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Lions Clubs International District 31-I

Issue 1

July

2015

District Meetings & Events

- June 26-30 International Convention Honolulu, Hawaii
July 11 1st Cabinet Meeting/ Installation/Special Convention 3 pm at Camp Dogwood
July 11 District L Installation
July 18 Zone/Region Chair Training 9:30am-Noon Fair Grove Den
July 18 District O Installation
July 19 District N Installation
July 25 District E Awards
July 25 District S Installation
July 30 Fall Convention Planning 7pm Golden Corral/Hanes Mall
Aug Pay District & International Dues
Aug 14-15 Council of Governors
Aug 16 NCLI Board, Greensboro
Aug 21-23 Blind Bass Fishing Tourn. Camp Dogwood
Aug 26 Brighter Visions Kick Off 7pm Camp Dogwood
Sept First Zone Meetings 2nd Cabinet Meeting
Sept 17-19 USA/Canada Forum Grand Rapids, MI
Sept 22 NCLI Executive Conf. Call
Oct Peace Poster Deadline
Oct 2 -4 VDG Training
Oct 18-21 VIP Fishing Tournament
Nov 2nd Zone Meetings
Nov 6-7 Council of Governors
Nov 8 NCLI Board, Aberdeen
Nov 13-14 District Fall Convention Village Inn, Clemmons
Nov 20-21 31-L Fall Convention Crowne Plaza Asheville
Nov 14 3rd Cabinet Meeting
Dec 11-13 VDG Training
Dec 12 NCLI Exec. Board Meeting (2016 Dates on Page 2)

From Governor Allen:

A new Beginning! Wow! What opportunities await us in 2015-16. Being a Lion for 32 years, I have never been more excited. Over the last eight months I have met and worked with a group of caring, serving, and energetic Lions in the Clubs in new District 31-I.

The planning sessions for the budget, the fall convention, and the three officer training sessions were well represented. I thank you deeply for your caring and concern for the future of Lionism in District 31-I.

Communication from the newest Lion in your club to the top of the District Leadership is urgently requested. This is a WE District: your input, your participation, and knowing that we all are grass-roots Lions is important. Working together as "one", a new Lions Family. We can enjoy this new endeavor and at the same time make a lasting difference in North Carolina to the many we serve.

Please plan to be a part of District I's first official meeting at Camp Dogwood on July 11. We will start at 3 pm with our cabinet meeting and special convention to elect our 2nd Vice District Governor. George Culp from the Concord Club is the candidate at this point. Lion George has been involved in the organization of District I and I feel will continue to be a great asset to the district.

We will also elect a one-year-term and a two-year-term member of the board of directors for North Carolina Lions Inc. This is a District decision and will be a part of the business meeting. I would suggest you consider 1st VDG Butch Conrad and 2nd VDG candidate George Culp for these positions. With their upcoming leadership roles and involvement in the district, the experience and knowledge of serving as directors will be very helpful in the future success of NC Lions Inc.

District directories are at the printer and I would like to thank Lions Carolyn Sprinkle, Ron Staley, and Bob Sprinkle

for an outstanding job. Directories will be distributed at the July 11 cabinet meeting.

Following our convention and cabinet meeting at 3 pm, we will enjoy a buffet meal at 5 pm. The menu is roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, German chocolate cake, and beverages. Meal reservation forms have been sent out to each club secretary. Please contact Ron Staley at 704-788-8866 of rstaley@carolina.rr.com if your club secretary is not in receipt of this document. The meal cost is \$12.50 per person.

Following the meal we will have the installation of District-I Officers, Region, Zone, and Committee Chairs. We are so pleased to have Past International Director Ron Huber to install our officers.

Special thanks to Theresa Matthews and Carolyn Sprinkle for teaming up on the monthly newsletter. I urge everyone to take advantage of this communication in the district and send articles, activities, and photos to share with the district what your club is doing.

I would like every Lion in the district to become hands on -- and to plant a garden!

First, plant five rows of PEAS: Preparedness, Perseverance, Politeness, Pleasantness, and Prayer.

Next to them plant three rows of SQUASH: Squash Gossip, Squash Criticism, and Squash Indifference.

Then plant five rows of LETTUCE: Let Us be Faithful, Let Us be Unselfish, Let Us be Loyal, Let Us be Truthful, and Let Us Love one another.

And no garden is complete without TURNIPS: Turn Up for Service, Turn Up with a Smile and Turn Up with Determination.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District Governor this year!



Allen Reinhardt

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# From 1st Vice Governor Butch ---

Greetings, Fellow Lions, in new District 31-I, "The Ideal District." I am so excited to be your 1<sup>st</sup> VDG! Let me introduce myself and tell you a little about who I am.

