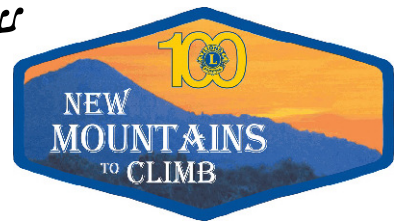




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Lions Clubs International
District 31-I

From Governor Butch:

Greetings Lions of the "Ideal" District,

Meetings & Events TO NOTE

SEPTEMBER 9 Deaf/Blind Retreat
Camp Dogwood
September 15-17 USA/Canada
Forum, Omaha, NE
Sept. 27 Executive Committee
Conference Call
OCTOBER -- Deadline for ordering
Peace Poster kits
Oct. 17-19 VIP Fishing Tourn.
NOVEMBER -- Second Zone Mtg.
Nov. 4-5 31-I Fall Convention
Hawthorne Inn, Winston-Salem
Nov. 5 Second Cabinet Mtg.
Hawthorne Inn
Nov. 11-13 Council & Board Mtg.
Holiday Inn, Wilmington
Nov. 18-19 31-L Convention
DECEMBER 17 Executive Committee
Camp Dogwood
JANUARY -- Pay 2nd Half District
and International Dues
Third Cabinet Meeting
Jan. 20-21 31-N&S Convention
Jan. 27-28 31-O Convention
FEBRUARY 3-5 Council/Board Mtg.
North Raleigh Hilton
Feb. 24-26 State Leo Convention
Camp Dogwood
MARCH -- Third Zone Meeting
Nominate Club Officers
March 21 Executive Committee
Conference Call
APRIL -- Elect Club Officers
April 7-8 Budget Hearings
Camp Dogwood
April 9-12 Camp Volunteer Week
April 15 Report Club Officers
to 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

What a fabulous job our district is doing to serve the people of their communities and more! At all the clubs meetings and zone meetings I have attended, I am amazed at the ideas that have been discussed. These clubs and zones are doing a magnificent block of work. I am so proud to serve as your District Governor for a truly Ideal District!

Just a few reminders. Secretaries, don't forget to send your membership report to MyLCI each month and Zone Chairs please remember to fill out a report for each zone meeting that you hold.

Also, secretaries, it is of the utmost importance that you turn in your service activities at the same time you do your membership report. Turn in all activities and I'm sure that one of the categories listed on MyLCI will fit your activities. Especially remember to turn in those activities that count for the Centennial Service Challenge: youth, hunger, environment, and vision. There are special awards for these activities.

Finally, your club should be thinking about a Legacy Project to be completed by June 30, 2018. If you need assistance with any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I have spoken about this many times, but let's review -- What is the Centennial Service Challenge? The CSC is an initiative to celebrate Lions' 100 years of service through a service itself. Clubs are challenged to organize at least one service project in each of the four CSC Campaigns per year. The campaigns include Engaging Our Youth, Sharing the Vision, Relieving the Hunger, and Protecting Our Environment.

The overall goal is to serve more

than 100 million people by June 30, 2018, at least 25 million people in each of the CSC Campaigns.

What are the Worldwide Weeks of Service? While clubs are encouraged to implement CSC Campaign projects throughout the year, the WWS are special weeks when clubs all over the world are asked to focus their efforts on addressing certain local issues to maximize our global service impact. The following dates and themes have been identified for the special WWS:

August 8 - 14 WWS for Youth
October 10 - 16 WWS in Sight
January 9 - 15 WWS to Fight Hunger
April 17 - 23 WWS to Protect

Our Planet

Please mark these dates so that your club can participate in this very important Centennial Service Challenge. While I realize that the August dates have already passed, it's never too late to have a Week for Youth. If you don't particularly care about awards, then I hope your club will still participate since we all care about service. That's what we do! We Serve!

