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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

*****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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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

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.

Camp Dogwood Tickets



As all Lions should know by now, each Lion is asked to sell five (5) books each. If you do not have your tickets yet, you will have them soon. If you need more books, please let me know. Let's make our District 31L proud and get those tickets sales up. It is for a great cause and you could be a \$15,000 winner.

COG and NCLF Weekend

August 11-13, 2023 the Council of Governors and NCLF meetings were held at the Marriott in Greensboro. It was the first meeting of NC District Governors, and I was proud to report what District 31L has been accom-



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plishing at the start and future of the 2023-2024 Lions year.

It was a very productive weekend, and I am proud to report that PDG Curtis Erickson and PDG George Suggs received International President's Certificate of Appreciation and 2nd VDG Eileen Artavia received a NCLF President's Certificate of Appreciation:



Leo Clubs

District 31L is making every effort to revitalize our Leo Clubs. Lion Debbie Bell, District 31L Chair, Lion Liz Steele, NC State Leo Chair, Dawson Hart, 1ST VDG and I had a very productive call during August. Lion Debbie will do a great job and she is determined there will be positive results. Stay tuned for more in the near future.

New Member Packets

DG Susan has 40 left. Please give me a call, and I can arrange to get those to you.

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.



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

This is an opportunity for you and your club to make a difference in the district.

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.



Upcoming District Governor Club Visits

September 14

Andrews Club

September 15

Mills River Club

October 23

Franklin Club



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Valley Springs Club Visit (8-21-23)

Had a great visit with the Valley Springs Club and presenting Lion Mary with an award. Also in attendance were two new potential members who have offered to help increase Club membership. Some wonderful ideas were



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 sign that makes you an effective Lion.



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President's Message

Changing the World with International President Dr. Patti Hill

Dear Lion,

Changing the World begins with us, but we're not supposed to do it alone. Collaboration is the key to delivering meaningful and lasting outcomes in your community. That's why inviting more great members just like you can help your club and community reach their full potential.

Let's start with planning ambitious service that addresses the biggest challenges facing our communities. Then, let's bring in new members to help us make an even bigger impact.

You know the difference one Lion can make. You know the difference your club has made. Together, we are changing the world one life, one relationship and one community at a time.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill

International President



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR GOALS 2023-2024

District Monetary Goals

These are projects within the district supported by the District Governor's team. In most cases these are long standing programs that are based on humanitarian and recognition matters. All members of the district are encouraged to support this fund so that the district can continue to support the efforts and recognize those that help.

There was an error in the newsletter regarding the District Monetary Goals (marked below in red and to be removed). District monetary goals are voluntary by clubs. The Fall Convention Tax (\$3.00/member) is a mandatory tax and is billed with the district dues and payable by all Lions in the District for District Convention expenses.

Clinical Eye Research:	\$2.00	
VIP Fishing Food:	\$4.00	
McCune Capital Improvement:	\$2.00	
McCune Activities:	\$4.00	
Convention Fund:	\$3.00	
LCIF/Melvin Jones:	\$2.00	
NC Ambassador:	\$1.00	
William L Woolard:	\$1.00	
Beacon of Hope:	\$2.00	
Leader Dogs:	\$1.00	
Per Person Goal:	\$22.00	\$19.00

Please accept my apology for any confusion.

Brighter Visions Goal

\$90 per member and \$67,500 (based on 750 members) for the district.

Please make check payable to NCLF direct.

Programs will be scheduled by your Brighter Visions Chair.

Memorials or Honorariums

Camp Dogwood

Memorials and Honorariums will be counted towards the Brighter Visions goal for the year over and above the goal per member.

Send to: PO Box 39, Sherrills Ford, NC 28673



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Marjorie McCune Community

Located in Black Mountain, this is your district project. These do not count towards Brighter Visions. The donation form can be found on our website NCLions31L.org.

Send to: 101 Lions Way, Black Mountain, NC 28711

Membership Growth

By the end of the 2023-2024 fiscal year, our district will achieve a positive membership growth (meet or exceed last year's membership numbers).

- a. Our team will charter two (2) new clubs.
- b. Our clubs will induct 60 new members into existing clubs.
- c. Our district will not surpass 10 dropped members.

Service Projects

Each Club in District 31L will have at least one service for project for each of the five global causes: (1) Environment; (2) Childhood Cancer; (3) Vision; (4) Hunger; and (5) Diabetes.

Camp Dogwood Tickets

3 **5** ticket books + per member

This is for maintaining the camp and operate.

Please note change

on Lake Norman that we own

VIP Fishing Tournament

Sponsor at least two VIPs

In addition, the District 31L Points Contest will be continued this year.

Let's all work together and make this a banner year!



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Lions near and far...

Would you like to honor a loved one?

