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Hello District 31L Lions,

By the time you are reading this, the month of service for Vision will be completed. As of this writing, I do not have all the information compiled, but many of our clubs have been participating from collecting glasses, ordering the Enchroma glasses, vision screening and numerous other service activities and fundraisers. I look forward to providing that information to you in a separate email when completed. Thank you to everyone and especially Lion Fred Huscher, GST, for his promoting and assistance with this project.

Your DG visited three clubs this month:

Weaverville Club Visit (9-11-23)

The Club is doing a great job and want to share some of their accomplishments with you:

- Held the 9th car show in July and had a successful event that helped raise funds for club projects. This year they partnered with the local scout female unit of BSA to assist which were a great help.
- Raised money for Dimes for Diabetes and partnered with a local teacher's sorority Kappa Kappa Iota to help with the donation.
- Collecting glasses, cell phones and hearing aids from around the community.
- Support the community for those who needs funds for eye exams and glasses.
- Ordered two pairs of the Enchroma glasses.
- Donations to the local food bank.
- Built a wheelchair ramp for a member of the community.
- Provided three scholarships.
- Provided funds for VIPs to attend Camp Dogwood and the VIP Fishing Tournament.

*****Please read and save the very last page of this newsletter for important information to help you throughout the year. It was heard that some didn't even know about the point contest. There is information on the district web page that all secretaries should be aware of. Please take a moment to go and look to see what you may be missing out on for your club. Thank you! *****



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Thank you for your continued service, and your DG promises to work on her selfie skills.

Andrews Club Visit (9-15-23)

Zone Chair Ramona Fox and I received a warm welcome from the Club. We discussed governor's goals, Brighter Vision goals, LCIF goals and service projects. Camp Dogwood tickets were distributed. The Club is going to place an ad for the Fall Convention.

The eye van was used on September 22. The Joel El-Khauri Award was presented to Renate Craig. The award is in honor of President's Barbara's father who was a Lion for 50 years. Keep up the great work. Fundraisers are being held for food banks and their food truck will be at the fair in October. The Club continued to sell brooms and collect glasses.

Thank you for your continued service!



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Mills River Club (9-15-23)

The Club welcomed me at their early morning meeting with a delicious breakfast. Very busy club with vision screening, broom sales at the Farmer's Market, fundraising activities, food pantry program to name a few.



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Their biggest fundraiser will be the Fiber Fair which will be held October 20, 21 & 22. Keep up the great service you are performing in the community!



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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The first annual Etowah Lions Farmers Market Health Fair was held on Wednesday September 13th. Along with our normal fare of veggies and other goods we had representatives from various health related organizations. Our Etowah Lions President Dick Wilcox did vision screening. The Henderson County Health Department checked blood pressure; performed blood sugar screening; handed out COVID tests and also had vaccines available. Hearing Life representatives were available to set up complimentary hearing assessments. A representative from Alignment Healthcare was available to discuss Medicare health plans. Additionally Lion Susanne Andrews spoke about Children's Healthcare of Atlanta which treats children with cancer and blood disorders. She collected monetary donations for the health care center and sold Camp Dogwood tickets.

All in all it went well. We handed out apples as the healthy snack. We will plan for another health fair at our market next year.





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The Unifour Childrens Sight program is proud to announce its new partnership in working with the Good Samaritan Clinic (NC Farmworker Health Program). As part of serving the Unifour community this partnership will allow us to give vision assistance to a most critically in need segment of our community while at the same time allow us access to a program that will give us tools we could have never dreamed of acquiring on

our own.

This partnership came about during a recent screening by the Valdese and Rutherford College Lions Clubs at the Enola Headstart daycare in Morganton where we were introduced to Analia Sarver, outreach coordinator at the Good Samaritan Clinic (NC Farmworker Health Program) and were asked to help get their vision program up and running. While they had a dedicated Vision Examination Room, mobile screening unit and some donated equipment there was a lack of direction in how to proceed so the reason for their request to us in helping in its completion. So Dr Alan Winesett along with (one of our Optometrist advisors) Jon Snelling, visited the clinic inventorying its contents and drafted a list of needed equipment to complete the examination room. Grant requests have been submitted along with a call to local organizations for funds needed to purchase that equipment. This week the first donation was received from the North Carolina Farm Bureau, Burke County members so we have the process in the works with hopes of equipping the exam room over the next ninety days. Once completed we have commitments from our UCS Optometrist advisors to man the screening clinic monthly.

