



The Global Leader In *October 2011* Humanitarian Service



LIONS HERALD - District 31-F
Dr. Denning Buchter, District Governor



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My article for the newsletter will be short. The district's goal is for the newsletter to be 10 pages or less. This month I will discuss three areas, Lions Club International and its involvement in hurricane relief efforts, District 31-F club visitations, and the upcoming District Convention.

The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has provided emergency grants to those North Carolina districts affected by the hurricane.

Foundation Chairperson Sid L. Scruggs III and State Council Chairperson Carlton Weeks toured the affected areas in District 31-H and District 31-J as clean-up was underway. Each District received two emergency grants of \$10,000 for immediate help to the victims of the hurricanes.

The grant money was used to provide food, water, clothing, blankets, medicine and medical supplies, cleaning supplies and toiletries.

The two VDG's and myself have been busy this year visiting clubs. A total of 50 visits have been made by the three of us. I have made regular visits to some of the clubs that a VDG represented me for the official Governors visit. My goal is to visit all the clubs even though some had an official visit by a VDG. There are a total of twelve visits left to complete all official and unofficial visits. For the three of us this has been a very rewarding experience. We have seen the many services that the clubs do for their community. IT'S GREAT TO BE A LION.

Mark your calendar for Saturday November 5th the day of our convention. The convention will be held at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Pinehurst and begin at 9:00am and will end approximately 5:00 pm. Three meals will be served-Continental Breakfast, Light lunch of sandwiches, fruit, veggies, water and tea. The DG Banquet will be a pig pickin' with ID Gary Anderson as our guest speaker. The total cost will be \$35.00 per person. The convention will have a 50/50 ticket drawing, a silent auction, Cabinet Meeting, General Membership Meeting, Town Hall Meeting, Entertainment/ Testimonials, and the DG Banquet. Dress for the day will be casual. See you there.

Denning Buchter



Happy October!

Thank you for all of the wonderful work you have done over the last month. Lions make a difference in their communities and all over this world! I'm proud to be a part of it and proud to be associated with you.

Until it ends in November, my focus still remains the mid-winter convention. We have made some changes to the District Convention this year. Our goals are to make it less expensive in both money and time and to involve more members. The convention will last one day only so you don't need to stay the night. If you want to stay the night, you can. Golf will be at Whispering Woods Golf Club on Friday, November 4th. Total cost will be \$35.00 including greens fees, cart, box lunch and engraved mugs for the winners. Please see the registration sheet for the full schedule. Our speaker, Dr. Gary Anderson, International Director, will hold a town meeting and speak during the evening meal. Your registration fee of \$35.00 covers all events and three meals. On Saturday we will have donuts, danishes, fruit and coffee/tea/OJ in the morning, a light lunch of sandwiches and chips for lunch and then a pig pickin' for the evening meal. Entertainment will be something interesting and fun and continues to fluctuate. Convention ads will not be sold. We ask the clubs to consider using that money to send some members to the convention instead. Please get together any items you would like to donate to the silent auction. Please plan to attend if you are able and willing as we are getting good feedback about the new event format.



Randy Kirby
1st Vice District Governor

PLEASE SEE THE FLYER AND REGISTRATION FORM FOR MORE DETAILS.

OK, for the In-Law jokes this month, let's take a balanced approach:

Mother Knows Best: At a senior citizen's meeting, a couple were celebrating their 50th Anniversary. The husband stood up and was telling story of his dating habits in his youth. It seemed that every time he brought home a girl to meet his mother, his mother didn't like her. So, finally, he started searching until he found a girl who not only looked like his mother and acted like his mother, she even sounded like his mother. So he brought her home one night to have dinner, and his father didn't like her.

We have a great team this year and hope to take the district to new heights of fun, camaraderie and humanitarian service, without losing the wonderful traditions that make District 31-F our home.

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas please contact me directly at:

Email: thomas_kirby@rocketmail.com Cell phone: 910-212-2066

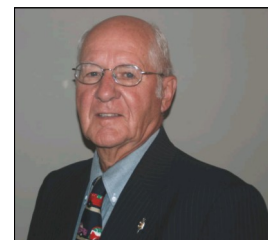
It is my pleasure to serve our district's humanitarian goals with you.

