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District 31-J Newsletter | August 2011 Issue

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District Governor's Message



District Governor's Schedule

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Davie Lions Club
- 6 Rocky Mount Evening Lions Club
- 8 Tarboro Lions Club
- 13 Roanoke Rapids Lions Club
- 15 Gaston Lions Club
- 22 Scotland Neck Lions Club

OCTOBER

- 4 Murfreesboro Lions Club
- 6 Halifax Lions Club
- 17-20 VIP Fishing Tournament
- 20 Lower Currituck Lions Club

There is excitement in the air throughout District 31-J. We had a wonderful Installation Banquet at Nash Community College. I realized we were at the appropriate setting, because we were assigned to the Dogwood Room. Our North Carolina Lions, Inc., is at Camp Dogwood where the visually impaired go every summer for one week of leisure and fun.

PDG Mike Flora did a great job installing the Cabinet. I am looking forward to working with this wonderful group of individuals during this Lions year. PDG Gwen White presented special "Letter of Commendation" to various worthy lions on behalf of Immediate Past International President Sid Scruggs, III. White shared some funny stories about her year as Governor. Princeville Community Lions Club President Milton Bullock made the evening special by entertaining everyone by singing some oldies but goodies tunes with fellow club member Mary Tate. Their music made the evening very special and was enjoyed by every one.

Last month, Mary and I visited the Rocky Mount Luncheon, Williamston, and Wilson Evening Lions Clubs. While at the Rocky Mount Club, I had the privilege of installing their officers. Club President Nancy Bullard was installed as a new member back in 2004 by me. It was great to see her grow in Lionism to the office of president.

I had the honor of installing two new members in Williamston. The Wilson Evening Lions Club was chartered in 1922 and is the oldest club in the district. This club is now in a re-building process. This fall, we will visit again to assist these fine members.

We enjoyed visiting these three clubs and look forward to carrying President Tam's message of courage, commitment, and action along with helping each other as "family."

We are planning to plant 200 trees with the North Carolina 4-H Environmental Education Center in Tyrrell County. This project is being coordinated by PDG Rhett White, Global Membership Team Chair.

There will be an Extension Workshop in Enfield, NC, September 27-29, to provide training under PDG Jim Cannon of West Virginia. Enfield had a club at one time. With the help of volunteers from our District, we have a chance to renew the interest of residents in the Enfield area in becoming Lions Club members.

PDG Lawrence Sandy and PDG Alex Thannikkary are meeting with leaders in Garysburg, NC, to establish a new club there.

I am so proud to be a Lion and to be a member of District 31-J. Let us move ahead as members of a family, assisting one another as the need arises. Be proud to be a Lion and share your commitment with others.



L to R: DG Jim Boehm, Anita S. Patrick, PDG Gwen White, and Chris Hardee. DG Jim presented official pins from LCI President Wing-Kun Tam to Columbia Lions Club President Anita S. Patrick and to First Vice District Governor Chris Hardee during his official visit to the club. PDG Gwen White proudly stands with them. DG Boehm thanked the club for agreeing to coordinate the volunteer effort to plant 200 trees at the Eastern 4-H Center in November. (Lions Club photo)

2011 - 2012 Directory Changes & Additions

Following are changes to the 2011-2012 District 31-J Directory.

Page 10: Phone number for Zone 4 Chair Catherine Revels should be (252) 229-1789.

Page 12: Add e-mail address for Bud Miller (budede@inteliport.com).

Page 13: Add e-mail addresses for Lloyd Evans (evanslw@yahoo.com) and Joanne Parrott (jparrott@rrsd.org).

Page 25: Change address for David Hollister (Aurora Lions Club) to 224 Sixth Street, Aurora, NC 27806.

Page 27: Change e-mail address for John Mitchener (Edenton Lions Club) to johnmitchener@live.com.

Page 31: Add e-mail address for James Lamm (Pinetops Lions Club) (jlamm27886@embarqmail.com).

Page 32: President of Plymouth Lions Club is John Paul Lilly instead of John Lilly. Add phone number [(252) 793-2088]. Also add e-mail address (jplilly@mchsi.com).

