



Issue 12

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

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Lions Clubs International  
District 31-I

## **From Governor Allen: A Time to Reflect, Celebrate, and Plan! Where to Now!**

Wow! What a first year for District 31-I. Just look what the Lions in your clubs have done: 3 new Leo Clubs, 93 new members, 9398 volunteer hours; 45,991 persons served; great District and State Conventions; 1340 Lions working together! \$143,394.11 for Brighter Visions; \$21,939.00 Camp Dogwood Raffle Tickets; awesome community projects;

all clubs have submitted incoming new officers. You have truly shown that Lions are Hands On!

The Lions in your club can be proud as we look back and reflect and celebrate what has been accomplished in the last 11 months in your club and in the district. You have exemplified our slogan of **WE SERVE** and have shown that every Lion from the newest recruit to the Oldest Icon are important.



Hopefully your new officers are already planning with this year's officers and club members for an outstanding second year in District 31-I. The **thanks** and **gratitude** I have for you for allowing me to serve and be a part of this district is beyond words. Thank you so much to every Lion for your service.

So where to **now**? Incoming Governor Butch Conrad, 1st VDG George Culp, and 2nd VDG Carolyn Sprinkle have been in training and have been working hard to prepare the Lions Program for next year. This program will involve all Lions in District 31-I as it did our first year.

Lion Butch has put together a great selection of officers and committee chairs who are committed to the local clubs and Lions to help you succeed in your service this coming year. Please utilize the opportunities that they can provide to you as well as the resources from

the district and Lions International.

We can take a lesson from

Noah:

1. We are all on the same boat.
2. Don't Miss the boat!
3. Plan Ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
4. Stay fit. When you are a hundred years old, someone may ask you to do something big.
5. Don't listen to critics. Just do the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake travel in pairs.
8. Speed is not always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you are stressed, float awhile.
10. Remember, the ark was built by amateurs -- the Titanic by professionals.
11. AND most important: No matter the storm, when you are with fellow Lions and God, there is always a rainbow waiting!!! Blessings!

### **District Meetings & Events**

June 4 9:30 am Region/Zone Chair Training, Linwood Lions Den

June 14 NCLI Executive Conf. Call

HAVE ALL TICKETS TO CAMP

June 17 Camp Dogwood Drawing for Car

June 23-29 International Convention Fukuoka, Japan

### **Future Events**

July 13 7pm Convention Planning Golden Corral, Hanes Mall

July 16 10:30 am District Awards Luncheon, Installation, and 2016-17 First Cabinet Meeting at First Reformed UCC, Lexington

Aug.24 6 pm Brighter Visions Kick-Off Mayflower Seafood, Rural Hall

Nov. 4-5 District Fall Convention

### **FINAL SESSION CLUB OFFICER TRAINING**

Saturday, June 11, 9 am  
Central UMC, Concord

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**Allen Reinhardt**  
District Governor

# From DG-Elect Butch --

## Greetings Fellow Lions of the "Ideal" District,

We are indeed the Lions of the "Ideal" District! This year has flown by and it has been a great year for the Lions of the new District I. Time flies when you're having fun!

Many thanks go to our leader and captain, District Governor Allen Reinhardt. Because of his leadership, this new district has gotten off to a terrific start and I know that I have a difficult act to follow. District Governor Allen has worked very hard and gone above and beyond the call of duty in serving the Lions and VIPs of District I.

Thank you Lion District Governor Allen! Our thanks also go out to you, the Lions of District I, who have worked extremely arduously for our district to achieve success.

Just a reminder for you to register for our Awards, Installation, and first official Cabinet Meeting of the new year. This event will take place at First Reformed

United Church of Christ, 104 East Center Street in Lexington beginning at 10:30 am with awards followed by lunch (\$12 per person). After lunch my cabinet will be installed and then we will have our first district cabinet meeting.

The registration form is below. Please mark your calendar and register early.

Another important date to mark is our Brighter Visions Kickoff on August 24 at Mayflower Seafood, 665 Montroyal Rd, Rural Hall. It's easy to find, just off Hwy 52 North of Winston-Salem. You should arrive by 6 pm to order dinner off the menu. The kickoff will begin about 7 pm. Make plans to attend August 24 and let's fill the restaurant!

