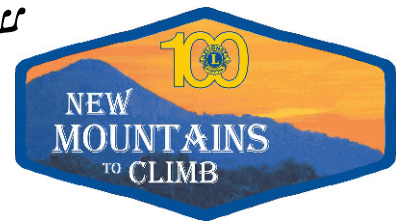




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Lions Clubs International  
District 31-I

## Meetings & Events

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**AUGUST** -- Pay District and International Dues  
First Zone Meeting  
Aug. 6 31-N BV Kickoff  
Aug. 12-14 Council & Board Meeting, Crabtree Marriott  
Aug. 20 31-O BV Kickoff  
Aug. 24 31-I BV Kickoff  
Mayflower Seafood, Rural Hall  
Aug. 30 Convention Planning Mtg.  
Golden Corral, Hanes Mall, WS  
**SEPTEMBER** 15-17 USA/Canada Forum, Omaha, NE  
Sept. 27 Executive Committee Conference Call  
**OCTOBER** -- Deadline for ordering Peace Poster kits  
**Oct. 17-19 VIP Fishing Tourn.**  
**NOVEMBER** -- Second Zone Mtg.  
**Nov. 4-5 31-I Fall Convention**  
Hawthorne Inn, Winston-Salem  
**Nov. 5 Second Cabinet Mtg.**  
Hawthorne Inn  
Nov. 11-13 Council & Board Mtg.  
Holiday Inn, Wilmington  
Nov. 18-19 31-L Convention  
**DECEMBER** 17 Executive Committee  
Camp Dogwood  
**JANUARY** -- Pay 2nd Half District and International Dues  
**Third Cabinet Meeting**  
Jan. 20-21 31-N&S Convention  
Jan. 27-28 31-O Convention  
**FEBRUARY** 3-5 Council/Board Mtg.  
North Raleigh Hilton  
Feb. 24-26 State Leo Convention  
Camp Dogwood  
**MARCH** -- Third Zone Meeting  
**Nominate Club Officers**  
March 21 Executive Committee Conference Call  
**APRIL -- Elect Club Officers**  
April 7-8 Budget Hearings  
Camp Dogwood  
April 9-12 Camp Volunteer Week  
April 15 Report Club Officers to LC/DG  
April 28-30 State Convention  
North Raleigh Hilton  
**MAY** 5-7 Council & Board Mtg.  
Airport Marriott, Greensboro  
May 7 NCLI Annual Mtg.  
Airport Marriott, Greensboro  
**JUNE** 20 Executive Committee Conference Call  
June 30-July 4 International Convention, Chicago, IL

## From Governor Butch:

### Greetings

Lions of the "Ideal" District, Our District seems to be off to a terrific start for the second year of District 31-I. Region and Zone Chairs have set up meetings and Vice District Governors and your District Governor have set up visitation schedules. If your club hasn't received a call about a District Governor Team member visit, don't worry – you will shortly. Our team is planning to be finished with visits before Christmas then we can concentrate on securing new club sites and starting some more Leo Clubs. Also, we would like to focus on clubs that need assistance either individually or from the team.

A Lions "cub" club might be an idea that you would like to pursue. If members have children or grandchildren who would like to attend the club meeting with you then there is a great opportunity to start them off young! If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am at your disposal 24/7!

Our next big event will be our Brighter Visions Kickoff on Wednesday, August 24, at Mayflower Seafood in Rural Hall, just above Winston-Salem off US Hwy 52 – specifically 665 Montroyal Rd, Rural Hall. Pop that address in your GPS and come on up and enjoy the good food, fun, and fellowship. We will be ordering off the menu so you may wish to arrive as early as 5:30 pm. The meeting will begin at 7 PM. Also, if your club wants to really kick-off Brighter Visions with a check, bring it along for our parade of donations!

Our District goal again this year is \$220,000. I feel that this is an attainable goal! So, please mark your calendar and come join the beginning of a great Brighter Visions year! You need not register for this event. Just be

there!

You may tire of my putting in a plug for our District Convention on November 4-5 at the Hawthorne Inn in Winston-Salem but here it is again anyway! Convention begins on Friday, November 4 with a Fun Night meal of hot dogs and hamburgers followed by karaoke. There will be some other interesting talent from some of our "talented" Lions members.

Come participate or just sit back and relax and enjoy the fun starting at 6 pm!

We open up Saturday morning with a Town Hall meeting with our visiting International Director, Alan Lundgren of Arizona, who will also speak at the District Governor's Banquet on Saturday night. Remember, Saturday breakfast is on your own, with full hot buffet included for those who stay at the Hawthorne Inn.

