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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

Lion Ted Womack - Speaker on Camp Dogwood and VIP Tournament



Our own Lion Ted Womack gave an excellent presentation for the July dinner meeting. Lion Ted is the current District and State Chairperson for **Camp Dogwood** and the **Volunteers for Camp Dogwood**. The 41-acre site was donated to the Lions Club Foundation in 1967 by Duke Power Co. and has a fulltime professional staff during the camp season. Camp Dogwood has up-to-date facilities to provide campers with the best in care and safety. Accommodations include dormitory and motel style rooms, and family cottages.

Lion Ted explained that Camp Dogwood has over 800 blind and visually impaired campers staying at the Camp on Lake Norman each season. They run twelve six-day sessions during the summer for mainly adults. They also have 24 hour

medical care provided by a nurse. Campers are encouraged to participate in varied activities including swimming, horseback riding, crafts, pontoon boating, water skiing, nature trail hiking, hay rides, bingo, talent night performances, dancing, and plenty of socializing. They have a library with special Braille and large print materials. The cost of a new dorm was \$750,000. The Camp Dogwood tickets that we sell every year raise money to provide improvements and maintenance of the facilities. Our Club has agreed to sell at least 3 books per member.



The North Carolina Lions VIP Fishing Tournament attracts over 500 blind and visually impaired people, along with their guests, ages 12 to 91 to the Outer Banks. The tournament, which began in the 70s, draws people from 77 counties, and is the largest gathering of blind and visually impaired people in North Carolina. This year the VIP Tournament will be M-W, October 12-14, 2009.

Our Club is sponsoring one VIP at a cost of \$85. The contributions are needed to cover transportation, food, bait, motels, insurance, fishing rods, piers, boats, and other materials. Bloodworms alone cost \$2000 last year. They also schedule seminars; for example, on independent living, dancing, diabetes, and living skills, topics of interest to the participants. It takes over 300 volunteers to run the tournament. If you are interested in helping, please check the website, www.ncvipfishing.org.

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Who Are Lions?

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

How You Can Help

Call Lion Roger Allmond
Membership Chairman at
336-446-0399





New Refrigerator

Our old refrigerator had seen better days, so a call went out in all the land for a replacement. Luckily our President James Brannock made a connection with Eric Preston of Pleasant Garden, who donated a nearly new refrigerator and Whirlpool dishwasher. Many thanks to Lions James Brannock, Don Brannock, and Leland Cantrell who spent a Saturday retrieving the appliances and delivering them to the Lions Den. The frig is happily installed in the



kitchen. The dishwasher is waiting to become a fundraiser at the Tractor Show. Or if you need a nearly new dishwasher, contact President James. Have we got a deal for you!

THANKS!

Thank you to Lion Susie Daily for donating a box of cookies to the Lions Cottage at the NC Boys and Girls Home. The Club voted to reimburse her for the postage, but there is no way to reimburse her for the love she bakes into her cookies. Yum Yum!

CLUB MONTHLY COMMITMENTS & SCHEDULES



August 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 District Cabinet Meeting	3	4 Board Meeting	5	6 Business Meeting	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Dinner Meeting	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

A Look at the Budget



The budget for next year received a thorough going over at a budget meeting held on July 27. Included in the discussions were Treasurer Mike Montgomery, Assistant Treasurer Carol Townson, Secretary Gary Harmon, Assistant Secretary Joyce Cantrell, Director Randal Clapp, and President James Brannock. Last year's budget was compared to the actual income and expenditure figures for the year. Adjustments are made for recurring or projected upcoming obligations, and fundraising estimates are based on this year's actual numbers.

For 2009-2010, our outreach pledges increased; and we pledged a one-time \$1000 for the Low Vision Van. The Lions Club on a state-wide and district level are also experiencing tighter budgets, so we are trying to be responsive. We need our fundraisers to generate as much as possible. We appreciate the community supporting our efforts at our Brunswick Stews, the Tractor Show, the Pine Needle Sales, and the Yard Sales. The budget will go to the Board of Directors Meeting in August for discussion and approval. After that, it will be presented at the Business Meeting. It is a tight budget, but we have not cut any of our service projects during these times of economic challenges. Also, there were no layoffs and no staff raises! Ha Ha.

If you have any questions concerning the budget, please contact Lion Treasurer Mike Montgomery or Lion Secretary Gary Harmon.



District 31D's White Cane & Leadership Training Session

The District 31D's Humanitarian/White Cane Workshop and Leadership Training Session was held at Konnoak Hills Moravian Church on July 25. After the welcomes, Lion Ted Womack conducted a very effective and brief presentation on Camp Dogwood. He showed the outstanding new video that PDG Paul Bledsoe had so graciously produced for the NC Lions at cost. We saw it at our last meeting, but it was certainly great to view it again and to get excited about this prize project that we North Carolinians are so proud of. Following that, Steve Walker, the new state chairperson for the Humanitarian/White Cane reviewed the number of clubs who had met and exceeded the required \$89 per member donation level. I am proud to announce that McLeansville Lions Club had contributed at the 110% level and received recognition. Our District failed to meet its annual White Cane goal by less than \$1000, but every club had made a contribution. We were also given our 100% Club certificate.



