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Hello District 31L Lions,

Hard to believe that the District 31L Fall Convention and the holidays are fast approaching. October was a very busy month for many of our clubs, and I am very proud of District 31L during the September Month of Vision. Thank you to everyone and especially Lion Fred Huscher, GST, for his promoting and assistance with this project. A brief summary is as follows:

Vision Screening
Enchroma Glasses
Financials

8 clubs with a total of 4,774 screened with 842 referrals

19 clubs ordered

\$13,210 total (Brighter Visions for September - \$12,960 and Camp Dogwood sales submitted - \$250)

In addition, there were numerous service projects, social media presence, flyers distributed, etc. Thank you to all that participated.

40th Anniversary VIP Fishing Tournament

The VIP Fishing Tournament was a great success. It was a wonderful experience and enjoyed spending time with the VIPs and other Lions. As your District Governor, I am very proud of the number of Lions that were there to volunteer and the VIPs from District 31L. Read further down in the newsletter for an article from PDG Michael Schwartz. A few pictures for your viewing pleasure.





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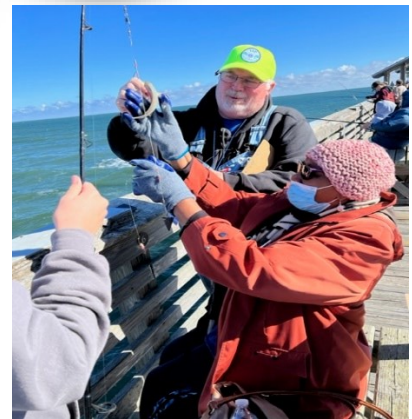
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Franklin Club Visit (10-24-23)

Had a wonderful time at the Franklin Club visit last night. Not only was the drive beautiful with the fall leaves, but we had a lot of laughs and I was so impressed at what the club has done, is doing, and future projects. They just had two successful fundraisers: spaghetti dinner where the profits benefit the Scholarships; and the pumpkin fest that benefit broom sales. They also have a poker run where the proceeds go into the scholarship fund. Two Enchroma glasses were ordered and already provided to one recipient. The club is also participating in the District Points Contest.

Coming up will be the Santa Pal (shop for 24 children and gift certificates for 10 Veterans) and the Dime Board in December. We also discussed the Bags to Benches and the members are in the process of selling their Camp Dogwood tickets.

Keep up the great service you are performing in your community!





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District 31L Fall Convention

Looking forward to seeing many of you there (November 17-18, 2023). 1st VDG and his committees are planning a fun-filled convention weekend.

2024 NC State Pins

Now on sale (\$2.00/each), and can be purchased from the DG, 1st VDG or the 2nd VDG. Featured on the pin is Myrtle "Kay" Thompson Cagle (June 3, 1925 – December 22, 2019) was an American pilot and one of the Mercury 13 female astronauts' group. Her life story was in the last two newsletters. Get yours today! Sales are going great, and we received 100 additional pins.

Goals and Progress

To keep our District 31L Lions informed, below is a snapshot of the goals and progress:

Category	Goals	Current	Remaining
Members	Increase from 725 to 786 (increase 60)	722	64
Service Reporting	75%	41%	34%
Training (officers & Zone Chairs)	100%	29% zone/ 7% officers	71% zone/ 93% officers
Brighter Visions (includes Memorials)	\$75,000	\$18,068 (24%)	\$56,932
Camp Dogwood	\$36,350	\$2,550/ 35 books/ member	\$33,800
LCIF	100% of Clubs (47)	\$3,180	\$18,630
Governor's Monetary Goals	100% of Clubs (47) \$13,775	21 clubs/ \$5,235	26 clubs/ \$8,540

It is a good start, but we need to work together to achieve these goals.



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Directories

If you have not received your directories (each Club will receive one for President, Secretary and PDGs), please contact the DG. You can also find the most up to date version on line in the district website. Please let me know if there are changes, and we can update accordingly.

District 31L 2nd Vice District Governor slot is open for 2024-2025



If you have any questions, please contact PCC Martha Butler.

