

The Lion's Roar

Fair Grove Lions Club

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Special points of interest:

- As of 9/23/08, District 31-E White Cane Giving is \$24,,252. Our goal is \$165,000

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Lions World Sight Day, October 9, 2008

Lions World Sight Day was created in 1998 to spotlight the importance of eradicating preventable blindness and improving sight. An increasing number of Lions clubs are using this occasion to collect eyeglasses, conduct vision and diabetes screenings and plan educational programs to inform their communities about the importance of sight and diseases such as diabetes that can impact sight.

World Sight Day 2008 to be held in Arizona, USA

The 2008 international event will be held in Arizona October 15-17, 2008. Albert Brandel and Maureen Murphy will preside over the events. Lions in Arizona and New Mexico will hold vision screenings in the town of Window Rock on the Navajo reservation to test for glaucoma, diabetic eye diseases and other eye diseases, and provide glasses to those who need them. Lions are also planning a diabetes screening and screenings at the Lions Vision Center, both to be held in the Phoenix area, the capital of Arizona. Local and state dignitaries are expected to participate in the events.

Exemplifying "We Serve"- Lions World Sight Day 2007

The 2007 international event was held in Colombo, the capital city of Sri Lanka. Mahendra Amarasuriya presided over the events that included cataract surgeries at the Lions Gift of Sight Hospital and the Sight First Hospital Hendala outside Colombo. A seminar on childhood blindness, a public meeting on the importance of preserving and restoring sight, a parade and other events marked the occasion, which coincided with the 50th anniversary of Lions clubs in Sri Lanka.

Strong and Enduring



September 2008 rang in two anniversaries of significant and honorable mention. It was the 64th wedding anniversary for Willie and Angell Wellborn on September 15 and the 61st, for Bill and Margaret Cline on September 20.

Research suggests that key elements of enduring marriages include: intimacy, autonomy, commitment, congruence, religious faith, and communication. Supporting characteristics included time together, time alone, shared interests and activities, family orientation, support, mutuality, interdependence, caring, respect, trust, and positive regard. (Note the underscored characteristic!)

Being involved in an outreach such as Lions not only provides an enriching experience to do good and give back, but it is also good for and strengthens each individual as well as the bonds of a relationship.

Both Bill and Willie were founding members of the Fair Grove Lions and both couples have tirelessly and faithfully committed their time and talents to the Club and its mission. We're very inspired by and thankful for them and we owe them a debt of gratitude!!

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<http://www.lions31e.org/>

October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 David- son Cty Dinner*	9 Lions World Sight Day	10	11 Boys/ Girls Lions Open Hse.
12	13 VIP Fishing	14 Tournam- ent	15 White Cane Safety Day	16	17	18 Wel- come 50th ann.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

*Davidson County Lions Council annual \$5000 raffle dinner, T'ville Primary School, October—April: 1st Saturday, Pilot Lions monthly BBQ
 November 8: Thomasville Lions Club Car Show, cars, food and music!; VIP Walkathon
 November 14: Wallburg Lions Club Chicken BBQ, Wallburg Elementary School 5-8
 December 1: Fair Grove Lions Christmas

Camp Dogwood

Camp Dogwood, located on Lake Norman in Catawba County, was started in 1967. It's owned and operated by the NC Lions Foundation. The 41-acre campus is a resort facility for the blind and visually impaired.

Although the facility and programs are designed for adults, some separate sessions have been added for youth programs. In recent years deaf and hearing impaired campers have also been accepted.

Twelve, six-day sessions of camp are

operated during the summer. Qualified staff are assisted by college student counselors. An on-staff nurse cares for campers medical needs and dispenses meds as needed.

It was constructed to provide an enriching experience with the safety and welfare of the camper in mind. All buildings are handicap accessible. Camp Dogwood provides an excellent camping experience for both the independently mobile and the camper with mobility assistance needs.

Campers are encouraged to participate

in activities including swimming, horseback riding, arts and crafts, boating, water skiing, nature trail hiking, hay rides, talent night performances, and plenty of socializing.

So Lions, sell, sell, sell those Camp Dogwood tickets!!

This is a worthy cause to enable visually impaired campers to enjoy this wonderful facility!

Remember, Lions members are eligible to enter the raffle too!

