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Happy February, Lions,

Clubs were getting into the swing of things to start out 2024. January was very busy with clubs being visited, zone meetings, Pancake Breakfast planning, Chili cookoff planning, continuation of our service projects of Collecting Coats, contacting schools for the Celebrate Liberty contest, selling ads for the Lions NC State Convention, selling Camp Dogwood tickets and so many more.

Membership

The District is doing great with service projects, but relative to membership, our numbers are going down instead of up. Let's continue to get the word out and not only grow our clubs but also add clubs. Success at many of the clubs is to have volunteers and once they realize all the good the Lions are doing not only in their communities but worldwide, they want to be a part of it. Work on getting volunteers that then become members.

Winter Coat Service Project

Thank you to those clubs that are participating. If your club has been participating, please email me and Lion Fred Huscher with the number of coats and where they were taken. Lion Tammy has offered to help numerous times if you need to get the information submitted.

Stumped for a Service Project??

Due to the weather and many of our Lions being sick, a suggestion for a service project would be "fill up the pig." The Club can donate the money in various ways – LCIF, Brighter Visions, Governor's Goals and more.





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Celebrate Liberty Contest

Lion Rick Hazzard of the Hendersonville Club has done a great job with getting the information out to the schools in Henderson County. He will be receiving over 50 entries. Thank you!

If any of your Clubs have been in contact with Leo Clubs or the schools to participate, please let DG Susan know as soon as possible.

NC State Convention Ads

Please make every effort to either have your club place an ad in the NC State Convention Program Book and/or sell the ads. This is going to be an excellent convention and encourage District 31-L Lions to attend. The ad sheet will be included with this newsletter.

Club & Zone Meeting Visits

Your DG, DGE and 1st DGE continue to be visiting clubs this year. We look forward to being invited to your events and are doing our best to attend as many as we can. Keep up the great service!

Etowah Lions Club

There was a decent turnout for the Red Cross Blood Drive held on Saturday, January 20, 2024, even with the freezing temperatures. The Club President and Vice President also donated. Thank you to all, as 20 pints were collected. This is a great help as there is currently a shortage. For those clubs that can, a blood drive is definitely recommended.





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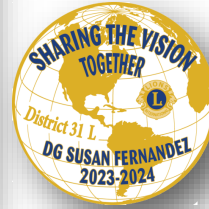
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District 31L Cabinet Meeting

Saturday, February 24, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Erwin Lions Community Center

188 Erwin Hills Road

Asheville, NC

Lunch will be served (details to follow)

Please RSVP to Lion Tammy Thomas no later than 2-15-24 at liontammy2020@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you there.



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Presented at the last cabinet meeting. We will vote on this at this cabinet meeting.
Thank you.

Add the following to the District 31-L Monetary Policy in the District 31-L Lion's Policy and Procedures Manual

5. Quickbooks is the standardized bookkeeping procedure for District 31L and will be used by all successive administrations.
6. District Funds are to be deposited in a maintenance free account with First Citizens Bank.
7. Transfer of funds between accounts must be recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee and approved by the District Cabinet.
8. All expenditures from the budget must be covered by an invoice suitable for use in the audit process.
9. All monies, bank accounts, unpaid bills and all financial records are to be turned over to the audit committee no later than July 15 following the end of the Lions year.
10. The Budget and Finance Committee must assure that the books of the previous Lions year be audited prior to the first District Cabinet meeting.





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Office of Second Vice District Governor was not filled at the convention. Here is how we fill it now.

Qualifications for Filling a Vacancy for the Office of 1st or 2nd Vice Dist. Governor.

Section 6. **FIRST AND SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS AND OTHER VACANCIES.** Any vacancy in office except that of district governor and first and second vice district governors shall be filled by appointment from the district governor for the unexpired term. In event of a vacancy arising in the office of first or second vice district governor, the district governor shall convene a meeting of the immediate past district governor, first vice district governor and second vice district governor and all past international officers who are members in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in the district. It shall be the duty of the attendees at this meeting to appoint a qualified club member as first or second vice district governor for the remainder of the term. In filling said vacancy, it shall be the duty of the district governor, or if not available, the most recent past district governor who is available, to send out invitations fifteen days (15) in advance of the meeting to attend said meeting and it shall also be their responsibility to preside as chairperson of the meeting. The chairperson shall convey the results to the international office within seven (7) days together with evidence of invitations sent and meeting attendance. Each Lion who is entitled to receive an invitation to attend and is present at said meeting shall be entitled to cast one vote for the Lion of their choice

In order for a Lion to be eligible and qualified to be selected to fill a vacancy in the office of first or second vice district governor, they must:

Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in their single or sub-district.

Secure the endorsement of their club or a majority of the clubs in their single district.

