



# The Lion Hearted News



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## The President's Roar

As we move forward with our theme "Moments in Time", we have to admire the efforts of our Founder Melvin Jones. What was he thinking in 1917? How did he know that the Lions would be a beacon of light for people then and now? He was an ordinary businessman with the courage to dream out loud and the foresight to know if you continue to tend and serve others, the blessings will multiply.

That began with people like you who join and people like Melvin who dared to take a risk. Mr. Jones is quoted: "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else."

Our club is reaching an important land mark next year of completing 90 years of service in our community. I encourage you to reach new heights and hold fast on the journey. Lions lead through service and that is our strength. We must continue to be leaders in the community. So, let's just not create but expand our talents, gifts and time to create new moments and movement with our family, friends and communities. Let's paint a new tomorrow.

Lions, let's continue to fulfill our motto, 'We Serve embracing new opportunities too. NO mountain is ever too high.

Hope to see you at our next meeting August 3rd. **Lion President Solomon**

## Lions International President Douglas X. Alexander

This year's president's theme is **A Heart for Service**. Lions are a family. A very big, global family — one in which the only requirement is pure and simple: a heart for service. These are the feelings of our 105th International President, Douglas X. Alexander. And who better to lead our international family of service than a decorated Lion of 37 years, who just so happens to have eight siblings of his own?

We serve with love and compassion in communities around the world. The selfless giving of our time and effort is precisely what makes Lions so special. When we give, we expect nothing in return. Yet we gain so much. Our service offers hope and connection in the face of great need and also extends an invitation to the world to join us. We embrace the joy that comes with Service From The Heart.

## August 3rd Meeting to be INDOOR Event

After over a year and one-half, the Concord Lions will hold their August meeting indoors and in-person. Please join us if you can. We will meet at the Parkway House Restaurant on South Union. If you plan to eat, we will begin ordering at 6:00 PM. If you prefer not to eat, the meeting will begin at 6:30 and plans to adjourn around 7:30..Agenda items are to be submitted to Lion Secretary Joe prior to August 1st.

Remember the chant: "EAT AT 6, MEET AT 6:30". We hope all of you will make an effort to attend this meeting.

### Calendar of Events

**August 3 6:30 PM-Regular Meeting-Honoring our Scholarship Winners**

**August 6-8 NCLI NCCOG Quarterly Meeting at Camp Dogwood**

**August 10-6:30PM Board of Directors Covenant Presbyterian Church**

**August 21 2PM District 31-I Brighter Vision Kickoff Cleveland Lions Club-2055 Third Creek Church Road, Cleveland NC 27013**

## Scholarship Recipients to be Recognized

We certainly hope all members can attend our August 3, 6:00 PM meeting. Not only is it our first "in person" meeting back at the Parkway House after 17 months, but our scholarship recipients are being invited as well. Because of Covid-19, our club was unable to meet our last years recipient, Peter Petroff. He is hopefully going to be able to attend with his family. Our 2021 recipient, Meera Patel, will be attending with her family. She is very excited to meet our club members and is very appreciative of our centennial scholarship. Austin Paxton, our 2018 recipient, and Raj Pulugurtha, our 2019 recipient, have been invited as well. Plan to attend this meeting to show our support to our scholarship winners. We will order our dinner around 6:00 and begin our meeting at 6:30 To eat with us arrive around 6:00.

Dianne Culp

Scholarship Committee

# District Convention Planning Underway

VG Bill Mathers is busy as his year of being our 1VG is now underway. Here is information from VG Bill about our upcoming District Convention.

Our District Convention is scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. This needs to be a great, great convention since last year our convention was by zoom. This year it will be a live convention so all of you can come and enjoy your friendships with our Lions across our District. It is going to be held at the Village Inn Hotel and Event Center in Clemmons, NC.

To all Club officers, I need your help. Last year we wanted to honor our unsung heroes in each, and every club in our District. My convention committee and, I have a great one, have decided that since we could not do it last year since we were on Zoom, that our theme for this year will be once again, be "Unsung Heroes". Our plan is to honor one Lion from each club. These Lions from your club will be honored on Saturday, during the convention.

Last year we asked you for the name of one unsung hero from your club. Many of you sent in your information on your unsung hero. Since it has been a year, we are asking each club to start all over and re-submit your new unsung hero. It can be the same person, but we will need all the information again.

We will be having a continuous power point presentation honoring each club's unsung hero. Therefore, what I will need from each club is a photo of your unsung hero in a PDF file, their name, your club's name, and a very brief reason why this person was chosen by the club.

We are taking this very seriously. We want each club to pick a deserving person who may do things quietly, but effectively. This person who emulates Lionism as the best of your club. This person does not need to be an officer but could be. This person is a great volunteer. maybe a silent leader. One who gets things done and deserves the recognition but would not necessarily ask for it.

