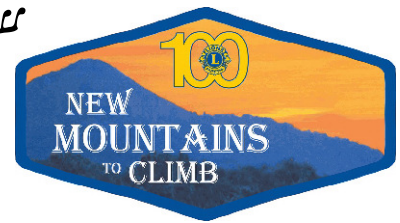




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Lions Clubs International  
District 31-I

## Meetings & Events

### TO NOTE

**JULY 9** 31-S Installation  
**July 16 10:30 am** 31-I Awards  
**Installation/Cabinet Meeting**  
**First Reformed UCC, Lexington**  
**July 23** 31-S BV Kick-off  
**July 30** 31-L BV Kickoff  
**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**  
**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  
**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 LCI/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,  
 With the first year of District I be-  
 hind us, my District Governor team,  
 Region Chairs, Zone Chairs, and  
 District Chairs are ready to hit the  
 ground roaring! The 2015-2016 Lions  
 year was magnificent with the leader-  
 ship of Past District Governor Allen  
 Reinhardt and this District Governor  
 expects no less!

LCI – Leadership, Communi-  
 cation, Invite for Impact are the key  
 ingredients of International President  
 Chancellor Bob Corlew. Lion Bob's  
 theme this year is "New Mountains to  
 Climb." He is focused on membership  
 -- finding new ways to invite new  
 members to join the Lions club. Like  
 PDG Allen, our International  
 President is also focused on communi-  
 cation – communication with commu-  
 nity and within the District and the  
 local Lions club.

Invite for Impact means to induct  
 at least three  
 new members  
 in each of the  
 Centennial  
 Celebration  
 fiscal years  
 and sponsor a



Special Happy  
 Birthday wishes  
 for DG Butch  
 while in Japan.

new Lions Club during any of the  
 Centennial Celebration fiscal years.

For all new members inducted  
 during the Centennial years there is a  
 special Centennial Member pin and  
 certificate and a special sponsor pin.

The Centennial focus is on hun-  
 ger, vision, youth and the environ-  
 ment. Also of great importance are  
 Legacy Projects. Find out what your  
 club can do for your community that  
 will leave a legacy there provided by  
 the local Lions club. Build a play-  
 ground for the community or an ele-  
 mentary school, provide books to  
 stock a public or school library in the  
 community, buy a bench for a local  
 park, and . . . the list is endless!

My goals are simple and to the  
 point for 2016-2017, and I feel they  
 can be easily met. Our entire team  
 has been through District training and  
 I plan to communicate often with  
 them through monthly meetings either  
 face to face or online with  
 GoToMeeting.

I challenge clubs to participate in  
 the Centennial Challenge projects by  
 having service projects in all four ar-  
 eas of the program: youth, environ-  
 ment, vision, and hunger. Also, I'd  
 like to see each club complete a  
 Legacy Project in the community,  
 performing a lasting, permanent pro-  
 ject in your own community. Let your  
 community know who we are and  
 what we do!

Another goal of mine is to add  
 new partnerships to the District.  
 Evaluate who can we help and

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## On the Tour Bus

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

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

Dianne and I and our family will be taking a vacation in July. We actually made our reservations over a year ago.

And next year, we are traveling to Chicago for the International Lions Convention. As it is Lions Centennial year, plans began years ago. When families desire to take a trip, it is because they either enjoyed their last visit there or it is a destination that someone recommended as they had a good experience there. Vacationers are seeking a place of rest, yet with enjoyable activities.

Vacations are enjoyable because it is not just the being there, it is the preparation for the journey and the memories that are made.

I recently received a call from Susan King, Camp Spruce Pine Director, who shared with me that a first-time camper, Marianne Snyder of Spruce Pine, had spoken to her about how much she was enjoying the camp. Marianne, visually impaired due to macular degeneration, expressed her pleasure in making jewelry, crafts, and the other daily activities of being a camper. She was making new friends and especially enjoyed rocking on the porch looking at the water.

Marianne began losing her sight after the birth of her daughter. Before long, she had to stop driving as her vision diminished. She continued to care for her family and even began to take care of her beloved fourth grade teacher whom she loved dearly. She never planned for a vacation because she was so busy helping others.

