

DISTRICT 31-I NEWS



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Planting Seeds with DG Lion George Culp

There is a time for nurturing...
Tend and Befriend Thru Service

Tend and Befriend—August is ‘**Befriend and Nurture**’ month. It is time to water, weed and feed, and do the things necessary to ensure our seeds begin to grow.

If you were at our cabinet installation luncheon at Camp Dogwood on July 15, you probably noticed the packs of flower and vegetable seeds on your tables and in the decorations. (Thank you Lion Dianne Culp for the beautiful table decorations!) We did notice that most of the seed packets were taken as intended. I hope our Lions will plant them and send me pictures at harvest time.

Last month, my message to you centered on preparing the soil for sowing the seeds of service. Now with seeds in the ground, it is imperative that we **TEND, BEFRIEND, and NURTURE**. But first, let’s talk about the **POWER OF WE**.

It is doubtful that the seed package you received contained only one seed. Seeds come in all sizes and often we must plant multiple seeds to ensure a greater harvest. A couple of other factors are needed: water and sunlight.

If you have prepared your soil and planted your seeds, doing nothing at this point will most likely create crop failure. You must add the water of action and the sunlight of direction. One seed cannot feed the world. The Power of We encourages us to seek others to help our cause. Suppose you find a penny. It is hardly worth the effort to bend over and pick it up. Now consider if 1.5 million Lions gave a penny, it would provide \$15,000. That is the **POWER OF WE**. The **POWER OF ACTION**, as in the reference of sunlight providing direction to the seed to grow through the ground and into the light. As club leaders, it is our responsibility to provide that direction.

As water provides the seeds nourishment to grow, so can you as a leader. Encourage your members to serve, nurture them to seek new and innovative ways to serve the needs of your community. Lastly, the **POWER TO SERVE** reminds us that we are the master gardener. Nature has provided methods

“Gathering Times”

- AUGUST** Pay District and International Dues
First Zone Meetings
6 Convention Plng Mtg.
11-13 Council and Board Mtg.
- Chestnut Tree Inn,
- Cherokee, NC
19 Officer Training (10 am)
Raccoon Holler (see p.9)
31 Brighter Visions Kickoff
- Mayflower Seafood,
Rural Hall, NC
- SEPTEMBER** USA/Canada Forum
21-23 - Portland, OR
- OCTOBER** VIP Fishing Tournament
16-19
- NOVEMBER** 31-I Convention -
3-4 Camp Dogwood
10-12 NCLI
17-18 31-I Convention



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1009 - Carolyn Sprinkle...

July has been a busy month for all I'm sure. Bob and I certainly enjoyed the International Convention. If you have never been to one, start planning now for 2018 International Convention which will be held in Las Vegas.

As I mentioned in my July article, I am interested in trying different avenues to get folks talking about the work of Lionism in their clubs, district and state meetings and most importantly with our friends, family, neighbors and others in your community. I had the opportunity a couple weeks ago to talk to a young man at the Verizon store. He has family who were or are Lions Club members. He wanted to know more and I was happy to share. I sent him the contact information for the Yadkinville Club. He has contacted them wanting to visit a meeting and he will be bringing a friend with him.

I have drafted a member/volunteer questionnaire (page 11) that I hope you will look over, change it to fit your clubs needs and let's design a document that we can use to start a conversation with potential volunteers who will become Lions once they understand the work we do.

Let me hear from you. We need all our ideas and talent.

Thank you and I hope to see ALL of you at the Convention planning meeting at Camp Dogwood Sunday, Aug. 6 in the Cates Room. We will begin promptly at 2:30 pm and adjourn promptly at 4:30 pm. Light refreshments will be available.

Final Officer Training

August 19-10a.m. Raccoon Holler

493 Raccoon Hollow Road, Jefferson, NC

Hot dog lunch provided by hosts

RSVP by Aug. 1—see page 9 for more info.

"Sharing

the Harvest"

Our 2017-2018 District 31-I

Brighter Visions Goal is

\$187,500

New "Roads" to Tend

Where in the district is DG George?



