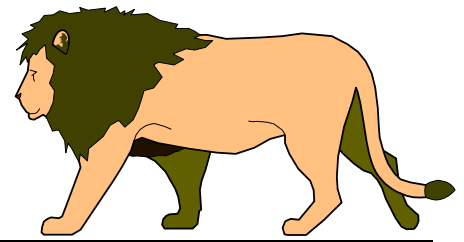


SouthPark Roar



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	Dec 5	◆ Regular Meeting – Sgt. Irwin Carmichael – Personal Safety for Adults – Crime of all kinds is up this time of year for assaults on shoppers to home break-ins. Don't Be a Victim - Bring a Guest. This is an important program for you, your family, and friends!
Fri	Dec 12	◆ No Regular Meeting ◆ Charlotte Providence Lions Club Charter Night – St. Gabriel Church
Tue	Dec 16	◆ SPLC Board Meeting, Fairview Restaurant, 7:15 am
Thu	Dec 18	◆ VIP Christmas Party – St. Gabriel's, Noon – 2pm (drivers needed – see article)
Fri	Dec 19	◆ Business Meeting
Fri	Dec 26	◆ No Meeting - Christmas Week
Fri	Jan 2	◆ Regular Meeting –
Sat	Jan 3	◆ Feed the Homeless at Emergency Winter Shelter, 5:30 pm

Thought for the Month

Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.”

Buddha

President's Corner

'Tis the Season And I certainly hope you and your family are healthy and doing better than many others in our community. The Charlotte Christmas Bureau stopped taking applications within days of opening this year due to huge demand and low sponsorship giving. What are you and your family doing to help those less fortunate than yourselves in this season of giving? Look around and see what you can do. Generosity is not measured in dollars, but in meeting needs and helping those who expect nothing from you.

Just two activities in which you can serve are by **1)** providing transportation to our VIP guests at our VIP Christmas Party on December 18, is a great way to help. Call PDG Farris Brantly at 704-554-6138 to volunteer.; and **2)** support an angle from the Salvation Army Angel Tree. The economy is making it harder for all of us, and with demand for assistance is up, support to many agencies is down.

Finally, on Friday evening, December 12, Charlotte Providence Lions Club will officially become a



Lions Club. The Charlotte SouthPark Lions have every right to take pride in sponsoring this group of dedicated new and experienced Lions. If you haven't already done so, register for the Charter Night celebration on December 12, at St. Gabriel Church. Reservations are \$25/person. Check with PDGs Jim Sasser or Hunter Garbee to see if seats are still available..

PDG Dave Shimberg, President



Safety for Adults! Unfortunately, crime is a buzzword in today's society. 2005 statistics indicate crime is still a serious problem in our community. No one is exempt from the potential of becoming part of these statistics. What can we do to decrease our risk and begin making an impact against crime? **On Friday December 5, in just 30 minutes, Sergeant Irwin Carmichael of the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office hopes to teach you how to minimize the opportunity of becoming a victim.** Sergeant Carmichael is well qualified to bring this program to your employees. He is a master level Black Belt in Kempo Karate

who oversees several karate schools in the Charlotte area. He instructs not only local, state and county law enforcement personnel in defensive tactics, but has also presented his program internationally. Bring a guest. This will be a GREAT program!

VIP Christmas Party For years, the Charlotte Eastern Lions held an annual VIP Christmas Party each December. Many area VIPs look forward to this annual event. This year, following the dissolution of the Charlotte Eastern Lions, the Charlotte SouthPark Lions are privileged to pick up and carry on this seasonal tradition. Over 35 guests have already been identified with others still being confirmed. PDG Farris Brantley, working with Hunter Garbee and others has arranged location, food, and entertainment, including a visit from Santa. **“What we need”, laments PDG Farris, “are drivers to provide transportation for our guests, many of whom are scattered across greater Charlotte.” If you are willing to help, please contact PDG Farris Brantley at 704-554-6138 to volunteer.**

The VIP Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 18, from noon to 2pm at St. Gabriel Church, where the SouthPark club has held a number of events.

Camp Dogwood Tickets Available The winning ticket holder may win a Chrysler vehicle or one of several \$200 gift certificates. The SouthPark Lions, lead by PDG Jim Sasser, has always been among the most generous supporters of this program. This year each Lion is asked to sell 3 books of raffle tickets for either \$10 for a book of 12 tickets, or \$1 per individual ticket. The chance of winning is substantially better than ANY Carolina lottery, probably 150,000 to one! Let's start early with the sale of the books as the stubs will be entered into a drawing at the District convention in Gastonia on October 20th. The gift certificates will be drawn at that time and the winning ticket for the vehicle awarded at the Lions State convention in June. If you have not already done so, pick up no less than 3 books from PDG Jim Sasser, and by all means, ask for more when you have sold what you have!

The Leona Chronicles.. Starting a New Chapter ?