At the age of 64, Lions of Spruce Pine introduced her to Camp Dogwood. Yes, this was the first vacation Marianne had ever taken. As she sat on the porch, rocking and talking with her new friends, she was amazed at the amount of the water she could distinguish through the creeping cloudiness caused by her eye disease.

"This is the most water I have ever seen", she told me on our call after she returned home. "This was my first vacation and I had a ball!" she proudly exclaimed.

I made notes on my pad regarding her comments. First vacation, most water, and 'can't wait to go again'. She has now experienced what sighted people do all because of the Lions of North Carolina.

A thought entered my mind, "Marianne," I asked. "Have you ever seen the ocean?" I knew the answer but I waited for her reply.

"No, but I heard about a chance to go fishing at the beach with other VIPs". I filled her in on the VIP Fishing Tournament held each year at the Outer Banks. I heard the excitement grow in her voice when she shared a dream of hers.

"I've been told that there are lighthouses on the coast," she explained. I proceeded to tell her of my family vacations to visit every NC lighthouse. Trips planned on school breaks by my fourth grade teacher-wife when our children were in elementary school and studying NC history. She continued, "I don't want to go up in a lighthouse, I just want to touch one."

I just want to touch one, I

have never had a vacation, I want to see the ocean; it all echoed in my mind as to how LIONS make a difference when we serve in our communities. I completed our call with a promise. "Let me see what the Lions can do to make your dream come true."

There is no doubt in my mind that Marianne and others will be able to do things they thought impossible. The seeds of need have been sown – now it is up to us to cultivate and tend until harvest.

Dianne and I hope you and your family have an opportunity to vacation this summer. Make some memories and perhaps you will experience something that is a new experience for you.

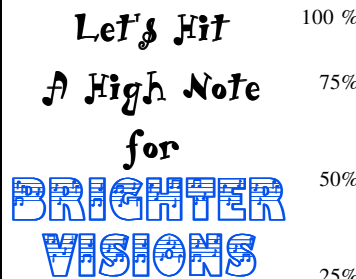
Encourage other members of your club to find ways to provide opportunities for your VIPS. You just might make a dream come true.

*George Culp*  
1<sup>st</sup> VDG District 31-I

[Liongeorgeculp@gmail.com](mailto:Liongeorgeculp@gmail.com)  
(I'll update you on Marianne's dream journey in next month's newsletter.)

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

**\$ 220,000**



## 2nd Vice DG Carolyn --

I take this opportunity to thank each of you for the financial donations to Brighter Visions and Camp Dogwood during the past 11½ months. Through 6/17/16, you generously donated \$163,804.26 to Brighter Visions and \$31,019.00 through sales of Camp Dogwood tickets.

That is almost \$195,000 that is used to support programs, events, white canes, eye glasses/exams, hearing aids/exams, Mobile Screening Unit visits, educational grants, and more for the VIPs in North Carolina. I know how many hours and miles and how much energy goes into fund raising programs, projects, and events to raise this amount of money. Please know you are appreciated.

We now begin Lions Year 2016-2017. I am excited about this journey and looking forward to getting to know more and more of the dedicated Lions in District I. During my many opportunities to attend Zone, District, State, and International events, I have seen seas of faces. Each face tells a story. We all come from many different back-

grounds, with different life experiences but we all have a least one thing in common -- our willingness and enjoyment of giving our time and talents to help others.

I encourage you to share your stories with all Lions in North Carolina through the district newsletter. PCC Ron Staley emails and USPS mails more than 2,000 each month to active and inactive Lions in the state. The articles (hopefully with pictures) need to be sent to PDG Theresa Matthews on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. The more we share our work and thoughts with each other, the more unified and stronger North Carolina Lions AND Lions Clubs International will be. As all of us know, our membership is declining and most of the active Lions are 55 years old or older. We must circle the wagons - NOW! Each of us are professional, talented, innovative, and caring volunteers.