A candidate for the office of second vice district governor shall:

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

Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or sub-district.

Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as second vice district governor: (a) As president of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years; and (b) As zone chairperson or region chairperson or cabinet secretary and/or treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof. (c) 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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Super News!! The Downtown Hendersonville Bear Auction concluded on October 21st and Strollin' sponsored by Etowah and Hendersonville Lions Club was sold through the buy it now auction for \$10,000. This means that Brighter Visions will be the recipient of \$8,500 and Downtown Hendersonville will receive \$1,500 to support their ongoing downtown activities.

The winning bid was made by Cummings Cove Community. Cathyann Burgess, the artist who painted the bear, lives in Cummings Cove and one of her neighbors spearheaded the bidding process. So Strollin' will be coming back home. He will sit in front of the clubhouse/restaurant which is opened to the public, so all can enjoy him



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From the desk of PDG Marilyn....

Towards the end of my year as District Governor, my Council of Governors voted to present Lion Tony Angel of the Franklin Lions club with the prestigious Ambassador award for his outstanding work on the NC Lions State Convention booklet over the past years. The money was sent to NCLI for the award, but somehow it was never ordered or presented to Lion Tony.

On Friday, October 9, 2023, it was my honor to present Lion Tony Angel with his Ambassador award.

You may not know that Lion Tony Angel not only puts together the NC Lions State Convention booklet, but his work also includes our own District 31L Convention booklet, design and monitoring of our District 31L website, the 40th Anniversary NC Lions VIP Fishing Tournament booklet and Lion Tony is assisting me with the design and launch, at a later date, of our District 31L volunteer website.

Thank you, Lion Tony, for all you do!





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Dear Lion Leader,

Do you hear the buzz? Do you feel it? Do you sense the Lions' spirit awakening peoples' hearts in a new way, creating more opportunities to serve? Have you noticed new Lions among us? Are you aware of all the people

Our *MISSION 1.5* train has left the station by adding 7,555 members. Our growth so far is plus 814. Toot, Toot! But some tough curves and high mountains are approaching as we typically experience dropped members in November and December. Let's make sure to hold on tight, by ensuring our members are satisfied with their service opportunity. This will help your club grow through these tight curves and steep mountains. All Lions jump aboard the train to success!!

Eighteen new clubs have been added with 13 pending. Toot, Toot! Will you get on board and bring valuable service back to those communities where Lions are no longer present?

We need to pick up speed if we are to reach our *MISSION 1.5* targets in CA1. Will you hop on board the *MIS-SION 1.5* train and **Just Ask** a friend, family member or colleague to join us in service? Will you help new, young and diverse members serve in the way that's best for them so that the important needs of our communities are met? Let's **Join Together** with other organizations to build our membership stronger than ever before.

Like the Johnny Cash song says "I hear the train a-comin', It's rollin' 'round the bend." Hop on board and enjoy the ride!

Challenge Accepted!

Lion Pat Vannett
Past International Director
Global Action Team
Constitutional Area Leader, CA1



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American
Red Cross

Create holiday cheer.

Give Blood.

District 31L Lions Blood Drive

Saturday, November 18th, 2023
8AM to 1PM

DoubleTree Hotel
District 31L Fall Convention

Schedule your appointment today!

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org
Blood Donor App | Sponsor Code: District31L



Come give blood Nov. 10–30 for an exclusive pair of Elf & Red Cross socks, while supplies last![^]
Join us to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the film Elf and make giving blood a holiday tradition!

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D31L Fall Convention

Centerpiece raffle

Proceeds will go to Brighter Visions

1 ticket for \$5.00

3 tickets for \$10.00

10 tickets for \$20.00

Drawing will be held at the DG Banquet. Tickets sold at Friday Fun Night, Tail Twister Breakfast, Hospitality Room and Registration Desk. Do not need to be present to win.



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FALL CONVENTION TAIL TWISTER BREAKFAST AUCTION TO BENEFIT BRIGHTER VISIONS

We need your help!

