

# The Lion's Roar

Fair Grove Lions Club

"We Serve"

January 2010



## Ushering in 2010 at the District 31-E Mid-Winter Convention

This year's convention "heads west" with the theme of "Our Campfire is Blazing!" The 31-E Mid-Winter Convention will be held in Salisbury on January 22 - 23 at the Holiday Inn. Make your bed roll reservations immediately at (704) 637-3100 as rooms are on a space-available basis after January 1. You can mail your convention and meal registration form (see the form in the district newsletter) until January 10 or phone or e-mail PDG Ron Staley (704. 788.8866 or [rstaley@carolina.rr.com](mailto:rstaley@carolina.rr.com)) between January 10 - 16. Friday night there's a Western Costume Contest (dress up in your choice of cowboy, Indian, cowgirl, or barmaid attire) and entertainment will include cloggers, square dancers and maybe a roping contest. The Silent Auction will start on Friday night and resume on Saturday. A late-night game of Lion's Bingo will be held for anyone staying Friday night.

### Special Points of Interest:

#### White Cane Goal:

We are about \$14,000 ahead of last year's contributions BUT our goal is \$38,000 higher this year

1,100 more Camp Dogwood tickets have been sold than was the case at this time last year -- keep up the momentum!

At the Mid-Winter banquet, the first two drawings for a \$200 gift certificate will be held.

Whoever sells the winning ticket for the car will receive a gift certificate so keep selling between the Mid-Winter and State Convention in May/June.

Tail Twisters are invited to participate in Saturday morning's breakfast and auction but come early because you eat before the festivities start. The Best Dressed Tail Twister will be chosen by the audience. All clubs are asked to bring goods valued at \$25 or more for the auction. Be sure to mark them with your club's name to get White Cane credit for the amount of money raised with your donated items. Auction monies benefit the White Cane Fund. Past items have included Red Neck wine racks, gift baskets, power tools, paintings, toys, wood crafts, gift certificates, handmade quilts, and many others. Small gifts and goodies are also needed for the raffle. After the breakfast and auction, there will be a New Member Orientation and Lions Alert seminars. Then lunch will be served at the Chuck Wagon (aka hospitality room). This year's cuisine will consist of BBQ (cooked by Master Chef Lion Jerry Blankenship of the Cleveland Lions Club). Our guest International Director will answer questions in the afternoon session leading into the Cabinet Meeting, during which next year's District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governors will be elected. Then dress for dinner at the Ranchers Table, District Governor's Banquet, which kicks off with the Parade of Banners. All clubs should bring their banners and designate a club member the honor of carrying it. Don't miss the lobby full of exhibitors and there will be areas available for Lions to "chew the cud" with long-time and new friends. The hospitality room will be open before and after the banquet for refreshments.

#### Friday - January 22

Registration.....4:00PM-8:30PM  
Family Fun Night (all Lions and Guests Invited) Cloggers/Square dance ..... 6:30PM-9:00PM  
Chicken Tenders, entertainment and Lions bingo

#### Saturday - January 23

Registration ..... 7:15AM-6:00PM  
Tail Twisters Breakfast & Auction (all Lions and Guests) ..... 7:45AM-11:00AM  
Lions Alert (PDG Dale Dupree) (Overman Room) ..... 11:00AM-11:30PM  
New Member Orientation (Work Room #102) ..... 11:00AM-11:30PM  
Lunch at the Chuck Wagon (Hospitality Room #110) .....11:30PM-12:45PM  
Leo Cabinet Meeting (Overman Room) ..... 12:00PM-1:00PM  
Certification of Delegates (CST David Smoot) (Registration Table) ..... 12:30PM-1:30 PM  
Q&A with the ID (all Lions and Guests) (Overman Room) ..... 1:00PM-1:30PM  
District Cabinet Meeting (Overman Room) ..... 1:30PM-3:00PM

Hospitality Room Open (Room #110) ..... 3:00PM-5:00PM  
 Banquet at the Rancher's Table (Lions and Guests) ..... 6:00PM-9:00PM

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 stretch in  
 our dreams,  
 our plans,  
 and our  
 ACTIONS. If  
 we don't, we  
 will perish.”

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International President  
 Eberhard Wirfs

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 HB Dixie M!
3	4 Lions	4	6	7	8 HB Mary M!	9
10	11 Lions	12	13	14 HB Linda L!	15 HB Willie W.!	16 Celebrate Willie's 90 <sup>th</sup> @Welborn's 2-4:30 pm
17	18 DG Theresa visits HB Bob D!	19	20 Happy Anniv Grimsleys	21	22 Mid Winter Conv. →	23 Salisbury
24	25 Lions	26	27	28	29	30
Happy Anniv Ramseys						
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**Move to Grow** *(excerpted from the "Move to Grow" brochure on LCI's website)*

International President Wirfs' theme, **Move to Grow**, expresses the thought that all things need momentum in order to progress. The adaptable ginkgo tree represents this idea, and symbolizes hope and peace. Like Lions Clubs International, the ginkgo has an esteemed heritage, longevity, value and global abundance. One of the most basic facts of nature is that it is dynamic. The visual world continually undergoes change, both from dynamic events in the world itself, such as the movement of trees in the wind, and from the visual changes generated from our own activities, such as locomotion. In other, more basic words, everything needs momentum, or movement, in order to progress, or grow. Move to grow. It's a very basic concept, which can be applied to most everything. Nothing that remains static grows. It is this basic concept – move to grow – our President chose as his theme for 2009-2010, with the ginkgo tree and leaf as its symbol.

Have you ever seen a ginkgo tree? It has a long history, with ancestors extending back some 280 million years. It is very resilient, with an average life span of 1,000 years, and unique in that it has both a male and female variety in the same plant. The ginkgo is a symbol of hope and love, and a monument of peace and environmental protection and even considered a vision aid.

The ginkgo tree has in fact been declared the “millennium” tree. When taking into consideration its characteristics, it’s easy to see a correlation between the ginkgo tree and Lions Clubs International.

Compared to the origins and lifespan of the ginkgo, Lions Clubs International is still in its infancy. As a global organization dedicated to promoting international understanding, we must symbolically plant a ginkgo at every opportunity. The sapling has to be planted and nurtured world-wide in an appropriate manner with good soil, sunshine and water. Like a ginkgo tree, our programs must be a sustainable resource that will stand the test of time. Always mindful of our motto, “We Serve,” we must continue to plant seeds of understanding and enduring community service, and cultivate a clear and consistent message of purpose. This involves effort, momentum, action and the NEED TO MOVE.