Two more reminders. Our VIP Fishing Tournament is coming up soon -- October 17-19 at the Outer Banks. Volunteers need to be at the Manteo Park on Sunday, October 16 by noon. Volunteers who can are asked to stay on Thursday, October
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On the Prowl -- With 1st Vice Governor George

Recently, the District Governor's Team visited the North Charlotte Lions Club. This club, as many of you know, is mainly made up of Visual Impaired Persons who are employed by Lions Services. Their first meeting of the month is held at Lion Services, where they bring their bag lunch during their half-hour lunch break.

Have you noticed how your club members get somewhat restless if the meeting runs too long? Consider that this group is still off-the-clock after 30 minutes of the meeting and are not being paid. Lion President Rufus Crawford does a phenomenal job of staying on task. He has an agenda and keeps the meeting moving. Reports are brief and the members are attentive.

At the DG Team visit last month, the team furnished lunch and made a concentrated effort to keep the meeting to less than one hour. Imagine, keeping a District Governor's Official visit

with a meal to less than one hour!

I must admit, the team met earlier and discussed how we would approach this meeting. The uniqueness of a VIP club offers new challenges to the message we attempt to deliver when we visit your clubs. VIP clubs have great difficulties in fundraising. Coupled with transportation issues, general public fundraising is near impossible. Administrative funds are difficult as well as attempting to meet District goals.

However, more importantly to what we do as Lions is service to others. These Lions strive to make a difference in their community. This week they are collecting back-to-school supplies. Food drives are common throughout the year, as well as volunteering in the Free Eye Clinic. When they see a need, they try their best to serve. Perhaps the most touching service they relayed to us is an attempt to help homeless children.

A Child's Place (their webpage is <http://www.achildsplace.org/>)

has a mission of working to erase the impact of homelessness on children and their education. North Charlotte Lions have been helping by providing meals to these children, much like the backpack programs many clubs participate in.

Now, stop for a minute and think of your normal meal. Got it? Now, in your mind, pack a bag lunch. If you are like me, I'd pack a couple of sandwiches: lunch meat or ham and cheese, some chips, perhaps a fresh peeled cucumber, a candy bar, and a piece of fruit. Along with that, I'd purchase a coffee or soft drink at the office.

For these homeless children, perhaps the only meal they will get consists of the following:

- Bottle of water
- Grain Bar (as in Granola)
- Fruit cup

Lion Rufus and the North Charlotte Lions Club have a greater concern. When school is out, this may be the only meal these children will receive.

Let's face it, Fellow Lions, there are needs in your neighborhood as well. Service is our mantra -- it is what we do best. Why not consider a service project for each month and see where you too can make a difference.

At our meeting, we challenged Zone 10 and 11 to discuss how they can help this club in their service projects. I'm going to ask my club to collect water, grain bars, and fruit cups. Service is what we do best as Lions.

Is your club doing its best?

George Culp
1st VDG District 31-I

Liongeorgeculp@gmail.com



Walkertown Lions turned in their charter at the end of 2015-2016, but the club went out on a high note as it was recognized as a 100% Melvin Jones Fellow Club. PDG John Wall accepted the recognition from PIP Sid Scruggs at the 31-I District Awards banquet. Lion Wall has transferred membership to the Winston-Salem Konnoak Hills Lions Club.

*(Update to Marianne's dream journey)
2VDG Alan Lake, District 31 L reports that the Spruce Pines Lions Club is assisting Marianne's trip to the VIP Fishing Tournament. She has a seat on the bus and is excited about going. All that is left is getting her to a lighthouse.*

2nd Vice DG Carolyn --

International President Bob Corlew's theme, New Mountains to Climb, sets the stage for us to become strong leaders and stay on course -- no matter how challenging the course. Climbing mountains represents something that is difficult and that usually takes great effort to accomplish. However, reaching the mountain top is not the end of the journey; it is the beginning of another.

Each step offers new opportunities to lead through service. We must review our service programs to be certain we are fulfilling our motto. As Lions, "We Serve" impacts the well-being of communities in four primary areas of service: protecting the environment; enhancing the lives of youth; working to minimize hunger and providing services to the blind and visually challenged. These are high mountains; but not too high for dedicated Lions to climb. As we work to meet the growing needs for humanitarian service, we must do so effectively and efficiently.