IDEAS FOR BASKETS

- * **DO YOU HAVE A ARTISAN SKILL OR
TRADE SKILL TO OFFER?**
- * **NEW OR NEW-LIKE ITEMS FROM
CLEARANCE AISLE OR THRIFT STORES**
- * **SOLICIT LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR
DONATIONS**

CONTACT PDG GEORGE SUGGS, AUCTION CHAIRMAN AT:

gesuggs@aol.com

*The final bidding price of your donated basket will go
towards your club's Brighter Vision Contributions!*





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Updates from your District Secretary....

As we finish the first quarter of our Lions year, I want to thank all of those that are working hard to log membership and activities. We still have a long way to go to achieve the goal of 100% reporting. District L is showing approximately a 50% of clubs with current membership reporting and approximately 30% current on activity reporting. Remember each month Secretaries as part of our duties we are to log the monthly membership with LCI. This helps to keep Club records accurate and up to date. Remember that dues for Lions International, NCLF, Governors Goals and LCIF are based on your club's membership on July 1st of each year.

So, what classifies as a club activity.

Service activities.

Donations

Fundraisers

Meetings

What info is needed to report??

Name of activity

Date and time

Number of people served

Number of volunteers

Volunteer hours (this is total hours)

Description of activity.

Let's strive as a District to have 100% reporting and show DG Susan we support her.

If you have any questions and need help please reach out.

Thanks for all you do

District Secretary

Lion Tammy Thomas



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LCIF UPDATES:

Thank you each and every one for donations to date for LCIF. Currently we have 9 of our 47 clubs donating a total of \$3180. Reminder for those that can the yearly goal for 2023-24 is \$30.00 per member. District L has currently donated an average of \$4 per member. Currently in the district we have several members/clubs that are eligible to receive a Melvin Jones. If you would like to know if you are eligible, please reach out to me at liontammy2020@gmail.com. As we move forward over the next few months, I hope to visit your club. If you are the Club LCIF Contact and would like to receive info and brochures please let me know and I will get them in the mail to you (the brochures finally delivered and are in my possession).

Each month I would like to share some information with you on one of 8 global causes..... This month we will discuss Hunger. During the upcoming month I challenge each Lion in District L to donate to at least \$5 to LCIF. I also challenge each Lion to donate 10 can food items to your local food pantry.

This info is taken from the LCI website...

Hunger

We serve to improve human flourishing. We see how the global hunger and nutrition crisis bears upon our local communities, and believe true community improvement depends on the thriving of its

members.

Hunger Facts

- **815 million people affected by hunger in 2016: 11% of the global population**
- **155 million children under age five are stunted due to chronic malnutrition**
- **1/3 of annual food production is lost or wasted throughout the supply chain**
- **33% of women of reproductive age suffer from anemia**

We Have a Plan

Lions and Leos serve to improve human flourishing, and we see how the global hunger and nutrition crisis bears upon our local communities. We believe community improvement depends on the thriving of its members.

Our Strategic Objective: Ensure all community members have access to nutritious foods.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lion Tammy Thomas

District LCIF Chair

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All about Fall Convention



**COME GET YOUR GROOVE ON AT...
DISTRICT 31L'S FAMILY FUN
NIGHT**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH
6:30-9:00PM**

**DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON
115 HENDERSONVILLE ROAD IN
ASHEVILLE**

GAMES   

70'S COSTUME CONTEST

Center pieces for fall convention made by Lion Lorrie Anderson, Etowah Lions Club. These will be raffled off during the convention. So bring your cash. These are beautifully done!



**District Governor Susan Fernandez
cordially invites you**



**To share the vision together
at the**

District 31L Fall Convention



**NOVEMBER 17TH, 18TH, 2023
DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON HOTEL
115 HENDERSONVILLE ROAD
ASHEVILLE, NC 28803**

Registration is free, more info will follow, hospitality room will be provided.

