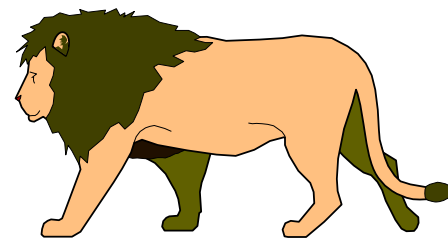


# SouthPark Roar



News for and about the South Park Lions Club



**We Serve**

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Editor: PDG David Shimberg

Meetings: 7:30 AM Every Friday Morning, Fairview Plaza Restaurant, 5950 Fairview Rd, Charlotte, NC (704) 554-7115. Guests/Visitors Welcome at all Regular Meetings. Come find out how Lions SERVE their communities.

President: PDG David Shimberg  
1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Lion César Perez Sanchez

Secretary: PDG Jim Sasser  
Tail Twister: Lion Phil Adams

Treasurer: Lion Shelia Sasser  
Membership: Louis Atchison

## SPLC CALENDAR

Fri	Mar 6	♦ Regular Meeting – Dave Sanderson – Surviving the crash of Flight 1549
Sat	Feb 7	♦ <b>Feed the Homeless at Emergency Winter Shelter, 5:30 pm</b>
Fri	Mar 13	♦ Regular Meeting – Visually Impaired hiker, Trevor Thomas will talk about hiking the Appalachian Trail, including a mountain along the way!
Tue	Mar 17	♦ Board of Directors Meeting – Fairview Plaza Restaurant 7:15 – 8:00 AM
Fri	Mar 20	♦ Business Meeting
Tue	Mar 24	♦ Vision Van Screening – CPCC <a href="#">Harper Campus</a> 9 am – 3 pm
Wed	Mar 25	♦ Vision Van Screening – CPCC <a href="#">Levine Campus</a> 9 am – 3 pm
Thu	Mar 26	♦ Vision Van Screening – CPCC <a href="#">Cato Campus</a> 9 am – 3 pm
Fri	Mar 27	♦ District Governor's Visit – DG Gordon McAdams and VDG Theresa Matthews
Tue	Mar 31	♦ District Cabinet Meeting – 6:30 PM, (Dinner, 6:00) Community Room at the Gastonia Police Department, 200 E. Long Avenue, Gastonia. Contact VDG Mike Schwartz 980-522-0138 or <a href="mailto:mikehschwartz@carolina.rr.com">mikehschwartz@carolina.rr.com</a> to provide attendance AND dinner headcount.
Fri	Apr 10	♦ Regular Meeting – David Shimberg, Lions "Green Teams" and Environmental Activities

## Thought for the Month

"So much of what we call management, consists in making it difficult for people to work."

Peter Drucker

## President's Corner

**Roll up your sleeves**, March offers activities for all of us. We kick off March with not only an inspiring presentation from Dave Sanderson, a passenger from flight 1549, which crash landed on the Hudson on January 15, 2009. We feed the homeless on March 7<sup>th</sup> and lead the operation of Vision Van screening on the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>! On March 27<sup>th</sup> we host District Governor Gordon McAdams and VDG Theresa Matthews.



Lion Mike Bird has stepped up with the support of recently inducted Lion Ira Dunst and Lions Jim Sasser and Farris Brantly. Additional help is clearly needed if we are to generate the funds we need. Lion Mike has also offered the clearly out of the bog suggestion of organizing a "Rubber Duck Race", possibly at the Charlotte Whitewater




Other projects? Whether service or fund raising, the ideas, inspiration and effort must come from what we as Lions bring to meetings and projects. Got an idea? Let me or any board member know. I never want to hear, "we tried it once and...", or "they won't do it". Timing and presentation is everything. Let's get ideas out, new and old, evaluate each, and move forward. Only together can we change our community and the world!

*PDG Dave Shimberg, President*



**Get Ready to Step Out** and help find a cure for Diabetes. The South Park Walking team is set up and waiting for you to join our team or make a donation. Visit <http://walk.jdrf.org/walker.cfm?id=87313009> to join our team or to make a donation.

This year's Charlotte JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes will again be held at Carowinds Park, on Saturday, April 18, 2009. Check-in time is 7:00 AM, Walk Start Time is 8:30 AM. Since 1999, when the NC and SC Lions started participating in the JDRF walks, we have raised over **\$183,000**, and regularly rank among the top 10 fund raising groups in the Charlotte area JDRF Chapter. Please set aside Saturday April 18, recruit other walkers and ask friends, family, church members, and co-workers to support you and JDRF with a pledge in any amount. Look for more information and fund raising ideas over the coming weeks. Together we can help find a cure for the leading cause of blindness, diabetes.

**WALK  TO CURE DIABETES**

*PDG Dave Shimberg*

**2009 Vision Van Screenings Scheduled** Now is the time to mark your calendars, recruit your neighbors, and plan to help with SouthPark Lions Vision Screenings. Dates and Locations are:



3/24 Tue	CPCC Harper Campus	8/29 Sat	Charlotte
3/25 Wed	CPCC Levine Campus, Matthews	10/27 Tue	Charlotte
3/26 Thu	CPCC Cato Campus	10/28 Wed	Huntersville
7/26 Fri	Charlotte Providence	10/29 Thu	Charlotte

The Charlotte SouthPark Lions look forward to joining forces with the Charlotte Providence Lions as we staff the vision van, providing free vision screening to students and the public. Please be sure to get these dates on your calendar and plan to participate.