Also, check each District I newsletter for dates of upcoming zone, region, state, and international meetings and other club fund raising events. Attending as many of these meetings as you possibly can will expand your Lions network as you share thoughts and ideas of how to increase the

Congratulations to Hope Clontz of Charlotte the winner of the Camp Dogwood Car Raffle held at Camp Dogwood the evening of June 17 with a Visually Impaired Camper having the honor of drawing the winning ticket, which was sold by the **North Charlotte Lions Club of Lions Services, Inc.**

support of not only the VIPs but of others in need in our communities. Lasting friendships, social activities, and fun will be just some of the unexpected rewards gained from sharing your Lions experiences, challenges, joys, and concerns with other Lions.

Be happy in the opportunity we have to serve others -- happy enough to share the opportunity with family members, friends, and neighbors every chance you have. We may never know the profound effect that we make in someone's life.

*"To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world."*

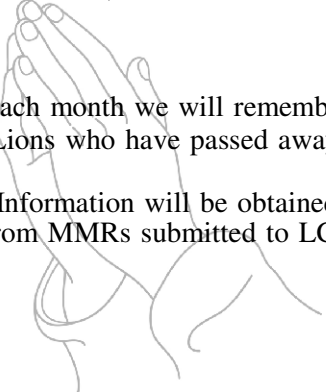
**Dr. Seuss**

Carolyn Sprinkle  
2<sup>nd</sup>. VDG - Sparta Club  
[Sprinkle89@skybest.com](mailto:Sprinkle89@skybest.com)

### On a Sad Note

Each month we will remember Lions who have passed away.

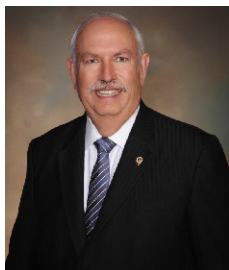
Information will be obtained from MMRs submitted to LCI.



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



## International President's Theme



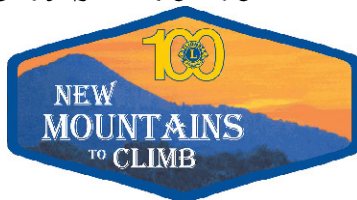
Chancellor Bob Corlew, from Milton, Tennessee, has been elected president of Lions Clubs International. He retired as chancellor for the State of Tennessee and as a professor of law.

He has been a member of the Murfreesboro Noon Lions Club since 1978.

It is the traditions of his boyhood in Tennessee and the independence passed on from ancestors who overcame challenges and seized opportunities to build a life in the foothills and mountains that inspired Incoming President Corlew to choose *New Mountains to Climb* as our 2016-2017 international theme.

Climbing a mountain is used as a metaphor. It represents something that is difficult and arduous and takes a maximum effort to accomplish. But it is only by climbing those mountains that we can excel. Each mountain represents a new challenge, a new opportunity. As our world continues to change, each of us faces new challenges and new opportunities to serve and each can be viewed as a mountain. Climbing these mountains provides a chance for Lions to make the world better.

President Corlew invites all Lions to join him in this continuing journey as we climb to new heights of service to our communities.



*District Directories will be distributed at our awards/installation/ cabinet meeting Saturday, July 16. Also available to secretaries/treasurers will be a CD of forms distributed at officer training.*

### Awards/Installation/Cabinet Meeting

**Saturday, July 16**

10:30 am 2015-2016 Awards Presentation  
12 Noon Luncheon \$12  
Followed by 2016-2017 District Cabinet Installation  
And First Cabinet Meeting of the Year

First Reformed United Church of Christ  
104 East Center Street, Lexington  
*Fellowship Hall is across the street from the church  
Park at the Fellowship Hall, behind the church, or on the street.*

You must register in advance for the meal.

Mail deadline July 6 **CALL ONLY -- BEFORE 7/8/16**

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

LIST NAMES (attach sheet if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Kirby Matthews \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12 = \_\_\_\_\_  
PO Box 788  
Denton, NC 27239  
**336-859-5344**

## Dues and Financial Goals

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

LCI Annual Dues (per member): **\$43.00**

(2nd member in family at same address \$21.50)

Billed in July and January

District Annual Dues (per member): State Admin. 5.50

Billed in two payments State Promotions 1.00

August \$11.50 District 10.50

January \$8.50 District Convention 3.00

Total **\$20.00**

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

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

Clubs are asked to consider their usual annual giving and set a 2016 - 2017 club goal of \$1 more per member as of July 1, 2016.

