Convention, Boston, Mass.
July 20	District Awards Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Hamlet Lions Den
August 5	Zone Chair training, 1 p.m. <i>Homewood Suites</i> Cabinet Meeting, 2 p.m. <i>250 Central Park Ave.</i> White Cane Kickoff, 3 p.m. <i>Pinehurst</i>
August 11	State Council of Governors caucus, Salisbury
August 12	State Council of Governors meeting, Salisbury
August 13	N.C. Lions Foundation Board meeting, Salisbury
Sept. 7	Campbell University Campus Lions Charter Night
Sept. 14-16	USA/Canada Forum, Columbus, Ohio
Oct. 9-12	VIP Fishing Tournament, Outerbanks
Nov. 3-4	District 31-F Convention, Southern Pines

District Governor's Official Club Visits

July 13	Official visit to Lake Waccamaw Lions Club
July 17	Official visit to Spring Lake Lions Club
July 25	Official visit to Laurinburg and Laurel Hill Lions clubs
July 27	Official visit to Lumberton Lions Club
August 2	Official visit to Godwin Lions Club
August 3	Official visit to Sandhills Lions Club
August 8	Official visit to Bladenboro Lions Club
August 9	Official visit to Candor Lions Club
August 15	Official visit to Buies Creek Lions Club
August 17	Official visit to Biscoe Lions Club
August 22	Official visit to Rowland Lions Club
August 24	Official visit to Robbins Lions Club
August 28	Official visit to Mt. Gilead Lions Club



HELPFUL HINTS:

From the Cabinet Secretary (Jan Kelly)

1. File the **MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP REPORTS** with Lions International by the 3rd of the following month, either by e-mail or by US mail.
2. Email or US mail the **MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS** to DG Ron Kelly by the 3rd of the following month. (rfkelly@mindspring.com or 17 Beasley Drive, Pinehurst, NC 28374)
3. Mail **PAYMENTS OF BILLS** to the District Secretary (Jan Kelly, 17 Beasley Drive, Pinehurst, NC 28374) for recording. The secretary will forward to the Treasurer (Bill Koontz).
4. Pay **DISTRICT DUES** by the 10th of September 2006 and the 10th of February 2007.

Call Jan with any questions you may have at 910-295-4976 or e-mail at rfkelly@mindspring.com.

The Three Cardinal Rules For Club Presidents and Secretaries

1. Share this newsletter with your club members.
2. Forward all club members email addresses to the District Governor for them to receive the newsletter via email. Send to DG Ron Kelly at rfkelly@mindspring.com.
3. Share your ideas for membership recruitment and service projects at the next quarterly zone meeting to be scheduled between August 5 and September 30. Contact the following zone chairs for dates:

Sampson Zone: Pieter Westerbeek – 910-592-3796,
djwes@carolina.net

Lee/Harnett Zone: David Martin – 919-718-0732,
lynettamar@aol.com

Moore: Harold Marion – 919-245-7401

Montgomery: Bobby Dunn – 910-439-4730

Richmond/Scotland: Randy Roller – 910-582-6617

Cumberland: Ray Lewis – 910-323-4500

Robeson: Larry Dire – 910-865-1306, larrydire@yahoo.com

Bladen: to be announced

Columbus: Earl Duncan – 910-640-2516



Family Dues Amendment To Be Considered At International Convention



From Lions Clubs International

Lions Clubs International now has the opportunity to become a leading force in worldwide family volunteerism with the establishment of the Family Dues Structure.

Coupled with the introduction of Family-Friendly Clubs, this dues structure will position the association as a dynamic, forward-thinking organization focused on answering the needs of young families as well as serving communities worldwide. The changing dynamics of family life, as well as new economic realities, have

made it difficult for many families to be able to commit time to traditional civic organizations and service clubs. Now, the association can do something about these trends by adopting a family membership program and dues structure. It would not only help interested clubs in recruiting the younger generation, but it would also demonstrate to the world that Lions remains the most dynamic and relevant service club in town.

The time for reaching out to more families is now. Volunteering together

allows families to share precious time with each other and to pass down values of giving and service from one generation to the next. Children raised in a volunteering environment tend to continue that practice into their adult years. By including families, we are helping families establish the tradition of volunteering.

This proposal is essential to strengthen the association's ability to continue its legacy of serving those in need in the coming decades ahead.



Time.

Sometimes 24 hours a day doesn't seem quite enough.

But if you could find just a few hours a month, you could brighten the life of someone in need.

There's nothing like the feeling of lending a helping hand. Volunteer today.

For more information on how you can get involved, contact:

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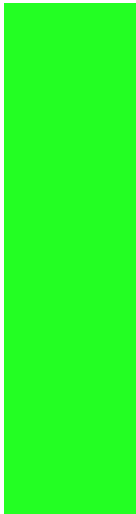


We Serve

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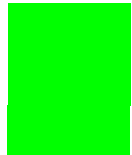
Lions Challenged To Purchase Vehicle For Boys and Girls Home of NC

The Lake Lure Lions Club has donated \$10,000 toward the purchase of a vehicle for the Boys and Girls Home. The Lions Clubs of District F are being asked to match the donation so that \$20,000 would be available to purchase an eight- to 12-seat vehicle for the residents of the Lions Cottage at Lake Waccamaw.



