

# The Lion's Roar

Fair Grove Lions Club

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## Special points of interest:

- District 31-E White Cane goal is \$166,000 (\$115 per member- see article on p. 2).

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## Lionism and the Benefits of Membership

### Beginning in 1917

In 1917, Chicago business leader Melvin Jones asked a simple and world-changing question – what if people put their talents to work improving their communities? Almost 100 years later, Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization, with 1.3 million members and countless stories of Lions acting on the same simple idea: let's improve our communities. Jones convened an organizational meeting of clubs that formed Lions Clubs International on June 7, 1917, in Chicago. Later that year, Lions held the first national convention in Dallas and created a constitution, by-laws, objects and a code of ethics.

### 1920: Going International

Just three years later, Lions went international when we established the first club in Canada. Mexico followed in 1927. In the 1950s and 1960s international growth accelerated, with new clubs in Europe, Asia and Africa.

### 1925: Helen Keller and the "Crusade Against Darkness"

One of our earliest and most influential causes has been eradicating blindness. That began in 1925, when Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio. She challenged us to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Since then, we have worked tirelessly to fulfill her charge to aid the blind and visually impaired.

### 1945: Uniting Nations

The ideal of an international organization is exemplified by our enduring relationship with the United Nations. We were one of the first nongovernmental organizations invited to assist in the drafting of the UN Charter and have supported the work of the UN ever since.

### Today: Local and Global Service

Lions Clubs International grows stronger and extends our mission of service every day – in local communities, in all corners of the globe. In 2002, we were the first international service club to be granted permission to organize and operate clubs in mainland China. In 2007, a Lions club was formed in Iraq.

### Why become a member?

**Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization:** We have 1.3 million members in 45,000 clubs in over 200 countries.

**Lions have a dynamic history:** We are best known for fighting blindness – it's part of our history as well as our work today. But we also volunteer for many different kinds of projects – including disaster relief.

**Lions serve youth:** Our community projects often support children and schools with new programs and resources.

**Lions award grants:** Since 1968, the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has awarded US\$660 million in grants to support Lions projects around the world and ranked the number one nongovernmental organization in a 2007 study by *The Financial Times*.

**Lions are active:** Our motto is "We Serve."

**A Lion never wonders:** "What can one person do to improve his or her community?" Because Lions are part of a global service network, we do what is required to help communities.

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**We're on the Web!**  
[www.fairgrovelions.com](http://www.fairgrovelions.com)

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

# August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Lions	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Lions	11	12	13	14 HB Judy B!	15 HB Dale G!
16	17 Lions	18	19	20	21 HB Luther W!	22
23	24 Lions	25	26	27	28	29
30 HB Robert F!	31 WC Kickoff	← HB Mark B!				

Coming up . . .

- Monday, August 31, WC Kickoff in Albemarle at Jay's Seafood (no FGLC meeting)
- Monday, September 7 (Labor Day) no FGLC meeting
- Saturday, September 26, Everybody's Day (need Lion's booth & Vision Van volunteers)
- Wednesday, October 7, Raffle Dinner, Thomasville Primary School
- Monday—Thursday, October 12-15, VIP Fishing Tournament

## White Cane Dream Goal

The dream goal for 31-E is an average of \$115 per Lion in the district for a total of approximately \$166,000. While some clubs can -- AND WILL -- surpass this total, we realize that some clubs will struggle to make their White Cane donations. In light of that, individual club goals will be set, based on the average yearly donation made by the club from 2005 to 2008.

Clubs who do achieve the \$115 dream goal by April 30 will be treated to a cookout at Camp Dogwood. Invitations to the cookout will also be extended to clubs who make the majority of the \$115 donation by the April 30 deadline & pledge the remainder to be paid by the end of May, after spring projects are completed. All we ask -- DO THE BEST YOU CAN for those "We Serve".

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