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April

2016

Are you a Leader or in Charge?

Being put in charge is not the same as being a leader

From Governor Allen:

Being put in charge is not the same as being a leader.

If you want to be a leader the good news is that you can do. Everyone has the potential but it isn't accomplished overnight. It requires perseverance!

- 1. The true measure of leadership is influence -- nothing more, nothing less. It is the ability to create positive change and get others to participate.
- 2. As leaders we must take time to develop deep relationships with those we are privileged to lead.
- 3. As leaders we must seek to recognize and influence such intangibles as energy, morale, timing and momentum. We must learn each facet of the responsibilities that we ask members to manage so that we can be real mentors to them.
- 4. Leadership is developed daily, not in a day. When we recognize our lack of skill and begin the daily discipline of personal growth, exciting things start to happen.
- 5. Balancing optimism and realism, intuition and planning, faith and fact is what it takes to be effective.
- 6. Any one can steer a ship, but it takes a leader to chart the course.
- 7. The best place for a leader is where he or she can serve the best and add the most value to those we lead. Mature leaders listen, learn, and then lead.
 - 8. As leaders we must know that we know,

and must be able to make it abundantly clear to those we lead that we know.

- 9. Improvement is impossible without change. Attitude is one of the most contagious qualities a human being possesses. As leaders we must view life as a series of opportunities and exciting challenges.
- 10. As leaders we can't move members to action unless we first move them with emotion The heart comes before the head. When we give them hope we give them a future.

<u>District Update</u> -- It is with sadness that I report to you that we have lost Charlotte Queen City Lions Club and its twelve members. For six months Ron and I have tried to work with the club to pay its delinquent dues to International which they failed to do.

Having started 2015-2016 with 1399 members in District I, we are now down to 1345! Since July, clubs did well adding 65 members but we lost 119 for a net loss of 54 members.

Activities that have been reported to International show 7550 volunteer hours for District I, providing service to 47,418 people.

My friends and fellow Lions we can regain our membership status with your involvement and dedication to ASK ONE -- Ask ONE, and ask another. Insure the future of your club and service to those we serve. This opportunity needs the immediate attention of all clubs, Thank you for your service to Lionism and allowing me to serve this year.

BLESSINGS.

Report 2016-2017 Officers ASAP Needed for Directory by April 15

Secretaries: UPDATE Member Info on MYLCI including address, email and phone

WE SERVE --TOGETHER



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From DG-Elect Butch --

Greetings Fellow Lions of the "Ideal" District.

There's much activity concerning Lionism in the month of April. Not only is it membership month, but there are several activities going on, especially at Camp Dogwood. Mark your calendars for April 8 & 9 for budget hearings at Camp Dogwood. These hearings always begin with dinner on Friday at 6 pm in the camp cafeteria.

Budget hearings are not just for our District Governor team, club officers, Council of Governors, and NCLI officers. Budget hearings are for every Lion in North Carolina. As Lions, we are all members of North Carolina Lions Inc. and are encouraged to attend these hearings each year.

So, make your reservations and come to Camp Dogwood. If you really want to know where your money is going, this is the time and place to

District Meetings & Events

Be Sure District and International Dues Are Paid April Election of Club Officers & Report to LCI by 4/15/2016 April 8-9 NCLI Budget Meeting at Camp Dogwood April 10-12 Volunteer Week at Camp April 21-24 State Convention Mariott Crabtree, Raleigh April 24 Cabinet Meeting April 29-30 Council of Governors May 1 NCLI Board Meeting May 13-15 Lions Fun Weekend at Camp Dogwood June 14 NCLI Executive Conf. Call June 17 Camp Dogwood Drawing June 23-29 International Convention Fukuoka, Japan

Future Events -- Tentative
July 16 District Awards, Installation,
2016-17 First Cabinet Meeting
Aug.24 Brighter Visions Kick-Off
Mayflower Seafood, Rural Hall
Nov. 4-5 District Fall Convention

find out and to let your voice be heard.

