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## District Governor Marilyn Wunderler

Fellow Lions,

I am looking forward to our district service celebration on Saturday, June 10, 2023. This outdoor picnic luncheon at Camp Dogwood in Sherrills Ford with live music and an awards ceremony is my "thank you" to all my Lion friends for their service to their clubs, district, and communities. I hope you can attend this event because it will be a special one.

Awards will include the Ambassador, Beacon of Hope Fellowship, Woolard Partner in Service, Melvin Jones, LCI Chairpersons Award, International President's Certificate of Appreciation, Club Newsletter Contest, Club of the Month and Club Points Contest.

Please RSVP directly to me at [mewunderler@gmail.com](mailto:mewunderler@gmail.com) so that I have a count for lunch. I am finishing up my club visits and have three clubs to report on this month.

**Shelby Lions Club Visit, Tuesday, May 9, 2023**

Organized in 1929, the Shelby Lions Club has a long history of providing services to the residents of Cleveland County.

In the past, club members have worked with underprivileged children providing food and clothing, partnered with local churches and other non-profit organizations to distribute much needed food to over 2,700 local families on an annual basis.

Club members support Camp Dogwood through their raffle ticket sales and have sponsored VIP

Christmas parties.

The Shelby Lions club also supports other community organizations such as their local YMCA. The club raises funds for their service projects through broom sales throughout the community, with supplies in banks, salons, and retail locations.

Club members depend on their relationship with their local DSS representative for VSP gift certificate referrals and have been very successful with this wonderful program providing free eye exams and glasses for those community members in need.





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### Spruce Pine Lions Club Visit, Thursday, May 11, 2023

The Spruce Pine Lions club own and operate the Sunshine Hill Apartments, beautifully furnished and well-kept Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly with 25-bedroom units. I was so impressed with this incredible project that is supported by club members.

The club's other main focus is providing eye exams and glasses for the residents of their community as well as providing transportation for the visually impaired and vision screenings. Other service projects include sponsoring scholarships for graduates of Mitchell high school and collecting eyeglasses.

Club members enjoy a partnership hosting the "Troutacular", a celebration of Spruce Pine's Mountain Heritage Trout Waters designation which takes place the first Saturday in June. This event is free for children, ages 14 and under, to compete in a fishing tournament. Children learn the importance of one of the county's most important resources. An average of 70 children participated in the tournament last year.

During the Christmas holidays, Spruce Pine club members take part in the local Christmas parade with their own club float and distribute treats for children in the community during Halloween.

Club members support the Run for Holland 5K for Down syndrome awareness, the Bike Shop which is an after school program and safe place where kids complete projects together and are mentored by the adult volunteers, and the Story

Book Trail where permanent book displays and audio stations are in place around Riverside Park in Spruce Pine, for the enjoyment of adults and children.



### Claremont Lions Club Visit, Thursday, May 18, 2023

Members of the Claremont Lions club truly believe in the slogan "service from the heart".

Club members are involved in numerous service projects throughout the Lions fiscal year including Meals on Wheels, bringing hope and nutrition to seniors and community members confined indoors.

Senior Morning Out, a half-day program for persons 60 or older who live in Catawba County. Activities include information about nutrition and





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healthy living, entertainment, games and crafts, exercise, and trips to local shopping and attractions.

Corner Table/Backpack Food Program, a volunteer driven, donation reliant initiative that provides food to Catawba county children in need. Project Warmth in partnership with the Salvation Army providing blankets and warm clothing to those in need during the cold winter months. Veterans Stand Down, all veterans in Western NC are invited to attend in Hickory NC. Free services available include medical care, dental needs, blood pressure checks, vision care, and employment resources. The Claremont Lions club sponsors vision screenings for this wonderful event.

Other Claremont Lions club service initiatives include Special Olympics, supporting Governor Morehead School for the blind and deaf, and stocking blessing boxes in three Catawba county locations!

Their support of the Unifour Vision Van Screening program is exemplary with members participating in voluntary community vision screenings on a regular basis. Club members will be sponsoring vision screenings at the Conover Farmers Market over the next few months.





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### NCLI Council of Governors Board Meeting, Friday – Sunday, May 5-7, 2023

My district overview report to those Lions in attendance at Camp Dogwood, Sherrills Ford, included the following topics.

#### Membership:

On Saturday, February 26, 2023, PDG George Suggs called a meeting of past District Governors, DG Elect Susan Fernandez, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Elect Dawson Hart, and me to discuss membership.