My name is C. R. "Butch" Conrad. I joined the Davis-Townsend Lions Club in Davidson County in 1977 and I have served as President, Vice President, and Secretary (the position I currently hold), as chair of numerous committees, and have worked on and led various fundraising and service projects. I have served as President and Vice President of the Davidson County Lions Council. On the District level, I have served as Region, Zone, Camp Dogwood and Brighter Visions Chair, and as Chaplain. I have worked on

district and state convention committees. I am a Life Member of NC Lions, Inc., and have twice received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation. I have received the Melvin Jones and Jack Stickley Fellowship Awards and the William L. Woolard Partner-in-Service. My wife, Lion Elizabeth, and I live in the Hedrick's Grove community of Davidson County, Lexington. We have been married for 32 years and have two children and three grandchildren. I am a retired educator and assistant principal who pursued a second career in parish ministry.

Now that I have used "I" sufficiently let me stress that District I is not a "me" district but is instead a "we" district as we strive together to make District 31-I the best in the state.

I look forward to learning more about each of you as I visit the various clubs in the district throughout 2015-2016. Please feel free to email me, write me, facebook me, or tweet me, and tell me something about yourself. What was your previous district? What is the name of your club? In which county do you live? What city do you live in or near? What goals have you set for this Lions year? What projects have you and your club planned to carry out for this year? What do you think about redistricting and our new district -- 31-I? Would you be willing to serve in a district office?

My email address is:  
chrisjenministries@gmail.com.

District 31-I has some of the best leadership in the state! District Governor Allen Reinhardt of Sparta has spent long hours and gone far beyond the call of duty establishing and structuring the new district. Lion Allen is all about service to our fellow man! Our candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG, George Culp from Concord, another dedicated Lion, has massive amounts of computer technology experience and savvy and has a wonderful sense of humor! You'll be hearing more from George as the next three years go by. From Region and Zone chairs to individual Lions, District 31-I will indeed be, "The Ideal" district.

The fall convention will be November 13 & 14 in Clemmons (Forsyth County) at The Village Inn Event Center. We have had one convention committee meeting and Allen, George, and I were amazed at the positive response that we received and the willingness to serve on a convention subcommittees. All were volunteers and there was no point at which we had to leave a subcommittee blank or beg for help! That's absolutely great and says much about the makeup of our new district! I feel that we are off to a great start as District 31-I! I look forward to hearing from you and plan to see you on July 11 at Camp Dogwood for the cabinet installation.

Yours in Lionism,  
*Butch Conrad*  
1<sup>st</sup> VDG District 31-I

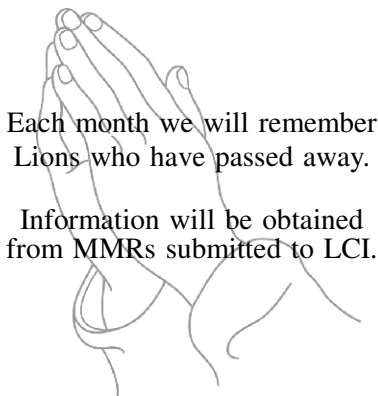
## District Meetings & Events

2015 Dates on Page 1

### 2016

- Jan 15-16 District 31-N/31-S Convention
- Feb Pay District & International Dues
- Feb 12-13 Council of Governors
- Feb 14 NCLI Board Meeting
- Feb. 19-21 VDG Training
- March Nominations of 2015-2016 Club Officers
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Zone Meetings & 4<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting  
**DETAILS TBA**
- March 15 NCLI Executive Conference Call
- March 18-20 Brighter Visions Training
- April Election of Club Officers & Report to LCI by 4/15/2016
- April 8-9 NCLI Budget Meeting at Camp Dogwood
- April 10-13 Volunteer Week at Camp
- April 21-24 State Convention Marriott Crabtree, Raleigh
- April 29-30 Council of Governors
- May 1 NCLI Board Meeting
- May 13-15 Lions Fun Weekend at Camp Dogwood
- June 14 NCLI Executive Conference Call
- June 17 Camp Dogwood Raffle Drawing
- June 23-29 International Convention Fukuoka, Japan

## *In Memory*

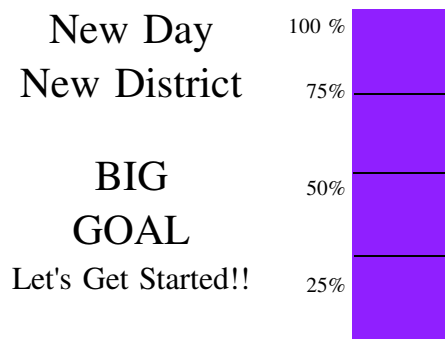


Each month we will remember Lions who have passed away.

Information will be obtained from MMRs submitted to LCI.

2015 - 2016 District 31-E  
31-I Brighter Visions Goal

**\$ 168,000**



# 2nd Vice DG Candidate George -- "Change"

Perhaps you heard someone say, "Hey buddy, can you give me some change?" Or, "I don't like change." My favorite: "No one likes change but a baby with a dirty diaper!"