The exciting Tail Twisters' auction follows the Town Hall meeting. If you have items for the auction from your club or community members, remember to bring them labeled with the club name so you will get Brighter Visions credit for the selling price.

Same idea with the "Brighter Visions Boutique" operated by Lion Debbie Williams of the Linwood Club. She always does a magnificent

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## On the Prowl -- With 1st Vice Governor George

From the Broadway musical ***Leap of Faith***, come the lyrics:

*Take that leap of faith!  
Walk out on the ledge!  
Lay aside your doubts!  
Stand right on the edge!  
Bid your fears goodbye!  
And step into the sky,  
You gotta take a leap of faith.*

Several weeks ago, our son Nick suggested Dianne and I join him in a community theater production of *Leap of Faith*. The thought of our first time on stage as members of the gospel choir intrigued us as we felt as if we have enough musical experience to pull this off. It seemed to be a wonderful opportunity for a family affair. As we exited the auditions, Dianne and I looked at each other with that “what-in-the-heck-have-we-gotten-ourselves-into” look! I, who without the level of musical training as Dianne, was shocked to find that my baritone notes were written in the treble clef -- meaning I had to transpose them to an octave in my lower range. Also, the songs were unfamiliar and difficult to sing at best.

We took the music home and began to listen to the audio while studying the musical scores. We were selected to be “Townies” and rehearsal dates were established.

As your new Lions’ year begins, perhaps it is time to see if your club needs to step

out on the edge. District GMT Gene Everett recently sent a memo entitled ‘**A Voyage to the Future**’. In it there are wonderful suggestions to increase club membership. Two that encourage us to step out are:

**Change Club Operations** as necessary to meet your club needs: Suggestions are date and time, meeting location, and club dues.

**Add New Service Activities** Look for activities that will ‘**Challenge**’ your membership to improve your local community. Entertain new ideas that have never been tried!

Similar to our Lions year for our clubs, our play opens in one week. We are closer to the edge than we want to be at this point. So what do we do?

We work harder preparing ourselves outside of rehearsals so that we perform better at the rehearsals. Repetition is our friend. With each rehearsal we are more confident in our ability to perform.

Soon we open and I’m sure we will be nervous. After all, this is a first! We will do our best, learn from our mistakes, and enjoy the rewards when it’s over.

District 31-I Lions – I challenge you to stand right on the edge and bid your fears good-bye. Seek changes that will make your club better. Seek new ideas. Seek opportu-

nities for service in your community by assessing its needs. What is missing? How can you help?

It’s important that our clubs take that leap of faith.

Lion George Culp 1VG  
NCLions 31-I  
[Liongeorgeculp@gmail.com](mailto:Liongeorgeculp@gmail.com)

*(Update to Marianne’s dream journey discussed in last month’s newsletter)  
1VG Curtis Erickson District 31-L is working with the Spruce Pine Lions Club to assist Marianne’s trip to the VIP Fishing Tournament. Marianne may have to wait a year to touch a lighthouse as she is facing knee surgery.*

*George Culp*  
1st VDG District 31-I

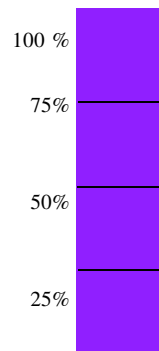
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2016 - 2017 District 31-E  
31-I Brighter Visions Goal

**\$ 220,000**

**Let's Hit  
A High Note  
for  
BRIGHTER  
VISIONS**

**Help Kick-Off the  
Campaign on Aug. 24  
With a Check**



## 2nd Vice DG Carolyn --

### AUGUST ALREADY?

This puts us closer to District I Fall Convention dates! You and your guest are invited! This is all about the work and play of Lions members in the 15 counties – Watauga, Ashe, Wilkes, Alleghany, Surry, Stokes, Yadkin, Forsyth, Alexander, Iredell, Davie, Davidson, Rowan, Cabarrus, and Mecklenburg -- all neighbors with the same “We Serve” attitude.

The registration form is in this newsletter – **print, complete, and mail** – it is that simple. Share your Lions' joyful experiences and hear and see the satisfaction we all have, knowing that we are providing needed services in our communities.

You know how glad you are to find interesting reading materials in waiting rooms before an appointment? Let's share that joy with others in our communities by recycling Lions International Magazines and the District 31-I newsletters.



It wouldn't hurt to leave some membership applications and information about your club there also. We might give new life to our membership campaign!

