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Charlotte SouthPark Lions Club

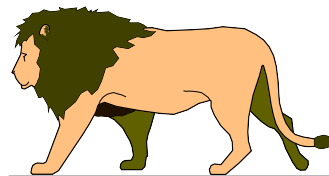
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Friday mornings, 7:30 to 8:30 am

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2nd & 4th Monday of Each Month, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

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Lions District 31-I

July 2016



CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



Fri	Jul 1	SPLC Regular Meeting – CANCELLED – Fourth of July Weekend
Sat	Jul 2	Prepare and Serve RMH Dinner, 3:30 pm – Lion Doris Messer, Lead Cook.
Fri	Jul 8	SPLC Regular Meeting – Lions Services Update, Lion Jim Cranford, CEO
Fri	Jul 8	SPLC Board of Directors Meeting – 8:40, following Regular Meeting
Mon	Jul 11	SPLC Evening Group Meeting 6 pm,
Fri	Jul 15	SPLC Business Meeting
Sat	Jul 16	Lions KidSight Screening , 9am - 3pm, Way of Salvation Baptist Church, 7410 Nations Ford Rd. Charlotte, NC 28217
Sat	Jul 16	District 31-I Awards, Cabinet Installation, and 1st Cabinet Meeting. 10:30 am, First Reformed United Church of Christ 104 East Center Street, Lexington, NC
Fri	Jul 22	SPLC Regular Meeting - The Mission and Programs of Sharon Towers – Jessica Bourque
Mon	Jul 25	SPLC Evening Group Meeting 6 pm,
Fri	Jul 29	SPLC Regular Meeting - Happiness is Serving Others, Jeanine Joy, Ph.D. candidate, President, Happiness 1st Institute,
Sat	Aug 6	Prepare and Serve RMH Dinner , 3:30 pm – Lion Jack Hagopian & Janine, Lead Cooks.
Sat	Aug 24	31-I Brighter Visions Kickoff - Mayflower Seafood, Rural Hall, NC

SPLC Monthly Program Coordinators

Jul –	Aug –	Sep – Shimberg	Oct –	Nov -	Dec –
Jan –	Feb –	Mar –	Apr –	May -	Jun –

Charlotte South Park Lions

Serving the Charlotte Community Since 1974

- President – Ira Dunst
- 1st Vice President – open
- Secretary – David Shimberg
- Treasurer - Sheila Mitchell-Sasser
- Tail Twister – Phil Adams
- Membership & Lion Tamer– Cesar Sanchez

Thought for the Month

“Those who won our independence, valued liberty as an end and as a means. They believed liberty to be the secret of happiness and courage to be the secret of liberty.”

Louis D Brandeis (1856 – 1941)
Lawyer & Associate Supreme Court Justice

South Park President's Corner

Fellow South Park Lions and Friends... As we begin this new year, the first thing that I want to offer is our Prayers and Hopes to Hunter on his upcoming surgery. For those of you who did not know Hunter will be having Heart Surgery and three by-passes. As we begin another year I want you all to think about how much you will commit of your time and resources this year. For a club as small as we are, we do a lot of projects, and continue adding new ones. I truly believe that over the next year, the Kids Sight program will just take off dramatically. We have had great success so far, and I predict that during the year we could be doing two a month. Each screening takes at least 3 people to do. There will also be fund raising projects, and of course our monthly Ronald McDonald commitment. So as the summer starts, and we move more slowly, think about September and how much you and the South Park Lions will Serve the Community.

Lion Ira Dunst
SPLC President

SPLC Awards & Installation Banquet Recognized Great Lions

On Saturday, evening, June 25th, the SouthPark Lions came together, recognizing the contributions of many of our members and several friends for their contribution to the club and our community. 1st Vice District Governor, George Culp and his wife, Lion Dianne joined us for the evening. VDG George inducted our two newest members, Lion Monica Roncagliolo and Lion Sharon Newton, and installed our new Club officers. Other than Club Secretary, Lion Dave Shimberg's inability to correctly distinguish the pronunciation of Concord, NC (as opposed to Concord, MA), the evening went off without a hitch! Please watch for our new members at meetings and make them welcome.