But have you heard the saying: **"Change is opportunity"**.

Lions of North Carolina have a unique opportunity presented by the redistricting of the state's Lions Clubs into five new

districts. District 31-I, our new district, brings together clubs from 15 different counties bordered by the VA line to the north and SC to the south. There will be both familiar and new faces, new and different methods of doing things, and perhaps even some disagreements.

Change is opportunity. This change forces us to communicate with others those things that allow our clubs to serve

our communities. As with our Lions emblem, where the two heads of Lionism face behind us toward the past and look forward to the future, we will build on our past and offer new opportunities to those we serve.

I look forward to serving as your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Governor this year. I'm excited about the possibilities we as Lions have with this new District. As I visit your clubs, I want to hear what your club is doing in your community to serve others. Share with me your plans and especially any new ideas being attempted. Let me know how you plan to recruit others to join your club which will bring more ideas and opportunity for change. I encourage clubs to pay attention to your Lions family as well. If a club in your area is struggling, make an effort to reach out and offer your assistance.

Governor Allen is asking us to be innovative in our efforts and work together in harmony as we launch this new district. His theme, LIONS ARE HANDS ON, speaks exactly to our motto of "We Serve". District Governor Allen, 1VDG Butch, and I are here to assist you any way we can. Do not hesitate to call.

Yours in service,

**Lion George Culp**

Candidate for 31-I  
2nd Vice District Governor

***Camp Dogwood Raffle  
Drawing was held at  
7 pm on Friday, June 19,  
at Camp Dogwood.  
The winner of  
a new car is --  
Hugh Wilkins  
of Dobson***

## District Governor Team Official Visit Schedule

Each year the District Governor or his representative is to make an official visit to each club in the district. Below is the tentative schedule for DG Allen, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Butch, and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Candidate George, which is also published in the district directory. Please confirm the date, time, and place of the meeting with the scheduled speaker as soon as possible to allow for any rescheduling. Arranging for joint meetings with another club or clubs is appreciated!

Do not schedule another program for the official visit. Plan for a board meeting after the meeting.

### July 2015

13	Derita	George Culp
13	Denton/Southmont	George Culp
14	Hasty	Allen Reinhardt
16	Bethlehem	Allen Reinhardt
21	Boone	Allen Reinhardt
28	Dobson	Allen Reinhardt

### August 2015

03	Davis-Townsend	Allen Reinhardt
03	Cleveland	Butch Conrad
04	W. Jefferson	Butch Conrad
05	N. Charlotte	George Culp
06	Walkertown	Butch Conrad
06	N. Wilkesboro	Butch Conrad
10	Troutman	George Culp
11	Kernersville	Butch Conrad
13	Thomasville	Allen Reinhardt
18	Lexington	Allen Reinhardt
18	Sparta	Allen Reinhardt
20	Creston/Riverview	Allen Reinhardt
21	Charlotte Queen City	George Culp
24	Pinnacle	Allen Reinhardt
25	King	Butch Conrad
27	Wallburg	Allen Reinhardt
28	Charlotte South Park	George Culp

### September 2015

03	Elkin	Allen Reinhardt
07	Konnoak Hills	Butch Conrad
08	Arcadia	Butch Conrad
10	West Iredell	George Culp
10	W.S. Twin City Host	Butch Conrad
14	Taylorsville	Allen Reinhardt
24	Walnut Cove	Allen Reinhardt
28	Denton	Allen Reinhardt

### October 2015

01	Gold Hill	Butch Conrad
05	W. Concord	Butch Conrad
05	Davidson	George Culp
06	Concord	Butch Conrad
08	Linwood	George Culp
12	Fair Grove	Butch Conrad
13	South Iredell	George Culp
13	Franklin-Ellis	Butch Conrad
14	Salisbury	Butch Conrad
15	Mocksville	Allen Reinhardt
26	Pilot Mountain	Allen Reinhardt
27	Mt. Pleasant	Butch Conrad
27	Mt. Airy	Allen Reinhardt
29	Churchland	George Culp

### November 2015

02	Rockwell	Butch Conrad
03	Harrisburg	Butch Conrad
03	Lake Norman	George Culp
05	Midway	Allen Reinhardt
09	Charlotte Southern	George Culp
16	Hickory Grove	George Culp
17	Welcome	Butch Conrad
17	Yadkinville	Allen Reinhardt
23	Mooresville	George Culp
23	West Lexington	Allen Reinhardt
24	Mint Hill	George Culp

### December 2015

01	Odell	Butch Conrad
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### January 2016

14	East Iredell	George Culp
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### February 2016

11	Huntersville	George Culp
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## Dues and Financial Goals

Here is what is due to International and District as annual dues. Be sure to determine local meeting and administrative costs when determining dues for your members.