Have served or will have served at the time they take office as first or second vice district governor:

As officer of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof; and

As a member of the district cabinet for a full term or major portion thereof.

With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

Has not completed a full term or major portion thereof as district governor.



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Etowah Lions Club

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

For the Childhood Cancer Project

(Children's Health Care of Atlanta
Aflac Cancer & Blood Disorder Center)

February 3, 2024

8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Etowah Lions Den
447 Etowah School Road

\$7.00/person

\$4.00/children (10 years and under)

Contact Kathy Nichols (252-495-2808) to purchase tickets.

You can also purchase tickets at the door.



DAWSON HART
1st Vice District Governor



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HELLO Fellow Lions,

This is your District Governor Elect, Dawson Hart. I hope that everyone is doing well and staying safe and warm during this cold winter we are all experiencing.

A Moment of Encouragement: We all know that Lions International is doing a big push for more membership with their Mission 1.5. Keep in mind, the more fun that we have, the more we will grow. The more we integrate our clubs into our local communities and build partnerships, the more we will grow. The more we serve, the more people see us, the more we will grow. I encourage your club to rejuvenate your service, share service ideas among Lions clubs and other service organizations, and to share your work that you are doing with your community through media whether it be newspaper articles, social media, and more. As Lions we serve, and we want to share this mission with the world. Thank you for all that you do.

Upcoming Club Visits: Swannanoa Valley, Black Mountain McCune, Shelby, and Candler.

Other official visits and business meetings: I recently attended District I's mid-winter and look forward to attending the remaining mid-winter conventions of districts O,N,S during these two remaining weekends of January. On January 31st we will have a wrap up meeting to review our own District L's fall convention via Zoom and will discuss what worked and what needs improvement. All are invited to attend. Upcoming in February we have the NC Lions Foundation and Council of Governors Meetings and our district cabinet meeting on February 24th. I hope to see you all there.

Our Lions family: During this time, please keep Immediate Past President of the NC Lions Foundation, Skippy Jackson and his wife Judy, in your thoughts and prayers in addition to the current President of the NC Lions Foundation, Steve McLaurin and his wife Marian as they work towards healing from the health obstacles that they have faced recently.

I am always just a phone call or email away,

In Lionism,

Dawson Hart

District Governor Elect

dawsonhart313@gmail.com

cell- (828) 302-6957

Reminder

***It is time to get your officer selection committee to
work. This Lions year is half over.***



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On Thursday, January 25th I was honored to join the Zone 3 Meeting hosted by the Black Mountain McCune Lions Club. It was a lovely evening filled with fellowship, service, and celebration. PDG Curtis Erickson of the Mills River Lions Club made a presentation on children's vision screenings and clubs made reports of their recent service projects. I had the honor of presenting two chevron awards for a combined total of 55 years of service in Lionism. Additionally, I presented pins to lions who have sponsored new lions during this Lions year of International President Dr. Patti Hill and

her Mission 1.5 to grow our organization's membership. It was a joy to have a new lion Joanne Baker of the Valley Springs Lions Club with us at the meeting. Thank you to the McCune Community's kitchen staff for the superb roast beef dinner and a fabulous presentation and gathering by Zone Chairman Deniece Ogle.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawson Hart DGE





EILEEN ARTAVIA
2nd Vice District Governor



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Good Day Lions!

I hope you are all recovered from the Business of Christmas! We are in a new year and half way through our Lions year and we still have much to do! As you know we are still looking for a 2nd VDG candidate and I know that there are many qualified candidates out there, that perhaps are afraid of the cost or responsibility. I decided to move up, solely because I wanted to be part of the solution. I do not have the deepest pockets but there are reimbursements to help. We all have different talents, ideas and drives that make this state and this District great!

I am looking forward to VDG training next weekend and learning much to carry forward for the good of this District. I always have the good of the District and the Lions of this District at heart and keep you all in mind in all that I do. I know that this is not for me, but for my District. If I succeed, we succeed, If I fail, it is my whole District that I fail.

I am looking forward to Continuing my service in this capacity this year!

Thank you to the hard work of the St. Stephens Lions Club. They held a fundraiser for the Lions Cottage of the Boys and Girls Home of NC and are sending a donation in the amount of \$409.50 their way!

Much appreciation,

District 31L Chairman of the Boys and Girls Home of NC

Lion Liz Hart of the Long View Lions Club

Everyday, together we are making HISTORY! Our actions of today will forever reflect all tomorrows. Please share pictures and info blurbs about your service projects and fundraisers to be put in the district history for all to remember! Let's share ideas and inspire each other today and for years to come.

Please email me at elizabethlkhart@gmail.com

Thank you!!!

