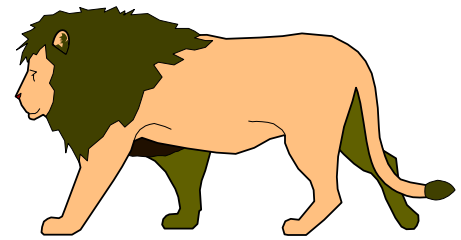


# SouthPark Roar



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 communities.

President: PDG David Shimberg  
1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Lion César Perez Sanchez

Secretary: PDG Jim Sasser  
Tail Twister: Lion Phil Adams

Treasurer: Lion Shelia Sasser  
Membership: Louis Atchison

## **SPLC CALENDAR**

Fri	Jan 2	♦ No Meeting – Day after New Years
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Jan 3</b>	<b>♦ Feed the Homeless at Emergency Winter Shelter, 5:30 pm</b>
Fri	Jan 9	♦ Regular Meeting – Marcia Lampert, Buddy Kemp Caring House (community cancer support program)
Fri	Jan 9	♦ Vision Van – Gastonia Evening Lions - Highland Charter-Public School 9am – 4pm – (see article)
Tue	Jan 13	♦ SPLC Board Meeting, Fairview Restaurant, 7:15 am
Fri	Jan 16	♦ Business Meeting
Fri	Jan 23	♦ Regular Meeting – To be announced
Fri	Jan 30	♦ Regular Meeting – Michele Ray, oncology nutrition specialist, Presbyterian Healthcare
Fri	Feb 6	♦ Feed the Homeless at Emergency Winter Shelter, 5:30 pm

## **Thought for the Month**

*“When we do the best that we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another”*

*Helen Keller*

## **President’s Corner**

**December 2008 was a busy month for the SouthPark Lions.** We conducted a vision screening, participated in the Charter night for our branch club, which is now officially the Charlotte Providence Lions Club, Hosted a VIP Christmas Party, and supported the Hope for Life group with their Christmas party.



**The new year, however, is a time for new beginnings,** New Optimism, New Strengths. As we look forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of our Lions year, I ask each member to reflect on our clubs past accomplishments, the contributions made by each, and what we can and are willing to do in the coming months. About what service projects are you passionate? Are we doing what you want us to do? If not let me know. Each of us has our own project areas about which we are passionate, and of course those about which we have less enthusiasm. By coming together, supporting each others passions we can accomplish great things!

Right now, however, we need funds to support our projects. Feeding the homeless every month, helping provide eyeglasses through Lions Services, Vision Van screenings are all activities which have significant impact in our community, but all require funds from our dwindling charitable account. What are your ideas, and projects (both fund raising and service).

Finally, the Charlotte Providence Lions Club has grown to over 35 members, while attendance at

our Friday morning meetings is half of what it should be. Please call or email me and let me know what we can do to encourage participation; different types of topics, more project planning (requires project ideas and leaders)?

*PDG Dave Shimberg, President*



**Tradition! Serving the Visually Impaired!** Years ago the Charlotte Eastern Lions began a warm and wonderful tradition of serving a Christmas lunch to area VIP's. (VIP, for Rip Van Winkle and others asleep for years, means Visually Impaired Persons). As the membership ranks of the Eastern Lions club has thinned, our SouthPark and Providence Lions carried the tradition forward in 2008 with hopes of continuing in years to come.

On Thursday, December 18, fifty-five Lions and VIP guests were treated to a gourmet lunch in the Ministry Center of St. Gabriel Church, created by the deft hand of chef Andy Brown. To top off the affair we were treated to a concert by the chorus from Charlotte Catholic High School, under the direction of Ms. Dottie Tippet. The young people, some sixty voices, sang seasonal favorites to the delight of everyone. Ms. Tippet said this was at least the 16th year she had led the chorus at this Lions affair and was looking forward to 2009. And, so are we! To those Lions who drove guests, served tables, made the phone calls and supported this wonderful event, we thank you. This annual luncheon is in the best SERVING tradition of the Lions.

A special tip of the Lions cap to PDG Farris Brantley who performed his logistic magic coordinating the volunteer drivers and all the special guests. It was especially heartening having a large number of former Eastern Lions return to drive and host our guests. Once a Lion, always a Lion. Keep coming back!

Finally, a well deserved thank you to Bloom Food Store #2586, on Sugar Creek Road in North Charlotte for providing Apples, Oranges, and Clementines for the Gift Fruit Bags each VIP received. Blooms support of the Lions Community activities is appreciated and demonstrates their commitment to the communities they serve.



**Lions Provide Cheer for those Who Need Hope**

Santa Claus came to a group of twenty five children on Thursday evening, December 18. The Providence Lions club partnered with the parents of these physically challenged and otherwise handicapped children in a happy party of Christmas celebration. More than seventy-five people attended to see each child receive gifts from Santa, with the help of the Lions.



The parents of these blessed children formed a group called, *Hope for Life*, to work together to make the children's lives happier. This is not the first time the Lions have served the *Hope for Life* families. Last fall the SouthPark Branch Lions hosted the children at a picnic in the park. The Lions will continue supporting these children with outings and encouragement. Special thanks go to Lions Lopez, Sanchez, Kennedy and Santa. To All the Lions who contributed gifts and helped with the event, we thank you especially. WE are blessed with this opportunity to SERVE in our community.

**Time is Running out to Sell or Purchase Camp Dogwood Tickets** and be included in the drawing at the District Convention. 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 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**Gastonia Lions Need Help Staffing Vision Van**

The **Gastonia Evening Lions Club** in District 31-E is hosting the Vision Van on Friday, January 9 at the Highland Charter-Public School on North Highland Street in Gastonia. It will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (approximate time depending on the number of people wishing to be screened).

The club is small and does not have enough volunteers to staff the vision van for this event. We are looking for volunteers to help staff the vision van during the day. If you can help staff the vision van for this event please contact me at 704-854-5315 or 704-854-6617. Also, if you know of a doctor that can volunteer that day please let us know.

**Lion Michael Schwartz, Club Secretary**

**Leona Chronicles Update**

The latest news on Leona: She is not exhibiting any of the symptoms that we were seeing here. They have started her back on IAMS large breed dog food to see if she tolerates it. She is living in a private home with other dogs. The lady of the house takes Leona with her when she tutors her students. We may get her back in the spring.

**Lion Sue Hawkins**

**Don't Miss the District 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

**January Birthdays:**

- \* Hunter Garbee 1/09
- \* Mike Bird 1/25



**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"**



**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) Luau (Chicken Tenders, entertainment and Lions Bingo)	6:30PM-9:00PM

**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 Meeting	1:00PM-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	Stickley Fellow	MJ Fellow	Woolard Prtnr N Svc	Fun Night	TT Breakfast	Banquet Meal		
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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	_____	_____
			<b>Total Cost</b>	_____

**Reminder: Please Select Banquet Meal Preference Above**