Following budget hearings, Volunteer
Week begins Sunday afternoon, April 10, around 3 pm. This year it will not be a week but rather just Monday, April 11 and Tuesday, April 12. Reservations must be made to plan for meals and overnight accommodations.

Some Lions actually will arrive before Sunday and start various projects. If you wish to come early you must call the Camp office at 1-800-662-7401 to make arrangements.

Your commitment of time does not have to be both days. If you can work just a while on any day, that would be great. Every little bit helps. But please remember to register!

Together we can do extraordinary things! (I borrowed that line from NCLI President Paul Bledsoe. Isn't he wonderful!)

Another happening in April is none other than our State Convention in Raleigh at the Crabtree Marriott on April 22-24. It's not too late to get your registration in for what is being billed as our best convention yet. So, don't miss out on this annual event. Again, the State Convention is for all Lions, not just District Governors, officers, etc. Registration information is on Page 9 of this newsletter.

As your District Governor for next year, one of my goals will be to continue the Reading Action Program that International started several years ago. Lions in the United States have an amazing opportunity to promote reading and impact the literacy of all children especially military children. As part of the Reading Action Program, Lions

can support the USO and United Through Reading's Military Program and provide assistance to the children of military families.

Naturally, the Reading Action Program is not just for military children but also for all children everywhere who need tutoring or assistance in reading or just love to read. Neither do we need to wait for next Lions year to start collecting books for elementary schools, public libraries, and community centers.

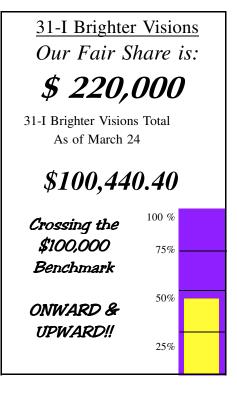
Next month I'll tell you all about my reading goals and explain about the special initiative for military children and maybe even some other goals for my year as District Governor.

I'm already getting excited for 2016-2017! Hope you are!

Yours in Lionism,

Butch Conrad

District Governor-Elect District 31-I



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1st VDG-Elect George -- On the Prowl

MARCH MADNESS.

Politics, and the Search for Peaches

When the ACC Basketball tournament is underway, that only means one thing: March Madness has begun. As the tournament ends, so begins the trek of 64 teams toward a national championship. There will be games on from noon to midnight for several weeks up to the final championship game in April.

Politics have their own madness as we watch and decide who, if any, we can support

Still Time to Register For State Convention

ADVANCE MEAL REGISTRATION REQUIRED

From: PDG Herb Justice, Convention Chair

Deadline for registration for the NC Lions State Convention is April 14, 2016, and cannot be extended. No meals will be available after that date or at the Convention Registration Table. Meal reservations are in advance only.

We have been able to extend the deadline for room reservations at the Crabtree Marriott until April 11.

Unique opportunities await Lions at the 2016 NC Lions State Convention set for April 22 to 24 in Raleigh at the Crabtree Marriott. Featured speaker will be Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada from Japan, our International President. Lions International will also be filming President Yamada's year-end video at our Convention.

For Convention registration see Page 9 and Golf Tournament form Page 8.

We look forward to seeing you at the State Convention. This is your opportunity to meet the International President in person and be a part of his year-end video.

Another special guest will be Miss North Carolina Kate Peacock of Dunn. Diagnosed with pediatric eye disease, she is a proponent and has help raise funds and awareness of the Duke Pediatric Eye Center. She will address the group following breakfast on Saturday morning.

in both the primaries and final elections.

Peaches – my auto-spell-checker corrects Peace to Peaches. I do like peaches and have been known to stop at roadside stands in search of a good peach.

Lions Clubs create peace in their communities. It's not that difficult. Projects are planned that will benefit the lives of the people they come in contact with daily. We are organized, committed, and know how to make things happen. We know the resources and where to find them.