### REGION AND ZONE CHAIRS

-- Remember to ask each club you are assigned to bring/send canned or nonperishable foods and gently used or new children's books to our Fall Convention. This is a project of District Governor Butch and we all want it to be a success. These items will be distributed in District 31-I.

Also, you are asked to send to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor George Culp and me a list of Lions Clubs and the names of those attending the Fall

Convention

from your assigned areas. Lion George and I will be contacting clubs that have no registrations submitted by mid-October.

All clubs are asked to provide items for the Tail Twister Auction, items for the Brighter Visions Boutique, and to the Zone Baskets

for raffling. The auction items can be used or very gently used. The boutique items should be hand crafted in some way.

Lion Angie Kaiser has sent to each Zone Chair suggestions and guidelines for the Basket Raffle project. Monies raised from these three projects will support programs and projects that serve Lions throughout North Carolina.

Thanks to each of you for making this commitment to live to our motto, “We Serve”.

I had the opportunity to meet with the King Lions Club recently and was so impressed by the community involvement and dedication of the members.

Community involvement for this club began in 1949 with a dual purpose: to assist local people with vision problems and to help make King a better place to live. Those purposes are alive and strong to this day. Thank you to Club President Lion Bill Southern and all King Lions members for allowing me to meet each of you and for sharing the past, present, and future plans of this dynamic club with me.

**Carolyn Sprinkle**

2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice District Governor  
[Sprinkle89@skybest.com](mailto:Sprinkle89@skybest.com)

### *On a Sad Note*

Each month we will remember  
 Lions who have passed away.

Mack Cranford, Denton

Fred Edward Foster III and  
 C. Roger Jones  
 Winston-Salem Twin-City Host

Clyde Higgins, Taylorsville

Information will be obtained from  
 MMRs submitted to LCI.

***Brighter Visions Kick-Off***  
**Wed., Aug 24, Meeting 7 pm**  
 Arrive early for meal  
**Mayflower Seafood**  
**665 Montroyal Rd., Rural Hall**





District Governor Allen Reinhardt presented the Ben Q. Foreman Outstanding Lion Award to Debbie Williams, congratulated by her husband, PDG Tim Williams.



## 2015-2016 Awards Presented



Very few clubs WORLD-WIDE received International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada's 7 Keys to Success Award. PIP Sid Scruggs presented the award to the Lake Norman Lions Club. Above PDG Willie Hudson accepted on behalf of 2015-2016 club president Charlotte Soutullo.

Clarence Williford (left) accepted the Ron Staley Brighter Visions Award for West Concord Lions, who donated \$419.59 per member to Brighter Visions. Steve Emerson (right) accepted the Bob and Carolyn Sprinkle Camp Dogwood Award for Odell Lions, who sold 11.36 books of tickets per member.



David Smoot Best  
All Around Club  
  
Pinnacle Lions



Donald Cobb (left) accepted the George Culp Most Improved Club Award for the Sparta Lions. DG Allen Reinhardt received the Gene Everett Membership Award for sponsoring five new members.



Bob Sprinkle was named Outstanding Region Chair and Angela Kaiser received the Gary Steele Outstanding Zone Chair Award.



Bennie Pugh Club Membership Awards were presented to three clubs, all of whom were plus four members: Don Conner (left) accepted for Salisbury and Gary Steele for Cleveland. Creston-Riverview Lions were also honored.





**MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIPS** -- Pat Poteat of Bethlehem Lions, Judi Seymour of Concord Lions, and Angela Kaiser of Mooresville Lions.

**JACK STICKLEY FELLOWSHIPS** -- Jamie Chandler of Bethlehem Lions, Sydney Eudy of Harrisburg Lions, and Tim Williams of Linwood Lions.



**WILLIAM L. WOOLARD Partner-in-Service** -- Above: Patron Level: Terry Cauble of Mt. Pleasant, Don Conner of Salisbury, Liz Steele of Cleveland, and Butch Conrad of Davis-Townsend. Friend Level: (at center) Theresa Munyon of Denton, George Culp of Concord. Not pictured: Friend Level: Linda Van Vleet and Cleo Zemke of Gold Hill.



**WILLIAM L. WOOLARD Partner-in-Service** -- (Left to right) Supporter Level: Debbie Williams of Linwood and Elizabeth Conrad of Davis-Townsend. Awarded by PDG Association, Founder Level: Judi Seymour of Concord and Ron Rich of Troutman.

Below: Founder Level: Braxton Troublefield of Churchland and Jimmy Myers of Mocksville. Not pictured: Andy Sicard of Boone, Bill Muscarella of Sparta, and Dianne Culp of Concord.



