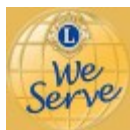


# DISTRICT 31-I NEWS



INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY—SEPTEMBER 8



District 31-I Newsletter

September 2017

Issue 3

## *Planting Seeds with DG Lion George Culp*

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

**Tend and Befriend** – September is ‘How is your garden growing?’ month. It is time to evaluate our efforts and ensure we are getting our expected results. If not, what adjustments are needed? After all of one’s efforts to prepare, till, choose your seeds, water, weed and reseed, let’s determine how we are doing.

Sometimes, regardless of how much planning we attempt, our anticipated results may not be exactly as expected, caused by the unexpected. In your garden, lack of rain or too much rain can affect your plants. One year, Lion Dianne’s hosta plants began to disappear much like Elmer Fudd’s carrot garden when Bugs Bunny dug tunnels under the carrot rows. Unseen by Elmer, Bugs pulls the carrot down as Elmer only saw the green upper leaves disappear. Apparently, a mole found Dianne’s hosta bulbs as a delightful and filling meal.

As I reviewed my goals for this year, it became evident that each of the major activities provides us with a number that indicates how we are doing. This is compared to the number of vegetables or fruits that we see growing in our garden. As we begin to reap our rewards, we can also determine the value of the product. Is the fruit pretty to look at and sweet to the taste? Let’s see how we are doing in District 31 I.

*(Included in this newsletter is my report provided to the North Carolina Council of Governors quarterly meeting held in Cherokee August 11-13.)*

Let’s evaluate our results for the last two months in each of our areas of focus.

**Service:** Lion Ron Rich is doing a great job by providing clubs with service opportunities. Club visits indicate that projects are underway and reported service projects are being noted. As of August 16<sup>th</sup>, twenty-three (23) of our clubs have reported service activities. On the downside, that means that thirty-four (34) have either not had a service activity or it has not been reported. I believe it is the latter.

Remember, every club is asked to have at least one service activity each month. Do not be surprised if Lion Ron calls your club officers to inquire why service projects are not be reported. During officer training, we have found that some clubs are not aware of the online reporting methods. In addition to the previously held training sessions, clubs that need one-on-one training are encouraged to contact us. Once your needs are determined, the necessary resources will make plans to meet and assist. This issue includes service ideas for October – December. Send GST Ron any ideas your club may have found successful.

Also included in this issue are suggestions for Gifts In Kind. Recently at Camp Dogwood, someone mentioned donating sheets for the camp. This is the kind of thinking out of the box clubs are encouraged to use.

**Membership:** PDG Terry Cauble is raring to go as we begin approaching targeted areas for new clubs. More on this will be reported later.

## “Gathering Times”

### SEPTEMBER

- 8 International Literacy Day
- 12 Salisbury 85th Anniversary

15-16 Deaf/Blind Retreat -  
Camp Dogwood

21-23 USA/Canada Forum  
- Portland, OR

OCTOBER  
6 Davidson County Lions  
Council Giveaway -  
Lexington YMCA

14 District Cabinet Meeting—  
Pilot Lions Club  
4434 Old Hwy 29, South  
Thomasville

16-19 VIP Fishing Tournament

NOVEMBER  
3-5 31-I Convention -  
Camp Dogwood

10-12 NCLI

11-13 Emerging/Advanced Lions  
Leadership Inst-Denver, CO

17-18 31-L Convention



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## 2ND VDG JIMMY MYERS

Now that our **Brighter Visions** rally is over let us not forget about that campaign. It should be a primary focus for our clubs. Without that support our work as Lions is powerless. Those funds keep Camp Dogwood functioning. Those funds provide eye exams and glasses for people in need. Every year those funds run out, hurting those in need. Let's not let that happen this year. We can do what is necessary to be successful in our work with VIPs by making it a priority. Lions, let's ROAR this year in our work for **Brighter Visions**.

Lion *Jimmy Myers*—2nd Vice District Governor

## Check out these great training opportunities Nov. 11-13 in Denver, CO

The [Emerging Lions Leadership Institute](http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/development-programs/emerging-leadership-institutes/index.php) teaches valuable leadership skills to Lions who have not yet been club president. Download the [application form](http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/development-programs/emerging-leadership-institutes/index.php) for more information. Application: <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/development-programs/emerging-leadership-institutes/index.php>

The [Advanced Lions Leadership Institute](http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/development-programs/emerging-leadership-institutes/index.php) teaches valuable leadership skills at the zone, region and district levels and is for Lions who have completed a term as club president but have not yet attained the position of first vice district governor. Download the [application form](http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/development-programs/emerging-leadership-institutes/index.php) for more information. Application: <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/development-programs/emerging-leadership-institutes/index.php>

## AmazonSmile

Whenever you shop Amazon, please remember to use [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com) and select "North Carolina Lions Incorporated" as your favorite charity. A percentage of your purchase will be directed to support

## Brighter Visions

## "Sharing the Harvest"

Our 2017-2018 District 31-I  
Brighter Visions Goal is

**\$187,500**

Follow our progress  
each month

**\$42,264 22.50%**

0%

## New "Roads" to Tend

Where in the district is DG George?



