



# The Lion Hearted News



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*Concord Lions Club*

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## The President's Roar

Hello, all

Well, we have made it through another year. The year has been certainly a difficult one, but we made it.

It has been a pleasure working with you as we continued to SERVE our community. I wish Lion Solomon the best as he takes over next year and know he will get the support he needs from all of you.

I was so happy that May was a face-to-face meeting. It was so good to "see" everyone. Please plan to attend the June meeting at Les Myers Park on June 1. See more information further down in the newsletter.

Some of our milestones include upgrades to our web site and Facebook page, partnered with the Opportunity House, purchasing our Camera to screen children for eye issues, helping many people with eye glasses and eye exams, cleaning streams, helping purchase hearing aids, helping sort many pounds of glasses, donating empty medicine bottles, donating pounds of aluminum can tabs, attending training on various topics including the screening camera, having Lion Kathy selected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Governor for our district, and adding 20 or so new flag contracts which translates to \$600.00 in additional services we can deliver. All of this done with the COVID cloud hanging over our head. I think this shows the flexibility and drive that we Lions have.

I wish each of you a great upcoming year. Be safe. Check on your VIPs!

Lion Prez John

## Concord Lions Legacy Scholarship

In 2017, Concord Lions instituted a legacy scholarship to honor the 100th anniversary of Lions Clubs. The Lions Centennial Scholarship was created to honor 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 a GPA of 2.5 or higher and continued community service.

In order to be selected for this scholarship, the student must be involved in service to others, have a high school GPA of 2.5 or higher, and be enrolled in a post-secondary educational program to begin in the Fall following their senior year graduation.

See Page Two for the Winner

## Legacy Scholarship

The Concord teachers met on April 26 to select this year's winner.

Our winner this year is Meera Patel. Meera has been accepted to NC State University School of Engineering.

Her resume' includes

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (since 2019)

Concord Youth Council (since 2019)

Martial Arts (since 2010)

High School Honor Societies

BETA (since 2018)

Historian (since 2020)

National Science Honor Society (since 2019)

National Art Honor Society (since 2019)

National Chinese Honor Society (since 2019)

Volunteer at Novant Health, Salisbury (since 2018)



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Each candidate is required to write an essay that describes their service activities. Here is Ms. Patel's essay.

*One activity that has been the most meaningful to me personally would be volunteering as a "Big Sister" at the Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBS). This program gives children a person to look up to who would not otherwise have it. Often times, these children live in low income communities and their parents and older siblings are not at home to help them with their homework or play games with them because they are busy working to financially support their family. This problem affect a large part of our community and those that have been privileged enough to not have to go through it must do whatever they can to help, even if it is only one child. I have grown very close to my 'little' over the past couple of months and love to watch her prosper and learn. She is very out-going and loves to talk to and play with other kids, as well as not being afraid to speak her mind. However, as a child she can also be vulnerable at times, and this is where I can help. If she is ever struggling with homework, I can be there to explain the problem, or if she's having a difficult time with friends at school, I can be there to offer guidance and knowledge. These past couple of months have been hard keeping in contact with my 'little' because the BBBS program has moved online due to Covid-19. However, we both still try to make the most of our "meetings." I am so grateful to be a part of this program and be able to help someone become the best possible version of themselves.*

## Concord Lions Elect 2021-2022 Club Officers

The following slate of officers has been nominated for 2021 –2022. They will be elected and installed at the June 1st meeting. Nominations from the floor may be made at that time,

President Solomon Hall  
1VP Open and 2VP Open  
Secretary Joe Poirier  
Treasurer George Culp  
Lion Tamer Dianne Culp  
Directors Kathy Poirier Trish Rogers Bob Skillman  
Membership Chair Open Two Directors Open  
Service Chair Open

## June 1st Meeting to be Outdoor Event

After more than sixteen months, Concord Lions will meet in person. The club's annual awards nights and officer installation will be held at Les Myers Park. The event will be in the Neal Davis Gazebo located at the back of the ball field.

Lions Kathy and Dianne have prepared a pasta menu with salad. Tea and water is provided and there will also be desserts!

Special guest will be District Governor Donald Cobb and Lion Gayle. The installation officer will be DGE Wayne Kennerly.

We hope all of you will make an effort to attend this meeting.

