

The Lion's Roar

Fair Grove Lions Club

"We Serve"

November 2010



Fair Grove Lions Club History: Did You Know?

compiled by Gordon and Dixie McAdams

Fair Grove Lions Club was chartered in January, 1950, and sponsored by the Thomasville Lions Club. From 1950 until 1956, the members met at Fair Grove United Methodist Church and later at Fair Grove High School's cafeteria. The first president was Tom Kearns, serving from January to June, 1950. Willie Welborn served two years as president from July, 1950 until June, 1952. While serving as president Willie was asked to attend the International Convention in Mexico City. The club gave him \$100 to cover his expenses. Being raised in Thomasville, Willie had never traveled to a foreign country so this was a new experience for him. Traveling with Lion E. O. Lane, they spent five days and four nights. Upon checking out of the hotel, they were told their total bill for 2 rooms was \$28!

In 1956, while Clyde Jones was serving as president the existing Fair Grove Lions club house was built. Clyde Jones, Stokes Hepler, Cliff Everhart, Dalton Fritts and Cleo Fritts, all Lions themselves, were instrumental in its construction.

The Fair Grove Lions Club became well known around the community for its participation in the Fair Grove Follies which was held at the Fair Grove High School Auditorium from 1952 until 1976. Many people in the community took part in the Follies as well as Fair Grove Lions Club members. Lion Willie Welborn served as District Governor in 1955-1956. During his term, Lion Willie helped start 8 new Lions Clubs. He remains active in the club and the district today. In 2000, Fair Grove Lions Club opened the door allowing women to join. Margaret Cline, Dixie McAdams and Patricia Carroll were the first three ladies to be installed. Since that time, seven other ladies have joined the club. Lion Gordon McAdams served as District Governor in 2008-2009. During that time, District 31-E grew as Mecklenberg and Gaston counties were welcomed into the district, increasing the number of clubs from 48 to 64.

Some of the community projects supported by Fair Grove Lions Club are The Fair Grove Family Resource Center and The Thomasville Christmas Parade. Annually, the club hosts a fish fry for all VIP's in Davidson County. For many years Fair Grove Lions Club sponsored a local baseball team and will once again resume supporting a team in 2011.

Note: An NC Lions History Book is being compiled to celebrate the last 22 years of service and will be filled with folklore, photos, and a look at service to the blind and visually impaired across our state. This 200-plus page, hard-bound volume will include club histories and photos as well as a look at our most lasting people and projects. Orders can be placed between now and November 15 with the NC Lions Foundation. Books are \$25 if picked up at the State Convention and \$30 delivered.

Special Points of Interest:

Reminder:

Our November Bingo session is scheduled for November 11. 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
 December 9
 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 10/28/10

\$ 41,384.99
(24.8%)

We need to reach
40% in
December!

November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Lions	2	3	4	5	6 Pancake B'fast 7-10
7	8 Lions	9	10	11 Bingo!	12	13
14	15 Lions	16	17	18	19	20 T'ville Christmas Parade 3 pm
21 Tree décor. 2pm	22 Lions	23	24	25 Thanks giving!	26	27
28	29 Lions	30				

Other club events: November 6, T'ville Lions Club car show 9 am; Pilot Lions Club BBQ 11 am 'til food's gone!

Upcoming events: December 6, FGLC Christmas Party
 December 7, VIP Christmas Party
 December 13, Thomasville Medical Center Christmas Dinner
 December 27, No Lions meeting

“Caught” Having Fun at VIP OBX Fishing Tournament . . .



The weather was gorgeous and the turnout was great, both of VIPs and volunteers to equate to another successful, fun and rewarding experience and event for participants and helpers alike. Thanks to all who made it possible!