Here are a few ideas, tips, and help from LCI:

http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/iad72.pdf

Lions CREW at WORK Guide – Improve your community by organizing a project. Invite the community to help and gain new club members.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/iad219.pdf

Green Team – Caring for the Environment – Community Clean-up, Tree Plantings, Recycling, Education.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/iad184.pdf **Strides** – Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness

http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/iad17.pdf
Hearing Aid Recycling

As we move from the madness of March to the final quarter of Lions Year 2015-2016, why not see what your club can do to make a difference in your community. I know, perhaps your club is too small to take on projects of this size. If that is the case, join forces with other Lion Clubs or organizations. Remember to publicize what you do so your community becomes aware that we are not just fund raisers; we are dedicated to serving our communities where we live.

I hope all of you find that perfect Peach in your community that leaves a good taste for what your club has done to make a difference.

I hope that you can -

Be A Lion Daily --Go B. A. L. D. with me, won't you?

Lion George Culp, 1st Vice Governor-Elect Contact me at: liongeorgeculp@gmail.com

Ideas on Strengthening Membership

Every club needs members in order to achieve its service goals. New members provide clubs with fresh ideas, new projects and additional ways to make a difference in their club and community.

Strengthening MEMBER-**SHIP** is important for both new and long-term Lions. It's about getting acquainted with a new service organization and for the seasoned Lion, it's about getting back to the basics of Lionism. We all need a refresher jolt about the "World of Lions" and it's 100 year Centennial Legacy to be celebrated in 2017.

I ask YOU, are WE READY for our NEXT 100 YEARS with NEW Lions and **NEW Lions Cubs!**

The following Membership ideas are Simple, Effective Strategies for Boosting Your Membership Efforts and have proven to bring positive results in growing a club's membership. Review these ideas with vour club members and have the Membership Committee Team in your club put them into action.

- Never underestimate the power of Public Relations. Publicize your club's activities. Positive media coverage builds community support and interest.
- Always have your club's newsletter available at public events, as well as brochures on Lions Clubs International and information on how to become a Lion.
- Hold a Membership "Open

Boone Area Lions and Club President Andy Sicard have welcomed new member Dr. Rennie Brantz to membership. Lion Rennie is the recently elected mayor of Boone.

From: PDG Gene Everette, Chairman Global Membership Team

House" and ask each member to invite a friend, neighbor, or coworker to a regular meeting and have information available to give them on what your club contributes to the community. Have a question/answer time set aside.

- Have an "Invite a Former Lion Night". Make it a special night! Have your secretary look back over past years for former members who have resigned (for whatever reason) and have a special invitation sent to them and hopefully ignite their interest to come back and join.
- Show YOUR PRIDE in being a LION! Build the impression of your club as a vital part of the community. Be present in community activities -- participate in parades, place your club banner in your meeting place (restaurant, schools athletic facilities), and above all, WEAR your Lions pin.
- Explore the possibility of starting a LEO Club in the local Middle or High School or a Campus Club if a Community College is in your community.



In Memory

James Martin, Arcadia Norman Hertzel, Huntersville Roy Casper, Mt. Pleasant

> Information obtained from MMRs submitted to LCI.

Troutman Lions Club celebrated 70 years of service to the community on March 18. Gene Krise was presented a pin for his 40 years in Lionism by President Ron Rich.

Gene Honeycutt was recently awarded his 55 year membership pin. These two members of Troutman Lions Club have lived the motto, "Where There Is A Need, There Is A Lion."





Concord MS Leo Chartered

Approximately 70 Lions, Leos, and guests attended Charter Night for the newly-formed Concord Leo Club. First VDG-E George Culp welcomed and inducted the 14 students from Concord Middle School. PID Harvey Whitley installed the officers. Each Leo received a membership certificate and a Leo Pin from Concord Lion and Leo Liasion, Dianne Culp. Lion Cory Cauble is the School Adviser for Concord Leo Club. The new Leos signed their charter which

will be framed and placed in the school meeting room.

