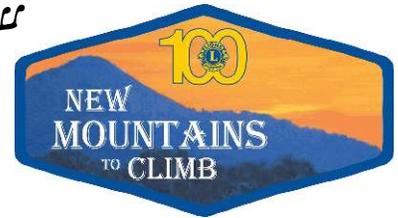




The VOICE of 31-I



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Lions Clubs International District 31-I

From Governor Butch:

Greetings Lions of the "Ideal" District,

Lion Elizabeth and I just returned from the VIP Fishing Tournament at the Outer Banks. It was a great fishing tournament with great weather. There were still a few visible damages from Hurricane Matthew but mainly cosmetic, such as shingles on many roofs were in need of replacing. Highway 64 was clear except for a short stretch, which was no problem, and completely open on our return trip to Lexington just in time for the Lexington BBQ Festival.

Meetings & Events



- 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 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

completely open on our return trip to Lexington just in time for the Lexington BBQ Festival.

A great deal of fish were caught . . . some more than once! We were pier registrants on the Nags Head Pier, which caught the most fish out of four piers and two fishing boats used! With that said, if you've never been to the N.C. Lions VIP Fishing Tournament, you don't know what you're missing! It is a true blessing. It is, by no means, a vacation, although we did have time some days to visit the many tourist attractions in Manteo and the Outer Banks, all free if you were a VIP or a volunteer. Can't wait for next year's tournament!

I want to spend a little time talking about VAVS (Veterans Administration Volunteer Services). Many Lions in District I might not be familiar with VAVS. Several clubs in District I volunteer to take refreshments and play bingo with our vets, usually the fourth Monday of each month at the Veterans Hospital in Salisbury. The vets love for the Lions to come and visit with them each month.

The date for the Christmas party at the Veterans Hospital is tentatively set for December 15. Lions and other groups meet at 6 pm in Building 6 and travel through the wards singing Christmas carols and distributing gift bags organized by the VAVS. It's truly a rewarding experience. For more information on how your club can participate in either of these very worthwhile service activities, contact Lion Linda VanVleet or Lion

Cleo Zemke of the Gold Hill Lions Club. They would love to hear from you!

I would like to remind you and your club to be thinking about your Legacy Project -- a permanent, lasting project that your club can do locally to let the community know what we do and who we are. Many clubs in the district have already done a Legacy Project for this year and are working on next year. Don't fall behind!

Also, I hope that your club is working on your Centennial Service Challenge. By now your club President should have filled you in on the effort -- with an original goal to serve 100 million people worldwide. We have exceeded that number but International President Chancellor Bob Corlew wants us to keep on working and try to serve 200 million people and more. The service areas are: vision, youth, environment, and hunger.

Most clubs pay for eye exams and eyeglasses and this would meet the requirement of vision. Several clubs sponsor youth sports leagues or Leo Clubs or present scholarships which would meet the youth goal. If your club has planted trees or done any landscape work, this would satisfy the environment element.

At our fall convention on November 4-5 at the Hawthorne Inn in Winston-Salem, we will be collecting food for Boys and Girls Homes of NC at Lake Waccamaw. So bring some canned food or other nonperishable food items to (Cont. DG Page 4)

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On the Prowl -- With 1st Vice Governor George

Malcolm Gladwell, author of *The Tipping Point*, describes the magic moment when an idea, trend, or social behavior crosses a threshold, then tips and spreads like wildfire. For example, remember when you received the Ice Bucket Challenge from a friend or acquaintance. Out of nowhere, thousands of people were joining the challenge.

How did that happen? Gladwell tells us in his book how little things can make a big difference.

If you have heard my remarks when I visit your club, you probably recognize this as my lead-in as I attempt to find humor with how little things can tip you off the edge to anger and aggravation.

As I continue, I like to share stories of those we serve who perhaps we have made a big difference in their lives. PCC Ron Staley and I returned from the VIP Fishing Tournament last week. It was a long ride, yet one that offered a time of reflection. We discussed the events of the week, the fellowship of other Lions, both old friends and new. We both were inspired by the gratitude we heard expressed by VIPS for such an amazing experience.

Lion Ron and I worked with the tournament scoring and found an interesting statistic. Of the 270 registered as participants, 190 caught one or more fish.

Catching one or two fish is a little thing that makes a big difference.

For the fisherman who spends dollars and time to catch fish, it could be the tipping point to anger. But for our VIPS, it tops off a wonderful time of being away from their everyday life where they have a wonderful time!