Fall Convention Schedule of events

Sharing the Vision Together

2023 District 31 L Fall Convention Agenda

Friday, November 17, 2023

3:00 to 5:00pm...Hospitality Room Open [Stuyvesant]

3:00 to 6:00pm... REGISTRATION [Lobby]

3:00 to 6:00pm... Booths Open [Gallery]

3:00 to 6:00pm Pin Sales [Gallery]

6:00pm DEADLINE... Peace Poster Contest [Gallery]

6:00 to 6:30pm...Judging of Peace Posters

6:30 to 9:00pm... FAMILY FUN NIGHT [Burghley Ballroom]

9:00 to 10:00pm...Hospitality Room Open [Stuyvesant]

Saturday, November 18, 2023

6:30 to 7:30am...REGISTRATION [Lobby]

7:00 to 9:45am...Tail Twister Breakfast [Burghley Ballroom]

(7:00-8:00am food only)

8:15 to 9:45am...Certificate of Delegates [Gallery]

8:30 to 9:30am...REGISTRATION [Lobby]

10:00am to 12:15pm...Cabinet Meeting [Burghley Ballroom]

10:00am to 4:00pm...Booths Open [Gallery]

Noon to 4:00pm... Pin Sales [Gallery]

1:00 to 4:00pm...Hospitality Room Open [Stuyvesant]

1:15pm to 2:15pm...Town Hall Meeting with

International Director

Guy Hollander [Vanderbilt]

2:30 to 4:30pm...Round Table Discussions [Vanderbilt]

5:45pm...Head Table Line Up

6:00 to 9:00pm District Governor's Banquet [Burghley Ballroom]

9:00 to 10:00pm...Hospitality Room Open [Stuyvesant]



Sneek Peek

The final will be distributed at the registration desk



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Hope everyone is having a wonderful fall. I had a great time at the VIP fishing tournament it was great to see old friends and make new ones. Hope you are planning on coming to the Fall Convention it will be a lot of fun. I'll be back visiting clubs hope to get to see you there. Keep working on your clubs membership we need to grow our district and don't be afraid to ask for help that's what were here for. Take care see you at the convention.



Good Day District L!

The Convention is just around the corner and I am so excited to get to see all of my Lion friends in our district! I really love spending time with you all.

I recently visited the Claremont Club and boy are they busy! They have Lots of eye screenings coming up with the Unifour Screening Group. Every Child screened is a Blessing no matter which program used or if it is a club with a camera. The important thing is that we are screening the children!

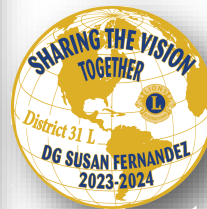
They also have lots of other Service Projects coming up including, meals on wheels, senior morning out, Camp Dogwood, Corner Table/ Backpack food program, Special Olympics, Salvation Army, Recycling, Project Warmth, Veterans Stand Down, McCune Center, Dimes for Diabetes and Disaster Relief.

While I was there, The club sent in a check for \$200 for a Basketball Goal and equipment for Camp Dogwood and a Check for Brighter Visions! Thank you, Claremont Lions Club!

See you all in November!



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Art Raffle
 For Your 2023-24
 Brighter Visions
 Fund Drive

BRIGHTER VISIONS
 WHERE THE ART IS

LAKE COUNTRY GALLERY
 Original Art by Brenda Vanhoy

Changing Tides
 Art is my business. I have been selling and custom picture framing art over 20 years in this area. Having art like my collection, I began the excitement of doing something no one else did but me. My designs are Abstract and Contemporary. All based on working with color, mood, life, life and just having fun.

Presented by
 Mooresville-South Mecklenburg Chamber of Commerce
 See US on FACEBOOK

Original Art by Brenda Vanhoy
 June 13th, 2024
 \$5 or 3/50 or 7/50

Frame Print by Brenda Vanhoy
 Drawing
 June 13th, 2024
 \$5 or 3/50 or 7/50

Art Raffle Tickets coming to your District Brighter Vision Chair

This donation for the 2023-2024 Brighter Vision's Art Raffle is from our local Artist, Brenda Vanhoy of Mooresville, NC. Brenda is also a talented framer and frames all the art work for the North Carolina Lions Foundation. She was so impressed with the purpose of NC Lions Brighter Vision Fund Drive she donated one of her own pieces of Art. Good Luck to the Winner on June 13, 2024. Donations can be added to your club BV total. **Send stubs, money and instructions to NCLF, PO Box 39, Sherrills Ford, NC 28673**

Tickets: 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10 and 7 for \$20 Drawing June 13, 2024 at the same time as the Camp Dogwood Raffle



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



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



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District L Humanitarian Project

Bring your items to the Fall Convention!