I will continue to work with Tony Angel on the development of our volunteer/membership project. Part of our district website will be devoted to attracting young people for volunteer activities across the district and social media will play an important part.

The district will also be forming a marketing committee focused on communications and in person presentations to make sure the communities that we serve across the district are made aware of who we are and how we serve in our communities.

#### Leadership:

District clubs have just been so welcoming and so eager to tell me about their fundraising and service projects which I make a point of highlighting in our district newsletter each month.

My district team continues to recognize an outstanding club each month with a club

of the month trophy. We recently added the St. Stephens club and the West Hickory VIP club. I have two trophies left and those will be awarded on June 10th.

#### Service:

My team continues to support our district project the McCune Center in Black Mountain, NC. I have offered to fill the position of board VP behind Curtis Erickson, our McCune Center board President. The board will vote on my decision to fill this position at a future meeting.

One of my priorities was to not only visit our district clubs, but as my time permitted, to assist with their various fundraisers and service projects. Becoming a part of these club activities has given me the chance to develop an even stronger bond with my fellow district lions.

DG Allen Swaim Jr. was voted in as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of NCLI for 2023-2024. PDG Steve McLaurin will serve as President, PDG Wayne Faber will serve as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, PDG Curtis Erickson will serve as Treasurer and Anne Metts will serve as Secretary of NC Lions Inc. for 2023-2024.

On a special note, our own Lion Elizabeth Hart was recognized with an International President's





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Certificate of Appreciation for her many years of service as a volunteer counselor during camping season for our VIP's at Camp Dogwood, Sherrills Ford.



ing interest on our surplus funds in the district account. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Elect Dawson Hart gave everyone a glimpse of the activities being planned for our fall district convention. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Elect Eileen Artavia spoke of how she is looking forward to serving the district.

Lion Wayne Houser, Zone 6 Chair and Lion Kathryn Nichols, Zone 2 Chair gave outstanding reports on their zone clubs service and fundraising activities.

PDG and 2023 Hall of Fame Recipient Marti Henry talked about the ad sheet for the VIP Fishing Tournament which is a new fundraiser that the tournament team is launching this year. District clubs are encouraged to take out a quarter, half page or full-page ad which will be featured in a full color directory supporting the VIP Fishing Tournament.

### District 31L Cabinet Meeting, Saturday, May 20, 2023

My thanks to DG Elect Susan Fernandez and the Etowah club for hosting our last cabinet meeting for the Lions fiscal year at their club house.

DG Elect Susan Fernandez spoke about some of her plans for the district. Lion Elizabeth Hart gave district financial reports. PDG Curtis Erickson agreed to do some research regarding financial products that might assist the district in earn-



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Our district "Dimes for Diabetes" project headed up by our diabetes chair PDG Paulette Gasperson is a great success. To-date the district has collected \$1,396.56. I wish to thank PDG Paulette and all of the clubs who participated in this outstanding project. PDG Paulette will keep us up to date on how many children were able to attend diabetes camp because of the generosity of so many of my Lion friends. If you have not yet turned your monies into the district, please do so as soon as possible. PDG Paulette will be launching the project again for the 23-24 Lions fiscal year.

On Tuesday, May 16, 2023, visually impaired





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residents of Gaston, Lincoln and Rutherford counties came to Rankin Lake Park in Gastonia, NC to participate in the annual Greater Gaston Fishing Tournament. The tournament was sponsored by the Gastonia Recreation Department and the Gastonia Lions, headed by PDG Michael Schwartz. The Gastonia Lions provided lunch, and both the Gastonia Lions and Camp Dogwood provided fishing poles equipped and ready for use. Volunteers including my husband, Lion Frank Wunderler assisted the VIP's by cutting bait, baiting hooks, and keeping fishing lines from becoming tangled. Prizes were awarded to winners in multiple categories. A fun day for all!





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There were several reports given at the NCLI board meetings in May, most notably would be District 31L has given out a total of 93 VSP Gift Vouchers for free eye exams and glasses from July 2022 to April 2023.

For MD 31, a total of 119 hearing aids were donated, 336 canes were shipped to VIP's in need, and 92,477 eye glasses were donated.

