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## Fellow Lions,

I decided to reschedule some of my club meetings for the month of April so I could concentrate on putting together our district club's community service information. A listing of service projects for each of our district clubs is needed for Lion Tony Angel to move forward with the district's social media volunteer and membership project. Hopefully, we will be able to launch the project by mid-April. Lion Tony has been very busy putting together the state convention booklet.

I was able to visit with two clubs in the month of March.

Sand Hill Lions Club Visit, Tuesday, March 7, 2023

PDG George Suggs is a member of the Sand Hill Lions club, and he is always making sure his club takes care of the needs of his community and has been sharing in the facility repairs and renovations at Camp Dogwood, Sherrills Ford for countless years.

The Sand Hill Lions club conducts a roadside litter cleanup every three months. The club is there to assist local families in need with their power bills, heating bills, medication, and groceries. With the assistance of Ingles Food Stores, the club keeps their local high school pantry stocked.

The Sand Hill Lions club has contracts in place with 63 small business locations in their community to provide American flags. Additional fundraisers include broom sales and assisting with concession sales during South Conference basketball season.





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# Gastonia Evening Lions Club Visit, Wednesday, March 8, 2023

During my visit with the Gastonia Evening Lions Club, it was my honor to present an International President's Certificate of Appreciation to Lion Virgil Welch. Lion Welch began working as a volunteer at the BackPack Weekend Food Program several years ago and is now their warehouse manager. He spends approximately 160 hours each month assisting with the program. In addition, he coordinates the Gastonia Evening Lions Club members who volunteer to work at the warehouse. The BackPack Weekend Food Program serves up to 880 students each year in 43 schools in the Gaston County School System.



I found a short history about the Gastonia Evening Lions Club. On February 14, 1923, a group of young business and professional men of Gastonia held a meeting for what was to become the 11th club formed in North Carolina, the Gastonia Lions club. In 1987, the club changed its name to the



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Gastonia Evening Lions Club to reflect a time change in meetings. Over nine decades of history, the club has sponsored 13 other Lions clubs in North Carolina and South Carolina and the club has served as a home for six district governors.

Today, the club continues serving their community providing high school scholarships and members volunteer on a regular basis at the BackPack Weekend Food Program. More than 1.5 million meals have been distributed to students in the Gaston County School System since its beginnings in 2011. The club also provides financial assistance when requested to qualified individuals living in their community that require eye exams, eyeglasses or specialized equipment to improve vision. PDG Michael Schwartz is responsible for the design and launch of the North Carolina VIP Fishing Tournament auction which will run June 1<sup>st</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and is a dedicated supporter of the tournament.



My club visits for the month of April are Sylva Cullowhee, Burnsville, West Hickory, Hot Springs and Mountain Home.

Fellow Lions, if you have not yet heard, Pactiv Evergreen Mills in Canton recently closed its doors



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putting over one thousand local residents out of work. On March 21-22, 2023, Haywood County Schools hosted a free resume workshop for the mill employees. Members of the Canton Lions Club were part of the team volunteering their expertise in resume writing for the mill employees. Each participant left the event with a paper copy of his/her resume and an electronic version on a flash drive.



On March 7th the Unifour Childrens Vision Screening unit screened 43 kids ranging in age from 10 months through 4 1/2 years for the Caldwell County Enola Group Early Head Start program. At this event, they were asked to also include color blind testing. Some of the challenges the Lions felt they might face was the age of the kids and their ability to be attentive through the test. DG Myra McCloud of District N, and a representative from Enchroma, suggested that the Lions assemble a color chart using standard paint chips from Lowes Hardware glued to a white board along with extra chips of each color group to use if needed. Most of the kids ages 2-4 years could point to the color when the screener asked for them to point to that color on the board. With a few of the kids who seemed unsure or were too shy to answer, the Lions handed them a chip similar to the one on the board and asked them to place them on that color. In each situation the child was able to almost immediately place the chip on the color similar to its color group. Each test we performed with the kids using the color chart took less than 30 seconds and none of the children tested for color blindness!



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There is a wonderful "teamwork" direction taking place in District 31L. Zone clubs, no matter what their size, are joining together to accomplish amazing volunteer activities and fundraisers. In the month of March, there were two good examples of club teamwork. On Friday, March 10th, Zone 5 clubs (Balls Creek, Claremont, Conover, Newton, St. Stephens, West Hickory) under the leadership of Zone 5 Chair, Lion Tim Bryson, held a Port-A-Pit Chicken Plate fundraiser with the proceeds going to the VIP Fishing Tournament. I was honored to help with the fundraiser. We not only had such a great time enjoying one another's friendship, but thousands of dollars were raised to support the tournament.

Our district congratulates St. Stephens Lions Club for being awarded club of the month for February.



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On Sunday, March 5, 2023, two districts, (31L and District I) three zones and six clubs formed a team to pack 750 bags of food for school children of Catawba and Alexander Counties to take home with them. Their project was completed in an hour!



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I received an invite to install two new members of the Long View Lions Club on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. Our District 31L would like to extend a warm welcome to Lion Eddie Marlowe and Lion Thom Hutchens.



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One of the membership building goals that was discussed at our district leadership meeting last month was putting together a marketing team for our district. I would like to start building this team as soon as possible. Our goal would be to get out into the communities across the district and give presentations as Lions about who we are and how we serve our communities. If you have any interest and the time to work with us on this project, please let me know via email, <u>mewunder-ler@gmail.com</u> or my direct cell 704-214-2267.