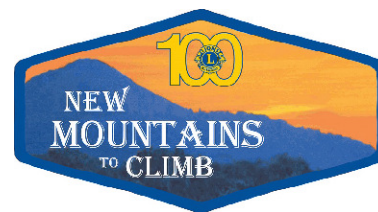
Lions Clubs International is made up of many teams working in tandem toward one shared goal -- service to others. Working toward that goal, we must understand our individual roles and responsibilities, believe in ourselves, trust each other, appreciate the individuality of each other, and maintain a shared focus of

achieving our goal as a team.

The "Seven Summits of Leadership" are on line at the Lions Learning Center. These are great tools that will help us prepare strong leadership and help us stay on course. We can learn by writing our individual mission statement, goal setting, decision making, team motivation, effective team building, promoting innovation, and servant leadership. Check out page 46 in the September Lions Magazine for more details.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the Fall Convention and hope you will attend one or all of the seminars that will emphasize membership and leadership training and service.

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

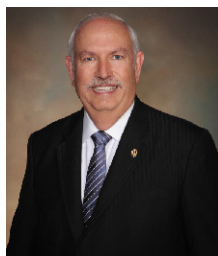


Dear Lion,

When Melvin Jones founded Lions Clubs nearly 100 years ago, it was for the benefit of our communities. He believed that you can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else.

So, when I hear about a Lions Club in Nepal, who planned a Centennial Legacy Project revitalizing an abandoned park for the good of their community, it reminds me that Melvin Jones' legacy lives on in the hard work and dedication of our 1.4 million Lions around the globe.

As we begin our Centennial year, take the opportunity to build your club's legacy in your community by planning your own Legacy Project. Not only do Legacy Projects raise your visibility, but they also remind your community that where there's a need, there's a Lion.



Very truly yours,
 Chancellor Bob Corlew
 Your International President

2017 International Convention
 100th Anniversary, Chicago, IL
 June 30 - July 4, 2017

2016 - 2017 District 31-E

31-I Brighter Visions Goal

\$ 220,000

**BRIGHTER
 VISIONS**

WHAT A START!!

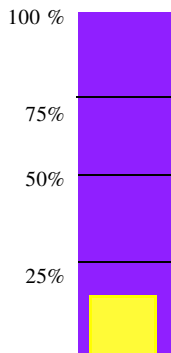
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Kick Off Total

OVER \$40,0000

TOTAL

\$43419.96



HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!!

YOUR presence is requested at The Tail Twister Fun & Auction following our Town Hall Meeting with the International Director on Saturday, Nov. 5. ALL clubs are asked to bring an auction item(s) of \$25 or more in selling value to be auctioned off to help raise funds for Brighter Visions.

YOUR CLUB will receive credit for the auction price of the item.

WE are also looking for new talent to help with the auction, so if you are currently or have a dream to be a **Tail Twister**, one of the Highest positions in Lionism, please email Chris Beck, c.beckster@hotmail.com, or call 704-637-0504 & let's sign you up!! We have tons of fun raising money for a worthy cause, & we want YOU to be part of this!! You NEVER KNOW what kind of characters will show up to help!

This message is brought to you by **THE IDIOTT** (International Director of International Order of Tail Twisters). Pictured below -- only one currently in captivity:



PS The flaming gift basket is shown for demonstration purposes only. DO NOT ATTEMPT!

FALL CONVENTION NOTES

District 31-I will welcome International Director Allan Lundgren of Arizona to our Fall Convention Nov. 4-5 at the Hawthorne Inn in Winston-Salem.

TO BE NOTED:

- 1) Karaoke at Friday Fun Night followed by Lions Bingo.
- 2) Saturday Breakfast is on your own, but included with hotel stay.
- 3) Club donations needed for Tail Twister Auction Saturday morning (\$25 sales value) and clubs will receive Brighter Visions credit for sales price.
- 4) Club donations needed for Brighter Visions Boutique and will receive BV credit for items sold.
- 5) Deadline for program ads is Oct.3. Info at left.
- 6) Special recognition planned for US military veterans.
- 7) Convention Service Projects: Collecting children/young adult books and nonperishable food items. Bragging rights to be awarded.

