



District 31-I News

Service From the Heart
Douglas X. Alexander



District 31-I Newsletter

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Member News

NEW MEMBERS!!!!

Daniel Haddock — Salisbury
Lyndy Steed — Denton
Linda Childress — North Davidson
Marshall Newman — Taylorsville

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" Start where
you are.

Use what you have.

Do what you can."

-Arthur Ashe



District Governor — H. Wayne Kennerly

Once again covid-19 has made a return to a few clubs, but most are still meeting. With the new variant, Omicron, it was at first feared that we had another year or two similar to the covid virus, but thank goodness it's not as deadly.

Having visited over one half of all Lions clubs in district I, it is eye opening to see what clubs are doing to meet our district goals. I plan on visiting all Lions clubs by end of February with one or two clubs left in March.

A lot of clubs are not having speakers that could help with their club and possibly give them a new awareness of things that they may want to help in the future. We have many District and State Committee chairman that could give you an excellent program such as diabetes awareness chairman, Michelle Gregory, and clinical eye research district chairman Joe Poirier, global leadership chairman George Culp and many others that can educate your club interest in what is going on outside your club. Better programs help to keep members and can help get new members that we all need. Please utilize these key committee chairmen to help stimulate your clubs. Look in the district directory for all the information you need on these committee chairmen.

We now have 5 months left for campaign 100 leaving 5 months to raise another about 51 million dollars toward a 300-million-dollar goal. This is the month that raises awareness of hunger worldwide. The United Nations reported that there were over 2 billion people that lack regular access to nutritious and sufficient foods. Over 555 grants have already been issued this year totaling 17 million plus dollars. There are over 4,000 model clubs participating in campaign 100 worldwide. Maybe you can become one of these clubs?

After all the club visits I will be conducting a survey of where other Lions clubs could possibly be located. If you have any ideas, please notify me of those areas and I'll be more than happy to visit and study these sites.. Remember Each Person Counts, why not share Lionism?

H. Wayne Kennerly DG

Did you know?!?!

Camp Dogwood now has pledge cards!
You are able to give a one-time gift, quarterly, or monthly donation.

Did you know that if each Lion in NC would give only?

**\$1.00 a month for a year would add
\$62,868.00 to the Program Budget

**\$5.00 a month for a year would add
\$314,340.00 to the Program Budget

**\$10.00 a month for a year would add
\$628,680.00 to the Program Budget



That will purchase a lot of white canes, glasses, eye exams, and camper fees.
If you are interested in filling out a Pledge Card drop us an email or give us a call.

1st Vice District Governor — Bill Mathers

How are *you*????

The holidays are behind us, and winter is finally here. Temperatures have dropped, some of us have gotten ice and snow that we don't normally see, and COVID is still hanging around, keeping some of us from doing the social things that we'd like to be doing. Sometimes it seems that we will never get back to "normal".

We tend to think of service as something we do in a group, with organization and a committee to direct the service activity. Maybe it's time to re-think that. There is something simple that we as Lions can do from anywhere to serve our communities, observe social distancing, stay warm, and bring joy to our neighbors.

Call a friend, a neighbor, a church member, a fellow Lion. Call anyone who might be feeling shut in and cut off from the world. Tell them you are thinking of them, then ask how **THEY** are doing. If you know someone who has lost their sweetheart, call them on Valentine's Day!

Then **listen**. *Really listen. Listen carefully for what they may need and listen for how you might be able to help them. Listen to their stories without interrupting to tell one of your own. Just focus purely on the person on the other end of the phone.*

You will be surprised at how much a simple phone call can brighten someone's day, and just as importantly, brighten your own. It feels good to make someone else feel good. This is a very personal service project that you can do, on your own, from the comfort of your own home.



Did you know??

NC Lions collect and recycle used ink cartridges to raise money to offset the cost of the annual Deaf/Blind Retreat held each fall. You can now link yourself or your business and mail those ink cartridges directly to the recycler at no cost to you.

Go to the web address below to get more information about what cartridges are taken and how you can mail yours in.