Page 33: Change e-mail address of Abner House (Robersonville Community Lions Club) to bigfoot_357@hotmail.com.

Jim and Mary Boehm's E-mail Address Has Changed: Their new e-mail address is fjamesboehm@aol.com.

Tuten Honored At VIP Dinner



Swan Quarter Lions Club member Lion Gene Tuten, retiring social worker for the blind and North Carolina Lions VIP Fishing Tournament Board member, was recently honored at a dinner held at Martell's Restaurant in Englehard. The event was attended by more than 20 people. Several VIP Board members shared stories of working together and presented an engraved clock to Tuten. Pictured (L to R) are Lindley Newbern, Bill Hood, John Foltz, Harry Mann, Gene Tuten, PDG John Miller, III, and VIP Fishing Tournament President Jimmie Williams. Tuten served as a social worker in the counties of Dare, Hyde, and Tyrell. (Gwen White photo)

District 31-J Honored By NC Lions, Inc.



District 31-J was honored at the Awards and Installation Banquet during the August meeting of North Carolina Lions, Inc. (formerly the North Carolina Lions Foundation). The event was held in High Point.

The District received an award for achieving the district goal of \$81,500 in White Cane fundraising. PDG Gwen A. White and PDG John T. Miller, III, who served as District White Cane Fundraising Chairperson accepted the John L. Stickley Awards from NCLI President Herbert Justice. Seven of the eight districts



achieved or exceeded their White Cane goals last year for an unprecedented and highly successful fundraising year. (Lions Club photo)

Lion Frances Jordan of the Rocky Hock Lions Club was recognized with a Lions Clubs International President's Letter of Commendation during the July White Cane workshop held in Williamston. The award is the fourth highest award given to a Lion by the International President. The presentation was made by PDG White. (Lions Club photo)



The Elizabeth City Lions Club thanked employees of the Biggs Cadillac/GMC auto dealership for their help with the club's annual White Cane fundraising drive. Pictured receiving recognition (L to R) are Ruth Cheeks and Maria Van DeWalker. The Lions Clubs Certificate of Appreciation was presented by Club Secretary Sally Minor during the club's end of the year festivities. (Gwen White photo)



William Joyce Award Presented To Rocky Mt. Luncheon Club



Second Vice District Governor W. B. Bullock accepted the William Joyce Award from North Carolina Lions, Inc., Executive Director Steve L. Walker during the recent District 31-J White Cane Workshop in Williamston.

The statewide award went to the Rocky Mount Luncheon Lions Club for leading the Group 4 clubs in Camp Dogwood ticket sales at \$63.57 per member. District 31-J set a district record in Camp Dogwood ticket sales under the leadership of PDG Mike Flora who served as Camp Dogwood Chairperson. (Gwen White photo)

White Cane Awards Received By First Flight Lions Club

Lion Roberta Pfizenmayer accepted two awards on behalf of the First Flight Lions Club during the White Cane Workshop held in Williamston. The club was recognized for contributing \$7,617.50 to the North Carolina Lions White Cane Program last Lions year and for contributing more than \$200 per member to the program.

This is the first time that a single club in District 31-J has reached the \$7,500 annual giving level. Pfizenmayer accepted the award from Camp Dogwood Executive Director Steve Walker. District 31-J achieved its goal of raising \$81,500 in White Cane funds under the leadership of District White Cane Chairperson PDG John Miller, III.

The Charlotte South Park Lions Club is looking for both players and sponsors to participate in or support their Charity Golf Tournament. The event will be held on Monday, October 3 at the Old Sycamore Golf Plantation located at 7500 Olde Sycamore Drive in Charlotte.

Registration will be from 11:30 am to

Edenton Lions Promote Camp Dogwood



Pictured (L to R) are Lion Danny Blowe, Edenton Lions President Mike Dean, and Lion Betz Blowe.

By Lion Blair Currie

Betz and Danny Blowe were the guest speakers at the Edenton Lions Club recently when they gave a presentation promoting Camp Dogwood for the Blind.

