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Hello Lions of District 31-L,

Spring is right around the corner, and the flowers are already blooming. Now that the weather is getting better, this is your opportunity to get out there and continue with additional service projects. I continue to be proud of our District, even though membership continues to be a challenge. Let keep our optimism and get those numbers moving in the upward direction.



### **Celebrate Liberty Contest**

Lion Rick Hazzard of the Hendersonville Club did a great job with getting the information out to the schools in Henderson County. 74 entries were received and reviewed.

The Council of Governors met the weekend of February 9-11, 2024 and reviewed all entries submitted to each district. I am proud to announce that Dallas Blackwell of North Henderson High School, District 31-L was chosen as the winner. Dallas and his family will be attending the NC State Convention in April, and he will read his winning entry on Friday evening.



Thank you, Lion Rick for all you do!

### **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.



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### District Cabinet Meeting (February 24, 2024)

The District Cabinet meeting was held at the Erwin District Lions Club. Thank you to the Erwin District Lions for their hospitality and the delicious lunch that was served. The meeting was very productive, and I was honored to present Chevron awards (55-year Chevron to PCC Dave Butler) and Guiding Lion Certificates to 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Eileen and District Secretary Tammy. Presentations were made by Leader Dog Chair Karen Leonetti, Leo Club Chair Debbie Bell, McCune Center and Marketing updates by PDG Marilyn Wunderler, Camp Dogwood and LCIF by Lion Tammy Thomas. In addition to the presentations, reports were given by the DGE Dawson Hart, 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Eileen Artavia, District Treasurer Kathy Nichols, District Secretary Tammy Thomas, Zone Chairs and Committee Chairs. All in all, a very productive and informative meeting with a lot of great questions and interaction followed by a drawing for six different prizes and a delicious lunch. Thank you to all that were able to attend!







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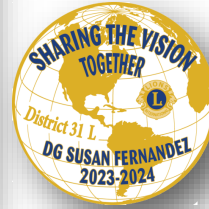
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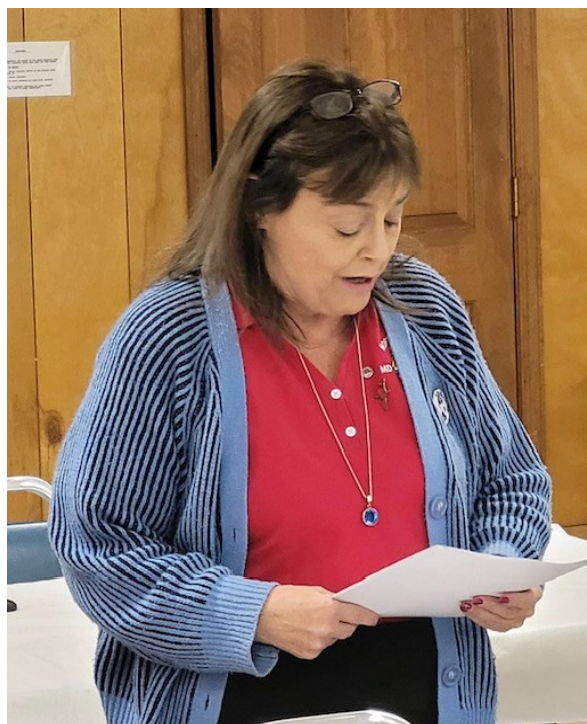
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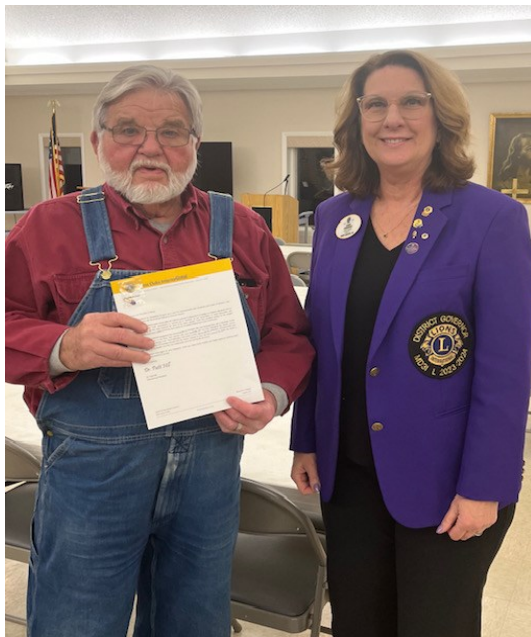


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### Clyde Lions Club Visit (February 19, 2024)

I had the pleasure of visiting the Clyde Club on February 19, 2024. The Club has been selling broom, collecting glasses, wreaths across America, helping nine children during Christmas, buying glasses **and** they are preparing for their annual shrub sale being held the weekends of May 3-4 and May 10-11 in the Easy Stop Gas Station in Clyde (near their club meeting location). I also had the honor of presenting a 35-year Chevron award to Lion Ken Stines and a Mission 1.5 pin to Lion Robert Smart. Thank you for all you do.



### Membership

The District is doing great with service projects, but relative to membership, our numbers are going down instead of up. As of February, 25, 2024 the District was at 699 members. 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. I am confident we can accomplish this if we all stick together in our mission.





