



The Lion Hearted News



July 2021

Concord Lions Club
Serving Concord since 1932

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The President's Roar

Concord Lions Annual Awards and Officer Installation

Concord Lions held their annual awards and installed the 2021-22 club officers. The event was held in the picnic shelter at Les Myers Park on June 8. Many of the members were in attendance as well as several guest.

DG Governor Donald Cobb made the trip down with his wife Gayle from Sparta to present two awards made during the District 31-I convention held in March. The two awards were presented to Lion Ron Staley and Lion George Culp. Lion Ron received an International President Certificate of Appreciation for his many years of support to the District email services. He began the effort many years ago which included the initial setup, continued maintenance and covered the expenses himself. The email service is now maintained by the district and now is a budgeted expense annually. :Lion George was presented the International President's Award for outstanding service for his efforts in leadership training for the district and other districts within the state.

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Awards and Installation

During the event, Club awards were presented to Lion Ron Staley and Lion John Nunn. Lion George as acting Secretary, announce the winners of the club awards as voting on by the members.

Lion Ron received the Lion of the Year Award for 2020-21. The awards go to those who have exhibited to the success of the club during the year. Lion Ron was recognized for the thirty-some years he has been as a leader in our club. His many hours of support over the years help make the Concord known as one of the strongest in the district.

Lion John was voted to receive the Ambassador Award for his successful year as our club president. The award represents a \$500 donation by Concord Lions to support Camp Dogwood.

DGE Wayne Kennerly installed the officers and reminded us of the responsibilities of the offices. He too congratulated the club for another successful year and wished for us another good year.



Joe Poirier-Secretary, Dianne Culp-Lion Tamer, Goergianne Jenkins-
Service Chair, Richard Rogers-Membership Chair, Solomon Hall-
President, George Culp-Treasurer, Trish Rogers-Director, Kathy Poirier-
Director, Bob Skillman-Director

Awards and Installation



DG Donald Cobb presents International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation



DG Donald Cobb presents International Presidents Award for Service

Lion George Culp presents Lion of the Year(s) to Lion Ron Staley



Lion George Culp presents Ambassador Award to out going President John Nunn-



District Governor Wayne Kennerly installing club officers for the 2021-22 term.

July 6th Meeting to be Outdoor Event

Our July regular meeting will once again be an outdoor event at the Davis Picnic shelter Les Myers Park. The meeting will begin at 6:30. Attendees are welcome to bring a bag lunch or take-out. Of course, you could eat before you come and just join us for the meeting.

This will be the first meeting of the new year. President Solomon will lead us in a discussion of what we as members would like to see as goals for this year, especially as it refers to membership growth and service opportunities.

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

Calendar of Events

July 4 Independence Day Flag display

July 6-6:30 Regular Meeting—Setting Club Goals

July 13-6:30PM Board of Directors (Zoom)

**July 24-11:00AM District 31I Awards and Installation
(Reservation Form on Page 15)**

Speaking of Service Opportunities

Here are great ideas from the District Newsletter

- 1 Cookout for VIPs
- 2. Tree Planting (Earth Day Project)
- 3. Volunteer at a soup kitchen or help deliver food for Meals on Wheels
- 4. Collect School supplies
- 5 Maintain a “Little Free Library”
- 6. Give or Present a scholarship award
- 7 Food Drive
- 8. Adopt a creek, highway or Police Officer
- 9. Volunteer at Camp Dogwood’s summer camp
- 10. Participant in a Stride Walk
- 11. Vision / Diabetes Screening
- 12. Donate books for a summer Reading program
- 13. Collect can tabs for the Leader Dog Program

A Message From International President

Dr. Jung-Yui Choi

Recently an email when to ever Lions Club in the word with good news from the International President of Lions International. Here is his message.

Dear Lion Leader,

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to impact the work of Lions and communities around the world, creating financial hardships for Lions and the people we care for.

To support the incredible men and women serving with us, the International Board of Directors passed another resolution to help our clubs in the new Lion year.

Here is an overview of the new resolution approved by the board of directors:

- **Charter and entrance fees waiver** – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from July 1 through December 31, 2021. Charter and entrance fees are also currently waived through June 30, 2021.

These additional measures will help Lions facing financial hardships and give our clubs the support and encouragement they need during these challenging times. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity, and together, we will overcome this.

The world needs Lions now more than ever, so thank you for your outstanding service and commitment to our communities and the world.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

See Page 11 for information of how this affects our recruiting of new members.

Service With a SMILE Too

Service Activities

Hunger—Support Local Food Banks

Cooperative Christian Ministries (CCM) continues to need 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.

Lions Joe, Kathy, Rob and Deb are volunteering and can give you information on how to volunteer. Lion Alice has information on volunteering at the Salvation Army Food Bank.