Lions District 31-I Fall Convention

Gold Sponsor/Ad Order Form

Convention Date: November 4 - 5, 2016
The Hawthorne Inn, Winston-Salem

DEADLINE is October 3

Date: _____

Name of Club, Business, or Individual: _____

Mailing Address:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Contact/Email: _____

Approval Signature: _____

OPTIONS TO FIT ALL BUDGETS

Convention Gold Sponsorships Available

\$500

Banner Recognition at all Events

Name for banner: _____
Logos can be used also.

Program Ads:

Full Page (8 1/2 x 11) **\$100** _____

Half Page **\$ 65** _____

Quarter Page **\$ 45** _____

Business Card **\$ 25** _____

Make Checks Payable to: NC Lions District 31-I
Please Include Payment with Copy and Form

Mail Check & Form to: Theresa Matthews
PO Box 788
Denton, NC 27239

For questions: call 336-906-2510
or Email below

Email copy in .jpg or Word format to: Theresa Matthews -- mkmsales@mindspring.com

Celebrate our 100th By Building Membership

Lions Centennial 2017

A VOYAGE TO THE FUTURE through Membership, Leadership, Fellowship, and Partnership.

From PDG Gene Everette, Global Membership Team

My vision for all of our local communities through our 100th Centennial is to fully embrace what Lions Clubs International has meant to humanity worldwide.

I urge every Lions Club to evaluate itself based on the following fundamentals and strive to reach our goal of 1.5 million Lions worldwide in the 21st Century.

Engage every Lion member in meetings utilizing the following points within your agenda:

-- Include community leaders as part of the overall



Thomasville Lions Club has purchased an eye screener, financed in part with a grant from Novant Health. Above is the device in use at an event held at the Thomasville Library, which screened 55 people. Thomasville Lions have the screener available for use by Lions Clubs throughout Davidson County.

process to learn about community needs and what your club can do to assist in these needs. Invite these leaders to club meetings as guests and speakers.

-- Change club operations as necessary to meet noted club needs. Evaluate date, time, location of meetings. Also, look at club dues and other monetary aspects of being a member.

-- Add new service activities that will challenge your membership and improve your club's humanitarian impact and improve your local community. Entertain new ideas from new members who have joined.

Adding new members must always be on our minds but also remember that MEMBERSHIP must address finding new ways to challenge members and provide higher levels of service and satisfaction. This is a very vital instrument to our clubs well being.

Let us remember that LEADERSHIP must mean not only TRAINING NEW LEADERS through our various institutes and other programs offered by LCI, but assuming our own responsibilities to lead and seek out those who we see and feel have the potential to motivate and lead.

FELLOWSHIP is a vital part of our overall success in Lionism. Fellowship must mean not only extending the hand of friendship to other Lions, but to those WE SERVE and those WHO HELP US to SERVE within our respective communities.

We must seek out others in our local communities to form a PARTNERSHIP in order to recognize and meet the various needs that we all receive within our local communities. PARTNERSHIP means not only working together as Lions, but working with other organizations and individuals who share our goals and dreams for a better world.

Therefore, let us examine our own club and see what we can do to revitalize our membership by addressing a few questions. What is our club's motivation for inviting new potential members? How many Lions members do we need to meet and achieve our goals? What additional projects or events could our club offer that would be beneficial in attracting prospective members to desire to join our Lions Club?

Answering the above questions will help you determine how to answer and address prospective members questions. Remember that YOUR presentation to a PROSPECTIVE MEMBER will help determine their attitude towards your club.

On a Sad Note

Each month we will remember
Lions who have passed away.

Paula Caudill, Sparta

Information will be obtained from MMRs
submitted to LCI.

A VIP as a Club President

To the Editor: When asked to serve as the 2016 - 2017 President of the West Iredell Lions Club, the hesitancy of whether I could make the club proud welled up in me. This fear was soon erased as fellow Lions began to call and offer support and assistance to get me to meetings, take notes, etc. Well, that was it. I said YES and pledged to do my best as President. I wrote the attached letter as I wanted to let Lions know how important they are to the world, but also to the Lion friend sitting next to them.