**ENGRAVED PLAQUE
ROCKING CHAIR
\$250**



Camp Dogwood for the Blind and Visually Impaired is looking to replace their aged and worn rocking chairs with new sustainable ones.



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**



DAWSON HART
1st Vice District Governor



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Hello Fellow Lions,

I hope that you are having a great day. I have been visiting clubs and would like to share with you some highlights. At my visit to the Granite Falls Club I learned that they have an association with the Hudson club. They have not merged but they meet together once every three months to help each other out with fundraisers and service projects. They are both becoming very strong clubs within the district. Most recently I visited the Rutherfordton club. It was great to meet with them. They are working a lot with the blind and visually impaired in their county along with their social worker. They too are a very strong club in the district.

As for a few updates and reminders. We have our district fall convention coming up on November 17th and 18th in Asheville and we need you to make it successful. The convention is not only necessary for business meetings but as well, it is an event of fun and opportunities to learn more about Lionism and to meet other Lions. Family fun night will be just that, fun: 70's costume contest, music for dancing, and games. On Saturday we look to introduce some new events to the convention, one of which is for the first time hosting round table discussions on different areas of service within Lionism. Let's meet, greet, and inspire one another. Registration is open and forms are out.

In preparation for the convention, we must remember the basis of the funding for the convention, the sale of advertisements to go in the program book. It is crucial that every club purchases a minimum of one ad or solicits from a business the purchase of an advertisement. It not only supports our district as a whole, but also, your club could win free meals and stay at the convention for one of your club members. Upon sending in \$500 worth of ads, your club's name will be placed in a drawing.

In addition to the funding of this event as a whole, please make sure that your club sends in \$20 to assist with the operation of the hospitality room. Checks should be made out to District 31L Fall Convention with hospitality room on the memo line. Checks should be mailed to our District Convention Treasurer PDG Curtis Erickson at 445 Bass Lake Drive, Pisgah Forest, NC 28768 as soon as possible so we know the budget is that we have to work with. The goal of the hospitality room is to make attending the convention more welcoming to all Lions by providing snacks and some of the in-between meals.

In other news, my visits to clubs continue. This week I am looking forward to visiting the Candler, Black Mountain, and Hudson clubs as well as traveling with my fellow 1st Vice District Governors of NC to a special visit to Leader Dogs in Michigan.

Submitted Respectfully,

Lion Dawson Hart

1st Vice District Governor



EILEEN ARTAVIA
2nd Vice District Governor



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8/17/2023

This past weekend I attended my first Multi-District Meetings as 2nd VDG. It was very exciting to be seated at the table with all of the other 2ndVDGs, 1st VDGs and DGs!

I was honored to receive one of the first NCLF President's Certificate of Appreciation from NCLI Immediate Past President Skippy Jackson for my service as, Brighter Visions State Chair at the Installation Banquet. I was honored!

Now that my first Board and Council Meeting is complete, it is time to get down to meeting all of the clubs on my list to visit. I have emailed all the clubs on my list and will re-send to the ones who have not responded as of yet. I look forward to meeting with you all and seeing all of the good things District L is doing here in Western North Carolina!

Upcoming Club Visits:

September 13th-Lake Lure

September 26 Etowah



Long View Lions new service project: Supporting Library Patrons' Vision. Thank you for this great idea from Sherrills Ford Lions Club. This is a great way to get your lions club name out there in the community while also supporting one of our global causes of vision.

Plastic to Fantastic Update

Month 1, pounds kept out of landfills: **57**
5 months remaining, **443** lbs remaining to get bench for the community





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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.

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



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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 GASPERSOON PCC

DISTRICT CHAIR FOR DIABETES

E-MAIL: lfgaspersoon@comporium.net

HOME: 828-883-8596

CELL: 828-384-0057



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NC Lions Vision Awareness Month September 2023



Each club is challenged to have a service project or fund raiser for Vision Awareness during September, particularly on September 30, 2023. There are some ideas below, but it is important to track these projects and report the information/hours to your Zone Chair. Also, please set up the service project in My LCI so that the hours are reported. If you have an idea, please feel free to contact the District Governor.

Some ideas for your Club:

1. Color Blindness Test (you can even have each of your members take this test during a meeting):

Link for adults:

https://enchroma.com/pages/test?gclid=Cj0KCOjw2eilBhCCARIsAG0Pf8viKjPsdSHUH_O_sqwATQWXHnJET5bYAPNeFQAzbm0syu2KxSlrBIk0aAjY4EALw_wcB

Link for children that do not know their numbers:

<https://enchroma.com/pages/kids-color-blind-test>

2. Vision Screening
3. A "Walk/Run" for Vision Awareness
4. Set up a table or booth at your local Farmer's Market or Craft Fair. You can display vision pamphlets on one side of the table and Lions Club information on the other side.
5. Collect and drop off glasses.
6. Publicize the service project in your local newspaper, radio or TV stations.