Tuesday, September 5	W. Jefferson
Tuesday, September 5	Boone
Thursday, September 7	Midway
Monday, September 11	Southmont
Monday, September 18	Camp Dogwood Meeting and Retreat
Monday, September 18	Cleveland
Tuesday, September 19	Welcome
Tuesday, September 19	W. Lexington
September 20 – 24	USA/Canada Forum
Monday, September 25	Fair Grove
Tuesday, September 26	Arcadia
Wednesday, September 27	Concord – Mobile Screening Unit
Thursday, September 28	East Iredell

*Salisbury Lions Club* invites you to

their 85th Charter Night–Sept. 12, 6 p.m. Salisbury Country Club. The speaker will be PID Harvey

## Suggestions "Gifts in Kind" for Fall

September, October, November

Supplies for VIP Fishing Trip

Hearing Aid Donations

Backpacks to Schools

School Supplies

## Suggested Service Projects for July thru September

- Donate school supplies to a local school or hand sanitizer and hand tissue for teachers
- Collect clothes for Children's Home
- Partner with a school, scouts or another community organization.
- Maintain a "Little Free Library"
- Collect used pill bottles to send to an organization that fills them for a poor country in need
- Vision / Diabetes Screening
- Assist Meals on Wheels deliveries
- Join or start a Reading Program at a school or library
- Hold a Food Drive
- Join a local parade or host a Festival Booth
- Adopt a Highway or a Police Officer
- Collect can tabs for the Leader Dog program
- Visit Nursing Homes, and take treats
- Recycle Eyeglasses

Any questions or concerns may be sent to:

## Plan ahead with suggested Services Projects to add for October thru December

- Citizen Recognition
- VIP Christmas Party
- Vision / Diabetes screening
- Partner with Operation Christmas Child
- North State military Christmas Boxes
- VIP Fishing Tournament
- Partner with Angel Tree
- Toys for Tots – Toy Drive
- Partner with Toy Store for Jesus
- Distribute personal need bags for shelters

Continue with ongoing service projects

**Camp Dogwood** is also in need of some **gifts in kind** in addition to what Lions volunteers provide in the spring and summer. The driveway and parking areas are in need of being resurfaced. The cost of the project seems to grow exponentially with each year that it is deferred, and labor and materials increase in price and the condition of the pavement deteriorates even more, resulting in more work being needed. If you have any contacts who might be willing to donate labor and/or materials for all or part of the work or who would give us a break on a contract, please contact [Hillary@nclionsinc.org](mailto:Hillary@nclionsinc.org).

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 Drawing to be held Nov. 15, 2017  
 All proceeds benefit the  
 For the Love of Kids  
 Capital Campaign  
 for more than 230 children at  
 BOYS & GIRLS HOMES  
 The UPS Store  
 & Print Shop  
 Westwood & Fort Bragg

Contact Boys and Girls  
Home District Chair,  
Glenda Everhart, email:  
[gbeverhart@yahoo.com](mailto:gbeverhart@yahoo.com)  
for tickets to win a 7-  
night stay at Courtyard  
Carolina Beach "For the  
Love of Kids" Capital





## Club Updates & Events

**Concord Lions** will be sponsoring the Vision Van Sept 27 at the Community Free Clinic, 528 Lake Concord Road

**The Gold Hill Lions** coat drive for homeless veterans continues through November 1st. Contact PDG Morris VanVleet at 704-279-9358 home, 704-783-5164 cell, e-mail gpoo-hbar@twc.com or USPS PO Box 1406 Rockwell, NC 28138 to help.

