

The History Of The
LONGVIEW LIONS CLUB



1950 – 2005

*55 Years Of Service
To The Town Of Longview*

LONGVIEW LIONS CLUB
Longview, North Carolina

Organized May 9, 1950:

The first Special Organizational Meeting was held at Longview School on Tuesday, May 9, 1950. The club was organized by Lion Norman Trueblood and sponsored by the Hickory Lions Club.

Charter Night June 30, 1950:

Twenty-nine members formed the Chartered group. Charter night was a gala party with 230 people attending. Visitors were present from five neighboring clubs. District Governor Paul L. Cashion of North Wilkesboro presented the Charter. The sponsoring Hickory Club had 150 guests present.

Telegrams of congratulations were received from:

Melvin Jones
Secretary General
Lions International
Chicago, Illinois

E.E. Semple
President
Longview Texas Lions Club
Longview, Texas

W.M. Gibbons
Secretary
Longview Washington Lions Club
Longview, Washington

Longview Lions Club

Charter Members

Clyde C. Abernathy
W. Grady Coffin
Ralph Dale
Charles Finger
Herschel Frye
O. Max Hollar
Clifford Huffman
Charles Lail
W.A. Lutz
W.E. Marlowe
W.A. Miller
Arthur Mull
Russell Robinson
Woodrow White

C.S. Young
L.G. Abernathy
Fred Dale
T.F. Digh
Cecil L. Fleming
J.F. Frye
Rev. J.C. Love
B.L. Marlowe
F.V. Marshall
R.M. Moretz
I.W. Phillips
William J. Smith
Ned Whitener

In Memoriam

W.C. Hollar
J.C. Johnson
Ray B. Cooke
Clyde C. Abernathy
W. Grady Coffin
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William J. Smith
Ned Whitener
Harold L. Frye
H.R. "Bus" Frye
Arnold Frye

Cont.

In Memoriam

Woodrow White
Linwood Brittain
Dr. Walter Leonard
Ray Isenhour
Fred Heavner
Archie Ervin
Herbert Robinson
Floyd C. Goble (2006)

Ned. H. Frye
Baxter Greene
Sam Parlier
Art Whisnant
Ray Eggers
Dickie Miller
Bill Wooldridge
Bill Norris (2006)

First Officers

President	W.C. Hollar
Secretary	W. Grady Coffin
Treasurer	W. Grady Coffin

Lion Deputy District Governor A.H. Field of the Hickory Lions Club installed the first officers of the Longview Lions Club.

Longview Lions Club

Past Presidents

W.C. Hollar

President Hollar died June 2, 1950, two months after organization. W.A. Lutz replaced him.

1950-51	W.A. Lutz
1951-52	William J. Smith
1952-53	Dewey A. Houston
1953-54	R.M. Moretz
1954-55	F.V. Marshall
1955-56	Russell Robinson
1956-57	Clyde C. Abernathy
1957-58	Linwood Brittain
1958-59	Dr. Walter E. Leonard
1959-60	Eugene Elliott
1960-61	Sam Parlier
1961-62	A.A. Mull
1962-63	Robert Frye
1963-64	Sherman Butler
1964-65	Hubert Brooks
1965-66	Robert Ledbetter
1966-67	L.R. Hawkins
1967-68	Bill Norris
1968-69	Baxter Greene
1969-70	Earl Mickle

Cont.

Past Presidents

1970-71	Bob Hibbitts
1971-72	H.R. "Bus" Frye
1972-73	Johnny Lynn
1973-74	Ray Eggers
1974-75	Fred Heavner
1975-76	Arnold D. Frye
1976-77	Luther A. Smith
1977-78	Kindall S. Riley
1978-79	Ned H. Frye
1979-80	Dwight D. Frye
1980-81	P.D. Nolan
1981-82	George Tucker
1982-83	Robert Ledbetter
1983-84	H.R. "Bus" Frye
1984-85	George Tucker
1985-86	George Tucker
1986-87	George Tucker
1987-88	Luther A. Smith
1988-89	Luther A. Smith
1989-90	Art Whisnant
1990-91	Ray Isenhour
1991-92	John Cansler
1992-93	John Cansler
1993-94	John Cansler
1994-95	Ben Branch

Cont.

Past Presidents

1995-96	Ben Branch
1996-97	Rev. Charles Stevens
1997-98	Rev. Charles Stevens
1998-99	Luther Smith
1999-0	Lester L. Hopper, Jr.
2000-01	Lester L. Hopper, Jr.
2001-02	Ben Branch
2002-03	Ben Branch
2003-04	John Cansler
2004-05	John Cansler
2005-06	Kimberly McCall

Past Zone Chairman

1954-55	R.M. Moretz
1960-61	Eugene Elliott
1963-64	Robert G. Frye
1972-73	Bill Norris
1981-82	P.D. Nolan

Past Deputy District Governor

1964-65	Robert G. Frye
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Past District Governor
1966-67 Robert G. Frye

Past North Carolina Lions Association for
The Blind State White Cane Chairman
Robert G. Frye

Past District 31-B Boys and Girls Home Chairman
1962-63 Eugene Elliott

Past North Carolina Lions Association for
The Blind President
1970-72 Robert G. Frye

Past District 31-B Hearing and Speech Chairman
George Tucker

Past 31-B Fall Convention Secretary-Treasurer
2005-06 Kimberly McCall

District 31-B Sight First II Chairman
2005-2008 Jeffrey McCall

Awards

15 Year Charter Chevron Certificate and Pin

To Charter Monarchs:

Grady Coffin	R.M. Moretz	Russell Robinson
W.E. Marlowe	Aurthur Mull	Ralph Dale
B.L. Marlowe	Clifford Huffman	

10 Year Old Monarch Pin

Joe Brannock	Eugene Elliott	Dr. Walter E. Leonard
Hubert M. Brooks	Bob Jonas	Linwood Brittain
Sherman Butler	Robert Ledbetter	Ben Branch
	John Cansler	

15 Year Old Monarch Pin

Harold Frye

25 Year Old Monarch Pin

Dwight Frye

30 Year Old Monarch Pin

Joe W. Cook

45 Year Old Monarch Pin

Robert G. Frye

50 Year Old Monarch Pin

Robert Ledbetter

5 Years Perfect Attendance Pin

Allan Koehler

10 Years Perfect Attendance

Hubert Brooks	Sherman Butler	Robert Ledbetter
Linwood Brittain	Eugene Elliott	Dr. Walter E. Leonard
Lester L. Hopper, Jr.		Ben Branch

15 Years Perfect Attendance Pin

Grady Coffin	R.M. Moretz	Russell Robinson
W.E. Marlowe	Arthur Mull	John Cansler

30 Years Perfect Attendance Pin

Dwight Frye

35 Years Perfect Attendance Pin

Joe E. Cook

45 Years Perfect Attendance Pin

Robert G. Frye

50 Years Perfect Attendance Pin

Robert Ledbetter

100% District Governor Award

1967 Robert G. Frye

**LONGVIEW LIONS CLUB ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS
DURING THE PAST FIFTY-FIVE YEARS.**

1950 – 1951: W.A. Lutz, President.

District Governor Jack Stickley visited the club during December and gave an address to the club. Club received front-page recognition in the Hickory Daily Record for securing wheelchairs and crutches for the use by members of our community.

Front-page recognition was received by the club for its part in sponsoring the Beacon Safety Club at Longview School.

Club completely rebuilt and refurnished the home of a widow woman whose home was destroyed by fire.

1951 – 1952: William J. Smith, President

Club painted Safety Zones on the highway at each end of Longview School. The club secured the approval of the State Highway Department to paint these zones and the club was informed that the State of NC may adopt the design for use all over the state.

The outstanding project of the club since it's organization was the production of "Shooting Stars". The members of the club staged this entire production and a net profit of \$1,132.24 was raised with 560 man-hours of work.

1952 – 1953: Dewey A. Houston, President

Club sponsored and organized the Longview Volunteer Fire Department. This highly successful project was celebrated on February 14, 1953 with the completion of the building to house the Department. Open house was held and several hundred citizens of the community attended this gala occasion. This was the club's largest undertaking to date. During a period of six months the club sponsored and organized the Longview Volunteer Fire Department and immediately began raising funds for this building. The club donated \$500.00 and various firms and individuals in the community donated the balance. Less than \$300.00 was spent for labor on the building, the balance of the labor being performed by the club members. A total of 750 man hours. It was most remarkable that the club, at a cost of \$4,500.00 was able to build this building whose assessed value was approximately \$12,000.00.

1953 – 1954: R.M. Moretz, President.

During this year the club sponsored and published it's first bulletin.

Club sponsored a drive and was successful in obtaining Dr. Walter E. Leonard to practice medicine in Longview.

Club also sponsored and was successful in securing a clinic building for Dr. Leonard. Open House was held on July 15, 1954 at this new clinic building with hundreds of Longview citizens in attendance at this celebration.

A burned out family was helped in securing household furnishings. A complete 5-room house was furnished through the efforts of the club for this family.

1954 – 1955: F.V. Marshall, President.

Club sponsored a most successful Fix-up, Clean-up, Paint-up Week when the members of the club carted off 14 truckloads of rubbish from the community.

A distinct honor to the club during this year was the appointment of our own R.M. Moretz as Zone Chariman to serve under our District Governor.

A highly successful Womanless Wedding was held which netted the club \$300.00 in profit.

The first Family Night Picnic was held during this year. It has continued as one of our most enjoyable and entertaining occasions for our Lion family.

1955 – 1956: Russell Robinson, President.

Club sponsored the First Soapbox Derby. This event was highly praised in the local newspaper and on the local radio stations. There were close to a thousand spectators to view this race. This event was also highly praised in our local newspaper and radio stations for the club's activity in sponsoring projects for the benefit of the boys in our community. Pictures of this event were also published in the Hickory Daily Record.

The club sponsored safety Week in the community during the year. Hundreds of Safety Stickers were placed on cars urging safe driving.

Club entertained the Longview School Safety Patrol during this year.

One of our most successful Broom Sales to date was held during this year with the club having \$1,251.00 total sales and a net profit of \$560.00.

1956 – 1957: Clyde C. Abernathy, President

Another most successful Womanless Wedding was held during this year. Dr. Walter Leonard was Guest Speaker to the Claremont and Rutherford College Lions Clubs during this year.

The highlight of this year was the staging of another successful and highly entertaining Soapbox Derby. The winners in this race were sent to Charlotte to compete to represent North Carolina in the national event in Akron, Ohio.

1957 – 1958: Linwood Brittain, President.

Club sponsored and decorated the first Christmon Tree at Longview School for the enjoyment of the community during the Christmas season. This has become an annual affair.

Very successful Soapbox Derby was held along with highly successful Ladies Night, Family Night, and an excellent Golden Agers Night.

The club began a record of perfect attendance the first meeting night in February of this year. The remainder of this year saw the club continue with 100% perfect attendance. This was an accomplishment, which all members of our club still hold with pride. The club sponsored a very successful and entertaining Talent Show during this year.

1958 – 1959: Dr. Walter E. Leonard, President.

Club made a \$4.00 per member contribution to the Lake Wacamaw Boys Home during this year. Longview was one of the first Lions Clubs to contribute to this worthy organization. The club was recognized and commended at the State Convention in New Bern for participating in this worthy cause.

Another first was scored by the club by being one of the first Lions Clubs to contribute \$1.00 per member to the N.C. Eye Bank.

During this year three new committees were set up as follows:

Ways & Means, Eye Bank, and Retention.