District L Service Project: Project Agape

is a shoebox ministry for Armenia Children . It is a collaborative effort of the NC and the WNC Conferences of The United Methodist Church in a joint venture.

Items needed f
Infant-2 yrs:
bibs
cloth diapers
diaper pins
socks
cap /hat
book
rattle and
packaged
toothbrush

ages 3-6
winter cap
gloves
note pad, ball
stuffed animal
toy or game

Ages 13-18
winter cap
gloves
socks
notepad
measuring tape
screwdriver

Ages 7-12
winter cap
gloves
socks
ball
stuffed animal
game /toy

DO NOT SEND
toothpaste, food,
candy , toy guns,
camo items ,
battered items



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DIMES FOR DIABETES

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

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

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

LION PAULETTE GASPERSON PCC

DISTRICT CHAIR FOR DIABETES

E-MAIL: lfgasperson@comporium.net

HOME: 828-883-8596

CELL: 828-384-0057



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LIONS' PRIDE, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

WHAT?



The Lions Cottage's
outdated HVAC went
kaput

The boys living in the
Lions Cottage have had
to be moved to other
housing.



GOAL: \$30,000



DONATE NOW



BOYS & GIRLS HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA
400 FLEMINGTON DRIVE
PO BOX 127
LAKE WACCAMAW, NC 28450



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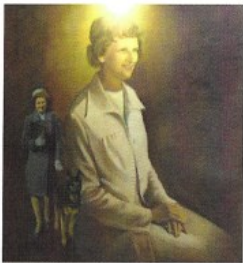
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History How the Marjorie McCune Community Began



The Marjorie McCune Community began in the 1970's when Marjorie McCune, the first blind social worker in Buncombe County, approached Lions in Western North Carolina

with a dream. That dream was that visually impaired individuals have a place to receive long term care in a beautiful environment. Lions in Western North Carolina agreed to make her dream come true.

Originally intended to accommodate the visually impaired, the Marjorie McCune Community has become home to many persons with various needs of assistance.

Today, the Marjorie McCune Community continues its mission of offering the most complete care with individual programs and activities. And most importantly, fulfilling a wonderful lifestyle for its residents. We promote a community with fellowship and friendships.

The Marjorie McCune Community is located only 12 minutes from exciting Asheville and forty minutes from historic Hendersonville.

What Makes the Marjorie McCune Community Special

Marjorie McCune Community is a Licensed Adult Care Home Serving Families Since 1976

Highly Rated Affordable Assisted and Independent Community

A Home Like Setting With a Caring and Experienced Staff

A Beautiful Residential Environment Centered on Community

Your freedom to choose...Complete assisted living center and charming independent living cottages in a wonderful mountain setting.

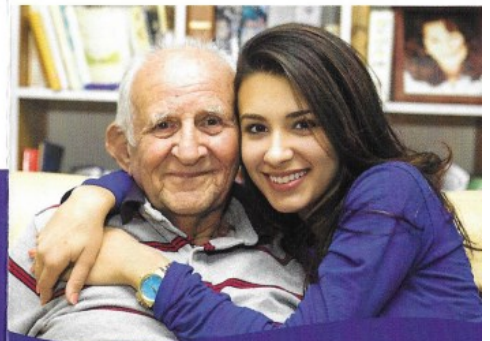
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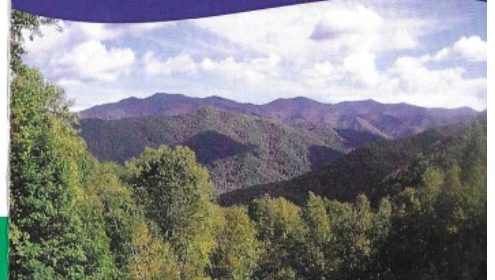


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We offer so many extras compared to other assisted living communities. We are dedicated to meeting the needs of the people that live here. We are personally committed to excellence with the respect of each individual in our care.