The Thirty-Seventh Annual Dave Conrad Lions Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Sept. 6 (rain date Sept. 13) at the Lexington Golf Club. The **Lexington Downtown Lions** and Breeden Insurance Services, Inc. sponsor the tournament. The cost of each four-man team is \$225.00. If you would like to have any "mulligans" included please add \$5.00 per player to the fee. Your fees will cover the following: 1. Entry of four people in the tournament 2. Green fees and golf carts 3. Chance to win multiple prizes up to \$1,000.00 4. The barbecue party immediately following afternoon play. 5. Opportunities to win many value prizes, including a 50/50 pot. All proceeds will be used to aid the blind and for the research and treatment for eye diseases. If you are interested in sponsoring a team or a hole (\$100.00 for hole sponsorship), please contact Mark Breeden at 336-309-0530 or J.J. Fashimpaur at 335-248-3950.

**Linwood Lions** will be manning their booth at the Davidson County Fair, Sept 18-23. Stop by for some of the best food



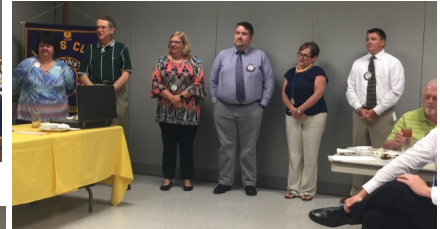
Above: IPDG Butch Conrad presents a long overdue William Woolard to a dedicated Lion, Evon Lambeth, at a recent meeting of the Wallburg Lions Club. Below: Ron and Lois



TEND AND BEFRIEND THROUGH SERVICE



District Governor George installed new officers on his recent visit to Lexington



### Downtown Lions Club.

Shown at left is new President, Robby Rummage and above left to right: *Secretary: Melissa Egelnick, Treasurer: LeGrand Skinner, Club LCIF Coordinator: Margaret Ann Maddox, Membership Chair: Randy Joe Berrier, Jr., 2nd Vice President: Sarah Black, Vice President: Philip Grande*



Above: Little Miss Denton, Harleigh Russell and Miss Denton, Sadie Shaw are happy to present, with love, two new picnic tables to Denton Community Park from the **Denton Lions**. The tables were made by the vocational program at Boys & Girls Homes of NC, Inc., at Lake Wac-

## Deaf/Blind Retreat at Camp Dogwood Theme – The Flintstones

### Volunteers needed

Friday, Sept. 15: 9 - 4:30  
Saturday, Sept. 16 - 9 - 12:30

(More Club News on page 5)



*VDG Carolyn wants to direct your attention to pages 15-17 for the advertisement, registration form and agenda for the 2017 Fall Convention to be held Nov. 3-5 at Camp Dogwood this year.*

*In loving memory of Lions who have died this past month*

John Enscoe*	Konnoak Hills
Russel Barnes	Mint Hill
Clyde Hendricks	Mocksville
Alwayne Lunsford	Wallburg
Gary Dellinger	Welcome
John Mckenzie	Winston-Salem Twin City Host
Pat Silvers**	Pisgah Forest (31-L)

\* Charter Member

\*\* Wife of Lion Joe Silvers (31-L)  
88 Foster Estate Drive  
Asheville, N C 28806

Information obtained from MMRs submitted to LCI  
**REMEMBER ALL LIONS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE IN**

**New**



**in the Garden**

**Welcome new Lions & thanks to their sponsors**

<b>Club</b>	<b>New/Transfer Lion</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Concord	Clarence Williford	Transfer-West Concord
	Judy Williford	Transfer-West Concord
Derita	Howard Blackwelder	Edward Davis
	James Larry Boone	Edward Davis
	Don Rabo	TD McLaughlin
	Pauline Walker	
	James H. Walker	
Kernersville	David McGee	Robert Reed
Linwood	Aaron Duncan	Caser Swicegood
Pilot	Mary McGuire	Sandra Wilson
Thomasville	Charles Parnell	Elizabeth Parnell

**Directory Changes**

P 17: Yadkinville Lions Club Secretary  
Bobby Sutton

E: [bsutton1937@gmail.com](mailto:bsutton1937@gmail.com)

P 19: West Jefferson Lions Club Secretary  
Anita Yates

PO Box 383  
West Jefferson NC 28694

H: 336-846-7215

E: [gwyn@skybest.com](mailto:gwyn@skybest.com)

P 27: Churchland Lions Club President  
Joe Shaffer

E: [caturunner81@gmail.com](mailto:caturunner81@gmail.com)

P 27 Davis-Townsend Lions Club President  
C: 336-250-2103

W: 336 242 1122

E: [katiehallattorney@gmail.com](mailto:katiehallattorney@gmail.com)

P 29: Southmont Lions Club President  
Arnold Sharpe.