LCI Annual Dues (per member):		<b>\$43.00</b>
(2nd member in family at same address \$21.50)		
Billed in July and January		
State Annual Dues (per member):	State Admin.	3.50
Billed in two payments		
	State Promotions	1.00
	District	10.50
	Convention Fee	3.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18.00</b>

Above dues must be collected from members and no money raised from the public can go toward member dues/expenses.

Each District Governor sets a list of charitable goals for each club in the district. With redistricting, DG Allen has looked at goals from the previous districts to create this list.

**Brighter Visions** District-Wide Total Goal **\$220,000**

Clubs are asked to consider their usual annual giving and set a 2015-2016 club goal of \$1 more per member as of July 1, 2015.

### Other Charitable Financial Goals

(per member as of July 1, 2015)

Local Children's Home or	
Lions Cottage at Boys & Girls Homes of NC	1.00
NC Clinical Eye Research	3.00
Lions Clubs International Foundation	
for year-end district awards	3.00
Leader/Guide Dog Program	2.00
North Carolina Lions Inc. for year-end district awards --	
Jack Stickley	2.00
Woolard Partner in Service	2.00
Scruggs Beacon of Hope	2.00
Peace Poster/Peace Essay Contest	1.00
(Cost of Award/Convention Attendance)	
VAVS Bingo (Salisbury Veterans Hospital)	1.50
Supports Veterans at Salisbury Hospital)	
VIP Fishing Tournament	1.00
(VIP Transportation Costs)	
Leo Clubs	1.00
Deaf Blind Retreat at Camp Dogwood	1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20.50 per member</b>



**We Serve**

## More Volunteers Doing More Community Work in More Places than Any Other Service Club Organization

*From Lions Clubs International*

**When it comes to meeting challenges, our response is simple: We serve.** In over 200 countries, in hospitals and senior centers, in regions battered by natural disaster, in schools and eyeglass recycling centers, Lions are doing community volunteer work, helping, leading, planning and supporting. Because we're local, we can serve the unique needs of the communities we live in. And because we're global, we can address challenges that go beyond borders.

**We want everyone to see a better tomorrow.**

That's why we support sight programs and services including vision screenings, eye banks, and eyeglass recycling. Providing eye care services to those at risk of losing their sight. And raising donations through campaigns like SightFirst and SightFirst II.

**We believe everyone deserves a healthy life.**

From providing health programs that focus on hearing loss to supporting efforts to control and prevent diabetes, Lions volunteers are working to improve the health of children and adults around the world.

**We empower the next generation.**

Whether it's providing youth volunteer opportunities and leadership experiences in a Leo club or sharing a message of peace through our Peace Poster contest, our youth programs invest in the future by reaching out to young people.

**We serve local communities - and protect the planet.** From performing hands-on community work and service projects to providing emergency assistance, our community and environmental programs improve our communities -- and protect the environment.

When it comes to meeting challenges, our response is simple: We serve. Our volunteer projects unite Lions around the world. And our work is unconditional. We aren't limited by continents or restricted to certain causes. Lions help wherever, whenever, and however we can.

## International President's Theme

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, of Minokamo, Gifu, Japan, and a member of Minokamo Lions Club, is the 2015-2016 President of Lions Clubs International



Every year, thousands of small cranes cross over the Himalayas at an altitude of 8000 meters for their seasonal migration. These demoiselle cranes are the smallest crane species, and their survival during this grueling migration depends upon the cooperation, teamwork, family structure,



and harmony between every member of the flock.

In Japan, the crane has traditionally been a symbol of long life. In the Japanese art of origami, the crane is the most basic form that all children learn how to make. The custom of folding origami cranes is a meditative act that shows the heartfelt

wishes of friends and family for the ill to become well again. The crane has also become known as a symbol of peace not only in Japan, but around the world.

Peace, hope, determination, teamwork, and uniting people through service are central elements of the 2015-2016 presidential theme Dignity. Harmony. Humanity.

## Introducing Our Leadership

### District Governor Team



District  
Governor  
Allen Reinhardt  
Sparta Club

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allegauction@skybest.com

District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer  
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Concord Club

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Concord 28027  
704-788-8866 H  
704-305-0723 C  
rstaley@carolina.rr.com



### Region Chairpersons

#### **Region 1: Zones 1, 2, 3**

PCC Bob Sprinkle (Carolyn)  
Sparta Lions Club  
722 Folger Road Sparta 28675  
336-372-8956 H 336-430-6958 C  
sprinkle89@skybest.com

#### **Region 2: Zones 4, 5, 6**

PDG Terry Cauble (Robyn)  
Mt. Pleasant Club  
32564 Bridge Rd. Mt. Pleasant 28124  
704-982-6655 H  
caubleselectrical@windstream.net