District 31L Co-Historian Lion Liz Hart of the Long View Lions Club

100th ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA LIONS COUNCIL STATE CONVENTION

Our 100th Convention of Service!



April 26-28, 2024

Greensboro/High Point Airport Marriott
Greensboro, North Carolina

CLUB: _____ DISTRICT: _____

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

Contact Phone Number: _____

FFN

TTB

BANQUET

Chicken Vegetarian

Beef Vegetarian

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Function		Number Adults	Cost
Family Fun Night	\$20.00	_____	\$_____
Tail Twister Breakfast	\$18.00	_____	\$_____
Governors Banquet	\$38.00	_____	\$_____
TOTAL COST:			\$_____

Please indicate any food allergies or special dietary needs: _____

Friday, April 26th

Friday Fun Night - Black and White attire
As casual or as dressy as you like!

6:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Saturday, April 27th

Tail Twister Breakfast with Live Auction
Governors Banquet

8:00 am

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Sunday, April 28th:

General Session
District Cabinet Meetings

8:30 am

See Page 2 for payment instructions and hotel reservation information

Our 100th Convention of Service!

Make Check for meals payable to.....2024 NC LIONS COUNCIL STATE CONVENTION or

Add your debit or credit card information below – must include:

Debit or Credit card number/Expiration date/Security Code/Zip Code

Mail this form with check or debit/credit card information by April 15th to:

Lion Elizabeth Steele, 2252 Baker Mill Road, Cleveland, NC 27013

704-798-3471

LizSteele2252@gmail.com

Room Reservations at

Greensboro-High Point Marriott

One Marriott Drive, Greensboro NC

Lions Room rate is \$119.00 until April 11, 2024

Make room reservation with the link below

[Book your group rate for North Carolina Lions 2024 State Convention](#)

Or call:

Call 1-888-236-2427

Request rate for North Carolina Lions State Convention

FOR GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION CUT HERE AND SUBMIT WITH PAYMENT

North Carolina Lions State Golf Tournament

Friday, April 26th, 2024

\$50 per player (includes lunch)/Mulligan \$5 (2 each person max./Tee off approximately 10:00 am

Prizes will be presented Friday evening at the convention Friday Fun Night

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Club: _____

Average Score: _____

Men _____ Ladies _____ Senior 65 or older _____

Make checks payable to NCPDGO and mail completed form and payment to:

PDG David Smoot

105 Circle Drive, Thomasville, NC 27360

336-991-8731 csmoot@traid.rr.com



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Partnership for Vision

Partnership definition: when two or more parties enter into a transaction where cost and reward are shared, usually allows more to be accomplished due to the work being shared.

Well if you read the first paragraph I hope you will continue reading the complete article. You're also probably asking what the heck is he talking about, partnership for vision by Lions. In the Kidsight Vision Screening project it is all about partnerships, partnership from the Lions to the daycare being screened, partnership between the Lions and the children we refer and most importantly a partnership between the Lions and the parents of the kids we referred. Whether you agree with this concept or not everything we do in the Kidsight program is about a partnership. As Lions in District 31L we have a partnership with NCLF in having a unit that allows clubs to perform children's screenings without the cost or expense of the equipment that is needed. We are also fortunate to have several Lions Clubs across the state who own their own equipment that offers the opportunity for other clubs to partner and learn the process.

I don't think our District 31L Lions realize just how much of an impact you can make on the future of your community by performing children's vision screening. The experts have acknowledged and the facts back them up that the biggest handicap our kids have today are hunger and the inability to see in the classroom. Put yourself in their place, when you are hungry the only thing you have on your mind is to eat as when you can't see you can't learn by sound only, you have to be able to see to understand. This is the reason that many schools now offer free breakfast and lunch so one of the biggest obstacles some kids have is eliminated. The same goes for the kids being able to see which is where we as Lions can step in and help. Consider the possibilities, if a child can not see and learn it can affect their whole life which can prevent that child from becoming a productive member of society.

We in the Unifour Childrens Sight program are an example of just how much you can do by forming a partnership with your fellow Lions and the community. A partnership between 11 clubs allows us to have multiple certified screeners who can perform a child's screening with our PlusOptix unit. A partnership between the clubs and our community enabled us to raise enough funds to purchase our vehicle and equipment. A partnership with the Good Samaritan Clinic is making the dream of a free vision clinic a reality and now leading to additional partnerships with other Lions clubs in District O.

So what is the point of this article? My point is to encourage Lions Clubs in District 31L to get into a partnership with your fellow clubs and utilize the NCLF KSU screening unit. There is no excuse you can give for not doing this. If you are the only one in your club interested, reach out to your sister club, there might just be a Lion in that club that feels the same as you. So form a partnership between the two of you and set a reachable goal of screening kids.