E: [arnoldsharpe@ymail.com](mailto:arnoldsharpe@ymail.com)

P 34: Mocksville Lions Club Secretary  
Kathleen Curry

174 Woodburn Place Advance 27006

P: 336-256-1158

E: [mecurry@roadrunner.com](mailto:mecurry@roadrunner.com)

P 36: Lions Club Treasurer

Bob Elliott

20320 Bethelwood Lane

Cornelius, NC 28031

E: [clay7428@bellsouth.net](mailto:clay7428@bellsouth.net)

P 37: Huntersville Lions Club Treasurer  
Kristen King

PO Box 1911

Huntersville, 28070

P 42: Odell Lions Club Secretary  
Steven Emerson

E: [esteve28262@gmail.com](mailto:esteve28262@gmail.com)

P 46: PID Harvey Whitley

712 Heatherwood Drive

P 47: District 31-S

DG Steve McLaurin

4817 Johnson Pond Rd.

Apex 27539

## More Club News and Events

Since 2009 the **Hickory Grove Lions Club** has sponsored an **Annual Visually impaired Golfing Program** at Sunset Hills Golf Course located in Mecklenburg County in September, October, and November. The golf course provides a senior discount rate for our participating golfers. Golfers and Coaches practice at the driving range in September and October. In November two 9-hole golf events are held. Lunch is provided, and we bring in food for an end of day celebration.

The **Hickory Grove Lions** is a very small club and is seeking your support for fundraising, coaching and/or providing transportation. To support the Blind Golf Program or request a presentation to your club, contact:

**Lion Rick Conder** at 704-562-3455 / [rick@conderpiano.com](mailto:rick@conderpiano.com)  
or

**Lion Carey Odom** at 704-497-0104 / [wc275@aol.com](mailto:wc275@aol.com)

Thank you in advance for **Serving** your community during event as a Lion or a Friend,

***Lion Dave Shimberg, PDG***

Zone 10 Chairman - C: 704-906-1158

*First quarter **Zone 8 meeting** was held Aug. 29 at George Pappas Victory Lanes. Lion Angie Kaiser is the Zone 8 Chair.*

THANKS District 31-I for being the #1 District in NC in your donations to **Leader Dogs** for the Blind this year. We donated a total of \$8,918.25! I will have more great news for you in the next news letter but wanted us to celebrate the acknowledgements we received from Leader Dogs in Rochester Hills, MI. this month.

L i o n . A n t h a R e i d  
District 31-I Leader Dogs for the Blind Chairperson

**Cleveland Lions Club** is sponsoring its annual Joe Hall Scholarship Breakfast Fundraiser from 7 to 10 a.m. Sept. 2. Eggs, bacon, sausage, country ham, grits, white and redeye gravy, homemade biscuits, jellies, coffee, orange juice, and tea will be served at no charge. Please donate from the heart. All proceeds go towards two (2) \$1,000 scholarships.

***Davis-Townsend Lions** will have their fall barbecue chicken sale from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 23. Get your tickets from any member for eat-in or take-out.*

**Denton Lions** Shrimp Boil, Saturday, September 30, 5 to 8 Denton Masonic Lodge, South Main at Peacock Ave. \$20 all you can eat fresh-boiled shrimp, slaw, corn, smoked sausage, fries, dessert, coffee, tea. Take out plates \$16. Hot dogs will be available also.

**Yadkinville Lions** will sponsor the Mobile Screening

## ***DG George*** (Continued from page 1)

While July numbers indicated a net gain of three (3) members, as of Aug 16th, we are now down eight (8). In an effort to understand why members are dropping for reasons other than uncontrolled methods (death), each zone chair is contacting the club officers to inquire on why a member dropped in good standing. This information will assist your governor's team in working with clubs to overcome losing members if there are issues within the club.

Each club is encouraged to develop a plan to recruit and retain members. Contact the team if help is needed.

**Leadership:** Our GLT (Global Leadership Team) has completed a well-received Officer training opportunity. Training has been offered in all ten zones of our District. Clubs with reporting issues are being identified and are being addressed by the team. Additional training will be provided if requested.

Clubs are encouraged to seek emerging leaders in your club. Once identified, our GLT will assist in offering suggestions of how to increase their education in Lions Club membership opportunities.

**Tend and Befriend:** Tend and befriend your ideas and plans. Review your completed goals and adjust where needed. At the end of September, our Lions' year will be one-fourth over. Keep tending your clubs, members, and communities. Lions are known for serving others. Ensure your community knows that you are there to serve.

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

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

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

**Send those great PICTURES too!**



## NC Council of Governors Report – August 12, 2017

Preparation for this Lions year began several years ago. Now the journey has begun.