Please send me the PDF and other information no later than September 15 so we can put together a great presentation for our "Unsung Heroes."

Also, make sure that your unsung hero can attend the convention because we want to honor each and everyone from each club. Plan on attending yourselves (even if you can only be there on Saturday) to honor your club recipient. And encourage some of your club members to attend to also honor your recipient. My email address is: billmathers13@yahoo.com.

# 2021 Legacy Scholarship Awarded



Meera Patel (right) receiving the scholarship from Past President John Nunn (left).

The Concord Lions Club congratulates Concord High School 2021 Senior Meera Patel on becoming the fifth recipient of the Concord Lions Centennial Scholarship which was established in 2017. Concord Lions Club is associated with Lions Club International, an organization with more than 1.4 million members in more than 200 countries around the world. In 2017, our international organization celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was, at that time, that the International President encouraged each Lions Club to establish a community legacy project. The Concord Lions Club began the scholarship in response to that challenge. The Club provides \$1,000 per year for four years to the recipients. This scholarship is provided from the funds raised by our holiday flag displays, placing flags around the City of Concord ten times per year.

Prospective candidates are interviewed and the candidate that best matches our motto of “We Serve” is selected. While the club seeks a student with high academic progress and achievement, most importantly, the club is looking for a true heart and passion of “Service to Others”. Meera has provided community service in Cabarrus County through multiple opportunities. She has been involved with the Big Brother and Big Sister Organization. The future three years of the scholarship is determined by satisfactory academic success and continued service for others. Meera has been asked to seek ways that touch and help others while a student at NC State University. Her plans are to major in Aerospace Engineering.

# Membership Event Coming Soon

## COOKOUT and MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

**Mark Your Calendar for Saturday, Sept 25 for a Hot Dog Cookout and Membership Drive to be held at Les Myers Park at 4:30 - 6:00 PM!**

Prospective members are invited to join the members of the Concord Lions Club for a free hot dog cookout. Anyone interested in learning about what the CLC does for our community, meeting the members or wanting to join are invited to come along with their immediate family. All we need from guests is a name, contact number and the number attending.

More information will be forthcoming nearer the date. However, club members are encouraged to begin now in asking others to join us. This is a wonderful way for service to your community and others.

Call Lion Georgianne if you have questions.

Have a wonderful summer,  
Your Membership Committee  
Lions Georgianne, Alice, Diann



## In Reporting of our Service Activities

Lion Secretary Joe needs our help in reporting of our service activities. To assist in this effort, all members are asked to report their activities by using the Activity Reporting Form. The form can be turned in at the regular meeting or emailed to Lion Joe. A copy can be found on Page 9.

# Service with a Smile



Mt. Pleasant Lions Club  
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July 13, 2021

Lion George Culp  
Concord Lions Club  
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Dear Concord Lions Club Members:

The Mt. Pleasant Lions Club would like to thank the members of the Concord Lions Club for the generous donation to assist with the recent cataract surgery for a Mt. Pleasant resident. The surgery was performed on June 24 at the Cabarrus Eye Center. The patient contacted Lion Terry Cauble to say she could already tell a huge difference in her vision and that she was most appreciative to all who helped make this surgery possible.

Through the generosity of clubs in Zone 6 and a special match to those funds from North Carolina Lions Incorporated, the cost for the first surgery was taken care of with money available to pay towards the second surgery when the patient is able to schedule.

Thank you once again for your generous contribution. Where there is a need, there is a Lion and you all have truly lived up to that strong belief of our service organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robyn Cauble".

Robyn Cauble, Secretary  
Mt. Pleasant Lions Club

cc: 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Kathy Poirier

Secretary Joe needs our help in reporting our service activities to our district and LCI. A form is available on Page 9. Why not print one and keep up with your efforts to serve others. Take the form to a meeting or email a copy to him.



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



## Birthdays

August 5-Richard Rogers

August 18-Carol Hovey



## 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.....

Concord Legacy scholar for 2019 Raj is volunteering with Lion Alice at the Salvation Army food program.

## Things we heard in the Lions Den

Lion Bob Aldous had a cancer removed from his ear as well as a part of the ear removed. He welcomes calls or cards.

Lion Elizabeth Schavelli has been ill. She is better now but weak and needs a card from the Lions.

We continue to remember the Steeps on the still birth of their grandchild.

Would anyone like to volunteer to send cards to our members when needed?

Quite a few of our members are enjoying family vacations.

A great big thank-you to Lion Sam and crew for making 15 new flags for the 4th July display. Several teams were running short for the previous display.