Club sponsored and operated our first Fair Booth concession stand at the Catawba County Fair. All members of the club enjoyed working together on this project; the fellowship was outstanding and we realized a net profit of \$800.00.

The first Spelling Bee at Longview School was held during this year. This is to an annual event.

1959 – 1960: Eugene Elliott, President.

Club again sponsored the Fair Booth Concession stand at the Catawba County Fair.

The Catawba County Lions Float in the Old Soldiers Reunion Parade in Newton was co-sponsored by our club for the first time.

Club sponsored and held an excellent Fruitcake Sale during November and December, realizing a profit of \$205.00.

One of our outstanding highlights of this year was the club sponsoring and holding our first Teacher's Appreciation Night. The teachers of Longview School and the Superintendent and Board Members of the Hickory City School Board were guests of the club. Many favorable comments were received and the teachers have stated that this was one of the best gestures of appreciation that they have received since becoming a member of the teaching profession.

Golden Agers Night was celebrated with our largest attendance to date. A total of 61 Golden Agers were present.

Highlights of this year were completed with the club holding International Councilors Night with Lion Judge Jim Farthing of Lenoir as our guest speaker.

**1960 – 1961: Sam Parlier, President
Albert Crump, Secretary**

Lions Ray Cooke, James Gilland and Harold Frye attended the International Convention in Chicago, Illinois. Club formed a bowling league. Club was honored to have Lion Eugene Elliott appointed as Zone Chairman. Lions held family outing in August of 1960. Golden Agers Night in November with 61 present. White cane Drive in October – total raised \$170.00. Chairman of this drive was Lion Ray Cooke. Club bought uniforms and flags for safety patrol at Longview School. District Governor W.O. Corey visited the club's first meeting in December. Club was host to the teacher's of Longview School February 21, 1961. Spelling Bee held at Longview School in March. Club gave \$40.00 to North Carolina Eye Bank. Lion Robert Ledbetter sent football to an exchange student in Norway. In April of 1961 Longview Lions Club co-sponsored the bloodmobile. Club paid \$50.00 to Boy Scout Troop #248.



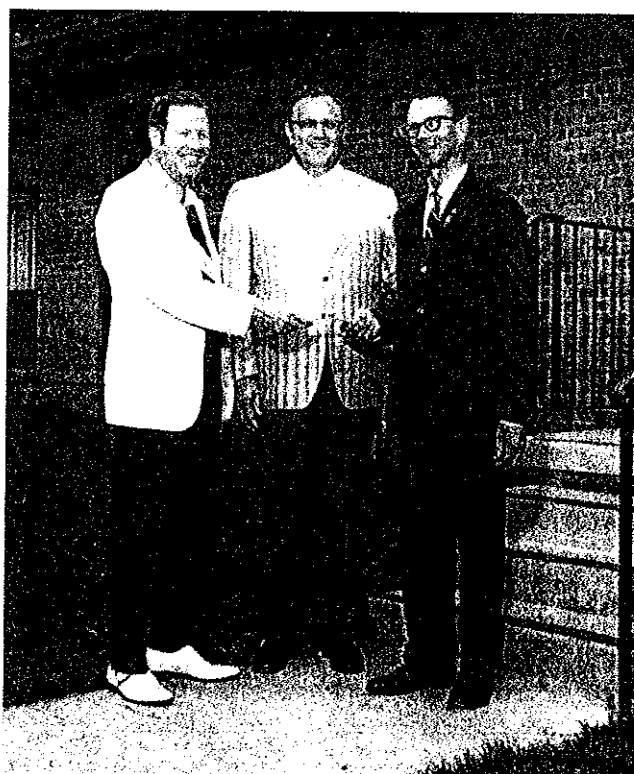
**10th Anniversary of the LongView Lions at the Bethel United Meth. Hut
(From Left) R.M. Moretz, Bill Marlow, Artie Mull, Gene Elliott,
Russell Robinson, and Grady Coffin**



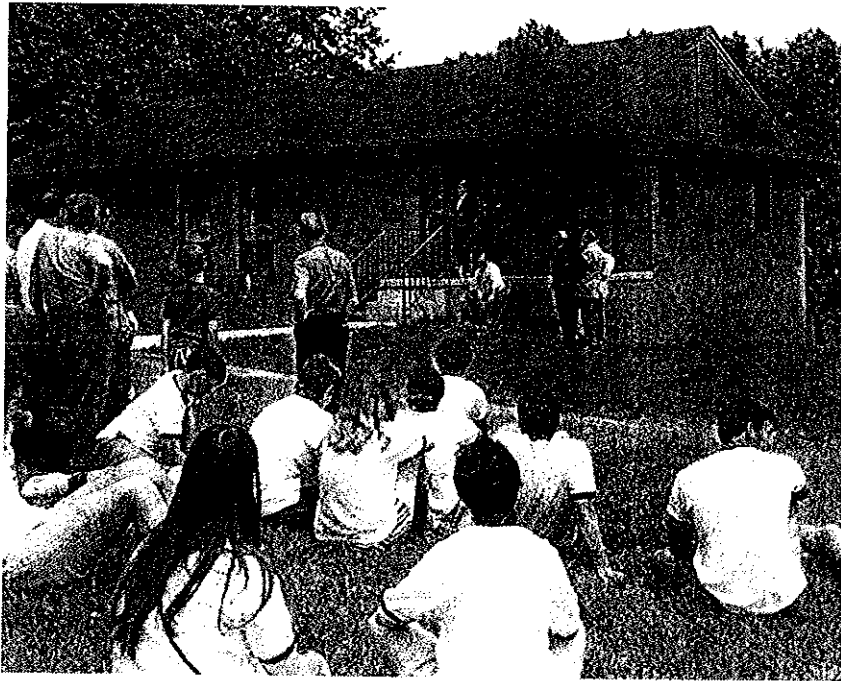
**Ground Breaking for Camp Dogwood
C. Miller Sigmon, Ike Belk, Grady Pulliam, Bob Uplinger,
Robert Frye (Long View), & (unknown)**



**Fred Rich, Robert Morgan and Robert Frye
at dedication of new dorms.**



Fred Rich and Robert Frye making contribution to help the local VIP's.



Camp Dogwood Counselors look on during dedication.



Hickoryite Sworn In

Robert G. Frye of Hickory (center), chairman of the North Carolina Commission for the Blind, takes the oath following his appointment as a member of the State Board of Human Resources. At left is David T. Flaherty, secretary of the Department of Human

Resources. Giving the oath is Judge James C. Carson Jr. of the N. C. Court of Appeals. Seven of the 15-member board, including Frye, are designated board members by statute, while the remaining members are appointed by Gov. Jim Holshouser.

1961 – 1962: Artie Mull, President
Robert Ledbetter, Secretary

Lion Ray Cook was killed in a plane crash July 3, 1961 which was a deep loss for the club and community. Longview Lions Bowling League Team won the tournament, bringing back a trophy to the den. In August, the club gave \$25.00 to the Senior Citizens Club of Hickory. October 1961, roadblock was held for White Cane Drive - \$627.30 was collected. Lion Horace Tallant was Chairman. November 1961, Golden Agers night was observed with Judge James C. (Jim) Farthing of Lenoir as guest speaker. Seventy-three Golden Agers were present. Fruitcakes were given to the Ladies and hosiery to the men. Baxter Greene, fruit cake chairman, reported 900 lbs. Of cakes were sold. Club voted to send \$40.00 to Lake Waccamaw Boys Home. December 1961, treats were given to children of Longview area and ten food baskets were taken to the needy. Mid-winter Convention was held in Morganton with President Artie Mull and Secretary Robert Ledbetter attending. The Spelling Bee was held at Longview School the third Monday of April 1962. First prize of \$10.00, second prize \$5.00. Horace Tallant, Chariman. April of 1962, Broom Sale was held with 150 man-hours donated.

1962 – 1963: Robert G. Frye, President
L.R. Hawkins, Secretary

July 1962, The community Building Joint Civic Committee was formed to see if we could build a community center in Longview. Robert Frye was appointed as General Chariman of this committee. Other committee members appointed were: Lions Club: Co-Chairmen, Russell Robinson and Ralph Dale – R.M. Moretz, Arnold Frye, Bill Marlowe, Linwood Brittain, Joe Brannock, Sherman Butler, Gene Elliott and Bill Norris, Secretary. Optimist Club: Elmer Huffman, Dick King, Vernon Guest, Fred Hall, Tom Hinson, Jess Danner, Jim Colbert, Burl Winebarger. Garden Club: Edith Ledbetter, Treasurer. Home Demonstration Club: Mrs. Grady Coffin, Mrs. Linwood Brittain. Opti-Mrs.: Mrs. Elmer Huffman, Mrs. Fred Hall. As a whole, the club is indebted to the President, Lion Robert Frye for his extra efforts and work to make this project successful. 1,280 man-hours were spent soliciting money for this project of \$25,000.00. District Governor John H. Roberts was invited to the club meeting to install new members into the club on the 2nd meeting in October. Blind and Visually handicapped outing held in September at Moss' Farm. Six attended and a gift of \$10.00 was given to each. Club voted to sponsor a Glaucoma Clinic and to invite Hickory and St. Stephens Lions to join us in this project. The following committee was in charge of arrangements: Dr. W.E. Leonard, Eugene Elliott, Baxter Greene, and Leon Miller. White Cane Road Block was held and the club collected \$685.45 on September 29 and 30. Lion Dr. W.E. Leonard was chairman, assisted by Horace Tallant and Archie Ervin. Club sponsored a float in the Old Soldier's Reunion parade. Lion Eugene Elliott was appointed to the committee of Boys Home at Lake Waccamaw. In, November 1963, Board voted and purchased two wheel chairs and later one additional chair. Golden Ages night was observed November 20, with 63 present. Ladies Night and Christmas party was held in December. Baskets were distributed to eleven needy families. International Councilors were invited to visit our club. Teacher's Appreciation Night was observed along with the Hickory City School Board and the Town of Longview Councilmen. 120 dozen household and industrial brooms were sold. Club was host for our 3rd Zone meeting of the year held March 5th. Spelling Bee sponsored at Longview School in April 1963. 121 Eye Wills were secured in April. Charter night was observed in June 1963.

1963 – 1964: Sherman Butler, President
Bill Norris, Secretary

Robert Frye was installed as Zone Chairman of Zone 5 in July 1963. Lions Family Picnic was held at Optimist Park August 17. Outing for the Blind and Visually handicapped was attended by 4 Lions with 3 guests. Gifts of \$33.75 were presented. Past President Lion Artie Mull presented Lion Robert Frye a gold Elgin watch for the many hours and his efforts on the new Community Center which was dedicated May 3, 1964, from 2:00pm – 5:00pm. Club purchased a radio for the blind. President Lion Sherman Butler presented the plaque, representing the winner in the Division for 1962-1963 Lions International attendance contest, to Past President Lion Robert Frye. The first Zone 5 meeting was held September 3 at the Longview Club. Club entered a team in the Catawba County Lions Bowling League. Ladies night was held at Shuford's Recreation Area on Lake Hickory September 17. White Cane Drive was held in October with a total of 144 man-hours donated by the club. Chairman of White Cane, Lion Bill Wooldridge, reported a total of \$904.22 raised for this drive. Golden Agers night was observed November 19 with seventy-three present. Gifts were presented each Golden Ager. Club gave thirty-four Christmas treats to need families in Longview area. Club also made a donation to the Boys Home at Lake Waccamaw. A donation of \$25.00 was given to Ridgeview High School to help pay for football bleachers. Club decorated tree and Christmas Scene at Longview School. Teacher's Appreciation Night was held January 21. Gifts were presented to the guests. Five Lions and their wives attended mid-winter Convention in Hendersonville, NC on Saturday, January 21, 1964. International councilor's night was observed in February. Club co-sponsored Bloodmobile Drive February 6, 1964 and obtained 186 pints of blood. Club provided transportation at three schools for Polio Clinic on March 22, 1964. Longview Lions, Hickory Lions, and St. Stephens Lions Clubs held a Glaucoma Clinic on April 14 and 15, 1964, processing 2,591 persons. Broom Sale was held April 23 and 24 with 240 man-hours donated by the club. Club held Sons and Daughters Banquet on April 21, 1964. Club obtained 179 Eye Wills at Glaucoma Clinic. Lion Dr. W.E. Leonard was chairman of the Glaucoma Clinic. Club paid \$182.68 as cost for the Glaucoma Clinic. State Convention was attended in Raleigh, N.C. by four lions. The total Broom Sales were \$2,475.00. Charter members were honored at June 2nd meeting.