In advance of the clinic's opening volunteers from the Unifour group have been accompanying the Good Samaritan Screening in the fields at night to conduct a vision health triage of the field workers to identify those who most need the services of the screening clinic along with giving out sunglasses. This process will assure a manageable workload for the volunteering Optometrist when manning the clinic's examination room.

Below is a description of the Good Samaritan Clinic (NC Farmworker Health Program), its statewide clinic network along with its mission in serving the community.

Wayne Houser
Unifour Childrens Sight

The Clinic
Good Samaritan Clinic is an interdenominational faith-based ministry providing medical care, dental care, mental health counseling, farm worker outreach, confidential HIV testing and counseling, ancillary services, and prescription medications to Burke County residents who are without private insurance, government assistance, or the financial resources to afford such care. No one is ever refused services based on race, gender, religious beliefs, or sexual orientation. Good Samaritan Clinic was founded on the belief that healthcare is an essential right for all, regardless of income.

Some Clinic Partners - UNC Hospital - Morganton Eye Physicians - Burke Health Network - Health Departments - High Country Community Health - The Enola Group Early Head Start.

Farmworker health program in particular **Our mission** is to advance the health and well-being of agricultural workers and their families by consulting, leveraging resources and facilitating shared learning with a statewide network of partners.

Some NCFHP partners - Student Actions for Farmworkers - UNC School of medicine - NC state university - NC agro-medicine university

The clinic has about 1700 patients, about 900 are farm-workers.

I am attaching the NC map with all the coverage for the NCFHP

Bendiciones,
Analia Alvarez
NCFHP Outreach Coordinator
Good Samaritan Clinic
500 E Parker Rd. Morganton NC
28655
(828)3682673



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Clínicas de Salud para Trabajadores Agrícolas en Carolina del Norte • Farmworker Health Clinics in North Carolina

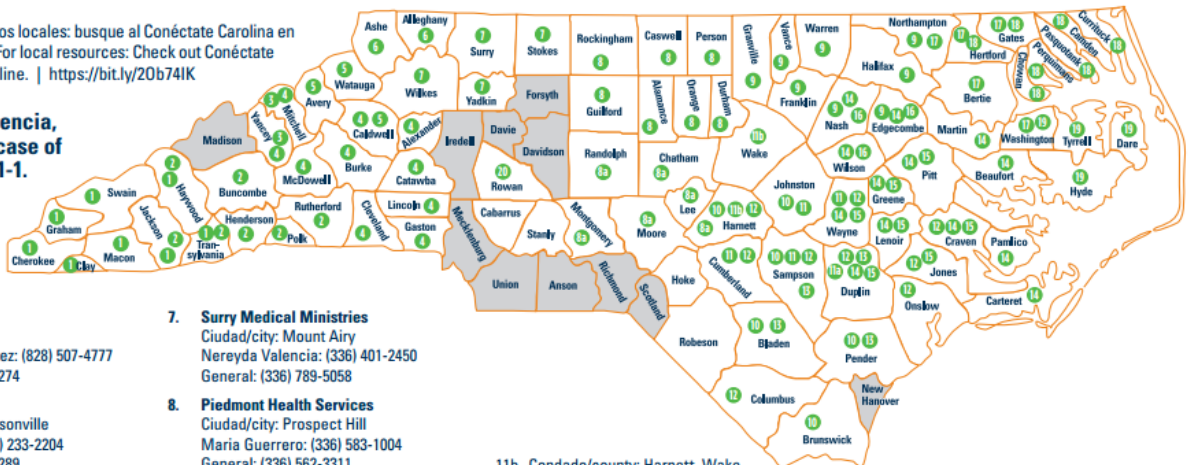
NOTA: Busque al condado donde vive Ud. en el mapa. El número en cada condado indica el número de la clínica más cercana a Ud. en la lista de clínicas. Los contactos principales para los programas de salud para trabajadores agrícolas se muestran en **negrita** a continuación.

NOTE: Look for the county where you live on the map. The number in each county corresponds to the closest clinic to you in the list of clinics. Primary contacts for farmworker health programs are shown in **bold** below.