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### Andrews Lions Club

The Andrews Lions Club is working hard to collect funds to purchase a PIAF Tactile Image Maker for 11 students with visual impairments in Cherokee Country School System. If you can help with a monetary donation, please contact President Barbara El-Khoury ([camelkhouri57@gmail.com](mailto:camelkhouri57@gmail.com)) of the Andrews Lions Club. Please find some information as follows:

#### **PIAF Tactile Image Maker**

#### **High Quality Tactile Graphics in a Flash**

Piaf produces high quality tactile graphics using heat sensitive capsule paper. It is ideal for people who are blind and/or vision impaired. Piaf's controlled heat source causes any black lines, letters or shapes that are drawn, printed or copied onto the capsule paper to swell. The result is an instant tactile graphic. Piaf can be used to introduce simple shapes and basic concepts; to introduce the concept of drawing and two-dimensional rendering of solid objects; to encourage students in taking the first tentative steps to expressing themselves graphically; and to teach the concepts of handwriting and signatures. Later, Piaf can be used to access graphical information in nearly all subject areas, especially Mathematics and Sciences.

Cherokee County Schools provide specially designed instruction for 11 EC students with visual impairments. The students' ages range from Pre-K to High School. The PIAF would enable students with visual impairments assistance with accessing classroom curriculum.



# D31L Dispatch

**SUSAN  
FERNANDEZ**  
District Governor

[www.district31l.org](http://www.district31l.org)

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Greetings Fellow Lions!

**One  
Hundredth**

Sharing details of our 100th NC Lions Council State Convention is one of our favorite things to do these days! The committee is amazing and their dedication to making this a memorable event is their primary concern. Over 40 Lions are working on putting this event together for you.

We are so honored to have 3rd International Vice President Mark Lyon and Lion Lyn as our special guests and speakers for the weekend. If you have had the joy of meeting this dynamic duo, you already know the inspiration that they bring.

Friday Fun Night will be a "Black and White" attire event, so get as dressed up as you like, as long as it's black and white. Our entertainment has been provided by a sponsorship and Uptown Dueling Pianos will be there. It's something really different and we are so thankful!

See you there!

Once again, on Saturday morning, we will hold our LIVE auction with proceeds being divided between LCIF and Brighter Visions. We would greatly appreciate your donations of baskets or new items for our auction. This will immediately follow our breakfast that starts at 8:00 AM. Our 50/50 raffle will benefit the 41st Annual VIP Fishing Tournament.

Our service projects this year were suggested by Lions and a District Governor and we are thrilled to make them happen. There will be a food drive where PEANUT BUTTER, RAMEN NOODLES, CANNED MEATS and FRUIT in natural juices will be collected. Lion Bob

Christensen is heading this up. The Crayon Initiative was suggested by 1st VDGE Eileen Artavia, so please bring your old, broken, and used crayons. They will be recycled, melted down and reshaped into crayons that are donated to children with serious illnesses. Our third project is the passion of DG Lorraine Dixon, SAVING SIGHT \$1.00 at a TIME.

Miracles in Sight and round table discussions, with all new topics, are on Saturday's agenda, along with our Town Hall meeting. The Past District Governors meeting will at 4:00 on Saturday. Cabinet meetings will take place on Sunday, April 28, at 10:00 AM.

A free boxed lunch will be provided for all registered attendees on Saturday, as well as a free grab and go breakfast on Sunday morning. We are thankful to sponsorship ads for making these meals happen.





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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 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

1. Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in their single or sub-district.
2. Secure the endorsement of their club or a majority of the clubs in their single district.
3. 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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Take a moment and think about all the people that you and your club and our district were able to help throughout the past year. No seriously – take that moment. Sometimes we get so entangled in the worries of today we forget the good of yesterday.

Do you understand what an amazing impact Lions have made in our communities? Others may not throw a parade, write our achievements in the sky or even publicize our work in the local newspaper but that doesn't mean we should forget the impact we have every day and take pride in being a Lion who is making our world better every day.

If you remember one or more club events that you organized in 2023, I hope it can lead to thinking about what 2024 can hold. We have an entire 9 months left of blank slate to fill, and the possibilities are endless.

Our LCI has added three global causes onto the already 5 amazing ones we have. The eight global causes are Hunger, Vision, Pediatric Cancer, Environment and Diabetes and now we add Youth, Disaster Management and Humanitarian causes to the spotlight.

### **HEAR US ROAR IN 2024!**

Yes, I know we are not in this for the awards – but recognition still has merit. How about working toward the governor service patch this year by addressing a project in each of these global cause areas.

There is no limit to how many projects you can do or the size and reach each project has.

Hunger – food drive, can drive, make a meal for a community group...

Vision – Participate in a Vision Screening, eyeglass collection....

Pediatric Cancer – Support St Jude's, do a 5K or fun walk raise money for the organization.

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Environment – Street clean up, bags to benches, clothing drives,

Diabetes – Host a screening, collect supplies for reissue, participate in a training, volunteer at camp, collect Dimes for Diabetes

Youth – host a movie night, help at sports games, support a local school event.

Disaster – donate supplies,

Humanitarian – local or global the needs are great. Recycle clothes, shoes, collect socks, hygiene items for local rescue and shelter facilities.

And always a club allocating funds to LCIF or a reputable organization can make a difference you cannot see but is still impactful.