1964 – 1965: Hubert M. Brooks, President
Baxter Greene, Secretary

Lion Robert Frye was elected Deputy District Governor. Lion's Grady Coffin and President Brooks and wives attended Lions International Convention in Toronto, Canada. A Lions banner was purchased for the club. Seven Visually Handicapped and Blind attended the outing for the Blind, along with thirteen Lions from our club. The Longview Lions Club held it's Family Picnic for all Lions and families at Optimist Park above Morganton in August 1964. A ladies night and Hobo party was held in September. Lion Sherman Butler was chairman of this event. Club sponsored a bowling team. Thirty Lions worked a total of 120 man-hours on Road Block for the White Cane Drive. Lion Walter Traxler was chairman and a total of \$922.46 was collected. Club paid \$285.00 on chairs and tables for Longview Recreation Center. Golden Agers night was held November 1964 with sixty-nine Senior Citizens attending. Ladies Night and Christmas party was held on December 15, 1964. Club contributed \$129.00 to Boys Home at Lake Waccamaw. Welfare Committee prepared food baskets for the needy families and children for a total of \$168.00. Fruit cake committee and club sold over 3,000 lbs of fruitcakes. Lion Artie Mull was chairman for this committee. District Governor Robert (Bob) Davis visited the club in December. Lions held the annual Teacher's Appreciation Night along with the School Board and the Town

Board in January 1965. Seven Lions and Lionesses attended the Mid-winter Convention in Statesville in January 1965. International Councilors night was observed in February 1965. Lions Bill Norris, Sherman Butler and two Lionesses spent 118 man hours testing the eyes of the fourth and sixth grade students at Longview School. Annual Spelling Bee was held in April 1965. Club co-sponsored the bloodmobile in April. Club paid \$150.00 for eye examining equipment for Catawba County Clinic. A very successful broom sale was held in April 1965. Lion Linwood M. Brittain was chairman of this committee. Eye Will booths were set up at First National Bank, Fresh Air Super Market, and Martin's Super Market in Longview in April. Eighty-three eye wills were secured. Chairman of this committee was Lion Rev. James Rowles. Charter Night and Fifteenth Anniversary to be observed on June 15th, 1965.

1965 – 1966: Robert Ledbetter, President
Earl Mickle, Secretary

The Longview Lions Club was selected as the best Lions Club and won the best Attendance Award for District 31-B for clubs of it's size for the year 1965-66, Lion Robert Frye served the club as White Cane Chairman for the year and raised \$1,576.00 for the District annual White Cane Drive. The club held it's annual Fruit Cake sale in November and December and made a profit of \$900.00. Our annual Broom Sale was held during the month of May and the club realized a profit of \$1,500.00 from our house to house and industrial brooms. A Blood Drive was held for the American Red Cross, which was very successful. President Robert Ledbetter and wife Edith attended the Lions International Convention, which was held in Los Angeles. Lions Robert Frye and Hubert Brooks attended the N.C. Lions State Convention as delegates of the club. Our annual Golden Ages Night was held in February with 75 Senior Citizens of the community in attendance. The meal, gifts, and entertainment amounted to a cost of \$595.00. At Christmas, fruit baskets were distributed to the needy in the community at a cost of \$250.00. The club made contributions to the following District Monetary goals: \$1,576.00 to White Cane, \$100.00 to NC Eye Bank, and \$200.00 to the Boys and Girls Home. Teacher's Appreciation Night was held for the teachers of Longview Elementary School along with the Hickory City School Board and the Town of Longview Town Councilmen. The meal and gifts amounted to \$325.00. A Spelling Bee was held at Longview Elementary School with the winners awarded savings bonds for a total of \$40.00. Lion Robert Frye, Lou, Janet, and Carole attended the Lion's International Convention in Chicago along with Lion Hubert Brooks and Betty as delegates of the Longview Lions Club.

1966 – 1967: L.R. Hawkins, President
Earl Mickle, Secretary

The highlight of this year was the election of Robert Frye as District Governor of District 31-B. He selected Lion Hubert Brooks to serve as District 31- Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer and Lion Bill Woolridge was appointed District 31-B Director of Public Relations. Golden Ages Night was held in November with 85 senior citizens present. The meal, gifts, and entertainment cost the club a total of \$675.00. The club met its District 31-B Monetary goals with contributions to the following: White Cane - \$1,176.00, N.C. Eye Bank - \$110.00 and Boys and Girls Home - \$225.00. Our annual Fruitcake Sale was held in November and December with the club making a profit of \$950.00. Our Broom Sale during the month of May made a profit of \$1,600.00. A Spelling Bee was held at Longview Elementary School with Savings Bonds awarded to the winners in the

amount of \$40.00. The club won a trophy for second place in the District Governor's Points Contest. Also, the club won a second place trophy in District 31-B White Cane Drive. President L.R. Hawkins and Lion Robert Frye attended the Mid-Winter and State Conventions as delegates of the Longview Lions Club. The club won the District 31-B Attendance Award. District Governor Robert Frye, Lou, Janet and Carole attended the Lion's International Convention in New York along with Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Hubert Brooks, Betty Brooks, Lion Fred Heavner, and Mary Lea Heavner. All 3 of these Lions represented the Longview club as delegates to the convention.

1967 – 1968: **Bill Norris, President**
 Earle Mickle, Secretary

The Longview Lions Club sponsored a 5th and 6th grade basketball program at Longview Elementary School. This was a very successful project. The Longview Lions club held a Past District Governor's Night in honor of Lion Robert Frye who had just completed his year as District Governor of District 31-B. Lions Robert Frye and Hubert Brooks represented the Longview Lions club and participated in groundbreaking ceremonies at Camp Dogwood on September 24, 1967. Lion Robert Frye received a letter from the President of the N.C. Lions Foundation showing appreciation for a \$40,000.00 savings in construction to date of the camp. All members of the Longview Lions club were in attendance at this ceremony. Lion Robert Frye, on behalf of the Longview Lions, was construction manager for the concept, design, and building of the Longview Swimming Pool. Lion Robert Frye headed up a team of several community organizations to promote the building of this swimming pool. Our club held it's annual Fruitcake Sale during the months of November and December with a profit of \$1,161.00. The club held it's annual Broom Sale during the month of May with a profit of \$1,500.00 from their house to house and industrial brooms. The club met it's District Monetary goals with contributions as follows: White Cane – \$1,600.00, N.C. Eye Bank - \$105.00, and Boys and Girls club - \$240.00. Golden Agers Night was held in November with 70 senior citizens present. The cost of meals, gifts, and entertainment amounted to \$560.00. The club sponsored the Spelling Bee at Longview Elementary School and presented savings bonds to the winners in the amount of \$40.00.

1968 – 1969: **Baxter Greene, President**
 Earl Mickle, Secretary

The Longview Lions club sponsored a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross. Their drive collected over 250 pints of blood and was the largest blood drive ever held in Longview. The club contributed \$500.00 to Camp Dogwood for general construction. The club sponsored an outing for the Blind and their families in August. Food and gifts were given to everyone in attendance. The cost of this outings amounted to \$225.00. One of our members, Lion Artie Mull, was chairman of the Camp Dogwood 250 Race at the Charlotte Motor Speedway. The Lions of N.C sponsored this race. All club members were in attendance at this race. The club held it's annual Fruit Cake Sale during the months of November and December with a profit of \$1,200.00. The club held it's annual Broom Sale during the month of May and made a profit of \$1,500.00 from the house to house and industrial brooms. The club met it's District Monetary goals with the following: White Cane - \$1,600.00, N.C. Eye Bank - \$130.00, and Boys and Girls Home - \$240.00. Golden Agers Night was held during the month of November with 65 senior citizens in attendance. The cost of the meal, gifts, and entertainment amounted to \$520.00. A

Spelling Bee was held for Longview Elementary School with savings bonds awarded to the winners in the amount of \$40.00.

**1969 – 1970: Earle Mickle, President
 C. Merlin Lewis, Secretary**

Lions Robert and Edith Ledbetter represented the Longview Lions club at the Lion's International Convention in Tokyo, Japan. Lion Robert Frye was elected President of the N.C. Association of the Blind. Lion Artie Mull was chairman of the Broom Sale during the month of May. A profit of \$1,400.00 was from the sale of the house to house and industrial brooms. The club met it's District Monetary goals with donations to the following: White Cane - \$1,099.00, N.C. Eye Bank - \$125.00, and Boys and Girls Club - \$235.00. A Fruit Cake Sale was held during the months of November and December, which made a profit of \$1,600.00. The Golden Agers Night was held during the month of November with 70 senior citizens attending. The cost of this event amounted to \$586.00. A Spelling Bee was sponsored at Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools with savings bonds presented to the first and second place winners in the amount of \$80.00. Lions President Earle Mickle and Robert Frye attended the Mid-Winter and State Conventions as delegates for the Longview club. A Blood Drive was sponsored for the American Red Cross with 150 pints of blood obtained. A Teacher's Appreciation Night was held for the teachers of Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools along with the Hickory City School Board and the Longview Town Council. The cost for the event amounted to \$575.00.

**1970 – 1971: Bob Hibbitts, President
 Johnny Lynn, Secretary**

Lion Robert and Lou Frye and Lion Hubert and Betty Brooks represented the Longview Lions Club as delegates to the Lion's International Convention in Atlantic City, N.J. Lion Robert Frye was re-elected as President of the N.C. Lions Association of the Blind. A Teacher's Appreciation Night was held for the Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools along with the Hickory City School Board and the Longview Town Council. The cost of the Teacher's Appreciation Night amounted to \$581.00. Golden Agers Night was held with 69 senior citizens present. The cost for this event amounted to \$552.00. A color TV was raffled off as a fundraiser with a profit of \$1,500.00. A Ladies Night was held at the Ham House in Claremont, N.C. with all members in attendance. Mrs. O.A. Buff, who was at the meeting, fell and broke her shoulder. The club held it's annual Broom Sale during the month of May going house to house and calling on industry. This sale showed a profit of \$1,400.00. A Fruit Cake Sale was held during the months of November and December realizing a profit of \$1,500.00. The club met it's District Monetary goals as follows: White Cane - \$1,450.00, N.C. Eye Bank - \$125.00, and Boys and Girls Home - \$260.00. A Spelling Bee was held at Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools with savings bonds given to the winners in the amount of \$80.00. Lion President Bob Hibbitts and Lion Robert Frye attended the Mid-Winter and State Conventions.