Leona says goodbye the first week of Dec. I really don't look for her to return to us. They may decide to finish raising her in FL. Because of her health issues this may phase her out of the program and into a career change life. Leona has so much play in her hat she will love being in the kennel with other dogs. If she is career changed, they will give another dog to SPLC, but her name will already be chosen. I guess we could give the new puppy (if there is to be one) a middle name of "LEONA" . *This is not good-by, but till the next time,*



Lion Sue Hawkins

Distirict 31E Convention With a Cruise the, our ship is set to sail on January 23 -24, 2009 on the SS Salisbury Holiday Inn from port of call at 530 Jake Alexander Blvd, Salisbury, NC 704-637-3100 for accommodations. (Reservation form on last page)	Function	by Jan 10	after Jan 10
	Family Fun Night 1/23	\$3.00	\$7.00
	Tail Twister Breakfast 1/24	\$10.00	\$12.00
	District Governor's Banquet	\$20.00	\$22.50

December Birthdays:

- * Amr Swede 12/10
- * Dick McLaughlin 12/5
- * Barbara Kennedy 12/14
- * Aurelio Marcelo 12/14



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"**



Charlotte Providence Lions Club Charter Night

The new **Charlotte Providence Lions Club will hold its Charter Night** on **Friday, December 12, 2008** at St. Gabriel Church located at the intersection of Providence Road and Sharon Amity Road in Charlotte.

The event will start with a **social hour at 6:30 P.M.**, followed by a **banquet at 7:00 P.M.** A registration form is included. All Lions are invited to attend, celebrate and welcome the Providence Lions Club to District 31-E.

During the evening, DG Gordon McAdams will present members of the Providence Lions Club with their official charter. Members of the Charlotte SouthPark Lions Club, who sponsored the Providence Lions Club, will also welcome the new Lions.

It is common practice for the District Lions Clubs to provide a gift to the new club to help them get started and to get through the first year. These gifts will be presented at the Charter Night Banquet. Some of the Providence Lions needs are as follows:

- Tail Twister Bank
- Framing of Charter
- American Flag w/staff
- Podium
- International Flag Set
- Cash Donations

If your club will be presenting a gift to the Providence Lions Club, please contact PDG Jim Sasser at 704-552-5638 or email sasserjhs@aol.com and indicate what your club intends to provide so as to keep from duplicating gifts (except cash donations). We want to recognize each Lions Club making a gift and to be included, we must have your response by December 1, 2008.

The deadline for submitting your registration form is December 1, 2008.

PROVIDENCE LIONS CLUB CHARTER NIGHT REGISTRATION FORM

The SouthPark Lions Club and the Providence Lions Club invite you to help celebrate the Providence Lions Charter Night on Friday, December 12, 2008 at St. Gabriel Church located at the intersection of Providence Road and Sharon Amity Road in Charlotte. The festivities will begin at 6:30 PM with a Social Hour and be followed by a Banquet at 7:00 PM. Dress is coat and tie for men and appropriate attire for women.

The Banquet Meal will consist of entree, vegetables, beverage and dessert. The **meal cost is \$25** per person. Make checks payable to the SouthPark Lions Club.

Please complete the registration form and return with payment to:

PDG Jim Sasser
6808 Dumbarton Drive
Charlotte, NC 28210

Name	Club	Amount
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
Contact Phone:		

**Lions District 31-E Mid-Winter Convention
Holiday Inn, Salisbury NC - January 23 - 24, 2009**

Friday - January 23 - Our Cruise Sets Sail!

Registration.....4:00PM-8:30PM
 Family Fun Night (all Lions and Guests Invited) Luau6:30PM-9:00PM
 (Chicken Tenders, entertainment and Lions Bingo)

Saturday - January 24

Registration.....7:15AM-6:00PM
 Tail Twisters Breakfast & Auction (all Lions and Guests).....7:45AM-11AM
 Q&A with the ID (all Lions and Guests)11:00AM-11:30PM
 Lunch on the Lido Deck (Hospitality Room #110).....11:30PM-12:45PM
 Leo Cabinet Meeting (Overman Room)12:00PM-1:00PM
 District Cabinet Meeting1:00PM-3:00PM
 Hospitality Room Open.....3:00PM-5:00PM
 Banquet at the Captain's Table (Lions and Guests).....6:00PM-9:00PM

Badges must be worn at all meal functions (including fun night)

**Holiday Inn (704) 637-3100
 530 Jake Alexander Blvd
 Salisbury, NC 28147**

Room Rate - \$79.99 plus tax
*Reservations after January 1 will be provided on
 space-available basis.*

*Make your room reservations directly with the motel.
 Let them know you are attending the Lions Convention
 to get discounted room rate.*

Make check for meals payable to:
 NC Lions District 31-E

Mail check with bottom portion of this form to:

Lion Ron Staley Phone: (704) 788-8866
 7935 Altacrest Drive
 Concord, NC 28027
 Email: rstaley@carolina.rr.com

Do Not Mail after January 10, 2009

Phone registration between Jan. 10 & Jan. 16
No refunds after January 18

Return this part of the form with your check - Copy as needed

Club: _____ District: _____

Names of everyone attending:

(Include first and last names for badges)

	Lion	Leo	Fellow	Fellow	Sticley MJ	Woolard Prtnr N Svc	Fun Night	TT Breakfast	Banquet Meal		
									Beef	Chicken	Veggie
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<u>Function</u>	<u>Cost by Jan 10</u>	<u>Cost after Jan 10</u>	<u>Number Attending</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Family Fun Night	\$3.00	\$7.00	_____	_____
Tail Twister Breakfast	\$10.00	\$12.00	_____	_____
District Governor Banquet	\$20.00	\$22.50	_____	_____

Reminder: Please Select Banquet Meal Preference Above

Total Cost _____