Your newsletter editor needs your input to the monthly newsletter. Send your article ideas and pictures. Share your service experience with the club.

# 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.

## Club Holds Planning Session

During our July Club meetings, those in attendance joined in a discussion regarding our plans for the coming Lions year. President Solomon challenged the members with questions as "What service project would you like to add or discontinue?"

Here is a brief report of discussions.

As a club, we prefer to follow the Lions International focus on Service, Membership and Leadership. Many resources are provided to our club for this effort.

Our number one priority is Service. We believe this is most important to the success of our club and is required to recruit new members. Discussions included the continuance of our support to our VIPS (Visually Impaired Persons) and our upcoming vision screening at local preschools. Also discussed was our need to focus on areas supported by Lions International, namely: Hunger, Vision, Environment, Diabetes Awareness and Childhood Cancer.

Membership was discussed that includes not only recruiting new members, but invigorating our current members. Discussion followed on an up-coming Membership Activity scheduled for September. (See Page 6). Those present were also interested in the marketing of our club and its efforts. Mentioned were club shirts and caps, safety vests, vehicle magnets. Also suggested was the efforts to insure our community knows how We Serve. One suggestion was that we include in next year's flag display invoices a listing of how we spend over \$20,000 in humanitarian efforts annually. Additionally discussed was the effort to ask others to join in our service efforts that hopefully will encourage membership.

Lastly, Leadership is important for the survival of our club. We intend to offer support to our leaders and future leaders and encourage all to be aware that your membership participation is your choice. While we will offer opportunities, we support every member's decisions in which projects they wish to participate.

Everyone there we feel was encouraged by the discussion and hope those not in attendance will join the effort.





# You Might Like to Know

## All Members Are Asked to be on the Program Committee

Historically, the club 1VP is considered the Program Chair. This year, we do not have a Vice President so we are asking our members to suggest programs for the regular meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. The programs can be either community related or Lionism related.

We hope you will offer your support and sign-up for one month.

September	John Nunn	October	Open
November	Open	December	VIP Christmas Party
January	District Governor Official Visit		
February	Open	March	Open
April	Open	May	VIP Picnic
June	Officer Installation		

### Concord Lions Club Attendance and Activity Report

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest or Visiting Lion: \_\_\_\_\_

Please report your activities below. These are needed as a record of services our club provides .

For Whom:

<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Person/Organization</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Hours</u>
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**Activities to Report:** Anything to do with aiding or assisting any individual or group we serve; such as:

- 1) Transporting/Visiting VIP, 2) Participating in club or other humanitarian or community events or fund-raising projects,
- 3) Attending club, district, region, state or international meetings or conventions

# Before you Go—Laughs for Lions

## One Liners to Make You Smile

Source: <https://bestlifeonline.com/hilariously-silly-jokes/>

- What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common? Same middle name.
- I was horrified when my wife told me that my six-year-old son wasn't actually mine. Apparently I need to pay more attention during school pick-up.
- What is the opposite of a croissant? A happy uncle.
- If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims.
- Which branch of the military accepts toddlers? The infantry.
- Did you know you can actually listen to the blood in your veins? You just have to listen varicosely.
- Though I enjoy the sport, I could never date a tennis player. Love means nothing to them.
- I have a joke about time travel, but I'm not gonna share it. You guys didn't like it.
- What's the opposite of irony? Wrinkly.
- I was kidnapped by mimes once. They did unspeakable things to me.
- Got a Play Station 5 for my little brother. Best trade I've ever done!
- What do the movies *Titanic* and *The Sixth Sense* have in common? Icy dead people.
- I finally decided to sell my vacuum cleaner. All it was doing was gathering dust!
- When you die, what part of the body dies last? The pupils...they dilate.
- A friend of mine went bald years ago, but still carries around an old comb. He just can't part with it.
- You know there's no official training for trash collectors? They just pick things up as they go along.
- I'm thinking of a career where I estimate crowd sizes at different outdoor events. I wonder how many people are in that field.
- What do you call a woman who sets fire to all her bills? Bernadette.
- Did you hear how the zombie bodybuilder hurt his back? He was dead-lifting.
- Where does the General keep his armies? In his sleeves.
- How does a squid go into battle? Well-armed.
- What's the best thing about Switzerland? I don't know, but their flag is a huge plus.
- Where do you find a cow with no legs? Right where you left it.
- A bear walks into a restaurant. He tells his waiter, "I want a grilled...cheese." The waiter says, "What's with the pause?" "Whaddya mean?" the bear replies. "I'm a bear!"
- What's E.T. short for? Because he's got little legs.
- What do you call a Frenchman wearing sandals? Phillippe Phillope.
- Never criticize someone until you have walked a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you'll be a mile away, and you'll have their shoes.

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