This is District L's chance to shine in North Carolina. Let's have 100% club participation.



D31L Dispatch

**SUSAN
FERNANDEZ**
District Governor

www.district31l.org

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Fall Cleanup Day!

**Join us September 23, at 9 am at
McCune !**

**Bring your shovels, racks and club
members.**

**Join us in cleaning up and
fellowshipping with fellow Lions .
please RSVP to Lion Tammy Thomas
liontammy2020@gmail.com**



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VISION SCREENINGS

On Saturday, August 5th, 2023, the Lincolnton Lions Club participated in a completely free back-to-school event sponsored by local churches called Love Denver at East Lincoln Highschool in Denver, NC. Students are offered backpacks filled with school supplies, free kids' haircuts, free lunch, sports physicals, medical screenings, prayer, and faith resources, and so much more! Lincolnton Club members screened 23 children with 6 referrals (26%). Club members then followed up with families in need that qualified on an income basis utilizing the VSP gift vouchers for free eye exams and glasses.



On Tuesday, August 8, 2023, the Unifour Childrens Sight Program conducted the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club vision screening in Hickory, NC. They screened 65 kids ranging in age from 5 to 16 years. 6 kids were referred. Club members started at 9:15 and completed the last screening at 10:30. The Salvation Army counselors were very organized and efficient. Seven Lions volunteers participated from the Long View, Valdese, Claremont, Newton and Lincolnton Lions Clubs.



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VIP PICNIC

The Hudson and Granite Falls Lions Clubs held their annual VIP picnic luncheon on Saturday, August 12, 2023 at Hudson United Methodist in Hudson, NC. Forty seven visually impaired individuals attended the event. Club members formed a buffet and served hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, coleslaw and all the fixings including some incredible desserts made by Lion Rebecca Parsons. Twenty Lion Club members from the Hudson, Granite Falls and Lincolnton Lions Clubs participated in this wonderful event serving their community VIP's.





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Even though Summer Camp 2023 is in the books; we want you to know we are still very hard at work. This year we were tossed a few monkey wrenches, but we were able to regroup and offer our VIP's 4 very successful weeks hosting approximately 200 VIP's from across the state. During these 4 weeks each VIP were able to enjoy outdoor activities such as:

archery and bb guns- totally adaptive with all safety equipment. Campers love to hear the ping of the metal when they hit the target with their BB.

waterfront swimming, boating kayaking and fishing- here campers were able to enjoy a leisurely cruise around Lake Norman. Taking a dip in the lake to cool off is always a big hit. Kayaking gives them the opportunity to experience freedom on the water. Fishing is always so relaxing.

Smore's – Just enjoying time around the camp fire fellowshiping and catching up with others

Indoor activities included: pool tournaments, cards, shut the box, and many more Chair yoga and Chair exercise to increase strength and mobility

arts and crafts this year included headbands, clay sculpting, glass etching, bracelets, texture painting, and Tie- Dying shirts was a big hit. Each VIP received a T-shirts which was provided by donations from Lions across the state.

Educational seminars included: information on Living Wills, Vision Technology, and Guide Dogs

Our Campers were also given the opportunity this year to learn firsthand dance and culture of the countries of Brazil, Columbia and Mexico.

Camper Applications will go out no later than January 1st.

Dates for 2024 will be May 26-August 1

Theme: Mardi Gras.

If you are interested in volunteering next year for a Camping Session please give the camp office a call @ 828-478-2135.

Respectfully submitted:
Tammy Thomas
Camp Director



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Wednesday, July 5, 2023

Andrews Food Bank a Lions Club project

By CLAUDETTE MORGAN
Contributing Writer

ANDREWS – A food bank has been in existence in town since 1991.

In the 1980s, Joe El-Khoury noticed that a lot of his customers were in need of food and kept food at his store to give to someone if needed. Then several churches in Andrews started collecting and giving out food, and the food bank started to be operated by the Ministerial Association. It was called the Andrews Emergency Food Bank at that time.

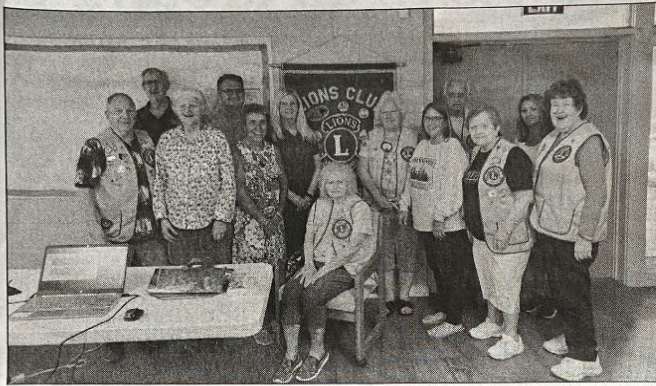
It became difficult to keep the food bank staffed and in the late 1990s it became a project of the Andrews Lions Club. It was incorporated in 2004, became the Cherokee County Food Bank Inc. and received tax exempt status.