**SID L. SCRUGGS III Beacon of Hope:**

Above: Steps to Service Level: Theresa Matthews of Denton, Bob Sprinkle of Sparta, Ron Staley of Concord, Cori Cauble of Mt. Pleasant, and Gene Everett of Dobson.



Lighthouse Level: Glenda Everhart of Davis-Townsend, Richard Rogers of Concord, Bob Sprinkle and Carolyn Sprinkle of Sparta, Gary Steele of Cleveland, Chris Beck of Franklin-Ellis, Sharon Moser of WS Konnoak Hills, and George Ohm of Salisbury.

## More 2015-2016 Awards



Betty Hayes of Welcome Lions (second from left) was named Helen Hudson Best Secretary for 2015-2016.

Others receiving 100% Secretary honors were: Sharon Pierce, Arcadia; Martha Conrad, Bethlehem; Susan Cole, Boone Area; Sarah Troublefield, Churchland; Gary Steele, Cleveland; Ron Staley, Concord; Sylvia Miller, Creston/Riverview; C.R. Butch Conrad, Davis-Townsend; Theresa Matthews, Denton; Gene Everett, Dobson; David Fitzgerald, East Iredell; Robert Norton, Elkin; Elizabeth Rummage, Gold Hill; Scott Evans, Harrisburg; Bobby Michael, Hasty; Marvin Bare, Kernersville; Debbie Williams, Linwood; George Kimberly, Mocksville; Angela Kaiser, Mooresville; Grover Starbuck, Mount Airy; George Barrier, Mt. Pleasant; Suzanne Arant, North Charlotte; Sue Cashion, North Wilkesboro; Steve Emerson, Odell; Fred Plummer, Pilot; Faye Locke, Pinnacle; Stella Stirewell, Rockwell; George Ohm, Salisbury; Timothy Nicholson, South Iredell; Johnny Davis, Taylorsville; Jennifer Harrison, Thomasville; Lois Rich, Troutman; John Wall, Walkertown; Lenual Forsyth, West Iredell; Sally Covington, West Jefferson; Janet Doub, Winston-Salem Konnoak Hills; Tanya Wilson, Winston-Salem Twin City Host.

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job! If you or someone in your community has crafts or items to donate, price the items and be sure to include the name of the donating club. All the proceeds go to Brighter Visions and your club gets credit for all the items that sell. The BV Boutique has proven to be a grand fundraiser for Brighter Visions at our November convention and what an easy way to get credit for the sale of items donated!

There will also be mini-seminars on Saturday afternoon, which we had wonderful feedback from last November's convention. The convention registration form is on Page 8. Mark your calendar and get your reservations and registration in early. This event should top last year's first inaugural District 31-I Convention.

As I have stated many times, I am excited about this year and as a team, working together, we can accomplish much. If you haven't been involved in District events such as conventions or cabinet meetings in the past, let this be the beginning of a fabulous tradition!

District 31-I epitomizes our motto: "We Serve."

Yours in Lionism,

**C.R. "Butch" Conrad**, District Governor, 31-I



Past International President Sid Scrugg presented several International President Certificates of Appreciation including one to Lion Elizabeth Conrad, new first lady of District 31-I. Outgoing District Governor Allen Reinhardt also received a IP Certificate of Appreciation.

PIP Sid also presented special 50-Year + pins for Lions reaching the 50 years of membership in the last year: Billy Ward Curry and Jack Frank, Davis-Townsend; Billy Sexton and Bobby Talbert, Denton; Joe Bowers, Linwood; Lucian Feather, Mooresville; and Braxton Troublefield, Churchland.

## On the Tour Bus

*Each club has an official visit each year from one of the District Governor Team members. These visits will be listed here as they are scheduled. If you have special request, please contact DG Butch.*