**The vision screening Report given by PDG Curtis Erickson detailed District 31L Lions screening efforts. 10,440 children and adults to date with 1,611 referrals at a referral rate of 15%. Our district ranks 1<sup>st</sup> in the state for vision screenings and I could not be prouder of our district clubs and the three Lions who**

**give their all to this program, PDG Curtis Erickson of the Mills River Club, Lion Wayne Faber of the Long View Club and Lion Gordon Gilomen of the Canton Club.**

**The MD 31 GST Report of Service Activity given by PCC Diane Whitley noted that from July 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023, District 31L Lions have served a total of 88,725 people. Our district ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state for service activities and I could not be prouder of our district clubs.**

I noted at the board meeting that one of my favorite Helen Keller quotes is "When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another". Thank you dear Lions of District 31L for all you do for your clubs, your district, and your communities.

**WELCOME JUNE!**







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I WISH TO THANK ALL  
MY FELLOW LIONS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THEIR  
COMMUNITIES....SO PLEASE JOIN ME



SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023 AT 12 NOON  
CAMP DOGWOOD, SHERRILLS FORD



- ♥ PICNIC MENU IS PORT A CHICKEN AND RIBS  
AND ALL THE FIXINGS
- ♥ SEVERAL CHRISTIAN BANDS WILL PERFORM
- ♥ DISTRICT AWARDS CEREMONY
- ♥ BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS

Please RSVP DG Marilyn by June 5, 2023  
[mewunderler@gmail.com](mailto:mewunderler@gmail.com)



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Good morning Fellow Lions,

As many of you know the VSP Vouchers have been and continue to be a valuable asset for Lions Clubs and our communities. As we see more Lions Clubs using the VSP Vouchers, it requires more time to process and mail the vouchers. Currently NCL is experiencing staffing shortages, just as many other places. As we continue to work to meet the needs with the VSP Program, we need your assistance.

If you email a VSP request, please email it to [vsp@nclionsinc.org](mailto:vsp@nclionsinc.org), this will help keep all of the requests located at the same email address. Of course, you may still mail requests to: North Carolina Lions Inc, P.O. Box 39, Sherrills Ford, NC 28673 or fax them to 828-478-4419.

We are also changing how often we mail out vouchers. Going forward VSP Vouchers will be mailed on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of each month. If the 15<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> falls on the weekend, the vouchers will mail out on the following business day. Please continue to send your requests as you get them throughout the month. If everyone waits to send their VSP requests until right before the mailing date, it will not be possible to process all of the requests and could result in being delayed till the next mailing.

Currently since March 1, 2023 we have processed 242 vouchers and we continue to see more requests daily.

If you have any testimonies from VSP Voucher recipients, please let us know! When we request additional vouchers, it is always great to share success stories with VSP.

Thank you for your assistance in making the VSP Voucher Program such a blessing to so many in our communities!

Yours in Lionism,

Bryan Hoover





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# AD FORM

## 2023 NORTH CAROLINA LIONS VIP FISHING TOURNAMENT

### 40TH ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIR PROGRAM

OCT.16-18, 2023



**AD DEADLINE: SEPT. 15, 2023**

NAME OF CLUB, BUSINESS OR INDIVIDUAL: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**PLEASE INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH AD DESIGN**

CASH \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD

CARD # \_\_\_\_\_

EXP. DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV# \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK BOX INDICATING THE AD SIZE**

BACK COVER	\$1,500	<input type="checkbox"/>
INSIDE F/B COVER	\$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
FULL PAGE (8 1/2 x 11)	\$300	<input type="checkbox"/>
HALF PAGE (HORIZONTAL)	\$200	<input type="checkbox"/>
HALF PAGE (VERTICAL)	\$200	<input type="checkbox"/>
QUARTER PAGE	\$125	<input type="checkbox"/>
BUSINESS CARD	\$75	<input type="checkbox"/>

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO**

NC LIONS VIP FISHING TOURNAMENT, INC.

**MAIL FORM, PAYMENT & AD COPY TO**


NC LIONS VIP FISHING TOURNAMENT, INC.  
PO BOX 140  
COLUMBIA, NC 27925

**IF APPLICABLE, E-MAIL AD FILE TO**

WHITEINK1@EARTHLINK.NET

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT LION MICHAEL H. SCHWARTZ

704-854-5315 OR SCHWARTZ5483@GMAIL.COM





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Dear Lions,

It is hard to believe that this will be the last newsletter for 2022-23. I want to personally thank DG Marilyn for all her efforts during the year. She visited all Clubs and certainly has done everything possible to increase the membership efforts. I am honored she will continue with the marketing plan that she had started. I appreciate all her guidance during the past year and for those times in the future. She will be a hard act to follow, but I will do my best.