**1971 – 1972: H.R. (Bus) Frye, President
 Jack Bridges, Secretary**

Governor Jim Hunt appointed Lion Robert Frye a member of the N.C. Commission for Employment of the Handicapped. Lions Arnold and Opal Frye and Bill and Jean Wooldridge

attended the Lions International Convention in Las Vegas, NV. As delegates of the Longview Lions Club. The club held it's annual house to house and industrial broom sale during the month of May and made a profit of \$1,400.00. The annual Fruitcake Sale was held during the months of November and December and a profit of \$1,500.00 was made. The club met it's District Monetary goals as follows: White Cane - \$1,500.00, N.C. Eye Bank - \$110.00, and Boys and Girls Club - \$225.00. The Golden Agers Night was held during the month of November with 70 senior citizens in attendance. The cost of this event amounted to \$585.00. The club sponsored a Spelling Bee at Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools with savings bonds presented to the winners in the amount of \$80.00. The members of the Longview Lions club were in attendance and conducted the Spelling Bee. Lion's President Bus Frye, Jack Bridges and Robert Frye attended the Mid-Winter and State Conventions. A Blood Drive was held for the American Red Cross with 130 pints of blood obtained. A contribution of \$600.00 was made to Camp Dogwood for general construction. An outing for the blind was held during the month of June. Food and gifts were given to the blind and their families at a cost of \$325.00.

1972 – 1973: **Johnny Lynn, President**
 Jack Bridges, Secretary

The club sold tickets to the Camp Dogwood Golf Tournament. Provided funds for a Catawba County Glaucoma and Diabetes Clinic. One Ladies Night was held. Supported Lion Del George as a candidate for District Governor of District 31-B. Club sponsored 2 teams in the Catawba County Bowling League. Lion Joe Cook secured a trophy case for the club's trophies. The Golden Agers Night was held in November with 100 senior citizens attending. A gift was presented to all that were present. A Broom Sale was held during the month of November with a profit of \$1,810.00. A Candy Sale for our White Cane Drive was held on October 19 and 20 from house to house and a profit of \$845.00 was raised. A Christmas Party was held on December 19th for all Lions and their families. Past District Governor's Night was held during the month of February with nine Past District Governors present. The club sold 4,320 lbs of fruitcakes during the months of November and December. A Spelling Bee was held at Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools with a \$25.00 first place and a \$10.00 second place. Club sold basketball tickets for the benefit of Camp Dogwood. Teacher's Appreciation Night was held for the teachers of Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools, the Longview Town Board, and the Hickory City School Board. The club donated \$200.00 to Boys and Girls Home, \$60.00 to the N.C. State Commission for the Blind, \$200.00 to Camp Dogwood, \$25.00 to the Olympic Committee for the Deaf and \$25.00 to Dr. Richard Griffin to help with his trip to Bolivia to operate on visually impaired people.

The highlight of this year was that the club was awarded the District 31-B White Cane Award, Best Activities Award and the Best Blind Award for the year 1971 – 1972. Also Lion Bill Norris was appointed Zone Chairman for Region III, Zone 5.

1973 – 1974: **Ray Eggers, President**
 John D. Osborne, Secretary

Lion President Ray Eggers received a call concerning a VIP with a leaking roof. The members of the club met on Saturday and re-roofed the home of Eddie Jones. The cost of the project amounted to \$600.00 and 125 man-hours of labor by the members. The house to house and industrial broom sale was held during the month of May and a profit of \$1,300.00. The Fruit

Cake Sale that was held during the holiday season made a profit of \$1,400.00. The club met its District Monetary goals as follows: White Cane - \$1,200.00, N.C. Eye Bank - \$130.00 and Boys and Girls Home - \$260.00. Golden Agers Night was held during the month of November with 67 senior citizens in attendance. The cost of the event amounted to \$546.00. A Spelling Bee was held at Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools with savings bonds presented to the winners in the amount of \$80.00. Lion's President Ray Eggers, Robert Fry, and Jack Bridges were delegates of the club to the Mid-Winter and State Lions Convention. A Blood Drive was held for the American Red Cross and 125 pints of blood were obtained. A contribution of \$425.00 was made to Camp Dogwood for the general construction. An outing for the VIP's in the community and their families was held during the month of May. Food and gifts were presented to all present at a cost of \$275.00. The club donated \$200.00 to Lion Archie Ervin for a Christmas gift. Lion Robert Frye was appointed to be a member and to serve as chairman of the N.C. Commission for the Blind by Governor Jim Holshouser.

1974 –1975: Fred Heavner, President
John D Osborne, Secretary

The Longview Lions Club held it's annual Broom Sale and sold \$1,844.25 going to house to house and industrial contacts. Past President Ray Eggers reported on the International Convention. Lion Luther Smith attended a ground breaking at Camp Dogwood. The club collected Eye Wills at the Fresh Air Supermarket. Golden Agers Night was held in November with 66 senior citizens present. A total of \$520.00 was spent for meals and gifts. The club donated \$1,500.42 to the White Cane drive. The club donated \$1,911.92 to the Camp Dogwood Building Fund. A Family Night and Christmas Party was held in December. Governor Jim Holshouser appointed Lion Robert Frye chairman of the N.C. Commission for the Blind. Past District Governor's Night was held with 3 in attendance. Club sold \$2,571.00 in Camp Dogwood tickets. One pair of glasses purchased for a needy family at a cost of \$69.00. Club donated 10 Christmas baskets to the needy of the community at a cost of \$120.00. Teacher's Appreciation Night was held for Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools with 37 teachers present. Spelling Bee held at Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools with \$25.00 savings bonds to the winners and \$10.00 to the second place for a total of \$70.00. A 25th Anniversary celebration was held. The club donated \$450.00 to Camp Dogwood. The club re-roofed a home for a needy family, \$600.00 in materials donated and the members donated \$750.00 in labor. The club voted to replace the Lions Road signs at a cost of \$120.00. The club sponsored 2 bowling teams. The club donated \$25.00 to Dr. Richard Griffin for his annual trip to Bolivia.

1975 – 1976: Arnold D. Frye, President
Kindall S. Riley, Secretary

The Longview Lions club furnished a station wagon for the use of Camp Dogwood during the camping season. The annual house to house and individual broom sales were held during the month of May with a profit of \$1,200.00. During the Christmas season, the club held it's annual Fruitcake sale and realized a profit of \$1,100.00. The club met all of the District 31-B Monetary Goals as follows: White Cane - \$1,450.00, N.C. Eye Bank - \$150.00, and Boys and Girls Home - \$260.00. The club held it's annual Golden Agers Night in November with 65 Senior Citizens in attendance. The meal, gifts, and entertainment amounted to \$585.00. The club sponsored the Spelling Bee at Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools with Savings Bonds given to the

winners in the amount of \$80.00. All club members attended this event and conducted the spelling bee. Lions President Arnold Frye, Bill Woodridge and Robert Frye attended the Mid-Winter and State Lions Convention. The club donated \$750.00 to Camp Dogwood for general construction. A Pancake Breakfast was held during the month of March with a profit of \$1,250.00. The club bought eye examinations and glasses for 5 people during the year at a cost of \$625.00. A needy family was in need of a new roof and the club spent 3 Saturdays installing this roof. The cost of this project amounted to \$750.00 and the club members donated 240 hours of labor.

1976 – 1977: Luther Smith, President
Richard L. Miller, Secretary

The Longview Lions Club held its house to house and industrial broom sales during the month of May with a profit of \$1,561.00. The annual Fruit Cake Sale was held during the months of November and December and a profit of \$1,350.00 was made. The club met all of its District 31-B Monetary Goals as follows: White Cane - \$1,375.00, N.C. Eye Bank - \$125.00, and the Boys and Girls Home - \$240.00. Golden Agers Night was held in November with 75 Senior Citizens present. This event cost the club \$625.00. The annual Spelling Bee was sponsored at Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools with \$80.00 in Savings Bonds presented to the 1st and 2nd place winners at each school. All members of the club were in attendance at this event. Members of the club conducted the Spelling Bee. The club donated \$500.00 to the Camp Dogwood general construction fund. The club held its annual Pancake Breakfast during the month of March with a profit of \$1,150.00. Lions Arnold Frye, Bill Woodridge and Hubert Brooks attended the Mid-Winter and State Conventions as delegates of the club. The club purchased eye examinations and glasses for 7 needy persons in the community at a cost of \$725.00. The club donated Christmas Baskets to 12 needy families in the community at a cost of \$300.00. The club paid the electric bill for a needy family in the community at a cost of \$125.00.

1977 – 1978: Kindall S. Riley, President
Richard L. Miller, Secretary

The Longview Lions club donated 10 gallons of paint, thinner, brushes, and equipment to paint the exterior of Mr. Ernie Rockett's home. He is a VIP and the cost of these materials amounted to \$147.60. Gave a subscription to the Lions Magazine to the Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools. The club helped to sponsor the Catawba County on-going Diabetes and Glaucoma Clinic. The club met all of its District 31-B Monetary Goals for the year as follows: White Cane - \$1,475.00, N.C. Eye Bank - \$100.00, and Boys and Girls Home - \$260.00. Golden Agers Night was held during the month of November with 80 Senior Citizens present. This event cost the club \$695.00. The club held its annual Past District Governor's Night during the month of February with 10 Past District Governors attending. Each Past District Governor made a brief talk to the club. Gifts were presented to the guests at a cost of \$225.00. Two bowling teams were sponsored in the Catawba County Bowling League. The club donated \$100.00 to LCIF and \$100.00 to Care. The club donated 9 Christmas Food Baskets to needy families in the community at a cost of \$225.00. Also the following donations were made as follows: \$50.00 to Hearing and Speech, \$25.00 to Youth Exchange and \$22.92 for the Old Soldiers Reunion Parade float in Newton. The club donated \$30.00 to the Catawba County Lions Association for the Blind.

Teacher's Appreciation Night was held for the teachers of Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools at a cost of \$240.00. A Spelling Bee was sponsored for Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools with \$80.00 in Savings Bonds presented to the winners. A Candy Sale house to house was made during the month of October with a profit of \$1,260.00.

1978 – 1979: Ned H. Frye, President
Kindell S. Riley, Secretary

President Frye and Secretary Riley attended the District 31-B Officers Training School and White Cane Workshop. Club donated 3 gallons of paint and brushes to Mr. Ernie Rockett, a VIP, to paint his house at a cost of \$37.50. Gave a subscription to the Lions Magazine to the Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools. Club helped to sponsor the Catawba County on-going Diabetes and Glaucoma Clinic. Club donated \$50.24 per member to the White Cane Drive for a total of \$815.00. Golden Agers Night was held with 79 Senior Citizens in attendance with gifts presented to all present. Past District Governor's Night was held with 6 Past District Governors attending. All were presented with a gift. Club sponsored 2 teams in the Catawba County Bowling League. The club donated \$10.00 to the Foothills Deaf Lions Club on August 18, 1978 to help with their Charter Night expenses. The club donated \$10.00 to LCIF, \$10.00 to Care, \$135.00 to the Boys and Girls Home, and \$540.00 to White Cane. Twelve food baskets at a cost of \$220.00 were presented to needy families in the community. The club donated \$27.00 to Hearing and Speech Committee, \$13.50 to Youth Exchange, \$22.92 for the Old Soldiers Reunion Parade float in Newton. A tree in front of the Longview Recreation Center was planted in honor of former Lion Archie Ervin at his death. The club paid for repairs to the home of Mr. Ernie Rockett, a VIP, at a cost of \$600.00. Donated \$30.00 to the Catawba County Association for the Blind. Teacher's Appreciation Night was held for the teachers of Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools at a cost of \$225.00. A Spelling Bee was held for Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools with a total of \$110.00 in Savings Bonds presented to the winners. A Candy Sale was held house to house during the month of October with a profit of \$1,190.00.