Our travel home was a bit delayed as we attended an event at the Greensboro Industries of the Blind. This event was intended to increase community awareness of the IOB and their ability to enhance the lives of their employees. Their marketing material includes their corporate goal: Possibility over inability.

Our visit included a tour of the facilities and time to speak to some of their employees. Blindfolded, we too could sew in a label or walk several yards using a White Cane. The workers told us that blind and visually impaired must have training to properly use a White Cane. IOB has added a Mobility Instructor position to provide that needed training. It is not only important for their safety but enhances their lives outside of work and in the community.

Yes, little things make big differences.

As we visited with the employees, we heard how their lives have been changed by this work opportunity. One gentleman we talked with had worked there nineteen years. We left, once again encouraged by the lives our organization touches.

After dropping Lion Ron off at his home, I continued toward home

The Tipping Point

with a quick stop requested by Dianne to pick up a loaf of bread. As I approached the express line with my loaf of bread, the lady in front of me seemed to be upset. I noticed her purchases seemed to be pushing the twelve item limit. Stranger than that, she had a rather unusual combination of items; three bags of "Cuties" citrus fruit, four packs of crab meat, and three packs of cheese. As she turned to me she offered to let me ahead with my small purchase. I replied and encouraged her to go ahead that I was in no hurry. She continued to be upset as she attempted to pay for her purchases and I suspected that she may not have enough money to complete the transaction.

Once again she apologized for holding me up then added that she had been having a bad day. She continued that her husband was in Hospice and that she felt he would not be with her for long. I paid for my bread and followed her to the parking lot asking if I could help load her bags of groceries. I struggled to find what I might say to make a difference in her day.

I began with giving her my condolences for what she was going through and somehow followed with, "If I might share with you something about my day. I'm just returning from fishing with 270 blind and visually impaired persons at a fishing tournament on the Outer Banks."

I explained the event and shared stories of the excitement of seeing them catching fish and having a great time. She thanked me for sharing and began to talk about her son who loved to fish. As we parted, she thanked me for adding some sunshine to her bad day.

Yes, little things do make a difference. You can make a difference in your community. You may never know how your efforts make a big difference in someone's day.

I hope to see you at our District Convention November 4 and 5.

George Culp

1st VDG District 31-I

Liongeorgeculp@gmail.com

District 31-I Fall Convention

Hawthorne Inn, 420 High Street, Winston-Salem

Friday, Nov. 4: 6:30 pm Fun Night and Karaoke

Saturday, Nov. 5: 9 am Opening Session

Town Hall Meeting with ID N Alan Lundgren

Followed by Tail Twister Auction

1 pm Cabinet Meeting & DG Election

2:30 pm Mini-Seminars, 3 pm New Member Orientation

6:30 pm District Governor's Banquet

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR MEALS

Contact Ron Staley, 704-788-8866 for availability

2nd Vice DG Carolyn --

Membership is about identity, feedback, support, and inclusiveness.

Did you realize that if membership numbers are constant from year to year, we have a retention problem? This resulting revolving door effect makes it difficult to serve effectively, carry out successful projects, and attract potential members. The development and implementation of a membership recruitment and retention plan could be of use to all of us.

This plan would be a guide in accomplishing membership goals and would allow us to track progress in an area that is crucial to those we serve.

Most of us will approach this project in very different ways. Recognizing the unique needs, customs, and demographics in our community will enhance our ability to attract and engage new members and rejuvenate existing members. Engaging each club member in this project will boost and shore up our club's strength and vitality. When members are involved in sharing their thoughts, ideas, and opinions, they are eager to work toward changes that are made.

We should treat our members as our best customers and our greatest assets. It is a known fact that engaged members are more likely to remain active members. Making members feel appreciated and recognized for their gifts, time, and talents encourages them to continue to serve and help develop long term goals and missions for Lionism in their communities and throughout the world.

Lions are hands-on individuals with more volunteers in more places than any other service organization in the world. We meet the needs of those in our own communities as well as around the world, and we have fun doing it. Strong membership enables our clubs to be of service to others in our communities and around the world. A strong presence of Lions clubs and their work will raise the public's awareness of Lions Clubs and its programs.

Continue the great work you do and share your accomplishments with other Lions Clubs so they might replicate in their own clubs.

Invite others to join your Lions family. Show your appreciation for their efforts to your Lions family as individuals and friends.