Professional Services

- Nurse on Staff
- EMAR Medical Administration
- Doctor / Medical on call 24 hours a day
- In house visits by physician, podiatrists, physical and speech therapists, psychologists, psychiatrists and other professionals

Amenities

- Private and semi-private rooms
- Each room with private bath
- Built-in cabinets and drawers
- In double rooms, privacy dividers
- Private phone available
- Cable TV - WiFi
- Free Internet and computer access
- Library (written & electronic)
- Campus Solarium
- Walking trail, gazebo and gardens

Every Day Services

- All meals include 2 entree choices, breakfast buffet and salad bar
- Snack bar open 24 hours a day
- Daily housekeeping services
- Laundry services
- Transportation services
- Special events, outings, activities
- Large chapel with inter-denominational services
- Big screen TV's in lounge and event areas
- Beauticians and barbers available

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Community**

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- No Administrative Fees
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- State Licensed
- Medicaid Approved
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Established in 1976

Independent Living

Our community includes affordable and charming private cottages. Our cottages have been recently renovated and include a bedroom, bath and kitchen with appliances. There is private parking and they are handicap accessible.



Services include

- One meal per day
- Activities
- All maintenance
- Electricity, water and sewer
- Transportation
- Telephone
- Trash pick-up
- Weekly housekeeping
- Weekly laundry service
- Pet and cable TV available for additional fee

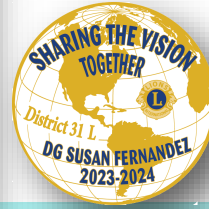


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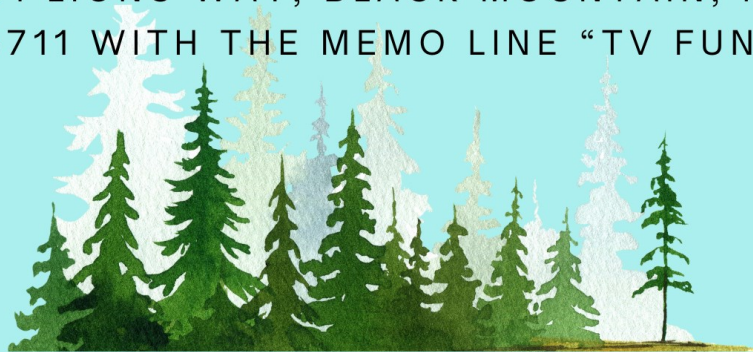
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NEW TELEVISIONS
ARE NEEDED FOR
THE RESIDENTS AT
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PLEASE SEND DONATIONS TO THE WNC
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101 LIONS WAY, BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC
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Franklin Lions Club

On Friday, October 6, 2023, members of the Franklin Lions club held a very successful dinner fundraiser from 4:00PM to 7:00PM at the Louisa Chapel Methodist Church in Franklin, NC. Club members dished out spaghetti with all the trimmings, salad, garlic toast, dessert, and a drink. The spaghetti sauce is a secret recipe, and it had to be fantastic because the club served up 283 meals during the three hour event for a total of \$2,535.

What a great afternoon and evening! THANK YOU to the hundreds of people that supported the Franklin Lions Annual Spaghetti Dinner! We also thank our volunteers and the business community for their invaluable assistance as well! Proceeds from the event benefit our Annual Scholarship Program for Macon County students. Again, thank you and we look forward to seeing you again next year!





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Franklin, North Carolina's 27th Annual PumpkinFest rolled into action on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. People of all ages enjoyed Franklin's largest street festival and the Franklin Lions club members were there to celebrate with them and raise monies for their service activities that benefit the Franklin community.



Franklin Lions Club NC

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The Franklin Lions Club thanks you for supporting us and all the great visits during the 27th Annual PumpkinFest today in downtown Franklin. It was great to see all of you and we look forward to seeing you again next year!!