If you are available, please think about volunteering at the spring maintenance days/eye glass sorting event at Camp Dogwood on March  $30^{th}$  – April  $3^{rd}$ . Volunteers are also still needed for camp season. Lion Tammy Thomas recently sent out a communication about the open dates for volunteering. They are as follows:

Sessions where volunteers are needed:

Week of May 28<sup>th,</sup> 6 volunteers are needed

Week of June 4<sup>th</sup> 4 volunteers are needed

Week of June 25<sup>th</sup>



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7 volunteers are needed

Week of July 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 volunteers are needed

Please contact Lion Tammy directly for any additional information.

Our 99<sup>th</sup> annual NC state convention at the Greensboro/Highpoint Airport Marriott is right around the corner, April  $27^{th} - 30^{th}$ , so please make your reservations soon.

Club secretaries, please make sure you complete your certifications for state delegate selection for the convention.

WELCOME APRIL!



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#### Proposed changes to the North Carolina Constitution and By-Laws

#### ARTICLE VI

State Convention

[SECTION WAS REWRITTEN TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO THE HOST CLUB] Section 1. A convention of this State shall be held each year, which shall conclude no less than fifteen (15) days prior to the convening date of the annual International Convention, at a place selected by the vote of delegates present, qualified and registered at the annual convention of this State; the time to be fixed by the State Council.

#### [THE FORMER ARTICLE VI SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION IS DELETED IN FULL WITH THE SUBSEQUENT SECTIONS RENUMBERED ACCORDINGLY. THIS FORMER SECTION DESCRIBED A PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM SITES TO HOST THE CONVENTION AND IS A PROCEDURE THAT HAS NOT BEEN USED OR FOLLOWED FOR MANY YEARS]

[RENUMBERED-WAS SECTION 3] Section 2. The State Council shall have supervision over all phases of the State Convention; shall have complete charge of the State Convention Administrative Fund and shall disburse same in payment of State Convention Administrative expenses as approved by the State Council. (See Article VII, Section 2.)

[RENUMBERED-WAS SECTION 4] Section 3. The members of the State Council shall be the officers of the Annual State Convention.

[RENUMBERED-WAS SECTION 5] Section 4. A meeting of each District in the State shall be held at the State Convention. The District Governor and First and Second Vice District Governors shall be elected prior to or at the Annual State Convention, as provided in Article IX, Section 6, of the International By-Laws. (See also Article IX, Section 2 and 3 of the North Carolina State Constitution). Financial and other reports by the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer and the District Governor shall be presented.

[RENUMBERED-WAS SECTION 6] Section 5. A Sergeant-at-Arms and such Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms as are deemed necessary for the State Convention shall be appointed by the State Council.

[RENUMBERED-WAS SECTION 7] Section 6. Each chartered Club in the State in good standing shall be entitled to one voting delegate and one alternate for each ten members who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the Club, or major fraction thereof, as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five or more members. Each District Governor and every Past District Governor in good standing in the state shall be a full delegate in his/her own right at any and all STATE, DISTRICT, AND SPECIAL conventions; shall have all privileges of every description that any other delegate has and this in no way will affect the number of delegates or alternates to which each club is entitled. Each such vote based on membership as well as each vote based on being a District Governor or

Past District Governor can be cast only by a delegate present in person at the convention, registered, qualified, and certified, and no delegate shall cast more than one vote on each question.

[RENUMBERED-WAS SECTION 8] Section 7. A majority of the delegates in attendance shall constitute a quorum of the convention.

**[RENUMBERED-WAS SECTION 9]** Section 8. The State Council shall retain and have the absolute power to change at any time for good and sufficient reason, without the State or individual District or Districts incurring any liability whatsoever, the city or place of holding the State Convention.

[SECTION WAS RENUMBERED AND CHANGED TO DELETE REFERENCE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE HOST CLUB] Section 9. Each year the State Convention Chairperson two years hence shall be appointed by the State Council.

#### ARTICLE VII

State Convention and State Council Fund

#### [THIS SECTION ESTABLISHES TWO RATHER THAN THREE DISTINCT KINDS OF STATE CONVENTION EXPENSES DELETING THE SEPARATE ACCOUNTING FOR ENTERTAINMENT AND INCLUDING THAT UNDER THE GENERAL CONVENTION EXPENSE]

Section 1. There shall be two separate and distinct kinds of State Convention expenses: (1) State Administrative expenses and (2) General Convention Expense.

### [THIS SECTION DELETED "OFFICE RENT" AND ADDED "THE PROGRAM" AS EXPENSES COVERED BY THE STATE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE TAX. NONE OF THE REST OF THIS SECTION WAS CHANGED.]

Section 2. In lieu of a State Convention registration fee, an annual per capita State Convention and State Council Administration Tax of \$5.50 shall be levied upon each member in the State and shall be paid in advance by each club, in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$2.75 per member on September 10th and \$2.75 per member on March 10th of each year. Billings of said tax will be based upon the roster of each club as of the first day of July and the first day of January respectively. This tax shall be collected from the clubs in each District of the State by the respective Cabinet Secretary-Treasurers, who shall place the money so collected in a special account to be turned over to the State Council Secretary-Treasurer upon order by the Council Chairperson. Said fund shall be used exclusively for defraying the State Convention and the State Council Administrative Expenses such as postage, Credential Certificates, Official Convention Rules, Agenda, ballots, Convention proceedings, delegate, alternate, and registration materials, badges, the program and such other expenses as in the discretion of the State Council are deemed State Convention and State Council Administrative expenses. Said fund shall not be used for any other purpose, and shall be expended only for items approved by the State Council Secretary-Treasurer and countersigned by one other member of the Council, preferably the Chairperson. None of said funds shall be paid, remitted or returned in any manner to any Sub-District for any purpose whatever.

