

The Lion's Roar

Fair Grove Lions Club

"We Serve"

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Leadership Is Not About the Leader

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As the owner of an international cargo company, I understand all the skills, resources and assets required to successfully compete in the marketplace and deliver goods on time. How it all comes together is the result of planning, communication and execution. It happens by design, not by accident. It takes many people working together. As the owner, I am the leader. But I understand that every employee is important. Every worker has a job to do. Everyone on the payroll has a skill to contribute.

As president of Lions Clubs International, I lead 1.35 million Lions. But I understand that leadership is about ensuring the full participation and encouraging the enthusiasm of all Lions. Every Lion matters. We've been able to save millions from blindness, deliver food and water to multitudes of disaster victims and teach millions of youth life skills because Lions have believed in service and believed in the necessity of action.

It's been said that a good leader inspires others with confidence in him while a great leader inspires others with confidence in themselves. This year I want club presidents to really step forward and inspire Lions to completely believe in themselves, to believe in the power of courage, commitment and action. I am asking Lions to step forward and take advantage of LCI's many valuable leadership training tools. Our online Leadership Resource Center can enhance the efforts of Lions leaders at the club, zone and district levels. We must identify leaders among us in our Lions family and then they must cultivate their potential through training.

This year I have been conducting many president-meets-the-presidents meetings. I want to listen to Lions, learn from you, motivate you and be motivated by you. As your international president, I have the duty to support Lions of the world, to listen to your needs, to show you I care, to make your service easier and to help your dreams come true. That's why I am meeting with presidents and why one of my themes is my club, my family.

If I am unable to visit your Lions family, I want you to know I believe in you and your capabilities as Lions. Together we can continue to change the lives of millions of people.

Special Points of Interest:

If you have something you want to contribute to the newsletter (articles, ideas/suggestions, important dates, etc.) please e-mail Judy Black at

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

December 8, 2011
 January 19, 2012
 February 16, 2012



“So long as we love,
 we serve; so long as
 we are loved by
 others, I should say
 that we are almost
 indispensable; and no
 man is useless while
 he has a friend.”

Robert Louis Stevenson

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Lions	8	9	10 Bingo! 6:30 p.m.	11	12
13	14 Lions	15	16	17	18	19 Christmas Parade! Monkees Brew 10am
20 Decorate TMC tree 3 pm	21 Lions	22	23	24 	25	26
27	28 Lions	29	30			

Upcoming events:

VAVS Christmas Party, Veterans Administration, Salisbury, N.C., December 15, 2011, 6:00 p.m.
 FGLC Christmas Party, December 19, 2011, 6:30 p.m.
 Mid-Winter Convention, Holiday Inn, Salisbury NC - January 27-28, 2012

Fishing Tournament Held on Outer Banks

More than 480 blind and visually impaired from across North Carolina gathered Oct. 17-19 on the Outer Banks to participate in the 2011 N.C. Lions VIP Fishing Tournament. Sponsored by the First Flight, Nags Head, Manteo, Wanchese, Columbia, Currituck, Lower Currituck and Plymouth Lions Clubs, the tournament is the largest single Lions’ sponsored event in Multiple District 31. This year’s tournament drew participants from 77 counties, including visually impaired persons from each of the counties in District 31-E. Due to damage caused by Hurricane Irene, this year’s fishing day - which was held on Tuesday, Oct. 18 - was held on three fishing piers instead of five. Two headboats handled the remainder of the participants. More than 270 volunteers worked at this year’s three-day event, including a number of Lions from District 31-E who pay their own way to the Outer Banks to serve.