By being out in the community and engaging community members in meaningful projects we can in turn get more volunteers which can turn into members and build our numbers. People are returning to attending events after a few years of being uncertain and having limited opportunities. Needs have changed for many, and economics are a consideration more than ever. But people need people contact and interaction so providing a way to get people out interacting can lead to more people wanting to know and learn about Lions by volunteering and maybe even joining our local club.

Membership is the one resource we need to grow our organization and community involvement to get the word out of who we are and what we are doing will lead to members.

I am excited to watch the clubs in our district this year and know you are all making a huge positive difference in all those you reach.

**WE SERVE!**

GMT AliceFaye Peugh

828.302.3242



**DAWSON HART**  
1st Vice District Governor



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## HELLO FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT, DAWSON HART HOME OF THE LONG VIEW LIONS CLUB



**PLEASE CONDUCT YOUR  
CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS  
BY MARCH 20TH**

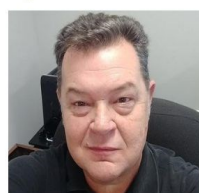
**OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025  
YEAR NEED TO BE  
REPORTED INTO MYLCI BY  
APRIL 1ST**



MyLCI



**IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE REPORTING,  
PLEASE REACH OUT TO CABINET SECRETARY  
TAMMY THOMAS AT  
LIONTAMMY2020@GMAIL.COM**



**LION TONY ANGEL OF THE FRANKLIN CLUB HAS  
GRACIOUSLY AGREED DO THE DISTRICT DIRECTORY  
PROBONO ONLY CHARGING THE COST OF PRINTING. HE IS  
BUSY WITH MANY OTHER GRAPHIC DESIGN PROJECTS WITH  
HIS BUSINESS AND WE WANT TO GIVE HIM AS MUCH TIME  
AS POSSIBLE BEFORE PRINTING IS DUE FOR THE NEW LIONS  
YEAR.**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT  
YOU A REPORTING YOUR  
SERVICE HOURS IN MYLION**



MyLion

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THOMAS AT  
LIONTAMMY2020@GMAIL.COM**

**CABINET POSITIONS FOR 2024-2025 LIONS YEAR IS SET WITH THE  
EXCEPTION OF-- SEARCHING FOR...**

**-2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

**-ZONE 4 CHAIR [COVERING THE CLUBS OF CHASE, EAST GASONTIA,  
GASTONIA EVENING, LAKE LURE, MOUNT HOLLY, RUTHERFORDTON,  
SHELBY, AND SHERRILLS FORD]**

**I ATTENDED THE NCLF BOARD MEETING AND COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS  
MEETINGS IN GREENSBORO THIS MONTH AND WILL BE ATTENDING A  
WEEK-LONG TRAINING AT INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS AS I  
PREPARE TO BECOME YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR JULY 1ST.**

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AT THE CABINET  
MEETING FEBRUARY 24TH AT THE ERWIN DISTRICT LIONS' CLUB  
HOUSE.**

**THANK YOU DG SUSAN FERNANDEZ AND CABINET SECRETARY  
TAMMY THOMAS FOR ALL YOUR GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT THIS  
YEAR!**





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**I HAD THE PLEASURE OF VISITING THE CANDLER CLUB WHO IS GEARING UP FOR THEIR ANNUAL BIG FUNDRAISER, AN ARCHERY TOURNAMENT.**



**LIONS CLAY PLEMMONS RECEIVED A KEY MEMBERSHIP AWARD FOR SPONSORING 10 NEW LIONS CLUB MEMBERS.**



**I HAD THE PLEASURE OF PRESENTING LION ROGER WITH HIS 55 YEAR CHEVRON AWARD.**

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Dawson Hart PDGE*



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# NAVIGATING THE MYLION PORTAL

## STEP ONE:

## SETTING UP MY ACCOUNT



Once you are on the Lions International Website, click on Member Login  
OR download the app MyLion in your smart phone's App Store  
-You will need your Lion Membership ID that is on your Lions Membership Card.  
If you don't have this information, your club secretary can help you with this.

## INSIDE THE PORTAL



**MyLion**



report service  
hours report  
monetary  
donations  
find service  
projects near you  
invite other lions  
to your service  
projects



**MyLCI**



this is the  
administrative  
part of the portal  
members can view  
their club roster,  
update contact  
information, and club  
officers can report  
membership, locate  
their club's bills from  
LCI, and more



**Insights**



statistics on  
the progress within  
your organization



**Learn**



take classes to learn  
more about Lions,  
Lion officer duties,  
and other  
professional  
development topics



**Shop**



shop for lions  
merchandise, club  
supplies, order lions  
awards, and more





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To report service hours and monetary donations, you must first set up a future activity.

After the event, you will be able to login and report your impact.

 MyLion

HomeReport Past ActivityPlan Future ActivityActivitiesMetrics

CONTINUE

Select the activity type.

Service Project

Fundraiser

Meeting

Donation

Service Project

A service project is any hands on projects that serve the community. It can be a one day activity or it can span multiple days.

Regardless of activity type [service project, fundraiser, meeting, or donation], follow the course of questions to set up your activity.

1 Cause2 Type3 Details4 Invite5 Preview

Select the cause that your activity will impact.