Each Leo was provided the opportunity to describe why they desired to join a Leo Club. Lions and their parents were pleased to be a part of a celebration where today's youth are excited and have an opportunity to provide service to others.

Concord Leos have already been active by attending the State LEO Convention and assisting with Special Olympics.

Their favorite task thus far? Preparing meals for the Stop Hunger Project at their state convention.

Long-time Concord Lion Cub Lillie Rogers (left) signs the Concord Leo charter. At right, Natalie Rubalcava shares the exciting moment.





Above Past International Director Harvey Whitley installs the new Concord Middle School MS Leo officers. At right he demonstrates proper Stop Hunger Now protective gear . . . although the lace curtains are interferring with the effect.



Sparta Lions Club

Ist Annual Rummage Sale set for Saturday,
April 16, 8 am to 4 pm at Alleghany Fair
Grounds. Free admission. Participant Space rental:
\$10. Concessions Available. Contact Carolyn Sprinkle
(sprinkle89@skybest.com) for additional information,
to donate items to sell or to rent a space.

Mooresville Lions Club

Co-hosting a Bowling FUNdraising Event with the George Pappas' Victory Lanes in Mooresville on Sunday, April 3. It will be 3 hours of bowling, pizza/pasta buffet, soft drinks, door prizes, and lots of fun!!! Five-member team registration is \$150, \$30 per person. Contact Lion Chuck Sutton at gpasutton1@gmail.com or call 704-662-8570 for more information or contact George Pappas' Victory Lanes, 704-664-2695. Deadline for registration is Monday, March 28. PDGs are challenged to form teams.

Denton Lions Club

Spring Shrimp Boil Saturday, April 9, 5 pm - 8 pm, Denton Masonic Lodge, South Main Street. \$20 all you can eat, \$16 take out. Fresh-boiled shrimp, kielbasa, corn on the cob, fries, cole slaw, dessert.

Linwood Lions Club

Will celebrate the 65-year anniversary of their charter on April 28, 2016 with an informal hamburger/hot dog supper at their den. There will be a limited number of extra seats available. The price will be \$10.00 or less. Please contact Secretary Debbie Williams (djwms@triad.rr.com) if you are interested in attending.

Welcome Lions Club

Golf tournament will be held on Friday, May 20 at Lexington Municipal Golf Course. Barbecue lunch will be served at 12:00. Entry is \$50.00 for the captain's choice, shot-gun start. There are many door prizes and prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin for men and women. Cash prizes will be given for winning teams. There is also a tournament-withina-tournament for teams with two current lions members. There will be mulligans available. Please get your team together and come join us on May 20. Golf play will begin at 1:30. If you have questions, please contact Vaughn Black at 336-731-8729.

Odell Lions Club

Spring BBQ, Saturday, March 19, 10 am until 3 pm or sold out.

Club Events & Updates

Rockwell Lions Club

Hosted annual joint meeting with Rockwell Civitan. Lion Theresa Munyon spoke on Camp Dogwood.

In March, sponsored Celebrate Liberty programs at three elementary schools. Helping with VIP putt putt tournament at Dan Nicholas Park on April 2.

Zone 8

Mobile Screening Unit May 24th @ the Christian Missions in downtown Mooresville.

Zone 5

Will meet at the Davis-Townsend Lions den, 522 Turner Road, Lexington, on Wednesday, April 6, at 7 pm.

NFB (National Federation of the Blind) of Mecklenburg County has a Bingo Fundraiser on Friday, April 8, at 7 pm at the Charlotte Bridge Association, 510 East Park Avenue, Charlotte. Ten games cost \$25 with prizes of \$75 per game. For tickets contact Mary Le (704-535-3821), Mable (704-537-4635), Lavern (704-567-7582), Pat (704-554-6462), or Marlon (after 5 pm 980-253-6462).

