



## District 31-F Lions

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North Carolina



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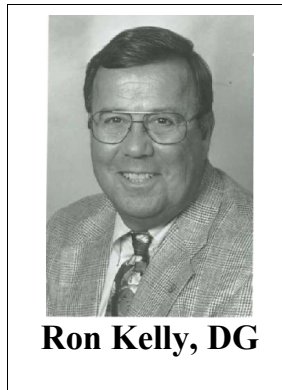
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## 'Merry Christmas' and a Happy New Year

I want all of you to know that I appreciate the wonderful Christmas present you have given me this year. Year to date we have one new Lions Club; the Richmond County Luncheon Lions Club in Rockingham and approximately 125 new lions in the District. After accounting for drops & deceased members we have a net gain of 96 members. No ghosts or goblins; all active members embracing our motto “We Serve.”

This is by far the most wonderful gift you could give to a District Governor at this time of year. Thanks so very much for all your efforts in increasing your Clubs membership. In doing so we were certified by Lions Clubs International as officially having 1290 members at the end of September. (My unofficial count as we end the month of November is 1340). Keep up the good work.



**Ron Kelly, DG**

On Saturday, Nov. 25, I had the honor and privilege of presenting a Disaster Relief Grant from the Lions Clubs International Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 to Pastor Bill Altman of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Riegelwood. This money will be used to defray burial expenses, provide funds for medical, food & clothing expenses, and help with the cost of rebuilding for those affected by the disastrous tornado that killed eight people, destroyed thirteen homes and damaged twenty four other dwellings in the Armour Community on the east side of the town of Riegelwood. This truly is another example of our living our motto, “We Serve.” It is also another great example of why we should be proud to say that we are Lions.

## First Alert Program Initiated By Lions International

Lions Clubs International, already the leader in programs for blind and visually impaired people, is launching a new emergency relief effort called the Lions Alert Program.

According to Jimmy Ross, Lions Clubs International president, the program is designed to formalize Lions relief efforts and establish a network of Lions helping Lions in providing emergency relief. “Lions have always been involved in providing relief in the aftermath of disasters. This Lions Alert Program provides specific guidance to the 45,000 Lions clubs around the world and helps them be even more effective in providing short and long term relief to victims of disasters,” Ross said.

The Lions Alert Program is not intended to replace the work of larger national and international relief organizations, but rather to supplement their efforts. The program will provide Lions with a standardized structure and network to deliver needed services to people in emergency situations.

Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest service club organization with 1.3 million members in 200 countries around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

## 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 24	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 18	Official Visit to Vass Lions Club
January 22	Official Visit to Campbell University Lions Club
January 25	Official Visit to Dunn Lions Club
February 1	Official Visit to Hamlet 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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to Lion Gary Greene [liongary31f@yahoo.com](mailto:liongary31f@yahoo.com)!

## Clubs Should Consider

### Jack Stickley Fellowship

Take a close look at your membership list and strongly consider those long-time Lions who have given much of their lives for the good of your club.

Don't they deserve a memorable recognition?

What better way to recognize their efforts than with a Jack Stickley Fellowship? Meant to memorialize the efforts of Jack Stickley, one of two North Carolinians who have served as president of Lions International, the Fellowship is also a way to ensure the future of projects for the Lions of North Carolina.

For more information, contact Gary Greene, PDG, at (910) 582-8757 or by email at [liongary31f@yahoo.com](mailto:liongary31f@yahoo.com).

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## Camp Dogwood Gift Certificates Given At District Convention

What a great district convention we had at the Days Inn in Southern Pines on Nov. 3-4. Thanks to all of the clubs who brought raffle ticket stubs and money to turn into our North Carolina Lions Foundation for Camp Dogwood maintenance and a new building which will be under construction soon.