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

### Calendar of Events

**June 1-6:30 Regular Meeting Officer Installation**

**District Governor Donald Cobb**

**District Governor Elect Wayne Kennerly**

**June 8-6:30PM Board of Directors (Zoom)**

**June 14 Flag Day Flag Display**

**June 25-28 Lions International Convention (online)**

## May Goes Out With a Flag Display

The last weekend of May found many of you on the streets of Concord displaying American flags. Memorial Day required 617 flags which saw teams start as early as Wednesday to get them out on time for the weekend. THANK YOU those who ran the routes.

While preparing for the display your editor stumbled upon a tattered flag on a worn pole on East Corban. I had noticed that it had remained outside for several years.

I contacted Martha McGee Matthews and posed the question of asking if I could replace the tattered flag. Here is her response:

*That particular flag at 168 has been there for at least 6 years day-in and day-out. My father, JW(Mickey) McGee first began having a flag there after he moved there in 1988. But I could not tell you IF or when he engaged the Lions Club Services. He passed away in 2015. I just paid for it to honor his memory. He was a World War II veteran, captain of a field artillery battalion in Germany serving under General Patten. Proud to be an American. He usually flew a NC flag and an Irish flag up at the house.*

*A new replacement flag in my Dad's honor would be most appreciated. I would like for it to remain there as it has these many years. Incidentally, my grandfather Robert E (Bob) Lee, built the house at 168 Corban Ave. He was a Navy veteran of World War I. He was my mother's father. So the flag honors him as well.*

As a volunteer in service, one may never know the impact our actions may have on others. Today, a new flag is flying day and night at 168 E Corban.



# Service With a SMILE Too

## Service Activities

### Hunger—Support Cabarrus Cooperative Ministry

Cooperative Christian Ministries (CCM) needs canned vegetables, canned beans, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly/jam, soup, & paper products. This effort is in conjunction with our partnership to assist the homeless in our community.

### Flay Display Excites Young Man

Just as we began to display flags, I received a request in the mail for a flag contract. The lady asked that a flag be displayed at her son's house as she could not display at her home due to homeowner association restrictions.

I replied that due to the display already underway, we may not be able to get a hole in this weekend however should have it in by Flag Day. She replied back that she understood and would notify her son. One day later she email me the following:

*I just wanted to email you with a thank you. I relayed your message to our son that you were hoping to put the flag up for Flag Day but it was probably too late for Memorial Day. They were absolutely fine with that. Well, yesterday I was at their house and our grandson looked out the window and saw the flag in their yard. He was so excited that he wanted to go right out to see it. He thanked us for getting it for them. Our daughter-in-law told me today that he's obsessed with that flag.*

*I just wanted to thank you for putting the flag up so promptly and to let you know that you made a little boy very happy!*

Good Job Lions Richard and Sam. WE SERVE with a SMILE!



### Two Upcoming Displays Scheduled

**Flags will be displayed again for Flag Day  
June 14th followed by July 4th.**

Watch for notifications from Lion George regarding display and weather predictions. Currently, we plan to display Monday June 14 ( Sat-Mon) and July 4th (Fri-Sun).



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



## Birthdays

June 5 - Joe Poirier

June 6 - Ron Staley

June 14 - Solomon Hall



## 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.

### More Things Heard.....

Thank you to Lions Rob and Deb for taking over Flag Team 2.

## Things we heard in the Lions Den

Perhaps you have heard the confusion regarding a health issue with Lion George.

Having an upset stomach for over a week, he was diagnosed with an Hiatal Hernia on Tuesday. Friday came with an early morning CAT Scan. Up-on arrival at home, a call from the doctor's office advised him of an appointment with a surgeon on Tuesday the 1st. Minutes later another call from the doctor advised the scan was normal. (Not sure what a normal scan means.) So he called the doctor who said he did not have a hernia, cancelled the ultrasound scheduled for Saturday as well as the surgeon appointment followed by 'see me for a follow-up in a week.' He is guessing that a little gas escaped or perhaps a miracle.

# What's Happening?

Do you order from Amazon.com? Did you know that your order can benefit NCLI? All you need to do is use the address of Smile.Amazon.com and select NCLI as the beneficiary. Amazon will donate a portion of every order made using that web address to NCLI.

