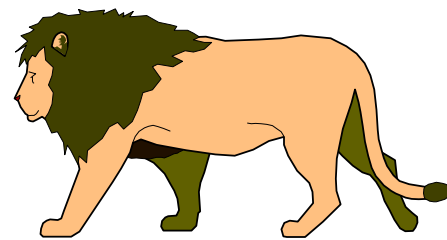


# SouthPark Roar



News for and about the South Park Lions Club

**We Serve**



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## **SPLC CALENDAR**

Thu	Nov 1	◆ Vision Van Screening
Sat	Nov 3	◆ Vision Van Screening – Senior Center, Tyvola Road 9am – 1pm
Sat	Nov 3	◆ Serve at the Men’s Winter Shelter, 5:30pm-8:00pm, 3410 Statesville Road
Fri	Nov 9	◆ Regular Meeting – Amy Huchison, Development Specialist, Bethlehem Center
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Nov 13</b>	<b>◆ Board of Directors Meeting – 7:15am, Fairview Restaurant</b>
Fri	Nov 16	◆ Business Meeting and review member surveys
Sat	Nov 17	◆ Salvation Army Kettle – Morrocroft Harris Teeter, 10m – 8pm
Sun	Nov 18	◆ South Park Mall “Evening of Giving”, 6:30 p.m., after the mall closes to the public. Various non-profits, including MAB, are selling tickets to raise money for their organizations.
Fri	Nov 23	◆ Thanks Giving Week – NO Meeting
Fri	Nov 30	◆ Regular Meeting
Fri	Dec 7	◆ Regular Meeting
Thu	Dec 13	◆ Charlotte Eastern Lions VIP Christmas Luncheon (Drivers Needed)

## **Thought for the Month**

**“Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with the sense of responsibility for each other's welfare, social justice can never be attained”**

*Helen Keller*

## **President’s Corner**

**We are well into November...** and the SouthPark Lions continue our service: On Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> a number of our dedicated Lions provided vision screenings at the Tyvola Senior Center and others served dinner at the Emergency Winter Shelter. South Park was not as well represented at District 31C’s final convention held at the Gastonia Marriott Courtyard on 10-19-20, but we did have members present. On November 17, we will support the Salvation Army’s Kettle Drive at Morrocroft Harris Teeter. Please sign up for a two hour shift through Lion President Dave. Sunday, November 18, brings us the opportunity to Help Metrolina Association for the Blind during South Park Mall “Evening of Giving”. Contact



Lion Linda Strobino or call MAB to request tickets.

On October 25, I distributed a Lions Club member survey, asking every member to share what they like, dislike, and want to see our club doing. Unfortunately, to date, only 4 of our 34 members have bothered to complete the survey and return it to help our Board of Directors better lead our club.

Operation Christmas Child boxes were available at the November 2, meeting, but most of these went home with me. Please pick up your box at the next meeting, fill it, and return it for delivery to Operation

Christmas Child.

Finally, Lion Joyce Garbee is working to pull together a club Christmas Party for us in December. Please call Lion Joyce and offer to help and share your thoughts and ideas.

Programs are all in place for November, but the rest of the year looms ahead of us. If you have program ideas for November and beyond, contact Club Secretary Jim Sasser or President Dave Shimberg.

Operation Christmas Child



Shoes Boxes for Operation Christmas Child will be available at the Nov 16 Meeting. Please be sure to pick one up. 1) Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. 2) Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. 3) Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs.\* You can give online by using our EZGIVE option, or you can write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the gift items inside your box. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoe box, please make one combined donation...



2nd QUARTLY CLUB DUES NOTICE



This fiscal quarter is half over, and there are still club members who have not sent their dues to Lion Treasurer Joyce Garbee. Please bring your checks to the next meeting, or send them to Lion Joyce

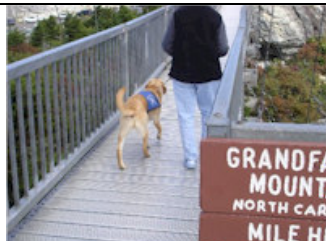
Ring that Bell!



Saturday, November 17th is the Date, and the South Park Lions will be ringing the bell for the salvation army at Morrowcroft Harris Teeter from 10:00 am until 8:00 pm. Please contact Lions President Dave to choose a 2 hour time slot. Lions should work in pairs. 10am – Noon, Noon – 2pm, 2pm – 4pm, 4pm-6pm, and 6pm – 8pm.



The Marcia Chronicles



Marcia went to Blowing Rock for the week with us. One of the many things we did with Marcia was to walk the swinging bridge at Grandfather Mountain. She showed no fear and even tried to poke her head through the railing so she could look down. She also walked the trails everyday with me. Marcia won many hearts while we were in Blowing Rock. You would have been proud of her. She was very well behaved.

Sue and Marcia

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:



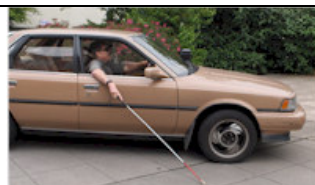
- ◆ Ed Galway
◆ Cindy Garbee
◆ Felix Smith
◆ Ranjana Sontakay



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.