First, let me thank PDG Butch Conrad and his cabinet for another successful year in 31-I. Our current district continues the transition from three districts to one. Each day brings new friendships and opportunities. Our annual awards and installation banquet was held at the Camp Dogwood Retreat and Meeting center. Over 100 Lions and guests attended.

Prior to that, in April, our cabinet spent a Sunday afternoon brain-storming our goals and execution plans. From that event, we determined our focus to be Service, Membership, and Leadership. Each of these areas is in line with the LCI Forward focus over the next five years.

In July, 33 Lions from our district attended the International Convention where we were inspired to come home and get busy. With regards to Service, our appointed Service Chair, Ron Rich, provided each club with multiple service ideas and explained our District goal of each club doing a service project each month. Emphasis is being made with conjunction to Secretary training to ensure all clubs are reporting their service activities. Our Leadership chair, PCC Ron Staley, along with last year's GLT, PCC Tim Williams, are providing training by traveling to each Zone. Our final session and make-up is scheduled for August 19. We are also planning an online session if there is enough interest. Membership Chair, PDG Terry Cauble, began gathering information regarding adding new clubs in four areas of our district.

As of August 31, Membership has increased by net of three members. Of the members that were dropped, their contact information was sent to their Zone Chair and the clubs are being contacted to determine the reasoning for the drops, other than being deceased. Service hours now total 2200, and 20 clubs have reported projects. Service Chair Ron is monitoring the reports and contacting clubs that are not reporting.

Several meetings have occurred for the planning of our District Convention to be held at the Camp Dogwood Meeting and Retreat Center November 3-5. The convention will close with a Rise to Hunger project where we will pack 10,000 meals.

Brighter Visions Chair and candidate for 2VDG Donald Cobb is busy promoting the Brighter Visions Kickoff to be held August 31<sup>st</sup>. In addition, he has provided Zone Chairs with the names of their clubs who did not donate last year or only donated a minimal amount per member. The Zone Chairs are to report back the reasoning of the clubs. With that information in hand, we will create a plan of action to visit the clubs and ensure the clubs understand the importance of our participation in the support of the programs of NCLI.

Communications to our members is being provided by District Bulletin Editor Elizabeth Conrad. The issues include current news and service related success stories. Also included are service ideas for emphasis for the next several months. Clubs are encouraged to ensure member's email addresses are included in MyLCI.

### Challenges and Opportunities

With little over a month behind us, our team recognizes that many clubs are involved in Lions' activities, however the activities are not being reported. We will follow-up on those who are need of training and make a team visit to the clubs to address the concerns.

Lion George Culp DG NC Lions 31-I

## Officer Training Wraps Up at Raccoon Holler Campground

On August 19 the Lions of District 31-I completed their Officer Training Seminars for the 2017-2018 Lions Year at Raccoon Holler Campground in Ashe County. Twenty-four Lions attended the training and afterwards enjoyed a hotdog lunch at PCC Tim Williams's campsite. They learned, they laughed, and they ate. What could be better?



Many thanks to all of the Lion Leaders who made this and the other Training Seminars a rousing success! And many thanks to the nice folks at Raccoon Holler who offered their beautiful facilities to us at no cost. The campground may be named for raccoons, but they definitely have the hearts of Lions!

Editor's Note: Thanks to Lions Tim and Debbie for providing lunch to raise money for Brighter Visions!

## What's coming up next?

### The Brighter Visions Boutique

#### Calling all Knitters, Bakers, and Candlestick Makers (and Shoppers)!!!

Our district convention will be here before we know it (November 3-4). To raise money for Brighter Visions, we will again have the "Brighter Visions Boutique" where we will sell items made by Lions and their friends as well as other items suitable for gifting. This "store" is geared toward items that are not big enough to go in the auction. I am planning to add a new element to the Boutique this year--the Lions' Corner. Items for this section will be lion-themed. They can be items from LCI that you would like to pass on to others or other unique items that include lions in their design.

To receive Brighter Visions credit for your items, attach a tag with the **name of the club** and the **price** we should charge. (Please make prices in whole dollar amounts so we do not have to worry about coins for change.) Many VIPs do crafts, so don't forget to include them when your club is looking for items to donate.

Thank you for your help! This should be a fun way to increase our Brighter Visions contributions as well as offer an enjoyable shopping activity at the convention. Contact me if you have any questions.

