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You're In Good Hands With 31-I ALL HANDS ON DECK

May

2016



Lions Clubs International
District 31-I

From Governor Allen:

At the present time our district has 60 clubs. In July 2015, we began our district with 61 clubs and 1399 members. As of April 28, we now have 1348 members. We have added 81 new Lions this year but have lost 132 for a net loss of 51 members.

Of the 51 members lost



since July, 20 of these were due to death. This month we lost 19 members but installed 22 members for a plus 3.

We do have three new Leo clubs and a new club is being worked on in Millers Creek.

Over all, I am proud of each club for what you have accomplished this year and the efforts you continue making in increasing membership.

We have mailed each club in the district a letter and two membership applications with the challenge to finish the year on June 30 with plus 2 or more new members from the total membership shown at Lions International as of April 1.

In addition to the club challenges, we have challenged the leadership team to seek and recruit an additional new member each above the club challenges.

Hopefully these challenges will be taken seriously and if so, your clubs and our district will start the year 2016-2017 with a stronger outlook for service. Service activities reported to Lions International show a reported 7790 hours of service to 50,249 people.

We have submitted an application to the Charlotte planning board for an entry in the Novant Thanksgiving Day Parade in November. We will be notified in July if we are accepted. We will need Lions to walk in the parade and we will also have the MSU (Mobile Screening Unit,

Vision Van). Lions from across the state will be invited to join us in this endeavor.

Lions night at the Hickory Crawdads game will be June 16. It will be a fun-filled outing with an all-you-can-eat picnic buffet at the stadium. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ, trimmings, drinks, and ice cream. Tickets to the game and picnic meal are \$18.00 per person and must be reserved in advance. See Page 5 for more information.

Next year's leadership team is on the ball! The three club leadership training sessions have been scheduled as well as the first cabinet meeting and installation/awards banquet. Our second fall convention committee is meeting and plans are well under way. The district directory is underway, the budget committee has met, and the club visitation schedule is planned.

It has been my sincere privilege to serve with you this year and again I am extremely grateful for all you have accomplished and what we will continue to do as this year comes to a close. You have proven that Lions are hands on and have exemplified our slogan of "We Serve -- Together."

Next year's leadership team is hard at work and I know with your support District 31-I will continue to prosper. Thanks so much to all of you for being dedicated, loving, caring, and compassionate Lions.

Allen Reinhardt
District Governor

District Meetings & Events

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 10:30 am
District Awards, Installation,
2016-17 First Cabinet Meeting
First Reformed UCC, Lexington
Aug. 24 6 pm Brighter Visions Kick-Off
Mayflower Seafood, Rural Hall
Nov. 4-5 District Fall Convention

CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

Wednesday, May 11, 7 pm
Davidson County CC, Thomasville

Wednesday, May 18, 7 pm
Surry County CC, Dobson

Saturday, June 11, 9 am
Central UMC, Concord

Region and Zone Chairs will be notified
of their training session date and time.

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From DG-Elect Butch --

Greetings Fellow Lions of the "Ideal" District,

If you missed the Lions State Convention in Raleigh, you missed one of the best I've been to. There was everything from music on Friday night to our own International President Yamada on Saturday night. And the Hospitality Room – wow! It alone was something to behold. All in all, you missed a treat from Friday to Sunday!

It might be a little early but you should mark your calendar for our District Awards and Installation, which will be held at First Reformed United Church of Christ in Lexington on July 16 beginning at 10:30 with awards, then lunch and district officer installation, followed by our first cabinet meeting of the new year. I hope that you're as excited as I am about the upcoming year!

Another date to remember is our Brighter Visions Kick-Off on August 24 at Mayflower Seafood Restaurant in Rural Hall beginning at 6 pm. Mayflower Seafood Restaurant is just north of Winston-Salem just off highway 52. Please mark these important events on your calendar and be there!

Our Brighter Visions chairs are Lion Jimmy Myers of the Mocksville Lions and Lion Jamie Chandler of the Bethlehem Lions. These two guys are fabulous and out of this world excited for Brighter Visions.

Last month I said that I would tell you more about one of my goals that I am so excited about: the Reading Literacy Program, which actually started several years ago.