PDG David Shimberg

SPLC Evening Group is Roaring

On Monday, June 27, the evening group (12 Lions and guests) met, starting a transformation for the new year. The group decided to increase their meetings from monthly to bi-monthly, on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. The group spent significant time during the 90 minute meeting, discussing possible new projects as well as actively supporting current SPLC projects including Lions KidSight, Ronald McDonald House, Broom Sales, and Fund Raising efforts. They also discussed projects to mentor and help both highschool students prepare for college and imigrants preparing for citizenship. Discussions about the status of the group as simply and extention of the SPLC morning group, or as a Branch Club, with an eye on becoming a separate Lions Club, continue. Soon to be Lion Janine Hagopian and Lion Sharon Messer have stepped up as co-coordinators for the evening group.

Lion Cesar Perez-Sanchez

1st Quarter SPLC Dues?

We've started a new Lions Year and it's time for 1st quarter dues. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so NOW. **Affiliate members: \$25/qtr** and are expected to pay the Treasurer \$5 for each breakfast meeting attended, **Regular Members \$75/qtr**. Please make your check payable to **South Park Lions Club** and give it to club Treasurer, Shelia, or mail it to 6808 Dumbarton Drive, Charlotte, NC 28210.



Lions KidSight

Although we did not have screenings during June, the KidSight Team has been busy.

- Lion Hunter has submitted a request for a \$7000 grant to Novant Health
- Lion Dave Shimberg continues to promote the KidSight program to other clubs
- KidSight Screening, Saturday, 7/16 at Way of Salvation Baptist Church, 7410 Nations Ford Rd. Charlotte, NC 28217, from 9am - 3pm. This screening is an great opportunity for Club members and friends to learn how to use our PlusOptix device.
- KidSight Screening, Saturday, 8/20 at "Love Denver", in Denver, NC

Lion David Shimberg

You are on the Memership Committee

Recruiting new Lions into our club allows the us to provide more services, raise more funds, and serve more people, with less effort. Think, "Many hands make light work." Be alert for likely new members among friends, family, church, work, and other

groups in which you participate. But remember the best members are informed and enthusiastic individuals wo want to actively participate and make a difference

The best way to interest people in becoming a Lion is to invite them to help with SPLC service projects (Ronald McDonald house, KidSight Screenings, Vision Screenings, and others. show perspective members what we do and then bring them to one or two meetings. Answer any questions they may have about the Lions, and if they seem interested, complete a membership application form and submit it to the Membership Chairman or Club Secretary for approval by the Board. A best practice is not asking them to become members until they have participated in at least one project, attended two meetings, and been approved by the Board.

After the Board approves the application, the sponsor and Membership Chairman or other member of the Club Board of Directors should meet with the prospective member to extend an invitation of membership, providing information about the club, expected activities and level of participation, the prospective member's interests, and membership costs (dues and fund raising).

By inviting prospective members who have already participated in club projects and meetings, and demonstrated an interest in becoming a Lion, we will induct better informed and interested member.

Lion Cesar Perez-Sanchez

Lion David Shimberg

Broom Sales Raise SPLC Funds

Just a reminder that we have a full inventory of Lions Brooms for sale. Prices are \$10, \$12, and \$14 for SoftSweep, Household, and Patio brooms respectively. The SoftSweep is a polyester bristle broom, perfect for hardwood and tile floors. The Household and Patio brooms are both traditional corn brooms. Call or email me if you need brooms. cell) [704-906-1158](tel:704-906-1158). Or davealans71@gmail.com. We store brooms at Armature Winding company on

1st Street in Charlotte, so it may take me a day or two to get the brooms you need.

PDG David Shimberg

Register Now for USA/Canada Lion Leadership Forum

Of all Lions events and conferences, the USA/Canada Leader Forum, is by far the most valuable. While including motivational speakers the content of working sessions and seminars offer far more in the way of useful, practical information and tools than any other Lions Conference or Convention. This year's Form is in Omaha, NB, September 15-17, 2016. Get details at <http://lionsforum.org/>.



PDG David Shimberg

Bethesda Health Center Clothing Donations



Bethesda Health Center has an ongoing need for used clothing for their clients. The donations SouthPark Lions made in March were appreciated, but the but to meet the continuing need, SPLC members are asked to bring in clothing donations on the 3rd meeting of each month, the business meeting, although donations are welcome any time..