Community Pride

Flags will be displayed again July 4th.

Watch for notifications from Lion George regarding display and weather predictions. Currently, we plan to display Saturday July 3rd through Monday July 5th.

New contracts have increases our flag display to over 625. Volunteers are needed. This is great way to get your family members and friends to join us in service. We can create routes of any number of flags you feel you can display.



2020-2021 Concord Lions End of the Year Humanitarian Services Report

Each year Concord Lions develops a budget to determine how we support our service to others. As with a budget we review Income and Expenses. By virtue of our club by-laws and LCI, we maintain two budgets; Administrative and Humanitarian. Basically, the admin fund income is funded by our dues and pays for administration expenses such as supplies. The Humanitarian fund tracks our fund raising activities and insuring that any funds provided by the public is used to expense our service efforts.

The 2020-2021 Humanitarian report can be found on Page .7



Service With a SMILE Too

2020-2021 Humanitarian Support Report

Ambassador Fellowship	\$ 500		1
Brighter Visions	\$7,503		2
District Goals	\$ 600		3
Camp Dogwood Tuition	\$ 500		4
Vision Screen Machine	\$1,000		5
Life Center	\$ 300		6
Vision and Hearing Support	\$3,045		7
Meals on Wheels	\$ 500		8
Salvation Army	\$ 200		9
Scholarships	\$4,000		10
VIP Christmas Party	\$ 850		11
VIP Fishing Tournament	\$1,100		12
TOTAL HUMANITARIN SUPPORT	\$20,598		

KEY

1. Ambassador-Supports the services of Camp Dogwood for the Blind
2. Brighter Visions - Camp Dogwood for the Blind, Deaf-Blind Retreat, Low Vision Aids, Support and Mobility Canes, Educational Grants for children of blind parents, Recycling Programs.
3. District Goals-Boys and Girls Home, Celebrate Liberty, Diabetes Awareness, Rise to Hunger, Guide Dogs, Leo Clubs, LCIF, Lions Reading Service, VAVS, VIP Camper Support, Ambassador, Woolard Partner in Service
4. Camp Dogwood Tuition-VIP Camp was cancelled due to Covid. The budgeted \$500 was added to Brighter Vision
5. Vision Screening Machine-\$1,000 was budgeted and allocated to expenses and the purchase of a second screening unit
6. Life Center-Adult Daycare Activities. Annual golf tournament was cancelled. Donated \$300
7. Vision, Hearing and Humanitarian support-Request for assistance researched by the Humanitarian Chair and approved by the BOD. Examples, Eye Surgery, Eye exams and glasses
8. Meals on Wheels-Hunger
9. Salvation Army-Hunger and Shelter
10. Scholarship-4-year scholarship for High School senior who exemplifies a heart of service
11. VIP Christmas Party-In-person event was cancelled due to COVID. Gift cards were giving to VIPs
12. VIP Fishing Tournament-Event was cancelled due to COVID. Donation made to VIP Fishing Tournament



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



Birthdays

June 17 - Rob Steeb

(Missed Lion Rob last month)

July 13-Bob Aldous

July Chris Measmer



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.....

Lions Joe, Kathy, George and Dianne attended the LCI Virtual International Convention

Things we heard in the Lions Den

Update on Lion George. Endoscopy indicates a 40 Centimeter Hiatal Hernia. He is feeling fine is being treated with medicine. He appreciates your emails and prayers.

Lion Bob Aldous had a recent fall and is doing better. He hopes to attend a meeting soon. He does not drive after dark and a ride has been offered. He celebrates his 96th birthday month. His phone number and address on Page 13 if you would like to give him a call or send a card.

Lions Richard, Trish and Lilli are making college visits this month. Oh my! Seems like yesterday when she came to our meetings in a stroller.

Lions Sam and Richard have taking over the Flag Maintenance chores. Thank you for your service.

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 Update

Recently, Lions John and Kathy were notified that they passed the certification test for Lions KidSight USA. They now have their certificates and official badges. The certification provides validation of them as screeners using the Welch Allyn Spot Vision camera. They will also be able to train anyone else in the club who would like to be certified.

We continue to work on a marketing video that will be used to introduce ourselves and our program to school directors. Our hope is to officially start screening preschool 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, promote our program and hopefully start providing screenings. Be on the lookout for opportunities to help with the screenings.



Recycling Opportunities

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Concord Lions Flashback

Why Some Concord Lions Do NOT Like Funnel Cakes

Many of our current Lions are familiar with this Flashback. We are running it again hoping our new Lions will get a laugh from this effort to raise money for our efforts at the Speedway!

This is the county fair type **funnel cake**. It is popular and served hot for a fun and tasty treat. A year treat, make it a County Fair dinner!



Light and fluffy, dusted with powdered sugar. Funnel cake doesn't have to be a once in a while treat, make it a County Fair dinner!