**For the upcoming year 2023-24:**

**July 22, 2023** – Installation of Officers, District Cabinet Meeting and Brighter Visions Kick-off. We will begin at noon and lunch will be served. Please be sure to let me know no later than July 15, 2023 if you will be attending, so that we can plan accordingly. This will be held at the Etowah Lions Club.

**Zone 1 Chair** – the position is still open. I am confident there is a Lion out there who would do an excellent job with this role. **Please** reach out to me if you are considering.

**2023-2024 Officers** – Officers for next year were to be submitted in My LCI no later than May 31, 2023. The Zone Chairs and I have reached out to those that still have not submitted them. If you have not done so, please make this a priority. For those that have submitted the names, thank you! As you know, this information is needed for the new directory.

**Brighter Vision Goal** – The DG goal of \$90 per member will stay the same. It would be such a blessing if you could bring your check to the Brighter Visions Kick-off meeting. If not, we appreciate in ad-

vance the efforts you and your clubs will be making to reach the goal.

**LCIF Goal** – Our new District 31L LCIF Coordinator will be focusing her efforts so that we can meet our goal for 2023-24. I am confident we can do better than we have in the past. Thank you to those clubs that have been able to meet this goal in the past.

**District Governor Goals** – Numerous Zoom calls were held with 1<sup>st</sup> DGE Dawson and 2<sup>nd</sup> DGE Eileen for next year's DG goals. By the time you are reading this, they will have already been submitted. More to come.



**Officer Training:**

Training for Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers will be held in four different locations this year. Zone Chair Training will be held at the Etowah Lions Club. **Lunch will be served.** Please advise DGE Susan ([sl29470@bellsouth.net](mailto:sl29470@bellsouth.net)) ASAP which session you are attending. The dates, locations and trainers are listed as follows:





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**JUNE 3:**

CANTON (10:30 a.m.)

10 PINEY GROVE RD WAYNESVILLE, N.C.  
28786

PRESIDENT: MAX BUMGARDNER PCC SECRETARY:  
JOHN DOBBINS TREASURER: CURTIS ERICKSON  
PDG

**JUNE 17:**

CAMP DOGWOOD (10:30)

PRESIDENT: FRED HUSCHER SECRETARY: TAMMY  
THOMAS TREASURER: ELIZABETH HART

**JUNE 24:**

ETOWAH LIONS CLUB (10:30 a.m.)

