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## ALL HANDS ON DECK



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Lions Clubs International  
District 31-I

### District Meetings & Events

Aug Pay District & International Dues  
Aug 14-15 Council of Governors  
Aug 16 NCLI Board, Greensboro  
Aug 26 Brighter Visions Kick Off  
7pm Camp Dogwood

Sept First Zone Meetings  
2nd Cabinet Meeting  
Sept 17-19 USA/Canada Forum  
Grand Rapids, MI  
Sept 22 NCLI Executive Conf. Call

Oct 3 Peace Poster Kit  
Order Deadline  
Oct 2 - 4 VDG Training  
Oct 18-21 VIP Fishing Tournament

Nov 2nd Zone Meetings  
Nov 6-7 Council of Governors  
Nov 8 NCLI Board, Aberdeen  
Nov 13-14 District Fall Convention  
Village Inn, Clemmons  
Nov 20-21 31-L Fall Convention  
Crowne Plaza Asheville  
Nov 14 3rd Cabinet Meeting

Dec 11-13 VDG Training  
Dec 12 NCLI Exec. Board Meeting  
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### We Serve

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### From Governor Allen:

***Peace, Hope, Determination,  
Teamwork, and Uniting People  
though services are central  
elements of the 2015-2016 Lions  
International Presidential theme --  
DIGNITY, HARMONY, HUMANITY***

#### **Dignity though Humanitarian service!**

One of the basics of human dignity and self-respect is the ability to provide for one's self and one's family. Yet millions of people face the future with little hope of bettering their lives and caring for their children. Making a difference through service to children will be a main focus area this year. International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada's goal is to strengthen and/or expand existing programs through the Children's Dignity Initiative. All Lions are encouraged to expand service to children in many ways including:

1. Supporting and brightening the outlook of children in hospitals.
2. Responding to the needs of children in refugee camps.
3. Addressing the needs of hungry children.
4. Continuing and expanding the Reading Action Program.

Additional info about the Children's Dignity initiative is available by visiting [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

#### **Serving Others!**

Our legacy of service has been cultivated for almost 100 years. In order to reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people between now and June 2018, I earnestly encourage clubs to submit their monthly service activity report to LCI.

**In serving others, WE are changing the world and sowing the seeds of Harmony, Understanding, and Peace.**

Lions of District 31-I can be proud of their past accomplishments and build upon those accomplishments with plans of service to others in the future. Though the coordi-

nated efforts of Multiple District 31, NC Lions Inc., and Lions International we will surely show our **LIONS PRIDE!**

#### **New Members Equals More Service!**

Members of community Lions Clubs are the heart of this organization. To continue to serve, we must continue to grow our membership. This growth depends on many factors, including a dynamic Global Membership and Leadership team working in each club to find new and/or more effective ways to promote membership growth programs. Through the efforts of past dedicated club leaders, outreach to women, and encouraging family memberships, we have built Lions International membership to 1.4 million.

**We must continue this growth** to stay relevant in the next century of service, and develop future leaders.

#### **Club Presidents Hold keys to Success!**

Club Presidents are critical to our success. I encourage each president to transform the atmosphere of your club so that members feel confident and work in unison with each other and with their communities.

#### **Ask One begins at Home!**

Share your commitment and enthusiasm for Lions with your family members. Families that serve together as Lions, establish a family tradition of serving others. If Lions families are serving on the front line in our communities, we will retain and gain additional recognition as the greatest service organization in the world.

#### **LCIF -- Restoring Dignity, Promoting Harmony, Serving Humanity!**

LCIF is the heart of our worldwide service, using grant funds provided by all Lions members in the world to create goodwill, to eliminate human suffering, to restore hope and dignity for people around the world. Let us always remember to respect those we serve and remember that serving others is not only an act of kindness but also a means to build understanding and harmony. Serving humanity is not just our responsibility but it is an honor.

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## From 1st Vice Governor Butch ---

Greetings Fellow Lions,

Elizabeth and I just returned from Lions International Convention in Hawaii and then volunteered for a week at Camp Dogwood. Both adventures were very fulfilling and inspirational as well as a true blessing.