Monday, August 7	Elkin
Monday, August 7	Davis-Townsend
Thursday, August 10	Linwood
Tuesday, August 15	Yadkinville
Monday, August 21	Hickory Grove
Tuesday, August 22	King
Friday, August 25	Charlotte Central
Friday, August 25	Charlotte South Park
Monday, August 28	Pinnacle
Tuesday, September 5	W. Jefferson
Tuesday, September 5	Boone
Thursday, September 7	Midway
Monday, September 11	Southmont
Thursday, September 14	Churchland
Monday, September 18	Cleveland
Tuesday, September 19	Welcome
Tuesday, September 19	W. Lexington
Monday, September 25	Fair Grove
Tuesday, September 26	Arcadia

Did You Know?

Brighter Visions Provides Funding for the Following Programs & Services Offered by N.C. Lions

CAMP DOGWOOD	MATCHING FUNDS
MOBILE SCREENING UNIT	SUPPORT & MOBILITY CANES
N.C. LIONS EDUCATION GRANTS	N.C. VIP FISHING TOURNAMENT
DEAF BLIND RETREAT	LOW VISION AIDS
CLINICAL EYE RESEARCH	LIONS EYE HEALTH PROGRAM
ORGAN & TISSUE PROCUREMENT	RECYCLING

Brighter Visions Kick-Off

Thursday, Aug 31—Meeting 7 p.m.
Arrive by 6 p.m. for meal

Mayflower Seafood
665 Montroyal Rd.
Rural Hall

Let's exceed last year's record breaking
kick-off total of **\$43,419.96**

BRIGHTER VISIONS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2016-2017

District	Members	Brighter Visions	Memorials Honorariums	Total Donations	2016-2017 Goal	% of Goal	\$/Member
L	1,251	\$76,402.67	\$2,588.00	\$78,990.67	\$97,500.00	81.02%	\$63.14
I	1,311	\$148,147.18	\$8,271.00	\$156,418.18	\$220,000.00	71.10%	\$119.31
O	1,278	\$120,715.36	\$2,615.00	\$123,330.36	\$141,000.00	87.47%	\$96.50
N	1,251	\$88,793.50	\$1,640.00	\$90,433.50	\$116,000.00	77.96%	\$72.29
S	1,214	\$100,321.32	\$4,435.79	\$104,757.11	\$113,000.00	92.71%	\$86.29
M	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Total	6,305	\$534,380.03	\$19,549.79	\$553,929.82	\$687,500.00	80.57%	\$87.86

New



in the Garden

Welcome new Lions & thanks to their sponsors

Club	New Lion	Sponsor
Concord	Emilee Culp	Dianne Culp
	Heath Culp	George Culp
Kernersville	Kevin Tanner	Crystal Tanner
Lake Norman	Dorothy Hudson	Willie Hudson
Mint Hill	Stephen Smith	Lloyd Austin
Mocksville	Kathleen Curry	Michael Curry
Rockwell	Mack Flanagan	Donna Mikles
	George Huyck	Raymond Costello
Salisbury	Terry Nelson Carter	Wayne Kennerly
Troutman	Rohit Amin	Phyllis Honeycutt

In loving memory of Lions

who have died this past month

Harold Jenkins	Concord
Edwin Koontz	Franklin-Ellis
James Carter	Thomasville
Shirley Crocker	Southmont

Information is obtained from MMRs
submitted to LCI

REMEMBER ALL LIONS, FAMILY AND
FRIENDS WHO ARE IN NEED OF PRAYERS
AT THIS TIME

Tell us about your club events: fundraisers, service projects and honors received so that we can share them with your fellow Lions.

