



The Lion Hearted News



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Concord Lions Club

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Serving Concord since 1932

The President's Roar

Hello all. I hope this newsletter finds everyone well. The next months, hopefully, will find things starting to ease and we will be closer to normal. We are on the downhill slide of this year, yet with all of the challenges of covid, we still had many successes. Thanks to all who contributed.

I hope everyone will be able to meet with us for a face to face (at least 6 ft apart) meeting on Tuesday May 6 at 6:30 at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 731 Union S. Bring a sandwich and drink or a meal if you wish and enjoy the meeting outside if the weather is good or inside if the weather won't cooperate.

I would like to congratulate Lion George Culp on his International Presidents Award presented at the NC Lions State Convention Saturday night given by our District Governor Donald Cobb. Great work Lion George!!

Watch for a list of candidates for next year's officers. Look over the list and we will have a vote.

Be sure to check the calendar of events for upcoming things to do. Check on your VIPs.

Lion Prez, John

May 4th Meeting to be Outdoor Event

The Board of Directors has approved our next meeting to be held outdoors in compliance with state meeting safety protocol. The meeting will begin at 6:30 in the back parking lot of Covenant Presbyterian Church 731 Union Street South. Masks and social distancing are required.

Each attendee is asked to bring a lawn chair and a bag lunch and drink. Masks at outdoor events are not required if you have completed your vaccines. In case of rain the event will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

We look forward to our meeting in person and hope that all of you will attend.

Concord Lions Legacy Scholarship

In 2017, Concord Lions instituted a legacy scholarship to honor the Concord Lions 80th Anniversary. The Lions Centennial Scholarship was created to honor the a graduating senior who has contributed to his or her community through service. The scholarship is issued for up to four years while enrolled in a post-secondary education or training (2- or 4-year program or trade certification program). The scholarship may be continued for up to four years upon report of continuing academic performance with GPA of 2.5 or higher and continued community service.

This year's winner will be announced at the CHS Awards Ceremony in late May. In previous years we have been able to attend the awards ceremony and present the scholarship. Due to Covid restrictions, we have an opportunity to record a three-minute presentation that will be presented at the in-person awards.

We plan to get a photo of the recipient as well as a copy of their application which will include their participation in service activities while a student at Concord High School.

Your June newsletter will have all of this information for your reading pleasure.



Flag Displays

Concord Lions number one fund raiser gets busy with three display dates in May, June and July.

Billing to over 600 of our customers will occur in May and June.

We need all the help we can muster. Contact us if you can volunteer.

This is a great opportunity to ask persons to join in this service project. Many people, young and old are seeking ways to volunteer in their community.

Concord Lions Elect 2021-2022 Club Officers

The month of May is the time to nominate and elect our officers for 2021-22. Here is the chain of events our club will follow:

- ◆ Appoint a Nominating Committee and discuss possible nominees.
- ◆ Contact our selections and insure they understand the responsibilities of the position.
- ◆ Online Officer election. Ballots to be mailed in early May.
- ◆ Officer Installation June 5 with officer training scheduled during the first two weeks of June.

2VP Brian Sheehan Challenges NC Lions

Over 100 Lions joined the virtual meeting of the NC Lions Annual Convention on Saturday, April 24. VP Sheehan of Bird Island MN was the keynote speaker at the event.

He challenged those in attendance with: "What will your club do post-pandemic?" Lion Brian told us that we must accept change, build trust within our community and communicate our endeavors. A positive attitude is needed for success as well.

Perhaps the most moving message presented was his message of taking charge of making a difference in our communities. His mantra is not to have a good day. He challenged us not to have a good day. He challenged us to **"Make a Great Day!"**

Calendar of Events

May 1-2 NCLI Annual Meeting Camp Dogwood

**May 4-6:30PM Regular Meeting Outdoors in the Covenant
Presbyterian Parking Lot**

May 11-6:30PM Board of Directors Meeting (Zoom)

May 13-8:30PM NAMI Meeting (Zoom)

May 20-11:30 Hunger Project- Salvation Army

May 29-31 Memorial Day Flag Display

June 1-6:30 Officer Installation

Service With A SMILE

We Serve with our Donations

Each year the Concord Lions Board of Directors determine the club's financial budget as Lions Club are required to separate funds into two accounts: Administration and Humanitarian. This separation requires that the funds we receive from the public are used in service related efforts to help others.

Next year's budget (2021-2022) will be determined and approved on or around July 1st of this year. The board welcomes service related suggestions to the budgeted process.

At the end of June, we will have history of the income and expenses for this Lion's year. As we begin preparation for a new year, here are as of this newsletter, how this year's humanitarian efforts have been funded. As a note, administration expenses are funded by our annual membership dues. No humanitarian funds are used to cover administration expenses.

Below is a recap of our recent donations.

Eye exams and Eyeglasses \$600

Brighter Visions \$400

Marketing the Concord Lions Club

Marketing our club is important in communicating to the public what we do to serve others.

Displayed here is a picture of a 12'inch car magnet available from Lions International. The magnets would be used on our vehicles when displaying the flags on holidays . Also shown here are pictures of safety vests the team members could wear.