**Club de Leones Caracas-Los Chorros Celebrate 30 Years** and invite members of the Charlotte SouthPark and Charlotte Providence Lions clubs to join them for the celebration in Caracas, Venezuela on April 26, 2009. While such a trip may be out of the question for some members, this is an unparalleled opportunity to demonstrate our partnership with the Los Chorros Lions, which we formalized on August 15, 2009.

For those able to participate, the plans include arrival in Caracas on April 24, with a tour of the city. A vision screening service project will be held on Saturday morning April 25, with tours to nearby towns and sights on Saturday afternoon and evening. The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banquet and celebration will be on Sunday afternoon, April 26. NC Lions will leave on Monday April 27. Agenda Details and other information are available for SouthPark Lion VP Cesar Perez Sanchez.

**86th Annual 2009 NC Lions State Convention** and the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Lions Foundation will be held on April 30, May 1-3, 2009, at the North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, North Carolina. Lions Clubs International 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Eberhard Wirfs from Germany will represent LCI at meetings and the PDG Luncheon. For room reservations, call the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel at 919-872-2323. Indicate that you are with the **NC**

Lions State Convention. Group Code is NLC. Address: 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC. Reservation. Deadline is March 15, 2009. Special Lions Rate: \$92.00 + Tax. Check in: 3:00 PM/ Check out time: 12 Noon. (REGISTRATION FORM ATTACHED)

**Of Ducks, Golf and The Theater**



Our options are wide open for fund raising over the coming 8-12 months. Option include our old standby, a golf tournament, and we have some new, experienced leaders here in Lions Mike Bird and Ira Dunst. Lion Mike has also suggested a Rubber Ducky Race. More complicated that some events, but sure to get the public eye. Finally, our Theater Projects have always done well, are highly visible, and require only our efforts at selling ads and tickets. Lasly, Lion Ira has offered to work with our club in holding a "Gold Party" where our club would receive a percentage of the gold jewelry he purchases. The club serves as host and Lion Ira provides refreshments, appraisal expertise, and the will to purchase. What are your ideas and preferences? Let me or any board member know.



*PDG Dave Shimberg*  
SPLC President

**March Birthdays:**

- \* Louis Atchison 4/9
- \* Joyce Garbee 4/23

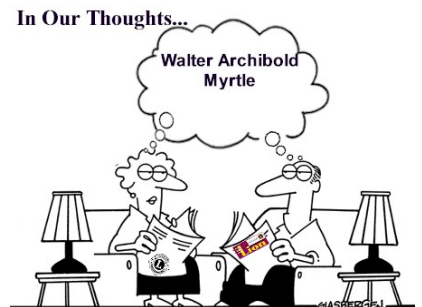


**Monthly Club Activities Report Information**

The club secretary needs your monthly hours, miles, funds expended and activities to file with International and the NCLF. Please write these down and give to the secretary by the 25th of each month. Thanks to those who take time to pass on this information to the Secretary



**SEE YOU AT LIONS CLUB WHERE  
"WE SERVE"**



# 86<sup>th</sup> Annual 2009 NC Lions State Convention and the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Lions Foundation

April 30, May 1-3, 2009

North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, North Carolina

## Registration Form

**Friday, May 1, 2009 – 6:30 PM**

**“Fun Night Celebration”**

Featuring the Little German Band and Dancers

**\$10.00 per person    Number    \$ Amount**

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**Saturday, May 2, 2009 – 7:00 AM**

**“Tail Twisters Breakfast”**

Featuring the State Tail Twisters

**\$10.00 per person**

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**Saturday, May 2, 2009 – 12:00 Noon (FDG’s only)**

**“FDG Luncheon”**

**\$17.00 per person**

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**Saturday, May 2, 2009 – 1:00 – 4:30 PM**

**Tours: #1 – WRAL Gardens or**

**#2 – State Capitol & Museums**

**\$5.00 per person**

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**Saturday, May 2, 2009 – 7:00 PM**

**“District Governors’ Banquet”**

Featuring LCI 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Eberhard Wirfs from Germany

**\$20.00 per person**

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**Instructions:** Please include payment with form.

Make checks payable to:

**2009 NC Lions State Convention**

**Mail to:**

Lion Glenn Day

2009 NC Lions State Convention Sec/Treasurer

160 Meadow Glen Drive

Wake Forest, NC 27587

Ph: 919-556-1159

**Total # attending**

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**Total amount Enclosed**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 10, 2009**

**Name Tag Information:**

**Name of Lion or Guest**

**Club Name**

**Circle Ones that Apply**

**Circle Honors**

**Tour #**

Fun Night – TTB – FDGL – DGB    MJF – JSF – WLW    \_\_\_\_\_

Circle those that apply: PID, PCC, FDG, VDG, LION, NON-LION

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