Lastly, as Lions our motto is "WE SERVE" so as the most successful ad campaign stated "Just Do It", step up and serve.

Thanks, Wayne Houser

Unifour Childrens Sight



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Spring Cleaning is just around the corner. At home there is so much to do; but as a club secretary we also have things that need to be completed and cleaned up. Clubs need to plan to hold elections sometime in the month of April. This does not mean that officers must take office then but on July 1 which is the start of the new Lions year. After a club election has taken place, the elected officers must be reported back to International as soon as possible, preferably by May 15th. Officer reporting is generally done by the current Club Secretary.

Something else to think about..... Have the club secretary position be at least a two-year position. This gives them the opportunity to completely understand their position. It is also a good idea to have an apprentice position if possible. This will allow the duties to continue being fulfilled if someone vacations or just needs to step away.

Remember the three T's of being a secretary. Train, Train, Train! Even though you have been a secretary for years every year we need to take time to read the new e-book and attend the latest training. There is always something new to learn. By gathering



UPDATE ON THE LIONS COTTAGE OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS HOME OF NC



Lions of District N and S had the pleasure of celebrating Christmas with the boys who live in the Lions Cottage at the home.

“Lions from district N as well as S, I helped deliver gifts to 7 boys who live in the Lions cottage at Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw NC. These are kids who do not have traditional home base support. For them there is no family gift opening on Christmas morning, no turkey dinner with siblings and parents. We sat and talked to them about their sports activities, schooling, and just small talk about living at the B&GHC. They were proud to show us their rooms and gave us a tour of the cottage. They LOVED the attention. The boys expressed thanks to all the Lions who donated gifts.”



“There’s still lots of work to do. Scott Stephenson from the Fayetteville Massey Hill Lions Club will be leading an effort to upgrade the interior of the cottage. With painted cinder block walls, outdated fluorescent lighting and a broken couch, the interior of the cottage looks more like an “Institute” not a home. One request from the boys was to make their home look more like one of the other cottages on campus that has been recently remodeled.”

Gene Goetz 2ndVDG District N





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Fellow Lions,

I am reaching out today to hopefully encourage each to support LCIF. At the beginning of our year in July I reported the goals set by your National and District LCIF Teams.

I want to remind each Lion of the MD 31 goals for this year.

Goal	Target	Actual
Clubs donating	100 %	32.6% (15 out of 46)
Donations Collected	\$21,800	\$3960.00

1. This year we are asking that each Lion across the State donate \$2.50 a month (or \$30 year. That's right for less than a cup of coffee each month you can meet your monthly goal.
2. Have 100% of clubs (this donation can be made by the Club in the Clubs name or made by an individual member of a club)
3. Each Club shows a 10% increase in donations from prior 2022-2023 Lions year.
4. Each District will host a LCIF Fundraiser at some point throughout the 2023-2024 Lions year.
5. Each District will do its best to fill the position of Club LCIF Co-Ordinator. I know some are asking "what is this" Did you know that each Club has a representative (usually the immediate past president) that works with the District LCIF Co-Ordinator? I will be reaching out to all clubs in the near future to find out who will be representing your club.

So many times, we here throughout our District Lions say we only help those in our community. So, I am asking you this question," What if other Lions from across North Carolina, the United States, North America as well as those from overseas said the same thing?" What if those Lions didn't give?

Here is some information to think about....

1. Since 1976, \$3,384,078., has been awarded to North Carolina in various types of Grants.
2. Since 1976, District L (this also includes Districts listed as A, B and C) has received \$842,103 in Grants.
3. Since 1976, the Multi District has received \$1,286,775. In Grants

As you can see from the chart above, we have a long way to go before we reach our goal. Please let's strive for 100% giving this year. Remember it averages only \$2.50 per month.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted:

Tammy Thomas

District LCIF Coordinator



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⚡ THE LONG VIEW LIONS ⚡
CLUB PRESENTS
CHILI COOK-OFF OFFICIAL TOWN REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE WITH US

Long View Recreation Center
 3107 2nd Ave. NW
 Hickory, NC 28601 4:00-6:00 PM
 Across the street from the Hickory Airport Runway

03-23-2024

1ST PLACE \$100, 2ND PLACE

\$75, 3RD PLACE \$50

For entry information,
 email
chili@longviewlions.org



All proceeds
 go back into local community
 and Lions Club charities!



DRINKS, CORNBREAD, HOT DOGS, DESSERT,
 AND ALL YOU CAN EAT CHILI, OPPORTUNITY
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 AGES 3& UNDER FREE



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**Contact Tammy @
 828-234-7659 for more info.**

There are multiple levels of recognition to honor donors

Bronze Pin - US\$50 to US\$99.99

Silver Pin - US\$100 to US\$199.99

Gold Pin - US\$200 and above



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Did You Know You Can Involve Your Children and Grandchildren In Lions?