Hi Everyone,

My name is Patsy Shumake, 2016 - 2017 President of the West Iredell Lions Club and a VIP.

I joined the Lions in 2008, though I had been familiar and helping with Lions projects since 1969. My past career as a Purchasing Manager presented a creative way of bargaining with salespeople. When they wanted to schedule an appointment to see me, they always started the conversation with "Do you have the Claxton fruit cakes, brooms or light bulbs for sale? I need to buy some when I come to see you." Now, who really NEEDS to buy a fruit cake, right? It was a lot of fun and they enjoyed helping the Lions in their endeavors of helping others.

My primary sighted guide is my 16 year old grandson. He started going to the meetings with me in 2011. He was intrigued to learn of the many things that Lions do to help serve their communities and people around the world. He also started helping the West Iredell Club in our food booth at the Iredell County Fair. We found that he excelled in greeting customers, taking orders and was a big help since he is bilingual.

Though our motto is to serve, the most valuable thing to me in being a Lion is the friendship. Yes, there are limits for us as a VIP or totally blind person. But believe me, I have NEVER met anyone in the Lions Clubs who doesn't want to help us, whether it is describing foods,

reading something, walking us to a car or just simply letting us know "You got a friend in me." This was very evident when I attended Camp Dogwood and the VIP Fishing Tournament.

I am blessed to have a strong support system of family and friends. Some are not as fortunate. As you serve your community as a Lion, think also of how you can serve as a friend. We all have New Mountains to Climb. It is easier to climb with a Lion friend by your side. Best feeling in the world.

My Best Regards to All,
Patsy Shumake
West Iredell Lions President

(Editor's note: Many North Carolina Lions Clubs have had excellent presidents who were also VIPs. Who better to explain our important work. Remember to utilize the talents of those we seek to serve.)

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.

Thursday, September 1	Denton & Southmont	2VDG
Tuesday, September 6	Yadkinville	DG
Monday, September 12	Troutman	1VDG
Monday, September 19	Hickory Grove	DG
Tuesday, September 20	Lexington	1VDG
Tuesday, September 20	West Jefferson	1VDG
Thursday, September 15	Twin City Host	2VDG
Monday, September 19	Hickory Grove	DG
Thursday, September 22	West Iredell	DG
Monday, September 26	Derita	DG
Monday, September 26	Mooresville	DG
Tuesday, September 27	Mint Hill	DG
Monday, October 3	Fair Grove	2VDG
Thursday, October 6	Riverview	DG
Thursday, October 6	Midway	1VDG
Monday, October 10	Pinnacle	DG
Tuesday, October 11	Mt. Airy	DG
Tuesday, October 25	Arcadia	2VDG
Thursday, October 27	Bethlehem	DG
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

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20 to help clean up and put away. I hope you will not miss this great event for our VIPs.

Finally, our fall convention will be held on November 4 - 5 at the Hawthorne Inn in Winston-Salem. The fun will start on Friday night with hot dogs and hamburgers, followed by karaoke and other entertainment. Lions Bingo will finish up the evening. On Saturday morning, there will be a Town Hall meeting with ID Alan Lundgren of Arizona, a Tail Twisters Auction with proceeds going to Brighter Visions, mini-seminars on various Lions topics, a cabinet meeting, new member orientation, and capped with the District Governor's Banquet Saturday evening.

The Brighter Visions Boutique and numerous exhibitors will be open both days. Please mark your calendars for these two events and make them the most well-attended events ever!

Serve with a Song!

Yours in Lionism,

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

31-S PDG Golf Tournament

District 31-S PDGs have a golf tournament on October 3 to benefit the VIP Fishing Tournament. Tournament sponsors are Blue Cross/Blue Shield and the A.E. Finley Foundation and it is dedicated in memory of PID Lion Howard Stallings and in honor of Lion Emma Lee Stallings.