Lions in the US have an amazing opportunity to promote reading and impact the literacy of

military children. As part of the Reading Action Program, Lions can support the USO and United Through Reading's Military Program by providing assistance to the children of military families.



Separation from a parent is one of life's most stressful events for children, affecting their sense of security, their relationships, and their ability to learn. As US troops are asked to leave again on their third, fourth and even fifth deployment, the USO recognizes the urgent need to help the family members who are left behind. For the children of wounded, ill, and injured troops, the stresses of getting good grades while coping with a parent in a military hospital can be even more challenging.

That's why the USO, along with its partner United Through Reading, offers troops stationed at forward operating bases in the United States and overseas the opportunity to read a story aloud to their child. Mom or Dad's special story time is recorded on camera, and the USO mails this priceless DVD and book home.

For young children, the book and DVD not only encourage reading but also help them remember what a parent looks like during a long deployment.

The USO recently celebrated its 250,000th recording for United Through Reading's Military Program.

Here are some ways your club can get involved to make a difference in the lives of military children:

Organize a Book Drive. Host a book drive to support United Through Reading's Military Program. Books collected for this program must come from a list provided of over 100 books. Only new

books on that list are accepted for this program or any program that your club participates in.

Organize a Virtual Book Drive. Host an online book drive to provide personalized book and DVD packages to military children. Register your virtual book drive at <http://www.teamuso.org/Lions>. Ask each club member to make a contribution online or have club members register and email friends and family asking them to support the program.

Adopt Your Local USO Center's Children's Reading Area. Help your local USO Center provide new books, coloring books, and crayons for your local USO's children's reading library.

Of course, just collecting children's books for your own community would be a perfect way to support the Lions Reading Program.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to call or email me. More information is also available at www.lionsclubs.org.

Yours in Lionism,

Butch Conrad

District Governor-Elect District 31-I

31-I Brighter Visions

Our Fair Share is:

\$ 220,000

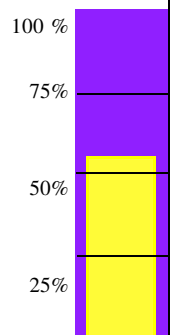
31-I Brighter Visions Total

As of April 27

\$123,183.11

**Over Half Way
to Our Goal**

**Finish
Strong!**



1st VDG-Elect George -- On the Prowl

Pay ATTENTION to your community.

They are watching you

While serving in the USAF, I learned early that when my Sergeant said "ATTENTION!", the entire group snapped to full attention without a whimper of complaints or disrespect. There was no movement, no talking, and no complaining. We were ready and willing to take the next command, no matter what the consequences.

As we trained to be Airmen, we realized that our lives were being molded to be team players so that each person doing their part would make the unit stronger and able to accomplish our goals.

Club Officer Training Sessions Set by District

Officer Training Seminars will be offered at three locations in the District. Incoming club **presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and membership chairpersons** need to attend. New Member Orientation will also be offered. Pick the time and location that best suits your schedule, and put it on your calendar now!

DATE: May 11, 7 pm to 9 pm
LOCATION: Davidson County Community College, Gee Building Auditorium, 297 DCC Rd., Thomasville

DATE : May 18, 7 pm to 9 pm
LOCATION: Surry Community College, H Building, 630 South Main Street, Dobson

DATE: June 11, 9:30 am to 12 Noon
LOCATION: Central United Methodist Church, 30 Union Street North, Concord

Even seasoned and repeat officers should attend to meet our Leadership Team and catch up on changes in the district, the state, and international. A brush-up on the basics is more than helpful to keep our clubs running smoothly.



Perhaps your club needs some "ATTENTION!"

A Active Lions Clubs will be successful. Plan monthly service projects of all types. This could be as simple as bringing bottles of household bleach to give to a local dog shelter or baby products for the Boys and Girls Home.

T Take Time to seek input from your members. What ideas do they have? Put them in charge and let them run the program from start to finish.

T Train newer Lions by inviting them to join in service activities.

E Ensure that everyone has an opportunity to join in. Provide ample opportunities to serve your community.