Hunger

Environment

Childhood Cancer

Diabetes

Vision

Other

Learn As You Go

Don't see a specific global cause that aligns with what you and your club had in mind? Lions and Leos have great ideas for serving their communities. Get started by selecting Other and creating your own service activity that supports the causes you care about.



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Step three will ask you to fill in the details of the event

## 1. Activity Details

Club

LONG VIEW

Activity Name \*

☐

Signature Activity? [?](#)

☐

Funded by an LCIF Grant?

Place name

Address or Place \*

Time Zone \*

Start Date \*



Time 8:00 AM

End Date \*



Time 5:00 PM

Activity Description \*

Add a description of your activity to help your team members get prepared.



USE DEFAULT IMAGE

Edit Current Image



## 2. Privacy Settings

Who can see this?

Everyone

Who can join?

Everyone

Any Lion or Leo

Invite Only

Then you will be able to invite entire lions clubs or lions members to your activity. Those invited will receive an email notification. Confirm your details and your activity and then it will be ready to go in the system. Once the event has concluded, you will be able to add in your stats. Click on "Report Past Activity" and follow the course of questions. During your activity take note of approximate number of people served, number of volunteers, number of service hours, and overall impact to be able to complete all required fields to submit your service.

# REPORTING CAN TAKE AS LITTLE AS 2 MINUTES



## COMMUNITY MEMBERS COME TOGETHER TO STOP HUNGER



The Backpack Program of The Corner Table reached out to the Long View Lions Club with a need for help with last-minute packing of food bags for less fortunate school children the following afternoon. With the help of JustServe.org, we helped to spread the word and together the Long View Lions Club, the Claremont Lions Club, Bethel Lutheran Church of Claremont, First United Methodist Church of Newton, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of Conover, and other community members with a total volunteer crew of 35 people packed 1,200 bags of food in just under one and half hours and had a blast while doing it. It was wonderful to meet new faces and accomplish a great task at hand. Thank you to all who came and helped.



The Long View Lions Club, Friends of the Long View Lions Club's Volunteers, and members from JustServe.org worked together to clear a mile of road in the town for their quarterly street clean up with the NC DOT's Adopt-a-Highway Program. Together we removed 19 bags of trash, a tire, and many large pieces of debris.



DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, THE LONG VIEW LIONS CLUB HOSTED A WINTER COAT DRIVE. SEVERAL ENTITIES INCLUDING THE FAITH COALITION MEETING, CHURCH CONGREGATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS ALONG WITH ADVERTISEMENTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA HELPED TO SPREAD THE WORD. COLLECTION BINS WERE PLACED IN THE TOWN HALL OF LONG VIEW AND AT THE LOCAL PHARMACY, LONG VIEW DRUG. THE LONG VIEW LIONS WERE OVERWHELMED WITH THE

GRACIOUS SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS' DONATIONS OF GENTLY USED AND NEW COATS. ONE-HUNDRED-FOURTEEN COATS WERE BROUGHT IN WITH THE ADDITION OF SWEATERS, EARMUFFS, HATS, SCARVES, GLOVES, SKI SUITS, AND OTHER CLOTHING DONATIONS. DUE TO THIS HIGH VOLUME, WE WERE ABLE TO REACH A BROADER RANGE OF PEOPLE BY DISTRIBUTING THESE ITEMS ACROSS A FEW ORGANIZATIONS. THE COATS AND DONATIONS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FIRST STEP SHELTER OF THE FAMILY GUIDANCE CENTER, CLIENTS OF THE HICKORY SOUP KITCHEN, AND THE GIVE A KID A COAT CAMPAIGN, A PARTNERSHIP OF A CLEANER WORLD AND THE SALVATION ARMY. WE ARE PROUD OF AND THANKFUL FOR OUR COMMUNITY.



### Winter Coat Drive Impact



15 sweaters



3 ski suits



5 scarves



1 pair of earmuffs



9 other clothing items



13 pairs of gloves & mittens



15 hats



Donations were distributed to the Give a Kid a Coat Campaign and directly to the homeless through the following organizations.





Join us in learning about the NC Lions' partnership  
with and the beautiful community of



Join us in Lake Waccamaw for  
**Lions Day 2024**  
at Boys & Girls Homes of North Carolina

**May 11, 2024**

Sponsored by Statewide Lions Districts L, I, O, N & S



**10am - 1pm**

- ❖ 9-10 a.m. - Registration in Chapel parking lot
- ❖ 10 a.m. Welcome
- ❖ Trolley tours of BGHNC campus and Lions Cottage
- ❖ Q&A session with BGHNC President Marc Murphy
- ❖ Lunch

Registration is currently available on the Boys & Girls Homes website -  
[www.boysandgirlshomes.org](http://www.boysandgirlshomes.org)

Service Project: Please bring new donations for Cottage Needs List and gently-used donations for the BGHNC Country Store

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

Tom Lamont at [tom.lamont@bghnc.org](mailto:tom.lamont@bghnc.org) or 910-234-4312

All Lions are invited.

Classy Cars and Country Cooking open until 3 p.m. on May 11 at the BGHNC Farm.