During our next year's budget meeting, we will discuss the possibilities of furnishing our members and volunteers with these items. Of course, members can purchase these for themselves from Lions International.



\$17.95



\$8.95



\$18.95

Service With a SMILE Too

Service Activities

Vision—Eye Exam and Eyeglasses

Concord Lions have provided assistance to local residents in need of assistance in procuring eye exams and/or eyeglasses. This Lion's year, we have assisted thirteen participants. While we have not received all of the invoices, we expect that the funding to total \$2600. Of these thirteen, seven were referred by Opportunity House. This effort is in conjunction with our partnership to assist the homeless in our community.

Vision Eyewear Recycling

During April, Camp Dogwood held a volunteer day where 6500 pounds of used eyeglasses were sorted and packed. Representing our club were **Lions Joe and Kathy** who volunteered a combined thirty-four hours.

Environment Creek Cleaning

Lions Trish, Leo Lillie, Richard, John and Bob were assisted by twelve local Girl Scouts to clean our designated creek on April 17th.

Lions Clubs are asked to protect our environment and Concord Lions participate in this effort biannually.

The creek is adjacent to a greenway just off Kerr Street.





USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
September 9-11, 2021
Des Moines, Iowa



Birthdays

05/15-Dianne Culp



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.

Things we heard in the Lions Den

Many of our members have received their vaccines. Our first in-person meeting is May 4th. See details on Page 1.

Nomination information for Lion of the Year and Ambassador Award will be out soon. Please vote for your choice.

Thanks to Lion Sam for supporting the Lions Team in the Denton Lions Golf Tournament.

Lion John is enjoying having his family members visiting from California.

We continue to receive broom orders via our website. Recently received was an order from Apex which we forwarded to the Apex Lions Club. Also, Charlotte Southpark Lions asked us to fill a ten broom order for them.

What's Happening?

Lions USA-CAN Forum

The USA/Canada Forum will be held in person in Des Moines, Iowa on September 9 – 11. The 45th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Des Moines will offer a unique style as we move forward in our endeavor to create better leaders and educate everyone on building leadership within your multiple district and club membership.

The forum will feature over 70 seminars in 2 and 1/2 days that will give you insight and guidelines to develop your growth as a leader. You will be educated with leadership tips that will personally make you a great leader. You will also be given insight on how to create new members for your clubs in the art of speaking the right language to any age group. The cost is \$285 and you can register at www.membersLionsforum.org.

VIP Fishing Tournament Cancelled

The 2021 NC Lions VIP Fishing Tournament, scheduled for this fall, has been cancelled due to public health concerns related to the coronavirus. The tournament's governing board made the difficult decision in the interest of protecting its vulnerable participants and volunteers. If you have already submitted applications and paid for your registration, you will receive a refund. The decision was



not made easily or lightly. After consultation with officials at the Dare County Health Department, along with social service workers, group leaders from across North Carolina and statewide Lions. Tournament organizers expressed concern that the safety of our participants and volunteers could not be guaranteed due to the large number of people who typically attend the event. The tournament was scheduled for Oct. 18-20. “To host an event of this magnitude takes months of planning, preparation, and fund raising,” said Gwen White, executive director. “While we are deeply disappointed with the decision to cancel the event for a second year in a row, we must keep the health of everyone involved foremost in our concerns.” Billed as the world’s largest fishing tournament for the blind and visually impaired, the event typically attracts more than 900 from across North Carolina, along with visually impaired participants from seven other states and Canada.

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NC Lions Announces Marketing Plan

The campaign includes a mix of social, streaming and digital marketing. We are marketing to an age group of 25-54 adults, men and women within our state. This demographic is the most populist group within North Carolina where the overall average age of our population is 38.6. If you would like to see a preview of the marketing clips that will be used, go to the link below. Additional information regarding the campaign will be coming soon. Check out [https:// vimeo.com/524442538](https://vimeo.com/524442538).

Concord Lions Flashback



Truck/Car Raffles of the Past

Several years ago, Concord Lions conducted annual vehicle raffles. The FORD above was donated by Lion Pedro Cayado. Tickets were \$100 each and were no problem to sell .

Lion Pedro was a member from 1977 until his death in 2003.



Officer's Installation 1987

Concord Lions officer installation held at the Hotel Concord in June 1987. Can you name the members? Answers are on page 10.

You Might Like To Know

Raffle Tickets Are Still Available!

The Purchase of These Tickets Supports
The North Carolina Lions Camp Dogwood
A Recreation Facility for the Blind and Visually Impaired on Lake Norman

Grand Prize Raffle Winner Receives \$15,000!

\$15,000.00 Cash Giveaway

2nd Prize: \$1,000 Cash 3rd Prize: \$500.00 Cash
4th Prize: 2-Day Beach Getaway • 5th Prize: 2-Day Mountain Getaway

You May Win A
\$200.00 Gift Certificate
(2 Gift Certificates To Be Given Away At Each District Mid-Winter Convention)

To date, Concord Lions have purchased or sold 91 booklets toward our goal of 3/member or a minimum of 93. Contact Lion George or Richard if you need tickets.