It is a modified Superball format and cost is \$70 per player, \$280 per team, hole sponsor \$100, \$380 team sponsor. Deadline is Sept. 23 and the tournament will be held at Raleigh Golf Assoc., 1527 Tryon Road, Raleigh.

For more information call 919-772-9987 or email PDG Herb Justice at hjustice@nc.rr.com.

REGISTER NOW for 31-I Fall Convention.
Nov. 4 - 5, Winston-Salem
Registration form on Page 9.
Program Ad form on Page 4

VPs Competing in Rio Paralympics

By: Courtney Patterson, US Assoc. of Blind Athletes

U.S. Paralympic athletes are riding on the success of their Olympic counterparts who topped the medal count with 121 total medals. Among the 267 athletes named to the U.S. Paralympic Team are 38 athletes who will be competing in visual impairment categories, seven of whom are guides. These 38 athletes will compete in six different sports: goalball, judo, rowing, swimming, track & field, and for the first time ever, paratriathlon.

Many athletes on this list, returning Paralympians and first-timers, got their start with U.S. Association of Blind Athletes or came through a USABA program.

"We are proud of each one of the 267 American athletes who will be competing for Team USA," said Mark Lucas, USABA's Executive Director. "But we're especially proud of the athletes we've supported along their Paralympic journey."

You can follow along on our website and social media to learn more about the athletes competing in visual impairment categories at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games. A full schedule of events can be found at www.rio2016.com.

A Centennial Moment -- Continues

From: PDG Allen Reinhardt

Last month we reviewed Winston-Salem's place as the first club formed in North Carolina. The NC Lions story continues as we highlight the first twelve clubs in the state.

And, who would have guessed the second NC club organized would be located in a small town of less than 5000 hardy souls at that time -- Albemarle. This 25-member club would grow to 105 members in the 1950's and produce three District Governors.

Club number three, Raleigh Host, becomes seven times larger than the average club membership in NC. Raleigh Host elected eleven District Governors and is home club to six more plus one International Director, Dr. Lacy Presnell, Jr. This Lions Clinic has in the past 31 years evaluated and trained over 7000 people. The Raleigh Host Lions history also includes being graced by a visit from possibly the second most important person in our Lions movement, Miss Helen Keller.

Just three days after the Raleigh Host club was organized, Lions International officials organized club number four -- Wilmington. The focal point for humanitarian aid in coastal North Carolina, Wilmington is the home of five District Governors and one International Director, Lion Wallace I. West. The club is known for constructing a fragrance garden for the blind, complete with an accessible bridge to this area. Their unusual project was selling loaves of bread, given to them by a bakery and then sold on the street corners in Wilmington.

Club number five, Fayetteville, after first chartering was forced to disband in 1925 but came roaring back five years later. Fayetteville Lions ballooned to over 100 members during the 1950's. Probably this club's most significant accomplishment was the construction of the Lions Civic Center. Over the years the club presented seven District Governors.

Durham as club number six chose as its charter president, the town's mayor. The first club vice president was an upcoming politician by the name of William S. Umstead, who later became the Governor of NC. Home club of nine District Governors, these active Lions built the Durham Industries of the Blind, a boy scout hut near Duke University, and gave moral and financial support to the NC Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, which is located in Butner. PDG Vic Ashbaugh from the Durham club was possibly the most influential person involved with our organizing of the NC Association for the Blind back in 1934.

More next month as our history continues!

Have you publicized your club's accomplishments to your Lions Club members and in your community?

31-I Lions Kick Off Brighter Visions in Style

Lions of District 31-I kicked off the Brighter Visions fund with over \$40,000 in contributions, an historical initial donation. A capacity crowd met at Mayflower Seafood in Rural Hall to celebrate a successful 2015-2016 fundraising year and start 2016-2017 off with a bang.

The total is almost 20% of our BV goal for the year, a percentage reached by all five districts. **HOWEVER** the 31-I goal is nearly \$70,000 more than any other district.

At the Kick Off, District Brighter Visions chair Jimmy Myers personally donated \$100 as did State BV chair Jana Peedin. Collection jars on the tables, Tail Twister tickets, and other miscellaneous donations totaled over \$580. Club donations are listed below.