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District F Clubs who have contributed are: Massey Hill, Clinton, Laurel Hill, Dublin, Mary Stewart, Sandhills, and Lillington.



Lake Lure Lions Club, District C

Lions Clubs of District F

To participate in this campaign, Make your check payable to District 31-F and designate for the purchase of this vehicle. Send your check to:

Jan Kelly, Cabinet Secretary, 17 Beasley Drive, Pinehurst, NC 28374



"Celebrate Peace" is the theme of the 2006-07 Peace Poster Contest. Lions clubs can sponsor the program in their community for children in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups. Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, 2006, are eligible to participate. Through the contest, students are encouraged to visually depict their interpretation of the contest's theme.

Lions Clubs must order a Peace Poster Contest kit from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. Available in all 11 official languages, it costs US\$7.95, plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. Each kit contains everything your club needs to sponsor one school or organized, sponsored youth group. Clubs can sponsor more than one contest in either the same or multiple school(s) and/or youth group(s) by purchasing more than one kit. Clubs will send one poster per each contest sponsored to the next level of judging.



**"Peace Without Borders"
2005-2006 Grand Prize Winner**

North Carolina Lions Foundation

Humanitarian White Cane Report – District 31-F

6/23/06

Lions Club	2005-6		2004-5		% of 04-05	05-06 Amt Per Mem
	Mems	Contrib	Mems	Contrib		
Aberdeen	24	\$2,614.00	23	\$2,584.00	101.16%	108.92
Biscoe	20	\$981.00	24	\$1,000.00	98.10%	49.05
Bladenboro	15	\$1,500.00	15	\$1,360.00	110.29%	100.00
Buies Creek	22	\$2,595.00	17	\$1,982.00	130.93%	117.95
Carthage (NEW)		\$560.00		\$25.00	2240.00%	
Candor	23	\$1,250.00	29	\$1,264.33	98.87%	54.35
Chadbourn	16	\$2,613.12	14	\$1,785.11	146.38%	163.32
Clarkton	20	\$1,000.00	24	\$800.00	125.00%	50.00
Clinton	44	\$8,500.00	49	\$8,500.00	100.00%	193.18
Coats	24	\$1,100.00	30	\$1,000.00	110.00%	45.83
Dublin	13	\$1,400.00	14	\$1,455.00	96.22%	107.69
Dunn	20	\$1,000.00	31	\$1,000.00	100.00%	50.00
Elizabethtown	18	-	12	\$100.00	0.00%	0.00
Ellerbe	32	\$1,000.00	35	\$1,230.00	81.30%	31.25
Erwin	23	\$1,750.00	30	\$1,610.00	108.70%	76.09
Evergreen	5	\$150.00	5	\$250.00	60.00%	30.00
Fayetteville	13	-	30	\$25.00	0.00%	0.00
Fayetteville Sejong	37	-		\$50.00	0.00%	
Godwin	13	\$1,300.00	12	\$250.00	520.00%	100.00
Hamlet	64	\$8,500.00	67	\$5,726.00	148.45%	132.81
Haymount	3	\$2,500.00	6	\$2,000.00	125.00%	833.33
Lake Waccamaw	5	\$500.00	11	\$450.00	111.11%	100.00
Laurel Hill	16	\$16,130.00	17	\$17,425.00	92.57%	1,008.13
Laurinburg	15	-	27	\$400.00		0.00
Lillington	26	\$585.00	21	\$1,680.00	34.82%	22.50
Lumberton	27	\$4,000.00	30	\$3,625.00	110.34%	148.15
Mary Stewart	19	\$3,000.00	17	\$3,000.00	100.00%	157.89
Massey Hill	68	\$3,000.00	61	\$2,000.00	150.00%	44.12
Mount Gilead	26	\$850.00	27	\$700.00	121.43%	32.69
Newton Grove	7	\$630.00	9	\$640.00	98.44%	90.00
Pembroke	16	\$1,522.42	21	\$1,376.78	110.58%	95.15
Pinebluff	22	\$1,000.00	22	\$1,759.00	56.85%	45.45
Pinehurst	17	\$90.00	26	\$325.00	27.69%	5.29
Red Springs	12	\$50.00	11	\$300.00	16.67%	4.17
Robbins	16	-	16	\$500.00	0.00%	0.00
Rockingham	13	-	16	\$1,290.00	0.00%	0.00
Roseboro	8	\$600.00	16	\$700.00	85.71%	75.00
Rowland	10	\$400.00	13	\$300.00	133.33%	40.00
St. Andrews Campus(NEW)						
Saint Pauls	18	\$1,530.00	17	\$1,250.00	122.40%	85.00
Sandhills	40	\$5,339.58	63	\$3,657.46	145.99%	133.49
Sanford	115	\$2,235.74	108	\$15,175.00	14.73%	19.44
Southern Pines	19	\$2,724.00	21	\$3,159.00	86.23%	143.37
Spring Lake	7	-	11	\$150.00		0.00
Tabor City	15	\$1,032.00	16	\$1,290.00	80.00%	68.80
Troy	26	\$1,000.00	16	\$990.00	101.01%	38.46
Vass	49	\$4,615.00	57	\$4,926.00	93.69%	94.18
West Montgomery	15	\$425.00	18	\$400.00	106.25%	28.33
Western Harnett	31	\$490.00	23	\$400.00	122.50%	15.81
Whiteville	44	\$1,020.00	53	\$2,050.00	49.76%	23.18
MISCELLANEOUS	0	\$1,819.36	0	\$635.00	286.51%	0.00
TOTAL F	1151	\$ 94,901.22	1,231	\$104,549.68	90.77%	82.45