Today, it remains a project of the Andrews Lions Club. It is open from 9:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Saturdays. Clients may come two times a month.

From monetary donations that are received, food is purchased from MANNNA food bank in Asheville, and local stores in Andrews and Murphy. Donations of food are also received from Walmart, J.C. Farms and Carolina Mountain Trout. Donations occasionally come from churches, school drives and individuals. All donations are greatly appreciated.

A major amount of money for the food bank comes from operating the Lions Club food trailer at various events held in the area. Some food is also received from TEFAP (the Federal Emergency Food Assistance Program).

The facility is located in West End Plaza, behind



Members of the Andrews Lions Club include Gene Craig, Denise Praizler, Barbara El-Khoury, Shelby O'Neal (seated), Kathy Hale, Renate Craig, D.J. Stephenson (front row from left), Joel Franks, Bo Phillips, Debbie Ambler, Claudette Morgan, Frank Jones and Gail Hodge (back).

Kobe Grill, in Andrews.

If you have any questions about the food bank, call 828-321-5512.

The Andrews Lions Club formed in 1951, and Dr. Charles VanGorder was instrumental in getting it started. Some of the other charter members were Dr. John Rodda, Burke Wood, John R. Slagle, William Walker and Mark H. Elliot. Many of the names have faded on the certificate on file.

The Andrews Lions Club is involved in hunger relief by operating the food bank. Members seek to provide eye care to those who cannot afford an eye exam or glasses.

Once a year, the state Lions Club Eye Van comes to Andrews, where people can receive free hearing tests and vision screening, and a preliminary eye exam from a local doctor. If glasses are found to be needed, a voucher or a certain amount of money can be given to the eye doctor for glasses.

Donations of used eyeglasses can be made to the

food bank or Dr. Taylor's office. They are processed and sent to less fortunate countries.

The Lions Club recently sponsored a vision screening at Graham County Elementary School, where the children were able to look through a touch-free device called Plusoptix s12 that shows if they have some vision issues going on, and then the school nurse can work with the parents to set up an eye exam by a doctor.

This was orchestrated by Lion Eric Reece. In about two hours, they were able to screen about 420 students. Of the 420 who were screened, 78 students need further follow-up.

This fall, Andrews Lions hope to do this in the Andrews Elementary School and some day care centers. The earlier vision issues are diagnosed, the better children can learn in school.

The Lions Club also helps the visually impaired by purchasing mops and brooms from Industries of the Blind. The sale of mops

and brooms helps earn money for various charitable endeavors. These can be purchased at the Andrews Chamber of Commerce or food bank.

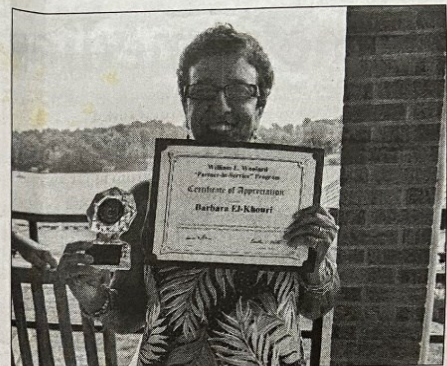
Another outreach is to support Camp Dogwood, a summer camp for the visually impaired.

Another project of the Lions Club is selling tickets at home athletic games at Andrews High School. This helps relieve the teachers of this duty. A scholarship is also given to a graduating senior in the Andrews High each year.

Anyone interested in serving in an organization that is seeking to upgrade the lives of people in western North Carolina may serve in the Andrews Lions Club. You do not have to be a resident of Andrews. Members are from across Cherokee County, Graham County and even from as far away as Macon County.

Call 828-321-5512 for details.

The writer is a resident of Andrews and member of the Andrews Lions Club.



Barbara El-Khoury shows the Award of Excellence for Andrews Lions Club and her certificate of appreciation, presented by Lions District Governor Marilyn Wunderler at the District 31-L awards celebration on June 8.

Lions receive awards

ANDREWS – Andrews Lions Club president Barbara El-Khoury and member Nancy Curtis traveled to Camp Dogwood in Sherrills Ford, N.C., on June 8 where the club received an Award of Excellence.

District Governor Marilyn Wunderler presented the award to the Andrews Club saying, "I am so impressed with the service activities you all accomplish in your community."

El-Khoury accepted the award for the club.