New and Reorganized Clubs shall be billed for State Convention and State Council Administrative Fund Tax the same as old established clubs, except that any New or Reorganized Club shall pay pro-rated Per Capita State Convention and State Council Administrative Fund Tax beginning the first day of the second month following the date of their Organization.

#### BY-LAWS

#### ARTICLE III

Committees

#### THE PRESENT SECTION 1 IS DELETED WITH THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE BEING ADDED IN THE FOLLOWING SECTION

RENUMBERED-WAS SECTION 2 AND THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE WAS ADDED AS A STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE.] Section 1. The State Council shall appoint, prior to the Annual State Convention, the following State Convention Committees: Credentials, Constitution and By-laws, Attendance, Elections, International Convention, Resolutions, Rules, Sergeant at Arms, and Tail twister. Each District of the State will have at least one representative on each committee appointed by the State Council.

[RENUMBERED-WAS SECTION 3] Section 2. From time to time, each District Governor shall appoint such special District Committees as may be necessary in his/her judgment.

[RENUMBERED-WAS SECTION 4] Section 3. Each District Governor shall designate the Chairperson of each committee appointed by him/her, and shall have power to fill all vacancies in any committee so appointed.

[RENUMBERED-WAS SECTION 5] Section 4. The State Council shall designate the Chairperson of each committee appointed by it, and have the power to fill all vacancies in any committee so appointed.

[RENUMBERED-WAS SECTION 6] Section 5. Except for the Promotion Committee Chairperson, no Lion shall serve more than three consecutive years on the same Statewide Committee.

[RENUMBERED-WAS SECTION 7. IN ADDITION, THIS SECTION REWORKED THE FIRST SENTENCE OF FORMER SECTION 7 TO DELETE REFERENCES TO THE HOST CLUB AND SOLICITING OF BIDS] Section 6. A Convention Planning Committee shall also be appointed by the State Council for the purpose of determining locations for the state convention and seeking bids from hotels and convention centers, etc., for upcoming conventions. There shall be one member from each District in Multiple District 31, appointed by the District Governor. Members shall be appointed for three (3) years. Members of this Committee should be experienced Lions. All plans for the State Convention shall be submitted to the State Council for final approval. The State Council shall appoint a Chairperson of this Committee from the members appointed by the Districts for one (1) year, subject to two (2) reappointments. Three (3) continuous years shall be the limit of service by the Chairperson.

#### BY-LAWS NORTH CAROLINA LIONS, INCORPORATED

#### Items Recommended for General Membership Vote

#### **Retitle Executive Administrator back to Executive Director:**

Whenever the phrase "Executive Administrator" appears in the Bylaws, it shall be replaced by "Executive Director".

1.

**Resolution** for job title change. Whereas, May 1, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting a Motion by Search Committee Chairperson and Director Neal Alexander to retitle the Executive Administrator back to Executive Director and was seconded by District Governor Wayne Kennerly. Motion passed. Whereas, the vote was unanimous in favor. Whereas, it was expressed that the title of Executive Director is more fitting to the job description. Whereas, an affirmative vote to this resolution will authorize the NCLI By-Laws Committee to change all entries of Executive Director. Whereas, the change will become effective immediately.

2. To clarify Article IV, Section 4, Paragraph C.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 4: The corporate powers of the North Carolina Lions, Incorporated shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

#### Now reads:

C. No member of the Board of Directors or elected officer shall be entitled to receive any salary from the North Carolina Lions, Incorporated.

#### To Read:

C. No member of the Board of Directors or elected officer is entitled to receive any salary for serving as a Board of Directors member or an elected officer from the North Carolina Lions, Incorporated.

**Resolution** is to hereby clarify and exclude the assumption of an employee of the North Carolina Lions, Incorporated. Whereas, to serve on the Board of Directors no member or elected officer is compensated by NCLI to fulfill that position.

3. Approval of Board of Directors recommendation name change of the corporation: North Carolina Lions, Incorporated back to North Carolina Lions Foundation, Incorporated. Whenever the phrase "North Carolina Lions, Inc." appears in the Bylaws, it shall be replaced by "North Carolina Lions, Foundation, Inc."

**Resolution** is hereby presented to the General Membership Delegates for a vote. Whereas, the discussion and the approval by the Executive Committee (February 10, 2023) and Board of Directors Meeting on February 12, 2023 indicated that the previous name change to NCLI did not accomplish the desired results with donors, Whereas, if approved, will initiate authority for the By-Laws Committee to change all entries of the corporate name North Carolina Lions, Incorporated to North Carolina Lions Foundation, Incorporated. Whereas, an affirmative vote

would also authorize the Executive Director to refile documents with the NC Secretary of State Office to complete the changes. Whereas, on July 1, 2023 the corporation will be known as the North Carolina Lions Foundation, Incorporated with the acronym NCLF. Whereas, the NCLF will resume with the previous LOGO. The Lions Logo encompassed with the words North Carolina Lions Foundation.

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# Fellow Lions,

We are so excited about our upcoming 99th North Carolina Lions State Convention. Immediate Past International President Douglas Alexander will be our guest speaker for the weekend.

Friday Fun Night will be a masquerade party event with a very different kind of entertainment! A live auction will be held on Saturday morning following breakfast. If your club or zone would like to donate a basket, we would greatly appreciate it. The proceeds from the auction will be split between LCIF and Brighter Visions. We will also have a 50/50 raffle to benefit the VIP Fishing Tournament, as they prepare to celebrate their 40th anniversary.