A total of more than \$4,600 has now been raised this Lions year. At the N.C. Lions State Convention in Asheville, our goal is \$20,000. The winning ticket for a new car will be drawn on June 3, 2007. With the enthusiasm witnessed at the district convention, our clubs will meet that or even exceed it! Our PID speaker Howard Lee's wife Lion Clair did a fantastic job in pulling out the two winning tickets for the Wal-Mart \$200 gift cards. One was for a lady I sold a book of tickets to and the other was mine!

Our VIPs (Visually Impaired Persons) who go to Camp Dogwood for a week each summer appreciate what the Lions have done and are doing in providing the best camping experience in all of Lionism. More than 150 VIPs were first timers. Each of our clubs are asked to try to identify folks who have moved into their area who have visual problems or folks who have developed problems over the years so we can get them to submit applications to go to Camp Dogwood in 2007. Camp Director Sandy Lazenby will be sending out applications in late January or early February so it will be good to identify visually impaired folks as soon as possible. Many times these do not check in with local services for the blind and visually impaired.

Make your plans now to go to Camp Dogwood in 2007 beginning the last week of May and on through the middle of August. Many clubs go for a day while the campers are there and really get a first-hand look. Also, Sandy would really be happy to have Lions come as volunteers for a week during the season. Give her a call and let her know of your availability. Many Lion couples have been doing this for years – it is a very rewarding experience and motivates us to sell those Camp Dogwood raffle tickets. Thanks for all the good work the Lions of District 31-F do.

-- Rufe Livingston, PDG, District Camp Dogwood Chair

# District 31-F Comes Out Of Transition

On Oct. 30, an email went to Lion Ron Kelly, District 31-F Governor, announcing that his district was officially out of transition.

"It is an honor to congratulate District 31-F, yourself as district governor, your cabinet, and the dedicated Lions of your district in the successful efforts to increase the membership of the district," wrote Nancy Gearhart of Lions International. "I am happy to inform you that the official records of the association indicate that the district has met and exceeded the minimum membership requirements as required as stated in the by-laws, Article II, Section 2 of the International Constitution and By-Laws. The September 2006 Cumulative Membership report indicates that the district has 52 Lions clubs and 1,290 members in good standing.

"District 31-F is no longer considered a transitional district."

District F had been in transition for about a year when its membership remained below 1,250 for more than two years. The membership had dropped as low as 1,168 in July of 2005.

"Our entire district worked hard to pull our numbers back to where they're supposed to be," said Kelly, a member of the Pinehurst Lions Club. "We had 24 clubs with plus membership in 2005-6 and two new clubs. This year, we've chartered our first club and continue to see strong growth throughout our nine zones. Fully 18 clubs are showing plus membership so far this year. Only eight have lost membership."

District 31-F now contains 53 clubs. The Richmond County Luncheon Lions Club was chartered in October, 2006. Those new club members did not count in the September membership report, but when they do, it will place the district at more than 1,300 members.

"While we are pleased to have passed 1,250 in membership, we are not content at our present level," said Kelly. "My goal is to finish this Lions year above 1,400. The dedication of our clubs throughout our district and aggressive new club recruitment will help take us to a higher number that will, in turn, generate additional services for the communities we serve."

By working its way out of transition, the district is now allowed to elect its upcoming district governor rather than having that governor appointed by Lions International. In light of this, for 2007-8 the district has elected Lion Tommy Brooks of the Laurinburg Lions Club as its District Governor and Lion Dave Martin of the Sanford Lions Club as its Vice District Governor.

Through November 15, District 31-F has recruited 125 new members. During 2005-6, the district recruited 201 new members. The district was one of only 85 five-star districts internationally during 2005-6, the highest attainable level.

## Who Are The Lions Of The World?

**We Serve** - 1.3 million Lions members in 200 countries and geographic areas answer the needs that challenge the communities of the world. Lions tackle tough problems like blindness, drug abuse prevention and diabetes awareness.

**Global neighbors** - Lions members—men and women—provide immediate and sustained relief in time of disaster and offer long-term assistance to those in need. Lions collect and recycle eyeglasses for distribution in developing countries and treat millions of people to prevent river blindness.