Para recursos locales: busque al Conéctate Carolina en el Internet. For local resources: Check out Conéctate Carolina online. | <https://bit.ly/20b74IK>

En caso de emergencia, llame al 9-1-1. In case of emergency, dial 9-1-1.



1. **Vecinos, Inc.**
Ciudad/city: Sylva
Esperanza Dominguez: (828) 507-4777
General: (828) 293-2274

2. **Blue Ridge Health**
Ciudad/city: Hendersonville
Kenett Melgar: (828) 233-2204
General: (828) 692-4289

3. **Mountain Community Health Partnership**
Ciudad/city: Bakersville
Amber Dillinger: (828) 688-6621 General:
(828) 688-2104

4. **Good Samaritan Clinic**
Ciudad/city: Morganton
Analia Alvarez: (828) 368-2673
General: (828) 212-4185

5. **High Country Community Health**
Ciudad/city: Boone
Derrick Vela: (828) 789-9386
General: (828) 262-3886

6. **AppHealthCare**
Ciudad/city: Jefferson/Sparta
Erin Torres: (336) 572-1097
General: (336) 246-9449

7. **Surry Medical Ministries**
Ciudad/city: Mount Airy
Nereyda Valencia: (336) 401-2450
General: (336) 789-5058

8. **Piedmont Health Services**
Ciudad/city: Prospect Hill
Maria Guerrero: (336) 583-1004
General: (336) 562-3311

8a. Ciudad/city: Moncure
Cecilia Gama: (919) 428-4859
General: (919) 542-4991

9. **Rural Health Group**
Ciudad/city: Henderson
Jessica Orellana 919-339-2608
General: (252) 438-3549

10. **Commwell Health**
Ciudad/city: Newton Grove
Andrea Morales Williams: (877) 935-5255
General: 1-877-935-5255

11. **NC Farmworkers Project**
Ciudad/city: Benson
Janeth Tapia: (919) 915-2220
General: (919) 701-1084

11a. Condado/county: Duplin
Maria Mejia: (919) 915-9991

11b. Condado/county: Harnett, Wake
Balbina Cerro: (919) 623-8370

12. **Goshen Medical Center**
Ciudad/city: Faison
Rose Beasley: (910) 935-0767
General: (910) 267-0421 ext. 1140

13. **Black River Health Services/Manos Unidas**
Ciudad/city: Atkinson
David Gasca: (910) 445-0783
General: (910) 665-9141

14. **Greene County Health Care, Inc.**
Ciudad/city: Snow Hill
Francisco Limon: (252) 747-2921 ext. 2310
General: (252) 747-4199

15. **Kinston Community Health Center, Inc.**
Ciudad/city: Kinston
Anna Kinsey (252) 286-6276
General: (252) 522-9800

16. **Carolina Family Health Centers, Inc.**
Ciudad/city: Wilson
Alma Alcantar: (252) 243-9800 ext. 263
General: (252) 293-0013

17. **Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center**
Ciudad/city: Ahoskie
Brayan Madero: (252) 642-4188
General: (252) 332-3548

18. **Gateway Community Health Center, Inc.**
Ciudad/city: Elizabeth City
Marisela Antonacci: (252) 333-1047

19. **Engelhard Medical Center**
Ciudad/city: Engelhard
Erica Monzon: (252) 542-9475

20. **Cabarrus Rowan Community Health Centers, Inc.**
Ciudad/city: China Grove
Britt Payne: (704) 792-2242



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Hello Lions!

August was a busy month for our Lions in District 31L. Let's keep the momentum going, especially for the 2nd Annual Service Project which is Vision coming up during September. You will find a separate flyer in the newsletter. The goal is to have ALL clubs with a Vision Service Project during September, especially on September 30. **Be sure to provide your zone chair and/or the District Governor with your project details.** Also, Lion Fred Huscher, District 31L GST Chair, will be providing additional information in the very near future. Please feel free to reach out to either one of us if you have questions. Let's reach 100% in our district (all 47 Clubs). There will be a contest for the district with most participation. If you would like to schedule vision screening during September, please contact PDG Curtis Erickson sooner than later.

Let's aim for 1st place!



