

The Lion's Roar

Fair Grove Lion's Club

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Special points of interest:

- FGLC given White Cane certificate of recognition! Ranked 2nd among 8 clubs for funds raised.
- Lions International potential candidate for Nobel Peace Prize for our work around the globe.

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District 31-E Update

As you know, Fair Grove's own Lion Gordon McAdams has taken up his new role and is now serving as District Governor of our eight-county Lions District 31-E. He has already set some aspiring, but confidently attainable, monetary goals for 2008—2009. They are as follows:

Initiative	Goal per member
Clinical Eye Research	\$4
Governor Morehead Athletic Program	\$2
Youth Exchange, Youth Outreach and Leo Clubs	\$.50
Leader Dog Program	\$2
Lions Clubs International Foundation	\$3
Jack Stickley Fellowships	\$3.50
VAVS Program	\$2
Total \$ required per member	\$17

Additionally, the district goal for Humanitarian White Cane is \$90/member to meet the needs of our own and other districts across North Carolina. Governor McAdams is also asking clubs to support the Camp Dogwood Raffle by selling at least three books of tickets. One book of tickets equals \$10 while selling each ticket separately will raise \$12. The NC Lions Foundation will hold a drawing for a new vehicle (2009 Jeep Liberty, Dodge Dakota, Chrysler Voyager or Chrysler Sebring) donated by Outer Banks Chrysler at the 2009 state convention in Raleigh.

To stay apprised of our district activities and view the most recent district news on-line, visit <http://www.lions31e.org>.

District Holds White Cane Kickoff

On July 29, the District White Cane Kickoff was held in Albermarle with 180 Lions in attendance representing 44 clubs and \$13,500 was raised! In total, the eight District Governors pledged \$793,000 to the North Carolina Lions Foundation (NCLF) for 2008-2009. The money is contributed through club's Humanitarian/White Cane Fund and Honorariums and Memorials. The Fund is used to pay for NCLF programs and services including helping blind campers attend Camp Dogwood, purchasing eyeglasses and paying for medical expenses through the Matching Fund Program.

Governor McAdams has pledged \$165,000 from District 31-E. Last year, the district contributed \$164,093, the highest amount raised in North Carolina! Go District 31-E!

Statewide, North Carolina Lions contributed \$752,862 in 2007-2008, providing the following programs and services: 70 hearing aids; 1,311 white canes; 171,502 recycled pairs of eyeglasses; 14,697 Vision Van screenings; 708 campers attending Camp Dogwood; 13 educational grants to sighted students of visually impaired parents; 1,163 eye exams through matching funds; 1,717 pairs of eyeglasses purchased through matching funds and 22 miscellaneous requests for assistance met through matching funds.

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Also see 31-E on the Web!
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 No mtg. Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Lions	9	10 Margaret Cline	11	12 Harold Luther	13
14	15 Lions	16	17	18 USA/ Canada Forum	19 Saskatoon,	20 Canada
21	22 Lions	23	24	25	26 Donnell Moody	27 David Rickard
28	29 Lions	30				

Upcoming dates:

- October 8—Davidson County Lions Council annual \$5000 raffle dinner, Thomasville Primary School, 915 East Sunrise.
- October 9—Lions World Sight Day
- October 13 to 15—VIP Fishing Tournament



Larry Johnson
International Director

2009 District 31-E Mid Winter Convention Set

Scheduled for January 23-24, at the Holiday Inn Salisbury on Jake Alexander Boulevard just off I-85, the District 31-E Lions Mid Winter Convention promises to set us on course for a monumental cruise into 2009! Plans are being made for a Tropical Cruise Fun Night on Friday, the entertaining Tail Twister breakfast and Auction on Saturday morning with a Q&A with the ID following, a cabinet meeting in the afternoon and the Captain's Table themed District Governor's Banquet on Saturday night.

Featured speaker will be Larry Johnson,, director of The International Association of Lions Clubs. Johnson has been a member of the Parksburg Lions Club since 1974 and held many offices within the association. He has participated in several international Lions events and, in recognition of his service to the association, Director Johnson has received numerous awards: a 100% Club President Award, a Club Lion of the Year Award, a Club Key Member, several District Governor's Citations and Certificates of Achievement, an

International President's Leadership Award and two International President's Certificates of Appreciation. He is also the recipient of the Leonard Jarrett Award from the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation and is a Bill Eason Fellow and a Melvin Jones Fellow.

From all accounts by those who have heard him, he is an inspiring and engaging speaker with an impressive service record and the 2009 Mid Winter Convention promises to be fun, energizing and fruitful.