White Cane goes to support many programs through our North Carolina Lions Foundation. These include Camp Dogwood, matching funds, clinical eye research, educational grants, vision van, hearing aids, white canes, Governor Morehead School for the Blind, VIP Fishing Tournament, organ and tissue procurement, and service grants.

District 31-F Awards Banquet



Registration Form

Thursday, July 20, 2006

6:30 p.m.



**Hamlet Lions Club Den
Corner of Highway 74 Business and NC 38**

Hamlet, NC

Catered by the most excellent Chefs of the Hamlet Lions Club

Barbecue with all the fixings.

\$10 per plate

Dress: Country and Western casual

<u>Name of Lion/Guest</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Honors</u>		
1		MJF	JSF	WWF
2		MJF	JSF	WWF
3		MJF	JSF	WWF
4		MJF	JSF	WWF

attending _____ at \$10 a plate = Total \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

**Make checks payable to "District 31-F" and mail to:
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Welcome New Lions To District 31-F – May 2006

CHADBOURN
JOHN BEAVER

SAINT PAULS
MARK WILLIFORD
Sponsor: PHILLIP MUSSELWHITE

VASS
PATRICIA GIAMBELLUCA
Sponsor: CARL GIAMBELLUCA

MARY STEWART
JAMES BUTLER
Sponsor: LEO PARTIN

WEST MONTGOMERY L C
RANDY HARVELL
Sponsor: RONNY G DYER

BONNIE MARION
Sponsor: HAROLD MARION

MASSEY HILL
WAYNE HAIR
Sponsor: ROBERT MC FAYDEN

CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY
STEPHANIE BRYANT

DONNA McCLARY
Sponsor: SID SCRUGGS

LAURINBURG
REBECCA BROOKS
Sponsor: TOMMY BROOKS

DUKE CALFAS
PATRICIA GREENE
JAMES PIERCE
RANDY SCOTT
MATTHEW MC KAIS

CORA SCRUGGS
Sponsor: JUDY SCRUGGS

ALEX HORNE
Sponsor: JUDY SCRUGGS

*NOTE: The Campbell University
Campus Lions Club has reached 27
members in anticipation of its Charter
Night on Sept. 7 in Buies Creek.*

KAREN BARBOUR
Sponsor: SID SCRUGGS

DON STRICKLAND
Sponsor: SID SCRUGGS

Clubs Looking Forward To SightFirst II Efforts

LCIF's primary mission is preventing blindness and restoring sight. It does this through its SightFirst program, which Lions initially generously funded with US\$143 million.

SightFirst fights the major causes of blindness: cataract, river blindness, trachoma, and, especially in developed nations like the United States, diabetic eye disease and glaucoma.

SightFirst has restored sight to 7 million people with cataract, prevented serious vision loss for 20 million and improved eye care services for hundreds of millions. Additionally, SightFirst has supported 70 million treatments for river blindness, built or expanded 207 eye hospitals, clinics and wards, upgraded 314 eye care facilities with equipment, provided management training for 109 eye care centers and trained more than 300,000 people in eye healthcare.

So far, SightFirst has approved 792 projects in 89 nations for a total of \$191 million.

SightFirst has supported more than 70 million treatments of river blindness in Africa and Latin

The Lions of District 31-F donated \$4,000 to SightFirst II during FY 2005-6. Clubs are encouraged to host a fundraiser for SightFirst by the end of FY 2008.

America since it forged a partnership with The Carter Center in 1999. The grant to the Carter Center also is targeting trachoma, the world's leading cause of preventable blindness.

SightFirst is controlling trachoma among 2 million people in three countries. The treatments for river blindness have transformed individual lives and communities in 12 countries in Africa and Latin America. River blindness is caused by infections that occur after being bitten by a black fly, which is found near swiftly flowing rivers (hence the name of the disease). Villagers have abandoned fertile land near the rivers to avoid being bitten.

The treatments are not only preventing blindness but also enabling people to return to rich land and revive their local economy. LCIF is tackling trachoma through medication, surgery, training of healthcare workers and health education.

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