Lions International Convention in Honolulu was absolutely terrific! Getting top billing on the entertainment portion was Kenny Loggins, along with the lead singers of Journey and Jefferson Starship. Is it weird that I just remember the entertainment? I suppose so, but after all Kenny Loggins is from my generation so it stands to reason that I would particularly remember him. We also enjoyed native Hawaiian dances as well as Hawaiian songs and native dress.

Of course, there were other activities and facets of the convention.

Several amendments to the International Constitution were passed, for example, there will now be a third vice president of Lions International.

With the decrease in Lions membership in the United States an amendment was approved for a reduction in International Directors representing the United States.

Camp Dogwood, as always, was great. There were only 40 campers there but it still made for a very busy week. There were waterfront activities, the new rec center, crafts, ice cream, putt-putt, and various other activities that the campers enjoyed. Thursday night was a dance for the VIPs, and as usual they loved to dance.

Friday afternoon was a talent show by the campers that featured Peter, Paul, and Mary! You'll have to talk to a, no doubt, excited camper about that special feature. If you've never volunteered at Camp Dogwood for summer camp, you should consider doing so. You'll want to go back again and again. It is by no means a vacation for the volunteers because the schedule is very full. It is a true blessing just to be around people who have every right to say, "Why me, Lord?" but they don't even complain. They are truly the most happy, blessed people I've ever been around. They will lift YOU up!

Previously I wrote about the Centennial Service Challenge, a humanitarian initiative that brings Lions clubs around the world together in

service to celebrate the association's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017.

Past International President Joe Preston says, "For nearly 100 years, Lions Clubs have served their communities and touched the lives of millions of people. The Centennial Service Challenge is an opportunity for Lions to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary by doing what we do best – serving others."

Over the next three and a half years, Lions clubs will work to achieve the goal of serving at least 100 million people by participating in the association's Global Service Action Campaigns which support youth activities, vision programs, hunger initiatives, and environmental projects around the world. I sincerely hope your club has some projects in mind to carry out over the next three years. The challenge ends in 2018.

The District Governor Team has divided up the District Governor's official visits. Each one of us will visit approximately 20 clubs, hopefully before Christmas. However, if your club prefers to see the DG, Lion Allen will also be there. Just let him or me know!

My visits are included on the official visit schedule on Page 3 and will be included in each newsletter. If, for some reason, your club can't meet on the date listed, please call me or email me at [chrisjenministries@gmail.com](mailto:chrisjenministries@gmail.com). My phone number is 336-746-5046 or 336-239-3125. You will also find these in the district directory.

Yours in Lionism,

*Butch Conrad*  
1<sup>st</sup> VDG District 31-I

### District Meetings & Events

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#### 2016

Jan 15-16 District 31-N/31-S Convention  
Jan 22-23 District 31-L Convention

Feb Pay District & International Dues

Feb 12-13 Council of Governors  
Feb 14 NCLI Board Meeting

Feb 19-21 VDG Training

March Nominations of 2015-2016  
Club Officers

3<sup>rd</sup> Zone Meetings & 4<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting  
**DETAILS TBA**

March 15 NCLI Executive Conference Call

March 18-20 Brighter Visions Training

April Election of Club Officers  
& Report to LCI by 4/15/2016

April 8-9 NCLI Budget Meeting at  
Camp Dogwood  
April 10-13 Volunteer Week at Camp

April 21-24 State Convention  
Mariott Crabtree, Raleigh

April 29-30 Council of Governors  
May 1 NCLI Board Meeting

May 13-15 Lions Fun Weekend  
at Camp Dogwood

June 14 NCLI Executive Conference Call

June 17 Camp Dogwood Raffle Drawing

June 23-29 International Convention  
Fukuoka, Japan

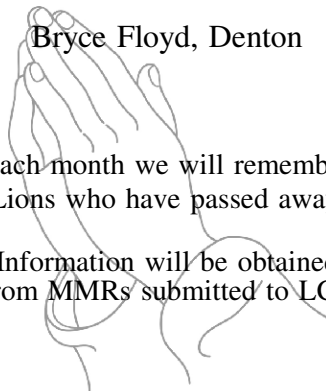
## In Memory

Philip Young, Cleveland

Bryce Floyd, Denton

Each month we will remember  
Lions who have passed away.