Debbie Williams  
[djwms@triad.rr.com](mailto:djwms@triad.rr.com)

#### Ideas:

Home-canned goods  
 Baked goods  
 Baskets  
 Jewelry  
 Knitted/Crocheted items  
     (scarves, dish cloths, etc.)  
 Embroidered items  
 Paper Crafts  
 Small quilted items  
     (glasses cases, pot holders,  
     table runners, etc.)  
 Ceramics/Pottery  
 Wooden items  
 Metal items  
 Decor items  
 Christmas ornaments  
 Handmade toys or games



"LCI is currently evaluating our international contests, including the Lions Environmental Photo Contest. In an age in which people are sharing more images in-the-moment on cell phones, we want to make certain our contests align with our new mobile media culture. Our International Board of Directors will be considering new contest proposals during the November 2017 board meeting. We will share the new contests with the Lions and Leos

#### Important Deadlines

- Oct. 1 Deadline to order **Peace Poster** Kits
- Oct. 7 Deadline to register for meal at cabinet meeting
- Oct. 30 Deadline to mail district convention registration-contact Ron Staley after that date
- Nov. 15 Deadline to submit **Peace Poster** entries to District Governor
- Nov. 15 Boys and Girls Home Raffle
- Dec. 1 Deadline to submit winning **Peace Poster** entry to Council Chair
- Dec. 15 Deadline to submit multiple district **Peace Poster** winner to LCI





## Great Celebration 50 years of Camp Dogwood

NCLI President George Suggs opened the 1997 time capsule in front of the crowd gathered on the lawn, new waterfront deck and on the porch. Items to be buried, the signed banner, and scrapbooks from the past were displayed. Lunch was served to campers, volunteers and guests who included Past NCLI Director Steve Walker, with wife Patty and Nancy Bledsoe and PDG Theresa Matthews who was accompanied by Miss Denton.







### *The Prom*



### *Shall we dance?*

Of course! The campers never miss an occasion to find a partner, join a Congo line or shake a leg on their own.

The large crowd of campers, staff and guests moved from the entry way into Cates which was decorated for the occasion. Many changed into their formal attire to enjoy the music of "Caution! Blind Driver."





# Youth Exchange

Greensboro > Canton > **Sparta** > Unionville > Sanford > Apex > Smithfield >



Kayaking on the New River while visiting the Sparta Club



New Bern > Outer Banks > Lake Gaston > **Winston-Salem**



Above-top: The group shown with PCC Bob and 1VDG Carolyn Sprinkle, PDGs Larry and Paulette Gasperson and PDG Terry and Lion Robin Cauble. Bottom: (L-R): Laurenz F. (Germany), Anna D. (Denmark), Aurelien G. (France), Luanna R. (Brazil), Anna S. (Czech Republic), Zsofia K. (Hungary), Gorkem T. (Turkey), and Alon D.

Lions of **Zone 7** hosted the eight international visitors accompanied by Paulette and Larry Gasperson at a Greensboro hotel Aug. 3. They then treated them to a cookout at Konnoak-Hills

**What they did:** They stayed two weeks with host families across the state, enjoying hospitality and sightseeing with them before hitting the road to picnics and eating events everywhere; saw the sites along the Blue Ridge Parkway; kayaked on the New River; took a safari through the Aloha Zoo; rode golf carts; enjoyed the Lost Colony, the Wright Brothers Memorial, Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, bingo, lake activities; and ended with a DASH baseball game.



## Hello Fellow Lions!

The new **MyLion App** has become available and I would like to help you get started as smoothly as possible.

1. If using your smartphone with an Android operating system or Apple IOS:

a. Android:



If viewing this in the online newsletter, tap this link to download: [MyLion App for Android](#)

b. IOS

i. Open App Store



1. You may need to tap the +GET icon twice to install app.
2. Enter your iTunes password if prompted.

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2. Allow “MyLion” to access your location (Optional)

3. Allow “MyLion” to send you notifications (Optional)

**REGISTER:**

a. Make sure you have your Member ID handy and the email address OR phone number you have on file with your Lions Club.

i. If you do not have this information readily available, just register as a guest and log-in to enter your information at a later time.

b. Type in your member number

c. Type in your email or phone number

d. Create a STRONG password. Include at least 1 capital letter, a symbol, and a number.

e. Enter your birthdate.

i. After entering a birthdate it may not make the proceed button readily available. To fix this, just tap on the password line, it will clear the birthdate scroll and bring up the proceed button.

f. Tap on the proceed button

g. \*\*\*Check your email address for the code\*\*\* and type it into your phone using the keypad provided.

h. CONGRATULATIONS! You have registered!