N Never pressure members to work the projects. Simply provide various opportunities in hopes that each member will find a project where they are comfortable and that provides satisfaction for serving.

T Thank everyone individually and as a group.

I Invite others to join your efforts.

O Offer support to those who may be uncomfortable with the task they have been assigned. Don't ask them to do something you would not do. Show them how, then step away.

N News spreads fast. Let your community know what your club is doing to enhance the quality of life for your citizens.

Lions Clubs should be known for what they do in their communities. Projects that are planned should 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.

Join forces with other Lions Clubs or organizations. Remember to publicize what you do so your community becomes aware that we are not just fund raisers, and we are dedicated to serving our communities.



Happy Memorial Day – Hug a Vet!

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



Congratulations to PDG Gary Steele (center) on receiving one of two LCI Presidential Awards at the NC Lions State Convention in Raleigh. A very special evening, Lions International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada was able to personally present the award. DG Allen Reinhardt is at left.



PDG Allan Thompson of West Lexington Lions has been named to the NC Lions Hall of Fame. His accomplishments include being instrumental in forming the Davidson County Lions Council, starting a day trip for county VIPs to Camp Dogwood, and a simple plan for holding an effective membership night to obtain new members. He is Past President of NCLF and has been very active on the district and state levels.



State/District Dues Will Increase

North Carolina Lions State Convention was held in Raleigh April 22-24.

At the final general session, certified delegates voted to increase dues paid to the State Council from \$3.50/member to \$5.50/member. It was noted that this is the first increase since 1995. Local Lions Clubs will need to assess the increase and their local dues for members.

Approximately 350 attendees were registered with 232 voting delegates certified. District 31-I had 50 delegates present.



In addition to our International President, another special guest at our state convention was Miss North Carolina Kate Peacock of Dunn. Her appearance was sponsored by Kirby and Theresa Matthews. The Matthews' granddaughter Eliza Kate Bray welcomed her and President Yamada. Kate has a special mission to spread awareness and prevention of pediatric blindness, as she has been a patient of Duke Pediatric Eye Center.

Remember DG Financial Goals

Many thanks to the following clubs for paying their District Goals. If your club has not done so, please send them immediately so we can support the needs of the organizations we support. See Page 21 of the District Directory for details.

Lion Ron Staley, Cabinet Sec./Treas.

Arcadia
Bethlehem
Churchland
Cleveland
Cornelius/Lake Norman
Davidson
Denton
Derita
Dobson
Gold Hill
Hasty
Lexington DownTown
Mint Hill

Mocksville
Mt. Pleasant
Odell
Rockwell
Salisbury
Sparta
Walkertown
Welcome
West Iredell
West Jefferson
West Lexington
W-S Konnoak Hills

In Memory

John Fish, Cornelius/Lake Norman

Charles Earnest, Dobson

Hoyt Wilson, Fair Grove

Howell Patterson, King

Jimmy Harbour, Mt. Airy

James Farrell, Thomasville

James Suits, Thomasville

Information obtained from
MMRs submitted to LCI.



At left: New members installed at Mount Pleasant Lions Club: From the left, new members, Pastor Chad and Laurie Kyler, and their five year old son William (in front). Back row 1st VGE Lion George Culp; sponsors of the Kyler's, Lion Terry J. Cauble PDG, and Lion Robyn Cauble; new member Tony Montgomery, wife Terri Montgomery; new Lion Tony's sponsor Lion Robert Harris; and Club President Lion Steve Yost.

Keep Selling Tickets For Camp Dogwood

There is still time to sell Camp Dogwood tickets. The drawing for the car will be held June 17 at Camp Dogwood.

As of April 27, District 31-I leads sales with \$20,919.00, 1.5 books per member. Ten Clubs in 31-I have sold three books per member.

Dobson Lions recently sold \$650 in tickets at the town's Spring Folly celebration.

Lions Night at Hickory Crawdads

Lions Night with the Hickory Crawdads baseball team will be Thursday, June 16.



Cost is \$18 and includes a full hot dog/hamburger picnic buffet in addition to game admission. The picnic will be available from 6:30 to 8 pm.

At approximately 6:50 pm, one of our VIPs will be throwing out the first pitch.