Lunch will be provided for registered convention attendees on Saturday, as well as a grab and go breakfast on Sunday. We have generous sponsors who are making this possible!

Our convention service projects will include the collection of children's books for childhood cancer or Lions Love to Read and a Dimes for Diabetes event. Please bring your dimes (or dollars) to help us reach our goal of \$500.

Meals will be very affordable this year. Friday night is \$15, Saturday breakfast is \$15 and the banquet meal is \$30.

Your committee has worked hard to make this a fun, affordable and wonderful learning experience for our Lions. We hope to see you all on April 28-30 at the Greensboro High Point Marriott Airport.

Join in the celebration of our 99th Convention! We can't wait to see you.

Yours in service,

2023 NC Lions State Convention Team

# 99th ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA LIONS STATE CONVENTION Together Towards Tomorrow!



April 28-30, 2023 Greensboro/High Point Airport Marriott Greensboro, North Carolina



# CLUB:

# DISTRICT:

Name(s) (PRINT first and last name, Lion or Guest)

Contact Phone Number:	 FFN Italian/Vegetarian	TTB	BANQUET Chicken/Vegetarian
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Function		Number Adults	Cost
Family Fun Night	\$15.00	<u>10</u>	\$
Tail Twister Breakfast	\$15.00	<u>6</u>	\$
<b>Governors Banquet</b>	\$30.00		\$
		TOTAL COST:	ŝ

# See Page 2 for payment instructions and hotel reservation information along with information for the weekend

# **Together Towards Tomorrow!**

Make Check for meals payable to......2023 NC LIONS STATE CONVENTION or Add your debit or credit card information below: Debit or Credit card number/Expiration date/Security Code/Zip Code

Mail this form with check or debit/credit card information by April 8th to:

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Susan O'Brien, 1003 Croyden Ct, Fort Mill SC 29715 203-482-2967 obriensu777@gmail.com

Phone Registration only after April 8, 2023 No Refunds after April 8, 2023

# **Room Reservations at**

**Greensboro-High Point Marriott** 

One Marriott Drive, Greensboro NC

# Lions Room rate is \$119.00 until April 13, 2023

Make room reservation with the link below

Book your group rate for North Carolina Lions State Convention

Or call:

Call (336) 852-6450 (local) or 1-888-236-2427

Friday, April 28:	
Friday Fun Night - Masquerade Party!	6:30 pm - 10:00 pm
Saturday, April 29:	
Tail Twister Breakfast with Live Auction	7:30 am - 9:30 am
Governors Banquet	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Sunday, April 30:	
General Session	8:30 am
District Cabinet Meetings	

# **AD FORM**

# 2023 NORTH CAROLINA LIONS STATE CONVENTION Together Towards Tomorrow!



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THANK YOU for YOUR SUPPORT of the NC LIONS of Multiple District 31

# Ad deadline: March 15, 2023

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704-439-6278 or lionsusied@gmail.com

### **NC Lions State Convention Golf**



Captain Choice format with teams set by the directors

\$50 per player (includes lunch) Mulligan \$5 ( 2 each person max.) Tee off at approximately 11 AM Friday April 28, 2023

Prizes will be announce at the start of the tournament

Proceeds will benefit "VIP Fishing Tournament"

### **Registration form**

Name	
Phone number _	
Email	
Club	
Avg. score	
Men Ladie	es Senior 65 or older

The directors will establish teams using a method to attempt to make teams equal and give all a fair chance to win.

FUN & FELLOWSHIP is our priority, skill is secondary. The tourney is open to men and women. The course pro will determine winners based on scorecards submitted. We are Lions, we will trust teams to use the honor system for scoring.

We will provide prizes for long dive, closest to pin and more if we have them. We depend on donations.

The golf course has a sandwich shop and lounge. They also have a web page if you want to see the amenities



Make checks payable to NCPGO and bring checks or cash to the course when you come.

Prizes will be presented Friday evening at the convention fun night.

mail this form to : PDG David Smoot, 105 Circle Dr., Thomasville, N.C. 27360, 336-991-8731, csmoot@triad.rr.com



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Spring has Sprung Fellow Lions,

Below is a summary of upcoming important dates and reminders:

- The State Convention will be held April 28 30, 2023 in Greensboro. Baskets or new items for tail twister breakfast are needed. Please let me know if your club can contribute. Please consider attending you will not be disappointed.
- The next District Meeting after the NC State Convention will be held at the Etowah Club on Saturday, May 20, 2023.
- The Fall Convention will be held November 17 & 18, 2023 in Asheville. The first planning meeting was held on Sunday, March 19, 2023. The next planning (Zoom) meeting will be Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Please let either myself or 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Dawson know if you are interested in helping. It is a great opportunity to get involved. We are hoping to see many of you there.
- July 22, 2023 will be the installation of officers, district cabinet meeting and Brighter Visions kick-off at the Etowah Lions Club den. We hope that many of you will be able to attend. More details in the coming months.
- It is imperative that you get your officers in the system for next year as soon as possible. We have begun working on the directory for 2023-2024.
- There will be a District Marketing team next year. We are looking for volunteers for this venture. Please contact DG Marilyn if you are interested for additional details.

About 50% of the clubs in District 31L are participating in the Dimes for Diabetes. You still have time.

Camp Dogwood tickets - SELL! SELL! SELL!