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. The following is about her life (excerpts from Wikipedia):

Cagle was born on June 3, 1925, in North Carolina. Cagle had always wanted to fly from a young age. When she was 12, her brothers taught her to fly using the plane they owned. When she "earned her wings" at the age of 14, she was the youngest pilot in North Carolina, and at the time, may have been the youngest in the United States. She joined the high school's aeronautics class, when the school's instructor was drafted to fight in World War II, she finished out her year as the teacher. As a flight instructor she was nicknamed, "Captain K." Cagle earned her private pilot's license when she was nineteen.

Cagle joined the Civil Air Patrol and the Ninety-Nines, and wanted to become a WASP. Cagle went on to run an airport near Raleigh and her own charter plane service. In 1950, she earned a trophy in the Powder Puff Derby. She earned her Commercial Pilots license with Airplane Single and Multi-Engine Land ratings and Instrument ratings by 1951. She was also a certified Flight Instructor, Flight Instrument Instructor and Ground Instructor. Her flight school was located in Selma.

Cagle began writing a column called "Air Currents" in 1946 for the *Johnstonian Sun* newspaper in Selma. Later the column was moved to the *Raleigh News and Observer* from 1953 to 1960. When she flew a T-33 jet trainer, she became one of only five women who had "ever piloted a jet."

Mercury 13



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Cagle married former pupil, Walt Cagle, in 1960. Her wedding dress was made from parachutes. She moved to Macon, Georgia, in 1961. Not long after she arrived, she was invited to participate in the new Women in Space Program. Cagle had 4,300 hours of flying time by the time the program started. Cagle and the twelve other women participants eventually became known as the "Mercury 13." During the program, and among the multitude of tests she underwent as part of the program, she noted that one of the worst tests she faced was having her eardrums frozen.

Post-Mercury 13

Cagle went back to teaching students how to fly and also enrolled in Mercer University. She continued to be involved in the Civil Air Patrol. In 1964, she competed in the International Women's Air Race. In 1986, she became a member of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Team. In 1988, Cagle became the second woman to graduate with an airframe and powerplant mechanic's rating from the Georgia Institute of Technology. She was still flying her single-engine Cessna in 1998 at age 73, even though she had retired from teaching at Robins Air Force Base. On April 26, 2003, Cagle was inducted into the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame. In 2007, she and eight of the Mercury 13 graduates earned an honorary doctorate from the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh.

Why Do You Remain a Lion?

It's not for the money, it's not for the fame.
 It's not for any personal gain.
 It's just for love of fellow man.
 It's just to lend a helping hand.
 That's something you can't buy with wealth.
 It's not medals worn with pride.
 It's for the feeling deep inside.
 It's that reward down in your heart.
 It's feeling that you've been a part of helping others.
 It's a gain that makes you an effective Lion.



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First off thank you PDG Will Hicks for putting this library box together. It is beautiful and will sit on a yellow post, so it will be an eye catcher.

The Parks folks will put the post up on Monday and once that is secure the library box will be put in place. We do have some children's books but if anyone comes across more please bring them in.

Lion Kathleen is going to keep an eye on this library and i am sure if anyone wants to volunteer to help her that will be appreciated.

For the new Lions we dedicated this box to Lion Lucanne Rinke. She and her husband Fred were long time members of the Etowah Lions Club. Lucanne is a past president. She and Fred moved to Cullowhee so we lost them as members.

Lion Lucanne's enthusiasm for Lions was infectious.

The bench which we received from Trex for our plastics collection should also be placed at the park this week.





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This past week I visited the Spruce Pine and Lincolnton Lions Clubs, two strong and impressive clubs in our district. The Lincolnton Lions Club has donated \$100 to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in honor of childhood cancer awareness month. Additionally, their vision screening that they held at the annual Love Denver event was a big success. They screened 23 children with six being referred and currently are processing 4 VSP vouchers. The Spruce Pine club has welcomed a brand-new Lion, Sheila Shehan. That club continues work on membership and growing their club. Please make sure that you submit your Fall Convention reservations and ad purchases as soon as possible. Also, clubs please submit your \$20 contribution to the Fall District Convention Hospitality room. Checks should be made out to 2023 District 31L Fall Convention with hospitality room written on the memo line. Checks are to be mailed to Fall Convention Treasurer, PDG Curits Erickson at 445 Bass Lake Drive, Pisgah Forest, NC 28768. We hope to see you on Friday fun night. It will be a great time to fellowship and just have fun with our fellow lions. I look forward to visiting a few more clubs before I leave for the VIP Fishing Tournament.