Lion Betz was born and raised in Edenton, so the event was something of a "homecoming" for her. She has been President of the Murfreesboro Lions Club three times, has a 30 year involvement with Camp Dogwood, and has served well in many District 31-J positions, including Zone Chairman.

In her talk, Lion Betz emphasized the many positive changes at Camp Dogwood, such as the remodeling of the snack shop into a coffee shop atmosphere. She compared the general facilities as being similar to a Motel 6.

A DVD, produced by Camp Dogwood guest Valerie Spivey of Edenton after a visit, gave all Lions who hadn't visited the facility a much better understanding as to what Camp Dogwood is all about.

This presentation on Camp Dogwood by Lions Betz and Danny was most interesting, and applause at the conclusion was fitting recognition of a well presented program.

12:30 pm. The tournament will begin at 1:00 pm. Mulligans will be available for \$5 each with a maximum of four per player (16 per team). The entry fee is \$100 and includes green fee, cart fee, dinner reception, and awards and prizes.

One hundred percent of the profits are returned to the community, assisting



First Flight Lions Club scholarship recipient Tara Thompson and her grandfather Bill Hood, First Flight member. The other scholarship recipient is Taylor Swankie (not pictured). (Harriett Edmunds photo)

First Flight Lions Get New Member

The First Flight Lions Club recently gained a new member, Dave Tannis. Tannis is a retired lawyer. As a result of a mortar round that landed next to one foot during the Vietnam War, Tannis is a double amputee. He has two artificial legs. Tannis spent 20 months at the Walter Reed Hospital with both legs amputated at the knee. He now walks with a cane and is able to drive. With his great spirit, he is a welcome addition to our club and an example of the power of having a positive attitude.



visually and hearing impaired individuals, supporting youth programs, providing scholarships, and helping meet other community needs.

There are two sponsorship levels, Eagle (\$500) and Birdie (\$100). For more information, please contact Ira Dunst at idunst@aol.com or (704) 543-0346.

Rocky Hock Lions Club 2011-2012 Officer Installation

By Lion Frances Jordan

The Rocky Hock Lions Club was honored recently to host a visit from PDG Harvey Whitley, who installed the club's 2011-2012 officers.

The 2011-2012 officers for the club are PDG Bud Miller (President), Bill Smith (First Vice President), Frances Jordan (Second Vice President), Lloyd Evans (Third Vice President), Denise Nixon (Secretary), Kim McPherson (Assistant Secretary), and Frank Mizak (Treasurer).

Evans was also recognized as the club's Lion of the Year. DeDe Miller was recognized for being a recipient of a William L. Woolard Partner-In-Service Award, the first in the club.

President Bud Miller emphasized that he is looking forward to another successful year for the club. He encouraged members to become more active in all club activities, while keeping those we serve foremost in their hearts.



Shown above (L to R) PDG Harvey Whitley with President George Knox presenting the Lion of the Year Award to Immediate Past President Lloyd Wayne Evans. (Frances Jordan Photo)



L to R: PDG Harvey Whitley, Bud Miller, and George Knox (Frances Jordan photo)

District 31-J Cabinet Meeting Minutes

The District 31-J Cabinet meeting was held at the First Christian Church in

Williamston on August 7 at 2:30 pm. There were 20 Clubs and 50 members in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by PDG Kenneth Brantley. The Invocation was given by Second Vice District Governor W. B. Bullock. PDG John Miller, III served as Parliamentarian.

Secretary-Treasurer Jana D. Underwood called the roll of clubs in attendance.

PDG Bud Miller made motion to accept the minutes of the June 18, 2011 cabinet meeting as posted on the District 31-J website. Motion was seconded by Lion Adrienne Makowski. The motion was approved by the membership.

Secretary-Treasurer Jana Underwood presented the Treasurer's Report which included the final budget ending June 30, 2011 and the proposed 2011-2012 budget. First Vice District Governor Chris Hardee made a motion to accept the financial report and proposed budget for 2011-2012. The motion was seconded by Lion Garry Elliott. The motion unanimously carried.

