

The Lion's Roar

Fair Grove Lions Club

"We Serve"

January 2011



Celebrate Mardi Gras in the Big E-asy!!!



That's the theme for this year's District 31-E Mid-Winter Convention is scheduled to be held on Friday and Saturday, January 21 and 22, 2011, at the Salisbury Holiday Inn, 530 Jake Alexander Boulevard. Phone registration is now being accepted between January 10 and January 16 so if you did not already mail in your registration, you should now call it in to Lion George Ohm at (704) 637-2458.

This year's featured speaker will be Haynes Townsend, from Dalton, Georgia. Townsend was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 92nd International Convention, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, July 6-10, 2009. Director Townsend is a judge. A member of the Dalton Noon Lions Club since 1979, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, region chair, zone chair, district governor, district librarian and multiple district leadership chair. He also served as a presenter at the USA/Canada forum. In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including three Lion of the Year Awards, 15 District Governor Appreciation Awards, the Ervin-Crumbley Award, District 18-A Hall of Fame Award, six International President Certificates of Appreciation, two International Leadership Awards, an International President Award, a Membership Key Award and a Knight of Strength Award. Director Townsend is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to his Lions activities, Director Townsend is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is currently the chair of the Dalton-Whitfield Christmas Parade and was honored as the Judge of the Year by the State of Georgia. Director Townsend and his wife, Donna, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters.

State Convention: Mark your calendars for June 17 – 19, 2011, when Lions from across the state will convene in Fayetteville at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux for the 88th Annual State Lions Convention. Among the highlights will be Friday Fun Night with a parade of nations and international entertainment, Saturday morning Tail Twisters Breakfast & Auction, and a special Celebrate Liberty program at the 82nd Airborne and Special Forces Museum. Guest speaker will be International President Sid Scruggs, with his last official function prior to the International Convention.

Special Points of Interest:

Reminder:

Our January Bingo session is scheduled for January 20. Please donate prizes and be mindful of ones that are also fitting for men, seniors and children to ensure we have items appropriate for each.

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**Monthly FGLC Bingo
 Thursdays, 6:30 PM**

January 20, 2011
 February 17, 2011
 March 10, 2011
 April 21, 2011



**2010 – 2011
 FGLC White Cane
 Goal
 \$6,000**

**2010 - 2011
 District 31-E
 White Cane Goal
 \$167,000**

As of 12/20/10

**\$ 69,202.61
 (41.4%)**

**We exceeded our
 40% goal for
 December!**

January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 HB Dixie M.!	3 No mtg.	4	5	6	7	8 HB Mary M.!
9	10 Lions	11	12	13	14 HB Linda L.!	15 HB Willie W.!
16	17 Lions	18	19	20 Happy Anniv. Grimseys! Bingo!	21 Mid- Winter	22 Conv. Salisbury
23	24 Lions Happy Anniv Ramseys!	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Lions					

Lions, Look What We Did in 2010!

Before we get too entrenched in pursuing our 2011 goals, let's pause to reflect on what was accomplished in 2010. This information was excerpted from the District 31-E newsletter from an article by our 1st Vice District Governor Micheal H. Schwartz.

While overall membership in North Carolina has grown, District 31-E actually lost more members than gained. District 31-E added one new Lions club in 2010. Unfortunately, we have lost two clubs since July 1. Both Spencer and Landis have turned in their charters. Lions clubs in District 31-E contributed more than \$166,000 to the Humanitarian-White Cane campaign that ended in June, the largest amount raised for the North Carolina Lions Foundation by a single district. District 31-E clubs have contributed \$69,202 to White Cane since July 1, putting us more than \$18,000 ahead of last year's giving at this point. District 31-E clubs have contributed \$6,747 in Camp Dogwood ticket sales; we lead the state in memorials and honorariums to the NCLF – a total of \$7,300; we have contributed \$1,349 for clinical eye research; \$1,100 for Jack Stickleys; and \$1,350 to the William L. Woolard Partner-in-Service program. We donated more than 16,221 used eyeglasses, more than 70 hearing aids, and more than 1,500 ink cartridges to the Foundation for recycling programs. Nine vision screenings have been held in the district screening more than 700 people. More than 70 support and mobility canes were issued to people living in the district; 98 visually impaired people attended Camp Dogwood from our district; and Lions clubs in the district paid for eye exams for more than 90 people and glasses for more than 160 people. Despite membership losses, 2010 was a good year for District 31-E! Let's strive together to exceed those accomplishments in 2011!