Lions has a program just for kids! This is not only a great way to train future leaders and Lions, have a relationship on a different level with your offspring, but also a way to build your club's membership.

The Cubs Program: This program gives kids 12 and younger a chance to volunteer alongside Lions so they can develop lifelong dedication to helping those in need. Cubs don't need to be related to a Lions member — they just need to be ready to help and have fun and an interest in serving!

My experience with the Cub Program

There are many ways to have a Cub's Club. My past club decided that a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle needed to be a member of the Lions club for the child to be a part of the Cubs Club. The reason was that it helps the club and the Cubs to grow. That the adults need to be involved in the Lions club, so they know what we do and where we serve. Also, our club decided it was best to have a family member overseeing each Cub. We did not want to become babysitters. This actually led to prospective Cubs bringing their parents or other family members to join the Lions Club and classmates to come and join the Cubs Club.

The Cubs voted in their own officers, and we had a Lions club member be their treasurer and a signer on the accounts in addition to a Cub liaison from the Lions Club. With the guidance of the Lions, we taught them how to run a meeting, come up with events and how to implement them. The Lions club helped the Cubs with all their projects and the Cubs also helped the Lions with theirs. The Cubs attended the Lions meetings and were often asked to lead the pledge and read the prayer for the collection for City of Hope (for cancer). The cubs encourage their whole family to participate in their projects and the Lions Club projects. The Cubs Club learn to be respectful to all ages.

Lions International Says in Part...

The Cub Program can help you build a family-friendly club and bring new energy by getting Cubs involved in club meetings, activities, and service projects.

The Cub Program is designed for kids through the age of 12 to learn the joys of volunteering and understanding the importance of helping those in need. Lions' clubs that implement a Cub Programs are encouraged to shape Cub activities to fit the lifestyles and needs of Cubs, Lion members and families involved.



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Who are Cub members?

A Cub member is any child through the age of 12 who is dedicated to serving with the sponsoring Lions club. While many Cubs are related to members of the Lions club, all children are eligible to participate in the program.

What is a Cub club?

A Cub club can be formed when five or more Cubs are working together with the Lions club. If a Cub club forms, a Lion should be designated as the liaison to the Cubs.

Why integrate the Cub Program into the activities of the Lions club?

The Cub Program can be beneficial for a Lions club that has multi-generational members or is looking to build a family friendly Lions club. Starting a Cub Program helps Lions clubs:

- Recruit parents and grandparents of young children
- Add new energy for club activities
- Inspire new service activity ideas and opportunities
- Foster the tradition of volunteering.

Why encourage children to join a Cub Program?

Volunteering helps children see the world from another person's perspective. Learning through doing provides them an opportunity to obtain new skills, take pride in their community and build confidence in themselves. Through the Cub Program, children can also learn to develop empathy, compassion and responsibility. Serving Lions clubs draws on the experience of an international organization with members who are already devoted to helping others.

These resources and materials can help you be successful.

[The Cub Program Guide](#)

[Recruitment poster](#)

[Cub Program brochure](#)

[Sample permission form](#)

[Cubs coloring page](#)

[Family Membership Program](#)

AliceFaye Peugh

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1VDGE District Newsletter Article February 2024

Camp Dogwood has been providing a quality service to the blind and visually impaired since 1967. In the last 57 years the facility has survived, inclement weather, multiple directors, staffing challenges, a worldwide pandemic, building expansions and program changes. We have grown from a facility that could accommodate 15 guests in 10 rooms to the facility we are proud of today with 6 buildings that will accommodate up to 80 guests. We have grown into a quality recreation and education facility for the visually impaired.

It all started in April of 1965 with a grant of \$15,000 from the North Carolina Association for the Blind. Our present sight was purchased from Lion Clarence White a charter member of the Sherrills Ford Lions club on August 7, 1966 for \$40,000. Today our operating budget is in excess of one million dollars annually. We have grown and continue to grow.

[Dogwood on Lake Norman](#) was established a few years back. This separate business entity was formed to provide service to the general public for weddings, birthday parties, and various meetings. Dogwood on Lake Norman provides critically needed funds to help North Carolina Lions Foundation operate the facility to support the VIP guest weeks. Without these funds an additional burden would be placed on the shoulders of North Carolina Lions

Forty years ago, we hosted visually impaired and blind guests to enjoy the facility for 12 weeks every year. This year we find ourselves finally recovering from the COVID slump and are currently offering 8 VIP weeks. In the near future I'm hoping to get back to 12 or more weeks of inviting our VIP guests.

The Camp Dogwood committee has been tasked to investigate the possibility of changing the Camp Dogwood name. This is a big change that will affect many aspects of our facility but the original purpose will not change; that is to establish a facility that meets the recreation and education needs of all our VIPs in North Carolina.