Wunderler also presented a Certificate of Apprecia-

tion to Lion El-Khoury and said it was "because of your outstanding leadership with your club."

Andrews Lions Club is one of the few clubs still active in western North Carolina, and is always looking for new members.

"You do not have to be from Andrews," El-Khoury said. "Our district has just over 800 members. The Andrews club has 28 with a few more planning to join in July."

Details are available at the Andrews Chamber or call El-Khoury at 828-321-5164.

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Left to right: At the Boys and Girls Club Casar location Robin Costner, Selma McMurtry, Wayne Houser Long View Lions; DeAnna Stines of Boys & Girls Club; Bill Phillips of Rutherford College Lions; Lisa Clever of Bethlehem Lions and Julie Weathers of Shelby Lions Club. (Not pictured Gordon Gilomen of Canton Lions also Vicky Huntsinger and Ludy Wilkie both of Shelby Lions Club.)

Lions Clubs come together for youth vision screenings at Cleveland County Boys & Girls Club

Recently the Unifour Childrens Sight unit along with KidSight USA certified screeners and Shelby Lions Club members conducted youth vision screenings at Cleveland County Boys and Girls Club.

The volunteers used PlusOptix's cameras to screen children that are participating in Summer Camp. The screening devices feature Touchless Screening Technology. No physical contact is needed to screen.

Lions KidSight USA is a nation-wide program that brings Lions clubs across the country together to ensure our children receive eye screenings and follow-up care when needed. 1-in-3 young children have poor but correctable vision - often just needing eyeglasses. According to educational experts, 80% of learning is visual. If children can't see well, they will have more difficulty learning.

The screening is not meant to replace a comprehensive eye examination and refraction that one can obtain through an eye doctor's office. The vision screening is designed to assess ocular health concerns and suggest further action by a licensed eye specialist.


For more information about the Shelby Lions Club or sight screenings contact Gerald Weathers 704-472-4531 or Jackson Jernigan 704-473-2732.



Lion Lisa Clever demonstrates the PlusOptix touchless screening procedure with a Boys & Girls Club Summer Camp participant in Upper Cleveland County.

On June 8th the Shelby Lions Club conducted their first children's vision screening at the Cleveland County Boys and Girls club. Assisted by members of the Unifour Childrens Sight program Lisa Clever, Bill Phillips and Wayne Houser along with Gordon Gilomen, District 31L NCLF Kidsight Coordinator 107 kids were screened at two locations. This undertaking was the first of its kind by the Shelby Lions Club in their quest to serve their area and make their presence known as a true community asset. They also used the service project as a catalyst in their local newspaper as an appeal/ attraction for possible new club members. This only shows that joining the Kidsight Vision Screening program is not an impossible task but one that is easy and can reward the club along with the community. So if your club wants to join in the ranks of Lion Clubs across the state in giving back to their community with children's vision screening just give Gordon Gilomen or myself a call and we will get you started.

Wayne Houser, Long View Lions
Unifour Childrens Sight



AUGUST 5, 2023

11:00 AM - 9:30 PM

11am-3pm:
GOAT FESTIVAL

11:00am
CLASSIC CARS

11am-5pm:
HERITAGE & ART DISPLAY

11am-9pm:
FOOD TRUCKS & VENDORS

1pm-4pm:
BOOK SIGNING & STORY TIME

11am-9:30pm:
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CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

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**Support residents
by sending candy.**

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CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

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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
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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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Weaverville Car Show Helps Local Area Residents

What happens when you mix a car show with hot dogs, hamburgers, and dedicated workers? For nine years now, this formula has brought the community of Weaverville together and has strengthened local area community services also. Once again, that was the result of this year's car show sponsored by the Weaverville Lions Club. Eleven winners of the car show took home certificates and a trophy, and close to 100 door prizes were given away during the event. Most of the prizes and some of the food at the show was donated by area businesses and merchants.

In spite of exceptionally hot weather, and an earlier threat of rain, this year's car show featured over ninety antique, classic, muscle, and unusual vehicles. Several hundred attendees purchased hot dogs, burgers, and drinks, all of which addresses community service projects sponsored by the club. The Weaverville Lions Club has served the local community for seventy-four years.

Woody Bolinger, President of the Weaverville Lions Club, exclaims, "Our annual car show is our biggest fund-raiser. This year's show was another success. Funds raised by the show, help us support community and individual services for the year." The motto of Lions Club International is "We Serve," and this motto undergirds all service projects of Lions Clubs. This year, Boy Scouts and leaders from Troop 4015 based at Weaverville United Methodist Church also helped with the activities.