In addition district Camp Dogwood ticket Chair Theresa Munyon provided two gift baskets that she raffled that night using Camp Dogwood tickets. She sold 21 books of tickets.

2015-2016 Brighter Visions Donations

Davidson	\$5,440.00	Mocksville	\$4,000.00
Thomasville	\$4,000.00	Denton	\$1,500.00
Concord	\$2,700.00	Welcome	\$1,000.00
Davis-Townsend	\$2,000.00	West Iredell	\$2,000.00
Pilot	\$1,000.00	Huntersville	\$1,000.00
West Concord	\$ 600.00	Hasty	\$1,650.00
Mt Pleasant	\$1,500.00	Sparta	\$ 500.00
Fair Grove	\$ 500.00	Gold Hill	\$ 500.00
Churchland	\$1,000.00	Arcadia	\$1,000.00
Cleveland	\$ 500.00	Salisbury	\$1,000.00
Rockwell	\$ 500.00	Yadkinville	\$ 500.00
Odell	\$ 500.00	Bethlehem	\$1,840.00
		Konnoak Hills	\$2,200.00

As a club goal for Brighter Visions, Lions are asked to try to exceed their previous year's per member donation to NCLI.

Remember that Memorials and Honorariums can add to your club's total.

Recognition of 2015-2016 Brighter Visions Donations

District 31-I had an outstanding year supporting Brighter Visions. Leadership Awards are presented on the basis of the state average of donations per member. District 31-I's average club giving totaled \$122.99 or 139.3% of the state average of \$88.32 per member. This qualified our Brighter Visions leadership for the Gold Level award and each received a Bob Timberlake framed print. Those honored were District Governor Allen Reinhardt and the Brighter Visions co-chairs for 2015-2016: Carolyn Sprinkle, and Region Chairs Bob Sprinkle, Terry Cauble, Ronald Rich, and Doris Messer.

The following clubs in 31-I are to be commended for exceeding that statewide average of per member average.

Harrisburg	\$ 94.64
Bethlehem	\$ 96.00
King	\$ 96.00
Winston Salem Twin City Host	\$ 96.30
Kernersville	\$ 96.43
West Jefferson	\$ 97.92
Sparta	\$ 98.74
Elkin	\$100.00
Dobson	\$100.08
Cornelius Lake Norman	\$100.81
Fair Grove	\$102.52
Boone	\$102.96
Walkertown (Folded)	\$103.32
Linwood	\$105.58
Konnoak Hills	\$105.60
Walnut Cove	\$110.18
Pilot	\$123.85
Davis-Townsend	\$134.71
Gold Hill	\$135.17
Troutman	\$138.42
Mocksville	\$156.33
Thomasville	\$160.28
Midway	\$163.33
Davidson	\$164.51
Lexington DownTown	\$172.22
Cleveland	\$174.58
Mount Pleasant	\$176.42
Hasty	\$183.33
Denton	\$186.95
Welcome	\$190.31
Lake Norman	\$192.31
Franklin Ellis	\$200.17
West Iredell	\$201.67
Derita	\$210.42
West Lexington	\$212.76
Arcadia	\$214.58
Concord	\$216.06
Mint Hill	\$241.09
South Iredell	\$351.27
Odell	\$407.50
West Concord	\$419.59



Thomasville Lion Charlie Hall took on the challenge to "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes" during National Night Out in Thomasville. The gentlemen walking used their purses to collect funds to combat domestic violence and sexual assault.

NC Lions to Host Centennial Youth Camp

North Carolina Lions will host a Youth Exchange camp for two weeks in Summer 2017. Eight students will be with host families from July 8 to 22 and then travel the state July 22 to August 4.

Host families are needed for the first part of the camp and Lions are encouraged to plan an event during the second part of the camp.

For more information or to participate, contact PDGs Paulette and Larry Gasperson, phone 828-883-8596 or email lfgasperson@comporium.net.