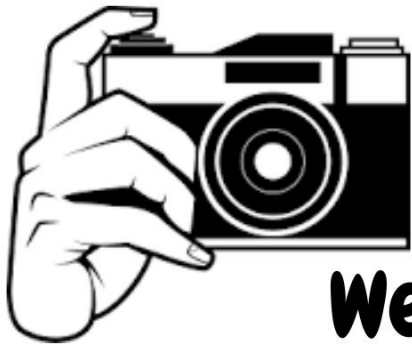


Lions Cottage at Boys & Girls Homes -  
Serving children since 1960



# THE LIONS COTTAGE AT





**Lions, “We Serve,”  
We are making history!**

**May your legacy be remembered.**

**LIONS CLUBS, PLEASE SEND IN  
PICTURES AND INFORMATION FROM  
YOUR SERVICE PROJECTS AND  
FUNDRAISERS. WE WOULD LOVE TO  
HAVE YOU INCLUDED IN THE  
DISTRICT HISTORY AND ANNUAL  
DISTRICT SCRAPBOOK.**

**PLEASE SEND THIS AND ANY OTHER  
HISTORICAL INFORMATION YOU WISH  
TO SHARE TO  
MD31L CO-HISTORIAN LION LIZ HART  
AT:**

**elizabethlkhart@gmail.com**





**EILEEN ARTAVIA**  
2nd Vice District Governor



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At our Budget Hearings Last year, our District Committed to \$90 per person/ \$75,000 for Brighter Visions. So far, there have been 14 clubs who have met or exceeded their goal. That is more than any other District. Thank you to the Clubs that have given from their hearts! whether it is 50% right now or 350% every dollar counts.

So, if we have more clubs that have given 100% or more than any other District, why? do you say do we have the least amount per member? It is because we also have the largest number of clubs who have given 0% so far this year. 25 to be exact. Of those 25, 13 also gave 0% last year. Is it a lack of funds stopping you? If so call me and I will help with your fundraiser. Is it a lack of knowledge? Let me show you! I refuse to believe that it is lack of heart! Lions have the BIGGEST hearts out there!

Some clubs say that “we don’t give to Brighter Visions” we support our community.

Do you send a VIP to the Fishing Tournament?

Do you have a VIP that uses a white Cane?

Does a VIP in your Community go to Camp Dogwood?

Is there a sighted Child of a VIP that could use a scholarship for college?

Do you do school or Daycare screenings? Or have the MSU come out to an event?

Or the VSP vouchers to get a child or adult an eye exam or glasses?

Do you know someone that has had a cataract surgery or cornea transplant?

If you can answer yes to ANY of these questions, by giving to Brighter Visions, You ARE helping your Community!

Eileen Artavia, 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE  
Brighter Visions Co-Chair

**BRIGHTER**  
north carolina lions  
**Visions**

100<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA LIONS COUNCIL STATE CONVENTION

**Our 100<sup>th</sup> 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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<u>Function</u>		<u>Number Adults</u>	<u>Cost</u>
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 28<sup>th</sup>:**

General Session  
District Cabinet Meetings

8:30 am

*See Page 2 for payment instructions and hotel reservation information*



## Our 100<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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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## **Are you ready for the next disaster?**

**As we move forward in our Lions year, I want to ask each of you are your ready for the next disaster?**

**Most of us think we are always prepared. We keep candles, flashlights with extra batteries and non-perishable food. Most of us are ready for a freak snow storm or ice storm. But what about when an entire community is damaged or wiped out by floods, fires, tornados or hurricanes.**

**So many in our District repeatedly state they only give locally. What if no one donated to LCIF? What if your community is in need would you expect the Lions to reach out and lend a hand.**

**Did you know that in January, LCIF approved \$11.2 million in grant funding for Lions service globally? So, I know many are thinking how much of that money does our area receive...**

- 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**

**Let's remember one person can make a difference. But think of the difference your Club, Zone or District could make. This year LCI is has set a goal of \$30 a year per member. That's \$2.50 a month.**

**That's right for less than a cup of coffee each month you can meet your monthly goal.**

**Current Distract Statistics**

**15 of 46 (32.61%) Clubs show a donation (this can be a club or a personal)  
Total given for district \$4698.42 or 24.92% of our District Goal.**

## **Ways Individuals and Clubs are recognized...**

### **Individual Donations**

**There are multiple levels of recognition to honor donors based on their one-time donation amount that meets the eligibility criteria as noted in the levels of recognition. The levels are as follows.**

**All Donors:**

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

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

**Gold Pin - US\$200 and above**

**Leo Members Only:**

**Leo-Presidential LCIF Supporter - Minimum donation of US\$20**

### **Club Donations**

**The Presidential Club Giving Award for LCIF is awarded to clubs based on their donation per-member average during the fiscal year.**

**There are multiple levels of recognition to honor clubs based on their per-member average contributions. The levels are as follows.**

**All Donors:**

**Bronze Level - US\$50 per member (within a fiscal year)**

**Silver Level - US\$100 per member (within a fiscal year)**

**Gold Level - US\$250 per member (within a fiscal year)**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Lion Tammy Thomas**

**District LCIF Coordinator**



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## Calling all Lions!