1979 – 1980: Dwight D. Frye, President
Arthur A. Moll, Secretary

The club purchased 8 eye examinations and glasses for 11 needy families in the community during the year at a cost of \$1,260.00. The club sponsored a bowling team in the Catawba County Lions Bowling League. The club donated \$900.00 to White Cane, \$125.00 to the N.C. Eye Bank, \$240.00 to the Boys and Girls Home, \$25.00 to the LCIF, \$25.00 to Care, \$25.00 to Hearing and Speech, \$25.00 to Youth Exchange, and \$25.00 to the Old Soldiers Reunion Parade float. The annual Golden Agers Night was held during the month of November with 87 Senior Citizens present. This event cost \$670.00. A Family Christmas Party held in December. Eight Christmas Food Baskets were given to needy families in the community at a cost of \$200.00. The Fruitcake Sale held during November and December with a profit of \$200.00. A Past District Governor's Night was held in April with 14 Past District Governor's present. Gifts were presented to all guests. A Ladies Night was held during the month of June. Ten loads of wood were donated to needy families in the community at a cost of \$250.00. A donation of \$500.00 was given to the Camp Dogwood construction building fund. The club held it's annual Pancake Breakfast during the month of March with a profit of \$875.00. Lions George Tucker, H.R. "Bus"

Frye, and Robert Ledbetter attended the Mid-Winter and State Conventions as delegates of the club.

1980 – 1981: P.D. Nolan, President
Robert G. Frye, Secretary

The Longview Lions Club received the District 31-B White Cane Award for contributing the most money for clubs in Group 2. The club contributed \$200.00 to the NC Services for the Blind. The club met all of its District 31-B Monetary Goals as follows: White Cane - \$1,200.00, N.C. Eye

Bank- \$125.00, The Boys and Girls Home- \$275.00. The club donated \$500.00 to the Camp Dogwood general construction fund. The annual house to house and industrial broom sale was held during the month of May with a profit of \$1,450.00. A Fruit Cake sale was held during the months of November and December with a profit of \$1,150.00. Golden Agers Night was held during the month of November with 71 Senior Citizens in attendance. The meal, gifts, and entertainment cost the club \$591.00. The club sponsored the Spelling Bee at Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools with Savings Bonds presented to the winners in the amount of \$80.00. All club members attended this meeting and the club members conducted the Spelling Bee. A Pancake Breakfast was held on March 21st and a record of 197 tickets were presold. A record profit was made at this breakfast in the amount of \$1,675.00. The Pancake Breakfast has now become an annual event for the club. Lions President P.D. Nolan and Robert Frye attended the Mid-Winter and State Lions Conventions.

1981 – 1982: George Tucker, President
Robert G. Frye, Secretary

The Longview Lions club held it's August 4, 1981 meeting at Camp Dogwood with members joining the blind and visually impaired for dinner and entertainment. Club sponsored 2 bowling teams in the Catawba County Bowling League. A Candy Sale was held for our annual White Cane Drive with \$836.28 raised for White Cane. Fruit Cakes were sold during November and December with total sales of \$4,428.60. Our Broom Sale was held during the month of May with total sales of \$4,402.94. Club helped to sponsor the Old Soldiers Reunion Day Parade float in Newton at a cost of \$20.00. Purchased eyeglasses for a needy person in the community for a cost of \$209.00. The club contributed to our District 31-B Monetary Goals as Follows: \$140.00 to Boys and Girls Home, \$10.00 to Care, \$195.00 to Camp Dogwood Building Fund, \$300.00 to purchase 12 Christmas baskets for needy families in the community. Purchased 1 hospital mattress for a visually impaired person in the community for \$175.00. Club donated \$300.00 to a needy family in the community to help with their living expenses. Purchased dentures in the amount of \$200.00 to help a needy person in the community. During our Broom Sale, the club sold \$228.00 in ironing board covers. Contributed \$15.00 to the NC School for the Deaf in Morganton. Golden Agers Night was held on November 17 with 87 Senior Citizens present with gifts for all at a cost of \$587.00. A Family Night was held during the month of December with 75 member and their guest present. Lion P.D. Nolan was appointed Zone Chairman for Zone 5, Region 3, District 31-B. The club held a Pancake Breakfast with a profit of \$585.14. A Ladies Night was held May 18. A donation of \$18.00 was given to the Catawba County Association for the Blind. A donation of \$15.50 was given to the Deaf and Hearing Committee.

1982 – 1983: Robert Ledbetter, President
Dwight Frye, Secretary

The club met all of its District 31-B Monetary Goals as follows: \$1,300.00 to White Cane, \$135.00 to N.C. Eye Bank and \$240.00 to Boys and Girls Home. A donation of \$900.00 was made to the Camp Dogwood general construction fund. The annual House to House and Industrial Broom Sale was held during the month of May with a profit of \$1,200.00. The annual Fruit Cake Sale was held during the months of November and December, which made a profit of \$1,200.00. Golden Ages Night was held during the month of November with 67 Senior Citizens in attendance. The cost of the meal, gifts, and decorations amounted to \$560.00. A Spelling Bee was held at Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools with Savings Bonds presented to the winners in the amount of \$80.00. All members of the club were in attendance and club members conducted the Spelling Bee. The annual Pancake Breakfast was held during the month of March with a profit of \$1,125.00. Lions President Robert Ledbetter and Robert Frye attended the Mid-Winter and State Conventions as delegates of the club.

1983 – 1984: H.R. (Bus) Frye, President
Richard L. Miller, Secretary

The club held it's annual Golden Ages Night during the month of November with 105 Senior Citizens in attendance. This was the largest attendance that the club had ever had for their gathering. Lion Ned Frye, Chairman, was given a standing ovation in appreciation and thanks for his work in making all arrangements for this meeting. Lion Ned has chaired this committee since the first Golden Ager Night was held. At our meeting held on April 3, our Tailtwister was fined by a vote of the membership, which resulted in 100% of the members being fined including the visiting District Governor, Lion Thomas Keels. The club held it's annual House to House and Industrial Broom Sale during the month of May with a profit of \$1,300.00. Our annual Fruit Cake Sale was held during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season with a profit of \$1,210.00. The club met all of its District 31-B Monetary Goals as follows: \$1,225.00 to White Cane, \$110.00 to N.C. Eye Bank and \$225.00 to the Boys and Girls Home. The club contributed \$500.00 to the Camp Dogwood general construction fund. The annual Spelling Bee was sponsored at Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools with Savings Bonds presented to the winners in the amount of \$80.00. All members attended this event and members of the club conducted the Spelling Bee. Lions President Bus Frye and Robert Frye attended the Mid-Winter and State Conventions as delegates of the club.

1984 -1985: George Tucker, President
Robert G. Frye, Secretary

Lion Artie Mull passed away on April 13, 1985. The Longview Lions Club lost one of its most distinguished, dedicated, and hardworking members that the club has ever had. One pair of eyeglasses and an examination was donated to Peggy Rathliona in the amount of \$200.80. Club sponsored 1 bowling team in the Catawba County Lions Bowling League. Club purchased 1 pair of glasses for Tommy Gardner in the amount of \$100.00. The brothers and sisters of former member Lion Jack Harbinson presented a check to the Longview Lions blind fund in the amount of \$300.00 in memory of Lion Jack Harbison. Club donated \$687.65 to the N.C. Lions Foundation

White Cane. Golden Agers Night was held during the month of November with 91 Senior Citizens attending with gifts presented to all guests at a cost of \$587.00. A Family Christmas Party was held on December 18th. A pair of glasses was purchased for Freddy Brown, a student at Longview School, at a cost of \$41.95. An eye examination and glasses were purchased for Bobby Honeycutt, a student at Longview Elementary School in the amount of \$225.00. Five Christmas food baskets were given to needy families in the community at a cost of \$100.00. Fruit Cake sales during November and December amounted to \$3,696.00. The club contributed to the District 31-B Monetary District Goals as follows: \$87.50 to Boys and Girls Home, \$25.00 to LCIF, \$10.00 to Care, \$12.50 to Hearing and Deaf, \$12.50 to Youth Exchange and \$15.00 to Special Olympics Committee. Past District Governor's Night was held on April 16 with 12 Past District Governors present and a gift was presented to all that attended. The club held Ladies Night on May 7. One pair of glasses purchased for Robert Duncan in the amount of \$90.00.

1985 – 1986: **George Tucker, President**
 Robert G. Frye, Secretary

A Pancake Breakfast was held during the month of May with a profit of \$797.00. Past District Governors Night was held on February 18 with 15 Past District Governors present and all present received a gift. Club participated in the Lions Regional Golf Tournament in May at the Henry River Golf Club. The club contributed \$300.00 to the NC Lions Foundation for the White Cane. A Family Night and Christmas Party was held on December 17th. Our annual Golden Agers Night was held November 19th with 75 Senior Citizens present and all guests were presented a gift at a cost of \$561.00. Our annual Broom Sale was held during the month of May with total sales of \$3,837.50. One load of wood was donated to a needy family in the amount of \$25.00. Club contributed the following amounts to our District 31-B Monetary Goals: \$400.00 to the White Cane Drive, \$84.00 to the Boys and Girls Home, \$10.00 to Care, \$12.00 to Hearing and Deaf, \$12.00 to Youth Exchange, and \$12.00 to Special Olympic Committee. The Club held a Pancake Breakfast on May 17th with a profit of \$925.00. Club donated \$25.00 to the International Office, Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc.

1986 –1987: **George Tucker, President**
 Robert G. Frye, Secretary

Lion Dr. Walter Leonard brought a request to the club to help a needy family with their medicine bills. The club donated \$325.00 to this family. The club sent Lion President George Tucker to the Lions International Convention in New Orleans as a delegate of the club. The club held the Golden Agers Night with 79 Senior Citizens attending. The cost of meal, gifts, and entertainment amounted to \$635.00. The club sold \$3,975.00 in Camp Dogwood tickets. The club met all of its District 31-B Monetary Goals as follows: \$2,000.00 to White Cane, \$125.00 to N.C. Eye Bank, and \$260.00 to the Boys and Girls Home. The club held its annual Fruit Cake Sale in the months of October, November, and December with a profit of \$3,600.00. The annual House to House and Industrial Broom Sale was held during the month of May with a profit of \$3,600.00. The club donated \$500.00 to the Camp Dogwood building construction fund. The club sponsored a Spelling Bee at Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools with Savings Bonds presented to the winners in the amount of \$80.00. The annual Pancake Breakfast was held during the month of March with a profit of \$960.00. Lions President George Tucker, Luther Smith, and Robert Frye attended the Mid-Winter and State Conventions as delegates of the club. The club purchased 6 eye examinations and glasses at a cost of \$673.00.

1987 – 1988: **Luther A. Smith, President**
 Robert G. Frye, Secretary

The Longview Lions Club sponsored a 5th and 6th grade basketball program at Longview Elementary School. The club held a Past District Governor's Night during the month of February with 10 Past District Governors attending. Gifts were presented to all guests. The club sponsored a Blood Mobile Drive for the American Red Cross with 150 pints of blood secured. The club contributed \$500.00 to the Camp Dogwood general construction building fund. The club sponsored an outing for the blind and their families in August. Food and gifts were given to all present. The cost of this event amounted to \$175.00. The club held its annual Fruit Cake Sale during the months of November and December with a profit of \$1,560.00. The annual House to House and Industrial Broom Sale was held during the month of May with a profit of \$1,475.00. The club met its District 31-B Monetary Goals as follows: \$1,650.00 to White Cane, \$110.00 to the N.C. Eye Bank, and \$225.00 to the Boys and Girls Home. Golden Agers Night was held during the month of November with 66 Senior Citizens in attendance. The cost of this event amounted to \$525.00. A Spelling Bee was sponsored at Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools with \$80.00 in Savings Bonds presented to the winner. The club purchased 6 eye exams and glasses for needy families in the community at a cost of \$610.00. Lions George Tucker and Luther Smith attended the Mid-Winter and State Lions Conventions as delegates. The club paid the gas bill for a needy family in the amount of \$125.00. The club donated groceries to a needy family at a cost of \$150.00.