|  |                 |      |
|--|-----------------|------|
| Monday, August 1                                       | Davidson        | DG   |
| Tuesday, August 2                                      | Boone Area      | DG   |
| Tuesday August 2                                       | Sparta          | DG   |
| Wednesday, August 3                                    | North Charlotte | DG   |
| Monday, August 8                                       | West Lexington  | 1VDG |
| Tuesday, August 9                                      | South Iredell   | DG   |
| Tuesday, August 9                                      | Hasty           | 1VDG |
| Thursday, August 11                                    | East Iredell    | DG   |
| Thursday, August 11                                    | Wallburg        | 1VDG |
| Monday, August 15                                      | Davis-Townsend  | 1VDG |
| Tuesday, August 16                                     | Lake Norman     | DG   |
| Thursday, August 18                                    | N.Wilkesboro    | 1VDG |
| Monday, August 22                                      | Pilot           | 1VDG |
| Tuesday, August 23                                     | Dobson          | 1VDG |
| Thursday, August 25                                    | Huntersville    | DG   |
| Thursday, August 25                                    | Joint Meeting   | 2VDG |
| Concord, Harrisburg, Mt. Pleasant, Odell, West Concord |                 |      |
| Monday, September 19                                   | Hickory Grove   | DG   |
| Tuesday, September 20                                  | West Jefferson  | 1VDG |
| Thursday, September 22                                 | West Iredell    | DG   |
| Monday, September 26                                   | Derita          | DG   |
| Monday, September 26                                   | Mooresville     | DG   |
| Tuesday, September 27                                  | Mint Hill       | DG   |
| Thursday, October 6                                    | Midway          | 1VDG |
| Thursday, November 17                                  | Mocksville      | 1VDG |



## Taylorsville Lions Honor Past President

Taylorsville Lions recently named one of the buildings at the Taylorsville Lions Club Fairgrounds as the "Clyde Higgins Animal Complex" to honor a Past President who passed on May 20 after a hard battle with cancer.



On August 2nd, from 5-9pm, the Alexander County Crime Stoppers, Alexander County Sheriff's Department, and the Taylorsville Police Department will use the Lions Fairgrounds for National Night Out, a free community event to promote better relationships between the community and its law enforcement/emergency personnel.

Lawnmower racing by Full Throttle Racing Association will be at the Fairgrounds on July 30, August 13, and August 27 at 6pm.

Taylorsville Lions also presented a \$500 scholarship to Hannah Starnes of Taylorsville, who is going to study to be a physical therapist at Western Carolina University.

## Club Updates & Events

**Southmont Lions** -- \$1 raffle tickets (6 for \$5) for 39" TV first prize; two \$100 gift certificates at Shumakers Furniture second prize; and two floor lamps third prize. Drawing Sept. 10.

-- Sept. 17 BBQ chicken dinner \$8 includes homemade potato salad, bbq slaw, roll, and dessert. Eat in or take out. Southmont Community Center.

**Cleveland Lions** -- Joe Hall Scholarship Breakfast is September 3 at the Lions Club (106 Cemetery St) from 7:00-10:00 am. Donations are accepted for a full all-you-can-eat breakfast of bacon, ham, sausage, grits, eggs, homemade biscuits and jellies, redeye and sausage gravy, tea, coffee, orange juice and water. This fundraiser provides two \$1,000 scholarships. It was started in 1981 by the Mt. Ulla Lions and taken over and renamed in 1991 by the Cleveland Lions to honor Lion Joe Hall.

**Yadkinville Lions** -- Provided a wheelchair for community member returning home from rehab.

**Dobson Lions** -- Collected and delivered 35+ extra large black plastic bags packed full of used clothing to West Virginia flood outposts for distribution. Presented \$1000 each to Surry County DARE program and Children's Center of Surry County.



At end of the year awards and installation night, Mt. Pleasant honored outgoing President Steve Yost as Lion of the Year and presented Cori Cauble with a Progressive Jack Stickley and a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Richard Archer.

## Help Available With Hearing Aids

LCIF has grants available through the Affordable Hearing Aid Project (AHAP), which helps Clubs and Districts to purchase hearing aids for persons of need at wholesale price through our partnership with device manufacturer Rexton of Minnesota. A list of NC audiologists who have filled orders for Lions Clubs is available from Wesley P. Gathings, Grants Specialist for the US and Canada.

For more information his contact details are below or go to: <http://www.lcif.org/EN/our-programs/humanitarian-efforts/hearing/index.php>

Lions Clubs International Foundation,  
300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523, 630-468-6887 or fax 630-706-9128. Email: [Wesley.Gathings@lionsclubs.org](mailto:Wesley.Gathings@lionsclubs.org).

## Club Updates & Events

**Riverview Lions** -- Invite everyone to their "Do It Best" rubber duck race and Festival by the River on Saturday, Aug. 20 from 11 am to 4 pm, rain or shine. Duck Race 2 pm with grand prize of \$1000, second place \$200, third \$100. Ducks \$5 each or five for \$20. Riverview Community Center, 11719 NC Hwy. 88W, Creston. Craft vendors. Free kids' activities, parking, admission, and live music. Food by Appalachian Senior Companion Program. Info: Barry Hass 336-977-2157 or Warren Miller 336-384-4502.