Randy Kirby

1st Vice District Governor

HUMANITARIAN WHITE CANE PROGRAM

This month I would like to talk about the White Cane Program. The Humanitarian White Cane Drive is the largest source of revenue for the North Carolina Lions, Inc. comprising approximately 50% of the budgeted revenues. The first organized White Can Drive was held during the 1946-1947 Lions year. This drive netted \$13,451 to carry out the much needed program of the NC State Association for the Blind. Last year the total amount collected for the White Cane Drive amounted to more than \$742,642. During the April budget hearing the incoming District governors set the goals for the Humanitarian white Cane Drive. In our Lion's District 31F, each club is asked to contribute \$84 per member to the White Cane program.



Vince Schimmoller
2nd Vice District Governor

The money collected for the White Cane Drive is used for many different programs sponsored by the NC Lions. Below are ways the money was used to help the blind and visually impaired people in North Carolina.

- If you see someone using a white cane it was provided by the Lions. In 2009 there were 1,279 canes given to the visually impaired at a cost of \$52,278
- 149,233 pairs of eyeglasses were recycled providing improved vision to thousands of individuals.
- 14,104 individuals were screened with the Vision Van at a cost of \$165,864
- Over 689 campers attended Camp Dogwood for a week at at cost of \$465,075.
- 17 sighted children of visually impaired parents received Educational Grants at a cost of \$45,887.
- Over 1,255 eye exams were provided through Matching Funds at a cost of \$150,959.
- 2,121 pairs of eyeglasses were purchased through Matching Funds at a cost of \$204,854.
- 19 miscellaneous requests for assistance were provided through Matching Funds at a cost of \$16,747. Fishing Tournament and the Deaf/Blind Retreat.

As you can see the White Cane Drive is a worthwhile endeavor that provides much needed assistance to many of the blind and visually impaired people in North Carolina. Please do what you can within your club to meet the Governor's goal.

Thanks for all that you do for the Lions.

Vince Schimmoller
2nd Vice District Governor



DISTRICT GOVERNORS OFFICIAL VISITS

Clubs not on this list will have official visits by the 1st and 2nd VDG's.
I will visit those clubs in an unofficial capacity.

OCTOBER

- 3 Mary Stuart - Dunn Zone 2
- 5 Golf Tournament Lillington
- 13 Carthage Zone 1
- 15 Fayetteville Sejong - Tentative
- 16-20 VIP Fishing Tournament
- 20 Whiteville Lions
- 24 West Montgomery Zone 3
- 25 Sandhills – Tentative
- 27 Aberdeen - Zone 1
- 28 – 30 District Convention B

NOVEMBER

- 1 Whiteville Lions Club
- 2 Clinton FF and pick up ID Gary Anderson
RDU Airport
- 4 – 5 District 31-F Convention – Pinehurst
- 10 Dunn Lions Zone 2 Tentative
- 11 – 13 Council and NCLI Meeting – Hickory
- 17 Whiteville Lions Club
- 18 – 20 31-A Fall Convent

DECEMBER

- 1 VIP Dinner Whiteville
- 2 Happy Holidays

Zone 6 meeting will be at Lake Waccamaw Lions Club
Date: October 13, 2011 (Thursday eve @ 6:30 pm)

Please remember the loss of

Charles H. Dever Sr.

A faithful member of the
Massey Hill Lions Club.

Walker Bellamy

45 year member of the
Clinton Lions Club





DISTRICT 31-F FALL CONVENTION

WHO: Hopefully You!

WHAT: District 31-F Fall Convention

WHEN: November 5th 2011

WHERE: Hampton Inn and Suites, Pinehurst

WHY: Because it's going to be awesome

HOW: Plane, train, automobile...

COST: A mere \$35.00 per person. No ads or expense to the clubs. Price is all inclusive. Includes all events plus three meals.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4th

We will be playing golf at Whispering Woods Golf Club, 26 Sandpiper Drive, Whispering Pines, NC, Phone 910-949-4653. We will have a shotgun start at 10:00 AM. A box lunch will be provided. Total cost is just \$35.00, which includes the green fee, cart fee, lunch and a small award for the winners. Please get your teams of four together! If you don't have a team and want to play, just let me know and I'll put folks together as needed. Ask for Gary to receive the special Lion's rate.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5th

9:00-10:00 AM: Arrive, registration, continental breakfast, silent auction. Browse displays and vendors. Ticket sales for 50/50 auction.

10:00-10:45 AM: Cabinet meeting

10:45-11:00 AM: Verification of delegates

11:00-11:45 AM: General membership meeting with elections for the next cycle of District Governors.