1988 – 1989: **Luther A. Smith, President**
 Robert G. Frye, Secretary

The Longview Lions Club held a Pancake Breakfast during the month of May with a profit of \$750.00. The club contributed \$92.00 per member in the White Cane Drive for a total contribution of \$1,564.00. Lions Club International announced during the month of August that women were welcomed as Lions members. The club donated \$325.00 for repairs to the home of Mr. Mathew Davis. Ladies Night was held on September 13 with gifts given to all the ladies present. Golden Agers and a Christmas Party was held December 1st with 85 Senior Citizens present with all guests presented with gifts for a total cost of \$576.00. Club purchased 1 pair of glasses for Patty Patrick for a cost of \$95.00. Lion George Tucker attended the International Convention in Denver, Colorado as a delegate. Donated \$36.00 to the International Officers fund. The Longview Lions Club made the following donations to the District 31-B Monetary Goals: \$250.00 to the Boys and Girls Club, \$170.00 to LCIF, \$17.00 to the Youth Exchange, \$17.00 to Deaf and Hearing, and \$17.00 to Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Club sold \$160.00 in Camp Dogwood tickets. Club donated \$100.00 to the Christian Disability Services, Inc. The club helped to sponsor a float in the Old Soldiers Reunion Parade in Newton at a cost of \$25.00. Club donated \$300.00 to the Lions Quest Program. The club purchased 1 pair of glasses for Mrs. Fred Thompson in the amount of \$110.00.

1989 - 1990: **Art Whisnant, President**
 Robert G. Frye, Secretary

The Longview Lions Club sold \$7,793.78 in brooms during our annual House to House and Industrial Broom Sale. Club sold \$4,000.00 in fruitcakes. Club donated \$290.00 to Camp Dogwood Building Fund. Club donated \$2,500.00 in Disaster Aid for the tornado victims. A

Candy Sale was held during the month of October and had a total sales of \$483.00. Our annual Pancake Breakfast was held during the month of November with total sales and a profit of \$519.00. The club donated \$72.00 to help a needy family in the community. The club helped sponsor a float in the Old Soldiers Reunion Parade in Newton at a cost of \$25.00. One eye exam was purchased for Mrs. Fred Thompson at a cost of \$16.20. Club purchased eyeglasses for Patrick Arnold, a student at Longview Elementary School at a cost of \$125.00. The Longview Lions Club donated the following amounts to the District 31-B Monetary Goals: \$259.00 to the White Cane, \$100.00 to the Boys and Girls Home, \$100.00 to LCIF, \$200.00 to Care, \$10.80 to Hearing Conservation and Work with the Deaf, \$10.00 to the Youth Exchange, \$10.00 to Alcohol and Drug Awareness and \$40.00 to the NC Lions Promotion Fund. The club sponsored Mr. Robbie Bennett to a school at the N.C. Eye Bank for lessons on removing eyes at a cost of \$250.00. One pair of eyeglasses was purchased for Mrs. Darlene Rockett at a cost of \$44.00.

1990 – 1991: **Ray Isenhour, President**
 Robert G. Frye, Secretary

At the start of this year, Lightweight Block Company employed the club to cook a dinner for their Employee Appreciation Dinner. Ten members of the club donated 80 hours on a Saturday for this event and Lightweight Block Company gave the club \$717.00 for the service. A Hot Dog Sale was held at the Longview Galaxy on a Saturday. The club members donated a total of 40 man-hours and a profit of \$300.00 was made. The club received first place trophy award for raising the most money in Group 1 for the year. The club met all of its District 31-B Monetary Goals as follows: \$1,500.00 to White Cane, \$150.00 to the N.C. Eye Bank and \$275.00 to the Boys and Girls Home. The club donated \$500.00 to the Camp Dogwood Building Fund. The club hired a Braille Teacher for a local blind child. The cost of the teacher amounted to \$750.00. The annual Pancake Breakfast was held during the month of March with a profit of \$600.00. The annual House to House and Industrial Broom Sale was held during the month of May with a profit of \$2,300.00. Golden Agers Night was held during the month of November with 64 Senior Citizens present. The cost of this event amounted to \$536.00. A Spelling Bee was sponsored at the Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools with \$80.00 in Savings Bonds presented to the winners. Lion President Ray Isenhour and Lion Robert Frye attended the Mid-Winter and State Conventions as delegates. The club purchased 5 eye exams and glasses during the year at a cost of \$575.00. The club donated Christmas baskets to 10 families at a cost of \$250.00.

1991 – 1992: **John Cansler, President**
 Robert G. Frye, Secretary

The Longview Lions Club sold \$7,544.29 in our annual House to House and Industrial Broom Sale during the month of May. Club sold \$8,044.29 in our annual Fruit Cake Sale. Club received \$306.30 for labor to serve hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks to the clients of Lightweight Block Company, Inc. The Longview Lions Club donated \$70.00 to the Camp Dogwood Building Fund. The club donated \$160.00 to White Cane. Lion George Tucker was appointed District 31-B Hearing and Speech Chairman for the year 1991 – 1992. Golden Agers Night was held on October 15th with 90 Senior Citizens present and gifts were presented to all guests at a cost of \$820.00 for the meal, gifts, and flowers. Club donated Christmas baskets to 12 needy families in the community at a cost of \$300.00. The club purchased and installed new highway road signs at all entrances to the Town of Longview. A Past District Governor's Night was held on February

18th with 7 Past District Governor's attending. One pair of glasses was purchased for Mrs. Mary L. Lott at a cost of \$96.00. One pair of eyeglasses was purchased for Mrs. Jean K. Gilliland at a cost of \$125.00. Cub voted to endorse Lion George Tucker for Lt. Governor of District 31-B. One pair of glasses was purchased for Rick Eckard, a student at Longview Elementary School at a cost of \$36.00. Cub donated \$50.00 to Willa Dean Hines to help the low-income disabled of Catawba County. Club donated \$50.00 to the Christian Disability Services. Club held Family Night during the month of December. The Longview Lions donated the following to meet District 31-B Monetary Goals: \$825.00 to White Cane, \$75.00 to the Boys and Girls Home, \$75.00 to LCIF, \$3.75 to Hearing Conservation and Work with the Deaf, \$3.75 to the Youth Exchange, \$3.75 to Alcohol and Drug Awareness, and \$150.00 to Lions Clinical Research. Club sponsored Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Elder for a week at Camp Dogwood. Club donated \$100.00 to Mrs. J.C. Land for household needs and food. Club purchased 1 pair of eyeglasses for Mr. Bobby Setzer in the amount of \$91.00. The club paid \$300.00 for 30 hours of Braille lessons for Ms. Heather Pruitt.

1992 – 1993: **John Cansler, President**
 Robert G. Frye, Secretary

The highlight of this Lions year was when the Longview Town Council requested the members of the club to serve as Grand Marshals of the Longview Christmas Parade. All member of the club participated in this parade. Golden Agers Night was held during the month of November with 85 Senior Citizens in attendance. The cost of meals, gifts, and entertainment amounted to \$680.00. The annual House to House and Industrial Broom Sale was held during the month of May with a total of \$2,000.00 profit. The annual Fruitcake Sale was held during the months of November and December with a profit of \$2,800.00. The club met all of its District 31-B Monetary Goals as follows: \$2,000.00 to White Cane, \$160.00 to the N.C. Eye Bank, and \$300.00 to the Boys and Girls Home. The club donated \$500.00 to the Camp Dogwood Building Construction Fund. The Club sold \$1,900.00 in Camp Dogwood tickets. The annual Pancake Breakfast was held during the month of March with a profit of \$960.00. Golden Ager Night was held during the month of November with 65 Senior Citizens in attendance. The cost of meals, gifts, and entertainment amounted to \$525.00. A Spelling Bee was held at Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools with \$80.00 in Savings Bonds presented to the winners. All members of the club were in attendance at this event. Cub members were in charge and conducted the Spelling Bee. Lion President John Cansler and Lion Robert Frye attended the Mid-Winter and State Lions Conventions as delegates. The club purchased 7 eye exams and glasses for the needy at a cost of \$775.00. The club purchased 10 Christmas baskets at a cost of \$250.00

1993 –1994: **John Cansler, President**
 Robert G. Frye, Secretary

The Longview Lions Club held 2 Pancake Breakfasts during the year with a total profit of \$1,157.00. A Fruit Cake Sale was held with total sales of \$2,840.00 and a profit of \$500.00. The club held its annual Broom Sale and a total of \$6,345.00 in House to House and Industrial brooms were sold. A Road Block was held for our annual White Cane Drive at the intersection of Hwy. 321 and 2nd Ave. NW with a total of \$600.00 being raised for White Cane. Club sold \$220.00 in Camp Dogwood tickets. Golden Agers Night was held on October 19th with 100 Senior Citizens in attendance with gifts presented to all present. The cost for meals, gifts, and decorations amounted to \$675.00. Cub held its annual Christmas Party on December 21st. The club's annual Past District Governor's Night was held on February 15th with 17 Past District

Governors in attendance. Gifts were presented to all guests. A 40-Year Chevron was presented to Dr. Walter Leonard. The club collected and donated 56 pairs of used eyeglasses to the N.C. Eye and Human Tissue Bank in Winston-Salem. Club collected and sent 10 Campbell Soup labels to the N.C. Association for the Blind. Club collected and sent 30 sets of used Hearing Aids to the N.C. Lions Association for the Blind. Club sponsored 2 campers, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Elder, to Camp Dogwood for a week. Mrs. Shirley Goble donated eight pair of crutches to the club. The club donated the following amounts to the District 31-B Monetary Goals: \$935.00 to White Cane, \$42.50 to the Boys and Girls Home, \$42.50 to LCIF, \$25.00 to Sight First, \$25.00 to Hearing Conservation and Work with the Deaf, \$25.00 to the Youth Exchange, and \$25.00 to Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program.

1994 – 1995: **Ben Branch, President**
 Robert G. Frye, Secretary

The Longview Lions Club donated \$100.00 to Mrs. Bernice Boller to help her with a liver transplant. Club donated the following amounts to the District 31-B Monetary Goals: \$1,000.00 to White Cane, \$85.00 to the Boys and Girls Home, \$85.00 to LCIF, \$85.00 to Hearing Conservation and Working with the Deaf, \$85.00 to the Youth Exchange and \$85.00 to Alcohol and Drug Awareness. Lion Robert Ledbetter had surgery on February 14th. The club donated \$25.00 for the Beginning Braille Class at CVCC starting January 12th. This is the first Braille class in the county. Club donated \$102.94 for eyeglasses for Isabelle Brown. Club purchased 10 Christmas baskets at a cost of \$250.00. Ladies Night was held on August 16th with gifts presented to all guests. Golden Agers Night was held on October 18th with 71 Senior Citizens in attendance. Lion Ned Frye was program chairman for this meeting. There were 15 Lions present and all guests were presented with gifts. A Road Block was held for the White Cane Drive at the intersection of Hwy. 321 and 2nd Ave. NW with a total of \$1,640.00 raised. A Family Night and Christmas Party was held on December 20th with poinsettias presented to all guest. A Pancake Breakfast was held on Saturday March 4th with a profit of \$964.00.