#### **Region 3: Zones 7, 8**

Ron Rich (Lois), Troutman Club  
180 Wordsworth Way  
Mooresville 28115  
704-662-8516 H  
casper101@windstream.net

#### **Region 4: Zones 9, 10, 11**

Doris Messer  
Charlotte South Park Club  
2939 Polo View Lane Matthews 28105  
704 841 3925 H  
dorismesser@ymail.com

1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor  
Butch Conrad (Spouse: Elizabeth)  
Davis-Townsend Club

1270 Beck's Nursery Road  
Lexington 27292  
336-746-5046 Home  
336-239-3125 C  
chrisjenministries@gmail.com



2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor  
George Culp (Dianne)  
Concord Club

134 Eastcliff Dr SE  
Concord 28025  
704-906-8568 Home  
liongeorgeculp@gmail.com



### Zone Chairs & Clubs in Zone

**Zone 1:** Darryl Hawkins (Lisa)  
Yadkinville Club

1629 US Hwy 601 Yadkinville 27055  
336-468-6887 H 336-469-0441 C  
Bethlehem, Elkin, North Wilkesboro  
Taylorsville, Yadkinville

**Zone 2:** Andy Sicard, Boone Club  
PO Box 722 Blowing Rock 28605  
919-222-2639 H 828-963-9522 Work  
sicard7302@hotmail.com  
Boone, Creston /Riverview  
Sparta, W. Jefferson

**Zone 3:** Hugh Wilkins, Dobson Club  
PO Box 1256 Dobson 27017  
336-755-8425 H  
hhwilkins@triad.rr.com  
Dobson, King, Mt. Airy  
Pinnacle, Walnut Cove

**Zone 4:** Myra Lanier (Randall)  
Welcome Club  
356 Raymond Lanier Rd.  
Lexington 27295  
336-250-2066 C  
mjdlanier@yahoo.com  
Arcadia, Fair Grove, Hasty, Midway  
Pilot, Thomasville, Wallburg, Welcome

**Zone 5:** Glenda Everhart (Charles)  
Davis-Townsend Club  
116 Arbor Dr. Lexington 27292  
336-249-4874 H 336-242-7617 C  
gbeverhart@yahoo.com  
Churchland, Davis-Townsend, Denton  
Lexington Downtown, Linwood  
Southmont, West Lexington

**Zone 6:** Don Conner, Salisbury Club  
412 Willow Rd. Salisbury 28147  
704-213-2126 H connerd@yahoo.com  
Cleveland, Franklin -Ellis, Gold Hill  
Rockwell, Salisbury

**Zone 7:** Sharon Moser  
Winston-Salem Konnoak Hills Club  
490 Shadow Lane  
Winston-Salem 27107  
scobler99@yahoo.com  
Kernersville, Mocksville, Walkertown  
Winston-Salem Konnoak Hills  
Winston-Salem Twin City Host

**Zone 8:** Angela Kaiser  
Mooresville Club  
117 Oak Village Pkwy.  
Mooresville 28115

704-799-0315 H 704-806-5023 C  
angelabkaiser@aol.com  
East Iredell, Lake Norman, Mooresville  
South Iredell, Troutman, West Iredell

**Zone 9:** Richard Rogers (Patricia)  
Concord Club  
4340 Hwy 73E Concord 28025  
704-786-9528 H  
Concord, Harrisburg, Mt. Pleasant  
Odell, West Concord

**Zone 10:** Hunter Garbee (Joyce)  
Charlotte SouthPark Club  
9918 Whitethorn Dr. Charlotte 28277  
704-846-6510 H 704-576-2163 C  
joyhunt@carolina.rr.com  
Charlotte Central, Charlotte Queen City  
Charlotte Southern  
Charlotte SouthPark  
Hickory Grove, Mint Hill

**Zone 11:** Robert Pollard (Trudy)  
Concord Club  
1830 Wilburn Park Lane  
Charlotte 28269  
704-464-1054 H  
Cornelius/Lake Norman, Davidson  
Derita, Huntersville, North Charlotte

# District Awards

As you plan your club year, consider awards recognizing the efforts of clubs and individual Lions that will be given by the District Governor at the end of the year. This list and explanation will also be in the district directory.

Awards will be determined by the District Governor using information from Membership and Activities Reports filed with Lions Clubs International on My LCI for the period of July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, and by reports from NC Lions for the same period. For some awards, clubs are divided into groups according to the number of members as of July 1.

The cost of sponsoring an award is \$25. If a club or individual is interested in sponsoring an award, contact Ron Staley.

Here is a brief description of awards that will be given --

**Best All Around Club:** Presented by PDG David Smoot to the club which has rendered the greatest service toward the accomplishment of the goals of the district.

**Most Improved Club:** The club which has shown the greatest accomplishment of the goals when compared to district ratings of the club the previous year.

