

The Lion's Roar

Fair Grove Lions Club

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Special points of interest:

- We collected 510 cans of food for the Fair Grove Resource Center!
- As of 12/17/08, District 31-E White Cane Giving is \$38,902. Goal: \$165,000
- Keep selling Camp Dogwood tickets! Our goal is an easy three books per member!

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31-E Mid-Winter Convention, January 23—24

The cruise into the 2009 Lions year gets underway at the Holiday Inn in Salisbury on Friday and Saturday, January 23 and 24. The group rate deadline is January 5 and you can either mail or phone in your convention and meal registration by January 12.

Friday Fun Night will feature a Tacky Tourist Costume Contest. Plans also include a steel drum band, a limbo contest, hula contest and lots of other fun as well as a Silent Auction. For you night owls who are staying at the hotel, there will also be Lions Bingo and refreshments.

All Tail Twisters will be on board on Saturday morning for breakfast and an auction and the Best Dressed Tail Twister will be chosen. The guest International Director Larry Johnson will be on hand for questions about the Lions organization. In the afternoon, the cabinet meeting will be held and include the business of the district and the election of District Governor and First and Second Vice District Governors to be installed in July. The District Governors Banquet will be held in the evening and kicked off with an impressive Parade of Banners.

There will be plenty of opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones in the hospitality room which will be open after the cabinet meeting and again after the banquet. So, get ready to set sail!



New Year's Resolution

I love to dream and to hear others talk about their dreams. What is even more exciting is when people take the next step and work to turn their dreams into reality! I love to hear stories about people who have overcome seemingly insurmountable odds, obstacles and challenges to see a dream transformed into a reality. It requires faith, patience, determination and action.

I overheard a conversation recently where an individual was confiding that they were not at all creative. I wanted to chime in and encourage them that, YES they were creative! I believe each and every one of us was created in the Image of Our Creator and therefore we have the inherent ability to BE CREATIVE! And when people share a vision and work together to turn an idea into a reality, it's a very powerful force! It's how America was discovered. It's how towns and cities were formed. It's how businesses are established. It's how hospitals are started. It's how new technologies, inventions and cures for diseases are found. It's how Lions was formed and how we are making a difference in our community and making the world a better place in which to live for those we serve.

There is great fulfillment when we use our creative ability to help others and to right the wrongs in the world.

I'm striving this year to write down my goals and resolutions but not to stop there. I intend to follow them up with a plan of action and work towards making more realities!

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Also see 31-E on the Web!
<http://www.lions31e.org/>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 HB Dixie McAdams!	3
4	5 FG Lions	6	7	8 HB Mary McGuire!	9	10 Reg. disc. dead- line MWC
11	12 FG Lions	13	14 HB Linda Lambeth!	15 HB Willie Welborn!	16	17
18 HB Bob Davis!	19 MLK Holiday FG Lions	20	21	22	23 Midwint er Con- vention	24 Salisbury Hol. Inn →
25	26 FG Lions	27	28	29	30	31

October—April: 1st Saturday, Pilot Lions monthly BBQ

2009 Lions International Convention

Minneapolis, Minnesota will be the venue for the 92nd annual Lions International Convention to be held July 6—10, 2009 at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

From its shiny skyscrapers to its rolling river, the "City of Lakes" offers something for everyone. From uptown to downtown, fabulous food and attractions, the arts, the great outdoors, and warm hospitality abounds. And no trip to Minneapolis would be complete without visiting Minnesota's #1 destination, the Mall of America, a "must see" shopping and entertainment adventure that is not to be missed.

Convention-goers can look forward to an inspiring week of business and pleasure, as we unite to shape the future of our great association. The festivities include our rousing International Parade of Nations, interesting seminars and guest speakers, and a gala Hero Awards banquet in recognition of our "Everyday Heroes" and the miracles you are making happen.

The assigned hotel for the North Carolina Lions is the Minneapolis Hilton, a mere 2/10ths of a mile from the Convention Center.

Lion Sid Scuggs will serve as Second Vice President this

year, presenting a tremendous opportunity for North Carolina Lions to intermingle with the international leadership of our organization while showing our support for Lions Judy and Sid Scuggs.

100 rooms have been reserved but they are not guaranteed after December 31, 2008. If you plan to attend, sign up quickly by going to the LCI website at www.lionsclubs.org.