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# D31L Lions Dispatch SUSAN FERNANDEZ Ist Vice District Governor

# Lion Portal Important Dates!

7/15/23-7/24/23: Target Conversion Date

Before 6/15/23: Enter all club officers for 2023-2024

**Before 6/15/23:** Enter service activity for events prior to 6/1/23. Reporting for 6/1/23 going forward will be in the new system after conversion

**Before 6/15/23**: Record any club or donations to LCIF are in the bank with the appropriate supporting documentation for recognition.

**Before 6/15/23**: Make sure club data is accurate for this year (2022-2023). For Example, new members, sponsors, new clubs formed, transfers and other end of year activities specific to clubs are correct and recorded in MyLion/MyLCI

- Make sure every member has an email listed and no shared emails can be used in the new LIONS PORTAL
- Make sure member birthdays are entered since birth dates in MyLCI will be converted - even the old conversion 1/1/1900 date! Hint: in MyLCI under reports run "Member Information Update Report" and have your members update their info!
- Training is slated to begin in late April 2023 Stay tuned!



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Have been visiting clubs and one is in the process of forming a Leo Club. St. Stephens is really stepping up gaining new volunteers and growing their club.

Some dates I want you all to remember the Long View Lions Club will be holding its chili cook off April 1st from 4:30 to 6:30 address is 3107 2nd Ave NW Hickory at our rec center.

On April 15th at the McCune Community will be holding for residents and staff a spring fling luncheon at the community please try to come and visit it is our district project it will begin at noon.

Starting April 1st I need all clubs to begin sending \$20.00 for the hospitality room at the fall convention. The address to send money is P.O. Box 1375 Icard, NC 28666.

Let's keep working on growing our membership and finish the year strong. We also need a zone 1 zone chair for someone wishing to move up and take a leadership role. Thanks for all you all do in the district.

# ATTENTION ALL CLUBS

# "Dimes for Diabetes"

"Dimes for Diabetes" is a State wide program to send a student with Diabetes to camp. District L would like to keep the money that is collected in our District. This way there would be some financial assistance available for any kids in our district with diabetes to go to a camp. The District Treasurer has set up a line in the Activities Account for Dimes for Diabetes. Would any/all clubs that are participating in this program, please deposit the monies collected from your club into your activity account and send a check to the District Treasurer, Lion Elizabeth Hart, 5483 Pembrooke Drive, Granite Falls, NC 28630.

Any questions, please contact PCC Paulette Gasperson, 2022-2023 District 31-L Diabetes Chair. 828-384-0057. <u>lfgasperson@comporium.net</u>



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### **Putting A Motto Into Practice**

"We Serve" is the motto of Lions Club International. This motto is the unifying force that recently benefitted a local elderly couple. This couple, living on a limited income and also supporting a special needs adult daughter, encountered mobility issues. They desperately needed a wheelchair ramp at the home they had lived in for over 50 years, but finances were a major stumbling block.

Joining forces, the Weaverville Lions Club, several area churches, the Weaverville Lowe's, and Leapfrog Landscaping put the "we serve" motto into practice by removing that stumbling block on Monday, March 6. After the project was completed, Preston Fox, a long-time member of the Weaverville Lions Club and Old Bull Creek Baptist Church, one of the sponsoring churches, affirmed that the ramp would be a significant blessing. Reverend Ray Bailey, Pastor at Pleasant Grove Union Church, another sponsoring church, was similarly pleased and grateful for the community support demonstrated by the cooperating agencies. "It's impressive what can be done when people come together for a cause," he exclaimed.

Everette Worley, a retired contractor and member of Grace Point Church, was the lead foreman for this project. Everette participated in Hearts with Hammers, the church's disaster relief ministry, for several years. He recognized the critical need this family had for a wheelchair ramp, resourced some of his own materials, and helped make this happen. He also expressed deep appreciation for the donated materials provided by the Weaverville Lowe's.

The Weaverville Lions Club, formed in 1949, served as the lead agency for this ramp project. Annually, the Club also supports eye screenings, vision programs, scholar-ships to deserving seniors of North Buncombe High School, the Cops for Kids program, and area food and medical assistance programs. The Club also sponsors the work of Camp Dogwood, a summer camp and therapeutic vacation retreat for blind and visually impaired persons. Currently, the Club meets in the front dining area of the Weaverville Ingles (140 Weaverville Blvd.) on the second and fourth Mondays of every month at 5:30 pm.





If you would like to help "serve" as a Weaverville Lions Club member, or if you would like to join forces serving the medical and community needs of the local area, please contact: Lion Rick Johnson at (828) 772-2348. When caring people join together, roll up their sleeves, and take action to make their community better, it's a beautiful thing ... and an incredible feeling for everyone involved. Worldwide, 1.4 million caring men and women of Lions Clubs International put the "we serve" motto into practice.

Submitted by Lion Rick Johnson 03/09/23





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"Alone we can do so little -Together we can do so much"

On Sunday March 5th, 22 Lions from 2 Districts, 3 Zones and 6 clubs came together to pack BackPack food bags for elementary children of the surrounding unifour area. Together the lions stocked shelves and packed over 750 bags of food to be given out during the following week. These food bags will in some instances be the only meal many children will have from the time they leave



school Friday afternoon till they return Monday morning. As Lion Club Members we have our motto of "We Serve" which these 22 Lions honored in giving their time in serving their community. As a Lion I challenge my fellow lions to serve, no excuses of how old your club members are, no excuse of I don't have time or no excuse of I don't know how to serve my community. As Lions we can find a way so, as the old Nike commercial went "Just Do It"!