Tickets **must be reserved in advance** and are not available on line. To reserve and purchase seats, you must call or email Zach Miller of the Crawdads: 828-322-3000 or ZMiller@hickorycrawdads.com. You will pick up your tickets the day of the game at the "Will Call" window.

This is a great opportunity to celebrate the end of the Lions year and the start of summer. It is also a great opportunity for a social outing for our VIP friends.

New Members: Let's Give Them a Hand

Welcome to these new Lions & thanks to their sponsors:

Cleveland: Nancy Myers, Sponsor Elizabeth Steele

Fair Grove: Pam Britt, Sponsor Margaret Cline

Linwood: Geoffrey Sink, Sponsor Margaret Sink

Mocksville: Carolyn Boyd-Smith, Terry Boyd-Smith,
Sponsor Richard Curry

Mooreville: Kelly Angel, Robert Angel,
Sponsor: Angela Kaiser
Linda Meser-Widener, Sponsor Mary Richardson

Mt. Pleasant: Chad Kyler, Sponsor Terry Cauble
Laurie Kyler, Sponsor Robyn Cauble
Tony Montgomery, Sponsor Robert Harris

Pilot: Sharon Harrison-Pope, Summer Pope,
Sponsor: Reid Hedrick

Rockwell: Carry Rumsey, Heather Rumsey,
Sponsor Donna Mikles

Salisbury: Scott Adams, Jodella King-Sickles, Dale McCorkle
Sponsor Wayne Kennerly
Shawn Stevens, Sponsor Don Conner

Sparta: Michael Caudill, Pamela Caudill, Mike Davis,
Sponsor Allen Reinhardt

Taylorsville: Charles Carlson, Sponsor David Curry

Information obtained from MMRs submitted to LCI.

Charlotte SouthPark Lions Club Membership Open House planned for May 9 meeting at Sharon Towers, City View Club Room, 10th Floor, 6:30 - 7:30 pm with light refreshments. Also selling AutoBell Car Wash coupons and serving monthly meals at Ronald McDonald House.

Kernersville Lions Club

Newsletter Editor Ray Thomas keeps club members laughing with an entertaining newsletter. Events mentioned include club car raffle on April 26 and cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for the town's Spring Folly May 6-8.

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-within-a-tournament for teams with two current Lion 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.

Mooresville Lions Club

Wednesday, May 25, will be Lions Night at the East Coast Wings in Mooresville, with 10% from every customer's bill from 5 pm – 9 pm being donated to the Club.

Dobson Lions Club

Tuesday, June 17, 29th Lions Quest Golf Tournament to benefit local drug abuse programs such as DARE. Shotgun start 9 am at Cross Creek Country Club, Mt. Airy. \$70 per player includes all fees, goody bags, lunch, and raffles. For more info call Gene Everette 336-356-8735 or Bill Hamlin 336-710-3568.

Troutman Lions Club

Partnered with Berea Baptist Church for a food drive for Baptist Children's Home. Lion Sheryl Glase, Past District Governor Joyce Keels and Lion Lois Rich packed the boxes for delivery.



The minutes of the April 24 Cabinet Meeting held at State Convention in Raleigh are available at the district website: <http://nclions31i.org/wp/resources/cabinet-meeting-agenda/>

Club Events & Updates

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.

Davidson County Lions

Will receive a portion of profits from the Hot Flash Players production of "The Savannah Sipping Society". Cost of the dinner theatre is \$25 to be held at Tricia's Catering, 408 Piedmont Drive, Lexington, May 12-14 and May 19 -21, 6:30 pm. More information at hotflashplayers.com or call 336-236-8007 for reservations.

STILL TIME TO REGISTER

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

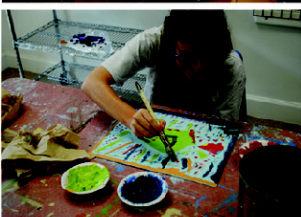
Family Pricing Available

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

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Just a few names of the thousands of NC citizens that enjoy our Camp Dogwood for the Blind and Visually Impaired each Summer. Real lives, real people... We serve. United, we are today's Brighter Vision...