### Other Charitable Financial Goals

(per member as of July 1, 2016)

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
VAVS Bingo (Salisbury Veterans Hospital)	1.50
Leo Clubs	1.00
Deaf Blind Retreat at Camp Dogwood	1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$18.50 per member</u></b>

Other goals:

Camp Dogwood Tickets -- 3 books per member

Below North Carolina Lions MD 31 assemble for the Lions International Convention Parade of Nations in Fukuoka, Japan.



## Fall Convention Set Nov. 4-5

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.

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. More details will be finalized and announced in the August newsletter.

The next planning meeting is set for Wednesday, July 13, 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.

## Partner Songs

Our new First Lady of Lions, Dianne Corlew, has a challenge for all DG spouses for the coming year. Partners in Service are asked to champion Partners in Education. I am asking each club to take up the gauntlet and partner with a school or schools in your area, especially ones where the need is greatest and, in honor of our 100 years of service, to provide at least 100 items to that school.

You might choose to donate 100 books, which would apply toward your district governors goals for 2016-2017, or some-

thing else of your choosing.

Better still, contact the schools to see what is needed most. Your time might be more valuable than things, e.g., you might donate 100 hours of service such as reading to the children. Don't forget to have your club secretary report your efforts on the monthly activities report to Lions International on MyLCI.

I would love to hear what you are doing so we can share ideas in this space.

Thanks,

Lion Elizabeth Conrad  
Partner in Service to DG Butch



As District Governors-Elect, MD 31 leaders take a break from training for a photo.

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who can help us as Lions. Target businesses that might support Brighter Visions similar to what Talbots did in Winston-Salem: on one particular night for two hours, 10% of the profit went to Brighter Visions.

Feed the hungry: I challenge clubs throughout the district to have specific service projects to address hunger by possibly partnering with other Lions, civic groups, churches, or businesses to address hunger in our communities.

Increase membership in the district: evaluate trends in membership over the last five years and follow the step by step membership program outlined in the District Directory. Several directories are distributed to each club's officers. Build up existing clubs by having membership nights and target retirees, military, families, and spouses of members.

Finally, continue the International Literacy Program by encouraging your club to collect books for schools or public libraries, tutoring students and adults in reading, and read to students in school or public library settings.

I realize this is a lot to take on but with District I working together as we did last year, I know these goals will be met. Roar Lions Roar!

Yours in Lionism,

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



## On the Scene Internationally

Multiple District H Centennial Committee of Lima-Peru erected a marker as a Centennial Project. Chair of the project was PID Nelson Vidal La Torre. The fiberglass marker is located at Republic Avenue, Surquillo County. Pictured at left is the magnificent marker.



On May 26, the Bethlehem Lions Club welcomed Dr. Lutz and Elke Blage. Dr. Blage is the Director of the Altenburg Regional Hospital in Altenburg, Germany, which is a sister city of Hickory, through the Western Piedmont Sister Cities Association.

Dr. Blage is also a member of the Altenburg Lions Club. His visit to the Bethlehem Club was an effort to improve relations between the two regions. Below are Dr. Lutz Blage (left) and Jamie Chandler, Bethlehem Lions President, exchanging a friendship banner.



## Presenters' Workshop Set in Kinston

A Presenters Workshop designed to help Lions develop their speaking skills is set for Saturday, August 20 in Kinston. Area GLT Chair Joe Pitts and PDG Gwen White will lead the session.

The workshop will be held at Woodman Community Center, 2602 W Vernon Ave., Kinston, from 9 am to 4 pm.

While there is no cost for the workshop and lunch will be provided, registration is required so preparations for lunch can be made. To register contact PCC Joe Pitts at joepitts6@msn.com. Please put "Presenters Workshop" in the subject line.