**Community Leaders** - Lions improve the quality of life in their local communities by building parks, supporting hospitals and establishing water treatment programs.

For nearly 90 years, whenever there is a need at home or around the world, Lions members are there to help—**We Serve**

# Welcome New Lions To District 31-F – October 2006

## MARY STEWART

JESSE JOHNSON JR.  
Sponsor: JIMMY MOZINGO

## MASSEY HILL

BENJAMIN WALTON  
Sponsor: ROBERT THORNTON

## MT. GILEAD

BILL DUNN  
Sponsor: BOBBY DUNN

## SANFORD

DARLENE TURNER  
Sponsor: RONALD TURNER

## ARNOLD HODGES

Sponsor: JOE JOHNSON

## BETTY JO SPENCE

Sponsor: ORIS SPENCE

## WESTERN HARNETT

JUDITH CROMPTON  
Sponsor: CHARLES CROMPTON

## SEVEN LAKES

MARYIJOLA FARLEY

BETTE HANHAM

CATHARINE GENAW

BARBARA LAMBERT

JEAN PARKER

JUDY WOOD

Sponsor: RAY LAMBERT

TRACI BELL

Sponsor: DONALD BELL

SHIRLEY LIVINGSTON

Sponsor: RUFUS LIVINGSTON

## District Membership By The Numbers

Membership at start of Lions year, June 20, 2006:	1244
Official Lions International tally, September, 2006:	1290
2006-7 new members (as of Nov. 26, 2006)	125
2006-7 dropped members (as of Nov. 26, 2006):	57
2006-7 deceased members (as of Nov. 26, 2006):	4
Number of new clubs:	1

## Lions International Offers Boomers Recruitment Program

New members are the lifeblood of your Lions club. Because membership attrition is inevitable, they are the renewable resource that must constantly be replenished in order to keep the club going and growing. For this reason, attracting the new men and women your activities demand – people who are vital, capable, enthusiastic, and committed – is fundamental to your future.

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**. For the next two or three decades, this will be the generation that in large part will have the time and resources for significant contributions to Lions activities, including your club. It will provide the people upon whom we will depend to survive and to thrive. They are the ones we need to reach, and we need to begin doing it right now.

Reduced to its basics, recruitment is about persuasion. It is about helping prospective members understand why they should choose to devote many hours of their time and a great deal of their energy, not to the many other pursuits that await them, but to volunteer service as a Lion through membership in your club. It is generally accepted that to persuade them successfully, you will need to do much more than convey your own message. You will also need to do it in a way that truly engages your **Baby Boomer** audience, a way that captures their attention and speaks directly to their wants, their interests, and their aspirations. In short, you will need to help them recognize the connection between your actions and their passions.

*Lions International offers a program to recruit Baby Boomers and offers guidance in starting an all-Baby Boomer Lions Club. For more information, contact Gary Greene, PDG, District Extension Chair, at [liongary31f@yahoo.com](mailto:liongary31f@yahoo.com).*

# 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	\$50.00	23	\$2,614.00	1.91%	2.08
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	\$ -	30	\$100.00	0.00%	0.00
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	\$ -	27	\$850.00	0.00%	0.00
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	\$ -	11	\$50.00	0.00%	0.00
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
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	0	\$ -	0	\$884.36	0.00%	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1153</b>	<b>\$16,450.00</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>\$96,803.22</b>	<b>16.99%</b>	<b>14.27</b>

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White Cane \$16,450.00 (seventh in the state)</li> <li>• Camp Dogwood ticket sales \$4,935 (third in the state)</li> <li>• Clinical Eye Research \$385 (second in the state)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memorials and Honorariums \$365 (ninth in the state)</li> <li>• Jack Stickley Fellowships \$1,000 (tied for second in the state)</li> </ul> |
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# MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

## District 31-F

Days Inn, Southern Pines, NC

November 4, 2006

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:10pm by District Governor Ron Kelly

**Pledge of Allegiance:** VDG Tommy Brooks

**Invocation:** PDG Roy Jernigan

**Appointment of a Parliamentarian:** PCC Charles Smith

**Report of the Nominating Committee:** James McGuirt's report read by DG Kelly

Resolution #1 – from Laurinburg Lions Club supporting the candidacy of Tommy Brooks for the office of District Governor 2007 – 2008. He has fulfilled all the requirements for the position and is the only candidate.