Or at the Lowe's Motor Speedway!

I served as special projects chairman for the Concord Lions.

Several years ago, I served as special projects chairman for the Concord Lions. My job; find a fund raiser that would swell

our coffers to the point we would have to place our funds in multiple banks in order to be protected by the FDIC. I set out to the then Charlotte Motor Speedway where after several briefings I came to the Lions Board of Directors with a fund – raising plan that would annually cover any budget we dreamed of achieving. This plan with little effort by our members, could lead to twice per year fund raising at the speedway where over 100,000 fans came with lots of money and a hunger for not only racing, but FOOD!

Our first assignment: Running the Funnel Cake Booth. Here is all we have to do.

Secure volunteers to make and sell funnel cakes. No other products, chips, coffee, sodas, beer, etc. would be sold. Yes, hard to believe, just funnel cakes. And our club would receive 10 percent of the total sales. Too good to be true? No, I was there and told them with the club's approval we wanted to be a part of this great event.

The club members quickly checked their calendars and signed up for their shift. Business executives, attorneys, retired military officers, all well educated and willing, cleared their schedules, solicited their wives, and planned to be a part of this never-before attempted opportunity to make our club rich. Just think of the possibilities; we would be able to buy glasses, have picnics, and send half of the county VIPs to Camp Dogwood with all of the money we are going to make!

This particular event included a Saturday race, Thursday night Pole Night, and the World 600 on Sunday. As we prepared, we could not help but be excited about this great opportunity so close to home and the potential it offered. As the first day arrived, we arrived at the speedway and were shown our booth. Well, not exactly a booth, more like a funeral tent with two tables. There was a deep fryer set up and all the things we needed to make those delicious funnel cakes. I proudly, as the funnel cake fund raising chairman, headed off to be briefed on how the process would work. The process included taking a beginning inventory and an ending inventory. Well, I'd inventoried cotton bales for Cannon Mills for the last several years, this will be easy. You want LIFO or FIFO? How about Average Cost? My supervisor had no idea and probably thought I was talking about Fido the dog! Back to the inventory, I was given 200 paper plates. No, not like the great big Styrofoam plates that you could put an 18oz T-bone on. Two hundred of those plates that are stamped out and required a great deal of effort to separate! All we have to do was count our plates at the end of the day and subtract that from the 200 which resulted in the number of funnel cakes sold. That number times the selling price of the cakes was the amount we owed the speedway for the evening. The speedway, at the end of the week, would then send us a check for 10% of the sales turned-in.

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Concord Lions Flashback

Why Concord Lions Do Not Like Funnel Cakes Continued

Sounds simple, right?

So off we go. The first funnel cakes looked more like funny cakes as we perfected the mix and the apparatus given us to 'squirt' the dough into the hot grease. The second batch was destroyed because they were a bit brown from the near grease fire as we turned down the heat to prevent the tent from catching on fire.

Soon, we perfected the process and waited for the crowds to line-up for the best funnel cakes this side of Turn 2. We continued to wait. We continued to wait. Did I already say that? Let's just say it was a slow day for funnel cakes. We assumed that the heat of the day likely reduced the yearning for a good funnel cake and hoped for a better day later in the week. We counted our plates and determined the number sold for the day. Are you waiting?

Have you ever tried to pull those plates apart, especially, when a hot, greasy, funnel cake is on its way to be served? Try this experiment. Next time you need a coffee filter, try getting one using only one hand. Let's just say that our cash did not even come close to the target number using the formula explained above. I, sadly thanked and dismissed the workers and took the money to the supervisor. I explained the inventory problem and he said, no problem, I'm sure the money is correct. I assumed he trusted a bunch of hard-working professionals who were Lions too.

The next day as I headed to the Speedway, I made a quick stop at the local Food Lion and made a simple purchased one hundred pressed together into two inches high stack of plates, which just happen to look exactly the same as provided by the Speedway concessions. I placed them in my back pack. From that point on, the money and plates used always came out to the penny. Our supervisor was impressed and my backpack was lighter after every event.

As the chairman, I tallied each helper's time working the event. These hours were important for our club's Lion of the Year award which included the time spent on club projects. Sadly enough, it was easy to see, that the ten percent of the gross was going to be pretty gross when it came to making a profit. Gross-wise, we sold over \$6000 dollars worth of funnel cakes. (You are already doing the math, aren't you?) All of our clothes smelled like a funnel cake and few us ever wanted to see one again much less eat one. (I've have not eaten one since.)

Later, when our \$600 arrived, I wrote a letter to the Speedway Concessions. I wish I still had a copy but it went something like this:

To whom it may concern:

Please except our sincere appreciations for the opportunity to work at the recent speedway event. Our non-profit organization continues to secure ways of raising funds to assist the visually impaired citizens of our community.