Definition of camp: A place with temporary accommodations of huts, tents, or other structures, typically used by soldiers, refugees, prisoners, or travelers. Our facility provides much more!

On many occasions I've been told, "it's always been that way". I would like us to get passed this paradigm and "Look to the future", The word "Change" involves the past but let's look to the future with a name that is more descriptive of our facility. Let's define our future and not look back.

Notice that I did not suggest a name in this article. The officers and governors of North Carolina Lions would like to hear from you. When you think of a new name, don't think of the past but of the future of our facility for the visually impaired. A name that helps us appeal to younger VIP's and will help to sell the facility to people who do not want a "Camping" experience. Talk to your fellow Lions about a new name, gather opinions and share them with me or your camp dogwood committee chairperson.

Let's do all we can to fill all 80 of our beds with VIPs and increase our VIP weeks. In the near future I will be working with the camp dogwood committee on:

- Gathering opinions from Lions members.

Determining appropriate names.

Lion Gene Goetz
1st VDGE District 31-N
State Camp Dogwood Chairperson





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Fellow Secretaries,

As we go into 2024 let's set a goal to finish strong. Our District MMR reports have improved tremendously. Although we still have 22 % of our clubs that have not reported membership in at least 3 months. Our Activity reports could still use some attention but overall is better than where we were. Reminder I am here to assist you with your reports if needed.

Simply send me an email with the following for Activity Reporting

Activity

Number attending

Hours of project

Brief description

Date

How many people were served

If you answer these 6 items we can complete an activity report.

For membership reporting simply send me an email and let me know there are no changes or add/drop one. We will also need to make sure to report the members info in mylion for add/drop members.

January is also a good time to update your club membership records. Verify member contact information on mylion for accuracy. This will help save you time in a few months.

Please let myself, Zone Chair or a member of your District Cabinet know if you need any assistance. We are all here to SERVE. Reporting allows those at LCI and in other districts to view our metrics to see exactly how we SERVE. District L has lots of great things going on. Let's make sure we are sharing our successes with others.

Thanks for all you do,

Lion Tammy

Cabinet Secretary



Greetings District 31-L Lions,

We hope you have had a blessed Holiday Season.

Thank you for your continued efforts supporting the Winter Coat Service Project. As you know, winter is upon us and it is more important than ever to collect winter coats for the less fortunate in our community. Supporting the District 31-L Winter Coat Service Project will help provide warmth and comfort to those facing the winter cold.

Winter Coat Serviced Project:

Objective: Collect gently used or new winter coats to donate to individuals and families in our community who may be struggling during the colder months.

Distribution: Distribute the coats to those in need in your community or contact one of the Lions below for assistance.

Winter Coat Service Project Contacts:

DG Susan Fernandez - sl29470@bellsouth.net – (786) 449-6174

IDG Dawson Hart – dawsonhart313@gmail.com – (828) 302-6957

Lion Fred Huscher - fred@huscher.us – (828) 691-6388

We encourage each member of our Lions community to help make a significant difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Thank you once again for your dedication and support. With your continued efforts, we can make our Winter Coat Service Project a tremendous success.

Last but not least, please remember to record your good work on MyLion.

Lion Fred Huscher

District 31-L GST Chair



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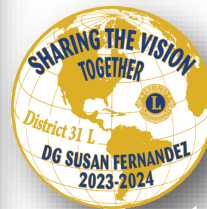
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\$250

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IN MEMORY OF OR IN HONOR OF: (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)

NAME: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

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WEATHER RESISTANT ROCKERS!**

YOU CAN SEND A CHECK TO:
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SHERRILLS FORD, NC 28673
OR

CALL 828-478-2135 EXT 250
TO GIVE CREDIT CARD INFORMATION



We are evolving our digital tools

MyLion, MyLCI, Insights
and other tools and
functionality will all be rolled
into a cohesive and
consistent experience in
the coming months.

GET THE NEWS

Dear Lion Leader,

We are continuing to make progress toward the new Lion Portal, which will provide a streamlined digital experience for Lions and Leos. We are grateful to the dedicated Lion testers who have played a critical role in providing input at every phase of the project, and this includes helping assess our readiness for launch.

Our top priority is ensuring our members have a positive experience with the new Lion Portal. With that priority in mind, we have determined that we need to adjust our projected Q1 launch. Lion testers are key to our success and their testing activities have been delayed to correct an unexpected permission and data access issue.

We have carefully assessed the remaining scope of work and necessary changes to support the resolution passed at the 105th international convention in Boston to determine the revised target launch date. Our next launch opportunity is January 2024. This incorporates the new rules for delegate count and allows midyear membership changes to be processed in a familiar system. Thank you for your continued support and leadership as we prepare for the new Lion Portal.