**Using your MyLions App:**

1. Read through the prompts on your screen. There are several of them that introduce the MyLions App.

2. Click around on the app to familiarize yourself with the set up and get ready to POWER UP your Lionism!

Welcome to the Community! Go post some pictures, follow a Club, or message a fellow Lion! A YouTube video will be available in September, for visual assistance. Lion Rummage YouTube

## Hello Fellow Lions!

**LION Magazine** is now available on our smart devices and I would like to help you in downloading this valuable app.

### Download to Smartphone or Tablet/IPAD:

1. If using your smartphone/tablet with an Android operating system or Apple IOS:

- a. Android:



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- b. IOS

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In Lionism,

*Elizabeth Rummage*

Internet Technology/Public Information and Education Co-Chair

District 31-I



All Club and District Officers of  
**District 31-I**

Are requested to  
Attend Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting

Meeting Time: 10:00AM

Lunch: 12:00 Noon

Location: Pilot Lions Club Den

4434 Old Hwy 29, South

Thomasville, NC

(Right beside of Pilot Elementary School, Business 85 South)

Menu: BBQ, Slaw, Fries, Bread, Drinks and Desserts

Cost: \$10.00

All proceeds will be given to the District Brighter Visions fund



Meal Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: District 31-I Lions

Number

Amount Enclosed

Lunch @\$10.00

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**Return by Oct 7, 2017**

Mail registration to: Lion Ron Staley

7935 Altacrest Drive

Concord, NC 28027





### **DISTRICT 31-I FALL CONVENTION 2017**

#### **NORTH CAROLINA LIONS MEETING & RETREAT CENTER**

The Meeting and Retreat Center at Lake Norman provides the perfect venue for fun, food, fellowship, entertainment and education. The lodge provides television viewing, a library, internet access, a gathering place, sun room, a veranda complete with rocking chairs and great views of Lake Norman, and dining area with endless coffee, hot chocolate and ice water. Each of the housing units and cottages have a screened in porch with rocking chairs, a central gathering room, television, microwave and refrigerator. The pier offers seating for relaxation, fishing and time for fellowship—or just doing nothing. Remember to enjoy the lake shore, walking trail, miniature golf and games in the recreation center building.

Governor George Culp's theme for Lions year 2017-2018 is *Tend and Befriend Through Service*. You are invited to be creative in your attire for fun night to present your interpretation of this theme. We are excited to have International Director Tom Gordon from Canada as our guest and Caution! Blind Driver Band for Friday night entertainment. Please include Saturday night room reservation and Sunday morning breakfast on your registration form if you will be staying to help with the Rise Against Hunger project. District I Committee and Zone Chairs will be available in the Cates room during the seminars to answer questions and provide a history and information applicable to their committees.

The convention hospitality committee will provide snacks in the lodge, the housing units and cottages. The banquet reservation form and an agenda are part of this newsletter. Please complete and mail the registration form to reserve meals and for preparation of name tags.

Room reservations are made through Keisha Ramseur (Camp Dogwood Secretary) 1-828-478-2135 or [keisha@nclionsinc.org](mailto:keisha@nclionsinc.org). Linens and bath soap are supplied. Remember to bring any other items or amenities you need. There is ample parking with valet (golf cart) service to and from the lodge as needed. Fire safety prohibits parking in front of the lodge, however drop-off and pick-up is allowed. Housing space is limited. Early housing reservations are encouraged. Double occupancy room rates are \$65 per night and includes NC occupancy tax.

Questions and/or comments—send to [sprinkle89@skybest.com](mailto:sprinkle89@skybest.com)  
Thank you. Carolyn Sprinkle, Convention Facilitator



**District 31-I Fall Convention Nov. 3-4<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**NC Lions Convention & Retreat Center**  
**7062 Camp Dogwood Drive**  
**Sherrills Ford, NC 28673**



*US Veterans will be honored during this event. Please wear your Service Pin(s).*

**Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Club** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Club Position:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tele #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Club** \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Info for Name Tags (Check all that apply)</u>	<u>You</u>	<u>Guest</u>
International President	_____	_____
International Director	_____	_____
Past International Director	_____	_____
District Governor	_____	_____
Past District Governor	_____	_____
Jack Stickley Fellow	_____	_____
Melvin Jones Fellow	_____	_____
Woolard Partner in Service	_____	_____
Scruggs Beacon of Hope	_____	_____

**Please list dietary restrictions. We will do our best to accommodate your meal requests.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Dress for head table guests is white jacket for men and cocktail dress for women.**

