



## Brush Strokes with President Richard



Hello Fellow Lions,

Wow! What a difference a month makes! In last month's newsletter we were making plans for broom sales and a Spring full of Lions activities. Now it seems as if we've had to hit the pause button on our lives as we knew them only a few weeks ago. One of our best broom sales was the Master Gardener Spring Plant and Herb Festival. This event is cancelled. Our annual VIP picnic at Frank Liske Park will have to be held at an alternate location as the event barn burned down. Hopefully we'll still be able to have our picnic but I'm not sure at this point.

As of this writing we will not be having our April meeting. The Parkway is closed of course and in the Covid-19 guidelines no meetings of 10 or more people should occur. Hopefully our board of directors can meet on a conference call or Zoom meeting.

Hopefully by our next newsletter things will have returned to some sense of normalcy. Until then please stay safe and practice social distancing and PLEASE continue to collect canned goods and non perishable food items for The Cooperative Christian Ministry as the need is great right now!

In Lionism,

Lion Prez Richard.

### BIRTHDAY KIDS

- 4/9 DIANN NORWOOD
- 4/17 TRISH ROGERS



## Cancellations

Fellow NC Lions,

1. With the continued uncertainty due to the Coronavirus pandemic and our concern for the safety of all NC Lions, NCLI and Camp Dogwood will be canceling volunteer week scheduled for April 3-8 and budget hearings scheduled for April 17-18. We are also postponing to a later date (to be determined) the Annual Membership meeting scheduled for May 1-3 at Camp Dogwood. We continue to plan for our VIP campers to begin arriving May 17th but that is questionable depending on the Coronavirus guidelines from the CDC.

Be safe and well!

PDG W Durden Dean

Executive Administrator

2. I wanted to say a quick thank you to all the Lions and club members who donated funds for the mini bus we were trying to get before our upcoming camping season. I had a \$40,000 goal which we went over, although every amount counts. A special thanks to the widow of the Carlie C's IGA stores for her donation of

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## 2020-2021 Club Officer Nominations

The following are the members nominated to serve as club officers for the coming Lions Year. Please let me know immediately if you would like to add a candidate to the list. Lions International allows voting by email. I will be sending everyone who has email a ballot which must be returned. Those without emails will receive a ballot from Lion Ron Staley by regular mail.

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| President                      | John Nunn       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | Solomon Hall    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | Andre Wilkerson |
| Secretary                      | Ron Staley      |
| Treasurer                      | George Culp     |
| Service Chairperson            | Richard Rogers  |
| Lion Tamer                     | Dianne Culp     |
| Tail Twister                   | Paul Hayes      |
| Membership                     | Solomon Hall    |

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\$10,000 and Wilson Lions \$3,000 and Cary Lions \$2,100 and Apex with \$6,000. I couldn't be any more proud then I am now.

PDG Wayne Faber  
State Camp Dogwood Chair

3. The BBQ at Odell Lions Club and Creek clean-up are postponed. We will be making a decision about our next meeting soon. Remember to gather non-perishables for CCM. Also, the Lions State Convention has been cancelled. If you have already registered, your money will be refunded. A decision will be made about whether the hotel will automatically cancel room reservations. You may want to do your own cancellation of the motel room just to be sure.
4. Lions Clubs International has announced that the International Convention, scheduled for June 26-30 in Singapore has been cancelled. Lions International will issue full refunds for all registration fees paid. You are asked to not contact LCI Registration to inquire about your registration.
5. Due to the coronavirus outbreak, the state has canceled all events for county extension programs for the next 60 days. Unfortunately, we will not be able to reschedule this event this year. Since our club was planning to have a booth, we will be unable to have a broom sale as originally scheduled.

## Vision Screening Project/Spot Camera Interest Meeting Summary

An interest meeting was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, for the Concord Lions Clubs' Vision Screening Project committee. The meeting was held at Lion Diann Norwood's home. Members present were John Nunn, Solomon Hall, Richard Rogers, Diann Norwood, Elizabeth Schavillie, Joe Poirier (co-chairperson) and Kathy Poirier (chairperson). Other members interested in being on the committee but unable to attend were Ron Staley, Dianne Culp and George Culp.