**Membership:** One award in each membership category for the largest net gain in membership. A minimum net gain of five members will be required to qualify.

**Camp Dogwood Award:** Presented to the club that generates the most Camp Dogwood Tickets sales revenue per member. The award will be based on final figures as reported by NCLI, Inc.

**Ron Staley Brighter Visions Award:** Presented by PCC Ron Staley of the Concord Lions Club to the club with the highest per member contribution to Brighter Visions.

## INDIVIDUAL AWARDS --

**Ben Q. Foreman Award:** Presented by the Salisbury Lions Club, in memory of PDG Ben Q. Foreman, to a Lion in District 31-I who displays outstanding service to the District during the current fiscal year. The current District Governor, Vice District Governors, and Cabinet Secretary Treasurer are ineligible. An individual can win this award only once.

**Best Secretary Award:** Presented to most outstanding club secretary based upon reports informing the District Governor about activities, membership, and services of the club.

**Membership Award:** Presented to the District Lion who sponsors the most new members. In case of a tie, each Lion will receive an award.

## Bennie Pugh Brighter Visions

**Award:** Presented in memory of PDG Bennie Pugh of the Thomasville Lions Club to the Lion who raises the most money for Brighter Visions during the year based on totals reported to NC Lions, Inc.

**100% Secretary Award:** Awarded to Secretaries who attend District Officer Training School, file Membership & Activity Report on time as reported by LCI, attend at least two Zone Meetings, attend at least two Cabinet Meetings, and file the Club Officers Report (PU 101) online by April 30 or mail to the District Governor postmarked by April 30.

## Outstanding Zone Chairperson

**Award:** Presented to one of the Zone Chairpersons for outstanding services to the Zone, the Governor, and the District.

## Brighter Visions Kick-Off

Aug 26 Brighter Visions Kick Off  
7pm Camp Dogwood  
*You must register for meal. Information  
in next newsletter.*

## New Members: Let's Give Them a Hand

Welcome to these new Lions  
& thanks to their sponsors:

Next month we will begin listing  
new Lions in the district.

Information will be obtained from  
MMRs submitted to LCI.



*Here is more information (also found in the district directory) on other agencies that partner with Lions Clubs.*

### **Agencies & Industries Serving the Disadvantaged**

#### **Boys & Girls Homes of NC, Inc.**

www.boysandgirlshomesofnc.com  
P.O. Box 127 910-646-3083  
Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450 910-646-4934

#### **Camp Dogwood**

www.NCLI.org  
P.O. Box 39 800 662-7401 x 229  
Sherrills Ford, NC 28673 828-478-2155 x 229

#### **Division of Services for the Blind**

www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dsb  
309 Ashe Ave.-Fisher Bldg. Raleigh 27699  
919-733-9822 Care Line 866-222-1546

#### **Duke University Eye Center**

www.dukeeye.org  
Department of Ophthalmology  
P.O. Box 3802 Durham, NC 27706  
919-684-5846

#### **Eliada Homes**

www.eliada.org  
P.O. Box 16708 Asheville, NC 28816  
828-254-5356

#### **Governor Moorehead School**

www.governormorehead.net  
Barbara Bacon, Director  
301 Ashe Street Raleigh, NC 27606  
919-733-6381

#### **LC Industries**

Bill Hudson, President  
POB 13629 Durham, NC 27703

#### **Industries for the Blind**

920 W. Lee Street Greensboro, NC 27402  
252-523-1019  
7730 North Point Drive  
Winston-Salem, NC 27106 336-759-0551

#### **Leader Dogs for the Blind**

www.leaderdog.org/main.html  
1039 S. Rochester Road Rochester, MI 48063  
leaderdog@leaderdog.org 888-777-5332

#### **Lions Services, Inc**

www.lionservices.org  
Jim Cranford, Executive Director  
4600A N Tryon Street Charlotte, NC 28213  
704-921-1527

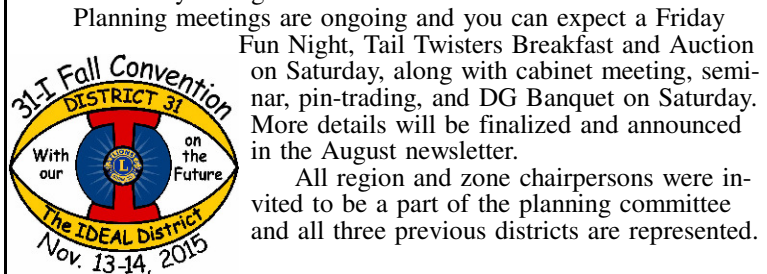
#### **NC Division of Social Services**

2410 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699  
919-733-3055

## **FIRST 31-I Fall Convention**

Among the "Firsts" we have this year is our first District 31-I Fall Convention on November 13-14 at the Village Inn Event Center in Clemmons. The hotel is located conveniently just off I-40. Room rates will be \$84 single/double and we are working to keep meal prices affordable.