<http://www.fundingfactory.com/goal/camp-dogwood>

2nd Vice District Governor — Kathy Poirier

Every year in either February or March, there is a very important event that takes place in New York City. **LDUN** (Lions Day with the United Nations) is a celebration of the partnership between **LCI** (Lions Clubs International) and the **United Nations**. This year the **44th Annual Lions Day with the United Nations** will take place on Friday, March 11, 2022 at the Westin Grand Central Hotel in New York City. In years past the event has been held at the United Nations but due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the UN Headquarters is closed to the public. This year's theme for the event is "The NGO Impact on Global Health."

LDUN commemorates **LCI's** long-standing relationship as a consultative **NGO** (Non-Governmental Organization) to the **UN**. This relationship has been in existence for 76 years. Have you ever thought about or wondered how this relationship started? In my search for information about the **UN** and **LCI**, I found an article written by Lion Haobam Manikumar Singh which gave an in-depth look at how it all started. I thought I would share some of what he wrote with all of you. In addition, I pulled some information from "The Proud History of Lions, How Did We Get Here?" written by Judge Brian Stevenson, Past International President.

Relations between the **United Nations** and the **International Association of Lions Clubs** started after the Second World War. In San Francisco, California, on October 24, 1945 (to this day known as **UN Day**) then US President Harry Truman joined British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and other world leaders in signing the **UN Charter**. In the same year, Lions founder Melvin Jones, then Third International Vice-President Fred W. Smith and International President D. A. Skeen were asked to help develop the Non-Governmental Organization (**NGO**) Charter for the new global organization. Following the signing of the UN Charter, Lions were granted special consultative status to the Economic and Social Council (**ECOSOC**) resulting in access to various **UN** agencies which enabled **LCI** to create partnerships that furthered the Lions objective "to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world."

Since that time, both **LCI** and the **UN** have cooperated on several humanitarian efforts. Lions have provided aid and manpower for the projects of several **UN** Agencies, i.e., **UNICEF** (United Nations Children Fund), **WHO** (World Health Organization), and **UNESCO** (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization). In addition, another area the two global organizations work together closely is in the selection of some of the Grand Prize winning posters from the global **Peace Poster Contest** organized by **LCI**. Winning posters are used by the **UN** for their postage stamps.

Join North Carolina Lions

on Facebook:

NC Lions MD-31



Calendar

All Day	April 22-24	State Lions Convention	Greensboro-High Point Airport Marriott
2pm	Feb. 5	31-I Cabinet Meeting	Harold B. Jarrett American Legion Post 1024 Lincolnton Road Salisbury, NC 28144



Are you willing to sponsor a week of Bingo at Camp Dogwood? It's only \$100 minimum to sponsor. Our VIP's love to play Bingo. Last year we gave away Bingo Bucks as the majority of prizes. VIPs were able to use the Bingo Bucks to purchase snacks, drinks and souvenirs from the Camp Store. By sponsoring a week of "Bingo bucks" your Club will help support Camp Dogwood by generating revenue in the Camp Store. If you are interested in sponsoring a week, drop your check in the mail, make sure to add BINGO BUCKS in the memo line.



Technology Committee for the Blind and Visually Impaired

There are so many "techy" opportunities for the blind and visually impaired. It would be fantastic to develop a committee within our district to assist in spreading the word to the blind and visually impaired. Also, to investigate and learn about more and/or new opportunities to share.

Please contact me if you'd like to join this committee in our district.

Lion Michelle Gregory
District/State Co-Chair Technology for the Blind and Visually Impaired
michgregory358@gmail.com
336-971-1766

LCI Announcement

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to impact the work of Lions and communities around the world, creating challenges for our clubs and the people we care for. Throughout this global crisis, Lions have continued to safely serve because the needs have been so great.

To help ensure that clubs are able to meet the growing needs in our communities, the International Board of Directors passed another resolution to make it easier to invite new members to serve with us.

Here is an overview of the new resolution approved by the Board of Directors:

Charter and entrance fees waiver – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from January 1 through June 30, 2022. Charter and entrance fees are also currently waived through December 31, 2021.

Please note that clubs should pay any outstanding balances right away to stay in good standing and avoid being placed on financial suspension on November 15.

We know that every member matters, to our clubs, to our communities and to the lives we touch as Lions. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity, and together, we will overcome this.