**Lexington DownTown Lions** -- 36th Annual Dave Conrad Memorial Golf Tournament Sept. 7, 1:30 pm, Lexington Golf Club. \$225 for 4-man teams. More information Mark Breeden 336-308-0530.

**Southmont Lions** -- Barbecue Chicken, Saturday, Sept. 17, 11 am to 5 pm, Southmont Civic Center. \$8 half a chicken, slaw, potato salad, dessert. Eat in or take out.

**Denton Lions** -- Golf Tournament Monday, Aug. 29, at McCannless Golf Club, Salisbury. Shotgun start 9 am. 4-Man teams \$200.

**Charlotte SouthPark** -- At Way of Salvation Church health fair, planned Kid Sight Screening of 52 children. Several Lions from North Charlotte club assisted.

-- The evening meeting group has added a second monthly meeting and are discussing becoming a branch club and eventually an independent Lions Club on their own.

**WS Twin City Host** -- Sponsored 16 VIPs to Camp Dogwood.

**Bethlehem Lions** -- July 28 meeting held at Crawdads Stadium.

**West Iredell Lions** -- Hosted a cookout honoring the retirement of Tammy Loukas from Services for the Blind for Iredell and Lincoln Counties. VIPs and several Lions presented a gift to Tammy to recognize her many years of service to the VIP Support Group.

-- Also preparing for food booth at the Iredell County Fair, September 2-10.

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  
PDG THERESA MATTHEWS  
BY THE 20TH of each month --  
MKMSALES@MINDSPRING.COM  
OR to PO BOX 788  
DENTON, NC 27239**

*Pictures are very welcome.*

**Zone 8** -- Meeting will be held on Monday, August 29, 2016 @ George Pappas Victory Lanes at 6:30. Arrive early to order your dinner.

**Mocksville Lions** -- Provided 84 pairs of glasses at over \$7000. Most clients get free eye exam at Storehouse for Jesus eye clinics. Club also donated \$500 to Wake Forest Clinical Eye Research and awarded two \$1000 scholarships to local students.

## New Members Joining the Chorus

Welcome to these new Lions  
& thanks to their sponsors:

Boone: Karen Crotts, Norman Crotts, Sponsor Andy Sicad

Charlotte SouthPark: Sharon Newton, Sponsor Steve Caldwell  
Victor Benavides, Monica Roncagliolo, Sponsor Raul Farrock  
Teressia Hagopian, Sponsor Jack Hagopian  
Enrique Nassar, Martha Rueda, Sponsor Cesar Perez-Sanchez  
John O'Malley, Doloris O'Malley, Transferred in

Creston-Riverview: Jeffrey Lambert, Sponsor Warren Miller

Davidson: Ron Williams, Sponsor John Wiley  
Lauren Simonson, Sponsor Brent Tumbelson

Gold Hill: Michele Bowersox, Sponsor Keith Bowersox

Kernersville: John Holpe, Sponsor Willis Apple  
John Larger, Jeff Patterson, Sponsor Marvin Bare

Linwood: Casey Swicegood, Sponsor Molly Broadway

Taylorsville: Briann Higgins, Ashley Pennell, Timmy Pennell,  
Sponsor Brenda Higgins

Thomasville: Sean Farrell, Sponsor William Mills  
Tamara Suits, Sponsor Martha Hancock

West Iredell: Gale Ervin, TJ Ervin, Sponsor Lenual Forsyth

West Jefferson: Dale Hamrick, Sponsor Dewey Covington

Information will be obtained from  
MMRs submitted to LCI.



**We Serve**



## *Peace Poster & Essay Contests*

The theme of Lions International Peace Poster and Essay Contests is "A Celebration of Peace". The goals of these contests, which are open to students ages 11 to 13 as of November 15, 2016, are to:

- Give Lions the chance to interact with young people in their communities
- Introduce the youth to international understanding
- Give Lions a vehicle for positive publicity for their clubs.

**Our district goal for this year is to increase participation in the contest. Let's give the children of our district a chance to win the \$5,000 grand prizes!!!!**

Here's what you need to do:

- Order the Peace Poster Kit from Club Supplies at the LCI website NOW. One kit is required for EACH school or other organized youth group. Other promotional items are also available through the website.
- Contact the art teacher at your local middle school or leader of other organized youth group to explain the contest and provide materials.
- Collect entries and arrange for the contest to be judged.
- Submit the winning entry from each school/group to Peace Poster Chair Debbie Williams by November 15.