PRESIDENT: FRED HUSCHER

SECRETARY: DEBBIE HICKS PDG TREASURER:  
CURTIS ERICKSON PDG ZONE CHAIRS: KATHY  
NICHOLS

**JULY 1:**

ERWIN LIONS CLUB (10:30 a.m.) PRESIDENT: FRED  
HUSCHER SECRETARY: DEBBIE HICKS PDG TREAS-  
URER: CURTIS ERICKSON PDG





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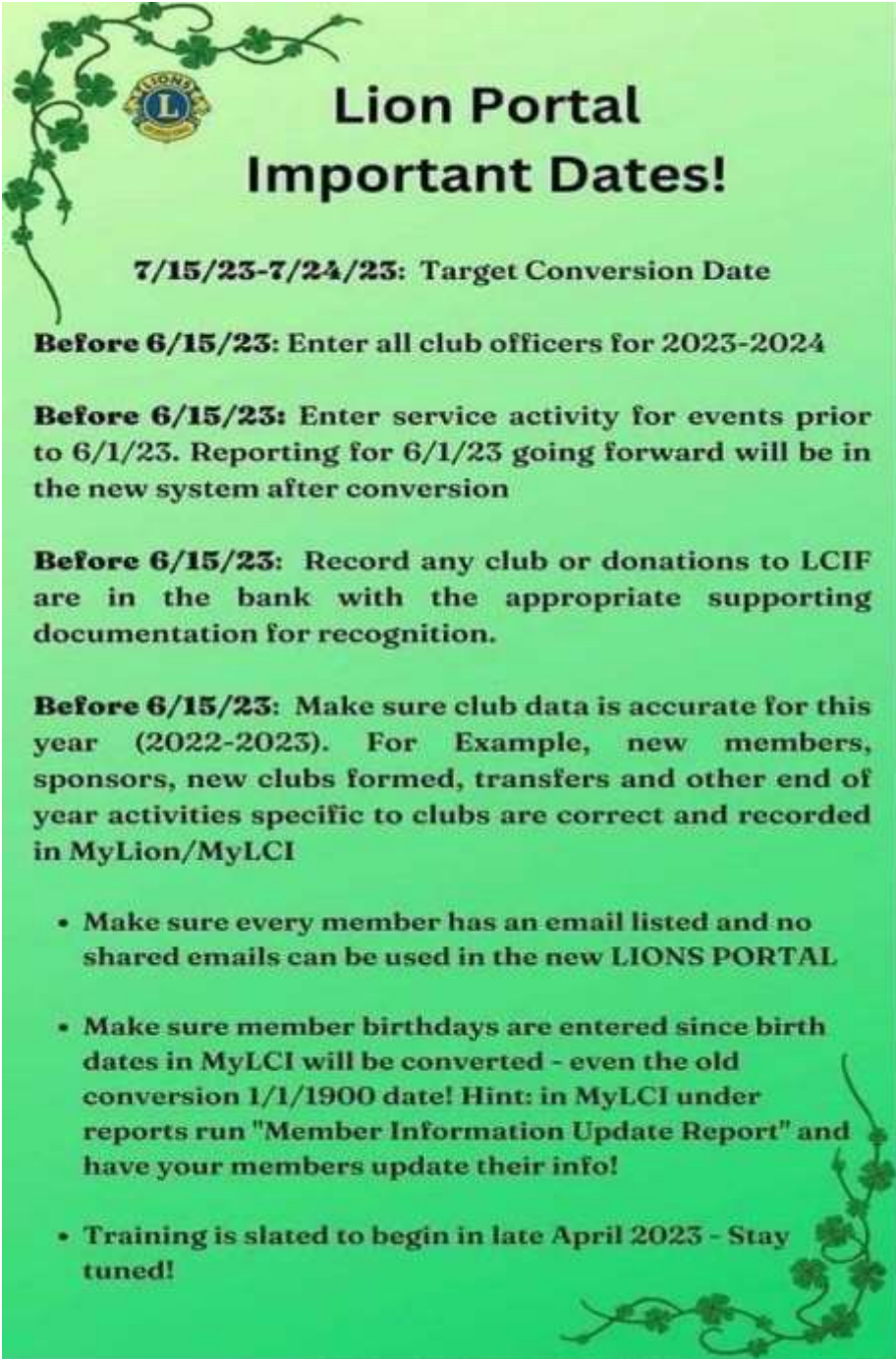
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## Lion Portal Important Dates!

**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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I had a lot going on this month. First, I presented the club of the month to the St, Stephens Lions Club. They have added two new members and are in the process of forming a Leo Club. The Long View Lions Club has been busy and they did their annual Brooms And Blooms sale which was a huge success. I was honored to present Lion Joe Cook of the Long View Club his 50 year pin as he is working on his 52nd year. I am looking forward to the Cabinet meeting on May 20th at the Etowah clubhouse. Thank you to Tammy Thomas and her hard work the advertisement forms for the fall convention are out. We need to start sending in the \$20 per club for the convention hospitality room. Let's have a record sale of ads and spread the word to make our convention a huge success. The address for sending the \$20 per club is P. O. Box 1375 Icard, NC 28666. We need to start sending that in. This is my year to plan the convention so if you would like to help out let me know. Our next convention meeting will be June 4th at 2:00 by Zoom. Thanks for all your support. I look forward to serving you all as your 1st VDG. Thanks for all you do.

1st VDG Elect Dawson Hart





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## **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 Pembroke Drive, Granite Falls, NC 28630.

Any questions, please contact PCC Paulette Gasperson, 2022-2023 District 31-L Diabetes Chair. 828-384-0057. [lfgasperson@comporium.net](mailto:lfgasperson@comporium.net)

**Thank you to the following clubs for their Dimes  
for Diabetes contributions:**

**Brevard Davidson River & Long View**

**Thus far we have raised \$535.60 .**





Even when I'm feeling the sickest, I'm humbled to know that my second chance at life will be a priceless gift from someone else.

Please share my story. ❤️❤️❤️❤️

The miracle of living kidney donation brings out the best of humanity.



I just learned that there is a V.I.P. who works for the Industries for the Blind that is looking for a living donor.

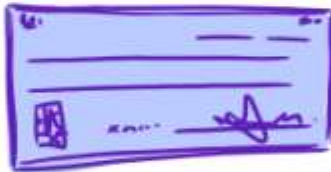
Thank you!!