If you have questions about either of the above events please don't hesitate to call me at 336-746-5046 or email me at [chrisjenministries@gmail.com](mailto:chrisjenministries@gmail.com).

*Where there's a need there's*

*a Lion.* Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world. Our 1.4 million members perform valuable service in 210 countries and geographic areas around the globe. Lions are friends, family, and neighbors who share a core belief: community is what we make it.

There are many needs in our communities and it is my hope and prayer that you have, by now, thought about how your club can perform a service project that will not only help your community, but will also enhance your desire to be of service to others. Our VIPs are at the top of the list but there are needs of others in the community that we should also consider.

Next month I will be sharing with you my goals for the coming year and I'm sure that if we work together, as we have this year, that we can achieve success.

I know we will.

Yours in Lionism,

**Butch Conrad**

District Governor-Elect District 31-I

### 31-I Brighter Visions

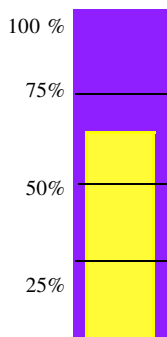
*Our Fair Share is:*

**\$ 220,000**

31-I Brighter Visions Total  
As of May 26

**\$143,394.11**

**FINAL  
EFFORTS  
ARE  
IMPORTANT**



## Awards/Installation/Cabinet Meeting

**Saturday, July 16**

10:30 am 2015-2016 Awards Presentation

12 Noon Luncheon \$12

Followed by 2016-2017 District Cabinet Installation  
And First Cabinet Meeting of the Year

First Reformed United Church of Christ  
104 East Center Street, Lexington

*Fellowship Hall is across the street from the church  
Park at the Fellowship Hall, behind the church, or on the street.*

You must register in advance for the meal.

**Deadline July 6**

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

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

Send to: Kirby Matthews  
PO Box 788  
Denton, NC 27239

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12 = \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose Check

## 1st VDG-Elect George --

## On the Prowl

Several weeks ago, Dianne and I were working a broom sale at our local Farmers Market. A vendor nearby was selling birdhouses and my eyes kept wandering toward a unique, rather "church" looking, house with a glass door knob for the perch. The knob reminded me of the small house that I lived in as a child where each interior door was opened and closed by the classy glass knobs.

We purchased the bird house and as I began to install it on a post, I was warned by a bluebird of unhappiness that the old house was currently occupied. I elected then to postpone the task to sometime after the bluebirds moved out in search of happi-



ness. I then set the house on a table on the deck with intentions of putting it in the garage after I completed my yard work.

The next day, yes I forgot to put the house in the garage, I approached the birdhouse and saw traces of pine needles under the glass door knob perch. I soon found that a wren was busy building his nest and I certainly did not want to disturb him.

Yes, **HE** was building a nest as the male wren sometimes builds several nests in hopes that his mate will decide to move in and start a family. Apparently, she found the house and nest to be accommodating and we began to see their activity from our den.

This week, we noticed the male (Herbert, yes we named them) and Helen staying close to their new home as we awaited the birth of our grandbabybirds.

We assumed that Helen was taking food to the babies when we discovered that it was Herbert!

I researched the wren and found that the female will leave the eggs from time to time to feed. Sometimes it may look like the male is bringing food to the female. More likely though, he is anticipating (practicing) the feeding of the young, although occasionally feedings to the female may occur. I really wanted to believe that he was actually bringing Helen food while she sat on the eggs awaiting the birth of her babies.

Watching the birds became a religious moment for me as I thought of how nature works to continue the species. Birds find homes, they build nests, they find mates, and they nurture each other and their offspring with food and companionship.

Are the Herbert and Helens in your community being served? Is their home safe and dry? Are they being fed? Is Helen sitting on her eggs dependent on your club to help them? Are they waiting for a ride to the doctor, Camp Dogwood, or the Fishing Tournament?

June marks the end of Lions year 2015 - 2016. As we celebrate what we have done this year, let's be mindful of what we did not do. What opportunities did we miss? How could we have done more?

Working together in our community as in nature, requires teamwork and compassion. Lions since 1917 have sought to provide needs to their community.

Birds do it, let's do it.

