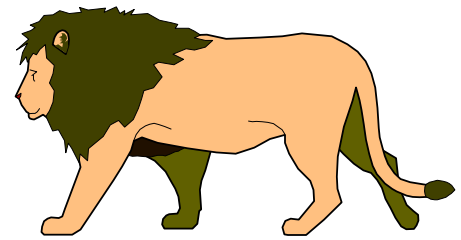


SouthPark Roar



News for and about the South Park Lions Club



We Serve

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Calendar

Fri	Aug 3	Regular Meeting, Suzette Williams – Southeastern Guide Dogs
Fri	Aug 10	Regular Meeting, Rise & Fall of Buildings, Lion Moodye Clary
Tue	Aug 14	Board of Directors Meeting, 7:15am, Fairview Restaurant
Fri	Aug 17	Business Meeting
Sat	Aug 24	Regular Meeting, Nick Hagopian, Leo Club Update
Sat	Aug 25	White Cane Workshop, 1pm, Gastonia Police Department
Fri	Sep 7	Lions Orientation – Where do you fit as a Lion? , PDG Dave Shimberg

Thought for the Month

“Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.”

Mark Twain

President’s Corner

It always feels good to go to an awards banquet and have your club recognized for their efforts. This year’s Awards and Installation Banquet was no different. No less than 6 of our members were recognized for their efforts as District Committee Chairpersons, and the Club was recognized for our Leadership in Camp Dogwood Ticket Sales. Immediate Past President Mike led the SouthPark Lions through a great year. I obviously have large shoes to fill!

As we enter the second month of the new Lions Year, the Club Board continues to work on finalizing our budget and project plan for the new year, and has asked Lions Jack Hagopian and Mary Hogle to step in to the 1st and 2nd VP roles. We have already been approached about several projects, and I hope each SouthPark Lion will keep their ears and eyes open for other projects. The community Needs Assessment effort that PDG Hunter Garbee is leading should also identify unmet needs in our community that we can help resolve.

There are two things we need to do, however, to keep our club vital and strong!

- 1) **Conduct a variety of hands on service activities**, providing visible accomplishments and personal satisfaction to our members (Vision Van, yard/house help, driving, habitat work, etc).
- 2) **Identify and Implement creative ways to raise funds** to provide the help we cannot do by hand (helping purchase adaptive equipment, paying for eye care, supporting campers and VIP Fishers, etc). While the annual golf tournament has been a mainstay of the SouthPark budget, we need to be open to additional or other options.

Identifying the unmet needs in our community is a key to ensuring our efforts are directed where they are needed. To this end, I am asking the SouthPark Lions to conduct a Community Needs Assessment. This tool, from Lions International will both help us identify unmet needs in our Community, and help raise our visibility through the effort.

Finally, we need programs for our meetings. If you want to see, or can arrange a particular program of interest, please contact Club Secretary Jim Sasser or President Dave Shimberg.

SouthPark Recognized

During the District Awards and Installation Banquet, Several SouthPark Lions and the Club were recognized for efforts during the 2006-2007 Lions Year. Among Lions recognized were Hunter Garbee (Humanitarian/White Cane), Joyce Garbee (Vision Van/LEHP), Jim Sasser (Camp Dogwood) Mike Shimanski (Diabetes Awareness, (Dave Shimberg (Cabinet Treasurer), Raul Farouch (International Understanding & Cooperation), and the SouthPark Lions for Leading Camp Dogwood Ticket Sales.



Coming Events



White Cane Kickoff will be held on **Saturday, August 25, 2007**, at **1:00pm** in the **Gastonia Police Department, 200 E. Long Ave., Gastonia, NC**. Light refreshments and beverages will be provided. Each Club President and White Cane Chairperson is expected to attend.

The Marcia Chronicles

Marcia continues to grow. She is 50 lbs of "I want do it my way". Her biggest distraction continues to be other dogs. Right now for Marcia, everything is a game. We went to Huntersville Lions Club this month with our AC Suzette to do a presentation to their Lions club. Marcia showed them how you are NOT to behave in public. Marcia is big for her age and she is expected to behave like an older dog and she is only five and half months old. Marcia is also very vocal.....but she is a female



Sue and Marcia

DUES NOTICE



If you have not paid your quarterly dues, please send/or give your check to Treasurer Joyce Garbee as soon as possible.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

- ◆ *Moodye Clary*
- ◆ *Smithy Curry*



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 end of each month. Thanks to those who take time to pass on this information to the Secretary.



Houston House Dedication

Over friends, family, Habitat team members, co-workers, and Lions participated in the dedication of Jada Houston's house on Saturday, July 21. The SouthPark lions were the principle financial sponsor along with Habitat for Humanity, Arc of Mecklenburg, and e-Trade. As Lion Mike Shimanski, pointed out during the ceremony, "It's amazing that you can build a house in 17 work days!"



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