Lion Liz Hart

# Hello from your District Treasurer

SOME FINANCIAL NEWS TO RAP UP OUR LIONS YEAR  
STRONG

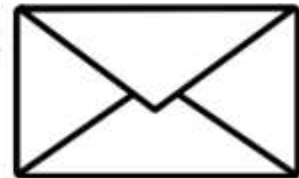
## Dimes for Diabetes Contributions



checks made payable to  
District 31L Activity Account  
on memo line: "Dimes for Diabetes"



Mail to District Treasurer Lion Elizabeth Hart  
5483 Pembroke Drive  
Granite Falls, NC 28630



Funds collected will stay locally in our district for  
financial assistance for children and youth with  
diabetes to attend specialized diabetes summer  
camps.



## End of the Year Procedures

All clubs should have an audit of their financial records for the  
Lions year done. This can be completed by your own club  
members (finance committee). Regardless of your club's  
circumstances, this is follows best financial practices and an  
audit should be completed.

HOW???:

Compare monthly bank statements  
to club's documentation of financial  
reports, receipts, etc.

Need Help??

I am here to help,  
email District Treasurer Liz Hart  
elizabethkhart@gmail.com

Thank you to all the treasurers for all your hard work this year  
with a special thanks to the following treasurers for stepping  
up when your club needed it most.

Cory Klassett- St. Stephens  
Richard Shane- Brevard  
Rebecca Parsons- Hudson  
Jim Washburn- Marion

RIP: Scott Kuba and Gerri Byrd

and remember those lions  
in need of prayers for their  
health.



# EYE GLASS SORTING



August 31st @ 3PM  
until September 6th @  
10am



CALL OR EMAIL TAMMY FOR  
MORE INFO AND TO  
RESERVE A ROOM

**TAMMY@NCLIONSINC.ORG**  
**828-478-2135 EXT 229**



# D31L Lions Dispatch



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Abby has been diagnosed with a rare eye cancer, Retinoblastoma. Her family has insurance to help with the cost of treatments but it is not fully covered. There is also additional cost of traveling back and forth for Duke weekly.

If you are interested in making a donation or purchasing a raffle ticket please reach out to Tammy Thomas at 828-244-4342 with the Sher-rills Ford Lions Club.



## You make our district sparkle and shine!

You make our district sparkle and shine!

Thank you to the Andrews and Clay County Clubs for your DG Goal contributions since the last newsletter publication. Your contributions will assist the district in being able to continue these great programs and support of these well deserved causes. Currently we are at 57% of clubs participating and I have been in contact with a couple of other clubs and am expecting a couple of more checks in the mail shortly. Thank you Multiple District 31L for all you do and for your service.



## **Long View Lions Club International Service Opportunity**

# **Mission Response Center**

**What: WNC United Methodist Church Mission Response Center  
8973 Greenwood Road  
Terrell, NC 28682  
Packing Plastic Shoe Boxes for Project AGAPE  
American Greater Armenian Partnership Efforts) for  
Children Infant to 18 years old.**

\*Project AGAPE, a ministry to Armenia, is a collaborative effort of the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conferences of The United Methodist Church in a joint effort with the Armenian Apostolic Church.

\*\* WNC UMC Mission Response Center located not far from Camp Dogwood off Highway 150. If you are traveling along Highway 150 toward Mooresville, you will turn right at second street passed Duke Energy's Marshall Steam Plant and follow the signs.

\*\*\* If you, your Lions Club or church would like to donate some crocheted mittens, scarves, toboggans or wool/leather gloves for infants to 18 years old, please contact Lion Robert Tomlinson.

**When: Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

**Long View Lions Contact: Lion Robert A. Tomlinson  
Telephone: 704-735-8154 (Home)  
704- 308-2184( Cell)**

**WNC UMC Mission Response Contact: Ben Rodgers  
828-478-2106  
828-478-1019**

**Additional Volunteers Welcomed and Needed:**

- **Catawba & Lincoln County Lions Clubs, District 31-L, MD 31 Lions Clubs are welcome.**
- **Your friends, family members, and co-workers**



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From: NC Lions VIP Fishing Tournament Committee



**There is no LIVE auction for VIP Fishing this weekend. It's going to be online again starting June 1st. We apologize more any misunderstanding !!**





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## VOLUNTEER WEEK **2024**

**April 4th @ 3pm until  
April 10th @ 10am**



**Tammy@nclionsinc.org  
828-478-2135 EXT 229**



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## 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 Pembroke Drive, Granite Falls, NC 28630.