Sincerely,

Sue Ben

Chief of Technology

Lions International



Sponsors needed.

Bingo Bucks are given in lieu of Bingo prizes. VIP's are then able to exchange those bucks for souvenirs or snacks from the Camp Store. If you or your Club would like to donate simply send your check to NCLF and in the memo write
BINGO BUCKS.

There is no set amount requested. We will distribute all donations equally amongst the sessions.

For more info. or if you have questions contact
Tammy at 828-478-2135 ext. 229 or email
tammy@nclf.org



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DIMES FOR DIABETES

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE CLUBS THAT DONATED TO "DIMES FOR DIABETES". OUT OF 49 CLUBS WE HAD 12 CLUBS THAT JOINED IN THE FUND RAISER TO HELP KIDS GO TO A DIABETIC CAMP, RAISING \$2007.56. WE HAVE SENT THREE KIDS TO CAMP AND HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO SEND KIDS NEXT YEAR. THE BEST WAY TO FIND KIDS WITH DIABETES IS GO TO THE SCHOOL AND CHECK WITH THE SCHOOL NURSES.

ON NOVEMBER 18, AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY, 9a.m. TO 1 p.m. THEY WILL BE HAVING A DIABETES GAMES DAY. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS AND THE CAMP GO TO SWEETKIDSWITHDIABETES.COM IF YOU KNOW OF ANY KIDS WITH DIABETES THAT WOULD LIKE TO GO TO THIS GAME DAY LET ME KNOW.

I AM SO THANKFUL FOR ALL THE LIONS THAT HAS HELPED MAKE THIS A SUCCESS AND THE MORE THESE KIDS CAN LEARN ABOUT DIABETES THE MORE IT WILL HELP THEM DEAL WITH IT. WE WILL BE DOING THIS AGAIN NEXT YEAR, SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE FOR ME TO COME AND GIVE YOUR CLUB OR ZONE A PROGRAM, LET ME KNOW. I'M LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CAMP. CAPE FEAR VALLEY KIDS WITH DIABETES IS A NON-PROFIT GROUP THAT WAS FOUNDED IN 2008. THEIR GOAL IS TO HELP CHILDREN ACHIEVE OPTIMAL HEALTH THROUGH DIABETES EDUCATION, RESOURCES AND SUPPORT, I MET THE DOCTOR, BRUNIDA CORDERO, WHO IS THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF PEDIATRIC ENDOCRINOLOGY, SHE WILL BE AT THE CAMP TAKING CARE OF ALL THE KIDS.

THANKS AGAIN LIONS:

LION PAULETTE GASPERSON PCC

DISTRICT CHAIR FOR DIABETES

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SPRING

CRAFT BAZAAR

APRIL 13TH, 2024

The event starts at 9 AM and will be held outdoors. Vendors must set up between 7:30 AM and 8:30 AM.

Registration Deadline for Vendors: April 3rd
\$25 for a 10x10 spot: non-refundable purchase and no second-hand items allowed.



Vendors should bring their own tent, table, and chairs for a smooth set-up process.

7062 Camp Dogwood Drive
Sherrills Ford, NC 28673.

Contact April or Alan at 828.478.2135 ext. 250 or ext. 230
Email april@ncclf.org or alan@ncclf.org for more information.

In the event of a weather-related cancellation, a refund will be issued.

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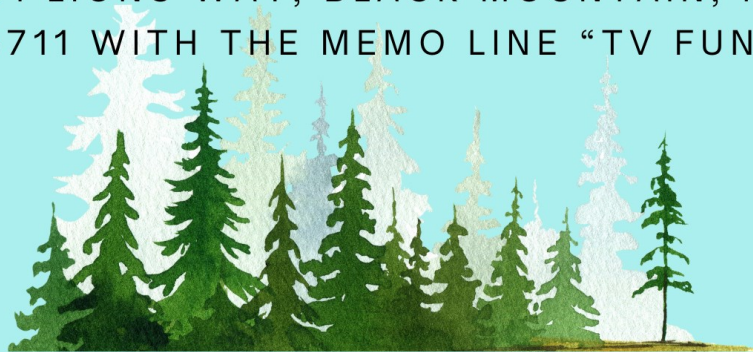
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NEW TELEVISIONS
ARE NEEDED FOR
THE RESIDENTS AT
THE MCCUNE
CENTER

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LIONS AT:

101 LIONS WAY, BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC
28711 WITH THE MEMO LINE "TV FUND"



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Information Needed to Possibly Receive a VSP Voucher

Top Portion to be Completed by Applicant

Patient Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Birth Date _____

Number of People in The Household _____

Have You Received Assistance from VSP in the Past 12 Months? Circle YES or NO

Please provide most current information.