Resolution #2 – from the Sanford Lions Club supporting the candidacy of Dave Martin for the office of Vice District Governor for 2007 – 2008. He has fulfilled all the requirements for the position and is the only candidate.

**Nomination for District Governor:**

PDG Gary Greene gave the nominating speech for Tommy Brook as candidate for District Governor 2007 - 2008. Ray Lewis seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed.

**Election of District Governor:**

Vote was taken by secret ballot. Tommy Brooks elected by 100%vote.

**Nomination for Vice District Governor:**

PDG Roy Jernigan gave the nominating speech for Dave Martin as candidate for Vice District Governor 2007 – 2008. Gary Greene seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed.

**Election of Vice District Governor:**

Vote was taken by secret ballot. Dave Martin elected as Vice District Governor by 100% vote.

**Resolution of Endorsement of Sidney L. Scruggs, III for Second Vice President, Lions Clubs International:**

PDG Terry Kerr gave the nominating speech for Sid Scruggs as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of LCI. Harold Marion seconded the nomination. Vote taken by secret ballot. PID Scruggs endorsed as the District's candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of LCI.

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 4:30pm to reconvene for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting..

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Kelly

District 31-F Cabinet Secretary

## DISTRICT 31-F

### MINUTES OF SECOND CABINET MEETING

November 4, 2006 @ 4:30pm

Days Inn, Southern Pines, NC

**Call to Order:** District Governor Ron Kelly at 4:30pm

**Roll Call:** Cabinet Secretary Jan Kelly. 49 Lions present, representing 17 clubs.

**Determination of a Quorum:** 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, Harold Marion, Bobby Dunn, Randy Roller, Ray Lewis, and Earl Duncan. Sid Scruggs PID also present. Missing was Larry Dire. Quorum present.

**Appointment of Parliamentarian:** Lion Charles Smith appointed.

**Reading of the Minutes of the First Cabinet Meeting from August 5, 2006:** Motion by Lion Sid Scruggs to approve as distributed, seconded by Lion Charles Smith . Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Cabinet Treasurer Bill Koontz . Budget copies distributed covering the period 7/1/2006 thru 10/31/06. Nine clubs still delinquent in their dues. Following review by Lion Bill of the present financial situation of the district a motion was made and seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried. Restricted funds were reviewed by Lion Bill. A question was raised by Lion Brad Logsdon regarding separate accounts for unfunded liabilities for LCIF/Jack Stickleby and Youth Outreach. Lion Brad will meet with Lion Bill regarding the question raised over restricted funds accounts. Lion Sid made a motion to accept the restricted funds report, with a second by Lion Diane Westerbeek. The motion carried with one no vote.

**Old Business:**

**Review of the finances from last year:** The committee of Lion Bob Hughes, Lion Bill Koontz , and Lion Craig Stokes have had difficulty arranging a date when the three can meet to go over the books from last year. This committee's work should be completed and report presented at the next Cabinet meeting.

**New Business:**

**Remarks by PID Howard Lee** – congratulations on a fine District Convention, and congratulations to DGE Tommy Brooks and VDGE Dave Martin on their election. PID Sid Scruggs was also congratulated on his District's nomination for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of LCI.

**Committee Reports:**

**Zone 1 – Peter Westerbeek:** Second Zone meeting was held. The VIP Fishing Tournament was a successful event but

greater attendance is needed.

**Zone 2 – Dave Martin:** 8 clubs gathered for a Sight First II meeting. Western Harnett has established an annual Christmas Dance for Sight First.

**Zone 3 – Harold Marion :** One zone meeting has been held. A visit has been made to each club in Zone 3. The 8 clubs collectively have overall growth of 19.