I hope that you can –

***Be A Lion Daily --***

***Go B. A. L. D. with me, won't you?***

***Lion George Culp, 1st Vice Governor-Elect***

### *Club Officer Training Sessions Set by District*

#### FINAL SESSION

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



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

Incoming club **presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and membership chairpersons** need to attend.

A New Member Orientation will also be offered.

Attendance at officer training is a requirement for 100% Secretary qualification. If you are unable to attend, secretaries and treasurers may contact incoming Cabinet Secretary Theresa Matthews or treasurer Kirby Matthews for updated information for the coming year. Mail at PO Box 788, Denton, NC 27239. Email [mkmsales@mindspring.com](mailto:mkmsales@mindspring.com) or [kirby@minutemansupply.com](mailto:kirby@minutemansupply.com). Phone 336-859-5344.

Our leadership team is available to help you in any and all matters. Do not hesitate to contact them.



## Remember DG Financial Goals

As we close out the 2015-2016 Lions Year, please send District Governor financial goals immediately to Cabinet Secretary Ron Staley so we can support the needs of the organizations we support. See Page 21 of the District Directory for details.

Lion Ron Staley, Cabinet Sec./Treas.  
7935 Altacrest Drive, Concord, NC 28027

## *Keep Selling Tickets For Camp Dogwood*

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

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

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

## 2016-2017 District Dues

District dues for 2016-2017 are being budgeted at \$20 per member. Clubs will be billed at \$8.50 dues plus \$3 convention fee (in lieu of program ads) per member as of July 1 and the second half of \$8.50 per member as of January 1.

District Governor goals have been set at \$18.50 per member as of July 1.

More information will be available in the 2016-2017 District Directory, which is scheduled to be distributed July 16 at the Awards/Installation Luncheon and first cabinet meeting. (See reservation form on Page 2 of this newsletter.)

### *In Memory*

Norman Hertz, Huntersville

Information obtained from  
MMRs submitted to LCI.

## Lions Night at Hickory Crawdads

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



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

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

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

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

## New Members: Let's Give Them a Hand

Welcome to these new Lions & thanks to their sponsors:

Charlotte SouthPark: Arwinson Hernandez & Francisdo Herre,  
Sponsor Cesar Perez-Sanchez

Lexington DownTown: Sarah Black, Sponsor Randy Berrier

Mint Hill: Jessica Moreno, Sponsor Dale Luna

Sparta: Ken Dixon, Sponsor Bob Sprinkle  
Janet Pokorney & John Pokorney,  
Sponsor Allen Reinhardt

Information obtained from MMRs submitted to LCI.

## Linwood Lions Celebrate 65 Years

Linwood Lions Club celebrated the 65th anniversary of the club's charter on April 28. President Margaret Sink presided over the event and shared information about what was happening in the world during the year the club was established. Lions Gene Fritts and Stevie Hedrick shared stories from the club's early days, gleaned information from the original M&A reports.

Dinner was hamburgers and hot dogs in honor of the club's longtime project, a food booth at the Davidson County Fair. A fun fact shared by Lion Stevie is that the steam table for the fair booth was bought early in the club's history for \$25 -- and it is still in use at the fair booth.

Past International Director Harvey Whitley was guest speaker and installed Geoffrey Sink as a new member. He also presented Lion Joe Bowers with a 50-year membership pin. Special guests included fifteen family members of charter members, PID Spouse/PCC Diane Whitley, and eleven other district dignitaries. All attendees received special pins commemorating the charter date.



Rachel Stokes, widow of charter member Frank Stokes; Hazel and Lion Gene Fritts; and Region Chair Terry Cauble socialize prior to the meal. In the background are Lion Charles and Zone Chair Glenda Everhart.



Linwood Lion Joe Bowers receives his 50-year pin from PID Harvey, as DGE Butch and Lion Elizabeth Conrad, PCC Diane, Club President Margaret, and CCE Tim Williams applaud. Photographs are compliments of Tommy Sink, Tommy's Photography of Lexington.

## Salisbury Lions Honor Law Officers

Salisbury Lions Club recently sponsored the Respect For Law Enforcement Breakfast for Rowan County Law Enforcement officers at First Baptist Church in Salisbury.