Information will be obtained  
from MMRs submitted to LCI.



### 31-I Brighter Visions Goal

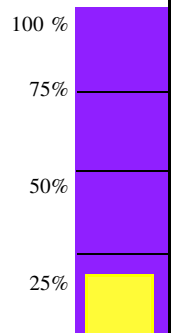
**\$ 220,000**

As of July 20, 2015

\$5,745.00

New Day  
New District  
**BIG  
GOAL**

Let's Get Started!!



## 2nd Vice DG George -- Are You Going B A L D?

On Saturday July 11, I arrived at the 31-I Mini-Convention and discovered that it matters not how hard you plan to be on time for event, "stuff" happens. Campaign literature packed, nomination speeches (both first and second delegated), acceptance speech ready; I began the journey. Then, one-lane construction traffic on the Hwy. 150 bridge, a short distance to Camp Dogwood, interrupted our journey.

By the time Dianne, our daughter Katie, and I arrived, the Convention was adjourned with the 2nd VDG elected. Neither I -- nor most of my home Concord club -- were able to cast their votes of support for my long-planned quest to become a District Governor. As with life, there are events that occur of which we have no control. It is just part of our journey of life.

Thank you, Lions of the newly formed District 31-I, for your encouragement and support in my journey to be your District Governor. In July, I began my club visits and look forward to meeting all of you. My visits, whether "official" or just prowling, will offer you several challenges for the next few years leading up to the Lions Centennial celebration in 2017. Lions of the world are being challenged to perform 100 million acts of service.

Go to:

<http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/programs/centennial-service-challenge/index.php>

There you can track our progress, currently at 37 million people served of the 100 million total goal. The Centennial Services Challenge breaks down to benefiting twenty-five million persons in each of four areas of service: **Sight -- Hunger -- Youth -- Environment**

As I visit your clubs, service to your community will be encouraged. Service activities reported on your monthly reports will be reviewed as I see your progress in touching the lives in your area. By 2017, District 31-I Lions will have made their contributions in the celebration of world service.

Our new district creates a change to our organization. It offers us the time to ask ourselves the question; "What would we REALLY like to do as a Lions Club?" Also, look for ways to do things differently and determine others that can be served. Encourage your members to offer ideas in the four areas of services and put together a plan to accomplish them. Publicize your efforts and invite others to join your efforts.

In my journey of life, I did not plan to go **BALD**. The process was made by creating relationships with those we serve.

When you go **BALD**, you are reminded to focus on service and random acts of kindness.

I hope that you can --

**Be A Lion Daily  
Go B A L D  
with me, won't you?  
Lion George Culp  
2nd Vice Governor**

Contact me at:

[liongeorgeculp@gmail.com](mailto:liongeorgeculp@gmail.com)

As Lions,  
we bring dignity  
and hope to  
those who need  
us, and no one  
needs us more  
than our children.

You can help children in your community by organizing a special service project for Children's Dignity Week during August 30 to September 5.

Visit the Children's Dignity Week event page for planning guides and project ideas for this International Centennial Service Challenge event. Download the event flyer and share it with your club today!



## DG Team Visit Schedule

Each year the District Governor or his representative is to make an official visit to each club in the district. Below is the tentative schedule for DG Allen, 1st VDG Butch, and 2nd VDG Candidate George, which is also published in the district directory. Please confirm the date, time, and place of the meeting with the scheduled speaker as soon as possible to allow for any rescheduling. Arranging for joint meetings with another club or clubs is appreciated!

Do not schedule another program for the official visit. Plan for a board meeting after the meeting.