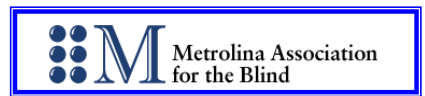
Charlotte Eastern Christmas Party for VIPs



Blind Drivers Are Needed... Oops... I mean drivers are needed to bring blind guests to and from the Charlotte Eastern Lions Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 13, Noon - 2pm. Charlotte Eastern is asking help from the South Park Lions to help transport the blind guests to and from the lunch. Blind guest meals are complimentary. Luncheon cost other guests is \$13. If you are willing to help please let me know tomorrow or by email ASAP!

**An Evening of Giving**

Metrolina Association for the Blind is participating in the South *Park Mall* “*Evening of Giving*” that will be held on Sunday evening, **November 18<sup>th</sup>**, starting at **6:30** p.m., after the mall closes to the public. Various non-profits, including MAB, are selling tickets to raise money for their organizations. The South Park stores are staying open only for those people who buy tickets from one of the participating non-profits, and almost all will be offering special discounts. There will be free refreshments available from area restaurants, as well as live holiday music performances. From the \$10 ticket price, \$7 will benefit MAB and the remaining \$3 will go to the Simon Youth Foundation. If any of our Lions Club members would like to purchase tickets from MAB, please let me know and I will bring some in to the next few meetings to sell.



**Did You Know ?**



November is American Diabetes Month - Nearly 21 million children and adults in the United States are living with Diabetes, and another 54 million are at risk. Diabetes can cause eye problems that may lead to vision loss. The UN General Assembly recently passed a landmark resolution recognizing the diabetes epidemic as a global threat. It is estimated that more than 230 million people have diabetes. This number is expected to rise to a staggering 350 million by 2025.

**Your LCIF – Making a Difference**

**Responding to California Wildfires**, LCIF is working with Lions leaders in Southern California to help victims of the California wildfires. A total of US\$45,000 in emergency grants and relief funding has been approved to date. Sixteen fires across the southern part of the state have destroyed more than 1,300 homes and more than 500,000 residents have evacuated. Lions in Districts 4-L6 (San Diego area) and 4-L5 have mobilized their emergency response team. Lions in District 4-L6 have also set up an online message board for those able to offer assistance or ideas. LCIF continues to work with Lions in southern California to assess the situation and determine a course of action. An LCIF designated account has been established for those wishing to donate to the relief efforts. For updated information, continue to visit our Web site. [http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lions\\_lcif.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lions_lcif.shtml)

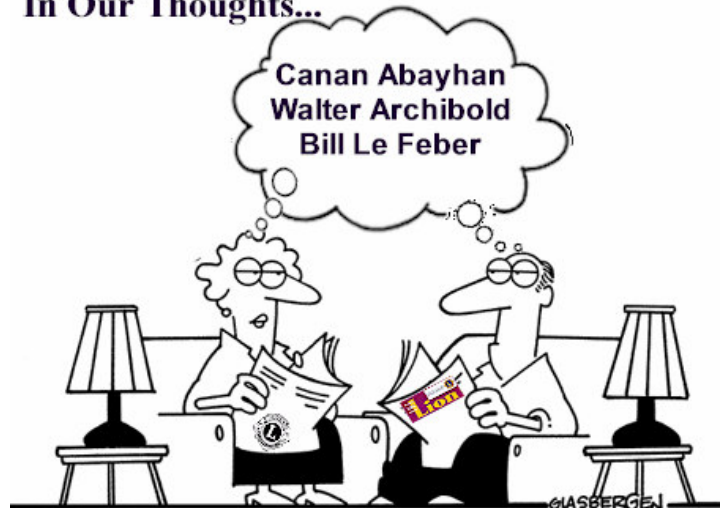


Programs like SightFirst II have made Lions the international leaders in the fight against blindness. Together, we have saved or restored sight to more than 27 million people and improved the vision treatment for hundreds of millions of individuals. Several of these individuals' stories are included in two new DVDs, *The Faces of SightFirst* and *the Year of CSFII*. Like an MJF, a Progressive MJF designated to CSFII has the power to save 166 individuals from blindness.

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



**In Our Thoughts...**



HOW TO PACK A SHOW BOX



**1 BOY OR GIRL?**  
 Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Print out the appropriate boy/girl label shown below (instructions for printing provided below). Mark the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box. Print Labels at [http://www.samaritanpurse.org/glossy/Includes/pdf\\_files/one\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.samaritanpurse.org/glossy/Includes/pdf_files/one_sheet.pdf)

**2 FILL WITH GIFTS**  
 Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child.

**3 INCLUDE YOUR DONATION**  
 Please donate **\$7** or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs.\* You can give online by using our **EZGIVE** option, or you can write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the gift items inside your box. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoe box, please make one combined donation.

**4 DROP OFF**  
 Place a rubber band around each shoe box and lid and drop off at the Collection Center nearest you during our collection week in mid-November. For locations and dates, call 1-800-353-5949, or visit the [Drop-Off Locations](#) page on this web site. You can also send your shoe box gift to: Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child, 801 Bamboo Road, Boone, NC 28607



**Need Labels? ►**  
 Download and print

**GIFT IDEAS**

**TOYS**

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS**

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

**OTHER**

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

**A PERSONAL NOTE**

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

**DO NOT INCLUDE:**

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans

