

# 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).
- Camp Dogwood tickets— our goal is an easy three books per member!
- Special thanks to Linda Lambeth for all her work on pricing, etc., for the new kitchen!

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## VIP Fishing Tournament, October 2009

The Manteo Lions Club hosts the VIP Fishing Tournament event each year at the Outer Banks. This year's theme was "Bikers" and there were Harley t-shirts, skull caps, leather gloves and vests in abundance. The VIPs were treated to a dance both Monday and Tuesday night. A good time was had by all. Tuesday was the "big day" of fishing. There were four piers and two boats assigned to the tournament to accommodate a total of 332 VIP fishermen and women. They managed to catch 372 pounds of fish. Trophies were presented to the winners at the Wednesday night banquet. Mary McGuire and Dixie and Gordon McAdams represented Fair Grove Lions Club and they said that there was a good turnout of volunteers from District 31-E overall.

### In the boat with Joe



Mary, Sandy, "Froggy," Nancy and Joe

his fishing during the tournament from the boat for the past few years but thinks he may try the pier next year. Joe expressed his thanks to the Fair Grove Lions Club for its part in helping make this year's event another fun experience for them.

This was the third year for Joe Nifong and his wife Nancy to attend the Lions VIP fishing tournament. From their ride down and back with Mary and Sandy including stops for shopping, to their visit to the aquarium, to fishing from the boat during the tournament itself, Joe said they had a great time. Before macular degeneration prevented him from doing so, Joe loved to take out his boat and go fishing, so it has been especially enjoyable for them to be able to do this annual event. Joe has done

### On the pier with Mary

Mary was assigned to the Avalon Pier to assist the VIPs, baiting hooks, pulling in fish and keeping the VIPs laughing and really enjoying themselves. "It was a joy to go to the VIP fishing tournament — to see old friends and to make new ones," Mary said. "With 518 plus VIPs and 400 plus volunteers all together, it is exciting. To see a blind person catch a fish or crab, and for them to know that they have caught something, the expression on their faces, you have to experience this for yourself. I enjoyed baiting and taking fish off the hooks. You tell them what they have caught and what it looks like. Words can not explain. To be able to pull all of this together and feed this many people for six meals is awesome. Gwen White is an awesome person to get all of this together."



A VIP with her catch!

### In the kitchen with Dixie and Gordon:

Each day, it took 400 Lion volunteers to serve the 518 VIPs and volunteer Lions. They were served a delicious breakfast and dinner each day. Once they were fed, the banquet hall had to be cleaned and set up for the next meal. Dixie and Gordon had the opportunity to work in this area along with other Lions from all over the state of North Carolina. "It was hard work, but very satisfying giving back to others." Mary, Gordon and Dixie agree it was a rewarding experience and hope other FG Lions will have the opportunity to participate in a future OB VIP fishing tournament.

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# November 2009

| Sun | Mon      | Tue   | Wed | Thu                           | Fri | Sat                         |
|-----|----------|---|-----|-------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| 1   | 2 Lions  | 3   | 4   | 5                             | 6   | 7                           |
| 8   | 9 Lions  | 10  | 11  | 12                            | 13  | 14                          |
| 15  | 16 Lions | 17  | 18  | 19 Tree decorating 6 p.m. TMC | 20  | 21 T'ville Christmas Parade |
| 22  | 23 Lions | 24  | 25  | 26                            | 27  | 28                          |
| 29  | 30 Lions | Tell your family and friends to reserve prime seating for the Christmas Parade by purchasing bleacher tickets for \$5 and a good cause— White Cane. Contact Judy Black at 336.561.6524. |     |                               |     |                             |

Coming up . . .

Monday, December 7, FGLC Christmas Party

Monday, December 14, TMC Christmas Dinner

Monday, December 21, Veterans Christmas, Salisbury

## More photo memories from the Outer Banks



Joe Nifong's wife Nancy (aka, crocodile hunter!)



Feeding the VIPs and Volunteers



A VIP waiting patiently on a bite!