Lion Cesar Perez-Sanchez

June Club Accomplishments

- Prepared and Served dinner for 50 guests at Ronald McDonald House
- Drove 550 miles for Lions Activities
- Drove 369 miles for community activities
- 234 Volunteer Hours of Lions and Community Service activities
- Donated 250 to Brighter Visions
- Sent \$450 to NCLI for Woolard Partnership and Scruggs Beacon of Hope awards
- Sent \$100 to Southeastern Guide Dogs

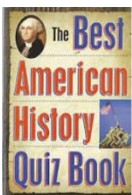
And the Camp Dogwood Raffle Winner Is....

Hope Clontz of Charlotte purchased the winning ticket in the Camp Dogwood Raffle this year this year. The ticket was drawn by a visually impaired camper at 7:00 pm on 7/17/16. The winning ticket was sold by the North Charlotte Lions Club.

Lion PSDG Paul Bledsoe



Best American History*



EXPLORERS AND ADVENTURERS

When the Titanic sank in 1912, it was lost to the world for more than 70 years. Expeditions from around the world searched for the wreckage in the North Atlantic, but it remained elusive until discovered by an American undersea explorer. **Who was that explorer?**

a) Robert Ballard	b) James Cameron
c) Graham Hawkes	d) Jacques Cousteau

In 1985 **Robert Ballard (a)** was on a U.S. Navy mission to hunt down a nuclear submarine lost during the Cold War. He was also interested in the TITANIC, so he made sure his exploration took him close to the region where the ocean liner was thought to be. Other expeditions led by BALLARD located historic sunken battle ships, such as the U.S.S. YORKTOWN at the Midway Islands, as well as Black Sea relics that may have belonged to a civilization buried by a catastrophic flood.

*Taken from "THE BEST AMERICAN HISTORY" by Tom DeMichael, Sandy Edry & Laura Lee.)

Lion Cesar Perez-Sanchez

Learn about the Lions on the SPLC Website

Several years ago, PDGs Dave Shimberg, Hunter Garbee, and Jim Sasser created a Lions Information Show that has been used at Club Events and recruiting meetings. This set of informational slides is available for viewing as a pdf file on the Servier Your Community page of the SPLC Website. [Click Here to View the slides.](#)

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Lion Dave Shimberg

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Lion PDG David Shimberg

Eye Doctors Needed!

Call your eye doctor today and ask him or her to donate some time (monthly, quarterly, yearly, etc) to the Lions Services Eye Clinic. Demand for vision care from the community has increased; the number of eye care professional willing to donate several hours per month at the eye clinic has declined.

**Please ... Help Support Their Vision!**

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\$25 covers the cost for a pair of children's' eyeglass frames

\$50 pays for a complete pair eyeglasses for a child

\$75 purchases a pair of adult eyeglasses

You can Help? Talk to your club, friends, neighbors, and church members about making tax deductible donations to the Lions Services Eye Clinic.

Lion PDG David Shimberg

Renew Your Lions Insight Ad

As we start a new Lions Year on July 1, **it's time for sponsors to renew their sponsor ads.** Ads Promote your business or organization on **Lions Insight** and on the Club's [Sponsors Page](#). Prices range from \$45/year for a business card size ad to \$275/year for a full page ad. **Did you solicit one of the ads on our newsletter and website? Please reach out to your ad contacts and ask for them to renew their ad.** New or updated ads are welcome. Contact editor Dave Shimberg with questions or to be a sponsor. Davealans71@gmail.com



Lion PDG David Shimberg

District 31-I Coming Events

7/16	31-I Awards Banquet/Cabinet Meeting, 10:30 AM, First Reformed UCC, Lexington, NC	10/17-19	<u>VIP Fishing Tournament</u>
8/24	31-I Brighter Visions Kickoff - Mayflower Seafood, Rural Hall, NC	11/4-5	31-I Fall Convention, Hawthorne Inn & Conf Center, Winston-Salem, NC
10/1	Deadline for Ordering Peace Poster Contest Kits	11/5	31-I 2 nd Cabinet Meeting

June Birthdays:

7/7 Tom Griffin
7/17 Ken Smith



Report Service Activities & Hours

Each month, the Club Secretary reports monthly service hours, miles, funds expended and activities to your Club Secretary to file with LCI. What services did you provide to our community? Served at RMH, visited shut-ins, provided transportation, vision screenings, eyeglass collection, Habitat House, or other projects? **Submit your activity information in writing to club secretary by the 25th of each month.**



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