Email the details to ebc4986@yahoo.com or mail to Lion Elizabeth Conrad, 1270 Beck's Nursery Rd, Lexington, NC 27292 **by the 20th of each month.**

Club Updates & Events

The Gold Hill Lions have been challenged to take on a major project. After a friend of ours died, her son who works for the Norfolk and Southern railroads, asked if we could take on a project that the railroad was thinking about but did not have the manpower. He wanted us to have a **coat drive for homeless veterans**. The railroad would only let them have one organized collection per year and they just finished one. **We will run the collection from July 1st to November 1st to have time to distribute the coats before winter hits.**

We accepted and are now asking for assistance. These HEROS fell on hard times and now need our help. We already have seven coats but that is not enough. We would prefer new but will accept gently used coats also. Please dig down deep and help. **Contact PDG Morris VanVleet at 704-279-9358 home, 704-783-5164 cell, e-mail gpoohbar@twc.com or USPS PO Box 1406 Rockwell, NC 28138.** With your help we



PDG Butch was on hand to install the 2017-2018 **Southmont Lions Club** officers. Above from left are Emily Furlow—Secretary, Rod Huffman—2nd Vice & Membership Chairman, Becky Owens—tail twister, David Stein—3rd Vice, Mike Furlow—Treasurer, Susan Sharpe—1st Vice, Arnold Sharpe—outgoing & incoming President & Lion of the Year, and Past



The West Iredell Lions Club recently donated software and equipment to the Iredell County Public Library for a Visually Enhanced Media Center to help vision-impaired visitors. Peggy Carter, the library's assistant director, said West Iredell Lions Club President Patsy Shumake contacted her and asked about the needs of the library. Carter said her first thought was software called ZoomText 10.1, which features technology that improves clarity on magnified computer screens. The software costs \$1,300, but the club also donated two electronic magnifiers that totaled \$5,500.

Shumake's group is part of Lions Clubs International which boasts 1.35 million members and more than 46,000 clubs, according to the organization. Lions Clubs International is celebrating its 100-year anniversary, and asked clubs to find legacy projects. Many clubs are planting trees or purchasing park benches, Shumake said, but the West Iredell group wanted to undertake an ongoing project honoring the club's motto of "We Serve." Shumake said several visitors to the library have called to thank her for the equipment.

Shumake, who is visually impaired herself, got a chance to test the magnifier by viewing a photo on her grandson Paeton Nutting's cellphone. "A unique thing about this legacy project is this ties back into the club's overall mission," said Nutting, who also serves as Shumake's sighted guide. "It goes the extra mile."

Pictured below from the left are Steve Messick, director of the Iredell County Public Library, Peggy Carter, assistant library director, Patsy Shumake, president of West Iredell Lions Club and Paeton Nutting, Shumake's grandson and sighted guide, at the new Visually Enhanced Media Center.



Mooresville Lions Club officers for 2017-2018 are pictured on the left: Back row: Lion Jerry Ervin – Chaplain, PDG Sharon Weddington – Membership, Lion Dolores Dauenhimer – Treasurer, Lion Kelly Johnson – VP, Lion Chuck Sutton – Tail Twister Front row: Lion Kaz Sherrill – President, Lion Angie Kaiser – Secretary, Lion Becky

**Volunteers needed for Deaf/Blind Retreat
Sept. 15-16**

(More Club News on page 5)

2ND VDG JIMMY MYERS

I would like to take this opportunity to especially say "thank you" to the District for honoring me with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. It is truly important for Lions at all levels of Lionism to support our International Foundation. That foundation is the life's blood for our work throughout the world. With its funds, we make grants that benefit people throughout the world. When a storm recently impacted people in our own state, foundation funds helped provide relief. The last two years, I have urged the Lions of District 31-I not to neglect our foundation. Although not achieved, my challenge was for each club each year to award a Melvin Jones Fellowship. That is still my challenge because it will make a difference in the world and in the clubs that meet that challenge.

Lion *Jimmy Myers*—2nd Vice District Governor

More Club News and Events

Do you have your tickets for a "Day at the Lake" on Aug. 12, **Davis-Townsend Lions Club's** new "FUNdraiser"? Tickets for a steak dinner and an opportunity to win a Yeti cooler and other very nice prizes are available for \$50. Come enjoy swimming, boating, fishing, music and more. Social hour begins at 4 p.m. with dinner at 6. Proceeds will go to the club's scholarship fund. Call/text 336-250-2103 or email katiehallattorney@gmail.com.