CAMP DOGWOOD IS IN NEED OF SUMMER  
CAMP VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING  
WEEKS:

May 26-30: 3 volunteers needed

June 2-6: 10 volunteers needed

June 23-27: 8 volunteers needed

June 30-July 4: 8 volunteers needed

July 7-11: 7 volunteers needed

July 28-August 1: 10 volunteers needed

**WILL YOU ANSWER THE  
CALL?**



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## **Vision Screening Newsletter District 31-L**

**PDG Curtis Erickson**

**NCLF MSU/KSU committee chair**

Hello, District 31L Clubs! This is a communication about Vision Screening in District 31-L. So, what's the latest? --- and what does it mean to you?

The emphasis now is to expand NC Lion's KidSight screening program, by increasing the number of clubs that become involved in screening "kids", with the availability of the KidSight Unit (our equipped SUV) being the catalyst that makes it possible. There is a \$75 charge a day for this unit, but WNC Lions will reimburse the \$75. Just send me a copy of the paid invoice from NCLI and I will reimburse the club.

Gordon Gilomen of Canton Lions is handling the operation of vision vehicle and you can reach Gordon at 309 696 4561.

Many clubs have succeeded in gaining access to public elementary schools across NC to screen their kids. Those clubs are to be **congratulated**, because it's quite a challenge to convince public schools that we can enhance what they provide!

So far this year we have vision screened 11135 and referred 1392 at a 13% referral rate.

Screening "kids" doesn't necessarily mean conducting screenings in public schools, So how do we open doors to organizations/venues that provide services to the younger kids? I'm glad you asked! We do it by contacting day care center directors, Head Start directors, Pre-K directors, Early Head Start directors, non-profits that support such organizations. We provide program literature and attempt to meet with them to offer our FREE services, to supplement what they already provide.

Quite a few clubs already have their own photorefrac-

tive screening devices, PlusOptix or SPOT, and the necessary certified screeners or volunteers (from their club and nearby clubs) to move forward with screenings without further assistance.

Other clubs that don't have the screening devices and/or the screeners or other volunteers need only to contact me to discuss how to move forward. We will assess your circumstances and work together to develop a plan. We provide onsite training for Lions clubs.

To all Zone Chairs and Future Zone chairs, the opportunity to have Bryan Hoover come and do training in our district. Also, Gordon and I are available to do training. Please contact Governor Susan Fernandez or me to arrange.

Don't forget to use the NCLF VSP voucher program to receive eye exams and glasses at no charge to Club and NCLF.

In Lions Service,

Curtis Erickson  
NCLF MSU/KidSight Chair  
[Swede883@yahoo.com](mailto:Swede883@yahoo.com)  
828-489-9552

**Bryan Hoover**  
MSU/KidSight Coordinator  
[bryan@nclf.org](mailto:bryan@nclf.org)  
Ext. 241

**Gordon Gilomen**  
**District 31-L MSU/KSU Chair**  
R 309.696.4561  
[ggilomen@gmail.com](mailto:ggilomen@gmail.com)





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**Great Service Project!!!!**

Keep the reading glasses you collect for recycling.

Decorate a box and put the glasses along with club brochures in it. Work with Local Libraries for placement.

Someone always needs readers at the library plus its a great way to share information about your club. If you have questions please reach out to Tammy@nclf.org



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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

**\$10**  
DRINKS, CORNBREAD, HOT DOGS, DESSERT,  
AND ALL YOU CAN EAT CHILI, OPPORTUNITY  
DRAWINGS, AND FAMILY ACTIVITY AREA  
KIDS 11 & UNDER \$5  
AGES 3 & UNDER FREE

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

Sponsored by  
**Long View Drug**

Please bring any used eyeglasses or used sneakers for recycling

## 2024 Presidential LCIF Supporter



Your generosity not only earns you well-deserved recognition but also helps us make a lasting difference in the lives of those in need.

**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



**District Service Project**  
**Bring your broken crayons to the upcoming Cabinet meeting.**

**Broken crayons will be recycled and sent to Childrens hospitals for use.**

Here is a service project to think about.

Bring to the next Cabinet Meeting at the state convention.







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## ***All Things McCune***

**CALLING ALL LIONS**  
**LET'S JOIN TOGETHER March**  
**23RD AT 9AM**  
**Please bring your lawn and**  
**garden tools.**  
**Our McCune residents need us!**  
**If interested contact**  
**Tammy**  
**liontammv2020@gmail.com**