The club sponsors a wide-range of community and individual services. Lions Clubs are noted for vision services, and the Weaverville Club is no exception. However, last year, the club provided food assistance to individuals and neighborhood food-banks, funded wheelchair ramps for the handicapped, and gave three AB Tech scholarships to deserving Seniors from North Buncombe High School. The Club also supports the Marjorie McCune Assisted and Independent Living Community in Black Mountain, and other Lions Club projects.

Last year, the club helped screen nearly 300 area school children for eye diseases and problems, and plans are being made to do that again this year. The club has also supported the



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Cops for Kids program, and several medical assistance programs. Bill Heidinger, who joined the Club last year, affirms, “People working and serving together helps make a community stronger, and that’s what we are doing.” In 2019, the club was recognized and honored by the Town of Weaverville for seventy years of extraordinary community service.

The Weaverville Lions Club meets on the second and fourth Mondays of every month in the front dining area of the Weaverville Ingles (140 Weaverville Blvd.) at 6:00 pm. Members arrive early and usually purchase a dinner or something to eat. Then, following the Pledge of Allegiance and a brief opening prayer, members begin the business meeting – addressing individual and community needs, contributions to state and area assistance centers, and plans for future service projects.

Submitted by Lion Rick Johnson



We Serve



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Message from AliceFaye Peugh - Global Membership Chair

OPEN HOUSE IDEAS THAT WILL DRAW IN A CROWD

By now we would like to think that everybody, everywhere, knew about our Lions Clubs and their essential place in the communities we live and serve in. Let's face it, haven't we already earned great success by rising above all the other well-intentioned (but not as great as us) organizations that we share community space with? Don't we have the greatest events and the best people? Well, let's just say we would like to think so but as we all know 9/10ths of the picture is in our own perception and it is our responsibility to share Lions Clubs in our communities with others. Many people are still unsure of who Lions are and what they do. You may have made big plans to get a club established and up and rolling when you were chartered but if you were to revisit that first meeting with Charter members now, how much can truly be said to have resulted in fruits and true follow through. We need to engage with other organizations and help them where possible while maintaining our Lions Club image as 'We Serve'.

If you are ever in the enviable position of shopping for a new home, you are probably familiar with an open house concept in real estate. Also, you probably had an acute eye spotting those signs and homes posted in the area you want to be. Real estate agencies have long known what it takes to run a successful open house so rather than recreate the wheel let's look at their approach and see if it can be utilized and tweaked for our own Lion club growth.

The vital first step in getting a Club noticed and growing membership could simply be a good old-fashioned open house. We all know first impressions are lasting and as clubs we want that first 'eye-glance' to have a positive and lasting impact on new and potential members. How is your club's curb appeal? Whether you meet at your own clubhouse, or a local restaurant do you have bright and inviting signage to say who you are or what you do? Do you have information for casual passersby that would make them want to come and check you out and attract those with similar interests if you are a specialty club, or general information for those looking for other avenues of service? Have you decluttered your meetings? If you are growing out of your space that is not a bad problem to have! Do you need to find a bigger place so a new person walking in can easily find a spot to sit and feel comfortable? Does everyone wear their name badge and do guests get name tags? Does your club need written agendas so new attendees can follow along with what is happening? Can families with children attend and are there things for the kids to keep occupied but within parents' line of sight. If you cannot create or find a bigger venue, should you look at more meetings times to allow more members to be present? Have you used your social selling skills to mass-market across the Internet.

Unlike Disney, just because we build it does not mean they will come. Do you have assigned greeters to help visitors navigate what is going on. Social media is a great way to target your local community with concise clear information easing unfounded fears we are a cult, political or religious do-gooders out solely for our own gain. Younger potential members get most of their information online so make sure your web page and social media is up to date and clear about who you are if you want a younger membership to follow what you have so proudly developed. The baby boomers (born in 1946-1964) and our X generation (born 1965-1980) may be most interested in diabetes and vision and cancer concerns. The Y and Z generation (born 1981- 2012) want to help and change the world and hold strong beliefs about many of the things Lions seek to improve such as environmental issues, poverty and hunger, Gen Z is astutely aware of youth issues mental health and social concerns. Every group is uniquely aware and poised to address issues and we must remain inclusive to get the best results. Is your price, right? People typically are more than willing to pay dues if they feel they are getting money's worth. Clubs must be able to show they are active, and belonging is worthwhile. I have personally spoken to people who dropped out of membership because they were not as impactful in the community as they wished to be. Hopefully, all members see they get more than they imagined and the feelings they get from serving will bring them back year after year.

Do you have a plan for helping with dues if someone falls on hard times? If we can't lift our own members up, how can we ever say we truly serve 'our' community? Our members' time is even more vital than their dues. Losing a committed member over unpaid



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dues is sad. After getting the venue presentable and ensuring the current members know their welcoming roles it is now time you invited the public to come view it in person.