There were breakout training sessions for Presidents & Vice Presidents, Secretaries & Treasurers, Zone Chairmen, and new members. I can only speak for the training session (for Secretaries) that I attended. It was crammed full of information, so much that we ran overtime. I am not sure that I will ever get the forms straight. Representing our Club and pictured above are Lions Leland Cantrell, Camp Dogwood Chairman Ted Womack, Asst. Secretary Joyce Cantrell, Vivian Brannock, and President James Brannock.

Community Appreciation Day



Our September Yard Sale date, **September 12**, has been designated as **Community Appreciation Day**. The idea is for our McLeansville Lions Club to meet and greet people in the community and tell the Lions Club story. We view this as an excellent opportunity to interest and invite new members. In addition to a Yard sale, complete with Sausage Biscuits, we will be serving a Pinto Bean lunch for free! Now, it just don't get much better than that! Our own PDG Johnny Stuart has agreed to head up the Cooking Crew. We plan to sit out in the grass, visit with friends, eat some beans, and have FUN. So tell your friends and neighbors to mark their calendars **RIGHT NOW** for this very special event!

Antique Car & Tractor Show and Fall Festival—October 3

The **McLeansville Antique Car & Tractor Show and Fall Festival** will be held this year on Saturday **October 3, starting at 7**. What do you need to be doing in preparation?? Have you lined up a couple of raffle donations from your family and/or friends?? It is not too late! If you are unsure how to do it, just ask Lion Susie Dailey for a sample letter that you can send. Or simply ask the next time you buy something, get your hair cut, get your car serviced, or eat out.

We will have a yard sale, music, antique cars and tractors, and food to sell. Lion Delbert Phillips is the Chairman of this event. Ask him how you can help. There is a place for you and your talents, so don't be shy! It takes an army of volunteers to pull this event off. And please bring lots of money and friends with you. This is a big fundraiser, but mostly it is **FUN!**



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Car Raffle

Who won the Camp Dogwood Car Raffle?? Lion Millard Martin, President of the Arcadia Lions Club, was the lucky winner of the drawing. He had not be able to sell his three books of tickets, so he bought them himself. That was \$30 well spent! Junior Suttle of Outer Banks Chrysler in Kill Devil Hills had sold the vehicle to the NC Lions Foundation at \$1500 below dealer cost as his contribution to Lionism. Millard and his wife Carol picked out a Sebring. So, this year when selling Camp Dogwood tickets, be sure to buy some for yourself!

Yard Sale in July

The July 18th Yard Sale was a huge success! The weather cooperated and there was a steady flow of buyers. We sold pine needles, brooms, sausage biscuits, hot dogs, & reusable bags. Thanks to Lion Mike Montgomery for getting up at the crack of dawn to make sausage biscuits, to new members Lions Danny Cobb and Ryan Glover for firing up the grill for hot dogs, to Lions Vivian Brannock, Roger and Kathy Allmond for selling brooms, bags, and working the Membership Table. Thanks to Lion Audrey Dailey for selling 50/50 raffle tickets, Lion Ray Stone for overseeing the yard sale spaces and reservations, President James Brannock for taking care of a million details. Thanks to all of you who came and who promoted the event. A n d



Thank You to Everyone who helped to make this another great money-maker! The next one will be **September 12—A Yard Sale and**

Community Appreciation Day. Please mark you calendars! Pictured above are Lions Kathy Allmond and Vivian Brannock at the Membership Table.

Congratulations!

Lion Gary Harmon became a new Grandpa on July 23, which is his wife's Diane's birthday. It's a little boy named Connor. Lion Bob Dean will be celebrating his 90th birthday in August! Way to Go, Bob!

Coming Attractions!!

31-D Cabinet Meeting—on August 2 at the Archdale-Trinity Lions Den at 2:30 pm. We will leave the Club Den at 1:30 pm.

August Dinner Meeting—August 20. Larry Proctor (pictured at right), Chairman of the Guilford County Planning Board and Les Eger, Assistant Director for the Guilford County Planning Department. They will discuss future plans for land usage in the McLeansville area.

Community Appreciation Day & Yard Sale—September 12. Contact Lion Ray Stone to reserve a space. Please see article on page 3 for more details.

Vision Van—September 22 at the National Guard Armory. We are sponsoring the Vision Van with Gibsonville Lions Club. If you can help, please contact Lion Delbert Phillips.

Zone Meeting—Sept. 28th at Alamance Lions Club. Contact Lion Randal Clapp for information.

Our Annual Antique Car and Tractor Show and Fall Festival. October 3. Don't miss it!

VIP Fishing Tournament. October 12-14 at the Outer Banks. Contact Lion Ted Womack for information.

