



Lions International Vice President Sid Scruggs (center), poses with Boys and Girls Homes President Gary Faircloth (left) and former President Bill Thompson (right) after installing them as members of the Lake Waccamaw Lions Club on April 1, 2009.

### **Lions International VP Sid Scruggs installs newest members of Lake Waccamaw Lions Club**

The Lake Waccamaw Lions Club didn't have to go far to find its latest members! At the April 1, 2009 meeting of the club, Boys and Girls Homes President Gary Faircloth and former President Bill Thompson were installed. In attendance to conduct the installation was Lions International Vice President Sid Scruggs. Scruggs, a resident of Vass, NC and a member of the Vass Lions Club will be installed as Lions International President during the 2010-2011 club year in Sidney, Australia. The mission of Lions International is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs. A major focus of Lions is service to the blind and visually impaired and seeking to eliminate preventable and curable blindness.

The Lake Waccamaw Lions held their meeting and installation in Lions Cottage on the campus of Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina. Following a delightful and traditional Boys and Girls Homes fried chicken meal the young men who are residents of the cottage introduced themselves to their guests and thanked them for their ongoing support. Lake Waccamaw Lions member Tommy Tyler introduced a number of visiting Lions including Ron Jones from the Southport Lions Club, Bill Caudill from the Shallotte Lions Club, Brad Logsdon of Pinehurst who serves as Statewide Boys and Girls Homes Lions Chairman and members of the Lake Waccamaw Club.

Vice President Scruggs noted the humanitarian service of Lions International and lauded Faircloth and Thompson on their service to children. Boys and Girls Homes President Gary Faircloth stated “It is indeed an honor to become a member of the Lake Waccamaw Lions and Lions International. Lions across North Carolina have a tremendous heritage of service to the children of Boys and Girls Homes. Lions Cottage has been a ‘Home’ for abused, neglected, and otherwise on-the-street children since 1960. Lions provide financing to assist with the operating costs of their cottage, donate goods and services to the Homes, and serve as mentors to the young men who live here. I appreciate this opportunity to become a part of such a distinguished organization that strives to make a difference to others. It is also very special to be installed by Vice President Scruggs, a man who is recognized internationally for his service to others.”