Salisbury Lions Club invites you to their 85th Charter Night—Sept. 12, 6 p.m. Salisbury Country Club. The speaker will be PID Harvey Whitley. Contact PDG Bob Loeblein at 704-636-4766 for more information.

Troutman Lions Club has the first box of empty, label free pill bottles ready to ship to Cincinnati, Ohio. for their new on-going service project. These pill bottles help the poorest of the poor get medicine distributed in sterile containers instead of pockets, newspaper, or leaves.

Centennial Legacy Project Completed

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of Lions International, tree identification plaques were restored on six trees planted beside the entrances to Dan Nicholas Park in Rowan County, North Carolina, marking the trees that were planted by North Carolina Governors from September 30, 1987 to April 16, 1994. The plaques read

Salisbury Lions Club

in honor of the 100th Anniversary of Lions International

DG George (Continued from page 1)

moved by water, wind, and animals. Your club should be using its talents to plant seeds the traditional way while looking for new and innovative ways.

Perhaps your club is a "nut tree". Nut trees simply allow their seeds to drop to the ground. Birds and squirrels may carry them away. Some are eaten and others are forgotten. Somehow those seeds begin to grow to mature plants.

Tend and befriend your ideas and plans. Review your goals and adjust where needed. We are heading into our second month of this Lion's year. Are you seeing potential growth? Do you need to water and feed more often? You have planted the seeds by now, do not let your efforts go to waste.

Next month, we will be looking for some evidence of growth in our membership and number of people served.

Lion Dianne and I are looking forward to visiting your club.

Lion George Culp DG NC Lions 31-I

Lions of **Zone 7** are excited about hosting the **Youth Exchange**. The eight international visitors accompanied by the Gaspersons will be staying in at a Greensboro hotel Aug. 3. They will be met there by a Zone representative and will travel about 15 miles to Winston-Salem to be treated

1355-Number of eyeglasses collected by

Mark your calendars:

Aug 12	Davis-Townsend Dinner/Raffle
Sep 12	Salisbury 85th Anniversary
Sep 15-16	Deaf/Blind Retreat
Oct 4	Davidson County Lions Council Giveaway
Oct 11	District Cabinet Meeting
Oct 16-19	VIP Fishing Tournament
Nov 3-4	31-I Convention
Nov 10-12	NCLI
Nov 17-18	31-L Convention



Lion Darryl Cerro Demonstrates

South Iredell Lion assisted Camp Dogwood in removing walkway hazards just in time for the 50th Anniversary! Darryl Cerro has been a member of the South Iredell Lions Club for just over ten years. Darryl owns his own business, and it is an unusual one...he shaves concrete step and walkways removing tripping hazards. With millions of miles of sidewalks in this nation, you would think there would be more businesses like his, but that is not the case.

"We are fortunate to have Darryl in our club," said South Iredell President, John Cissell. "He is an exceptional member now serving as Chaplain and Website coordinator. Starting in July, 2017, he will be Third Vice President of the club."

But, Darryl was no stranger to Lions. As a child, he was injured in an accident that severely damaged his right eye. His family, not being able to afford expensive eye examinations, called upon the Patchogue (pronounced Patch ah), New York, Lions Club to assist. They did, but the doctors were not able to save the eye, however, the effort was made, thanks to the Lions Club of Patchogue. Darryl never forgot their kindness. Darryl removes tripping hazards from uneven sidewalks. Those who have sight problems are especially prone to fall on uneven surfaces, and the rough places Darryl repaired will clearly help make Camp Dogwood a safer place for all. Darryl spent four hours in the past year assisting the staff with those issues.

Darryl, an unassuming Lion, says he owes his tenure with the club to the late Dan Schmidt. Dan was not only a past president of South Iredell, but served in many administrative positions in North Carolina Lions. Darryl said Dan was so friendly and down to earth, he had to give Lions a try. Here he is today, following in the foot-steps of his mentor, Lion Dan Schmidt.