PLEASE NOTE: The essay contest is only open to students who have been identified as visually impaired. Work with your local schools to help find eligible students. Please e-mail me to expect your Peace Poster and/or essay.

Contact me if there is any way that I can help you. I am available to do a program for your club.

**Lion Debbie Williams**

Peace Poster Chairman

(336) 956-9901 or djwms@triad.rr.com



Peruvian Lions promote the Lions Centennial Anniversary by "Climbing Mountains", as directed by International President Bob Corlew. The picture shows Peruvian Lions from District H-1, at Machu-Pichu, Cusco, Perú.

## *Directory Updates*

WS Twin City Host: New meeting location, Five Points Restaurant, 109 S Stratford Road, from 11:30 am to 1 pm.

Denton Lions: New meeting details as of Sept. 1, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Classic Family Restaurant, Newsom Avenue, Denton.

Southmont: President is Arnold Sharpe rather than Susan Sharpe. All contact info should stay the same.

Thomasville treasurer has new email: Betty Bulgrin, loubul3@hotmail.com

Judi Seymour address is wrong on p. 15 (Page 40 is correct): 390 Rocky Rick Lane, Rockwell, NC 28138

Paul Hayes, Sec West Concord, new address: 2811 Summervally Court, Charlotte, NC 28269

Lake Norman Lions President - Pat Soutullo pat.soutullo@gmail.com

West Iredell Lions President - Patsy Shumake pshumake7000@yahoo.com

Troutman Lions Membership Chair - Joyce Keels keelsjoyce@gmail.com

## *Lion Christy Poteat Sets Art Show*

Artwork by Lion Christy Poteat of Bethlehem Lions will be exhibited August 27 through September at Wilkes Community College Library at Alumni Hall. Her works center on "Motion" and her artistic abilities are amazing considering her level of visual impairment.

Opening reception and Meet the Artist Night is Monday, September 12, from 4 pm to 6:30 pm.

Working in various mediums including watercolor, oils, etching, and colograph, Lion Christy has studied at Wilkes CC and with artists locally and at Nags Head. She studied etching with an artist in Florida. At right, Lion Christy shows off one of her paintings featuring a nice cool setting.



## *Fall Convention Plans Progress*

District 31-I Fall Convention is set for November 4 - 5 at the Hawthorne Inn, Winston-Salem. The hotel is located off Business 40 at Cherry Street. Room rates will be \$119 single/double and include a buffet breakfast each morning. See registration form on Page 11 for hotel group reservation code to be used.

Planning meetings are ongoing with plans for karaoke on Friday Fun Night, Tail Twisters auction for Brighter Visions on Saturday morning, along with cabinet meeting, seminar, pin-trading, and DG Banquet on Saturday.

Clubs and Zones are encouraged to bring new and gently used children and young adult books and canned food items for donations. A friendly competition will be promoted for who will bring the largest numbers.

The next planning meeting is set for Tues., Aug. 30, at the Golden Corral at Hanes Mall, Winston-Salem. The meeting starts at 7 pm; arrive earlier for dinner.

Convention Chair is 1VDG George Culp of the Concord Lions.

## *The Brighter Visions Boutique at District 31-I Fall Convention*

From Debbie Williams djwms@triad.rr.com

What is the Brighter Visions Boutique? It is store at our fall convention that will raise money for Brighter Visions.

What kinds of items can be donated? Expect a variety of handmade/ homemade, refinished, or repurposed items, including, but not limited to: home-canned/baked goods, wooden/metal items, baskets, jewelry, knitted/crocheted items, embroidered items, paper crafts, small quilted items, ceramics/pottery, decor items, handmade toys, and the list goes on.

How can you support the BV Boutique if you are not crafty? There are lots of good answers to this question, such as asking people in and out of your club to help. Most people are glad to share their talents for such a worthwhile cause. Your club could purchase materials for VIPs to make items. You or your club could host a crafting bee and gather some club members or other friends and work on crafts together. If your talent is shopping, you can purchase bargains for the boutique. Look for items suitable for Christmas gifts. Also, come to the convention and shop at the boutique!

How will clubs get Brighter Visions credit from Boutique sales? Mark collected items with the name of the club and a selling price. The club will receive Brighter Visions credit for each item sold.

You may pick up unsold items after the banquet OR allow the items to be donated to Camp Dogwood or other Lions events benefiting Brighter Visions.

Let me know if you have any questions or if I can help in any way.