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

SEND INFORMATION
FOR YOUR CLUB EVENTS
TO BE INCLUDED HERE TO
CAROLYN SPRINKLE
BY THE 20TH of each month
sprinkle89@skybest.com
or 722 Folger Road
Sparta, NC 28675.

Pictures are very welcome.

Mint Hill Lions Club

Two big events coming up: Car Show sponsored with Yadkin Bank, Saturday, April 30, 11 am - 3 pm at Yadkin Bank, 4335 Matthews-Mint Hill Road, Matthews. \$20 entry fee per car. Free parking and no admission for spectators. Concessions available.

18th 5K Run, Saturday, May 28, 8 am, on certified course beginning at Mint Hill Town Hall. Register on line at www.minthilllions.com. \$18 before May 1, \$23 May 1-26, and \$28 on May 28. Free T-shirt to first 100 entries.

Longview Lions Club

Hosting second annual Lion Prowl Freedom Ride (Poker Run) on May 14.

Leaving Blue Ridge Harley Davidson, 2002 13th Ave. Dr. SE, Hickory. First bike out 11 am.. Registration from 9:30 till 10:50. Run ends at Camp Dogwood. First bike in 1 pm. Non-riders invited for barbecue at finish. April 10 deadline to be included on T-shirts for \$250. For more information contact Eric Killian 828-455-4936. Event is organized by the Lions of the Catawba River area. Proceeds in part go to transportation for participants in the VIP Fishing Tournament.

Pinnacle Lions Club

Pine Ridge Golf Classic Saturday, April 30. Shotgun start 9 am. Entry Fee: \$100 for 3-person team. Prizes for: closest to the pin on Par 3s AND Longest Drive. Hole Sponsorship \$50. Free hot dogs, drinks and gift bags. Contacts: Allen Mitchell 336-710-7094 or Brandon Holmes 336-462-1880.

Boone Lions Club

All you can eat country breakfast buffet Saturday, April 9, 7 am - 11 am, Boone First Baptist Church. \$7, children age six and under \$4. Collecting eyeglasses for recycling and selling brooms.

REMEMBER -- Report service and fundraising activities on MyLCI.

PU101 OFFICER REPORT DUE ASAP BY April 15

New Members: Let's Give Them a Hand

Welcome to these new Lions & thanks to their sponsors:

Kernersville: Peter Kazman, Sponsor Chuck Bunting
Edwin Walker, Sponsor Raymond Thomas
Kenneth Ringeman, Sponsor John Stone

Lexington DownTown: Susan Nunn, Sponsor Tammy Michael

Information obtained from MMRs submitted to LCI.

3rd annual

NC Lions Fun Weekend

at Camp Dogwood

May 13-15

A weekend of pure fun No projects, No meetings Fellowship & Fun & Relaxation

Scheduled events

Subject to changes and additions
Casino Night with Prizes, Mini-Golf, Fishing,
Music, Corn Hole Tournament, Craft Show
Suggestions welcome for additional activities

FULL WEEKEND

2 nights accommodation 3 Meals Saturday & Sunday Breakfast

\$60 per person

Family Pricing Available

For more information & reservations: Keisha Ramseur 800-662-7401 ext. 230 keisha@nclionsinc.org

Lions Night at Hickory Crawdads

DG Allen Reinhardt is organizing a Lions Night for a Hickory Crawdads baseball game, either June 16 or 28.

Cost will be \$18 and include a hot dog/hamburger buffet in addition to game admission. There must be 20 or more to qualify for this group rate.

Please contact DG Allen if you would like to go and to confirm date: allegauction@skybest.com, 336-657-1482.



North Davidson Middle School Leo Club, supported by the Welcome Lions Club, put together a float for the Welcome Easter Parade. NCMS Leos were chartered earlier this year and have already been very active in the community. Lions Betty

Hayes and Michelle Gregory marched with the group in front of the float.

