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**McLeansville Lions Roar**  
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**(Where Community Citizens Meet to Do Good)**

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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

DNA Study—Environmental Polymorphism Registry



On April 2, during our Business Meeting, 32 lions and friends bared their arms and offered their blood for a DNA research study, sponsored by UNC—Chapel Hill and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. Along with a couple of donations, we cleared \$720. We were paid \$20 per blood sample. It was easy money for contributing to a worthwhile research study. The study centers on identifying genes that may be linked to common diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, cancer, asthma and many others.

Pictured below is Lion James Brannock, who along with his wife Lion Vivian, headed up the project. He is sitting with Robyn Stephens, who is the Clinical Study Site Coordinator. She explained the purpose of the study and insisted on getting everyone's signature on the consent forms. She was also in charge of issuing the checks. Thanks to everyone who participated.



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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



District 31D's 4th Cabinet Meeting

The last Cabinet Meeting was held on April 19, 2009 at Love's UMC in Walkertown, NC. We wanted and needed a really big turnout, so we could vote for our candidates for some awards. And the nominations are: Lion Randal Clapp for the Jack Stickley, Lion Larry Overbey for the Melvin Jones and Lion Mike Montgomery for the William L. Woolard Awards. Our club was ably represented by 16 members! Attending were Lions Gary, James, Larry, Vivian, Randal, Delbert, Kathy, Roger, Curtis, Mike, Leland, Don, Ted, Audrey, Susie, and Joyce.





Healthy Vision Month.

May is Healthy Vision Month, a national eye health observance in the United States. Healthy Vision Month is sponsored by the National Eye Health Education Program (NEHEP) of the National Eye Institute. Lions Clubs International is a member of NEHEP and works closely with them to promote healthy vision in our communities. In order to help your Lions Club educate the public about healthy vision month and the role regular eye exams play in maintaining good eye health, NEHEP has developed a variety of resources available at <http://www.healthyvision2010.nei.nih.gov/hvm/> and <http://www.nei.nih.gov/healthyeyestoolkit/>.

Lions Club Shirts

If you are interested in ordering a new Lions Club shirt in purple with the Lions Club logo on it, please contact Lion Vivian Brannock **ASAP!** She will have samples of the men's and women's shirts in various sizes at the next meetings. They are 100% cotton and will have the look and feel of a professional golf shirt. They are \$22 each, except for larger sizes, which are only \$2 more.



CLUB MONTHLY COMMITMENTS & SCHEDULES



May 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Pine Needles
3	4	5 Board Meeting @ 7	6	7 Business Meeting @ 7	8	9 Pine Needles
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Yard & Pine Needles
17	18	19	20	21 Dinner Meeting @ 7—PDG Bledsoe	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

District Governor Paul Gilgo—Speaker for April

District Governor Paul Gilgo, who has been a Lion for 45 years, was introduced by our Zone Chairman, Lion Ted Garrett. DG Gilgo expressed his thanks for the worthwhile projects that the clubs in our District 31D have conducted in service to others. He pointed out some real miracles accomplished by our **“Everyday Heroes”**, and how we are each changing lives in positive ways. DG Gilgo spoke of our **Sight First Campaign** and how we raised over \$200million, which was our **“Stretch Goal”**. He also brought greetings and thanks from Lion Sid Scruggs, a North Carolinian who was elected 2nd Vice President of Lions Clubs International. DG Gilgo explained that only three lions from North Carolina have ever become President of Lions Club International in the history of Lionism, and that our support has made it possible. And lastly, DG Gilgo reinforced that the best way to get new members is to **“Just Ask!”**. Many good people are willing and able to serve, but just need an opportunity. Pictured is Lion President Cantrell thanking DG Gilgo for his visit and kind remarks.





Roofing Matters

The Club recently approved much needed roofing vents to ventilate and circulate air beneath the roof. While the repairs were being completed, it was determined that the building roof needs to be replaced. Part of the roof has two layers. The job would include the reroofing the little storage shed too. So, Lions Steve Cobb, Mike Cobb, and Mike Montgomery will secured price estimates. The Board will debate quality issues and bargaining tactics during these recessionary times. That price will includes labor, materials, tear off, cleanup, and architectural shingles.