**Zone 4 – Bobby Dunn:** No report. Not present.

**Zone 5 – Randy Roller:** One Zone meeting held in September. Five of the 6 clubs have positive growth.

**Zone 6 – Ray Lewis:** Zone meeting not held yet. Oyster roast coming up in January.

**Zone 7 – Larry DiRe:** No report. Not Present.

**Zone 9 – Earl Duncan:** Three of 5 clubs have shown growth. There have been 5 deaths in the Whiteville Lions Club. A zone meeting is being scheduled.

**Camp Dogwood – Rufe Livingston:** Camp Dogwood tickets available for anyone who needs them.

**White Cane – Brad Logsdon :** He has given 7 programs with 13 clubs in attendance. Currently \$16,800 has been raised. Lion Brad is available to present a program on White Cane for any club.

**Organ & Tissue Procurement – Rick Phelts:** Encouraged everyone to consider donation and to talk with people about it.

**Properties – Paul Poole :** There are no bids yet on the new dorm.

**Volunteers – Diane Westerbeek:** Has been frustrated about lack of communication from the state level regarding the need for volunteers for various functions and activities.

**Boys and Girls Home – Brad Logsdon :** Rich Gilmore, VP of Child Care at Boys and Girls Home spoke briefly and thanked the Lions of North Carolina for all that they do. He noted that 3 Lions serve on the Board. The van has been purchased and is being used. December 2 is a trim-a-tree project with all being invited. Lion Brad reported that Lion Wayne Wood is donating the windows and the labor to replace all of the windows in the Lions Cottage.

**Campus Clubs – Phil Melvin:** the Campbell Campus Club is growing due to increased visibility. No problems with recruitment.

**Extension – Gary Greene :** One new club and 5 possibilities.

**Historian – Charles Alexander:** Need information for a history book that is being put together about each club in District 31-F.

**Campaign SightFirst II – Charles Smith :** This project is taking off rather slowly. Lion Charles encouraged each club to do something special to raise funds. 100% participation of all clubs is needed to eliminate preventable blindness throughout the world.

**Benediction – Roy Jernigan**

**This meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Kelly

District 31-F Cabinet Secretary

## **New Club Formed: Richmond County Luncheon Lions Club**

In October, the Richmond County Luncheon Lions Club was chartered with Lions International. The club will meet at lunch in Rockingham. The club's first president, Larry Russell, is a past president from the Pinebluff Lions Club. Lion Larry now works full time in Rockingham. Sponsored by the Hamlet Lions Club, the Guiding Lions for the club are Lions Ann Pruitt and Phil Bradley of the Hamlet Club. For his efforts in establishing the new club, Lion Charles Alexander, PDG, of the Hamlet Club as well as his efforts on behalf of Lionism through the years received the Lions Leadership Medal at the recent district convention.

## **Columbus County Lions Receive \$10,000 Grant**

In response to the recent tornado in Columbus County , the Lions Clubs in Chadbourn, Evergreen, Lake Waccamaw , Tabor City , and Whiteville were successful in obtaining a Disaster Relief Grant of \$10,000 from Lions Clubs International (LCI) this past weekend.

Immediately following the report of the disastrous tornado that destroyed 13 homes and damaged 24 other dwellings in the Armour Community, Lion Earl Duncan of the Tabor City Lions Club contacted his District Governor, Ron Kelly in Pinehurst, and the two formulated a plan to request an emergency grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation, the grant-making arm of Lions Clubs International.

LCI's mission is to support the efforts of Lions Clubs worldwide in serving their local communities as they carry out essential humanitarian service projects. Emergency Grants provide up to \$10,000 for Districts affected by natural disasters.

Columbus County lies within District F -- one of nine Lions districts in North Carolina.

"When disasters strike, we as Lions are committed to responding quickly with whatever means available to us," said Ron Kelly, Lions District Governor. "There are people who need our help in Columbus County and we are glad that we can meet some of their needs."

The grant will directly help those affected by the disaster.

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