This is the second year the breakfast was sponsored by Salisbury Lions. Last year a new Lion, who was also an Optimist Club Member, brought the project to the Lions as the Optimist Club was folding due to loss of membership. Last year it was a joint project of the Optimists and Salisbury Lions Club and now the Lions are the sole sponsors.

This year saw attendance of 115 Rowan County Sheriff's Deputies, Police officers from surrounding municipalities and Rowan County Court officials. Plaques and awards were presented to several in attendance.

Fifteen Salisbury Lions helped cook and serve the meal, as well as several members of a local American Legion Post. Charles Buckley is our Current President and the project was co-chaired by Lions Alice Edwards and Wayne Kennerly.

*Make Reservations Now*

**\$12 per person**

**for lunch**

**Lunch Reservations must be made in advance**



First Reformed United Church of Christ

**See Page 2 for Reservation Form**

***Awards/Installation/Cabinet Meeting***

***Saturday, July 16 Lexington***

Awards 10:30 am, LUNCHEON 12 Noon  
Installation and Cabinet Meeting Follow Luncheon  
Three Events in Just One Day!

Yes, this is a long day -- but it handles Three Meetings

*Reservations not required for Awards or Cabinet Meeting*

**Mooresville Lions Club**

East Coast Wings in Mooresville donating 10% from each customer's bill on a day set aside for Mooresville Lions Club. All the proceeds will go to the Boys & Girls Homes at Lake Waccamaw. Also had booth at Mooresville's Race Days Festival, selling brooms and lots of Camp Dogwood tickets.

**Mocksville Lions Club**

Giving \$1000 scholarship to local high school senior. Participated in Daniel Boone Festival with sales of Camp Dogwood tickets and distributing Lions information. Had screening of blood pressure and blood sugar. Scheduled Mobile Screening Unit (Vision Van) for fall 2016 and spring 2017, which is the 12th time they have sponsored it. Also approved \$250 for a dictionary project which provides for all grades at South Davie Middle School.

## Club Events & Updates

**Dobson Lions Club**

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

**Charlotte SouthPark Lions Club**

After purchasing the Lions KidSight screening equipment, they have trained a number of members and successfully completed first screening of 130 children with 13 referrals. Also recycled 3181 pairs of glasses, six hearing aids, 287 printer cartridges, and 21 cell phones.

**Taylorsville Lions Club**

Turned in 612 pairs of eyeglasses and participated in Longview Lions' "Lion Prowl Freedom Ride". ACHS Leo Club held another video game tournament raising \$42 for Leader Dogs, which we combined with the previous tournament, and sent \$172 to Leader Dogs. Next project was providing concessions for event called "Carolina Chickenstock", which is a sort of chicken swap-meet held at the Taylorsville Lions Club Fairgrounds.

**Zone 8**

Sponsored an Annual Vision Screening Van in the parking lot at First Baptist Church in downtown Mooresville. This was new location due to movie being filmed in town.

We'd love to list all the food events, golf tournaments, and all the other great projects that clubs sponsor around the district.

**SEND INFORMATION  
FOR YOUR CLUB EVENTS  
TO BE INCLUDED HERE TO  
CAROLYN SPRINKLE  
BY THE 20TH of each month  
sprinkle89@skybest.com  
or 722 Folger Road  
Sparta, NC 28675.**

*Pictures are very welcome.*

**Kernersville Lions Club**

Good weather made for a busy Spring Folly and the club sold lots of Kielbasa under the leadership of Lion Larry Martin, whose grandson Chase "was a ball of fire and a great help."

**From Camp Dogwood Director Susan King:**

Enrollment for the summer program at Camp Dogwood is still open! We will accept summer camp applications from persons with blindness/visual impairment up until 2 weeks before the session they want to attend. This means that we will accept applications up until July 25th of this year.

Please continue to reach out and support our NC neighbors with blindness/visual impairment, and encourage them to participate in Camp Dogwood.

We have a good video (including good audio) on our website to share with potential campers.

<http://nclionscampdogwood.org/video/>

Please let me know if you need any more information.

Thanks so much for all you do!

Phone: 800-662-7401 / 828-478-2155 x229  
Fax: 828-478-4419

Much training is available for Lions through Lions International and associated organizations. The USA/Canada Leader Forum is certainly one of the most valuable. While including motivational speakers, the content of working sessions and seminars offer far more in the way of useful, practical information and tools.

