

Sherrill Lion Of Year

Rev. George Sherrill, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, was honored Tuesday night by the Kings Mountain Lion's Club as Lion of the Year.

Lion Sherrill received the coveted plaque as highlight of the 42nd annual Lions Club ladies night banquet at Holiday Inn.

Making the presentation, Lion Johnny Reavis cited Sherrill for his leadership on various committees, including the White Cane promotion, and work on membership.

Rev. Stuart Ritchie, retired Presbyterian minister of Charlotte, entertained the group with a magician act, "The Great Ritchie, inviting audience participation. He was assisted by Lions Odus Smith, W.K. Mauney, Jr., Tim Gladden, and city commissioner Humes Houston. Former Lion Charles Blanton, son of the late C.D. Blanton, a charter member of the civic club, arranged the program and presented the speaker.

Present as special guests were Mrs. J. Wilson Crawford and Mrs. C.D. Blanton, Sr., widows of charter members of the Lions Club. Neither Eloise Crawford of Helen Blanton has missed a club ladies' night event in 44 years. Other guests were wives of Lions, City Commissioners Humes Houston, Jim Dickey and Curtis Gaffney and their wives, Mrs. Charles Blanton, Elizabeth Stewart, Mrs. J.H. Arthur, Ann Thomasson, Martha Jane Mauney, and Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Weeks.

Lions were recognized for their 1981-82 fund raising efforts for the blind with White Cane pins. The club gave \$3,508 to various projects including \$2,835 or a record \$135 per member to the blind and 17



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LION OF YEAR—Rev. George Sherrill, right, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, receives Lion of the Year Award from the civic club. Making the presentation is Lion Johnny Reavis.



DEBS HONORED...Left to right, Danna Scism, Allison Champion, Anne Tate, Jill Yarbro and Sandra Cobb...

Party Honors Debs

The pool at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Champion in Oak Grove was the setting for a swim party honoring five of the season's debutants--Allison Champion, Sandra Cobb, Danna Scism, Anne Tate and Jill Yarbro.

Fourteen debs and their dates enjoyed swimming and water fun, after which a picnic of fried chicken, sandwiches, chips and other pickups, along with baskets of homemade desserts were served. The tables were covered with red and white cloths and long stem red roses

were used as centerpieces.

The party ended with a watermelon slicing. Each deb was given a wooden craft painted like a slice of melon with their name and the date on it.

The honorees were presented

a beach tee shirt.

Hosting the party were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Champion; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cobb; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scism; Mr. and Mrs. Al Tate; and Mr. and Mrs. John Yarbro.

Cookout Saturday

Antioch Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a cookout Saturday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the fire station. Hamburgers, hot dogs, cakes,

pies, cold drinks, coffee and tea will be sold.

The fire department is located on Antioch Baptist Church Road near Grover.

Christmas baskets valued at \$340 to the blind.

Lion Don Crawford led the flag pledge and Lions Tim Gladden, Jack Hauser and Johnny Reavis distributed favors to guests.

New officers for 1982-83 are Howard Bryant, re-elected for another term as president; Bill Stone and Robert Crawford, re-elected to second terms as vice presidents; Johnny Reavis, secretary; Tim Gladden, treasurer; Jack Hauser, re-elected to a second term as Lion Tamer and Bill Stone, Tail Twister.

Master of ceremonies Charles Blanton pointed out that the club, celebrating its 44th birthday, has held 42 ladies night

events. The club charter was signed by 19 charter members, none of whom are active members this year. They are Howard B. Jackson, W.F. Logan, George W. Mauney, E.A. Harrill, W.C. Caveny, J. Wilson Crawford, R.L. Lovell, J.A. Burns, Otis Falls, C.D. Lanton, J.M. Cooper, Dr. Paul E. Hendricks, H. Tom Fulton, Wray Plonk, Dr. A.L. Hill, John L. McGill, J.W. Milan, Luther Canler and Fred W. Plonk. Howard Jackson was the club's first president in 1938-39.

While sight conservation is the club's major program, the local club has been identified with virtually every community wide civic effort of the past two decades.

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