## Vision Screening for Pre-School Underway

In our last update, our hope was to officially start screening pre-school children as things continue to improve from the pandemic. As this school year ends, we are seeing indications that the pre-schools are taking enrollments for the coming school year. This is very exciting news because it means we will be able to reach out to these schools, pre-start providing screenings. Be on the lookout for opportunities to help with



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With this being said, we continue to work on a marketing video that will be used to introduce ourselves and our program to school directors. Lions George and Dianne Culp and Joe and Kathy Poirier met to draft a script for the video. This has been done and we will be working with Lion Solomon Hall on the next steps for making the video.

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Also, some of our screeners are working on becoming certified through Lions Clubs International's Lions KidSight USA program. Having certified screeners will provide validation of our service to the schools we contact.

## Recycling Opportunities

Did you know?? NC Lions collect and recycle used ink cartridges to raise money to offset the cost of the annual Deaf/Blind Retreat held each fall. You can now link yourself or your business and mail those ink cartridges directly to the recycler at no cost to you. Go to the web address below to get more information about what cartridges are taken and how you can mail yours in. <http://www.fundingfactory.com/goal/camp-dogwood>

Mooresville Lions are collecting used C-Pac machines. They are sent to a company that cleans and refurbish the units which are given to less fortunate persons who may not be able to afford a unit. If you can help let our Service Chair know.

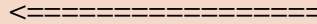
# Concord Lions Flashback

## Lion Georgianne Jenkins

Lion Georgianne is the second woman to become the President of the Concord Club. She joined in 1991 and served as President in both 1999 and 2005. She has been honored as the Lion of the Year and is a Jack Stickley Fellow. Lion Georgianne is a motivator who likes to get everyone involved. For many years she worked on the Christmas float, brooms sales and food drives.



Lion Georgianne executing her Presidential duties in 1999.



Nick Culp as a Lion selling brooms, Nick is now 33 years old.

Georgianne and Nick Culp on the Christmas float.

Thank you Lion Georgianne for all you have done and still do for our club.  
Keep SERVING!



# You Might Like to Know

## Raffle Drawing June 17th!

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<sup>00</sup> 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 101 booklets toward our goal of 3/member. Thanks for supporting this project. Funds go to the upkeep of Camp Dogwood

## Officer Training Scheduled

Training dates have been announced for Club Officer training. You do not have to be an officer to attend. All meetings will be via a Zoom meeting. Contact Lion George if interested.

Presidents and Vice Presidents - Saturday, June 5th at 9AM or Tuesday, June 8th at 8:30PM

Secretary and Treasurer - Wednesday, June 9th at 7PM or Saturday, June 12th at 10AM.

Tail Twisters - June 29 at 7PM.

As a prerequisite to your training, I hope you will take advantage of the online courses that are available at LCI Learning Center. Below is a link that will take you there.

[Club Officer Training Resources](#)



## 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 those who came out during the Spring Volunteer Maintenance Week and Eyeglass Sorting. She also thanked those 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. Each of you is GREAT!!!!!"

### Camp Dogwood Summer Camp Volunteers for Summer Camp 2021.

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](mailto: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.](#)

# Before you Go—Laughs for Lions

## Summer Puns, Summer not!

The first day of summer is June 20, according to the [Farmer's Almanac](#). On this day, also known as the summer solstice, the sun appears to stop, granting us the longest stretch of daylight that we see all year. Cool, right? What a way to kick off the season!

Maybe the science behind the solstice doesn't interest you because you're too busy figuring out what your summer is going to look like. We are all hoping that this will be a better summer than the last!

1. I feel pretty shore this is going to be the best summer yet.
2. What does the sun drink out of? Sunglasses!
3. Summer, that crazy little sun of a beach.
4. Do your own thing this summer. Avoid pier pressure.
5. "Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability." — Sam Keen
6. Why do bananas use sunscreen? Because they peel!
7. Summer is here, so I'm moving all of my bad habits outside.
8. What do whales like to put on their toast? Jellyfish!
9. Girls just wanna have sun.
10. Don't get tide down this summer. 'Tis the season for having fun.
11. Why did the robot go on summer vacation? He needed to recharge his batteries.
12. "A vacation is having nothing to do and all day to do it." Robert Orben
13. Reading while you sunbathe makes you well red.
14. Dear Winter, I'm breaking up with you. Summer is hotter than you.
15. "If you saw a heat wave, would you wave back?" Steven Wright
16. What did the ocean say to the shore? Nothing ,it just waved.