1995 – 1996: **Ben Branch, President**
 Robert G. Frye, Secretary

The club held its annual House to House and Industrial Broom Sale during the month of May with a profit of \$1,200.00. During November and December, the annual Fruit Cake Sale was held and a profit of \$4,100.00 was made. The club met all of its District 31-B Monetary Goals as follows: \$1,200.00 to White Cane, \$130.00 to N.C. Eye Bank and \$275.00 to the Boys and Girls Home. The club donated \$550.00 to the Camp Dogwood Building Construction Fund. The club sold \$2,560.00 in Camp Dogwood tickets. Golden Agers Night was held in the month of November with 75 Senior Citizens in attendance. The cost of this event amounted to \$625.00. The club sponsored a Spelling Bee at Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools with \$80.00 in Savings Bonds given to the winners. All members of the club were at this event. The members of the club conducted the Spelling Bee. The club purchased 7 eye exams and glasses at a cost of \$750.00. Christmas baskets were given to 10 families during the Christmas Season at a cost of \$250.00. Lion Art Whisnant and Lion Robert Frye attended the Mid-Winter and State Conventions as delegates. Five families were helped with their groceries during the year at a cost of \$500.00.

1996 – 1997: **Rev. Charles Stevens, President**
 Robert G. Frye, Secretary

The Longview Lions Club held 1 Pancake Breakfast and made a profit of \$811.05. The club sold fruit cakes during its annual Fruit Cake Sale with total sales of \$1,479.60. The Broom Sale was held during the month of May going house to house and industrial with sales amounting to \$2,159.00. The club held a Road Block at the intersection of Hwy. 321 and 2nd Ave. NW with a total collection of \$1,389.00 for service projects of this club. The annual Golden Agers Night was held on October 15th with 94 Senior Citizens in attendance. After the meal, a gift was presented to each guest. The cost of the event was \$877.00. Letters of appreciation and thanks were sent to all that helped and donated flowers for the event. Also, a letter of thanks and appreciation was sent to Mrs. Scottie Sue Huffman for a gift of \$100.00 in memory of her husband, Clifford Huffman, who was a former member of the club. Mrs. Huffman praised the Longview Lions for their good work and for helping the visually impaired, the needy and carrying on many worthwhile projects in the Longview community. The club held a Ladies Night on August 20th and our annual Christmas Party on December 17th. The club held a Past District Governor's Night on February 18th with a total of 12 Past District Governors attending. Each Past District Governor was presented with a gift. A 40-Year Monarch pin was presented to Lion Robert Frye. Forty Campbell Soup Labels, 12 sets of hearing aid batteries and 29 pair of used glasses were sent to the N.C. Eye and Human Tissue Bank. During the Christmas Holidays, 10 fruit baskets were given out at a cost of \$181.00. The club met its District 31-B Monetary Goals as follows: \$1,275.00 to White Cane, \$85.00 to the Boys and Girls Home, \$85.00 to Camp Dogwood, \$34.00 to Jack Stickley Fellowship, \$50.00 to the VIP Fishing Tournament, \$25.00 to Clinical Eye Research, \$25.00 Hearing Conservation and Work with the Deaf, \$34.00 to the Youth Exchange, and \$25.00 to Alcohol and Drug Awareness. The club ended the year with a Ladies Night and Installation of Officers for the year 1997 – 1998 on June 17th.

1997 – 1998: **Rev. Charles Stevens, President**
 Robert G. Frye, Secretary

The Longview Lions Club held its annual House to House and Industrial Broom Sale during the month of May and sold \$1,003.00 in brooms. The club sold \$190.00 in Camp Dogwood Tickets. The club purchased the Lions Magazine for Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools at a cost of \$12.00. The Longview Lions Club was host for the opening of the Longview Family Clinic on Sunday, November 2nd. The cost of this event amounted to \$450.00. Lion President Stevens had the program on August 17th and held a memorial service in memory of Lions Ray Eggers and Ray Isenhour. He gave an excellent program in memory of these two fine Lions. Lion Ned Frye announced that Lion Robert Ledbetter had surgery during the week of June 17th. The club held 1 Pancake Breakfast and made a profit of \$925.60. The club sold fruitcakes during the months of November and December with total sales of \$1,825.60. The club held a Road Block at the intersection of Hwy. 321 and 2nd Ave NW where a total of \$1,569.20 was collected. Golden Agers Night was held during the month of October with 92 Senior Citizens present. The cost of this event amounted to \$750.00. The club held Ladies Night during the month of June. Past District Governor's Night was held during the month of February with 14 Past District Governors attending. The cost of this event was \$130.00. Sixty Campbells Soup labels were sent to the N.C. Lions Foundation. Twenty used batteries and 40 pair of used glasses were sent to the N.C. Eye and Human Tissue Bank. Twelve fruit baskets were distributed to the needy at a cost of

\$125.00. The club met its District 31-B Monetary Goals as follows: \$1,425.00 to White Cane, \$90.00 to the Boys and Girls Home, \$90.00 to Camp Dogwood, \$40.00 to the Jack Stickley Fellowship, \$50.00 to the VIP Fishing Tournament, \$25.00 to Eye Research, \$25.00 to Hearing Conservation and Work with the Deaf, \$40.00 to the Youth Exchange, and \$25.00 to Alcohol and Drug Awareness. At our August 19th meeting, State of N.C. Governor, James B. Hunt, Jr. through his representative, Mr. Earl Jennings, Director of the N.C. Division of Services for the Blind, honored Lion Robert G. Frye for his many years of work with the Blind by presenting him with the prestigious award of "The Long Leaf Pine".

1998 –1999: Luther Smith, President
Robert G. Frye, Secretary

The Longview Lions Club met its District 31-B Monetary Goals for the year as follows: White Cane - \$1,120.00, LCIF - \$70.00, Jack Stickley - \$14.00, Boys and Girls Home - \$70.00, Eye Research - \$25.00, Hearing Conservation and Work with the Deaf - \$25.00, Youth Exchange - \$25.00, and Alcohol and Drug Awareness - \$25.00. The club distributed 13 fruit baskets at a cost of \$150.00. A \$25.00 donation was made to the Hueytown Lions Club to help with a recent tornado in their community. The club sold fruitcakes during the months of November and December with total sales of \$3,202.00. There were 10 fruit baskets distributed at a cost of \$250.00. The club donated \$45.00 to help purchase a Jack Stickley Fellowship for Mrs. Kim Allen, N.C. Division of Services for the Blind Social Worker. The club held Golden Agers Night on October 20th with 62 Senior Citizens and 13 Lions present. The cost of this event amounted to \$526.00. The club held its annual House to House and Industrial Brooms Sale during the month of May with a total sale of \$2,737.00. A Road Block was held at the intersection of Hwy. 321 and 2nd Ave. NW on September 5th and 6th with \$1,778.77 collected. President Smith announced that the Conover Lions Club would be holding their 60th Anniversary on August 15th. Lion Robert Frye was welcomed back from his recent open-heart surgery. The club held one Pancake Breakfast during the month of March with a profit of \$1,250.00. The club sold \$220.00 in Camp Dogwood tickets. The club purchased the Lions Magazine for Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools at a cost of \$12.00.

1999 – 2000: Lester L. Hopper, Jr., President
Robert G. Frye, Secretary

The Longview Lions Club met its District 31-B Monetary Goals as follows: White Cane - \$1,290.00, LCIF - \$80.00, Jack Stickley Fellowship - \$38.00, VIP Fishing Tournament - \$60.00, Boys and Girls Home - \$80.00, Clinical Eye Research - \$35.00, Hearing Conservation and Work with the Deaf - \$35.00, Youth Exchange - \$38.00, and Alcohol and Drug Awareness - \$35.00. The club held its annual Broom Sale and realized a profit of \$926.00. Fruitcakes were sold during November and December with a profit of \$1,625.00. The club held a Road Block at US Hwy. 321 and 2nd Ave. NW and collected \$1,213.60. The club sold \$175.00 in Camp Dogwood tickets. The club held Golden Agers Night in October with 69 Senior Citizens present. The cost of the meals, gifts, and entertainment for this event was \$610.25. Christmas Food Baskets were given to 16 needy families at a cost of \$150.00. One hearing aid was purchased at a cost of \$200.00. The club purchased the Lion's Magazine for the library of Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools. A Ladies Night was held in June with a cost of \$210.00. Lions Luther Smith and Robert Frye attended the Fall and State Conventions as delegates of the club.

2000 – 2001: Lester L. Hopper, Jr., President
Robert G. Frye, Secretary

The Longview Lions Club rented the Longview Recreation Center at a cost of \$76.00 for use by the Catawba County Association of the Blind. The club met it's District 31-B Monetary Goals as follows: White Cane - \$1,190.00, LCIF - \$70.00, Jack Stickley - \$28.00, VIP Fishing Tournament - \$50.00, Boys and Girls Home - \$70.00, Clinical Eye Research - \$25.00, Hearing Conservation - \$25.00, Youth Exchange - \$28.00, and Alcohol and Drug Awareness - \$25.00. The club presented Lion Luther Smith with a plaque recognizing his outstanding work as Pancake Breakfast Chairman. The club held it's Annual House to House and Industrial Brooms Sale with total sales of \$1,465.50. The club sold Fruit Cakes during the months of November and December with total sales of \$3,420.00. The club held a Road Block at US Hwy. 321 and 2nd Street NW and collected \$1,563.50 for White Cane and other Blind projects. A Pancake Breakfast was held during the month of March and had a profit of \$917.87. \$50.00 in Camp Dogwood tickets were sold during the year. The club donated \$200.00 to the Van Disaster Relief Fund. The club held Golden Agers Night in October with 61 Seniors Citizens present with a total cost of \$571.09. Food boxes were presented to 8 needy families at a cost of \$224.42. The club purchased 1 hearing aid in the amount of \$200.00. The club purchased the Lion Magazine for Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools at a cost of \$12.00.

2001 – 2002: Ben Branch, President
Robert G. Frye, Secretary

The Longview Lions Club had 14 District 31-B Committee Chairmen at our programs. The club sold \$1,501.72 in brooms during our Annual Broom Sales. The club sold \$1,764.60 in Fruit Cakes during November and December with a profit of \$780.00. Club held it's Annual Pancake Breakfast in March with a profit of \$917.01. This was the 2nd most profitable Pancake Breakfast that the club has ever had. During the Fall of 2001, the club held a Road Block for our annual White Cane Drive with a total of \$1,372.05 was raised for this drive. The club sold \$10.00 in Camp Dogwood tickets. The club purchased the Lions magazine for Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools in the amount of \$12.00. The club donated \$100.00 to the New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania Terrorist Relief Funds. The club donated \$20.00 to the Catawba County Lions Association for the Blind Transportation Fund. The club held Golden Agers Night during the month of October with 42 Senior Citizens present at a cost of \$336.00 for meals, gifts, and decorations. The club provided 5 examinations at a cost of \$375.00. Also provided 5 pairs of eyeglasses at a cost of \$325.00. Club held it's annual Christmas Party and Family Night during the month of December. The club collected and donated 7 used Hearing Aids to the NC Lions Foundation during this Lion's year. Club collected and donated 117 pair of used eyeglasses to the NC Lions Foundation, Inc. Club collected and donated 5 used watches to the NC Lions Foundation, Inc. Club paid \$25.00 for emergency surgery for a needy person in the community. The club provided 5 fruit baskets at a cost of \$125.00. Club won the District Governor Points Contest for club's our size. A Jack Stickley Fellowship Honor will be awarded to a member of our club for winning this award. The club membership voted to award this honor to Lion Luther Smith. This honor was presented to Lion Luther at the District 31-B Recognition Night on Saturday, June 1, 2002. Club had 100% attendance for this year. The club donated the following amounts to District 31-B Monetary goals: White Cane - \$1,170.00, LCIF - \$65.00, Jack Stickley Fellowship, Clinical Eye Research - \$25.00, VIP Fishing Tournament - \$65.00, Boys and Girls Home - \$25.00, Hearing Conservation/Work with the Deaf - \$25.00, Youth Exchange -

\$25.00, Alcohol and Drug Awareness - \$25.00. The club had 13 members who had perfect attendance for this year.

