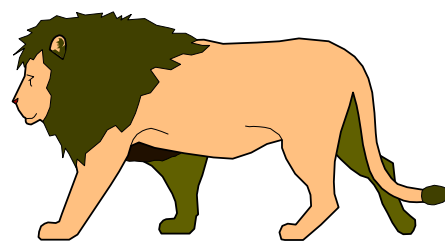


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We Serve



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SPLC CALENDAR

Fri	Jan 4	◆ Regular Meeting – Guest Speaker, Ray Eschert, on current real estate trends
Sat	Jan 5	◆ Serve at the Men's Winter Shelter, 5:30pm-8:00pm, 3410 Statesville Road – Please bring some disposable razors for the men.
Fri	Jan 11	◆ Regular Meeting – Linda Edwards (former puppy raiser) and Patti Dreher with the Humane Society. Each Lion is asked to bring a can cat or dog food, a toy, or something that the Humane Society can use.
Tue	Jan 15	◆ SPLC Board Meeting, Fairview Restaurant, 7:15 am
Fri	Jan 18	◆ Monthly Business Meeting – Come help plan our activities for the rest of our year.
Fri	Jan 21	◆ Regular Meeting - Judy Clemmons of the Senior Center

Thought for the Month

“Life is either a daring adventure or nothing. Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature.”

Helen Keller

President's Corner



Happy New Year! We made it thorough 2007 and have a world of new opportunities in 2008!

Each of us has a clean slate before us. On this slate we can create projects and activities that help others to help themselves. Are you up to the task? The new year kicks off with our regular meeting this Friday, January 4, with Ray Eschert talking about current real estate trends. Our first serving of 2008, at the Emergency Winter shelter, is on Saturday, Jan 5th.

For those of you, who were unable to attend the club survey discussion on 12/7, missed some great discussion about club activities. If you have not yet completed a club survey, please do this online at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=QgpYN4lPqvWH9oEXaN8m6w_3d_3d.



The Lesser Expectation!

The subject of Membership frequently arises when Lions meet, whether at the club, district, or International level. For some good reason I thought of the novel by Charles Dickens, “Great Expectations”. Most readers find the work of Dickens charming and reflective of the times in which he lived. But, he did have his critics who claimed his characters were exaggerated...as the critic Angus Wilson put it, “we see them as is we had three or four glasses of champagne”. There are worse things than seeing the world through several glasses of bubbly!

As Lions we have **great expectations** for our local club and for our worldwide organization, as reflected in our motto, “We Serve”. All too often, however, reality dawns when we fail to increase our membership in the demanding, ever busy times we live in. Or, if we fail to raise the funds to meet the needs of our humanitarian and benevolent programs, whether in our community or in the larger picture. *New members come to the organization with refreshing zeal and expectations* that the club, and all its members, will work diligently to accomplish the organization mission, especially those special causes about which the new members is passionate. Members with some tenure look with great expectations upon the newcomers to supply the leadership and new ideas the Lions require.


I would propose that our expectations are great, but not grand! New Lion members may see the club in the light of those projects they take very personally, and in which they have a stake. New members may not necessarily visualize the club

from the perspective of what the club has or can achieve collectively. It is fairly well accepted that like people, organizations resist change of any kind, and the old axiom 'you can't teach an old dog new tricks', contains some irritating kernels of truth!

I therefore propose we consider a "*Lesser Expectation*". Club members should welcome new members, affirming the accomplishments of the past, and re-assuring the newcomer we are open to change and growth. New members should come to the club with ideas and energy, always remembering not to expect the established member to always accept the ideas or share the energy. Each club member in his or her own way contributes to the success of the organization, whether it be by way of hours of service; dollars contributed; quiet support of the organization's Mission; bringing new ideas to the fore; or merely by being a quiet Lion in the community. As Lions, our success is measured by what we do and the way we do it. As Lions we should expect no less!

PDG Hunter Garbee

2nd QUARTLY CLUB DUES NOTICE

 **December marks the start of a new fiscal quarter. Please bring your checks to the next meeting, or send them to Lion Joyce Garbee.**

The Marcia Chronicles

The season is over, but Marcia helped herself to some fiber optics on the Christmas tree. She must have thought they were icicles! Marcia knows without a doubt when her coat is on, she is working. Thanks for being so helpful in using restraint and not petting her in this phase of her training. Hope 2008 is kind to everyone. *Sue and Marcia*

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

- ◆ Hunter Garbee - 1/9
- ◆ Mary Hoglund - 1/22



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"**



In Our Thoughts...