<u>Event</u>	<u>No. Attending</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cost ea.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fun Night & Dinner (Hamburger/Fries)	_____	11/3	6:30 pm	\$ 10.00	\$ _____
Auction & Breakfast (Full Breakfast Meal)	_____	11/4	7:30 am	\$ 10.00	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch (Chicken Salad Sandwich)	_____	11/4	Noon	\$ 12.00	\$ _____
Banquet (Plated Meal) (Prime Rib/Salad/Dessert)	_____	11/4	6:00 pm	\$ 20.00	\$ _____
<b>Rise Against Hunger Project Breakfast*</b>	_____	<b>11/5</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>\$ 8.00</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>Total amount remitted</b>					<b>\$ _____</b>

**Make checks for registration fees only payable to:**

**NC Lions District 31-I Fall Convention, mail payment & this registration form to:**

**District Treasurer Ron Staley, 7935 Altacrest Drive, Concord, NC 28027**

**Please come for each day's activities. If you are staying overnight, rooms are limited – register EARLY.**  
**Contact Camp Dogwood for room reservations at (828) 478-2135 Ext. 230 or email [Keisha@nclionsinc.org](mailto:Keisha@nclionsinc.org).**

**The Convention room rates are \$65 (double occupancy) per night and include NC State occupancy tax.**

**If you need room reservations for Thur. Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> to assist with Convention setup or \*Sat. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> to volunteer for the Rise Against Hunger project Sunday morning Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> please make room and meal reservations also.**

**Questions: Contact Convention Facilitator 1st VDG Carolyn Sprinkle@ [sprinkle89@skybest.com](mailto:sprinkle89@skybest.com)**  
**or 336-372-8956 H 336-466-5974 Cell**

## District 31-I Fall Convention 2017 Agenda

Please bring new or very slightly used items for the auction and homemade and/or craft items for the boutique. All proceeds from the Tail Twister Auction, the Brighter Visions Boutique and the Zone Raffle Gift Baskets will be donated to Brighter Visions. Please place your club name on each item donated to auction, the boutique and the name of each club on the respective raffle baskets so the proceeds can be reported in each donating clubs name.

### Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

3pm-7pm	Registration	Lodge Lobby
3pm-5pm	Hospitality Room	Lodge Lobby
3pm-6pm	Pin Traders & Exhibits	Lodge Lobby
5pm-7:30pm	Brighter Visions Boutique	Lodge Lobby
6:30pm-7:30pm	Dinner –Buffet	Lodge Dining Area
<i>(<b>Buffet</b> Hamburger/cheese burger, fries, baked beans, cheesecake, coffee/tea/water)</i>		
7:30pm-Until	Entertainment – Live Music	Lodge Cates Room

**\*Tickets for the Brighter Visions Zone Basket Raffle will be on sale from 3pm-Until\***  
**Drawing will be held immediately following Saturday's Banquet**

### Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 2017

7am-6pm	Registration	Lodge Lobby
7:30-8:15am	Breakfast	Lodge Dining Area
<i>(<b>Buffet</b> Bacon, eggs, biscuits &amp; gravy, grits, cut fresh fruit, whole fresh fruit, dry cereals, milk/orange juice/coffee/tea water)</i>		

9am-4pm	Brighter Visions Boutique	Lodge Lobby
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<b>*8:30am-10:15am</b>	<b>Tail Twister Auction</b>	<b>Lodge Cates Room*</b>
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10:30am-11:45am	Convention Opening Session and Town Hall Meeting	Lodge Cates Room
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Noon-1pm	Lunch	Lodge Dining Area
<i>(<b>Buffet</b> Chicken salad croissant/potato chips/ice cream &amp; cookies (regular &amp; sugar free)</i>		

12:45pm-2pm	Certification of Delegates	Lodge Lobby
2:10pm-2:30pm	District Officer Elections	Lodge Cates Room
3pm-4:30pm	Hospitality Room	Lodge Lobby

3pm-4:15pm	Seminars	Lodge Cates Room
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<b>Leadership – Ron Staley</b>	<b>Membership – Terry Cauble</b>	<b>Service – Ron Rich</b>
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4:15pm-5pm	Discussions w/zone & Committee Chairs	Lodge Cates Room
6:15pm	Head table assemblies	Lodge Cates Room

Banquet head table dress code is white dinner jacket for men and cocktail dresses for women.

6:30pm	Banquet	Lodge Dining Area
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*(**Served – Plated Meal** Prime Rib/mixed greens salad/creamed potatoes/dinner rolls/butter/Lemon cream pie, coffee, tea/water)*

### Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 2017

8am-8:45am	Breakfast for volunteers for the Rise Against Hunger Project
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*(**Buffet** Dry cereals, fresh whole fruit, milk, orange juice, coffee/tea/water)*

Reservations required for Saturday night room and Sunday morning meal.



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



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