Lions clubs pictured above: Claremont, Newton, Taylorsville, Bethlehem, St Stephens and Long View representing Zone 5 & 6 in N.C. Districts L & I

Wayne, proud member of North Carolina Lions





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# You make our district sparkle and shine!

There has been a lull in DG Goal contributions for the last couple of months but the Franklin club has broken this pattern. Thank you to the Franklin club for your contributions that will assist the district in being able to continue these great programs and support of these well deserved causes.

Also, please see flyer 🖨

Hello all wonderful people!

This is Lion Liz Hart of the Long View Club. Those of you who know me know that Camp Dogwood is a big part of my heart. This summer will be my 10th summer working there as a camp counselor and lifeguard.

For those of you who are retired, I highly recommend that you consider volunteering for a week at camp. Going to camp changes your life, I met my husband Dawson there, and you too will fall in love with all that is Camp Dogwood. I have never met a volunteer who only went to camp once. Once you go, you are hooked for life. It's a lot of work but a great experience and the start of many lifelong friendships. If you think that this may be something you are interested in but want to know, please let me know!! I would be more than happy to provide you reassurance and sell the great experience that it is.

Side note: volunteers get free room and board during their week of volunteering



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# **Zone 2 Dinner Meeting**

On March 16th Erwin District Lions Club hosted a dinner meeting at their den for the club members of Zone 2. Nine clubs were in attendance out of the twelve clubs that make up Zone 2.

Thirty Four Lions enjoyed a wonderful ham dinner with all the fixings and a bountiful collection of wonderful desserts. A big thank you goes out to the Erwin club members for putting on such a lovely dinner.

PDG Debbie Hicks and DG Elect Susan Fernandez tail twisted their way around the room asking everyone to name their favorite service project. They collected \$34.

After dinner DG Elect Susan brought everyone up to date on upcoming District activities. PDG Curtis Erickson spoke about vision screening initiatives and the statewide VSP program. Zone Chair Kathy Nichols spoke about upcoming portal capability for the LCI website and what needs to be done to be ready for it.

In conclusion banners were awarded for attendance at the meeting. Erwin District won for highest attendance and Mountain Home for highest percentage of members in attendance. Our next Zone 2 meeting will be June 29th at the Etowah Lions Club. We will be having a picnic.

Details to follow











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Message from - Global Membership Chair



Surviving vs.Thriving

Are you purposefully setting an intention for your Club in this new year?

As we hurl ourselves into not only a new year but a new post pandemic era there are many resolutions to contemplate—from a health upgrade, to fostering mindful connection with others and ourselves, goal direction and achievement, to asking why should I keep being a Lion?

To make any resolutions, and remotely try to achieve ishing on the horizon. (It just may not look the way them as a Club, our first question should be - Is our Club thriving, or merely surviving? The follow up is simply 'am I OK with my answer?' ishing on the horizon. (It just may not look the way we'd imagined.) Once you reprogram your club brain, it's time to clean up the debris left behind—a the survival mode wreckage: bad relationships, un-

As Global Membership Chair this is something I've thought about regularly this year, and it's an intention I want to be front and center as together we start this new era.

By definition - Surviving is a grim struggle—you're white-knuckling life, just barely getting by. Thriving is living and thinking abundantly.

Surviving is a drag, a daily slog to stay alive. Thriving is joyful and infectious.

So - what is keeping us from thriving in 2023?

This has been the most challenging season of many of our Clubs lives. Most of the time survival has been

the name of the game. Long term, that is a soulsucking, unfulfilling way to operate. But if I've learned anything these past 3 years, it's this: Surviving is not a life I want for my Club or any other Club. Covid took some of our nearest and dearest and left holes in our lives. That we cannot change ... no matter how we wish to.

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But covid also created opportunities to revisit old patterns and seek new solutions. The world is different. Old needs still exist but so do new ones. Reconnecting has never been so important for our clubs and our communities. There is treasure in adversity. There can be hope hidden in despair. There is flourishing on the horizon. (It just may not look the way we'd imagined.) Once you reprogram your club brain, it's time to clean up the debris left behind—all the survival mode wreckage: bad relationships, unhealthy habits, a life devoid of intention and purpose.

Let's be clear: Transitioning from surviving to thriving is a far more challenging resolution than, say, joining a gym or taking a moment to meditate. Particularly in times of darkness and difficulty, we must dig deep to channel abundance—or at least the promise of abundance—and rewire our brains. It often seems impossible. Too hard. We might feel ill-equipped, alone, and afraid. And yet, the alternative—merely surviving—is depressing as hell. But sometimes it's not until we're pushed to the brink that we can truly appreciate the difference.



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In other words, shifting from surviving to thriving is a process of rewiring and remodeling the inner and outer landscape of your life.

Unfortunately, merely wishing it would happen -or worse, complaining - won't get you there. It takes deliberate,

consistent action. Consider your mantras, identify what isn't serving you, and clear the path. So simple, and yet so

freaking hard. Fortunately, perfection is not required to reap the rewards.

Since every challenge is better with a team – that's why we are a club. Now let's compose an anthem to animate and motivate us, here's one —for you, for me, for all of us. Whenever we question how we can possibly shift from surviving to thriving we are wasting precious "action' time and energy. I'm perpetually amazed at the unforeseen turn even the direst situation can take. The clarity that emerges; the wisdom and joy gifted.

My challenge to every person reading this is simply to pick a single issue or event and talk about it – look at how things have been going and look for new things to change – not just for the sake of change but for the sake of keeping up with changes in the everchanging world we are navigating. Then assign members to do the small pieces to make the

changes. One person can make a new fun flier.... one person can make phone calls to agencies to secure the venue and obtain the insurance. one person can make the snack for workers. One person can post on Facebook / social media....