Carolyn Sprinkle, 2nd Vice District Governor
Sprinkle89@skybest.com

TURN IN CAMP DOGWOOD TICKETS AT CONVENTION
First Drawing for TWO \$200 certificate is Saturday
THEN -- KEEP SELLING!!
Drawing for Car is June 16, 2017

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

\$ 220,000

Total as of Oct. 27

\$49,383.96

**Nearly \$10,000
 over other districts**

**BUT 4th IN
 PERCENTAGE
 OF OUR GOAL**



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.

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| Tuesday, November 1 | Rockwell | 2VDG |
| Monday, November 7 | Cleveland | 2VDG |
| Thursday, November 10 | Walnut Cove | DG |
| Wednesday, November 16 | Salisbury | 2VDG |
| Thursday, November 17 | Mocksville | 1VDG |
| Thursday, November 17 | Gold Hill | 2VDG |
| Monday, November 21 | Konnoak Hills | 2VDG |



Here are some pictures of the 31-I winners receiving awards from tournament officials.

Above are winners from Jennettes Fishing Pier: Barbara Spears of Cabarrus County, second place; Sharon Weddington, fishing with Rowan County, first place; and Brad Parker of Stanly County, third place.

At right, receiving the David C. Grana Award for winning the National Lions VIP Fishing Tournament is Barbara Spears of North Carolina. Second place was claimed by Howard Blackwelder, formerly of Mecklenberg County, fishing for Alabama.

2016 VIP Fishing Tournament Winners

Hurricane Matthew did not stop the NC Lions VIP Fishing Tournament in mid-October, but it did keep some from being able to attend. A total of 950 VIPs and their traveling companions, Lions, other volunteers, and local Leos participated, representing 68 NC counties, with 39 from other states and Canada. The National VIP Fishing Tournament had 19 VIPs competing.

Numerous representatives of District 31-I were in attendance.



Winners on Avalon Fishing Pier: above, Joseph Rehmatullah of Buncombe County, second place; tied for third place is Eloise Slater of Beaufort County and Teresa Vines of Davie County; and Mary Sedgewick of Buncombe County, first place, assisted by Lucy.



And fishing on the Crystal Dawn: Anthony Yellock of Alamance County, second place; tied for first place is Helen Coggins of Alamance County and Jeremy Hurlburt of Stanley County; and Diane Welman of Rowan County, third place.

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the convention. There will be a trailer available to collect the food where it will be weighed in to see which club in the district collects the most food.

New and gently used children and young adult books will also be collected for BGHNC and the Ronald McDonald House, etc.

See how easy that was! If you can complete the above service projects, then you have already completed the Centennial Challenge and your club will receive a banner patch.

But don't stop there! Complete the Legacy Project and receive a large banner patch! I'd like to see your club fill up your banner with patches. Some clubs have already had to order another banner to hold all their patches! Wouldn't that be great?

I will see you at the District Convention on November 4-5 at the Hawthorne Inn in Winston-Salem! Activities begin on Friday, November 4 at 6 pm with hot dogs and hamburgers then karaoke followed by Lions Bingo, then a full fun day on Saturday.

Be there!

Yours in Lionism,
C.R. "Butch" Conrad,
 District Governor, 31-I

A Centennial Moment -- Continues

First 10 Lions Clubs in NC and More Centennial Moments Continue . . .

From PDG Allen Reinhardt

Charlotte Central Lions Club became the ninth club to organize with 50 charter members. This club has been at the forefront of blind-related activities including the establishment of the Metrolina Association for the Blind.

Are you aware of the newer facility called Lion Services, Inc? This organization purchased and renovated a 60,000 sq. ft. building in north Charlotte to train visually impaired men and women, who with our assistance, will become capable, competent, tax paying citizens.

And of course . . . Charlotte is world famous for having two members elected to the presidency of Lions International: Lion John L. "Jack" Stickley and William L "Bill" Woolard. Charlotte Central is home club of eight District Governors and has sponsored eleven new clubs.

And lastly, number ten club organized in NC is the Asheville Lions Club. Asheville has elected eleven District Governors and organized twelve additional Lions Clubs.

Home club of the famous Judge Sam Cathey -- Lion Cathey was the first Chairman of the North Carolina Commission for the Blind in 1935 and the National Handicapped Man of the Year in 1935.

