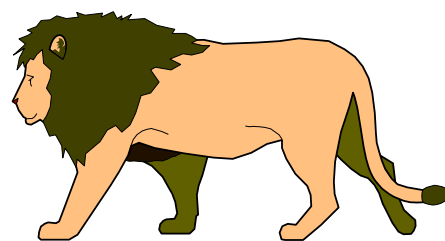


# SouthPark Roar



News for and about the South Park Lions Club

**We Serve**



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Guests/Visitors Welcome at all Regular Meetings, Please visit from other clubs or come and find out how the Lions SERVE their communities.

President: PDG David Shimberg  
Secretary: PDG Jim Sasser

Treasurer: Joyce Garbee  
1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Open

## **SPLC CALENDAR**

Fri	Apr 11	◆ Regular Meeting - Joanne Charnetski and Mona Johnson from Ronald McDonald House in Charlotte
Tue	Apr 15	◆ SPLC Board Meeting, Fairview Restaurant, 7:15 am
Fri	Apr 18	◆ Business Meeting
Fri	Apr 19	◆ <b>JDRF Walk for the Cure at Carowinds Park, 7:00am registration. Walk starts at 8:30am</b>
Tue	Apr 22	◆ Vision Van – Harper Campus
Tue	Apr 23	◆ Vision Van – Levine Campus
Tue	Apr 24	◆ Vision Van – Cato Campus
Thu	Apr 24	◆ Miracle Worker Benefit Performance. 8:00 pm. CPCC Pease Auditorium
Fri	Apr 25	◆ Regular Meeting - Katie Toney, North Carolina National Guard Family Assistance Center, will explain what we can do to help our Guard families.
Wed	Apr 30	◆ Mint Hill Golf Tournament
May 30 – Jun 1		◆ NC Lions State Convention, Greensboro, NC, Greensboro High Point Airport Marriott

## **SPLC Sponsored Vision Screenings (all screenings are 9am 2pm, except Harper Campus which will be in the evening)**

Fri	May 9	◆ Vision Van - Senior Center, Tyvola Rd	Wed	Jun 25	◆ Vision Van – DSS Executive Drive
Tue	Jun 10	◆ Vision Van - Sharon Towers			◆

## **Thought for the Month**

**Start by doing what's necessary, then what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.**

*Francis of Assisi*



### **President's Corner**

*I hate to say it*, but I'm a little discouraged. We need to increase both meeting attendance and membership. We need increased participation and support in activities like the Miracle Worker and Winter Shelter. If you have suggestions on activities, programs, club operations, or any other aspect of the South Park Lions Club, please contact me. You are the South Park Lions Club, and collectively we must meet each others needs and expectations to be an effective, viable service club.

We have **only 2 weeks to sell our minimum allotment of 200 tickets**, and **only 1 week to sell program ads**, before the program must go to the printer! Lion Shelia Sasser reports that few members have turned in receipts, and we are a long way from recovering our \$2000 investment, let alone making money to support our projects. Don't miss an opportunity to promote the show and sell tickets to family, friends, co-workers, church and Sunday School members, neighbors, bridge club members, golfing or tennis friends, and of course we hope you will purchase some for yourself. Don't forget you can also **sell performance program ads** (See the table below). **When approaching potential sponsors, ask them to support the charitable activities of the Lions, letting them know that we will recognize their support in promotional materials for our activities and events as appropriate.** This way those who have supported Golf Tournaments in the past will know that they will receive recognition for their continued or new support

Each and every member must roll up their sleeves, recruit friends and family, and pitch in. A busy month like this is the perfect opportunity to tell the Lions Story to non-Lions, encourage them to help out, and, hopefully, become a member. Don't forget to ask! Many people who know about the Lions and support our efforts, say they are not members because they were "never asked"!



**Are Your Club's Eye Glass Collection Boxes Listed ?** There is a new tab on the District website. If your club's collection boxes are not listed, send specific location (name, address, and phone) information to PDG Dave Shimberg, [davealans@carolina.rr.com](mailto:davealans@carolina.rr.com).

**Eyeglass Collection**

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Club Dues** *April starts a new fiscal quarter. Please get your check to Lion Treasurer Joyce.*



**Sell Tickets** and then ask Lion Shelia for more!

Performance Tickets	Performance Program Ads			
	Full Page 4 1/4 x 5 1/2	3/4 Page	1/2 Page	1/4 Page
\$15 each	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$25

**JDRF Walk for a Cure:** If you haven't already done so, please join the Charlotte South Park Walking team, part of the NC/SC Lion Strutters walking team. Last year the Strutters raised over \$23,000. This year we are working to exceed \$25,000, BUT we cannot do it without your help. **Join our team or sponsor a walker at:** <http://members.tripod.com/lions31c0/JDRF/JDRF-Walk.htm>



April 3, 2008

South Park Lions Club  
Dear Lion David Shimberg, President of SPLC,

I want to thank the South Park Lions Club for the honor of having a guide dog puppy sponsored, by the SPLC, in my name. What excitement there will be over the prospect of a guide dog puppy being raised in our SPLC area! I plan on asking that the puppy raiser be someone in the Charlotte area. I will ask the puppy raiser to allow me bring the puppy to our Friday meetings so that we can all see the growth and progress of the pup.



I'm suggesting a female Goldador for they are all spayed. Preferably a yellow pup as this color is easier to photograph than a black dog.

**Now I have a favor to ask.** Let's let the club name her. It will make her more the club's puppy if everyone has a part in naming her. We can put names in the basket and draw a name or have a selection of names, and as a club vote for the name we want.

Thanks again, what a wonderful thing you are doing for the blind.  
Sincerely, **Lion Sue Hawkins**

**Tuesday SPLC Evening Branch Offers New Club Model:** Jack Hagopian, with the help of PDG Hunter Garbee is forging new ground with their Branch Club Model. The planned club will meet on the 4th Tuesday evening of each month, and their second meeting will be on a Saturday to work on a service project. Lion Jack hopes this format will appeal to busy individuals who want to make a difference but don't have time for regular meetings. If you know someone to whom his club model may appeal, please have them contact Lion Jack at [jhagopian@carolina.rr.com](mailto:jhagopian@carolina.rr.com) or (704) 814-0178 -or- PDG Hunter at [joyhunt@carolina.rr.com](mailto:joyhunt@carolina.rr.com) or 704-846-6510.

**2008-09 Officers Nominated:** During the March 18, 2008 Board of Directors' meeting, the following slate of candidates was nominated and accepted by the Board, for ratification by the membership at two successive Regular Meetings. Other nominations may be made, for positions with nominated candidates, and those that remain open, as follow:

President:	PDG David Shimberg
Secretary:	PDG Jim Sasser

Treasurer:	Lion Shelia Sasser
Membership:	Lion Louis Atchison

1 <sup>st</sup> VP:	open
Programs:	open

**The Fortunes of Aging**

Old Age, I decided, is a gift. I am now, probably for the first time in my life, the person I have always wanted to be. (And, if I'm not everything I wanted to be, well, that's OK too) Oh, not my body! I sometime despair over my body, the wrinkles, the baggy eyes, and the sagging butt. And often I am taken aback by that old person that lives in my mirror (who looks like my mother!), but I don't agonize over those things for long.

I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, my loving family for less gray hair or a flatter belly. As I've

aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend.

I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn't need, but looks so avante garde on my patio. I am entitled to a treat, to be messy, to be extravagant.

I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging. Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 AM and sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60&70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love ... I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They, too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day. (If I feel like it)

May our friendship never come apart especially when it's straight from the heart!

May you always have a rainbow of smiles on your face and in your heart forever and ever!

**April 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"**