This year's Forum is in Omaha, NB, September 15-17. Get details at <http://lionsforum.org/>.

The USA/Canada Forum has seminars for Lions at all levels of leadership and for all club members.

The Forum has also developed Lions University, so Lions can access training online at their own convenience.





# Membership & Retirees

By PDG Gene Everette  
GMT Chairman

All too often, when we start talking about increasing our membership in Lionism, we make the comment, "We need younger members" or "We need some younger blood in our club."

True, having younger members would be a great asset to any club or organization, but I feel that we are missing out on one large population group that is eager to be tapped!

Recently I was sitting in my

doctor's waiting room and picked up a magazine to scan through and came upon an article entitled: *Volunteering: The Best Job*" by Katy Koontz. As I read through the article, I said, "Yes, this is an untapped resource that we as Lions should capitalize on -- RETIREES!"

Retirement isn't just about golf and grandkids these days. It's also about giving back. Whether retirees want to make a difference in the world and improve the quality of life in their respective

communities or just meet new people and keep their minds sharp, most retirees VOLUNTEER in some capacity.

Did you know that there are over 27.5 million volunteers in the United States over age 55 and they contribute over 7.5 billion hours of volunteer service each year and the quality of their services are astounding? Pat Shaddix, Executive Director of the American Association of Retirement Communities stated that many volunteers share, not only their energy and enthusiasm, but also considerable knowledge and specialized skills.

Retirees are really an asset to a community. Most of these people aren't ready to just quit; they want to stay active. They have already made their money and now they want to contribute something to society.

It has also been noted that more and more retirees are stepping into leadership roles than ever before and that retirees make up better than 50% of most of the boards in community organizations. Retirees are very capable, well-educated, highly competent individuals who bring tremendous DEDICATION and COMMITMENT to whatever they do.

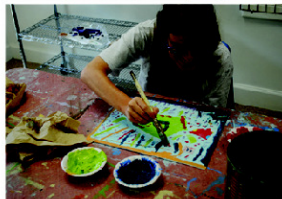
They play a major role in their local communities; therefore, it would definitely benefit our local Lions Clubs to look at the RETIREES living in their local communities and extend an invitation to join *THE WORLD'S LARGEST SERVICE ORGANIZATION -- LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL!*

***JUST ASK!***

## The Real Reason, Real People Who Count on Us for a Better Quality of Life.

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

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



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There's a lot of people depending on us.

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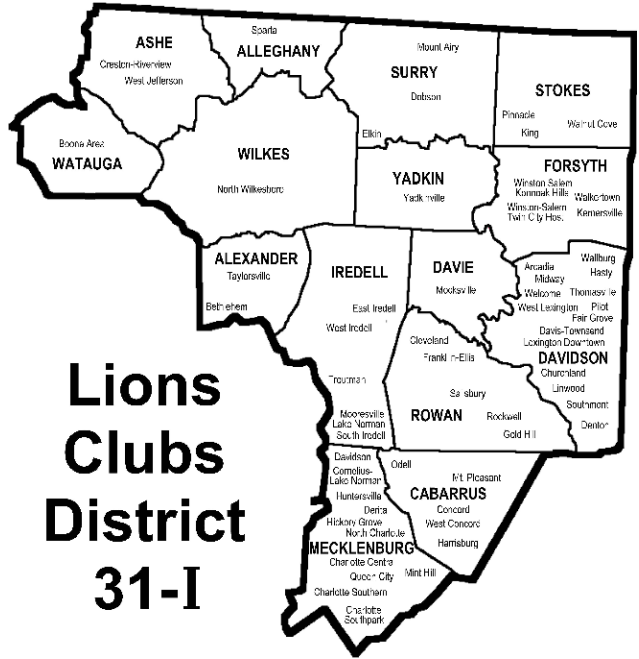
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All articles, announcements, etc., for inclusion in the District 31-I Newsletter should be sent to: Lion Carolyn Sprinkle, [sprinkle89@skybest.com](mailto:sprinkle89@skybest.com), or 722 Folger Road, Sparta, NC 28675. Please send all submissions as a Word document and pictures in a separate .jpg file.

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



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