Asheville grew to 170 members ranking it as the second largest club in the state at that time. The club conducted horse shows and established an eye clinic. Asheville was one of the few clubs that had a musical band. The band's name was originally "The Unholy Five" -- but when the churches where they played complained about the name, they added two more band members and renamed themselves "The Sanctimonious Seven".

We have come to the end of 1922, with ten clubs and 418 charter members. From this illustrious beginning, NC Lions grew to over 14,000 members. We presently stand at less than 7000 members. From towns with dirt streets, outhouses, and limited electricity, we now have 60-story skyscrapers, major league ball teams, and some of the finest universities in the world. And most importantly for our organization, Ophthalmic Research Facilities for people in need of eye care.

I sometimes wonder if the average Lion has any idea of the magnitude of this organization. Strongly

routed in over 300 communities throughout this state, possessing one of the most prominent eye banks in the nation (located in Winston Salem), Camp Dogwood on Lake Norman, Industries and clinics for the Blind and visually impaired in numerous locations . . . a state so filled with enthusiastic leaders, that we were the first group back in 1965 to publish a book on Lionism in the State of NC . . . established the first Lioness club in the world at Mt Pleasant . . . chartered the first all-female Lions Club at Hendersonville Four Seasons . . . provided the leadership and manpower for the arduous task of establishing both the Association and Commission for the Blind back in 1934-1935.

TO BE PERFECTLY HONEST, NC LIONS HAVE THE ENERGY, THE PEOPLE, THE POWER AND THE TALENT TO DO ANYTHING WE WANT TO DO!

However I am reminded that after 100 years of Lions Service, some of you may feel that we are at the end of the trail. But, Winston Churchill once stated that "the rewards are not always at the end of the trail, often times the trail itself is the greatest reward of all."

I think we as NC Lions have a cohesiveness, a coming together that you rarely find in other organizations. A characteristic in our actions that states, "You don't get anywhere . . . unless you get there TOGETHER!"

We did great things in the past and today in 2016, I realize how far we have come. And I think that if our pioneer Lions could rise from their graves and view our accomplishments, they would shout, "Well Done, Fellow Lions, Well Done!"

Personal note and acknowledgment: Being a Lion for 33 years, I have always kept items I felt would be of interest to other Lions. The history I shared with you over the past four months, I had no idea where I obtained this information I found in my files. Last week a dear, dear friend of mine (and Yours), Dr. Jerry Bates, e-mailed me and said, "Allen, the history you are sharing sounds like the speech I gave at the NC Lions 75th Anniversary Celebration in Raleigh. Where did you get it."

I don't know, but I am so proud to give the credit to you, Jerry, for these interesting and entertaining Centennial Moments that we all have enjoyed!!! Blessings

Club Updates & Events

Boone -- At the 38th Annual Valle Crucis Apple Fair on the third Saturday of October, over 150 exhibitors and crafts people set up tents and sold a huge variety of goods. This year the Lions sold 134 brooms raising over \$1,200. President Andy Sicard built an 8' long by 2' deep and 4' high transportable frame to hold over 300 brooms and provide a full display of the five types of Lion Brooms for sale.

Donning witches hats and vests and encouraging folks to take a test drive brought a lot of attention to the Boone Lions. Even Lion Rennie Brantz, Boone's Mayor, donned a witch's hat. All in all it was a good day to sell what the Lions do for so many in our local communities.

Mocksville -- This year has approved six eye exams & glasses. Hosted Mobile Screening Unit despite Hurricane Matthew trying to interfere. Sponsored Bloodmobile. Planning for annual fruit sale.

WS Konnoak Hills -- Entertained VIPs at cookout and bingo. Each VIP received \$20 cash gift in addition to variety of prizes. Several VIPs who could not attend also were taken a bag of goodies.

Planning Ahead

STATE CONVENTION:

April 28 - 30, 2017, Hilton Midtown North Raleigh.

Signature Project: Walk a Mile in Their Shoes, which will be a Strides Walk on Friday for diabetes awareness and fundraising.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION:

NC Lions will have a new uniform for the International Parade featuring a special red shirt with a Lions Centennial emblem to be worn with black pants and shoes. The color was chosen to match the Pisgah High School band, which will be marching. Some type of hat is also being considered. Promotions Committee will have the items for sale.



West Lexington -- At the official DG Team visit by IVDG George Culp, he installed three new members. At left are Tori Blanton and her boyfriend, Chance Blake, sponsored by her parents Tish & Adam Blanton.