12:00-12:45 PM: Light lunch of sandwiches, fruit, veggies, water or tea

1:00-1:45 PM: Town hall meeting with International Director, Dr. Gary Anderson

2:00-2:45 PM: Entertainment/Testimonials

3:00-5:00 PM: DG Banquet. ID Anderson will speak as we have a pig pickin' with all the fixins, water and tea. Drawing for 50/50. Casual dress.

**Times may vary slightly





DISTRICT 31-F FALL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF LION

CLUB

DISTRICT

NAME OF GUEST(S)

REGISTRATION: \$35.00 on or before October 28th, 2011 as we have to confirm the number of meals with the caterer. Please try to register before the deadline. Late registration is \$45.00.

Please make checks payable to District 31-F and mail to:

Cabinet Secretary Kaye Buchter

110 Hemlock Drive

Whiteville, NC 28472

HOTEL: If you would like to stay Friday or Saturday night, a block of rooms has been reserved. The cost is \$89.00 plus tax for a standard and \$99.00 plus tax for a suite. Use the code LCR to get the group rate. The hotel will release any un-booked rooms from the block 30 days prior to the event. Please call 910-693-4330 if you would like to get a room. We plan to have some serious fun, so come join us!

GOLF: We will be playing at Whispering Woods Golf Club, 26 Sandpiper Drive, Whispering Pines, NC, Phone 910-949-4653. We will play on Friday November 4th with a shotgun start at 10:00 AM. A box lunch will be provided. Total cost is just \$35.00, which includes the green fee, cart fee, lunch and a small award for the winners. Please get your teams of four together! If you don't have a team and want to play, just let me know and I'll put folks together as needed. Ask for Gary to receive the special Lion's rate.

SILENT AUCTION: Please get together any items you may have for the silent auction. All items will be accepted. Send a description to 1st VDG Thomas R. Kirby at:

thomas_kirby@rocketmail.com

Or mail to:

707 Wedgewood Road

Whiteville, NC 28472

QUESTIONS: Please direct any questions, concerns or comments to 1st VDG Thomas R. Kirby, convention chair, at: thomas_kirby@rocketmail.com or call 910-212-2066.

“CHILDREN KNOW PEACE”

“Children Know Peace” is this year’s theme for the Lions 2011-12 PEACE POSTER CONTEST. Over 350,000 11-12-13 year old young people, from 75 countries participate each year, last year we had the largest number of clubs from our district get involved.

This is one of the best and least expensive youth program Lions have created; the Peace Poster Contest from 1988 we have given young people the opportunity to creatively express their feelings for world peace and to show their vision to the world. Lions clubs sponsor the contest in local schools, youth groups, such as Scouts and Boys and Girls Clubs.

October 1 is the deadline to purchase kits from Club Supplies at Lions International. November 15 is the deadline for a club to send their winning poster to the district governor.

If you need help or have any questions give me a call, 910-692-7966 or email – lion31f@gmail.com.

Brad Logsdon, District Peace Poster Chair

Effective club meetings are critical to club success. A well-organized meeting results in improved communication and teamwork and increased productivity. Register for the Managing Club Meetings webinar to learn how to make club meetings more effective with proper preparation, the use of facilitation skills, and evaluation and follow-up! Visit the Leadership Development Webinars page for dates/times and links to register, via the link provided below.

Know a fellow Lion that would be interested? Feel free to pass this information along! We hope to have you, and a fellow Lion, participate in one of the three sessions being offered.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/development-programs/webinars.php>

Kind Regards,

Monique McGhee - Training Specialist – Electronic Learning

Leadership Division - Phone: 630-468-6839 - Fax: 630-706-9192

Special thanks to all the clubs in Zone 2 that came out for the Sept. 19th zone meeting with the Clinton Lions Club. Zone Chair Ken Smith, spoke about the importance of attracting new members. PDG Dutch Dine spoke also about the need of supporting Camp Dogwood.