**2002 – 2003: Ben Branch, President
Robert G. Frye, Secretary**

The Longview Lions Club had 15 District 31-B Committee Chairmen for our programs during the year. Club sold \$881.00 in brooms during our annual House to House and Industrial Broom Sale. The club sold \$2,070.00 in fruitcakes with a profit of \$893.07. Club held it's annual Pancake Breakfast in March with a profit of \$551.00. Our annual Road Block was held during October with a total of \$746.05 raised for White Cane. Club sold 270 in Camp Dogwood tickets during the year. The club purchased the Lion's Magazine for Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools at a cost of \$12.00. The club donated \$55.00 to the Catawba County Lions Association for the Blind to be used in support of the Vision Van. The Club provided 3 eye examinations and glasses during this year for total expenditures of \$279.00. Club held it's annual Christmas Party and Family Night during the month of December. Club collected and donated 72 hearing aids, 122 pair of used eyeglasses and 2 Campbell Soup labels to the NC Lions Foundation, Inc. One Fruit Basket was donated to a needy family in the community at a cost of \$44.86. The Longview Lions Club donated the following amounts to the District 31-B Monetary goals for the year: White Cane - \$495.00, LCIF - \$27.50, Jack Stickley Fellowship - \$11.00, Clinical Eye Research - \$66.00, VIP Fishing Tournament - \$12.00, Boys and Girls Home - \$27.50, Hearing Conservation/Work with the Deaf - \$12.50, Youth Exchange - \$12.50, and Alcohol and Drug Awareness - \$12.50. The club purchased a \$50.00 Memorial Brick in memory of Lion Arnold Frye which will be placed in the memorial patio in front of the International President's Building at Camp Dogwood. Club made a \$25.00 donation to the Wayne Price Fund who is a cancer patient. Club donated \$210.00 to the Harley Wilson Fund, a 9 year old child who has leukemia and will have a double lung transplant this summer. Club paid \$119.60 for the electric power bill for Mr. and Mrs. Predeath Bradshaw. Lion Robert Frye was awarded a 100% Secretary Award for the year 2001 – 2002. The club donated \$30.00 to the Catawba County Lions Association to help pay for transportation for the blind to various functions in the county. The club had 11 members who had perfect attendance for the year 2002 – 2003.

**2003 – 2004: John Cansler, President
Robert Frye, Secretary**

The club had 15 District 31-B Committee Chairman for our programs for the year. Club held it's annual broom sale in the spring and sold \$1,641.50 in brooms in our House to House and Industrial Broom Sales. Club sold \$720.00 Fruitcakes. During the fall of 2003, the club held a Road Block for our annual White Cane Drive and raised \$461.11. Club sold \$100.00 in Camp Dogwood tickets. Club purchased the Lion's Magazine for Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools at a cost of \$12.00. Club paid \$200.00 for a hearing aid examination for Mrs. Dorothy Cline. The club collected and donated 195 pairs of used eyeglasses, 37 used hearing aid batteries, and 5 Campbell Soup labels to the NC Lions Foundation, Inc. Club provided 1 fruit basket for a needy family in the community at a cost of \$45.00. Club paid the Health Insurance premiums for Mrs. Nellie Moore in the amount of \$182.00. The club made the following donations to the District 31-B Monetary goals for the year: White Cane - \$440.00, LCIF - \$16.50, Jack Stickley Fellowship - \$16.50, Clinical Eye Research - \$55.00, VIP Fishing Tournament - \$11.00, Boys and Girls Home - \$11.00, Hearing Conservation/Work with the Deaf - \$11.00, Youth

Exchange - \$16.50, Alcohol and Drug Awareness - \$11.00. The club purchased a \$50.00 Memorial brick in memory of Lion Ned. H. Frye which will be placed in the Memorial Patio in front of the International President's Building at Camp Dogwood.

2004 – 2005: **John Cansler, President**
 Robert G. Frye, Secretary

The Longview Lions Club had 8 District 31-B Committee Chairmen for our programs. Club sold \$1,362.00 in brooms during our annual House to House and Industrial Broom Sale. During the fall of 2004, the club held a Road Block for White Cane with a total of \$926.00 raised during this drive. Club sold \$94.00 in Camp Dogwood tickets. Lion Jeff McCall purchased the Lion's Magazine for Longview and Southwest Elementary Schools. The club collected and donated 365 pairs of used eyeglasses, 40 used hearing aid batteries, and 91 Campbell Soup labels to the NC Lions Foundation, Inc. The club had 12 members who had perfect attendance during this Lion's year. The club donated the following amounts to the District 31-B Monetary goals: White Cane - \$680.00, LCIF - \$40.00, Jack Stickley Fellowship - \$24.00, Clinical Eye Research - \$80.00, Boys and Girls Home - \$24.00, Sight and Hearing Conservation/Work with the Deaf - \$40.00, Youth Exchange - \$24.00, and Alcohol and Drug Awareness - \$8.00. The club purchased a \$50.00 Memorial Brick in memory of Lion Baxter Greene which will be placed in the Memorial Patio in front of the International President's Building at Camp Dogwood. The club has sold \$1,362.00 in brooms during our annual House to House and Industrial Broom Sales with a profit of \$452.00. Two Pancake Breakfasts were held during the year in which we raised the amount of \$1,556.00. Club collected and donated 27 ink cartridges and 10 used hearing aids to the NC Lions Foundation, Inc. Club sent a wreath of flowers to Lion Baxter Greene's funeral. Club paid for 3 eye examinations for glasses at a cost of \$225.00. Club paid to send Rose Parker to Camp Dogwood this summer at a cost of \$85.00. Club inducted 3 new members into the club this year: Lions Jeffrey McCall, Jill Lafone, and David Bolick. The club obtained 1 new member by transfer from the Hickory Lions club, Lion Kimberly McCall. Lions Kimberly and Jeffrey McCall attended several District 31-B Cabinet Meetings and Zone Meetings. Lions Kimberly and Jeffrey McCall attended the Newton Lions Club during their 60th Anniversary Meeting. Lion Robert Ledbetter received a Letter of Appreciation from our International President, Lion Clement F. Kusiak, congratulating him on 52 years of Lionism. Lion Kimberly McCall was recognized by Lions International for obtaining 1 new member during the Lions year 2003 – 2004 when she was a member of the Hickory Lions Club. Lion Kimberly McCall was a delegate from the Longview Lions Club to the NCLF General Membership meeting on May 1, 2005. Lion Jeffrey McCall also attended this meeting and represented our club as an alternate delegate. The club donated \$100.00 to the VIP Fishing Tournament, which is held every fall. Lions Kimberly and Jeffrey McCall represented the Longview Lions Club at the District 31-B Awards Banquet in Mooresville on Saturday, June 4, 2005. The club was given the Governor's Point Contest Award for a club of our size. Lion Kimberly McCall was also recognized for her work as the Social Worker for the Blind in Catawba County.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND SERVICE TO THE LONGVIEW COMMUNITY

By the

LONGVIEW LIONS CLUB

Club has obtained a total of 1,701 pints of blood.

Man hours of work - 29,828.

Man hours spent on Community Center – 2,985

Longview Lions Club has realized profits from projects amounting to approximately \$65,875.33. This money has been raised from projects such as: Broom Sales, Paper Drive, donkey Basketball, Box Supper, Minstrel Show, Concession Booths, Fruit Cake Sales, Talent Show, White Elephant Sale, Pancake Breakfasts, Road Blocks, and other projects.

Club expenditures for our blind work, welfare work, and other worthy projects have amounted to approximately \$64,333.13. This money has been spent on such worthy projects such as: wheelchairs, crutches, groceries, fuel, dental work, clothing, Golden Agers Night, Christmas Baskets, March of Dimes, Library Books, Longview Volunteer Fire Department, Longview Recreation Center, glasses, hearing aids, the Longview swimming pool, and other blind projects.

The club has raised the amount of \$33,823.35 during our White Cane Drives.

The club has secured 938 eye wills for the North Carolina Eye Bank.

Four hundred ninety-five pairs of glasses and/or eye examines have been purchased.

Club has raised over \$29,000.00 for the Longview Recreation Center by soliciting money.

Wheelchairs belonging to the club have been loaned out for a total of 825 times.

The club has also loaned crutches for a total of 925.

Also loaned were walkers, radios, hospital beds, and commode chairs.

The club has given out 67 White Canes.

The club has given 71 ink jet cartridges to the NC Lions Foundation, Inc.

The club has donated 1,925 Campbell Soup labels to the NC Lions Foundation, Inc.

The club has spent 1,921 man-hours on the Longview Swimming Pool planning, fund raising, and construction.

The club, along with other organizations, raised \$125,000.00 to build the Longview Swimming Pool.

The club's work to obtain 6 acres of land, build the Recreation Center, tennis courts, softball fields, swimming pool, and playground equipment at today's price would amount to over \$250,000.00. All of this was donated to the Town of Longview by our club and the other Civic Organizations involved in this project.

The club has turned in 14,685 activities on our Monthly Activities Reports.

State of North Carolina Governor, James B. Hunt, Jr. through his representative, Mr. Earl Jennings, Director of the NC Division of Services for the Blind, presented and conferred upon Lion Robert G. Frye at a meeting on May 19, 1998, The Order of the Long Leaf Pine with the rank of Ambassador extraordinary privileges to enjoy fully all rights granted to members of this exalted order, among which is the special privilege to propose the following North Carolina toast in select company anywhere in the free world:

Here's to the land
Of the long leaf pine,
The summer land
Where the sun doth shine,
Where the weak grow strong
And the strong grow great.
Here's to "Down Home",
The Old North State!

Lion Robert G. Frye was appointed a member and to serve as chairman of the NC Commission for the Blind by Governor James Holshouser. Lion Frye served as chairman and /or a member of the NC Commission for the Blind for 24 consecutive years under the administrations of Governor James Holshouser, Governor Jim Martin, and Governor James B. Hunt, Jr.

There are nine members of the club who have received Key Awards:

Linwood Brittain – deceased
Fred Heavner – deceased
Dr. Walter E. Leonard – deceased
R.M. Moretz – deceased
Ray B. Cooke – deceased
Raleigh W. Frye -- no longer a member
Robert Ledbetter – 2 member key (3/1/2000)
Kimberly McCall - Membership Advancement Key (6/1/2005)
Robert G. Frye -- Membership Advancement Key (7/1/1975)

There are six members of the club who have sponsored new members:

Ben Branch – 1
Joe E. Cook – 1
Robert G. Frye – 19
Robert Ledbetter – 2
Jeffrey McCall – 1
Kimberly McCall – 12

Lion Robert G. Frye received an Extension Award for services rendered to help organize the Bethlehem Lions Club.

It is noted that in August 1988, Lions Club International announced that women were now welcomed as Lion members.

There are three members of the club who have the Jack Stickley Fellowship:

John Cansler
Luther Smith – no longer a member
Kimberly McCall

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