Lion Garry Elliott, Chairman of the Boys and Girls Homes, presented an award to Manteo Lions Club Past President Rita Mann for being the largest contributor to Boys and Girls Homes for the year 2010-2011. An award for the Edenton Lions Club will be presented to that club at a later date.

District Governor Jim Boehm read the District 31-J nomination and endorsement letter of PDG Mike Flora for the position of Second Vice President of the North Carolina Lions, Inc. for the year 2012-2013. PDG Lawrence Sandy made a motion to accept and approve the nomination and endorsement of PDG Mike Flora. The motion was seconded by Lion Joanne Parrott. The vote of the membership was unanimous.

District Governor Jim Boehm announced that Chairman of the Memorials and Honorariums for District 31-J, Paul Shaw, held the second position in the State for contributions to White Cane for the year 2010-2011.

Peace Poster District Chairman Adrienne Makowski reminded the membership that the Peace Poster Contest Kits are now available from LCI.

PDG Rhett White reported that at the International Convention DG Jim Boehm pledged to the new International President that our District would plant 400 trees across the District. PDG White announced that the Columbia Lions Club has committed to planting 200 of the 400 trees.

Further reporting of PDG White regarded Membership and Extension which White and others will be working in the Garysburg area to continue the interest there in a new club. He advised that there may be a campus club started

at Chowan University in Murfreesboro.

PID William Cannon will be leading a workshop for Guiding Lions September 27, 28 and 29, 2011. Contact PDG Rhett White for further details.

Remarks were given by First Vice District Governor Chris Hardee and Second Vice District Governor W. B. Bullock.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned and Lions were invited to attend the breakout sessions for Leadership Training in the areas of Presidents led by PDG Lawrence Sandy, Secretary-Treasurers led by Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Jana Underwood, Zone Chairs led by PDG Rhett White, and Cabinet Committees led by DG Jim Boehm.

Respectively Submitted,
Jana D. Underwood
Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer

The next Cabinet meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 20, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. at the Scout Hut in Williamston, NC.

2012 Districts G, H, and J Mid-Winter Convention

The 2012 Districts G, H, and J Mid-Winter Convention will be held January 20 and 21 in Atlantic Beach at the Sheraton Atlantic Beach Oceanfront Hotel.

Friday Fun Night will feature a Southern buffet with fried chicken, baked ham, and entertainment. The cost is \$20 per person. The Tail Twister's Breakfast (\$15 per person) and District Governor's Banquet (\$25 per person) will be held on Saturday. The meal for the breakfast will be a classic country buffet breakfast. The meal for the DG banquet will be a plated roast beef dinner.

For room reservations, contact the Sheraton Atlantic Beach Oceanfront Hotel located at 2717 West Fort Macon Road in Atlantic Beach. The reservation phone number is (252) 240-1155. The Lion's rate is \$72 plus applicable taxes (King or Two Queens). Hotel reservations must be made by December 21 to get the Lion's rate. For more information on the hotel, visit www.sheratonatlanticbeach.com.

The registration form will be available in the September issue of this newsletter.



August Busy for Wilson Luncheon Lions Club



District Governor Jim Boehm (right) presenting President Lion Steve Wagoner (left) with the Camp Dogwood ticket sales award. (Jordan Pittman photo)

By Lion Jordan Pittman

The Wilson Luncheon Lions Club continues to volunteer in the community with August being our kick off month for our club's flagship project, the Third Grade Vision Screening. Our members visit each elementary school in the county to administer eye screenings to all students in the third grade classrooms of every school in the county, both public and private.

Members have successfully completed screening several schools to date and will continue for the next few months. By the end of November, our members will have administered eye screenings to over 1100 elementary school children.

Our club also offers assistance to any

student who may be in need of financial assistance for attaining eyeglasses or an eye exam.

District Governor Jim Boehm recently visited our club and presented our club with an award for our Camp Dogwood ticket sales over this past year. Lion Jim praised our members for selling the tickets which averaged over nine books per member.