1st VDG Dawson Hart



EILEEN ARTAVIA
2nd Vice District Governor



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Hello Fall!

With Fall I think of the cooling temps and our Fall Convention coming up November 17-18. The deadline to register is fast approaching! I am ready! Are you? I hope to see each and every one of you there! Come out and Support Your District Governor!

On September 13th. I had the privilege of meeting with the Lake Lure Lions Club. What a very busy pride of Lions they are!

They hold Bingo from Memorial Day through August to raise funds and awareness of the Lake Lure Lions Club, Broom sales 3 times a year for Brighter Visions, annual eye screenings (next one September 29, 2023.) Hold annual Peace Poster contest and award winners at meetings, Assist Town of Lake Lure Veteran's Day Program, quarterly roadside pick-up trash project, adopted 2 McCune residents, Sponsored Leo Club which is in 2nd year.

They also have their VIP Lions Christmas Lunch (with Chase and Rutherfordton) on December 3rd. which Personally I cannot wait to be a part of! There is so much more that this small core group of Lions are doing

I really am seeing why our motto is "we-serve" with the service I am seeing at the clubs I am visiting! To ALL of District 31L Thank you for ALL you do!!



How important is KidSight?

This morning (September 10th) on Fox News in an interview with Becky Pringle/National Education Association President she stated the two things that kids need the most to learn are proper nutrition and being able to see. So, with Lions being part of the Backpack program that makes food available for kids over the weekend and screening kids to give them access to glasses allows us to meet the most important needs of our children in attaining the best possible opportunity to succeed in life. We should recognize that as Lions we have been blessed with this great opportunity. "We Serve"

Wayne Houser

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All about Fall Convention

Win a trip to the District L Fall Convention



Each Lion/Club sending in \$500
in ads will receive one entry in
contest. Winner will receive meals
and hotel accommodations for
the District L Fall Convention.
October 2 deadline



Center pieces for
fall convention
made by Lion Lorrie
Anderson, Etowah
Lions Club.

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

**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.



DISTRICT 31L FALL CONVENTION ADSHEET

November 17-18, 2023

"Sharing the Vision Together"

DEADLINE: October 2, 2023

The District 31L Fall Convention Committee encourages your advertising participation in the annual program book. This year, the program book will be in full color throughout. Advertising by your clubs, members and community businesses is what ensures a successful fall convention. Why do we have a convention? Lions from District 31L gather to do the business of the district, meet our fellow Lions, fellowship, and pick up some new ideas to take back to our communities to make us better Lions. The Fall Convention Committee hopes that your club will participate at the full-page level but if this is not feasible, please participate at one of the other advertising levels. Each ad will be professionally designed, and a PDF Proof of ads will be provided to you for approval prior to printing. Our goal is to sell as many ads as possible. Please let your potential customer know that this can be written off as an advertising expense.

Name _____

E-Mail _____ Phone# _____

Ad Received by Lion _____ of the _____ Lions Club

Buyers Printed Name _____ Signature _____

Please check all that apply. Use separate sheet for each ad sold.

Full Page Ad \$100.00__ Half Page Ad \$50.00__

Quarter Page Ad \$25.00__ Inside Front/ Back or Back Cover \$200 __

New Ad, Copy Attached__ New Ad, Copy Emailed__

Use Ad from Last year__ Use Ad From last year with changes__

Make check payable to District 31L Fall Convention, mail the check/ad to Lion Tammy Thomas, 2685 Hopewell Church Rd., Sherrills Ford, NC 28673 or email ads to liontammy2020@gmail.com.

INTERNAL USE ONLY

Received Ad _____ Excel Line _____ Received Payment Check/Cash _____

Submission Guidelines: Send advertising materials in any of these formats: PDF, JPG, TIFF, EPS, PNG, Publisher or Word. Send your photos in the highest resolution possible. 300ppi preferred. Low resolution photos pixelate becoming blurry when increased in size.

Actual Ad sizes are as follows: Inside Front/Back and Back Cover - 8.5" x 11", Full Page Ad - 7.75" x 10.25", Half-Page Ad (horizontal) - 5" x 7.75 ", Quarter Page Ad - 3.75" x 5". All measurements width x height.

District 31L Receipt (cut or tear off for your records)

Paid _____ for a _____ page ad in the District 31L 2023 Fall Convention Book.

