

The Lion's Roar

Fair Grove Lions Club

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Special points of interest:

- As of 10/28/08, District 31-E White Cane Giving is \$24,887. Our goal is \$165,000
- Keep selling those Camp Dogwood tickets! Our goal is an easy three books per member!

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Gone Fishin'

The annual Lions VIP Fishing Tournament was held at the Outer Banks October 13—16 and was attended by about 330 VIPs and many Lions from all over the state, including our own Mary McGuire and Gordon and Dixie McAdams, as well as Lions and VIPs from Rhode Island and Connecticut. This year, there was a large number of “first timers” and by all accounts, everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

One of the featured speakers was a man from Canada who is blind and, with the aide of modern technology, has designed a boat which takes him out into the ocean to fish and then safely returns him to his pier. When you talk about overcoming obstacles, he exemplified what can be done with determination. He was such an inspiration not only to the visually impaired but also to those of us who are sighted.

Our theme this year was patriotic and everyone did a great job wearing the red, white and blue. We are fortunate to live in a country where the blind can achieve what their minds can believe. District 31-E (and Fair Grove Lions) was well represented, not only helping with the fishing but also serving food and cleaning the dining area in preparation for the hungry VIPs. Gwen White and all the Lions in the Nags Head area put much time and effort into making sure all VIPs were well taken care of and organizing the Lions who served them. Those participating really understood what the term “We Serve” means when you leave with that warm feeling in your heart.

Excerpted from the November District 31-E newsletter article by District Governor Gordon McAdams

Just Reminiscing

From the time I turned three years old, my father was totally blind. This was due to a combination of a hereditary disease called Wagner's which weakens the retina and his suffering a severe impact in a car wreck that subsequently caused his retina to detach. He had already lost the sight in one eye as a small boy. This was an especially difficult adjustment for my father, after having had sight in one eye until he was 42. He went through varying stages of grief over this loss and finally settled into learning how to cope with and adapt to his new set of circumstances.

Things I remember most fondly and inspired me about my dad (who passed in 2004) was his wonderful sense of humor and how he used it to help others around him be more comfortable with his disability. He used to make the waitresses (who knew he was blind) in our hometown restaurants laugh when he'd tell them how pretty they looked. Then, on occasion, when we'd leave to go somewhere, he'd tell one of us kids to bring him his extra long cane because he wanted to drive.

Fishing was one of his favorite past times, so learning about the Lions VIP fishing tournament was especially meaningful for me. I hope that the future affords the opportunity to serve in that capacity and relive some of those fond memories of being out on the lake with him and seeing his eyes wrinkle with laughter and thorough enjoyment when he “reeled in that big one!” (by Lion Judy Black)



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 T'ville Lions Car Show
9	10	11	12	13	14 Wall- burg Lions BBQ 5-8	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 T'ville Christmas Parade
23	24	25	26	27 	28	29
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October—April: 1st Saturday, Pilot Lions monthly BBQ
 December 1: Fair Grove Lions Christmas
 December 9: VIP Christmas Dinner

Thomasville's Christmas Parade!!

On Saturday, November 22, be sure to join us in downtown Thomasville near the Big Chair for the annual Christmas parade which the Fair Grove Lions are co-sponsoring this year.

There will be a stage with PA system, announcers, judges, live cable TV coverage and bleacher seating. The judges will determine winners in several categories, including Most Creative, Best Religious, Best Musical, Best Dance, Best Spirit and Best Overall.

A bleacher seat can be purchased day of the event for \$5. Coffee and hot chocolate will also be available for \$1 a cup. All proceeds from the bleacher seats and refreshments will be donated to the Lions White Cane Fund. The Fund is used to pay for North Carolina Lions

Foundation programs and services. Special seating will also be available for the handicapped. Any questions call Luther Watford at 476-5454. Lots of pictures and parade winners will be posted on the fairgrovelions.com web site

THOMASVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE

BLEACHER SEAT

November 22, 2008
3:00 PM

\$5.00

Downtown at the Big Chair

