



McLeansville Lions Roar

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(Where Community Citizens Meet to Do Good)

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President - Leland Cantrell
Secretary - Gary Harmon
Treasurer - Michael Montgomery

1925
Helen Keller Challenged the Lions Organization to
Become "Knights of Darkness" Assisting the Blind!
We Have risen to that Challenge and Changed the World!

Editor Lion
Joyce Cantrell

NC State Lions Club Convention

On April 30—May 3, a group of McLeansville Lions Club members attended the NC State Lions Club Convention at the North Raleigh Hilton. When we arrived for the District Governors Banquet, we realized that this was not just another dinner. There were about 400 North Carolina Lions in attendance, all decked out in their finest spring clothes. Then the District Governors made a grand entrance, dressed in white tuxedos with rose boutonnieres and escorting their lovely wives, who were formally attired and wearing rose corsages. The theme for the evening was German, because the Honored Guest Speaker was the 1st Vice President of Lions Club International, PID Eberhard Wirfs from Germany. The meal was German, the anthems were from America and Germany, and the gift pins symbolized the German-American alliance of Lions Clubs. After several special presentations, PID Wirf gave a very warm address that included references to the NC hospitality that he and his wife Margitt had received. Also, International 2nd Vice President Sid L. Scruggs of North Carolina attended and introduced the speaker. It is a first to have two international officers attend our Annual State Lions' Convention. What a gala event!

It was announced that UNC's Dept. of Ophthalmology has partnered with NC Lions to buy hi tech equipment for the Kittner Eye Center. The NC Lions contributed almost \$200,000 towards the retCam, a new digital fundus camera & camera back, and the cirrus OCT equipment to improve diagnosis and treatment of eye diseases.

Pictured below are PDG Johnny Stuart, his wife Marion, Lions Susie Dailey, President Leland & Joyce Cantrell, Audrey Dailey, Ted Womack, and President-elect James & Vivian Brannock.

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Who Are Lions?

- Your Neighbors!
- Men & Women who care about the less fortunate, blind and visually impaired NC & World Citizens!

How You Can Help

Call Lion Carol Townson
Membership Chairperson at
336-446-0277





New Officers for 2009-2010

The Slate of New Officers has been nominated and voted on by the Board of the McLeansville Lions Club. They will be installed at our dinner meeting on June 18 at the Fellowship Hall of Mt. Pleasant UMC. We are very proud of our new officers.

The new officers will be:

President: Lion James Brannock

1st VP: Lion Susan Dailey

2nd VP: Lion Steve Cobb

3rd VP: Lion Kathy Allmond

Secretary: Lion Gary Harmond

Asst. Sec: Lion Joyce Cantrell

Treasurer: Lion Mike Montgomery

Asst. Treas: Lion Carol Townson

Auditor: Lion Ray Stone

Chaplain: Lion Jack Keeton

Lion Tamer: Lion Charles Duke

Tail Twister: Lion Ray Stone

Stew Master: Lion Larry Overbey

Asst. Stew Master: Lion Johnny Stuart

Directors:

2010— Lion Randal Clapp

2010— Lion Mike Cobb

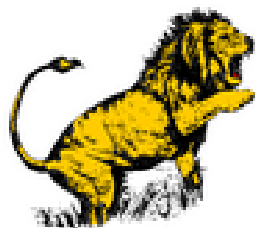
2011— Lion Roger Allmond

2011— Lion Vern Sieg

Immediate Past President:

Lion Leland Cantrell

Lifetime: Lion Johnny Stuart



CLUB MONTHLY COMMITMENTS & SCHEDULES



June 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Board Meeting @ 7	3	4 Business Meeting @ 7	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Yard Sale 7-2
14	15	16	17	18 Installation of Officers & New Members	19 District 31D Awards Banquet	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				4th of JULY

Up on the Roof

After reviewing three bids for the re-roofing of the club building, the Board voted to accept a bid, secured by Lion Steve Cobb, for \$5400 for the job. This will include



tearing off the old roof, using new paper, 30 year architectural shingles, and a drip edge. Lion Mike Montgomery assured us that we are able to pay for the job out of our funds. The work is scheduled to begin on the last week of May.

Pine Needles Orders After May 30th

The Pine Needles Sales are winding down. We will have one more Saturday sale on May 30th. After May 30th, anyone interested in Pine Needles can order them by calling Lion Don Brannock at 697-7744 or Lion Leland Cantrell at 698-0064. Thanks to everyone who gave up their Saturdays for this fundraiser, but a special THANK YOU to Lions Don and James Brannock for being there almost every Saturday since February 28th!





NEW Members



They are **Danny Cobb** and **Ryan Glover**. They are being sponsored by Lion Steve Cobb, who is Danny's Dad. They have already jumped in and helped with selling pine needles. Ryan Glover and Danny Cobb is pictured at the left. We are very happy to welcome our newest members.