At right is Harold Jones with his sponsor Roger Craver.

The evening was a joint meeting with Welcome Lions.

Event to Benefit Veterans Transportation Needs

Veterans Transport Services, a nonprofit with a mission to provide transportation for blind and disabled veterans so that they can go anywhere not just to medical appointments, has planned a 2nd Annual Skydive Jump-a-thon for Sunday, Nov. 13, from 9 am to 4 pm. It will be held at Skydive Carolina, 1903 King Aire Drive, Chester, SC.

The event features tandem skydives with a Jump Master. Jump registration deadline was Oct. 29 but for more info and future events go to: www.VeteranTransportServicesinc.com

The day includes an old fashioned family day with food, music and games, a professional face painter, and raffles for numerous items including a flat screen TV, large stuffed animals, a youth bicycle, and a large drone.

Organization President Janet Y. Perkins is a member of Mint Hill Lions.

**MASTER PLAN FOR
MEMBERSHIP-EXTENSION-RETENTION-LEAD-
ERSHIP-ORIENTATION**

PDG Gene Everette, District 31-I GMT Chairperson

WORKFORCE:

Lions/Laborers (9000+) Across North Carolina.

CARPENTERS: MERLO TEAM -- Membership-Extension-Retention-Leadership-Orientation

10 Master Carpenters: Vice Governors in each District serve as Chair of their respective MERLO (Area Impact Team) TEAM.

5 Fellowcraft Carpenters: State MERLO Chairs serve as coordinators in their respective field of expertise and keep the District Chairman aware of changes and materials coming from Lions Clubs International and assist the District Chairs in any way possible.

25 Entered Apprentice Carpenters:

District MERLO Chairs.

To seek out new members, create new clubs, assist in the area of Membership Retention, Leadership Development, and Instruct in Orientation Programs of New Members.

NOTE: The above 40 Lions have a wealth of EXPERTISE in LIONISM; therefore, they make-up the AREA IMPACT TEAM initially. However, we do have some other help to call on such as:

Our SUBCONTRACTORS: Our District Governors, Guiding Lions, Past District Governors, Past International Directors and all the former State Chairmen, as well as local Lions Club Presidents and Past Presidents.

BLUE PRINTS: Lions Clubs International will provide ALL the MATERIALS, TOOLS, GUIDANCE and FINANCIAL SUPPORT in seeing that construction EACH of the AREAS (Membership-Extension-Retention-Leadership and Orientation) can Start, Continue, and Finish with a SOLID FOUNDATION.

TOOL BOX: Lions Clubs International has provided us with the TOOLS along with the above Blue Prints and now it is up to us to UTILIZE both and start BUILDING.

Listed below are some of the TOOLS which you will find in each of our Districts Tool Boxes:

New Buildings: Branch Clubs, New Century Clubs, Campus Clubs, Cyber Clubs, Regular Lions Clubs, Leo Clubs, Family Model Clubs, Student Plan.

Guiding Lion Program: Lions who have completed the New Program of Instruction on Building New Clubs will be a great asset to the District Chairman in starting a New Club.

Incentive Programs: Charter Fee Assistance/Spouse Half Price; Clubs Refunds on New Member Entrance Fees from Lions International; Waivers for former

Lionesses & Leos; No Charter/Entrance Fees for Campus Lions; Veterans Fees Waiver.

Orientation Guide: New design and provides for planning and inducting New Members.

New Extension Kit: Includes everything you need to Charter a New Club.

Key Member Award: Charter Members of a New Club counts toward Key Members status.

Promotional Videos: New Videos/DVDs are provided in each New Tool Box with a wealth of data for both New and Experienced Lions.

Financial Support: The New Clubs and Marketing Budget includes limited funds to held host District workshops.

Recognition: Awards will be given thru the New Presidential Awards Program and 100th Centennial Special Sponsor Awards, plus many others.

NAILS/KEY INGREDIENTS: New Members and a Firm Foundation will be needed in order for our New Buildings to Stand: Commitment - Dedication - Impressive Induction Solid Orientation - Awareness of Community Needs and Services Motivation and Utilization of ALL the TOOLS available to us.

INDIVIDUAL CLUBS: Must encourage their Membership Chair and Committee to be very active in Promoting Membership Growth within their Club.