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One person can look at broadening the outreach, and as a clubs agree to try something new if someone has a vision -even if you are not sure you can see the outcome. Involve younger and newer members in your conversations and listen to them.

Don't be the older member who states that an idea won't work because 'we've never done it that way before'. We don't know what works anymore as we are in an era of exploration and discovery.

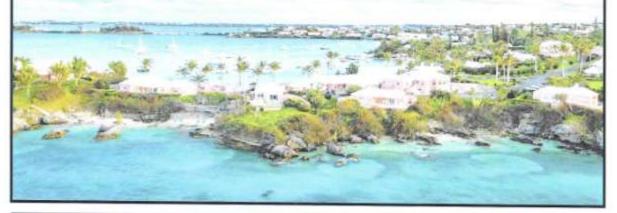
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# LIONS & FRIENDS







# **Norwegian Pearl**

# Post-Convention 7-Day Boston - Bermuda Cruise

July 14 - 21, 2023

Boston, MA • Day at Sea • Bermuda (3 Days) • Day at Sea • Bar Harbor, Maine

Oceanview Stateroom from: \$1245 per person (includes taxes)

Balcony Stateroom from: \$1660 per person (includes taxes)

### Prices per person includes the following "Free At Sea" offers:

Premium Beverage Package (\$19.80/person gratuity per day not included)
Ultimate Dining Package – 2 Nights (20% gratuity charge not included)
\$50.00 Shore Excursion Credit
Internet Package – 250 Free Minutes

# Book with a \$250 deposit



Lion Amy Fink, CTC (650) 624-8252 amyefink@yahoo.com Blue Ribbon Travel Arrangements CST# 1000233-10



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Prices are based on availability and subject to change.



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# International Convention comes stateside



# Register for LCICon 2023

Get inspired by Lion leaders, celebrate service and enjoy everything that Boston has to offer. We can't wait to see you!

Register for LCICon

# **Service Project Ideas**

As we continue our mission to serve the community and make a positive impact, we would like to suggest four areas for service projects that we believe would make a significant difference in our District.

These projects focus on:

- 1. Diabetes: Diabetes is a growing concern in our community.
- 2. Hunger: Our communities have a significant number of families and individuals who struggle with hunger.
- 3. Vision: Poor vision can greatly impact a person's quality of life.
- 4. Environment: Our environment is important for our health and well-being.

Building on the first item on the list - Diabetes, attached are some LCI Diabetes Project Ideas. We hope these ideas will inspire you to take action and make a difference in your community.

Please help by:

- 1. Completing at least one diabetes project during this Lions year.
- 2. Making sure your club has a Club Service Chairperson.

Using the service activity reporting through MyLCI/MyLion.

Lion Fred Huscher GST Coordinator



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It is time for your Nominations Committee to get to work. Get your meetings and formulate next years officers. The sooner you get this done the better. Don't forget the incoming District Governor is looking for this information for her directory. You know the ole saying garbage in garbage out. So if you don't update your club information and officers for the new year then you get dropped from the loop. It is the responsibility of the outgoing secretary to ensure all area's are updated and ready for the incoming officers. It is not the responsibility of the incoming District Governor and her secretary to chase you down. It really is as simple as updating MyLCI. You put in your incoming officers for the new year and change any of the club information that needs to be updated. Simple as one two three. So please lets see if we can do this in record time this year so we don't stress out our Lion doing the directory. Even with computers things don't happen immediately. It does take time to compile all the information and ensure it is accurate. Thanks and happy rest of the Lions year!

PDG Debbie Hicks



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### Lions collect and recycle the following for eyeglasses.

All plastic frame glasses All metal frame glasses All combination metal and plastic frames All broken frames- these are recycled for scrap All cleaning cloths—this is New

### Please throw away

Individual loose lenses Cases

Lions also collect and recycle Hearing aids

Cell phones – no cases, plugs or chargers

# \*\* We no longer accept Ink Cartridges\*\*

If you have any questions please call or email Tammy at 828-478-2135 ext 229 or tammy@nclionsinc.org





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# From May 2022 - April 2023 **D31L Lions 2022-2023**

PDG Michael Covell—Hendersonville Club -June 8 2022 Margaret Dalton- Hendersonville Club—June 7 2022 PDG Larry Colford—Maggie Valley May 31, 2022 Donald Kirkpatrick–Granite Falls May 17, 2022 George Perkins—Etowah Lions Club May 11, 2022 Ivey Wayburn Jones—Valdese LC March 27, 2022 Charles E Sane - Chase LC May 28, 2022 Phyllis B Stoll - Canton LC July 27, 2022 Gene Wyatt—Mills River LC September 2, 2022 Lee Roy Huffman - Valdese LC September 7, 2022 PDG Paul Vaughan—November 3, 2022 PDG Guy Penland—Asheville LC November 22, 2022 Charles Peeler—St. Stephens LC 10/30/2022 Scott Kuba—Brevard LC 11/11/2022 William Mann—Clyde LC 11/07/2022 Reggie Hayes—East Gastonia LC 10/25/2022 James Collis—Shelby LC 11/03/2022 Frank Rick Thompson RPH—Lincolnton LC 12/16/2022 PDG Joseph Silvers—Pisgah Forest LC 01/22/2023 Stine Isenhower—Conover LC 12/31/2022 PDG Pat Roland—Swannanoa LC 01/30/2023 Gerri Byrd—Marion LC 01/16/2023 Jimmy Bowers—Lincolnton LC 01/30/2023 Frances Grudier—Hudson LC 08/26/2022 Clark Kessel—Lake Lure LC 02/07/2023

Please send in your members for this current year that we have lost so we can keep this current. Thank you!