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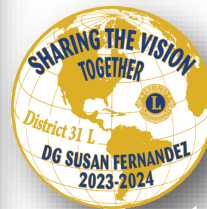
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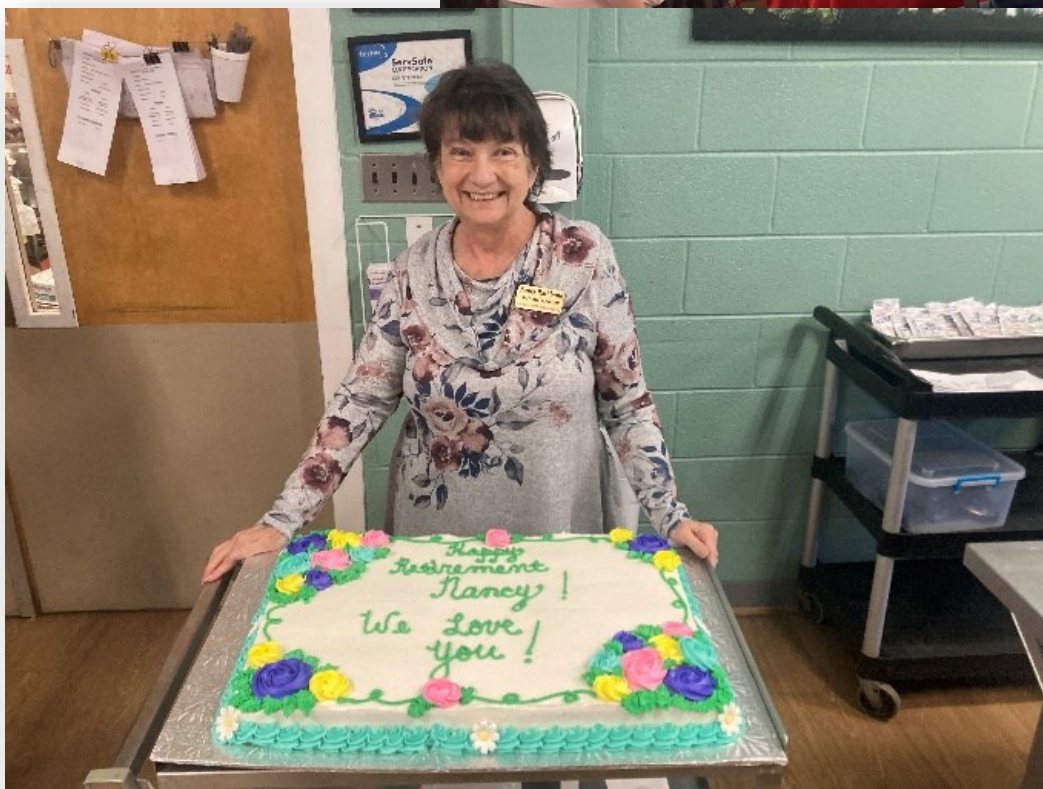
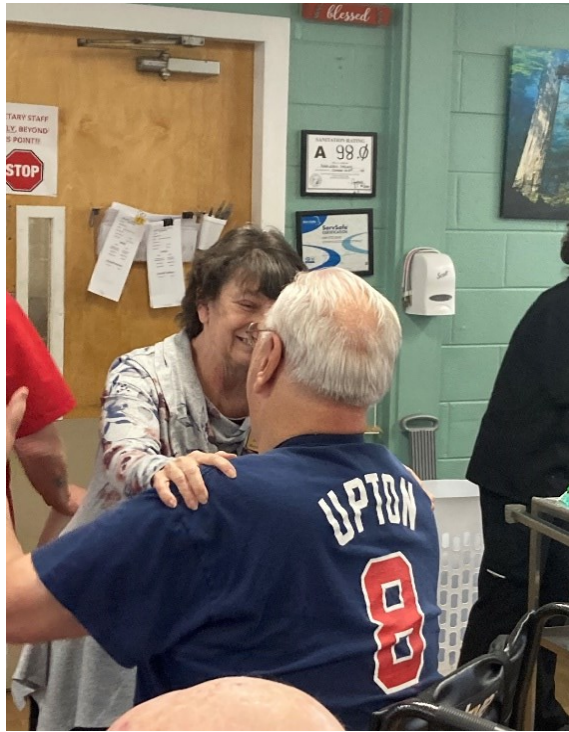
### MCCUNE CENTER RETIREMENT LUNCHEON

The Marjorie McCune Center residents and staff held a special luncheon for the center's Administrator, Nancy Rathbone, on Monday, February 19, 2024. Nancy will be retiring from her administrator position effective March 1, 2024.

Everyone enjoyed pot roast with mashed potatoes and gravy, one of Nancy's favorites. The residents presented her with a beautiful quartz desk clock with an inscription that read "Never underestimate the difference you made and the lives you touched...enjoy the next chapter". In addition to the gift, a card was presented to Nancy which all residents and staff had signed with their best wishes for her. Residents also took turns with hugs and good wishes for Nancy at the luncheon. Everyone enjoyed a special treat for desert with a specially decorated cake honoring Nancy.











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## Miracles do Happen!

As Lions we have the rare opportunity to occasionally experience a true miracle in our service to the community. At a recent children's vision screening on a Sunday afternoon we were blessed to experience one. At first we thought it was just a calamity of errors that fell into place but when we stood back and looked at the whole situation we realized that that wasn't the case, someone had his hand on our shoulder and guided us in every step we took.

The event was a children's screening at Mt Sinai Community Baptist Church. The reason it came about was an accidental phone butt dial to Pastor Gray which led into a conversation about conducting a children's screening at his church. Dates and times were discussed with follow up discussion planned prior to the event date. Well a call came from Pastor Gray's assistant on Wednesday stating they were ready and what time we would be there on Sunday. Well due to the late notice I asked if we could reschedule as we didn't have volunteers in place. Well Pastor Gray is very persuasive and let me know he already had over twenty kids lined up along several other churches from the community also sending kids. So I sent out an email to our club asking for volunteers and seven responded that they would be there. On Sunday we ended up screening fifty two kids and referred several for follow up examinations. One screening in particular stood out and the mother was gracious in sharing her story below. So once you have read her story you can see that sometimes what we might consider a calamity of errors is actually God's hand on our shoulder helping us in serving others. I am appealing to you as a Lion to reach out and serve your community with screening children by joining the NCLF KidSight program. Miracles are real, let yourself be there when it happens.

