



TROUTVILLE LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Tail Twister – Chuck Kessler
Lion Tamer – Lewis Bourne

8 NOVEMBER 2010 MEETING

BOARD MEETING - The meeting was called to order by President Helen Tippie. While minutes were duly recorded by Secretary Lion Susie they were soon attacked by a computer gremlin that devoured them. At last call Lion Susie was at battle with the gremlin. We know she will be the victor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - The regular meeting was called to order by President Lion Helen Tippie. We were very happy to have Lion Bill Rader back and sorry to be missing several members who were absent due to health issues. Lion Bob Venable led the pledge to our flag, Lion Leonard Tolley led the singing of the song “America”, and Lion Bob Ellis gave the invocation. Lion Ken Venable introduced John Kolode, Chief conservation officer (formally designated called game warden). The Head table led the way to the buffet. Members enjoyed a meal of tossed salad, pepper steak, carrots, green beans with new potatoes, and Bent Mountain cabbage. Dessert was peach cobbler and ice cream. After the meal Lion Helen asked Lion Sage to announce White Cane results. We collected \$385 from the Hollins Kroger and \$1,184 from the Daleville Kroger. We missed four shifts at Hollins and one at Daleville. We will review our strategy for the spring White Cane collection. Lion Harvey conducted the 50/50. We all looked around for a winner and finally Lion Harvey checked his own ticket which turned out to be the winner. Lion Chuck Kessler announced that our **Christmas Dinner will be held at Abuelo’s in the Valley View shopping center at 6:30 pm on Tuesday December 14th**. The District Governor will visit our club at the next meeting November 22nd. Lion Everett Hurst conducted the auction. Lion Stan won the Snow girl beanie baby donated by Lion Cecil Venable.

PROGRAM – Lion Ken Venable introduced Chief Conservation Officer John Kaloda. John lives in the Troutville area and covers Botetourt, Craig, and Bedford Counties. He has held the position for 8 years, initially assigned to Franklin County. John Koloda was named one of 43 outstanding marine officers of 2010 in the country by the National Association of State Boating Law Administration. He is a fully qualified police officer, mainly enforcing law in recreational areas including boating, hunting, and fishing. The title game warden was changed to more accurately describe the authority and responsibility of a Conservation Officer. He checks fishing and hunting licenses, makes sure boats are properly registered and have all the proper equipment on board. Conservation officers have the right to stop people on the street for offenses. Bears present special problems because they require a lot of

area for their habitat and their territory is being encroached upon. There is a code for unauthorized feeding of bears. John advised that, if there is a bear visiting a neighborhood, food sources should be removed including bird feeders, dog and cat food, barbecue grills, and garbage. He described the three different categories of bear problems; Cat III - a minor problem, no immediate threat. Cat II – a chronic problem but no immediate safety concern. Cat I – an imminent safety concern in which case one should call a local sheriff or Conservation Officer. At the conclusion of the presentation and questions Lion President Helen thanked Officer Kaloda for his interesting program and presented him with a quart of our gourmet apple butter.

22 NOVEMBER 2010 MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The meeting was called to order by President Lion Helen Tippie. After the song America, Pledge to the flag, and invocation our distinguished visitors District 24-E District Governor Bernice T. Leftwich and First Vice District Governor Dallas Scott were introduced. A meal provided by Randy warmed up the gathering. After dinner Lion Chuck Kessler reminded everyone that the Christmas Dinner would take place at Abuelo's Tuesday December 14th at 6 pm.

PROGRAM - The feature of our meeting was the visit of DG Bernice. Lion Bernice was a charter member of the Bedford Lioness Club. She was introduced by 1st VDG Scott who has been a Lion since 1983. Lion Bernice spoke about the themes addressed by International President Sid L. Scruggs which were shining a light on service to the community, vision to the sight-impaired, world hunger and improving the environment. Lion Bernice said membership is down and continues to drop monthly. She suggested everyone wear their pin every time they go out. She recommended we conduct hands-on community projects because it has been shown that people are more likely to join an organization if they see willing hands and donating their time for a good cause. She announced that **the new acronym for LIONS is "Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services"**. DG Bernice's presentation was very informative and provided insight to everyone on the challenges of creating interesting projects and growing our club. Lion President Helen thanked Lions Bernice and Dallas for coming.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 25 – Henry Amos
- 26 – Butch Laughhorne
- 30 – Cecil Venable



District Governor 24E Bernice Leftwich



Senior Conservation Officer John Koloda