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The President Roars!

We survived one more month. I hope all are doing well. With warmer weather coming, hopefully, we can get into more service opportunities. For this month's meeting, Lion Tammy Thomas will give us an update on Camp Dogwood. Please plan to attend the Zoom meeting on March 2 to get the latest on Camp Dogwood.

Check out the calendar of events to keep up with what is going on with your Lions Club.

Stay safe and check on your VIPs. Lion Prez John

Carrie Lowe June 20, 1930-January 20, 2021

Carrie Elizabeth Lowe, 90, of Huntersville and formerly of Midland, passed away Saturday, January 30, 2021 at home. Carrie was born June 20, 1930 in South Carolina to the late William McKinley Jones and Annie Obenoskey Jones.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, J. V. Lewis Lowe, Sr.; sons, Robert Dean Lowe and James Franklin Lowe; brother, William Jones; sisters, Marian Wells and Mary Ann Eagle; and grandson, William A. Lowe, Jr.



A graveside service was held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 2:00pm at Charlotte Memorial Gardens in Charlotte, NC officiated by Chaplin Daryl Kelly. Burial followed at the Charlotte Memorial Gardens at 7632 Hood Road, Charlotte.

Survivors include sons, Billy (Kathy) Lowe of Sherrills Ford, NC, J.V.

Lewis (Beth) Lowe, Jr. of Shelby, NC, and Johnny (Beth) Lowe of Huntersville, NC; brother, Tom Jones; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

VIP Carrie Lowe attended many Concord Lions events as she was assigned to Lion Bob Aldous. VIP Carrie enjoyed our support each year so that she could attend both Camp Dogwood and the VIP Fishing Tournament. .

Here's an idea! Invite someone to a Lions Zoom Meeting. Even better, bring them to a service project. Just Ask!

Spot Vision Screener Project Update

When our committee was formed, our plan was to start providing eye screenings during this school year. Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, we have not been in a position to reach out to the schools. However, as more and more people are vaccinated and schools return to in-person learning, with the start of the new school year, we hope to be able to begin eye screenings.



Last August, we had a Vision Zoom that was well attended. Since the meeting, we have developed a spreadsheet containing potential eye screening locations and held an in-person training session with the Spot camera for our eye screening team.

Now we are looking for help writing the script for our marketing video. Once we have the script, we will move forward with making the video. If anyone has experience with script writing or just wants to help, please reach out to Lion Kathy Poirier.

Screening Project Re-Kick Start meeting via Zoom. Since the meeting, we have developed a spreadsheet containing potential eye screening locations and held an in-person training session with the Spot camera for our eye screening team.

Convention Update

The **District 31-I** convention will be held via Zoom on Saturday, March 20. An invite will be made available for club members to participate. Lion Kathy will be nominated for 2VG and voted upon during this convention.

Lions International Convention scheduled for Montreal has been canceled. Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Although the host committee is disappointed to host this event in person, they are excited about hosting our first virtual international convention that can safely connect Lions from around the world. We are still finalizing the details of your new convention experience and will share those with you as soon as they are ready. Here are some im-



portant details about the 2021 virtual convention. Everyone's invited. Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world. The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.

Service With A SMILE

CCCHP – Cabarrus County Community Housing Program

There are an estimated 555 Million homeless persons in the United States. This represents a rate of approximately 17 people experiencing homelessness per every 10,000 people in the general population. This information indicates that the homelessness problem exists in every Lions Club community. Concord Lions recently became partners in a Cabarrus County program which seeks to reduce homelessness in Concord.

While there are and will be multiple areas of which we as a club or individuals can assist, Concord Lions have pledged to the group to be a conduit to provide visual assistance where needed. Many of the individuals, whether enrolled in school or seeking employment, may need assistance to ensure that their vision is suited for success.

Concord Lions plan to offer vision screening for participants using their SPOT Vision Screening program once the social distancing requirements are lifted. Meanwhile, ten individuals have been given appointments with local doctors. Should they receive a prescription for corrective lens, the club will assist in the purchase of glasses.

Lions of the world attempt to meet the needs of their areas. Concord Lions have stepped up to hopefully assist these individuals back on the road to self-sufficiency. We may never know how this act of kindness may affect these individuals. Experience tells us that good vision is paramount to success in school and one's work environment.

Concord Lions are making a difference in their lives.

Where there is a NEED, there is a LION .

District Goals

Each year our District Governor creates goals to challenge each club to donate to specific causes. This month Concord Lions donated \$30 per member from our Humanitarian Funds to the following:

Boys and Girl's Home	\$30.00	Leo/Youth Funds	\$7.50
VAVS—(Veterans Support)	\$45.00	Camp Dogwood	\$277.50
Clinical Eye Research	\$90.00	LCIF	\$90.00
VIP Fishing	\$60.00	TOTAL	\$600.00

Calendar of Events

March 2 - 6:30PM Regular Meeting (Zoom)

Program -Tammy Thomas – Camp Dogwood and Retreat Administrator

March 17—Saint Patrick's Day—Save a Pinch, wear Green

March 9, - 6:30PM Board of Directors Meeting (Zoom)

March 20—District 31-I Convention (Zoom)

March 28—SouthPark Lions BINGO

Birthdays

03/15—Ralph McLaughlin



Things we heard in the Lion's Den

Lion **Georgianne** fell and broke her wrist. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Lion's **Joe and Kathy** are volunteering at the Cabarus Cooperative Ministries. They join Lion **Bob (Skillman)**, and Lions **Deb and Rob**.

