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REGULAR MEETING: The next meeting of the Clemson Lions Club will be on Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Poole / Shanklin Room at the Clemson House. Our program will be Pickens County Assistant Sheriff Tim Morgan discussing "Gang Influence in the Upstate." Please contact Lion Susan Pope, Secretary, at 646-6217(H), 656-6673(W), or by email at sc@clermson.edu by 2:00 PM Tuesday, if you will bring guests or will not attend.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: There will be a Board Meeting on March 12, 2009 at 6:30PM immediately prior to the regular meeting. Please contact President Ensley Feemster by phone at 654-3862(H), 230-0229(C), or by e-mail at ensleyf@yahoo.com, if you have items for discussion.

FROM THE LAST MEETING: Ms. Margaret Thompson provided a presentation on the problems caused by having illegal immigrants in the United States. Ms. Thompson is a retired Deputy Sheriff with Pickens County and a recent member of the Clemson City Council. The large numbers of illegals are impacting the availability of jobs for American citizens because they tend to work for less than minimum wage. The cash flow back to their home countries is imposing a tremendous drain on the U.S. economy. Ms. Thompson would like to see all employers' use the E-Verify program to validate that their workers are legally in the U.S. prior to their employment. She would like all government agencies to refrain from using contractors that do not actively use E-Verify to screen their workforce.

NEW BUSINESS: The Club voted to provide lunch for the upcoming Lions VIP Fishing Event.

OLD BUSINESS: A short discussion was held on funding incorporation cost. A motion was made and tabled to consider assessing members \$6 / person. The motion was tabled until all of the final cost has been determined and a final assessment calculated.

LION PARD: Lion Mary Ann Haden chose Lion Don Turk to receive the free meal.

GUESTS PRESENT AT LAST MEETING: Our speaker, Ms. Margaret Thompson, Drew and Janice Lanham.

IN THE NEWS: Craig Fugate, Lion Joe Cocke's great nephew who spoke to the Club last April, has been nominated by President Obama to head FEMA.

TREASURERS' REPORT: PDG Tom Hayden's report of the Club's finances as of February 26, 2009 is as follows:

	<u>2/26/09</u>
Administrative Fund	\$ 572.27
Activities Fund	<u>\$ 3,094.49</u>
	\$ 3,666.76

FROM THE BOARD MEETING:

CARE COMMITTEE: Lion Jean Tulli has recovered from her recent fall. Lion Victor Hurst has been hospitalized with chest pains. Lion Alex Hash's wife has pneumonia and is recovering from recent radiation treatments.

SIGHT CONSERVATION, DIABETES, SPEECH AND HEARING: PID West presented a glasses assistance application for a 3rd grader at Clemson Elementary. The request was approved by the Board.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Lion John Welter will be cooking his famous bar-b-que chicken for our Family Picnic night in May.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: The Tournament Committee met after the regular meeting to coordinate the upcoming event. The Committee reminds all members to continue soliciting for additional hole sponsors, rounding up door prizes and to assist in recruiting as many players as possible. Broom and Bulb committee chair Lion Bob Towell announced that broom and bulbs will be available for sale at the Golf Tournament.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: The Club has been assigned an EIN by the IRS. The remainder of the incorporation paperwork and recognition by the State of South Carolina as a 503-C non-profit organization is proceeding through the approval process.

UPCOMING CHAPTER PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES:

- Mar. 26 Regular Meeting, Mental Health Issues – Dealing w/ Alzheimer's
- Mar. 26 Lions Club Golf Tournament/Boscobel
- Apr. 3-5 MD-32 State Convention/Spartanburg Marriott
- Apr. 9 Regular Meeting
- Apr. 23 Regular Meeting