## Keep Up the Efforts!

I am overjoyed at the number of clubs and the info they have reported on the MyLCI activities report. Forty-one clubs have been submitting activities during 2015-2016. These clubs are to be commended on both the quality and quantity of the information they are reporting to LCI and our district.

Obviously our work is reaping a lot of rewards and we are getting out the word. We expected even more reports to be filed during the final month of this Lions year.

**Lion Ron Staley**  
**Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer**  
**2015-2016**

## CLUBS MEET GOALS

Congratulations to the following clubs for meeting or exceeding all the District 31-I Monetary Goals. Each year clubs are asked to contribute to programs designated by the Governor as a way of providing over and above what clubs might do individually. At the end of the year all these funds to sent to the programs. Below is the list of clubs that met or exceeded the goals:

Arcadia, Bethlehem, Boone, Charlotte SouthPark, Churchland, Cleveland, Concord, Cornelius/Lake Norman, Davidson, Davis-Townsend, Derita, Dobson, East Iredell, Elkin, Fair Grove, Franklin Ellis, Gold Hill, Harrisburg, Hasty, Hickory Grove, Huntersville, Kernersville, King, Lexington Downtown, Linwood, Midway, Mocksville, Mooresville, Mt. Pleasant, Odell, Pilot, Pinnacle, Rockwell, Salisbury, Sparta, Troutman, Walkertown, Walnut Cove, West Concord, West Jefferson, W-S Konnoak Hills, W-S Twin City.

## 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.

**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.

**Bethlehem Lions** -- Had a very successful Broom Sale in Hickory in April. At their April 28 meeting, guest speaker was dairy farmer Myles Payne, who spoke about environmentally sustainable dairy farming. In May they had the Mobile Screening Unit (formerly Vision Van).

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

**Mooresville Lions** -- Our next fundraiser is the raffle of a Kindle 7" Fire with the proceeds going to Brighter Visions. If you're interested in the raffle, tickets will be sold at the Fall District Convention in November. The drawing will be in December.

**Troutman Lions** -- Had a booth for the Front Porch Festival, a street fair in Troutman. The Lions sold Camp Dogwood tickets and brooms. Information about Lions' service projects was available to the public as well as lots of questions answered about what Troutman Lions do and they call the event a success on all levels. Below Ron Rich shows of the booth and brooms.



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.*



**Welcome Lions** -- Country-style steak dinner on Saturday, August 6, at Center United Methodist Church in Welcome. Tickets are available from any member for \$11.00 and need to be purchased by July 30. The menu includes country-style steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, baked apples, homemade rolls, home-made desserts, and tea or coffee.

**West Jefferson Lions** -- Plan to install water fountain behind the library near the playground where there is a broken fountain. Will study the needs of the community and determine the Clubs goals, i.e. public awareness of Lions, by replacing broken fountain and placing bench in park with Lions symbol. Also continuing flag display project and participating in Christmas in July event.

**Lexington Downtown Lions** -- 36th Annual Dave Conrad Lions Memorial Golf Tournament, Wednesday, Sept. 7, 1:30 pm Lexington Golf Club. Barbecue following play. Questions: Mark Breeden, 336-309-0530. \$225 four-man team.

**W-S Konnoak Hills Lions** -- Sponsoring a camper for the Deaf-Blind Retreat. In 2015-2016 provided 40 eye exams and 45 pairs of glasses.

## New Members Joining the Chorus

Welcome to these new Lions  
& thanks to their sponsors:



Information will be obtained from  
MMRs submitted to LCI.

District 31-I Newsletter, ***The Voice of 31-I***, is published monthly.

**DEADLINE** for inclusion of articles is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month if by email.

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All articles, announcements, etc., for inclusion in the District 31-I Newsletter should be sent to: PDG Theresa Matthews, PO Box 788, Denton, NC 27239 or [mkmsales@mindspring.com](mailto:mkmsales@mindspring.com). 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](mailto:rstaley@carolina.rr.com), 7935 Altacrest Dr., Concord, NC 28027.



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