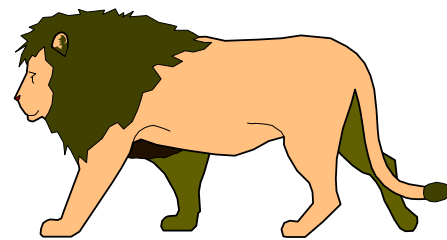


SouthPark Roar



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
1st V.P. Lion César Perez Sanchez

Secretary: PDG Jim Sasser
Tail Twister: Lion Phil Adams

Treasurer: Lion Shelia Sasser
Membership: Louis Atchison

SPLC CALENDAR

Sat	Jan 31	♦ Matthews Lions Club - Annual Pancake Breakfast 7-11, The Levine Senior Center in Matthews. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$5.00.
Fri	Feb 6	♦ Regular Meeting - Miguel Rey- Latin American Chamber Of Commerce
Sat	Feb 7	♦ Feed the Homeless at Emergency Winter Shelter, 5:30 pm
Fri	Feb 13	♦ Regular Meeting - Angeles Ortega- The Latin American Coalition
Fri	Feb 20	♦ Business Meeting
Fri	Feb 27	♦ Regular Meeting – Mike Redding, Channel 6, WNBC's "Carolina Traveler"
Sat	Mar 7	♦ Feed the Homeless at Emergency Winter Shelter, 5:30 pm
Fri	Apr 10	♦ Regular Meeting – David Shimberg, Lions "Green Teams" and Environmental Activities

Thought for the Month

"So much of what we call management, consists in making it difficult for people to work."

Peter Drucker

President's Corner

January kicked off 2009. We closed out our CitiPass book sales, and turned in Camp Dogwood tickets at the District Convention. With luck, we are in a position to build a relationship with Charlotte Center City Partners that may further Lions Projects in Charlotte. New opportunities now lay before us, including new fund raising projects, welcoming new members, identifying our slate officers for the coming Lions year, led by our soon to be President, Lion Cesar Perez Sanchez.

Las month, I talked about the new year as a time for **new beginnings.** We need to build on this idea but I and your Club Board of Directorc cannot do this alone ! You must provide the ideas, support, enthusiasm, and effort to make any activity, whether fund raising or service oriented, a reality. Project ideas suggested so far include Theater Projects (one or more), Attic/Garage Sale, Coloring Book Sales, Golf Tournament, Childrens ID cards. In what are interested and willing to work?

PDG Dave Shimberg, President



Club de Leones Caracas-Los Chorros Celebrate 30 Years and invite members of the Charlotte SouthPark and Charlotte Providence Lions clubs to join them for the celebration in Caracas, Venezuela on April 26, 3009. While such a trip may be out of the question for some members, this is an unparalleled opportunity to demonstrate our partnership with the Los Chorros Lions, which we formalized on August 15, 2009.

For those able to participate, the plans include arrival in Caracas on April 24, with a tour of the city. A vision screening service project will be held on Saturday morning April 25, with tours to nearby towns and sights on Saturday afternoon and evening. The 30th Anniversary banquet and celebration will be on Sunday afternoon, April 26. NC Lions will leave on Monday April 27. Agenda Details and other information are available for SouthPark Lion VP Cesar Perez Sanchez.

2009 Vision Van Screenings Scheduled Now is the time to mark your calendars, recruit your neighbors, and plan to help with SouthPark Lions Vision Screenings. Dates and Locations are:



3/24 Tue	CPCC Central Campus	8/29 Sat	Charlotte
3/25 Wed	CPCC Levine Campus, Matthews	10/27 Tue	Charlotte
3/26 Thu	CPCC West Campus	10/28 Wed	Huntersville
7/26 Fri	Charlotte Providence	10/29 Thu	Charlotte



Get Ready to Step Out and help find a cure for Diabetes. This year's Charlotte JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes will again be held at Carowinds Park, on Saturday, April 18, 2009. Check-in time is 7:00 AM, Walk Start Time is 8:30 AM. Since 1999, when the NC and SC Lions started participating in the JDRF walks, we have raised over **\$183,000**, and regularly rank among the top 10 fund raising groups in the Charlotte area JDRF Chapter. Please set aside Saturday April 18, recruit other walkers and ask friends, family, church members, and co-workers to support you and JDRF with a pledge in any amount. Look for more information and fund raising ideas over the coming weeks. Together we can help find a cure for the leading cause of blindness, diabetes.

WALK TO CURE DIABETES

PDG Dave Shimberg



SouthPark Lion Honored at 31-E Convention On Saturday, January 24, 2008, District Governor Gordon McAdams and Lions International Director Larry Johnson (WV), before over 300 Lions, representing 62 Lions Clubs, presented SouthPark Lion VP Cesar Perez Sanchez, the International President's Certificate of Appreciation. The award was presented to Lion Cesar for performing significant service to Lionism, specifically in

honor of his work in club extension, establishing the SouthPark Branch Club which quickly grew and was chartered as the Charlotte Providence Lions Club.

The SouthPark delegation included PDG Jim Sasser, Lion Shelia Mitchell-Sasser, Join Joyce Garbee, PDG Hunter Garbee, and club Vice President Lion Cesar Sanchez. It was fitting that the Providence club was also well represented to see our friend and fellow Lion Cesar honored by Lions Clubs International.



This is a singular honor and we are proud of the efforts put forth by Lion Cesar, who truly lives the motto, "We Serve". Whether assisting at Vision Van screenings, serving dinner to the homeless at the Emergency Winter Shelter, building membership, or seeking ways to help others, Lion Cesar is always there! He is truly a "Lion's Lion"!

PDG Hunter Garbee

Green Facts:

- Only 8 % of global energy comes from renewable sources



- Each degree you drop the thermostat saves 5% on bill



- Compact fluorescent lights (CFL) compared to standard incandescent bulbs (eg 13 watt CFL vs. 60 watt bulb: Use 2/3 less energy, Last 10 X longer, Save \$30 over life of the bulb.

- Washing dishes by hand uses 50% more water than energy savings dishwasher



- Using all “energy star” rated appliances at home can save 75% of total electricity use



February Birthdays:

- * Sue Hawkins 2/5
- * Dick McLaughlin 2/25

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”**