Any questions, please contact PCC Paulette Gasperson, 2022-2023 District 31-L Diabetes Chair. 828-384-0057. [lfgasperson@comporium.net](mailto:lfgasperson@comporium.net)







**3rd Annual**  
*Franklin Lions Club*  
**POKER RUN**

**Saturday, June 10th**

**Dowdle Mtn. Pitstop ♣ Rain or Shine**

**Check-In/Registration: 9 to 9:30 a.m.**

**First Vehicles Out: 9:30 a.m.**

**2.5 Hour Scenic Ride to Ensur**

**Door Prizes & BBQ at end of Poker Run**

**(Door Prize tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 / BBQ Sandwich, Chips and Drink \$8.00)**

**\$25 Early Registration / \$30 Day Of Event**

**1st Place \$300** donated by Dowdle Mtn. Pitstop

**2nd Place \$200** donated by Zeus' Ridgecrest Automotive

**3rd Place \$100** donated by Farm Bureau Insurance

**Last Place** Entry Fee Returned

*For Information or to Pre-Register*  
**Visit [FranklinLionsClub.org](http://FranklinLionsClub.org)**



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### Unique Vision Screening

To be able to do a children's vision screening is one of the most satisfying service projects you could ever hope to do. Last week the Valdese Lions and the Rutherford College Lions partnered to perform children's vision screenings at the Burke County Head Start center and also the Burke County Kinderpalozza / Childfest pre-kindergarten event. Both events saw several preschool kids screened with a few identified as needing to be referred for an in office visit. The kids at this age are so amazing and the staff couldn't stop thanking the Lions for doing the vision screening.

But the event on Saturday had a uniqueness about it that was surprising to the group. The Kinderpalozza event staff had arranged for the actual Sesame Street Cookie Monster to be flown in for the event as a draw for the kids and parents. So the Valdese Club and Rutherford College clubs along with the Unifour Childrens Sight program have assumed the title of "Official Vision Screeners of Sesame Street".

I encourage clubs to join in this amazing service project, the impact we can have on the lives of kids cannot be compared to any other project we are working with.

Wayne Houser

NCLI KidSight KSU Committee

Unifour Childrens Sight





# LIONS & FRIENDS



## Post Convention Cruise 2023



## 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:

- 1) Premium Beverage Package (\$19.80/person gratuity per day not included)
- 2) Ultimate Dining Package – 2 Nights (20% gratuity charge not included)
- 3) \$50.00 Shore Excursion Credit
- 4) 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



Fares shown are in US dollars and are per person, based on double occupancy or as per the number of guests selected. Government taxes, fees, port expenses, and fuel supplement (where applicable) are additional. NCL reserves the right to charge a fuel supplement without prior notice should the closing price of West Texas Intermediate Fuel increase above \$65 USD per barrel on the NYMEX (New York Mercantile Exchange Index). In the event a fuel supplement is charged, NCL will have sole discretion to apply the supplementary charge to both existing and new bookings, regardless of whether such bookings have been paid in full. Such supplementary charges are not included in the cruise fare. The fuel supplement charge will not exceed \$10.00 USD per passenger per day.

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](#) ▶

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## 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**



# DISTRICT GOVERNOR GOALS EXPLAINED

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## *Clinical Eye Research*

*Funds raised go to clinical research with partnering universities for improved eye treatments and ultimately cures.*

*These include Wake Forest University Eye Center, NC Lions Pediatric Eye Care Center at Duke University and NC Diabetic Eye Care Center at UNC Chapel Hill.*

## *McCune Community*



*An assisted and independent living facility owned and operated by our MD31L (Multiple District) under the entity of Western NC Lions located in Black Mountain, NC in Buncombe County.*

*The facility was named in honor of Marjorie McCune, the first blind social worker in Buncombe County, who approached the Western NC Lions with a vision for a long-term happy home for blind and visually impaired individuals.*

## *VIP Fishing Tournament*



*A three-day event filled with recreation, fellowship, and independent living workshops for blind and visually impaired persons located on the coast of NC on the Outer Banks. This event is the largest of this kind in the world and attracts VIPs from all over NC and all over the country.*

## *Leader Dogs*



*A Guide Dog school located in Rochester Hills, Michigan that was founded by members of the Uptown Lions Club of Detroit. Leader Dogs is 100% philanthropically funded by individual donors, Lions clubs, corporate partners and foundations.*

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## WHY DO WE RAISE FUNDS FOR AWARDS?