Lion **Bob** also volunteers at Habitat for Humanity.

Lion **Alice** continues to assist the hunger problem with her participation in the Salvation Army weekly food giveaway.

Lion **Joe and Kathy** are volunteering to sort glasses at Camp Dogwood in late March.

Lion **Deb** is participating in the Covid-19 vaccine trials.

What's Happening?

Concord Lions Receives Annual Donation

We have received \$2800 from the Williams Estate. This annual donation has been forwarded to NCLI Brighter Visions.

NC Lions Adds Mini MSU

The North Carolina Lions Eye introduce our new mini Mo-goal is to have a fully NC Lion Districts. This will times as many screening in emphasizes early childhood "Lion Kid Sight Program". Early detection of vision problems in children may create life changes effects.



Screening Program is excited to bile Screening Van (MSU). The equipped van in each of the five allow Lions to perform five cost efficient way. The van wrap screening with our national

Camp Dogwood Summer Camp and Raffle Tickets

NCLI continues to plan for this year's camping season at Camp Dogwood. Camping staff is busy reviewing CDC guidelines and making adjustment as to rooms, social distancing, etc. They expect changes as single rooms, dorms closed from 12-1 for cleaning as well as requiring current vaccines.

As with every year, our main funding for this event come from the sale of our tickets. Contact Lion Richard Rogers if you need tickets. Tickets that are turned in by March 15 will included in the cash drawing at our March 20 district convention. Lion Dianne will tell you that "YOU TOO COULD BE A WINNER! This year winner will receive \$15,000.

VIP Fishing Tournament

The final decision to have our VIP Fishing Tournament will not be made until the CDC guidelines are reviewed and the compliance cost is known. Meanwhile, you can register at last year's cost. until April 1st. If the event is cancelled, your check will be returned. After April 1, the registration amount will be determined after the compliance cost are known.. Applications are available for this year's VIP Fishing Tournament. Scheduled dates are October 17-20. Let's hope we can gather once again to serve our VIP's! There is an application on our website.

Have a Service Project Idea?

Lion Richard Rogers is our club Service Chair. Contact Lion Richard if you have ideas or opportunities for Service Projects in our community.

You Might Like to Know

Mount Pleasant Lion President Robert Harris

It is with great sadness that we share the February 18 passing of Lion Robert Harris, President of the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club following his courageous battle with cancer. Lion Robert was so proud to have been asked to serve as President for the club and carried out his duties enthusiastically, even throughout his illness.

Please keep Alice, the Harris family and MP Lions family in your thoughts and prayers.

.Charlotte SouthPark Lions Virtual BINGO.

Date & Time: Sunday, March 28, 2021 2:00 pm Virtual Game starts on Zoom.
3:00 pm End time (roughly depending on game play)

Connect to Zoom on game day, via the Zoom link provided with your Bingo Card links

Bingo Winners will be verified with your card number (top left on card)

Proceeds Primarily Benefit:

A Roof Above, helping homeless individuals and families in Charlotte, NC

Venezuelans in the Carolinas, helping those needing assistance in Charlotte's Venezuelan and Latin community

Continuing support for other Lions Charitable activities, including: Child/Adult Vision Screenings, Eye Exams/Glasses, Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte, and other projects.

REGISTER for Event on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/southpark-lions-club-virtual-bingo-fundraiser-tickets-140701097771>

Contact: Davealans71@gmail.com

Flag Display

The President's Day display was cancelled due to an entire week of rain. Our next opportunity for the display for over 600 flags is Memorial day during the weekend of May 29-31.

Brighter Visions

As of February 20th, Concord Lions Club has donated \$6800 to the Brighter Visions Campaign. The total includes club donations and resent memorials..

Before You Go-Here are Some Puny Puns

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there .

Always Remember This:

You don't stop laughing because you grow old,
You grow old because you stop laughing!

The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

One for the road means peeing before you leave the house.

And finally, have you noticed people your age are looking so much older than you.

Puns to make your day!

What did the grape say when it got crushed? Nothing, it just let out a little wine.

I want to be cremated as it is my last hope for a smoking hot body.

To the guy who invented zero, thanks for nothing.

A crazy wife says to her husband that moose are falling from the sky. The husband says, it's reindeer.

Can February March? No, but April May.

We've had a lot of rain lately, Need an ark to save two of every animal? I noah guy.

And my favorite—With the pandemic I'm mixing alcohol and literature. Just finished Tequila Mockingbird.