Wayne

Hi Wayne, after Ian's initial eye exam through the Lions Club at Mt. Sinai, I was given a referral. The next day I contacted Connie who was very helpful in letting me know what my next steps should be and also what ophthalmologist I could get a follow-up exam with in the vsp network. I was so fortunate to get Ian in that same day with Graystone eye and they confirmed the Lions club findings. As it turns out Ian is farsighted.

If it wasn't for Mt. Sinai Baptist Church and the Lions Club it may have been months or even years before I knew about the eye problems Ian has. He has taken eye exams with the eye chart before, but he has never had an exam with the eye machine. Untreated, his eye sight could have gotten progressively worse. He may have even started to develop problems in school with his learning and school work because of problems with his vision. I am so thankful for the Lions club and their eye exam program because without them, my son's future could have been greatly affected. I could never say thank you enough. After Ian's visit with Graystone Eye, I reached out to Pastor Gray and also Connie to let them know how much I appreciate them and everything that was done for Ian. Have a blessed day.

Alysia Wilson





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Fellow Secretaries,

Now is the time to review your rosters. Keep attendance accurate. Remember dues are based on July 1 and January 1 membership totals. No Club wants to be billed unnecessarily for dropped members.

Over the next few months, we will be pulling officer information for the 2024-25 directories. Please make sure all contact information is correct. Also please add your 2024-25 club officers to your My Lion Page. If you need assistance, please let me know.

Thank you to all for your monthly membership reports. We currently have 36 of 46 clubs up to date on reporting-.

We have 14 of 46 clubs up to date on Activity reporting. If you need assistance please reach out. I am here to assist. Let's try to at least have 50 % reporting by the end of March.

Respectfully submitted:

Tammy Thomas

District 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](mailto:sl29470@bellsouth.net) – (786) 449-6174

IDG Dawson Hart – [dawsonhart313@gmail.com](mailto:dawsonhart313@gmail.com) – (828) 302-6957

Lion Fred Huscher - [fred@huscher.us](mailto: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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## ROCKING CHAIR WITH YOUR

Personalized Plaque

**\$250**

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**CAMP DOGWOOD IS HOPING TO REPLACE OUR WELL-LOVED ROCKING CHAIRS WITH NEW, WEATHER RESISTANT ROCKERS!**

YOU CAN SEND A CHECK TO:  
7062 CAMP DOGWOOD DRIVE  
SHERRILLS FORD, NC 28673  
OR

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

## looking for volunteers



**POST YOUR SERVICE  
PROJECTS ON**



**TO REACH A WIDER AUDIENCE**

- ✓ **EASY**
- ✓ **FAST**
- ✓ **EFFECTIVE**
- ✓ **FREE**



### 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](mailto:tammy@nclf.org)





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## **NCLF Recycling Programs**

### **Hearing Aids**

**Hearing Batteries**

**No Cases or accessories**

### **Cell phones**

**No cases**

**No accessories**

**Remove cover**

### **Batteries**

**Type Button battery- flat watch style all sizes**

### **Glasses**

**No contacts**

**No Cases**

**No loose lenses**

**We accept all styles of glasses and sunglasses.**

**Reading glasses make a great service project. Decorate a box with a sign have a pair of reads on us. Include club brochures. Place box in local libraries, senior centers, etc. for easy distribution to those in need.**

**If you send glasses to NCLF please send to:**

**7062 Camp Dogwood Drive Sherrills Ford NC 28673**

**Questions call: Tammy at 828-478-2135 ext. 229**



# 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](mailto:april@ncclf.org) or [alan@ncclf.org](mailto:alan@ncclf.org) for more information.

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



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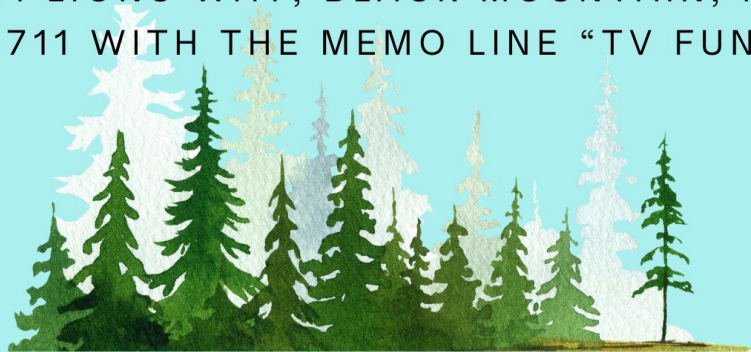
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NEW TELEVISIONS  
ARE NEEDED FOR  
THE RESIDENTS AT  
THE MCCUNE  
CENTER

PLEASE SEND DONATIONS TO THE WNC  
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."**



**Lions Clubs International  
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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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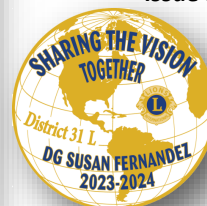
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*The most current district directory can be found at [www.nclions31l.org](http://www.nclions31l.org) you will need a user ID and Password to access*

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