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Karen McLean
Greg Capps
Beth McGowen
Jimmy & Clementine Dale
Ronnie & Patricia Bates
June Davis
Albert Potts
Joy Motte
Dawn Hudson
Mona Potter
James "PeeWee" Lassiter
Joyce Manning
DeWayne Palmer
Kwenton Babatunde
Jesse Smith
Leola Dorsey
Tammy Kirkland



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Has Your Club Met Our Obligation?

District 31-I is just over halfway to our Brighter Visions financial goal for 2015-2016 and the end of the year is rapidly approaching.

There are many projects that depend on Brighter Visions contributions from the Lions Clubs across the state.

NCLI has already announced that matching funds for this year are nearly depleted. Many Lions Clubs rely on Matching Funds to be able to provide eye exams, glasses, other assistance to the visually impaired and those in need in their communities.

Those VIPs who enjoy Camp Dogwood each summer are depending on us, as are children of blind parents who are receiving college scholarships.

After attending the NC Lions State Convention, Lion John Nunn, President of the Concord Lions, came away with the following thoughts:

Listening to other Lions, I came away with a great insight. We are always trying to count the number of people we help. How many people we screen. How many people we send to Camp. How many VIPs we send to the Fishing Tournament. How much money we raise for Camp Dogwood. All of these are good things, but it is like many stats in a baseball game. The number of hits really doesn't tell who wins the game. Neither does the number of strikeouts. What matters is the score. In our situation what we need to keep in mind is how we change the hearts and lives of the people we serve. We don't need to count numbers. We need to count Barbara. We need to count Terry. We need to keep score with names and faces and not just numbers. That makes what we do personal and that is more satisfying than helping, say, 20 nameless people.

From Concord Lions Club Newsletter

Gwen White Endorsed As International Candidate

Lions of North Carolina,

Thank you for endorsing my candidacy for the office of Lions International Director during the 2016 Lions State Convention in Raleigh. I sincerely appreciate your vote of confidence and your willingness to have me serve as your candidate for International Office.

Thanks to PDG Gary and Liz Steele for their friendship. Thanks also to all of our Lion friends who assisted with my campaign and kept me focused and on track. You are appreciated more than you realize.

My pledge to the Lions of North Carolina is to honor you and your commitment to service. If I am elected as an International Director, I will proudly share the story of North Carolina Lions and the services that we provide across our great state as we walk beside those we serve.

I welcome the opportunity to talk to you or to your Lions Club. Just call me at 252-202-2329.

Again, thank you for your confidence and support.

In Lionism, Gwen A. White, First Flight Lions

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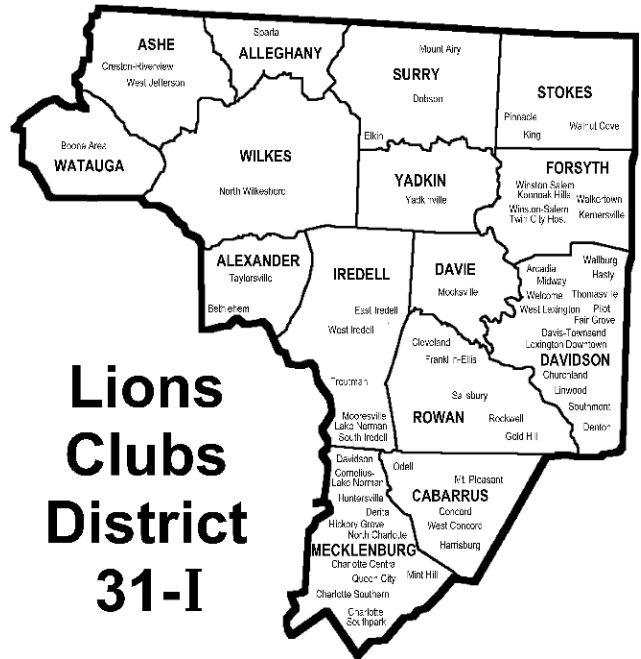
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Address corrections or additions for USPS or email should be sent to Lion Ron Staley, rstaley@carolina.rr.com, 7935 Altacrest Dr., Concord, NC 28027.



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