Our new **Membership Chairperson** for 2009-2010 will be Lion **Roger Allmond**. He is pictured at the right. But remember Membership is everyone's job.



Speaker for May – PDG Paul Bledsoe & the Low Vision Van

PDG Paul Bledsoe is the District Chairperson for Information & Technology. He is responsible for the District News, LCI and Local Club News on the District webpage. He also is the monthly District Newsletter Editor which includes providing and coordinating information to NCLF Newsletter. He is the District Liaison between the District, Local Clubs, and State to promote participation in the Lions Conventions at all levels. And as if these responsibilities were not enough, Lion Bledsoe is also our District Chairperson for Diabetes.

PDG Bledsoe's presentation covered a lot of interesting facts; for example, there are 225,000 people in NC with diabetes and 240,000 in NC that don't know they have diabetes. Our role as Lions is to educate people about Diabetes, in addition to sight and hearing impairments. He also encouraged every member to visit Camp Dogwood and see the new dorms and volunteer for the VIP Fishing Tournament. Visually-impaired individuals participate every year at the Outer Banks in October. As the economy has suffered, we Lions have had to partner with community help agencies to bring much needed services to needy people.

PDG Bledsoe's newest pet project is a Low Vision Care Van. The purpose of the low vision van is completely different from that of our regular Lions Club Vision Van. He is requesting \$12,000 from District 31-D to buy a used SUV that would be outfitted with special low vision screening devices by the Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind. What causes "low vision"? Low vision is from macular degeneration, cataracts, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, accidental injury, retinitis pigmentosa, and other eye conditions. The Low Vision Care Van will be staffed with a low vision specialist optometrist at no cost to the Lions Club. The Industries for the Blind will supply all the equipment, materials, gasoline, and other maintenance and upkeep for the van. And, the low vision van will serve an eight-county region, including Greensboro and McLeansville.



What equipment is available for people with low vision? Fortunately, there is a large variety of special equipment to help people see. They include hand-held and electronic magnifiers, screen reading software, computer hardware, talking products, reading, writing and kitchen aides, clocks and watches, telephones and accessories, and recreational equipment. All of these will be available on the low vision van for trying out, training, and purchase.

We will be discussing our commitment to the low vision van at our next business meeting. Let's think big and be generous.



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McLeansville's Lions



CAPS for Sale

We have contacted the same vendor who supplied the new Lions Club shirts about ordering some purple caps with the Lions Club logo on the front. Please let Lion Vivian Brannock know if you are interested in ordering a cap.



The Lion Pride that Meets in this Den, is One of the Most Dedicated,
Community Lion "Prides" in NC

And Lion's International!

Raffle at June Dinner Meeting

Lion Susie Dailey has been hard at work asking people and businesses all over the world to contribute to our October Antique Car & Tractor Show and Fall Festival. She has received some dandy prizes that unfortunately will expire before the October event. SOOOOO, she is holding a special raffle at the June Dinner Meeting to raise money to kick off the Adopt A Family Project that we started last Christmas. The items to be raffled off are:

- 4 Tickets to Greensboro Grasshoppers Games
 - Passes to the Museum of Natural Science in Raleigh for their special Chocolate Exhibit
 - A Deluxe Cherry Cheesecake from Susie's Lovin' Oven
- Please remember to bring lots of money for raffle tickets!! You may be a lucky winner.

Coming Attractions!!

Next Yard Sale—June 13. Due to an overwhelming response, we are being asked to schedule more Yard Sales in our ideal Lions Club location. The Yard Sale Committee has decided on June 13, July 18, Skip August, and September 12. Come on out and join the fun. Contact Lion Ray Stone if you want to rent a space.

June is Installation of New Officers Month. Our **June 18th** Dinner Meeting will be held at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall at 7 PM. We moved the meeting, because we are anticipating a larger-than-usual crowd for the dinner meeting. The spouses are invited. PDG BB (Butch) Oliver will be our special guest and will install our new officers. He will also initiate our two new members, Danny Cobb and Ryan Glover. Be sure to reserve a space with Lions Gary Harmon or Mike Montgomery.



District 31D's Awards Banquet. It will be held on Friday **June 19th** at 6:30 pm at Mariah's, Bonnie Place, in Archdale. We have three nominees, Lions Mike Montgomery, Randal Clapp, & Larry Overbey, up for special awards. Come and support your Lion friends. Call Lion Mike Montgomery for reservations.

Leadership Training for Officers and New Members— July 25th. Everyone is invited to participate, especially new officers and new members. It will give you a leg up for the upcoming year.

Our Annual Antique Car and Tractor Show and Fall Festival. October 3. Mark your calendars now! We are asking everyone to ask just two businesses for a donation. If everyone helps, we will have a colossal return and not wear out Lion Susie Dailey. Sample solicitation letters are available. Contact Lion Susie if you have questions.