## *A Centennial Moment*

From: PDG Allen Reinhardt

In celebrating Lions Clubs 100th anniversary, very few people are aware of the sequence of events that brought Lionism to NC. We were the 37th state to enter the Lions World. Melvin Jones' wife, who was a professional golfer, told him about this beautiful state after playing golf at Pinehurst. Later she would return to Pinehurst and win a major tournament there.

A short time after that on March 13, 1922, the first NC Lions Club, Winston-Salem Lions Club, was formed. Six weeks later Melvin Jones, LCI founder, went to Winston Salem for their Charter Night. At that time Winston-Salem was the largest city in the Carolinas with a population of 50,000, due to the huge factories of Hanes Knitting and the RJ Reynolds empire.

This club was headed by Charles S. Lawrence and would meet at the Robert E. Lee Hotel for more than 50 years until the hotel was torn down. WS Lions grew to over 150 members.

This first club in NC was home club to eight District Governors and two Lions appointed as Directors of Lions International. Back in those days directors were appointed not elected.

Dr L. Byerly Holt was instrumental in forming the Eye Bank of NC in 1951. And, listen closely, Henry Foy Jr., an executive with Indera Mills in Winston-Salem was a customer of a young salesman named Jack Stickley, who at that time had just started his yarn distribution Company. Foy invited Stickley to the Winston-Salem Lions Club. One month later Jack Stickley became a Lion with the Charlotte Central Club . . .

. . . More next month

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<http://nclions31i.org/wp/resources/newsletters/>





# District 31-I Fall Convention Registration

## Hawthorne Inn & Conference Center, Winston-Salem, NC 27101



### Friday - November 4

(Registration: 3:00PM-9:00PM)

Hospitality Room Open ..... 3:00pm-5:00pm  
 Family Fun Night (Food and Entertainment) Serve Us with a Song - Karaoke ..... 6:30pm-9:00pm  
 (We will collect canned food and children's books to help with hunger and literacy)  
 Lions Bingo ..... 9:00pm-10:30pm

### Saturday - November 5

(Registration: 7:15AM-6:00PM)

Breakfast on your own, **Hotel buffet included with hotel stay**  
 Opening Session and Town Hall Meeting with International Director ..... 9:00AM  
 Tail Twister Fun and Auction ..... Following Town Hall Meeting  
 Delegate Certification ..... 11:30am-1pm  
 Lunch in Hospitality Room ..... 11:45am-1pm  
 District Cabinet Meeting ..... 1pm-2:30pm  
 Hospitality Room Open ..... 2:30pm-4pm  
 Seminars and New Member Orientation ..... 3pm-4:45pm  
 Banquet (Lions and Guests) ..... 6:30 PM

**Badges must be worn at all meal functions (including Fun Night)**

**The Hawthorne Inn & Conference Center**  
**420 High Street**      **Lions Room Rate:**  
**Winston-Salem, NC 27101**      **\$119.00 plus tax**  
**(includes buffet breakfast for two)**

Rooms and Lions Room Rate will be available until  
**Oct. 4. Rooms and Lions Room Rate will be**  
**provided only if space is available after Oct. 4.**

**Make room reservations directly with the hotel:**  
 Call **(336-777-3000)** and indicate you're with Lions.  
 Online reservation - go to: **www.hawthorneinn.com**  
 and click "Reserve Online" and enter dates and Lions  
 District Convention Group Code: **26QØR5**

### Make check for meals payable to:

NC District 31-I Lions Clubs

### Mail check with bottom portion of this form to:

Lion Ron Staley      Phone: (704)788-8866  
 7935 Altacrest Drive  
 Concord, NC 28027  
 Questions: Email [rstaley@carolina.rr.com](mailto:rstaley@carolina.rr.com)

### Do Not Mail after October 22, 2016

Phone registration only from Oct. 23 to Oct. 29

**No refunds after Oct. 22nd**

**Return this part of the form with your check – Copy as needed**

**Club:** \_\_\_\_\_ **District:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Check all that apply

### Names:

(PRINT first and last names & circle title)

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| MJ                       | Stickley                 | Woolard                  | Sid L.                   | Friday                   | Saturday                 | Banquet                  |
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| Fellow                   | Fellow                   | Part n Svc               | Scruggs                  | Fun Night                | Prime Rib                | Chicken Marsala          |
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**Function**  
**Family Fun Night**  
**District Banquet (Prime Rib or Chicken Marsala)**

### Meal Cost

**\$20.00**

**\$35.00**

### Total # Attending

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### Total Cost

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**Reminder: Please Select Banquet Meal Preference Above**

**Total Cost \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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



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