The Village Inn has been completely remodeled since a Council of Governors meeting and NCLF board meeting was held there several years ago.



Planning meetings are ongoing and you can expect a Friday Fun Night, Tail Twisters Breakfast and Auction on Saturday, along with cabinet meeting, seminar, pin-trading, and DG Banquet on Saturday. More details will be finalized and announced in the August newsletter.

All region and zone chairpersons were invited to be a part of the planning committee and all three previous districts are represented.

## **How to Receive Aid From NC Lions Inc.**

NCLI makes available many types of aid for visually challenged persons and their IMMEDIATE family members. **The following help is available from North Carolina Lions, Inc., using funds raised in the annual Brighter Visions Program:**

#### **CANES:**

Walking Canes of three types are available (one per person) for blind persons residing in the geographic area of the District:

- Wooden mobility cane in lengths of 40" to 56".
- Aluminum support cane in lengths of 34" to 42"
- Auto-fold canes in lengths of 40" to 56".

#### **EDUCATION GRANT:**

Any high school senior residing in the geographic area of the Multiple District 31, who is the child of a blind parent(s) may apply for aid for continuing their education. Application is available online at members.nclionsinc.org

#### **CAMP DOGWOOD CAMPER FEES**

#### **(ROOM/MEALS/SNACKS/ACTIVITIES ON OFF CAMPUS.)**

Every summer, more than 850 visually impaired and blind campers enjoy weekly stays with daily events and relaxation while developing long-lasting relationships with other campers. A blind person residing in the geographic area of Multiple District 31 is eligible to attend Camp Dogwood during the summer. Camper applications are available online at nclionscampdogwood.com

#### **MATCHING FUNDS-EMERGENCY AID.**

Emergency aid may include medical aid, food, fuel, clothing, rent, or any one of dozens of other human needs. Any Lion who knows a blind person who needs some type of emergency aid should first attempt to contact their county social worker for the blind. If the contact cannot be made, call the N.C. Division of Services for the Blind at (919) 733-9822. Policy calls for the NCLI to become involved only when State or Federal funding is not available. The local Lions Club should proceed as follows:

- Carefully review each application.
- Investigate the request and determine that a need exists.
- Determine the amount of financial aid the Club can provide.
- Determine the amount of financial support the person in need can provide.
- Ask NCLI to match the Club contribution in advance if at all possible. Funds are limited and may not be available. For additional information visit www.nclionsinc.org or call 1-800-662-7401, Ext.224. The Matching Funds Application Form is available online at:

members.nclionsinc.org/downloadable-forms/



## District 31-I Roars Through Officer Training

District 31-I got off to a great start with its Officer Training Workshops! District GLT Coordinator Tim Williams set up officer training sessions for May and June in three locations throughout the district for the convenience of our widespread clubs. Workshops were held at Davidson County Community College in Lexington, at Surry Community College in Dobson, and at Central United Methodist Church in Concord. A total of 114 Lions attended.

District Governor-Elect Allen Reinhardt shared with participants his vision for our district. The Presidents and Vice Presidents workshops were led by PDG Terry Cauble and PCC Bob Sprinkle.

Secretaries and Treasurers were trained by incoming Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer PCC Ron Staley.

### District Governor Allen Reinhardt Membership Growth Plan 2015-16

**Membership Chair:** Each club's membership chair, working together with the GMT chair and Zone Chair, perform club assessments using the **Club Excellence Program (CEP)** and design a retention plan for each club.

**Member Appreciation Banquet:** Host an appreciation banquet in April for Lions members and their guests.

**Membership Recruitment Night:** Each club to host a membership night inviting potential members for dinner and a short Lions information program. Provide each guest with a packet containing information regarding club, district, state and international activities and a membership application.

**New Members:** Each club in District I recruit a minimum of three (3) new members.

**Net Membership:** Based on a five year trend, work to increase District I membership by thirty-five (35) new members.

**Existing Clubs:** Not later than mid-August 2015, Zone Chairs will identify weak clubs and, working with the GMT and GLT chairs, seek ways to assist in strengthening these clubs.

**Area Assessment:** District GMT chair working with the existing clubs and develop a plan for adding new clubs.

**New Clubs:** Working within the club and with GMT and GLT chairs, add a minimum of one (1) new Lions club and form one (1) new club by January 2016.

**Leadership Development & Training:** Encourage Lions members to participate in Lions Clubs International webinars and training programs and to attend leadership training offered at club, zone, region, district and state level.

Membership Chairs were trained by incoming District GMT Coordinator Gene Everette and PDG Allan Thompson, who also conducted New Member Orientations. Committee Chairs and other officer categories were led in discussions on their choice of topics by DG Elect Allen Reinhardt and PDG Tim Williams.