# **Gone but never forgotten!**



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Would you and your club please consider selling raffle tickets for Grandfather Mountain by Bob Timberlake. It is an 12 1/2 x 28 1/4 print that will be framed when delivered. Raffle will be June 15,2023.

Tickets \$5 each, 3 for \$10 or 7 for \$20 Money from sales will be credited to your clubs Brighter Visions( ticket must show club name to receive credit).

I am challenging each club to sell \$100 worth of tickets. Please let me know how many your club would like. I will get these in the mail ASAP. Give a ticket as a Christmas Gift and stocking stuffers!

> Thanks , Eileen Artavia, State Brighter Visions Chair



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# Let's fill up this page with our new members!



## Welcome to our new Lions

July 2022 Marilyn Richardson, PDG-Transfer to Etowah Lions Club

> August 2022 John Kimbrough—Clay County LC

#### September 2022

Kathleen Logsdon—Etowah Lions Club John Torvinan—Rutherfordton Lions Club Kathy G. Hale—Andrews Lions Club Kevin G. Dougherty—Hot Springs Lions Club Tori Watson—Spruce Pine Lions Club Cassandra Leathem—Spruce Pine Lions Club Patrick Leathem—Spruce Pine Lions Club Oran Jonas—Valdese Lions Club Geri Hamilton—Hendersonville Lions Club Beverly Willoughby—Hendersonville Lions Club Judith Jacumin—St. Stephens Lions Club Marilyn Martin—St. Stephens Lions Club David Allback—Candler Lions Club

October 2022 April George-Sherrills Ford Lions Club Angela McClanahan—Sherrills Ford Lions Club Joshua Thomas—Sherrills Ford Lions Club Joshua Robinson—Valdese Lions Club Kimberly Robinson—Valdese Lions Club Trudie Chisolm-West Hickory VIP Lions Club William Robinson—Candler Lions Club

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#### November 2022

Heather Edgar—Black Mountain Lions Club Katie Anders-Erwin District Lions Club Robert Smith—Rutherfordton Lions Club Scott Harrison—Andrews Lions Club

#### January 2023

Brenda Harris—Gastonia Evening Lions Club Terry B Hall—Long View Lions Club

#### February 2023

Brad Wilks—Caton Lions Club Laney Wilks—Canton Lions Club Sharon Free—Canton Lions Club Charles Bonsworth, Jr-Hendersonville Lions Club Julie Hoyle—Lake Lure Lions Club Sydney Shephard—Sherrills Ford Lions Club Frederick Linebarger—West Hickory VIP Lions Club Cadyn Klassett—St. Stephens Lions Club Tucker Rink—Saint Stephens Lions Club Bill Heidinger—Weaverville Lions Club Bonnie Heidinger-Weaverville Lions Club

#### March 2023

Tyree L. Griffin—Brevard Lions Club Douglas Marlowe—Long View Lions Club Charles Hutchens—Long View Lions Club

2021-2022 by the numbers ending totals of LIONS in our State <u>L</u>-806 <u>I</u>-910 <u>O</u>-1075 <u>N</u>-977 <u>S</u>-904 Active Clubs D31L - 49 Club(s) found - Statistics Updated 03/31/2023 District 31L—Membership 773 03/31/2023

Www.nclions31l.org user id and password did not change from last year so if you still have it use it. Directory is posted. If you have any corrections please send them to Lion Tony Angel. Thanks.



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# District Governor Marilyn Wunderler Quick Reference Page

District Cabinet Officers 2022-23	Contact
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The most current district directory can be found at www.nclions311.org you will need a user ID and Password to access

# If you cannot find or do not know something ask! You are not alone in this journey!



www.nclions31l.org This is the District Website. www.lionsclubs.org This is International's Website www.nclionsinc.org This is your State Website You can find the information you seek at these websites.

### <u>The points contest and Service Reporting</u> <u>Keep up with it, saves a lot of heartache at the</u> <u>end of the year.</u>

The annual points contest is a way to let the Governor know what the clubs have accomplished throughout the year. This is an excel form that is found on the district website. It is easy to fill out and if you keep it up monthly not so daunting. If you are one of those who say, ":Aww I will wait until May 1st to do it" you may be in for a big surprise. "Why wait to do tomorrow what you can do today"? So a lot of clubs are doing things and secretaries need to get this and the reporting done online on MyLion so the Governor can do his job. Take a little time this month to catch up and you will not be so overwhelmed as the fastly approaching end of year arrives. Lions year that is. This is month 6. The Governor will need this form this year so he can calculate the for the awards.

#### Quick Reference Acronyms for our Lions You will see these on the convention registration forms. If you are one circle it.

DG	District Governor
DGE	District Governor Elect
PDG	Past District Governor
IPDG	Immediate Past District Governor
1VDG	First Vice District Governor
2VDGE	Second Vice District Governor Elect
1VDGE	First Vice District Governor Elect
2VDG	Second Vice District Governor
PP	Past President (Club or International)
IPP	Immediate Past President
PIP	Past International President
ID	International Director
PID	Past International Director
сс	Council Chair
РСС	Past Council Chair
MJF	Melvin Jones Fellow
JSF	Jack Stickley Fellow
WLW	Willard L. Woolard
вон	Beacon of Hope
HOF	Hall of Fame
АМВ	Ambassador