Check# _____ /Cash _____ Date: _____

Thank you from the District 31L Convention Committee



9th Annual District 31L Fall Convention
"Sharing the Vision Together"
Double Tree by Hilton Asheville-Biltmore

November 17-18, 2023

Fall Convention Meal and Registration Form

Name(s): Please print first and last name(s) & circle title and honors that apply

Club _____ **District** _____

1. _____
PIP ID PID DG PDG CC PCC 1VDG 2VDG Lion Guest MJF JSF WLW BOH HOF AMB

2. _____
PIP ID PID DG PDG CC PCC 1VDG 2VDG Lion Guest MJF JSF WLW BOH HOF AMB

3. _____
PIP ID PID DG PDG CC PCC 1VDG 2VDG Lion Guest MJF JSF WLW BOH HOF AMB

4. _____
PIP ID PID DG PDG CC PCC 1VDG 2VDG Lion Guest MJF JSF WLW BOH HOF AMB

Function

FFN	TTB	DGB	TOTAL
Family Fun Night	Tail Twister Breakfast	District Governor Banquet	
11/17	11/18	11/18	
Free	\$24.00	\$38.00	
1. _____	_____	chicken____/pork chop____	_____
2. _____	_____	chicken____/pork chop____	_____
3. _____	_____	chicken____/pork chop____	_____
4. _____	_____	chicken____/pork chop____	_____

Please check your meal preference for DGB above.

Meal descriptions:

DGB: Option 1- Pan Seared Herbed Chicken, Vegetables Chosen by Chef, Side Salad

Option 2- Grilled Center Cut Pork Chop, Vegetables Chosen by Chef, Side Salad

The dessert for both meal options will be plain cheesecake.

Please note any food allergies: _____

Registration deadline: Must be postmarked on or before October 27, 2023. You will need to fill out and send in the registration form if you are attending and wish to receive a convention booklet and goodie bag. There will be no meal reservations without a check.

Make check for meals payable to 2023 District 31L Fall Convention

Mail check and registration form to: Larry Gasperson 49 Burnette Dr, Brevard, NC 28712

Hotel room and deadline: Mention Lions District 31L Convention when reserving or use the below link <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/avlbmdt-lion-b1c9ea98-bfc5-4171-b60b-759cf74c9741/>

For hotel room, contact: Double Tree by Hilton

115 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, NC 28803

Phone: (828) 274-1800

Room Rate if reservation made no later than October 17th at 4pm:

\$109 plus sales and occupancy taxes: 1 king bed OR 2 double beds

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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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 GASPERSO PCC

DISTRICT CHAIR FOR DIABETES

E-MAIL: lfgasperso@comporium.net

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Do you go grocery shopping and have a smartphone?



Add a couple more steps to do easy service while getting errands done

Step One: Download the free app



Step Two: Choose activity



WHY?

For every mile walked, corporate sponsors will donate 22 cents to your charity of choice.

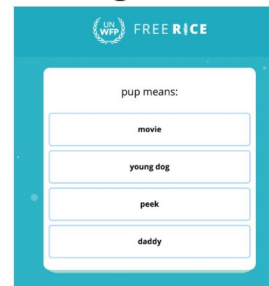
You can select from HUNDREDS of CHARITIES. Here are a few of your many choices.



Do you like word games?



Play a game and feed the hungry with Free Rice: A UN World Food Programme



For every vocabulary question answered correctly, 10 grains of rice will be donated to someone in need.

<https://freerice.com/home>

October is just around the corner and things are cooling off but not slowing down at Camp Dogwood.

As we finish up the month of September we are pulling together the final changes for our applications for next years Summer Sessions. Mark your calendars for May 26- August 2, 2024 for Summer Camp. Each week we will need a minimum of 8 Lion Volunteers each session. Volunteers will assist camp staff with various activities throughout the week. There is no charge for your room or meals for the week. If you are interested in volunteering please reach out to the Camp Office.

During the month of October, we have several venue reservations. These clients range from church organizations to the Red Knights which are part of a Fire Fighters Association. The Red Knights will be hosting their fall event as well as Trunk or Treat that will be open to the community.