Open house ideas don't have to break the bank or have you pulling your hair out. The following are some simple, unique practices that will fill chairs and cause your clients to sing your praises. Make every meeting an OPEN HOUSE. An open house doesn't have to be staged. If every club member invited a guest to join them for a meeting buy them a meal, and even if there is not a meal served, offer take them out to coffee afterwards can you calculate how many guests would pass through your club in a year? In a club of 20 members, you would be looking at 240 more people knowing more about Lions Club in a single year.

Remember it is stated that someone who has a good experience will tell 4-5 other people about it but someone having a poor experience can share with up to 25 other people. Signage It's common practice to place a few directional signs up on the morning of an open house but consider taking this step a bit further using at least 10 directional signs for an open house. It's hard to ignore these many signs, and the repetitive visual will spark attention in anybody driving past. FOMO (Fear of Missing Out) can be used to our advantage. As a teaser leading up to the main event, it's also helpful to throw an "Open House" sign a few days in advance with date and time clearly visible as this build's anticipation with neighbors and anyone they might be willing to tell. Advertise Everywhere Combine techniques in both hard print and online media to spread the news. Print media such as a local newspaper or magazine still reaches a significant audience, but it does not reach widely across all demographics, it is stated 52 percent of home buyers turning to the Internet as their first step, it's imperative you post open house details on as many websites as possible. Social media websites are a resourceful avenue for free advertising. You can even get audience feedback by sending out a Facebook invite to your sphere of influence. Invitees can choose to RSVP or be actively notified when you post updates for the next club event or open house. Invite Neighbors or call it a reunion Our goal is to attract local community members and neighbors, or past members can be the biggest cheerleaders for a club when they want to be with friends. To draw in the attention of the surrounding citizens, stick fliers in prominent places before the open house, or knock on some doors to spread the word or send out emails to past members inviting them to events. Life events may have changed, and they may wish to come back. Hold Odd Hours By holding open houses at odd hours or sharing upcoming events at same time you may eliminate much of the competition for foot traffic that a popular Saturday will hold with other events. Think about parents dropping off kids to school or capturing night shift workers on their drive home. Always have a booth at every event solely to share information on membership and volunteer opportunities. Post events at libraries, coffee houses, schools and post offices. Provide Food or Prizes Who doesn't like free things, the smell of fresh baked cookies or popcorn is also a draw? While you will still get attendees if you don't provide food or prizes, complimentary gifts will go a long way toward building excitement. When people eat, they tend to dwell a little longer, too, which gives you more time to make an impression. Prizes help by making your open house more memorable than the rest. The winners will go home with a gift that will help them associate your club with a reward, which makes it stand out even brighter! Open house ideas can be fun, creative projects that build excitement and get people through the door. Although an open house doesn't guarantee a new member or volunteer, it will inevitably get the Lions brand shown to more people. Plus, if your club isn't right for certain attendees, they may know of an acquaintance for whom it will be perfect. The reward is worth the effort of thinking outside the box. Please reach out and network with the clubs who are growing to share their ideas. Our district, like so many others, is challenged to keep and gain members and DG Susan has a goal for the upcoming year worth the renewed effort.

To discuss or brainstorm ideas, I would love to be your program at a club meeting to discuss ideas.

Call Lion AliceFaye 828-302-3242 or Email: lionalicefaye@gmail.com



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ETOWAH LIONS FARMERS MARKET TOMATO FESTIVAL

Our market opened to beautiful weather on August 16th and our 2nd Annual Tomato Festival was enjoyed by over 225 community members. Craig LeHoullier, the "NC Tomato Man" was in attendance. He brought 30 different varieties of tomatoes for people to taste. He also answered tomato gardening questions.

Etowah Lions President Dick Wilcox prepared delicious tomato sandwiches which Lion Janice Wilcox handed out to attendees. Lions Lorrie and John Anderson manned the raffle table and sold \$200 in tickets. We raffled off a box of veggies donated by Holly Spring Farm, a beautiful wreath made by Lion Lorrie and a basket of market goodies donated by our market vendors. Our club will add \$1000 and we will be sending \$1200 to LCIF for the Maui disaster. We look forward to our 2024 Tomato Fest!





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FROM THE DESK OF PDG LION MARILYN

Fellow Lions, as your Information and Technology Co-chair, I would like to share an update with you all on my volunteer/membership marketing efforts.

The domain www.lionsdayofservice.com has been renewed and Lion Tony Angel and I are working on tweaking the pictures and verbiage, so that it appeals to a younger crowd. This will save time and energy and I hope to have the website launched, with links to each of the clubs volunteer activities and club information by early to mid September.

Also, the membership/marketing grant information just came out from LCI and I have applied for a \$1,500 grant to take care of some of the expenses regarding Facebook and Google packages for advertising.