HOW DOES THAT HELP OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSION OF WE SERVE?

*The awards include a large donation to our, Lions', charitable causes, while simultaneously able to recognize hard working lions for their dedication to lionism and service to the community.*



MD31L May 2023

*LCIF/Melvin Jones  
[Lions Clubs  
International Foundation]*



*The Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) is the backbone of our foundation, LCIF, and is presented to those who donate US\$1,000 to LCIF or to people for whom a donation was made by others, it's a tremendous contribution to humanity and to the legacy of our founder, Melvin Jones.*

*NC Ambassador*



*NC Ambassador Award:  
Progressive recognition with five levels available to donors who wish to support the outreach services and programs of NC Lions Inc. for a tax-deductible donating of \$500.00 for each level.*

*Wollard Partner-in-Service*



*The William L. Wollard Partner-in-Service was established in 2001 to honor Past International President William L. Wollard and to create a means of funding the Programs and Services of NCLI. Donors may be anyone, lion or non-lion. Contributions will allocate 1/4 to the current year's programs and 3/4 to the William Wollard "Partner-in-Service Endowment.*

*Sid Scruggs Beacon of Hope*



*Sid L. Scruggs III Beacon of Hope Fellowship is available to donors who wish to support campers attending Camp Dogwood for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Each level requires a gift of \$200.00.*

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## WHY DO WE HAVE A CONVENTION TAX?

*To help offset the cost of the convention and to make it affordable for more lions to attend.*







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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](mailto:tammy@nclionsinc.org)



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May 2023—April 2024

## In Memory of D31L Lions 2022-2023

From May 2022— April 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  
Irene Carico—Black Mountain McCune 04/07/2023  
Doris Stewart—Black Mountain McCune 04/07/2023  
Jon M. Robbins —Claremont LC 03/29/2023  
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

*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!



William Robinson—Candler Lions Club

### 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

### April 2023

Susanne Andrews—Etowah Lions Club

Matthew Duncan—Edneyville Lions Club

Barbara Scott—Black Mountain Lions Club

Donald Bowie—Hudson Lions Club

Shannon Edwards—Hudson Lions Club

Arthur Sisk—Sherrills Ford Lions Club

Reba Sisk—Sherrills Ford Lions Club

Lynette Stetson—West Hickory VIP Lions Club

## 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

**2021-2022 by the numbers ending totals of LIONS in our State**

**L-806 I-910 Q-1075 N-977 S-904**

**Active Clubs D31L - 49 Clubs**

**Statistics Updated 05/29/2023**

**District 31L—Membership 761**

**Closing numbers for FY23**





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## District Governor Marilyn Wunderler Quick Reference Page

### District Cabinet Officers 2022-23

### Contact

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2nd VDG Dawson Hart	828-302-6957 dawsonhart313@gmail.com
Secretary Tammy Thomas	828-234-7659 liontammy2020@gmail.com
Treasurer Elizabeth Hart	818-913-7901 elizabethlkhart@gmail.com

*The most current district directory can be found at [www.nclions31l.org](http://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](http://www.nclions31l.org) This is the District Website.**

**[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) This is International's Website**

**[www.nclionsinc.org](http://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.

<b>DG</b>	<i>District Governor</i>
<b>DGE</b>	<i>District Governor Elect</i>
<b>PDG</b>	<i>Past District Governor</i>
<b>IPDG</b>	<i>Immediate Past District Governor</i>
<b>1VDG</b>	<i>First Vice District Governor</i>
<b>2VDGE</b>	<i>Second Vice District Governor Elect</i>
<b>1VDGE</b>	<i>First Vice District Governor Elect</i>
<b>2VDG</b>	<i>Second Vice District Governor</i>
<b>PP</b>	<i>Past President (Club or International)</i>
<b>IPP</b>	<i>Immediate Past President</i>
<b>PIP</b>	<i>Past International President</i>
<b>ID</b>	<i>International Director</i>
<b>PID</b>	<i>Past International Director</i>
<b>CC</b>	<i>Council Chair</i>
<b>PCC</b>	<i>Past Council Chair</i>
<b>MJF</b>	<i>Melvin Jones Fellow</i>
<b>JSF</b>	<i>Jack Stickley Fellow</i>
<b>WLW</b>	<i>Willard L. Woolard</i>
<b>BOH</b>	<i>Beacon of Hope</i>
<b>HOF</b>	<i>Hall of Fame</i>
<b>AMB</b>	<i>Ambassador</i>