Darryl likes the teamwork displayed by the club members and enjoys all the club activities. Darryl is an asset to our club and to this community.

On the right: Darryl with one of his machines removing hazards at Camp Dogwood! Next time you are there, walk a little easier knowing Darryl has made your visit much

Mooreville Lions Club met at Camp Dogwood for a tour, dinner and great fellowship with the campers in July. After dinner, they gathered on the back deck for a history lesson on Camp Dogwood from PDG Sharon Weddington.

Look for more about the 50th Anniversary celebration at Camp Dogwood in the next newsletter



Camp Dogwood Ticket Sales 2016-2017

Way to go District II

District	Members	Total Sales	Books /Member	Clubs with 3+ books
L	1,251	\$19,140.50	1.53	9
I	1,311	\$31,771.00	2.42	23
O	1,278	\$29,276.25	2.29	18
N	1,251	\$24,704.55	1.97	14
S	1,214	\$24,441.00	2.01	14
M	0			
Total	6,305	\$129,333.30	2.05	78

The Deaf/Blind Retreat will be at Camp Dogwood Sept. 15-16. This year's theme is the "Flintstones." Volunteers will be needed Fri from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sat. from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Contact PDG Willie Hudson at whud40@windstream.net



Lions Clubs International



NC Council of Governors for 2017-2018: Lion Barbara Ernst with DG Karl (O), DG Steve McLaurin and Lion Marian (S), DG Curtis Erickson (L), Lion Susan Eggert and DG Don (N), Lion Dianne Culp and DG George (I) and Lion Liz Steele and CC Gary.



From Left: District Governor George, taking the oath of office. PDG Rhett White with NC's newest International Director, Lion Gwen. PID



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!
The Zone 1 and 2 & Make-up (FINAL)
Officer Training School

for the 2017-2018 Lions Year
will be held on **Saturday,
August 19, 2017**
beginning at 10:00 AM
at Raccoon Holler Campground
493 Raccoon Hollow Road,
Jefferson, NC
(in the Rec. Building).

All Zone 1 and 2 Presidents and Vice Presidents, Secretaries,
and Treasurers are urged to attend. (Any officer-elect who
missed the school in his/her zone should also attend.)

PDG Tim and Lion Debbie Williams will
treat participants to a hotdog lunch
following the training sessions.

BRIGHTER VISIONS Donations to Brighter
Visions will be accepted.

Please RSVP to Lion Tim (twilliams6@triad.rr.com) by August 1.




Below: Jim Maxwell accepting George Culp Most Improved Club award for **Huntersville** from PDG



Below-Right: Displaying **Presidential Certificates of Appreciation** are (L-R) Past District Treasurer Kirby Matthews; Past District Secretary Theresa Matthews, PDG; Pat Poteat and PDG Sydney Eudy. In addition to being great Lions, all four of these Lions go the extra mile to ensure that VIPs are able to attend the Fishing Tournament each year.

Below: PDG Butch who presented **Jack Stickley** awards to Elizabeth Conrad, Angie Kaiser, Liddy Bray, and Cesar Perez-



Odell Wins Trifecta!



Odell secretary Steve Emerson (center) needed help from PDG Butch and PIP Sid to hold the awards for David Smoot Best All-Around Club, Ron Staley Brighter Visions for largest per member contributions (\$422.82) and Bob and Carolyn Sprinkle Camp Dog-

Pictured below with PDG Butch is Glenda Everhart, winner of the Ben Q Foreman award for outstanding service sponsored by Salisbury Lions Club. Glenda also received



100th LIONS International Convention



More photos from Chicago, the Pisgah HS band (above) leading the NC delegation with DGs carrying the banners with MD31 Lions signatures. See the ID's signature banners sewn together to make one big display at the convention center on page 7. Congratulations to Pisgah for winning 1st place in the band



