

The Lion's Roar

Fair Grove Lions Club

"We Serve"

October 2010



Hunger, you say? In North Carolina??

The US Census Bureau released new data in September which reveals that poverty is up and household incomes are down in North Carolina for the second straight year. This news comes on the heels of another major data report published the previous month by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) that exposed a disturbing increase in the overall income gap in the United States. Without deliberate and swift action to reverse these troubling trends, North Carolina risks the gradual erosion of its middle class, resulting in an overwhelming and potentially insurmountable gulf between the haves and the have-nots. With the economic recession and record unemployment, food shelters have reported many "first-timers" who "never thought they would need this type of assistance."

According to the USDA Household Food Security in the United States 2008 report, ten states exhibited statistically significant higher household food insecurity rates than the national average (12.2%): Unfortunately, North Carolina is among them.

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| 1. | Mississippi | 17.4% |
| 2. | Texas | 16.3% |
| 3. | Arkansas | 15.9% |
| 4. | Georgia | 14.2% |
| 5. | New Mexico | 14.1% |
| 6. | Missouri | 14.0% |
| 7. | Oklahoma | 14.0% |
| 8. | Kansas | 13.8% |
| 9. | Maine | 13.7% |
| 10. | North Carolina | 13.7% |

North Carolina Hunger Statistics:

- Food insecurity rate: 13.7%
- Child food insecurity rate: 20.3%
- Population: 9, 222, 414
- Poverty rate: 14.4%
- Child poverty rate: 19.4%
- Unemployment rate: 10.8%

Special Points of Interest:

Reminder:

Our October Bingo session is scheduled for October 14.

Please donate prizes between now and then and be mindful of ones that are fitting for men, seniors and children to ensure we have items appropriate for each.

Lions 2010-2011 Service Goals



Current campaign, October: Sharing the Vision

Next campaign, Dec./Jan.: Relieving the Hunger

Lions Clubs across the country will be shining a light on hunger by holding food drives to coincide with traditional holidays such as Christmas, Hanukah, Id Al-Fitr, Diwali, or other befitting occasions (Note: FGLC is collecting canned foods for the Family Resource Center. Please bring your donated canned food goods to the Fair Grove Lions Den by December 1.)

April: Protecting our Planet

"When the raging storms of life rush in, bringing darkness
When the dream fades and despair takes its place
Then like a faithful lighthouse on the distant shore
A Lion stands as a ray of light to show the way." From the song "Beacon of Hope"

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**2010 Monthly FGLC
 Bingo Thursdays**

6:30 PM

November 11
 December 9



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

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

October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Lions	5	6	7 Happy Anniv Blacks!	8	9 FGLC 60 th Anniv 11:30 - 2
10 VIP	11 Lions Fishing	12 Tourney	13	14 BINGO	15	16
17	18 Lions	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Lions	26	27	28	29	30

31 *Happy
 Halloween*



- November 6, Pancake Breakfast, 7-10 a.m., \$5
- November 20, Christmas Parade
- December 6, FGLC Christmas Party
- December 7, VIP Christmas Party
- December 13, Thomasville Medical Center Christmas Dinner
- December 27, No Lions meeting

Remembering The Year 1950 . . .

The Year 1950 was the start of the fast changes that would occur over the next 2 decades, the Great Depression was becoming a faint memory, families were moving to the suburbs, kids watched Howdy Doody on 12" black and white TV sets. Times seemed more innocent and gentler and the consumer revolution was soon to be underway. The median family income was \$3,300 a year and milk was still delivered to your doorstep. (Oh, and this author was still over a decade out in the making! ;o) The average cost of new house \$8,450.00; average wages per year \$3,210.00; the cost of a gallon of gas was 18 cents and the average Cost of a new car, \$1,510.00.

Major events in 1950:

- President Truman approved U.S. construction of the hydrogen bomb
- US Defense Production Act starts wage and price controls
- Persecution of Communists is initiated by Senator McCarthy
- Albert Einstein warns that nuclear war could lead to mutual destruction
- President Harry S. Truman places America's railroads under the control of the U.S. Army

And another significant, though less publicized, event was in the works -- thanks to the charter members who had the vision and tenacity to make it happen . . .

On Saturday, October 9, you will have the opportunity to hear the story and re-live the events that spawned our Fair Grove Lions Club! And then, in the words of broadcaster Paul Harvey, we'll say "And now you know . . . the rest of the story!"