Our District Governor also mentioned and congratulated our Club on our membership growth, and acknowledged Past President Lion Bob Craft for bringing in five new members to our organization this past year.

DG Boehm also brought along pins from our International President and pinned our current President Lion Steve Wagoner and our two past District Governors who are also current members of our club (Lions Bill Van Lowe and Ralph Hester).

One of the biggest honors of the visit was a presentation by the District Governor to PDG Hester and his wife, Barbara, with the presentation of the William L. Woolard Partner-In-Service Full Partnership Award.

PDG Hester and his wife have been long time contributors to the Woodard Foundation, and, in addition, have been proponents and avid supporters of the foundation.

As the forerunners in establishing the program, they set the example for all Lions. They both received plaques for their long time generous financial contributions as Full Partners for their dedication and humanitarian services.

It is a well-deserved honor and we are so very proud of Lion Ralph and fortunate to have him, with all of his experience and lifelong service to Lionism in our club. His wife has worked along with him and assisted our club and our members as well. We congratulate them both on a well-deserved honor and we thank them for their work and contributions.



(L to R) Past District Governor Ralph Hester, Barbara Hester, and District Governor Jim Boehm. DG Boehm presented PDG Hester and his wife with a William L. Woolard Partner-In-Service Full Partnership Award. (Jordan Pittman photo)



District Governor Jim Boehm on his official visit to the Rocky Mount Evening Lions Club. Pictured (L to R) are Zone Chair Bill Johnson (Tarboro), PDG Charles Holleman, DG Jim Boehm, Club President Lou Wester, and PDG Mike Flora. (Ella Flora photo)



DG Jim Boehm recently installed two new members into the Williamston Lions Club. The new members are Elaine Phillips (left) and Carolyn Capps (center). (Lions Club photo)

Williamston Lions Have Extra Help

Madison Manning, a nine year-old, and her sister, Jordan Manning, have helped the Williamston Lions Club with numerous steak dinners and other events. DG Jim Boehm recently presented Madison a certificate for helping with clean up and everything she does to assist the club. Both Madison and Jordan are the daughters of club members Tim and Vickey Manning. Shown below are DG Jim Boehm and Madison Manning. (Lions Club photo)



The Orange County Health Department needs reading glasses donated for an event to be held October 13. They will have several optometrists who will be providing vision screenings and assessments but are in need of reading glasses — particularly 1.00, 1.25, and 1.5 refraction. If your club can help, please contact Lion Paul Bledsoe at bledsoe3@earthlink.net or (336) 998-3619.

District 31-J Cabinet Installation & Banquet Highlights



Lions Milton Bullock (AKA The Golden Platter) and Mary Tate entertained fellow Lions and guests at the Cabinet Installation Banquet at Nash Community College. An extremely talented member of the original popular singing group The Platters, Bullock is the President of the Princeville Community Lions Club. He has generously volunteered his talent to any Lions Club who would like to use him to entertain at a fundraiser. Bullock can be contacted at his e-mail address (miltonbullock@hotmail.com). (Harriett Edmunds photos)



At the Cabinet Installation Banquet held at Nash Community College, Paul Shaw received an International Certificate of Excellence from International President Sid Scruggs, III, for guiding District 31-J to second place out of eight districts in North Carolina. The program is a means to honor outstanding Lions and citizens. Pictured (L to R) are DG Jim Boehm, Paul Shaw, and PDG Gwen White. Shaw is Honorariums & Memorials District Chair.



Lion Harriett Edmunds, First Flight Lions Club President, passes on the District Governor's Home Club Banner to Lion Mary Boehm, Nashville Lions Club President. PDG Gwen White is a member of the First Flight Lions Club and DG Jim Boehm is a member of the Nashville Lions Club.



PDG Mike Flora installed the District 31-J Cabinet members shown above (L to R): Secretary/Treasurer Jana D. Underwood, Second Vice District Governor W. B. Bullock, First Vice District Governor Chris Hardee, and District Governor Jim Boehm.