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You Might Like to Know

And the Winners Are!

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!

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)

Way to go, Concord Lions who bought or sold \$870 in tickets. This equated to 3 books/member. The winners are: Nancy Burrow-\$15,000 BT Boone-\$1,000 David Price-\$500 Joy Wiggs-Beach Trip Clarence Crouse- Mountain Trip. Profits from the sales go to the upkeep of Camp Dogwood

LCI Waves Entrance Fee for New Members

LCI has issued new incentives that have a direct impact on recruiting new members to join the world's largest service organization.

Starting a new club requires twenty potential members. Charter fees and entrance charges are now waived through December 31, 2021. This effort impacts existing clubs as they seek new members in that the \$30 joining fee is waived also.

Recruiting new members is every club member's calling. This year our club has both a Membership Chair and Co-Chair. Lions Georgianne and Alice have accepted this effort. Lion Georgianne reminds us that every club member is on this committee as we ask others to join us in service.

Here is a suggestion from Lions International when it comes to recruiting new members.

When recruiting, always ask, "Has anyone asked you to join the Lions club?" If the answer is "no," ask them if they are interested in giving back to or serving the community in some way and then talk about your club and its service. If the answer is "yes," find out why they didn't join and see if they are willing to try again or share the name of someone who might be interested.

You Might Like to Know

2022 Lions International Convention Moved to Montreal

Due to the ongoing challenges presented by the coronavirus (COVID-19), the board of directors has voted to relocate the 2022 Lions International Convention from New Delhi, India to Montréal, Canada.

The ongoing travel and health advisories, and the size and complexity of our convention, led to this difficult decision. The board of directors also agreed to host a future convention in the beautiful city of New Delhi in a mutually-agreed upon year.

We will be working to move ahead with planning our 2022 international convention in Montréal, which will take place from June 24-28, 2022. As plans come together, we will be sure to communicate them to the Lions of the world.

(Sent from LCI on June 11, 2021)

Promise, the last of the FUNNEL CAKE Story! Continued from Page 10

During the week, our members and their family members logged well over 600 hours selling funnel cakes to your guests. These volunteers were professional people who served as ambassadors to your visitors who came in from all over the country. They greeted each one with the upmost respect and created a great vision of customer service. For this gallant effort, our Lions Club received \$611.01.

For the Spring event, I will once again solicit their help for fund raising. My plans are to ask them a simple question, namely:

Would you like spend twenty hours at the speedway selling funnel cakes?" "Or, would you prefer to write a tax-deductible check for \$20 to the NC Lions Foundation?"

You can probably surmise, unless the Speedway can provide a greater opportunity, we will not be back with deepest regrets,

Chairman – Funnel Cake Sales at the Charlotte Motor Speedway

Next year we might want to try buffalo bar-be-que.

Before you Go—Laughs for Lions

One Liners to Make You Smile

July One-liners · Any joke is a one-liner if the notebook you write it in is wide enough. · When prison inmates fall in love, do they finish each other's sentences?

A liberal is a conservative who got a hospital bill once.

“Golf is a good walk spoiled.” - Mark Twain

“It is better to take what does not belong to you than to let it lie around neglected.” - Mark Twain “

A person who won't read has no advantage over one who can't read.” - Mark Twain

The same people that made fun of me for my calculator watch in high school are now wearing Apple watches.

“Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe.” -Albert Einstein

“In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on.” - Robert Frost

“A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you.” - Elbert Hubbard

“To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

“It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for what you are not.” - André Gide

“All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.” - Charles M. Schulz

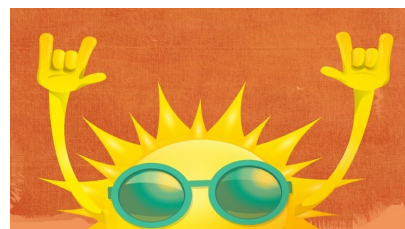
“Whenever I feel the need to exercise, I lie down until it goes away.” - Paul Terry

“Logic will get you from A to Z; imagination will get you everywhere.” - Albert Einstein

“Folks are usually about as happy as they make their minds up to be.” - Abraham Lincoln

“I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book.” - Groucho Marx

Source: <https://www.vegard.net/july-one-liners-2018/>



District 31-I

Installation and Awards Luncheon

Saturday, July 24, 2021 11:00 am

Harold B Jarrett American Legion Post

1024 Lincolnton Rd, Salisbury, NC 28144

*Registration Deadline is Saturday, July 9 ***

Lunch \$10.00

Lion_____Club_____

Lion_____Club_____

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Lion_____Club_____

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Agenda:

11:00 am—2019-20 Awards & 2020-2021 Awards

12:30 pm Luncheon

Installation & First Cabinet Meeting after Lunch