### Topics discussed during the meeting:

**Participation** – All club members will be encouraged to be involved in the project in some capacity. This can include eye screening teams, compiling lists of potential screening locations and contacts, making phone calls to said contacts, record keeping, etc.

**Fundraising** – Fundraising needs to be ongoing in order to purchase the Spot camera and a printer. By continuing to raise funds the club would eventually be able to purchase a second camera which would then allow for increasing the number of screenings being done at any one time.

**Eye Screening Locations** – A list of potential screening sites and contact people needs to be compiled. Initial screening locations would include local church pre-schools, child development centers, private schools, daycare centers, Headstart programs (?), and the Cabarrus County Home School Association (?).

**Budget** – A budget would need to be set up to cover ongoing costs (i.e., printer paper, extra printer cartridges, funds for covering the cost of eye exams/glasses for children with financial need who are referred for further examination [these would need to be vetted through social services]). John Nunn said currently we're working with five to six doctors in the area. We have an agreement with them that the club pays \$200 towards an exam/glasses.

**Marketing** – Ideas were discussed as to how to market the service we will be providing. Diann Norwood and Solomon Hall agreed to work together on marketing. Diann suggested having a tri-fold pamphlet to hand out to promote the eye screenings. Solomon suggested putting together a short video that could be shown to school directors when personally meeting with them to discuss having a screening at their school(s). In addition, providing a live demonstration of the camera at the time of the meeting would be another way to market the program.

Lion Kathy Poirier  
Committee Chair

## Happy April Fool's Day

Although April Fools' Day, also called All Fools' Day, has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, its exact origins remain a mystery.

Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563.

People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes.

These pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as "poisson d'avril" (April fish), said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person. Historians have also linked April Fools' Day to festivals such as Hilaria, which was celebrated in ancient Rome at the end of March and involved people dressing up in disguises.

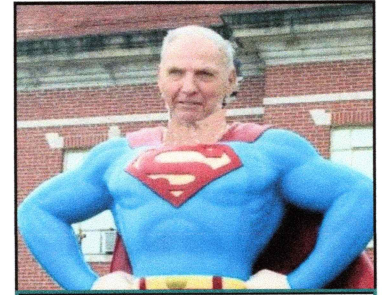
There's also speculation that April Fools' Day was tied to the vernal equinox, or first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, when Mother Nature fooled people with changing, unpredictable weather.

April Fools' Day spread throughout Britain during the 18th century. In Scotland, the tradition became a two-day event, starting with "hunting the gowk," in which people were sent on phony errands (gowk is a word for cuckoo bird, a symbol for fool) and followed by Tailie Day, which involved pranks played on people's derrieres, such as pinning fake tails or "kick me" signs on them.

In modern times, people have gone to great lengths to create elaborate April Fools' Day hoaxes. Newspapers, radio and TV stations and Web sites have participated in the April 1 tradition of reporting outrageous fictional claims that have fooled their audiences.

In 1957, the BBC reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting noodles from trees; numerous viewers were fooled. In 1985, *Sports Illustrated* tricked many of its readers when it ran a made-up article about a rookie pitcher named Sidd Finch who could throw a fastball over 168 miles per hour.

In 1996, Taco Bell, the fast-food restaurant chain, duped people when it announced it had agreed to purchase Philadelphia's Liberty Bell and intended to rename it the Taco Liberty Bell. In 1998, after Burger King advertised a "Left-Handed Whopper," scores of clueless customers requested the fake sandwich.



*Lion Harold Jenkins, the  
"Man of Steel"*



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## Calendar of Events

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| April 3  | By email | Send you officer ballot to Ron Staley when you receive it by Email |
| April 10 | 6:30     | Board of Directors meeting - online                                |
| May      |          | VIP Picnic - to be announced                                       |