Thank you for sharing the joy of being a Lion, and for your outstanding service and commitment to our communities and the world.

Yours in Service,
Douglas X. Alexander
International President



Sight and Hearing Conservation

Our district is most fortunate to have Lions actively involved in service especially in sight and hearing conservation.

I would like to ask clubs to share any projects or activities they have done in the area of sight and hearing conservation since July 1, 2021. A brief summary that includes the activities/projects and number of individuals served will be helpful. The club's information will be compiled and presented at the November NCLI Board meeting.

Please send this information to my email at vgmcobb@gmail.com by November 8th. Your help in relaying this important Lion service is appreciated.

Gayle Cobb
District Sight and Hearing Conservation

Send items you would like posted on the webpage to Lion Elizabeth Rummage at lionrummage@gmail.com.

****Please****
Remember

All Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts with annual gross receipts less than US\$50,000 that are not otherwise required to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as the 990-N). If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.

Please review the document below for important information regarding your annual tax filing obligation. Thank you!

2021-2022 District Governor Visits

Please review and confirm your District Governor's Visit date works for your club, If the date is not on your normal meeting day please let Elizabeth Steele know ASAP at lrsteele@hughes.net or text at 704-798-3471.

Yours in Lionsim,
Elizabeth Steele
Assistant to
H. Wayne Kennerly

Directory Corrections:

Joe Poirier - pg. 59 - his email is incomplete. It should read as follows:
pdgjoe23a@sbcglobal.net

Kathy Poirier - pg. 11 & pg. 51 - email should be lionkathypoirier@gmail.com
pg. 12 - first name is spelled incorrectly (a "c" instead of a "k" for her first name)

David Smoot - correct phone number is 336-991-8731

****Please send any further corrections to Liz Steele and Dianna Wald****

2/1/22
Harrisburg
Tuesday

Need to reschedule
Mocksville
Thursday

2/7/22
Davidson
Monday

Need to reschedule
Midway
Thursday

2/8/22
Mint Hill
Tuesday

2/14/22
Charlotte Southern
Monday

2/21/22
Hickory Grove
Monday

2/28/22
Derita
Monday

3/2/22
North Charlotte
Wednesday

3/14/22
Troutman
Monday

3/21/22
WS Konnoak Hills
Mocksville
Charlotte Central
Monday



Lions Prayer

Where Lions meet, be present Lord

To weld our hearts in one accord

To do thy will

Lord, make us strong:

To aid the weak

And right the wrong.

CLUB NEWS

Mt. Pleasant Lions Club

invites all to attend our Brighter Visions Auction on Thursday, February 24. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM and the auction will follow. Cost of the meal is \$8.00. If you wish to attend and order a meal, please contact Lion Tom Robb at 704-467-4732 by February 20. Our club is located at 8595 Park Drive, Mt. Pleasant, NC.



Let us know about club events, fundraisers, service projects, and honors received so that we can share them with our Fellow Lions.

Email to diannamwald@gmail.com

or mail to

Lion Dianna Wald

PO Box 1260, Denton, NC 27239

by the 20th of each month.

As always, we love your pictures too!!

Exciting News for Camp Dogwood!!

I'm excited to tell you about a partnership Camp Dogwood has formed with WeWALK, the makers of the WeWALK Smart Cane. The Smart Cane brings cutting edge technology to the traditional white cane, providing greater independence and safety to blind and visually impaired users. The tremendous impact the Smart Cane has had on users has earned the Smart Cane "Best Invention" from Time; Amazon named WeWALK the "Start Up of the Year for 2021".

WeWALK has established a Camp Dogwood donation page to provide Smart Canes, at no cost, to deserving blind and visually impaired North Carolinians. WeWALK provides free training as well as free ongoing customer support.

Please consider a donation to Camp Dogwood so we can provide Smart Canes to the blind and visually impaired in our state. When donating, be sure to identify your Club on the donation form.