Photo by Lion Elizabeth Conrad

STATE CONVENTION **VOTING INFORMATION**

Certification of Delegates --

Saturday, April 23, from 4 pm to 5 pm Sunday, April 24, from 7 am to 10:30 am

General Session (where the nomination and voting will take place) --Sunday, April 24, at 10:30 am



2016 NC Lions State Convention **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Friday, April 22, 2016 Check In by 8:30 AM Tee Time: 9:00 AM

Deadline: April 18, 2016

Raleigh Golf Association 1527 Tryon Road, Raleigh, NC Phone 919-772-9987

PRIZES - PRIZES -PRIZES

First & Second Place Teams Winners Most Accurate Drive on Hole #4

Closet to Hole on Par 3's- Holes 3,7,12, &15 Longest Drive (must be in fairway) Hole#13 There will be 2 Flights- Flights to be determined after all scores are in.

RULES - MODIFIED FOUR-PERSON SCRAMBLE

- Each person plays a ball from the tee box
- The team then chooses the best ball position for their second shot
- Each person shall then play his/her own ball into the hole and record the score
- The team score will be the total of the best two scores in the foursome
- No Player should score over a double bogey on any hole
- Players 65 and under will play from the white tees; ages 66-74 may use the gold tees; and players 75 and over may use the red tees

\$50 PER PLAYER \$200 PER TEAM

Includes Golf, Cart, Box Lunch and Drinks

NAME OF TEAM:					
	PLAYER #3				
PLAYER #2	PLAYER #4				
Contact Name	Phone #				
Make checks payable to: NC	Lions 2016 State Convention				
Mail check with this form to: Lion Clarence Powell, PO Box 297, Henrico, NC 27842 Home Phone# 252-537-8746 Cell# 252-532-0275					

E-mail: powellck@earthlink.net

NC Lions to Endorse Int. Director Candidate

District 31-I has endorsed PDG Gary Steele as a candidate for International Director of Lions Clubs International. Voting is Sunday, April 23, at 10:30 am during the final general session of the NC Lions State



Convention, Crabtree Marriott, Raleigh. PDG Gwen White of District 31-S is also seeking the endorsement of MD31 NC Lions.

Voting on ID candidate endorsement and some Bylaw changes will be open to certified club delegates. Certification forms and proposed Bylaw changes have been sent to club secretaries by Council of Governors Secretary Rhett White.



93rd Annual NC Lions State Convention





Turkey Wrap, Potato Salad, Fresh Fruit, Dessert———————— \$26.00					
Town Hall Meeting and Seminars: 1:30 pm—4:30 pm					
District Governor's Banquet: 6:30 pm—10:30 pm					

Hotel Information: Room Rate—\$99.00 plus tax
Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley Hotel
4500 Marriott Drive, Raleigh, NC 27612
www.raleighmarriottcrabtreevalley.com then enter
desired dates of stay, then click "Special Rates" and
input LISLISA in "Group Code" box.

Hotel Reservations after March 25, 2016 will be provided on a space available basis.

Make your reservations directly with the Hotel:

1-800-MARRIOT and reference

Market Code 'Lisa'

Registration/Meal Payment: Make Check Payable to: NC LIONS 2016 State Convention

Mail check with this form to: Lion Glenn Day

160 Meadow Glen Drive

Wake Forest, NC 27587 E-Mail: glennday@nc.rr.com

Do Not Mail After: April 11, 2016

Name Tag Registration/Meal Reservation: Please Print First and Last Name

Name of Lion/Guest	Club Name/District		Circle Ones that Apply	<u>Honors*</u>	
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PDG Lunch \$26.00		<u> </u>	'Honors: Melvin Jones Fellow (MJF), Jack Stickley Fellow (JSF)		
DG Banquet \$32.00		\$	William L. Woolard Partner-In-Service (WLW) Sid L. Scruggs, III Beacon of Hope (BOH)		
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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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Lions Clubs