Refreshments were provided by Lions from the Welcome Lions Club, the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club, and the Dobson Lions Clubs.

Participants left knowing that they were better prepared to face the challenges of leadership within their own clubs.

A sincere thank you is extended to all who gave of their time to attend the events and especially to those who conducted the training and provided refreshment.

**PDG Tim Williams**, District 31-I Global Leadership Team

## Our Brighter Visions

### \$\$s at work . . . .

Sight and Hearing Conservation efforts continue to be the prime focus of humanitarian projects for the Lions of North Carolina. The Mobile Screening Unit (MSU) is an important tool in the early detection of vision and hearing problems. The MSU is a 60 foot customized trailer and truck. The unit is equipped with a diesel generator or it may be plugged to a power outlet. There are two entry and exit doors located on the right side of the trailer. One door is equipped with a ramp. There is an 18 foot pull down awning. The unit is climate controlled with heat and air conditioning.



The MSU is available to all Lions Clubs in North Carolina for conducting screenings in their communities. This is a screening only and should not be confused with a complete exam. Based on the screening results, individuals may be advised to see an eye care professional for a complete exam.

During the period July 1, 2014, thru April 30, 2015, the MSU has completed 134 visits, screened 3,967 persons, referred 2,486 of those to vision professionals, and has 26 additional visits booked for the balance of the Lions year.



### District I area visits scheduled June - December 2015:

June 18	Sparta Club	Alleghany County
Aug 19	Concord Club	Cabarrus County
Sept 19	Huntersville Club	Mecklenburg County
Sept 22	Lake Norman Club	Iredell County
Sept 26	Gold Hill Club	Rowan County
Oct 13-14	Mooresville Club	Iredell County
Nov 12	SouthPark Club	Mecklenburg County
Nov 13	Salisbury Club	Rowan County
Nov 21	Southmont Club	Davidson County
Dec 8	Salisbury	Rowan County

**If your club cannot sponsor the MSU, consider joining the club nearest you for a screening or to volunteer.**



# CLUB UPDATES & EVENTS

We'd love to list all the food events, golf tournaments, and all the other great projects that clubs sponsor around the district.



## We Serve

**SEND INFORMATION FOR YOUR CLUB EVENTS TO BE INCLUDED HERE TO PDG THERESA MATTHEWS BY THE 20TH of each month -- MKMSALES@MINDSPRING.COM OR to PO BOX 788 DENTON, NC 27239**

*Pictures are very welcome.*

### CHARLOTTE SOUTHPARK -- Recent activities include:

- \*\* Donated an EVS Merlin CCTV with 24" flat panel monitor, a Beecher 5.5x telescope, and a Lighthouse +4.00 D prismatic reader to the Mecklenburg Association for the Blind.
- \*\* Donated a lensometer for determining the prescription of eyeglasses, to Lions Services Eye Clinic.
- \*\* Sponsored 6 VIPs to Camp Dogwood

### WELCOME -- Country-style steak dinner on

Saturday, August 15 at Center United Methodist Church in Welcome. Serving is from 5:00 to 7 pm. Tickets are available from any member and are \$11.00 and need to be purchased by Saturday, August 8. The menu includes country-style steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, baked apples, homemade rolls, homemade desserts, and tea or coffee.

**District 31-I  
Cabinet Installation  
Registration  
Saturday, July 11, 5:00 PM  
Camp Dogwood**

Meal Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: District 31-I Lions

	Number	Amount
Enclosed Dinner @ \$12.50	_____	_____

**Return by July 5, 2015**

Mail payment to: Lion Ron Staley  
7935 Altacrest Drive  
Concord, NC 28027

## Banner Pictures For Convention

Dear Club Leaders,

I am putting together a banner presentation for District 31-I's fall convention. I want to use photos of the actual banners if at all possible.

**IF YOUR CLUB IS CURRENTLY IN DISTRICT 31-B or 31-D and YOU WILL BE MOVING INTO DISTRICT I,** and you have not already sent me a picture of your banner, I need a good high resolution, full-length, side-to-side picture of your banner. (See the attached image.)

Don't worry about the background. I will remove it. Please include ALL banners that you have (club, Leo, Lioness, awards, etc.). Please make arrangements to take appropriate photo and send it to me as soon as possible, preferably via email in jpg format.

I look forward to working with you in our new District -- 31-I!

Yours in Lionism,  
Tim Williams



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All articles, announcements, etc., for inclusion in the District 31-I Newsletter should be sent to: Lion Carolyn Sprinkle, sprinkle89@skybest.com, or 722 Folger Road, Sparta, NC 28675. Please send all submissions as a Word document and pictures in a separate .jpg file.

Address corrections or additions for USPS or email should be sent to Lion Ron Staley, rstaley@carolina.rr.com, 7935 Altacrest Dr., Concord, NC 28027.



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