We ask each and every Lion that is on Face Book to not only LIKE each of our post but please SHARE each post. This helps so much with advertising,

Dates to Remember:

December 2, 2023 Craft Bazaar- open to the public, vendors needed

April 3-9, 2024 Spring Volunteer and Eye Glass Sorting



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**PLASTIC TO
FANTASTIC**

**HELP THE LONG VIEW LIONS TURN
PLASTIC INTO A COMMUNITY BENCH**

so far
collected
172lbs



**weigh your plastic, take a picture of your plastic,
email picture & weight to elizabethlkhart@gmail.com**

DROP OFF LOCATIONS





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LIONS' PRIDE 31L, 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**



**PLEASE REPORT DONATIONS TO
BOYS & GIRLS HOME OF NC DISTRICT CHAIRMAN LIZ HART AT:
elizabethlkhart@gmail.com**



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Lions Club International is a service organization, and its membership growth refers to the increase in the number of individuals who join and become members of local Lions Clubs around the world. Membership growth is important for the organization's ability to carry out its charitable and community service projects effectively. Strategies for membership growth often include community outreach, networking, and promoting the organization's values and activities.

If you're involved with a Lions Club and seeking advice on increasing membership, feel free to ask for more specific guidance. Collaborations can prove to be successful. Partnering with other local organizations, businesses, and schools to expand your reach and attract individuals interested in service and community involvement.

If your club has speakers or programs at your meeting, you might invite the City / Town Manager, Chief of Police, Mayor. This is an opportunity to find out what is happening and what the need is in your community. When you have your events always invite them to the event. Also, find out what is going on in your town and sign up for a booth to participate. The more you are a part of your community the better it is. This way you get to collaborate to improve communication and know what is needed in your area.

Alice Faye Peugh

GMT



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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



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.

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before



after



**DG-Susan
1st VDG Dawson
2nd VDG Eileen
hard at work**



**A lovely appreciation
lunch for the volunteers**



District 31 L - Western North Carolina's annual fall clean up day at their McCune Community is a day residents look forward to. Residents always express their gratitude and those who can, help with the work while other come and sit outside and provide company while lions and volunteers work on sprucing up the outside of the community. Some of the work that was done today included: washing windows, power washing, sanding and staining the picnic area, lots of tree and bunch trimming, and pulling weeds to name a few. Thank you the Long View Lions Club, Sherrills Ford Lions Club, Etowah Lions Club, Hendersonville Lions Club, Black Mountain McCune Lions Club, Black Mountain Lions Club, Mills River Lions Club, Lincolnton Lions Club, Hendersonville Lions Club, Weaverville Lions Club, Swannanoa Valley Lions Club, and local community volunteers for your help today in beautifying our residents' community. Also, thank you to the McCune community for the lovely luncheon for the volunteers.

**THANK
YOU!**



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Marjorie McCune
Community Assisted and
Independent Living



McCune Halloween Community Trick or Treat

**Support residents
by sending candy.**

Please send by October 15!

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Information Needed to Possibly Receive a VSP Voucher

Top Portion to be Completed by Applicant

Patient Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Birth Date _____

Number of People in The Household _____

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

Please provide most current information.

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

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

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

Total Monthly Income_\$ _____

Total Yearly Household Income_\$ _____

Do you have Insurance? Circle YES or NO

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

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

Date _____

To be Completed by Lions Club

Name of Assisting Lions Club _____

Name of Lions Contact _____

Mailing Address for Lions Contact _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

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

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



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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.

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

December 1: **P**ostmark 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>

Questions? Contact Rick Hazzard, District Chairperson Peace Posters:

E: haphazzard1@bellsouth.net

P: 828-699-2217



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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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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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Downtown Hendersonville Bearfootin' auction is underway. The online auction started on Thursday September 21st and will end on October 21st. The Hendersonville and Etowah Lions clubs collaborated and purchased a bear.

Cathyann Burgess, a local artist, painted the bear and it was revealed in May and has proudly stood watch in downtown Hendersonville at the corner of 4th Ave and Main St. His name is Strollin' and he is a beauty.

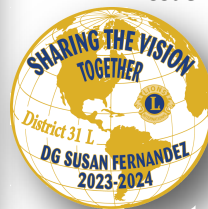
The funds made on the auction of this bear will be donated to Brighter Visions. If anyone wants to do a buy it now the price is \$10,000. At this time the current bid is \$3,000. Below is the link for the auction. Happy Bidding!!

Go to DowntownHendersonville.org

SOLD!



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How to Donate

Several methods are available to support LCIF.