Batten Disease

Batten Disease is a genetic disorder of the nervous system that affects children and adolescents. Over time, affected children suffer mental impairment, worsening seizures, and progressive loss of sight and motor skills. Eventually, children with Batten Disease become blind, bedridden, and unable to communicate. Presently, there is no treatment for Batten Disease. For more information, check out their website, [www.BDSRA.org](http://www.BDSRA.org). The Batten Disease Support and Research Association runs marathons and half-marathons to raise awareness and funds for research to help stop this deadly disease. We, the members of McLeansville Lions Club donated \$250 in support of Team Jonathan (Jonathan McCollum) for this year's May 2nd Marathon. Lion Curtis Kennedy brought this to our attention, and we are very proud to be numbered as a sponsor for this worthy team and cause!

Yard Sale and Pine Needle Sales:

We had a beautiful clear day on Saturday, April 18, for our yard sale. It started at 8 am and lasted until 2 pm. Spaces were \$10. We had a dozen vendors and had such a successful day, that we scheduled another one for May 16th. For more information, please call Ray Stone at 697-1619 or contact us at our website, [lionsclub@mcleansville.org](mailto:lionsclub@mcleansville.org). We sold the famous Lions Club brooms and collected used eyeglasses too. The Pine Needles Sales will continue every Saturday in April and May until they are all sold. We are making about \$1000 per truckload. The bales this year are packed tightly and seem to be higher quality than last year. Each bale costs \$5. We deliver too! So, round up all your friends



and neighbors to buy their pine needles. Pictured above are Lions Ted Womack and Ray Stone with a happy customer.





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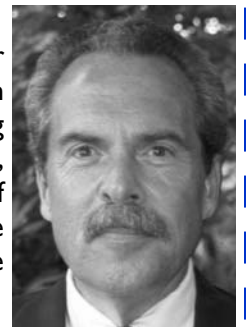


**The Lion Pride that Meets in this Den, is One of the Most  
Dedicated, Community Lion "Prides" in NC  
And Lion's International!**

### Coming Attractions!!

**NC State Lions Convention.** The North Carolina Lions State Convention, will be held April 30—May 3 at the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel. The District Governors' Banquet will be on Saturday night, May 2. Reserve NOW!

**Our Speaker for May—PDG Paul Bledsoe.** Lion 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 District Chairperson for Diabetes. He will bring a presentation that will be both entertaining and enlightening! We also hope to initiate new members.



**June is Installation of Officers Month.** Our June 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 meeting. What a nice problem to deal with! PDG BB (Butch) Oliver will be our special guest and will install our new officers.

**VIP Fishing Tournament – October 13-15.** Lion Ted Womack, Chairman of the VIP Tournament, has asked for volunteers and sponsorship of VIPs for the October Tournament at the Outer Banks. Our club proudly voted to sponsor a VIP fisherman (\$85) in the event. Now he is looking for more sponsors, volunteers, and transportation for our VIPs from Greensboro.

### Triad Beepball Team

Beepball is a modified form of softball designed to allow blind and visually impaired people to play America's favorite game. Instead of "keeping your eye on the ball",



you listen for the "beep of the ball"! The Triad Beepball Team is pleased to be hosting the NC/SC Beepball Tournament in High Point, July 23-26. The Triad Team consists of players from Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Thomasville, and High Point. They are anticipating 100 participants from across North Carolina and South Carolina. The tournament will play on the soccer fields at West End Park off Phillips Avenue in High Point.

They will be providing a hospitality room and serving meals. They will also have an auction and door prizes for the Saturday night festivities. Any type of donation is appreciated. Donations will be used for food, equipment, travel costs, prizes and trophies. If you wish to volunteer to help during the games and festivities or donate goods or monies, please contact Cookie Jones at 336-861-1374.