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By PCC Michael H. Schwartz

Gastonia Lions Club

The 40th NC Lions VIP Fishing Tournament was held Oct. 16-18 on the Outer Banks, with five blind and visually impaired anglers from District 31-L taking top honors in the state competition.

While the three-day event is officially sponsored by the Columbia, First Flight, Lower Currituck, Manteo, Nags Head, and Wanchese Lions clubs in District 31-S, Lions from across Multiple District 31 travel to the Outer Banks and volunteer to work at the state's biggest service project.

Known as the world's largest tournament of its kind, this year's event attracted more than 360 participants, 200 Lions volunteers and 130 students from schools in Dare and the surrounding counties.

The event was first held in 1976 as a local fishing tournament for blind children, aged 10 to 16. It wasn't until 1983 that Lions clubs on the Outer Banks revitalized the tournament to become the event we know today, with blind and visually impaired people of all ages participating.

This year's event featured participants representing 53 North Carolina counties. In addition to competing in a state and national contest, attendees enjoyed three sun-filled days of fellowship and independent living workshops designed to help visually impaired persons. They were housed in local motels and served six nourishing meals, with food donated, cooked, and served by Lions.

Lions clubs in District 31-L donated money to purchase the bulk of the food served at the event. Past District Governor George Suggs and PDG Marti Henri coordinated the food program in the district.

In addition to serving meals, volunteers also helped with registration, selling merchandise, providing security, preparing fishing rods, cut bait, baited hooks, removed the fish from hooks, prepared and cleaned the event facilities, or they just offered encouragement to participants.

The state fishing competition was held on Tuesday, Oct. 17 with participants casting lines from the Avalon, Jennette's, and Nags Head fishing piers; along with two head boats – the Crystal Dawn and Miss Oregon Inlet.

The tournament uses a catch-and-release format with points awarded, based on size and species, for each fish caught. Winners were recognized at an award's banquet held at The Lions' Center at Westcott Park in Manteo on Wednesday, Oct. 18.

State winners from the district included:

Allen Grant, a blind angler from Gaston County, who took first place honors on the Avalon Fishing Pier.

Brian Irby of Rutherford County took first place on the Crystal Dawn.

Billy Milburn of Lincoln County took first place on the Nags Head Fishing Pier; Bryan Anthony of Avery County took second place; and Robin Robinson of Buncombe County took third place.

The National VIP Fishing Tournament was held at Jennette's Fishing Pier on Wednesday, Oct. 18 with participants representing eight states and Canada.

This year there was a three-way tie for first place in the national competition. Larry Herring of North Carolina, Derek Camille of Rhode Island, and Randy LaFountain of Rhode Island took the top honor.

The 2024 NC Lions VIP Fishing Tournament will be held on Oct. 21-23.

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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
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**"All questions must be answered and any application received
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Calling all Lions! The annual Lions Club Peace Poster contest is in full swing. For those of you with children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or neighbors ages 11, 12 or 13, this is a wonderful chance to share the Lions Club vision with the opportunity for the youngster to express what peace means to them. The LCIF "Dare to Dream 2023-2024" program provides kits to anyone interested in participating.



Consider these reasons to sponsor a Peace Poster participant:

1. Encourage children to express their feeling through art.
2. Boost kids' self-esteem and let them know that their ideas matter.
3. Give you club the opportunity to promote peace in a world of conflict.
4. Increase your club's visibility in the community.
5. Give children and adults some hope for a peaceful future.

Deadlines to remember:

~~October 1: Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. Over~~

November 15: Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.

December 1: Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.

Order your kits (\$11.95 ea.) online: <https://lionsclubsinternational.myshopify.com/products/ppk1> For next year when they are ready.

Questions? Contact Rick Hazzard, District Chairperson Peace Posters:

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CAMP DOGWOOD IS STARTING A NEW RECYCLING PROGRAM

WE WILL BE ACCEPTING AND RECYCLING HEARING AID BATTERIES AND WATCH BATTERIES!

(WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING GLASSES AND CELL PHONES!)



**PLEASE DROP OFF AT:
7062 CAMP DOGWOOD DRIVE
SHERRILLS FORD, NC 28673**





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Message from Global Membership Chair

Have you ever heard the phrase “Don’t get tripped up by what is behind you”? It can be applied to many areas in our lives but today I want to discuss how it can apply to our Membership goals and Club membership.

Our 2023-2024 International President has tasked us with Mission 1.5. MISSION 1.5 is the drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide by 2027 so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than ever before. Lions Clubs International President Dr. Patti Hill introduces this global initiative to grow. [Learn more at www.lionsclubs.org/mission1.5](http://www.lionsclubs.org/mission1.5).

Mission 1.5 may appear to be a daunting and unreachable goal. As an organization we are not growing in numbers. And let's face it if your club was alone in trying to achieve it – yes it would probably be unachievable. But here is the thing. **You are not alone.** In the world we have 48,000 local clubs and membership according to the LCI Website is still at 1.4 million (although maybe 1.385 million by recently reported numbers). If each club can have a **net gain** of 2 new members in just this year, then we would move our membership needle from 1.4 million to 1.5 million. Isn't that a little more doable? OK if we had a net gain of 2 members each year till 2027 that would push us closer to 1.7 million – also, I believe quite achievable. Yes, some clubs will gain more members and that is wonderful for the new members joining, the communities they are in, and the members already established in that club. Many hands make light work, and many hands can serve more people, volunteer more time to service and hopefully donate a little more to the many worthy causes within Lionism.

Gaining new members is not our only challenge though and I want to revisit that phrase I started with. Tripping up with what is behind you makes little sense but if we do what we've always done the likelihood is we will get what we have always gotten. The focus should be what is ahead and how do we strive to reach the goal in front of us. Gaining and retaining members is everyone's role but there are a variety of reasons people do not continue with the clubs. Some are personal and we have to provide grace to those who believe Lions Clubs are no longer for them. Some are political, (I know, I know we are a nonpolitical club), but the reality is politics within even the smallest of club administration may not be everyone's cup of



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tea. Some are unforeseen reasons - I have heard frustration from members who don't feel they can do enough, and the opposite - when members want to try new projects, but other members feel its too much for the club.

Personalities in a club make the club but even surrounded by those with a similar outlook the roadmaps to the destination may cause disagreement. But I still feel the biggest trip up hazard is ourselves not asking, inviting and including the very people who see us out there in their communities trying to change the lives for the better.

We don't call you Lions just because you are qualified – We qualify you as a Lion when you join.

Yes, we will utilize all your skills, passion, and know-how. Yet, we will also teach you new skills and help you excel in who you want to be.

If you are facing a hurdle within members, you can reach out to membership and your GMT for brainstorming no matter who you are - Board of Directors or new member. We can assist in mediation and conflict resolution, but we will also do everything in our power to help the members find the place they feel most suited to be - and that may be trialing another club in the area they reside or work in or specialty club.

Do not let past conflicts prevent you from your vision or prevent anyone else from their vision. We are here to serve and to create leaders. If we all stayed in our first job it would be an interesting world – and not necessarily in a good way.

AliceFaye Peugh

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New Member Roll Call 2023-2024

May 2022

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

Dennis Wyss—Etowah LC

Jeannie Edwards—Swannanoa Valley LC

Samantha Payne—Claremont LC

Sheila Shehan—Spuce Pine LC

Dot Eckhard—Black Mountain McCune LC

Linda Woody—Black Mountain McCune LC

October

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

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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

Joe Cook—Long Biew LC 10/20/2023

William Newsom—Etowah Lions Club 10/30/2023

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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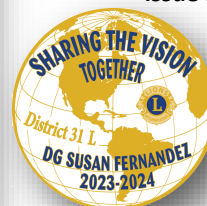
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The most current district directory can be found at www.nclions31l.org you will need a user ID and Password to access

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

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Acronyms for our Lions

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

Lions are digital Climb aboard!

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

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

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

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