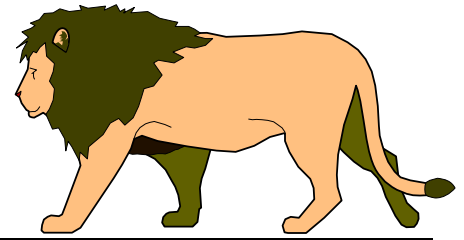


SouthPark Roar



News for and about the South Park Lions Club



We Serve

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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

President: PDG David Shimberg	Secretary: PDG Jim Sasser	Treasurer: Lion Shelia Sasser
1 st V.P. Lion César Perez Sanchez	Tail Twister: Lion Phil Adams	Membership: Louis Atchison

SPLC CALENDAR

Fri	Sep 5	◆ Regular Meeting – Chris Jameson, Secretary “Parents of Blind Children”
Fri	Sep 12	◆ Regular Meeting – Dana Draa - Assistive Technology Resource Specialist with Division of Services for the Blind (DSB) will talk about adaptive devices
Sat	Sep 13	◆ SPLC Branch Board Meeting- 2:00 PM, Starbucks Coffee across from St Gabriel Church
Tue	Sep 16	◆ SPLC Board Meeting, Fairview Restaurant, 7:15 am
Thu-Sat	Sep 18-20	◆ USA Canada Leadership Forum - Saskatoon, Canada
Fri	Sep 19	◆ Business Meeting – Help plan a yard sale and Zone Gala
Fri	Sep 25	◆ Evening Club Meeting – 6:30 PM, at St Gabriel Church.
Fri	Sep 26	◆ Regular Meeting – Dr. Philip C. Bugaiski, OD, FCOVD of The Developmental Vision Center will talk about children's vision problems.
Tue	Sep 30	◆ SPLC Monthly Branch Meeting, 6:30 PM - St Gabriel Church

Thought for the Month

"Achievement is largely the product of steadily raising one's levels of aspiration... and expectation."

Jack Nicklaus



President's Corner

Funding Service! I said it last month and I'll say it again, we must still identify one or more major fund raising activities in which we can all participate. The two projects currently under discussion are a Yard Sale and a Gala Dinner Fundraiser. Lion Ron Martin has stepped up the chair the Gala Dinner project, and has experience with similar events with the Boy Scouts. He is certain we can raise significant funds with the right “special guest”, venue, invitee's, and promotion. Please step up and help with either of these projects. The Gala is a project in which multiple clubs can participate. Contact President Dave (c) 704-906-1158 or w) 704-733-5289, davealans@carolina.rr.com) or Lion Ron (h) 704.536.4429, w) 704.375.6405, ronm@rmartincpa.com) to help with the Gala project.

The National Federation for the Blind Convention assistance slots are filling well. Several openings remain unfilled, including Breakfast on Sunday morning (7 – 9am, Sunday 9/21). Even our newest member, Lion Mike Bird is already stepping up to the plate!

Upcoming fall activities may include broom sales, food baskets for needy families during the holiday, food and clothing collections. The Mens' Emergency Winter Shelter will be opening next month.

Lion Louis Atchison has scheduled a number of great programs for September. Please don't miss the opportunity to bring guests.

PDG Dave Shimberg, President

Lions Services, Inc Eye Clinic

The Lions of Mecklenburg county can be proud of the LSI Eye Clinic. Nearly 6000 low income and indigent patients were seen at the clinic during the 2007 fiscal year. You may not know that the eye clinic runs at a financial loss every year. The operating loss is made up by transferring income from LSI manufacturing operations, donations, and the support of Lions Clubs. The eye clinic's mission is to provide quality vision care to patients who might otherwise be unable to see an eye care professional. Clients are seen at the LSI Eye Clinic on a referral basis from school nurses, social workers, other not-for-profit social agencies, and Lions Clubs. The LSI eye clinic is not for general use by the public or those who can otherwise afford professional eye care.

Lions Clubs making referrals to the Eye Clinic will be billed for expenses associated with the referral visit, and generally be given the opportunity to apply for matching funds to cover 50% of the expenses if the patient's financial situation warrants it.

Digalo en Español ! (Say it in Spanish!) Greetings:

Darse la mano = Shake hands

A kiss Un beso

A hug = Un abrazo

A pat = Una palmada

Remarks:

- a. Hispanics generally shake hands when they meet for the first time.
- b. Hispanic men often greet men they know well with an ABRAZO, a quick hug and a pat on the back.
- c. Hispanic women often greet friends and loved ones with a brief kiss on one or both cheeks. Spanish women always greet with a kiss on both cheeks.

Festival Latino on Sunday, October 12, offers a great opportunity for the SouthPark Lions to remain a visible presence in the Hispanic Community. Held at Symphony Park - South Park, from 08:30 AM to 6:00 PM. The participation cost is \$ 50.00. The Club Board of Directors will approve this at this month's Board meeting. The Festival provides an opportunity to sell brooms, or perhaps do kid ID photos. If you are interested in participating, contact Lion VP Cesar, (704) 575-9814 or chps_persan@yahoo.com.

Lion VP César Perez Sanchez

Are you and your Family Prepared? Do you have 3 or more days of supplies for your family should a hurricane or other disaster strike? Basic, supplies like a gallon of water per person per day, non-perishable canned foods, portable radio, flashlights, lots of fresh batteries, clothes, basic tools, copies of medical prescriptions, copies of valuable documents (credit cards, identification, vehicle titles, and contact lists of physicians, insurance companies and relatives, items to help children pass the time, and supplies for pets, are just some of the things you should have on hand. There is a wealth of good information and checklists at www.ready.gov. Make sure you and your family are survivors, not victims when disaster strikes.



Dave Shimberg, CBCP

Evening Club Helps Life Hope

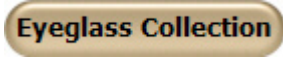
On Saturday, August 9, Life Hope held a Picnic **Day** in Belk Camp. The Evening club was there to help about 25 handicapped children and their mothers enjoy a "PICNIC DAY".

Lion VP César Perez Sanchez



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.



Chronicles of Leona

Leona is learning so many new things. Today is the 29th and Leona went down outside stairs for the first time. Still will not go down inside stairs. She has developed a skin rash. House training is going much better. We are on day # 3 with no accidents.



Leona hates to get her feet wet and it was a real challenge the day of all the rain.

Thanks to all the wonderful Lions that take time to say hello to her. She is learning to sit when she is being petted and has met several very wonderful people at the restaurant that have taken a great interest in our puppy Leona.

Leona and Lion Sue

Serving at Lincoln Heights Elementary

I am writing on behalf of the entire Lincoln Heights Elementary School and community to thank you for helping at our open house picnic on August 21. It was a huge success thanks to the support from the Lions and other organizations. The staff and community greatly enjoyed the entire event. It served as a great way to kick off the new school year! The time and efforts of Lions PDG Jim Sasser, César Sanchez, Miguel Lopez, and Lion Cesar's son Jose, to cook every single hot dog was a huge help in serving all our students and their families. Every Lion that attended the event to cook had a great attitude and was willing to help out in anyway that was needed. I certainly look forward to working with the SouthPark Lions in the future.



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Jessie Elseroud

Administrative Intern/Kindergarten Teacher

September Birthdays:

- * Bill LeFeber 9/2
- * Phil Adams 9/10
- * Katherine Portalanza 9/14
- * Dave Shimberg 9/20
- * Ron Martin 9/20
- * Shelia Mitchell-Sasser 9/30



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.

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