Last Chance until next Lion's Year

Must be returned prior to May 31st.

Show your Support

Next time you renew your vehicle tag, why not order one with the Lions Logo. Let others know that you are Proud to be a Lion. If you are interested, go to Payments.ncdot.gov.

Continue to myncdmv services and continue as guest. Under vehicle registration, click on order specialized plate, then click select, then choose a plate. Scroll down to Lions Club and fill out the application.

You Might Like to Know

Eyeglass Sorting and Volunteer Week at Camp Dogwood

Camp Director Tammy Thomas reported a successful volunteer week at Camp Dogwood. She expressed her thanks to everyone who came out during the Spring Volunteer Maintenance Week and Eyeglass Sorting. She also thanked every who wanted to attend and could not due to maintaining CDC Guidelines to stay in compliance with the Governors Executive Orders.

The volunteers who attended were able to complete power washing, electrical and gardening projects. Eyeglass sorting was also a big success. Volunteers sorted approximately **6500** pounds of glasses. Non-prescription sunglasses and reading glasses were kept at Camp Dogwood for dispensing on the vision van. Prescription glasses are sent to a recycling center in Indiana. From the recycling center, glasses are then distributed to missionaries etc. at a discounted price to go overseas to those in need. The discounted price charged per pair of glasses helps cover the cost of employees at the recycling center and shipping cost to get the glasses to Indiana.

Representing our club were **Lions Joe and Kathy** who volunteered a combined thirty-four hours.

Tammy said, "Thank you again for all you do throughout the year to support NC Lions and Camp Dogwood. All of you are GREAT!!!!!"

2021 Camp Dogwood Summer Camp Volunteers

It should be noted that Camp Dogwood will once again be active this summer with our VIP camping program. While the number of campers and volunteers will be limited, we will have camp. Applications for campers, caregivers and volunteers have been sent to club presidents and secretaries. Additional information will be made available shortly. Volunteers are needed to assist with activities and events during each session. Private rooms are available this year and of course you will enjoy dining with a lake view. Volunteering is a very rewarding experience. If you are interested in becoming a summer camp volunteer, please contact Tammy at Tammy@nclionsinc.org or 828-478-2135 ext 229.

The COVID-19 vaccination is the best shot at stopping COVID-19! Remember: If you have a spot, take your shot. A tested, safe and effective vaccine is available to all who want it, and it's free! To learn more about the vaccine, visit **[Find a Spot to Take Your Shot.](#)**

1987 Officers Left to Right

Pedro Cayado, Sam Furr, Jack Rucker, Lee Harris, Bill Udovich, Mel Buchanan, George Culp, DG Allen Thompson, Wally Hinnant, Charlie Sides, Sam Penniger, Ray Kluttz, Mack McEachern, Unknown, Robert Harris

Before you Go—Here are Some Puny Puns

In German Prisoner-of-War camps, escapes were a major problem, so they would try to break the prisoners' spirits by making them do mindless things. In particular, they would make the prisoners stand in a line and all move their heads like a clock back and forth and say, "tick tock tick tock."

Some prisoners, unable to escape or otherwise change their situation, chose a very subtle rebellion. They would do the head motions, but instead of 'tick tock tick tock', they would wait until the guards were further down the line and switch to 'tick tick tick.'

None of the guards noticed this was going on for many months, until finally, a young lieutenant was caught ticking by a senior SS Captain walking behind the line.

The captain stopped the exercise, walked over, face-to-face with the young man, and said, "A rebel. Vell, don't worry, ve have vays of making you tock."

Did you hear about the middle school that voted to change their mascot? It was an agricultural area, but they wanted to be progressive and offer a female mascot. So, they had three choices, a female sheep, a female goat, and a female deer.

After a long campaign, a series of debates, and a day of students voting yes or no on each, the principal stood before his students and announced that, in a unanimous vote, the new school mascot would be a female sheep.

It seems that even after all the campaigning, debate, and division, the student body only had Ayes for Ewe.

Did you know that dropping an ant into a glass of water will tell you its gender? If it sinks, girl ant. If it floats, boy ant.

And for our proof-reader, The past, present, and future walked into a bar. It was tense.

Perhaps you have seen Chuck Lorre Vanity Cards on shows he produces. Here are reasons to LAUGH!

CHUCK LORRE PRODUCTIONS, # 540

You can laugh at the human predicament. You can laugh at yourself. You can laugh because the alternative is crying. You can laugh because a truism has been exposed. You can laugh at the weakness, stupidity and failures of others. You can laugh because you identify. You can laugh to be polite. You can laugh from surprise. You can laugh from nervousness. You can laugh at the futility of it all. You can laugh at the antics of animals. You can laugh because it hurts. You can laugh because others are laughing. You can laugh at tragedy if enough time has passed. You can laugh at the statement, "This is no laughing matter."

I could go on, but clearly there are many reasons to laugh. As a fun homework assignment, I encourage you to look for others, write them down and don't send them to me.



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