Note: 1st. Qtr. Report Membership Status: July 1st. thru September 30th., 2016:

*59 Clubs, 1,306 Members, 40 New Members,
45 Dropped Members (Various Reasons)
Net Gain/Loss (-5).*

New Members Joining the Chorus

Welcome to these new Lions
& thanks to their sponsors:

Arcadia: Bill Walker, Transfer

Jewell Walker, Sponsor Frances Martin

Mooresville: Tiffany Ramos, Sponsor Sharon Weddington

Carol Weathers, Sponsor Angie Kaiser

Pinnacle: Pamela Sams, Sponsor Charles Watson

Rockwell: John Eller, Sponsor Donna Mikles

Frances Eller, Sponsor John Eller

Salisbury: Michael Edwards, Sponsor Wayne Kennerly

Thomasville: Cheryl Pressley, Sponsor Aldeen Robbins

West Lexington: Tori Blanton, Sponsor Tish Blanton

Chance Blake, Sponsor Adam Blanton

Harold Burns, Sponsor Roger Craver

WS Konnoak Hills: Joanne Grace Burns,

Sponsor William Burns

Yadkinville: Vickie Gardner, Sponsor Joyce Lake

Information obtained from MMRs submitted to LCI

Club Updates & Events

Kernersville -- Taking over service after the loss of Walkertown Club. Eye screenings in seven preschools scheduled for nine different days (*some schools have two days*) in November and December. Walkertown Elementary & Middle School screened in October. Kernersville Elementary screening of 33 first graders produced 21 needing to see an eye doctor.

-- Orders being taken for bbq butts for \$35 to be picked up Nov. 19.

Dobson -- Annual Yard Sale in October had great turnout, clearing \$1,100.00 for the two day sale. Fifty large black bags were delivered to Lumberton for the flood victims shelters, working with Lumberton Lions Club and Emergency Management Center prior to making the delivery to determine need. Held our first Brighter Visions Road Block from 12 Noon till 5 pm with members were setup at five locations around our Courthouse. Total collections were \$1,500.

Yadkinville -- Provided two eye exam & glasses and sent VIP to Fishing Tournament. \$322 in brooms sales and making plans to attend Fall Convention. Held raffle at the Yadkin Valley Harvest Festival for a tool box and tools, selling 600 tickets. Donald Moxley was reelected for a third consecutive term as president. Bobby Sutton, club secretary, presented Moxley a special plaque in honor of his leadership. Currently Lion Donald is transporting a young man to an eye specialist once every three months. The travel time and appointment time take about four hours each visit.



Mooreville -- Annual vision screening at two Mooreville schools in October. Of 102 students screened, 90 were referred by MSU for further exam.

Waxhaw -- Were assisted by Charlotte SouthPark Lions in KidSight Screening at Waxhaw United Methodist Church weekday Children's Ministry.

Troutman -- Leader Dog chairperson, Antha Reid was guest speaker at first meeting in October with an interesting Power Point program of her visit to the training and housing facility for Leader Dogs in Michigan. Turned in \$40 in quarter collection cards for Leader Dog. Lion Antha shared that District I had the most quarter cards turned in for the State of NC. Contact Lion Antha for more information. See District Directory for contact information.



-- Second meeting in October was community service project with Toy Store For Jesus, partnering with First Baptist Church in Troutman.

Concord -- Is buying a Plus Optix vision screener to use for local children.

West Iredell Lions -- Collected 625 used eyeglasses from WalMart and Iredell County landfill to be recycled

Charlotte SouthPark -- Continues a wide variety of programs at their meetings such as *A Story About Space*, Gordon Browning, formerly with IBM and NASA's space program and on Nov 4, *Tell Your Story Right Now!* Philip Deal explains how to tell and publish your own books, telling your personal story or how we Serve as Lions.

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.

On a Sad Note

Each month we will remember
Lions who have passed away.

Perry Seawright, North Wilkesboro
Allan D. Lambert, WS Konnoak Hills
Fred Foster Jr., WS Twin City Host

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 20th of each month if by email.

Cost of producing and distributing this publication is paid from member dues received.

Newsletters sent by email are available on the day of publication. USPS mailings are received a week after publication and cost a minimum \$.47 cents to mail; depending on the number of pages in each edition could cost \$.60 to \$.81 cents per issue.

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. Please send all submissions as a Word document and pictures in a separate .jpg file.

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



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Lion C.R. "Butch" Conrad

Lions Clubs

International Association of

We Serve