9/30/2010

DIST		2010-2011 CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL 2009-2010	TOTAL 2008-2009
A		\$ 21,840.67	\$ 82,781.71	\$ 81,890.22
B		\$ 20,766.35	\$ 69,370.50	\$ 80,532.66
D		\$ 28,763.50	\$ 90,659.77	\$ 92,152.77
E		\$ 36,419.99	\$ 166,056.39	\$ 157,778.53
F	NC LIONS FOUNDATION	\$ 28,492.00	\$ 103,263.81	\$ 81,716.17
G	HUMANITARIAN WHITE CANE	\$ 20,210.10	\$ 84,012.23	\$ 94,342.01
H		\$ 22,725.00	\$ 73,915.76	\$ 75,622.39
J		\$ 20,712.50	\$ 72,451.85	\$ 75,134.47
M			\$ 130.60	\$ -
Totals		\$ 199,930.11	\$ 742,642.62	\$ 739,169.22

NORTH CAROLINA LIONS FOUNDATION
HUMANITARIAN WHITE CANE
09/16/11

DIST	Mem Hon WC	White Cane CONTRIBUTION	2010-2011 TOTAL	2010-2011 GOAL	% OF GOAL
A	\$ 920.00	\$ 17,593.99	\$ 18,513.99	\$ 89,400.00	20.7%
B	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 15,841.54	\$ 17,216.54	\$ 64,000.00	26.9%
D	\$ 670.00	\$ 19,453.50	\$ 20,123.50	\$ 95,000.00	21.2%
E	\$ 3,855.00	\$ 32,892.44	\$ 36,747.44	\$ 167,500.00	21.9%
F	\$ 100.00	\$ 16,686.00	\$ 16,786.00	\$ 84,000.00	20.0%
G	\$ 435.00	\$ 1,566.50	\$ 2,001.50	\$ 90,000.00	2.2%
H	\$ 350.00	\$ 4,527.80	\$ 4,877.80	\$ 85,000.00	5.7%
J	\$ 715.00	\$ 12,219.00	\$ 12,934.00	\$ 82,500.00	15.7%
MISC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Totals	\$ 8,420.00	\$ 120,780.77	\$ 129,200.77	\$ 757,400.00	17.1%



Welcome our New Dist. 31-F Members
James R. Sessoms Jr. - Lumberton Lions
Jessica Johnson - Rowland Lions
Elizabeth Polk - Ellerbe Lions





Report Date		9/16/2011				
Lions Club	Dist	7/1/2011	White Cane	White Cane	2011-2012	2010-2011
		Members	Mem Hon	Contribution	Total	Contribution
Aberdeen	F	27	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 1,690.00
Angier	F	18	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Biscoe	F	15	50.00	0.00	50.00	\$ 888.05
Broadway	F	23	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Buies Creek	F	17	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 1,100.00
Carthage	F	11	25.00	0.00	25.00	\$ 650.00
Candor	F	22	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 1,335.00
Chadbourn	F	18	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 1,600.00
Clarkton	F	10	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 1,300.00
Clinton	F	38	0.00	1,596.00	1,596.00	\$ 4,116.00
Coats	F	27	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 1,000.00
Dublin	F	5	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 971.00
Dunn	F	19	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 720.00
Elizabethtown	F	11	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ -
Ellerbe	F	37	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Erwin	F	19	0.00	952.00	952.00	
Evergreen	F	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 150.00
Fayetteville Sejong	F	31	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ -
Godwin	F	15	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	\$ 4,463.00
Hamlet	F	50	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ -
Kelly	F	17	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ -
Lake Waccamaw	F	17	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 1,035.00
Laurel Hill	F	23	25.00	0.00	25.00	\$ 175.00
Laurinburg	F	15	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 1,400.00
Lillington	F	24	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 550.00
Lumberton	F	24	0.00	2,016.00	2,016.00	\$ 2,500.00
Mary Stewart	F	19	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 3,000.00
Massey Hill	F	93	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Maxton	F	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 100.00
Mount Gilead	F	33	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 2,000.00
Pembroke	F	46	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 900.00
Pinebluff	F	13	0.00	300.00	300.00	\$ 1,150.00
Sandhills	F	13	0.00	50.00	50.00	\$ 415.00
Red Springs	F	7	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ -
Rockingham	F	18	0.00	500.00	500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Rowland	F	6	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 144.18
Saint Pauls	F	17	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 1,360.00
Seven Lakes	F	35	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 1,826.10
Sanford	F	103	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 9,102.00
Tabor City	F	9	0.00	756.00	756.00	\$ -
Troy	F	19	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 1,000.00
UNC Pembroke	F	24	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ -
Vass	F	60	0.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
West Montgomery	F	13	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 400.00
Western Harnett	F	56	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	\$ 4,605.00
West Stanly	F					\$ 2,475.00
Whiteville	F	24	0.00	2,016.00	2,016.00	\$ 2,297.67
MISCELLANEOUS	F		0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 1,600.20
TOTALS		1,165	100.00	16,686.00	16,786.00	\$65,518.20