Awards



and Installation



Scruggs recipients (above) are Liz Steele, PDG Gary Steele, Judi Seymour, DG George Culp, Theresa Munyon, PCC Allen Reinhardt and (inset) Lamplighter level PCC Bob Sprinkle with PIP Sid and PDG Butch. Above right: Jamie Chandler, PDG Jerry Austin and 2VDG Jimmy Myers display their new **Melvin Jones** plaques. 1VDG Carolyn Sprinkle, Michelle Gregory, Lois Rich, Christy Poteat, Ron Rich, Antha Reid, Rickey Curry and Dianne Culp pose (below right) with their new **Woolard** awards. Sharing the





You are invited to attend the 3rd 2017 District Convention Planning Meeting on Sunday, August 6th 2017 in the Cates Room at Camp Dogwood. The meeting will begin promptly at 2:30 pm and is scheduled to adjourn promptly at 4:30 pm. Light refreshments will be available. Come with constructive ideas, energetic participation and pencil and paper.

Thanks – Carolyn Sprinkle, Convention Coordinator

TEND AND BEFRIEND THROUGH SERVICE



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Our Facility is spacious

WELCOME...

The Meeting & Retreat Center at Camp Dogwood is located on the banks of Lake Norman. Nestled in forest and pastureland, the Center provides an environment rich with creativity, harmony and balance.

It is the ideal setting for your group retreat, workshop, conference, business gathering or social event. The natural environment and many amenities provide a setting conducive to both personal and professional growth, creativity and rejuvenation. The Center is a great place to get away from the city to relax, unwind and be inspired.

For Info call: (800) 662-7401 x230

WELCOME TO THE MEETING & RETREAT CENTER AT CAMP DOGWOOD

Mark your calendars now –District I Fall Convention at Camp Dogwood

November 3rd & 4th 2017. Fun, food, fellowship, seminars, networking, sharing ideas and discussing our challenges. More information to follow regarding room reservations, menus, fun night activities, banquet, seminar topics and seminar leaders.

Today, Lions International is over 1.4 million members strong with active clubs in over 190 countries and geographic areas worldwide. The Global Service Framework focus efforts of Lion and Leos are: vision care, environment, literacy, clinical eye research, hunger relief, pediatric care and diabetes.

Our club currently focuses our efforts on: *(List your club info here-these are just examples)*

- ✓ Vision care through financial support of screenings, glasses and other appliances
- ✓ Blind persons with mobility canes, recreational retreats and activities and appliances
- ✓ Annual free vision and hearing screenings through the NC Lions Mobile Screening Unit program
- ✓ Environment through the North Carolina Adopt a Highway Program (April & Oct)
- ✓ Literacy through financial support of County Library and the Little Library Program
- ✓ Hunger Relief through volunteers at the local food pantry and semiannual food drive
- ✓ American Red Cross Blood Drives

What other community needs are you aware of?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

How much time (hours) will you have to share in the opportunity to serve those in need?

Per _____ day _____ week _____ month _____ annually

What professional training, special skills, education and life experience will you share in the service of others?

(List your club info here-these are just examples)

1. Secretarial/Record Keeping
2. Accounting
3. Legal
4. Organizational
5. Group/Committee Leadership
6. Membership Recruitment and Retention
7. Volunteer Coordinator
8. VIP Transportation (medical appointments, retreats, and daily life needs)
9. Fundraising planning and coordination
10. Meal planning and coordination

Other: _____ / _____

Thank you for your interest in serving the needs of others in your community, North Carolina and around the world. If you are now a Lions member, thank you for your continued support. If you are not a current member or volunteer, we would certainly appreciate getting to know you and sharing this opportunity with you.

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All articles, announcements, etc., for inclusion in the District 31-I Newsletter should be sent to: Lion Elizabeth Conrad, 1270 Beck's Nursery Road, Lexington, NC 27292 or ebc4986@yahoo.com. Please send all submissions as a Word document and pictures in a separate .jpg file. Mail to arrive by the 20th of the month.

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



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