House Payment/Rent per Month_\$ _____ Car Payment per Month_\$ _____

Housing Assistance per Month_\$ _____ Food Stamps per Month_\$ _____

Social Security/Disability per Month_\$ _____ Other Income per Month_\$ _____

Total Monthly Income_\$ _____

Total Yearly Household Income_\$ _____

Do you have Insurance? Circle YES or NO

If Yes, What Type? Insurance _____ Medicaid _____ Medicare _____

I _____, certify that the information given above is correct.

Date _____

To be Completed by Lions Club

Name of Assisting Lions Club _____

Name of Lions Contact _____

Mailing Address for Lions Contact _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

**Eye care services and prescription eyewear are not available through
these certificates if already covered through a private insurer and/or
government program.**

**"All questions must be answered and any application received
with Zero Income and NO explanation, will be Declined."**



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New Member Roll Call 2023-2024



May 2023

Matthew Duncan—Edneyville Community LC

June 2023

James Boff—Granite Falls LC

Jeannie O. Oliver—Hendersonville LC

Brittany Guerrero—Sherrills Ford LC

Mary A Anderson—Andrews LC

Carol A Broome—Andrews LC

July 2023

Brad Groom—Canton LC

Gene Monson—Canton LC

Sara Monson—Canton LC

Kittie Diana Smart—Clyde LC

Owen Brett Martin—Shelby LC

David Jenkins—Sand Hill LC

August 2023

Jaime Futch—Andrews LC

Frances Stevens—Greater Asheville LC

Mary Bonnett—Etowah LC

Roy Bonnett—Etowah LC

Judy Jay—Lake Lure LC

Alan Bridges—Sherrills Ford LC

Elizabeth Swann—Black Mountain LC

September 2023

Dennis Wyss—Etowah LC

Jeannie Edwards—Swannanoa Valley LC

Samantha Payne—Claremont LC

Sheila Shehan—Spruce Pine LC

Dot Eckhard—Black Mountain McCune LC

Linda Woody—Black Mountain McCune LC

October 2023

Steven Matthew Arrowood—Rutherfordton LC

Margaret A Bennett—West Hickory VIP LC

Carolyn Sue Melson—West Hickory VIP LC

William Puppy Scott—Canton LC

Patricia Adams—Canton LC

Gail E Hodge—Andrews LC

November 2023

Barbara Ann Hancock—Andrews LC

Paul Robinson—Greater Asheville LC

Robin Robinson—Greater Asheville LC

November 2023—con't

Sarah Bratton—Sherrills Ford LC

Tracy Hefner—Sherrills Ford LC

Summer Smith—Spruce Pine LC

Julie Yankelevich—Valley Springs LC

Brittney Helms—Blk Mnt McCune LC

Venitta Shields—St. Stephens LC

December 2023

Joanne Baker—Valley Springs LC



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In Memory of D31L Lions 2023-2024

From May 2023—April 2024

Bill Glenn—Valley Springs LC 05/02/2023

Jerry Thomas—Sherrills Ford LC 05/18/2023

Daisy Litman—West Hickory VIP LC 05/10/2023

Tracy S Lanham—Lake Lure LC 06/10/2023

Robert Carey—Burnsville LC 05/26/2023

Stefan B. Stackhouse—Black Mountain LC 05/03/2023

Everette A Houston—Saint Stephen LC 06/23/2023

Miriam Wood—Black Mnt McCune LC 07/20/2023

Dan McCracken—Clyde LC 07/30/2023

Billy Culbertson—Hot Springs LC 07/28/2023

Robert Walsh—Mars Hill LC 08/14/2023

W. Fred Higgins—Hendersonville LC 09/08/2023

Joyce C Smith—Mars Hill LC 09/11/2023

Tom Battle—Candler LC 02/24/2023

Kenneth Woodard—Clay County LC 10/12/2023

Joe Cook—Long View LC 10/20/2023

William Newsom—Etowah LC 10/30/2023

Dale Setzer—Claremont LC 11/16/2023

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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Secretary Tammy Thomas	828-234-7659 liontammy2020@gmail.com
Treasurer Kathryn Nichols	252-495-2808 perkynick7@gmail.com



The most current district directory can be found at www.nclions31l.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!

Quick Reference

Acronyms for our Lions

You will see these on the convention registration forms. If you are one circle it.

Lions are digital Climb aboard!

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.

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

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.

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
CC	Council Chair
PCC	Past Council Chair
MJF	Melvin Jones Fellow
JSF	Jack Stickley Fellow
WLW	Willard L. Woolard
BOH	Beacon of Hope
HOF	Hall of Fame
AMB	Ambassador