PDG Allen Reinhardt honored several Lions couples for service to Lionism in 2015-2016. Above are Ron Staley and wife Sallie not present; Theresa and Kirby Matthews, Debbie and Tim Williams, Carolyn and Bob Sprinkle and Donald Cobb and wife Gayle Cobb not present.

Camp Dogwood Raffle Ticket Sales 2015-2016

The William Joyce Awards are presented statewide in several categories based on the number of club members. Mocksville Lions of 31-I were the top club in Category 4 with \$58.67 in sales per member.

Congratulations to the following 31-I clubs who met/beat the three books per member sales goal of Camp Dogwood raffle tickets.

Kernersville	3.00
Hasty	3.00
Lake Norman	3.00
Davidson	3.13
Concord	3.38
North Wilkesboro	3.45
Troutman	3.62
Dobson	3.62
Welcome	3.98
Yadkinville	4.16
Arcadia	4.33
West Concord	4.71
Mooreville	4.87
Mocksville	5.87
Odell	11.36

Planning Ahead

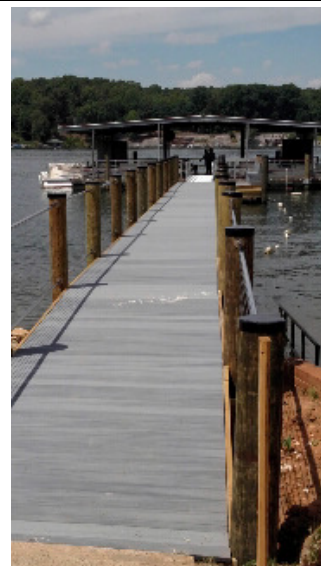
STATE CONVENTION:

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.



Camp Dogwood sported an updated pier and waterfront this summer.

Club Updates & Events

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

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

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

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

Mocksville Lions -- Donated \$200 in back to school supplies. Has monthly Diabetes/Hypertension Screening, an 11 year project.

Bethlehem Lions -- Still maintains a gumball machine project. PlusOptix is ready to be used for screenings. Currently 8 Lions are certified to use this machine.

Concord Lions -- Hosted bingo party at VA Hospital in Salisbury (VAVS) and had local eye screening.



Rowan Ramblers, a VIP support group in Rowan County, was one of several groups to present "dramatic" plays after months of rehearsals. Among the participants were several VIP Lions, including DeWayne Walker of Cleveland Lions, whose death scene brought down the house.



We Serve



At district awards luncheon, DG Butch Conrad looks on as Davis-Townsend President Jeff Lookabill accepts the DG Home Club banner from Donald Cobb, immediate past president of Sparta Lions.

Below, PIP Sid Scruggs recognizes IPDG Allen Reinhardt for his successful efforts uniting the new District 31-I in its first year.



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.

New Members Joining the Chorus

Welcome to these new Lions
& thanks to their sponsors:

Arcadia: Linda Sowers, Sponsor Jim Bumgarner

Charlotte SouthPark: Dolores O'Malley, Transferred in
(Name misspelled last month)

Huntersville: Kristen King, Sponsor Linda Shope
Joshua Shope, Sponsor Jerry Shope

Kernersville: Crystal Tanner, Sponsor Roger Stockton

Sparta: Marshall William Boyer, Sponsor Ronald Huber

Wallburg: Jaclyn King, Transfer in

Welcome: Sharon Grubb-Benson, Sponsor Michelle Gregory

Information obtained from MMRs submitted to LCI



District 31-I Fall Convention Registration

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



Friday - November 4

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

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

Saturday - November 5

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

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

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

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

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

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

Make check for meals payable to:

NC District 31-I Lions Clubs

Mail check with bottom portion of this form to:

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

Do Not Mail after October 22, 2016

Phone registration only from Oct. 23 to Oct. 29

No refunds after Oct. 22nd

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

Club: _____ **District:** _____

Check all that apply

Names:

(PRINT first and last names & circle title)

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

Meal Cost

\$20.00

\$35.00

Total # Attending

Total Cost

Reminder: Please Select Banquet Meal Preference Above

Total Cost \$ _____

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



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1270 Beck's Nursery Road
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