I will be consulting with Shannon Edwards (Lion in the Hudson Club) and hopefully Ryan Baill (Lion in the Hot Springs Club), two of our younger Lion members, as to ways to attract younger folks to the web site.

The key is opening the clubs to younger community members that might wish to volunteer their services for fundraising or service activities with the goal of attracting them into a membership position with one of our district Lions clubs.

As your Promotions Chair, with the theme "Hunger, Nutrition, and Wellness," the 45th Annual Lions Day

with the United Nations will take place on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, in Geneva, Switzerland. This event and supporting materials will be offered in English, French, German and Italian only. For questions or further information, please email ldun@lionsclubs.org.

The 2024 LCI Convention will be held on June 21 – 25 in Melbourne, Australia.

With Melbourne's combination of world-class dining, art galleries and a packed sports calendar, it's no surprise Victoria's capital is regarded as the world's most livable city.

Upcoming virtual event **Zone Chairperson (English only)** PID Justin Faber and PCC Winster D. Ceballos discuss how an effective zone chairperson can make a difference to the clubs they serve. To register click on [zoom chairperson virtual event registration](#)

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New Membership Dues Billing and Fees --Effective July 1, 2023, \$46.00

Billing for a new member begins the first of the month in which the member enters a club at the average rate of \$3.84 per month and billed through the end of that semi-annual period. Billing is issued semi-annually thereafter. Below is a schedule of the new member dues throughout the year:

Member accepted by club in the month of...	Billing date for new members	Semi-annual dues billed for each new member	New member entrance fee (not pro-rated)	Total dues & fees billed
July	July 1 st	\$ 23.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 58.00
August	August 1 st	19.16	35.00	54.16
September	September 1 st	15.34	35.00	50.34
October	October 1 st	11.50	35.00	46.50
November	November 1 st	7.68	35.00	42.68
December	December 1 st	3.84	35.00	38.84
January	January 1 st	23.00	35.00	58.00
February	February 1 st	19.16	35.00	54.16
March	March 1 st	15.34	35.00	50.34
April	April 1 st	11.50	35.00	46.50
May	May 1 st	7.68	35.00	42.68
June	June 1 st	3.84	35.00	38.84

Billing for a new Family or Student member begins the first of the month in which the member enters a club at the average rate of \$1.92 per month and billed through the end of that semi-annual period. Billing is issued semi-annually thereafter. Below is a schedule of the new member dues throughout the year:

Member accepted by club in the month of...	Billing date for new members	Semi-annual dues billed for qualifying family member	New member entrance fee (not pro-rated)	Total qualifying family member dues & fees billed	Student member pro-rated dues with entrance fee waived.
July	July 1 st	\$ 11.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 46.50	\$ 11.50
August	August 1 st	9.58	35.00	44.58	9.58
September	September 1 st	7.68	35.00	42.68	7.68
October	October 1 st	5.75	35.00	40.75	5.75
November	November 1 st	3.84	35.00	38.84	3.84
December	December 1 st	1.92	35.00	36.92	1.92
January	January 1 st	11.50	35.00	46.50	11.50
February	February 1 st	9.58	35.00	44.58	9.58
March	March 1 st	7.68	35.00	42.68	7.68
April	April 1 st	5.75	35.00	40.75	5.75
May	May 1 st	3.84	35.00	38.84	3.84
June	June 1 st	1.92	35.00	36.92	1.92

NOTE: INTERNATIONAL DUES DO NOT INCLUDE DISTRICT OR MULTIPLE DISTRICT DUES.

In case you were wondering.

This is the Lions Clubs International Dues only. You can find this document at www.lionsclubs.org and search for membership dues. Keep in mind that the International dues went up this year and will go up for the next two years. This was voted on at the International Convention by your delegates.

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New Member Roll Call 2023-2024



We Serve

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

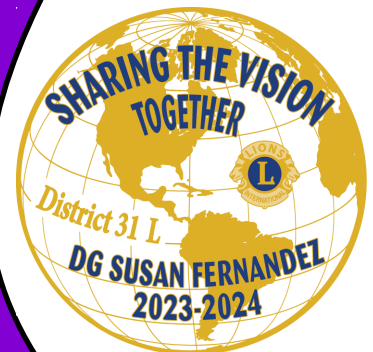
Frances Stevens—Greater Asheville LC

Mary Bonnett—Etowah LC

Roy Bonnett—Etowah LC

Judy Jay—Lake Lure LC

Alan Bridges—Sherrills Ford LC



The road to success!

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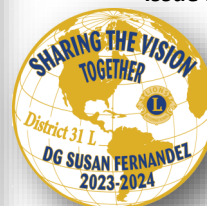
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The most current district directory can be found at www.nclions31l.org you will need a user ID and Password to access

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