PDG Gwen White presented a special "Letter of Commendation" from Lions Clubs International Immediate Past President Sid L. Scruggs, III, to several District 31-J Lions in appreciation of their hard work during his term as President. Pictured (L to R) are District Governor Jim Boehm, PDG Rhett White, District 31-J Secretary/Treasurer Jana D. Underwood, First Vice District Governor Chris Hardee, District Honorariums and Memorials Committee Chair Paul Shaw, Lion Ella Flora, and PDG Mike Flora.



An important job in the District Governor's Cabinet is that of Zone Chair. District 31-J is divided into eight zones. Shown above (L to R) in the order they were installed are Lions James McCleave (Manteo Lions Club), Tim Manning (Williamston Lions Club), Catherine Revels (Aurora Lions Club), Betz Blowe (Murfreesboro Lions Club), Mary Boehm (Nashville Lions Club), and Bill Johnson (Tarboro Lions Club). Not Pictured is Lions Tim Aydlett (Elizabeth City Lions Club).

Start working on your ads for the 2012 Districts G, H, and J Mid-Winter Convention. **Ads are due by December 30:** Full Page (\$100), Half Page (\$60), Quarter Page (\$40), Eighth Page (\$25), Front Inside Cover (\$150), Back Inside Cover (\$150), Back Cover (\$200). See convention ad form on Page 7.



Program Ad Form

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Back Inside Cover Pages	\$150.00
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E-mail Ad Copy To: carltonmetts@embarqmail.com

Enclose a copy of this form and your ad along with your payment (made payable to District 31-G, H, and J Mid-Winter Convention) and mail to:

ATTN: Lion Anne Metts
Convention Treasurer
2001 Williamson Drive
New Bern, NC 28562

Questions? Contact Lion Anne Metts at (252) 636-5000

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“Believe that one person can make a difference. Believe that the entire world can be changed when we come together as Lions. Believe that changing a life – or the world – starts with each one of us.”

– International President Wing-Kun Tam



The club is the most important part of our association, so my emphasis this year is on you - the club and its members. During my travels this year, I've been taking every opportunity to meet with club presidents in “Presidents-Meet-The-President” seminars and meetings. I want to hear from you, understand your club's needs, and learn from your experiences. If we cannot meet in person, I've created a special e-mail

address for you to contact me: pres2pres@lionsclubs.org.

I've also given enough of my 2011-2012 presidential pins to District Governors so that each of you - the Club Presidents - can receive one from your District Governor on my behalf. I wanted all club presidents to know that I consider you members of my own family.

My Story: I remember feeling excited and a bit anxious when I became a club president. I was this young guy, still starting out in life, taking over as president of a club that had been guided successfully by Lions who were at least twice my age. My mentor was the club's charter president who was 94 years-young when he wielded the gavel. Friendship tied us together, having fun and enjoying our service made it a joy, not an obligation. It kept us coming back again and again.

For a successful year, I encourage you to create a club atmosphere that fosters friendship and a sense of family, and incorporate fun with serving. The rest of it, from having meaningful meetings to running effective service projects, will take care of themselves.

My Club, My Family: It's simple but true. People join groups where they feel warmly welcomed, see other smiling faces, and are given a meaningful way to be involved.

It's easier than you think to create a family atmosphere in a club. Often, it's simply a matter of doing the little things, like making sure new members are given an opportunity to bring new ideas and given a meaningful role in helping run a project.

I've created a guideline called “My Club, My Family” with some helpful tips and tools for creating a family atmosphere in a club. The rewards will be a stronger club that increases its community service and grows its membership. There's even a “My Club, My Family Pocket Guideline” for you and your fellow club officers to take to meetings and club events.

Share your success stories - as well as your challenges - on how you've created a family atmosphere. Join the conversation and post your thoughts on the LCI blog.

I believed we could plant 1 million trees this year, and we are off to a great start. Already, nearly one thousand clubs have reported their actions, and we have planted over 700,000 trees. Be sure to report your club's tree planting efforts.

It's truly amazing what we can accomplish when we BELIEVE.



DG Jim Boehm

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