Paul Burden

Country Manager - U. S. | WeWALK

Email: paul@wewalk.io

866-2-WEWALK (866-293-9255)

NORTH CAROLINA LIONS



HONORING OUR PAST.....CELEBRATING OUR FUTURE!
Greensboro-High Point Airport Marriott, Greensboro, NC
April 22 – 24, 2022

CLUB: _____ **DISTRICT:** _____

Name(s) (PRINT first and last name & circle title and honors that apply)

Contact Phone Number: _____

 PIP, ID, PID, PCC, PDG, DG, 1st VDG, 2nd VDG, LION, GUEST, MJF, WLW, SLSBOH, HOF

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	FFN	TTB	BANQUET	
	Beef/Vegetarian		Chicken/Vegetarian	
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<u>Function</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child*</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Family Fun Night only →	\$ 1.50	_____	\$_____
Tail Twister Breakfast	\$18.00	_____	\$_____
Governors Banquet	\$35.00	_____	\$_____
TOTAL COST:			\$_____

Please indicate any food allergies or special dietary needs: _____

*Child meals (12 and under) for Friday and Saturday are complimentary
 please indicate # attending

*See Page 2 for payment instructions and hotel reservation information
 along with information for the weekend*

Make Check for meals payable to.....**2022 NC LIONS STATE CONVENTION** or

Add your debit or credit card information below:

Debit or Credit card number/Expiration date/Security Code/Zip Code

Mail this form with check or debit/credit card information by April 8th to:

2nd Vice District Governor Susan O'Brien

1003 Croyden Court, Fort Mill, SC 29715

Phone: 203-482-2967/email - obriensu777@gmail.com

Phone Registration only after April 8, 2022

No Refunds after April 8, 2022

Room Reservations at

Greensboro-High Point Marriott

One Marriott Drive, Greensboro NC

Lions Room rate is \$109.00 until April 1, 2022

Make room reservation directly with the hotel

Call (336) 852-6450 (local) or 1-800-228-9020

Request rate for North Carolina Lions State Convention

Friday, April 22:

Friday Fun Night – **A 1922 evening soiree!** 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Wear period dress or black and white attire

Saturday, April 23:

Tail Twister Breakfast with Live Auction 7:30 am – 9:30 am

Parade and Food Trucks in the park!

Governors Banquet 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Sunday, April 24:

General Session 8:30 am

Certification of Delegates

District Cabinet Meetings



AD ORDER FORM

2022 NORTH CAROLINA LIONS 100th STATE CONVENTION HONORING THE PAST AND CELEBRATING THE FUTURE!

April 22-24, 2022

Greensboro/High Point Airport Marriott, Greensboro, North Carolina

THANK YOU for YOUR SUPPORT of the NC LIONS of Multiple District 31

Ad deadline: March 15, 2022

Name of Club, Business or Individual: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Zip Code _____

Approval Signature: _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

E-mail ad to: gcwclc@gmail.com

Include payment with Ad Design

Make Checks Payable To:

NC Lions State Convention

Mail to:

April Allred

5329 Shoffner Road

McLeansville, NC 27301

Please Check Box Indicating the Ad Size:

Back Cover	\$1500	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inside F/B Cover	\$1000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full Page (8-1/2x11)	\$ 300	<input type="checkbox"/>
Half Page	\$ 150	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quarter Page	\$ 100	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business card	\$ 50	<input type="checkbox"/>

Amount Paid _____

Form of Payment: Cash Check Credit

Debit or Card #

Exp. Date (XX/XX)

Zip Code

For Club Use:		
Ad Sold By	Phone	Club Name

For questions, please contact Convention Chair PDG Susie Dailey at:
704-439-6278 or lionsusied@gmail.com

District 31-I Newsletter is published monthly.

DEADLINE for inclusion of articles is the 20th of each month if by email. Cost of producing and distributing this publication is paid from member dues received.

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All articles, announcements, etc. for inclusion in the District 31-I Newsletter should be sent to:

Lion Dianna Wald

PO Box 1260

Denton, NC 27239 or diannamwald@gmail.com.

Please send all submissions as a Word Document and pictures in a separate .jpg file. Mail to arrive by the 20th of the month.

Address corrections or additions for USPS or email should be sent to

Lion Susan Mathers

6700 Pine Lake Lane,

Mint Hill, NC 28227 or susancmathers@gmail.com.

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