Credit Card or PayPal

Donate securely at lionsclubs.org/donate.

Check

Send US\$ checks, payable to LCIF, to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation
 Department 4547
 Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA

Wire Transfer

To transfer funds to LCIF, present the information below to your bank, along with local currency funds covering the amount of your donation and applicable bank charges.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
 10 S. Dearborn St.
 Chicago, IL 60603 USA

ABA Routing Number: 021000021
 Account Name: Lions Clubs International Foundation
 Account Number: 754487312
 Swift International Banking Number: CHASUS33

Email a copy of your receipt or wire transfer form – along with your name, member ID, club name, and district name – to donorassistance@lionsclubs.org. If requesting recognition, please include the recipient's name, member ID, club name, and district name.

Local Bank Deposit

Lions Clubs International has accounts at local banks in several countries. Find a list of banks at which donations may be made at lionsclubs.org/paymentbycountry. Email a copy of your deposit receipt – along with your name, member ID, club name, and district name – to donorassistance@lionsclubs.org. If requesting recognition for someone else, please include the recipient's name, member ID, club name, and district name.

Transfer of Stock

To transfer stock or other securities, use the instructions and form found at lionsclubs.org/waystogive.

Complete Your Pledge Form Today!

Please return your completed form by either:

- **Email:** Scan and send to donorassistance@lionsclubs.org
 - **Postal Service:** Lions Clubs International Foundation | Department 4547 | Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA
- If including your initial payment with the form, please follow instructions above.

LCIF Pledge Form

All donations receive Melvin Jones Fellow credit!

PLEDGE INFORMATION

I pledge a **total contribution** of US\$ _____ to LCIF.

My first payment, US\$ _____, will be made by _____ Month/Day/Year

Pledges of US\$25,000+ are payable over five years; pledges of US\$5,000+ are payable over three years. If no payment frequency is selected, LCIF assumes equal annual installments based on pledge amount.

PAYMENT FREQUENCY (choose one)

☐ **Monthly**

My monthly payment
is to be US\$ _____

☐ **Annually**

My preferred annual payment
is US\$ _____

☐ **Other**

I will make _____ equal
payments of US\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD (choose one)

☐ **Check** ☐ **Wire Transfer** ☐ **Credit Card*/PayPal**

*Donate securely at lionsclubs.org/donate or provide:

☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ AMEX ☐ Discover

Card # _____ Exp. Date (mm/yy) _____

Name on Card _____ Security Code _____

DONOR INFORMATION

For pledge recognition and recording purposes, please provide the following information:

Name (print clearly) _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

ZIP/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Member ID _____

Club Name _____ District Name _____

☐ Please keep my personal and donation information anonymous. I understand my club/district (if any) may receive recognition for my donation.

Signature _____ Month/Day/Year _____

LCIF658_US_EN

LCIF

We are off to a great start for the 2023-2024 year. So far, we have 8 clubs that have made a donation towards LCIF. Donations from Clubs and Individual are currently totaling \$3080.00. I would be honored to have the opportunity to speak to your club about LCIF. Did you know that 100% of your donation benefits Lions' services. As we move forward into 2023, please consider donating to LCIF.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Tammy Thomas

District LCIF Chairperson

Helping Lions Service
Go Further

Lions believe in changing the world by serving the needs of our communities and are responding to challenges with kindness and care.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) empowers our service – both locally and globally – through grants and programs that magnify the impact any individual or club could do alone.

With 100% of donations to LCIF benefiting Lions service, donors can give with confidence that every donation, no matter the amount, will help a world in need.

Support our mission today.
lionsclubs.org/donate
 Learn more at LCIF.org

Lions Clubs International Foundation | 300 W. 22nd Street | Oak Brook, IL 60523

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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



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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

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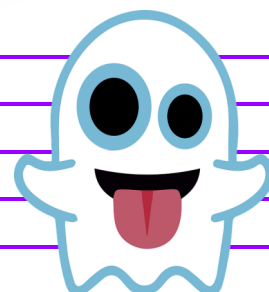
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Secretary Tammy Thomas	828-234-7659 liontammy2020@gmail.com
Treasurer Kathryn Nichols	252-495-2808 perkynick7@gmail.com



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

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

Quick Reference

Acronyms for our Lions

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

Lions are digital Climb aboard!

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

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

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

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