### August 2015

03	Davis-Townsend	Allen Reinhardt
03	Cleveland/Franklin Ellis	Butch Conrad
03	Fair Grove	George Culp
04	W. Jefferson	Butch Conrad
05	N. Charlotte	George Culp
05	Bethlehem	Allen Reinhardt
06	Walkertown	Butch Conrad
06	N. Wilkesboro	Butch Conrad
10	Troutman	George Culp
11	Dobson	Allen Reinhardt
13	Thomasville	Allen Reinhardt
18	Lexington DownTown	Allen Reinhardt
18	Sparta	Allen Reinhardt
20	Creston/Riverview	Allen Reinhardt
21	Charlotte Queen City	George Culp
24	Pinnacle	Allen Reinhardt
25	King	Butch Conrad
25	Dobson	George Culp
27	Wallburg/Hasty	Allen Reinhardt
28	Charlotte South Park	George Culp

### September 2015

01	Rockwell	Butch Conrad
03	Elkin	Allen Reinhardt
10	West Iredell	George Culp
10	W.S. Twin City Host	Butch Conrad
22	Kernersville	Butch Conrad
24	Walnut Cove	Allen Reinhardt
28	Denton	Allen Reinhardt

### October 2015

01	Gold Hill	Butch Conrad
05	Davidson	George Culp
08	Linwood	George Culp
27	Mt. Pleasant/Concord/Harrisburg/West Concord	Butch Conrad
13	South Iredell	George Culp
14	Salisbury	Butch Conrad
15	Mocksville	Allen Reinhardt
26	Pilot	Allen Reinhardt
27	Mt. Airy	Allen Reinhardt
29	Churchland	George Culp

### November 2015

02	Konnoak Hills	Butch Conrad
03	Lake Norman	George Culp
05	Midway	Allen Reinhardt
09	Charlotte Southern	George Culp
16	Hickory Grove	George Culp
17	Welcome/Arcadia	Butch Conrad
17	Yadkinville	Allen Reinhardt
19	Taylorsville	Allen Reinhardt
23	Mooreville	George Culp
23	West Lexington	Allen Reinhardt
24	Mint Hill	George Culp

### January 2016

12	Odell	Butch Conrad
14	East Iredell	George Culp

### February 2016

11	Huntersville	George Culp
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## *District 31-I Membership In the 21st Century*

From PDG Gene Everette, Chair  
District Global Membership Team  
[gegolf\\_lions@surry.net](mailto:gegolf_lions@surry.net)

We are now embarking into a new era of Lionism for Multiple District 31 in North Carolina.

WE are NOW Multi-District 31, encompassing a total of five districts. A NEW BEGINNING! District 31-I is starting off with a total membership of 1,462 from 61 clubs in 15 counties. Our District will have four regions and eleven zones. These numbers are GREAT, but WE have a challenge in

front of us and that is to continue to GROW our Membership.

Our District Governor has set this challenge for us with his Governor's Goals for the year:

- \* Add (1) New Lions Club & (1) New Leo Club
- \* Each Club bring in at least (3) New Members
- \* Activate the Clubs Membership Committee Team of Three
- \* Have a "Special Membership Drive Night" dinner meeting
- \* By the end of July 2016 have a Net Increase of 35+ Lions

Fellow Lions, it is time that WE get back to the BASICS in dealing with Membership: the 3 R's --

### RECRUITMENT RETENTION RETURNEES

### Recruitment

We normally do a pretty good job of bringing in New Members, but it has been apparent that we are not retaining them. A Past International President made the statement that we must bring in QUALITY MEMBERS! Fellow Lions, I personally feel that EVERY NEW MEMBER is a quality member with potential.

However, it is our responsibility to see that he/she remains a Quality Member. The sponsoring Lions take an oath to be mentors and see that the new members are well indoctrinated about LIONS and to assist them in gaining knowledge about our local, district, and state organization and Lions Clubs International and the many services and projects each provide. They will become and remain QUALITY MEMBERS!

### Retention

We must do a much better job in our initial induction of a new member. We must make the induction ceremony impressive, one which they will remember and be proud that they became a Lion. All too often, we hand them a Membership Kit, etc., and say now you are a Lion! A proper and informative orientation program should follow relating to every level of Lionism. Also, if the member begins to falter or miss meetings, the sponsor should make contact to see what is happening and offer assistance.

Retention is the responsibility of every Lion and communication is most important.

### Returnees

Every year clubs have a large number of "Drop Outs". WHY?

Have a Membership Growth Dinner. Have the club secretary look back over the past several years and review names of past Lions. Their reasons for dropping out may have changed.

Past Presidents can burn out & drop out. Extend an invitation to these past Lion Members to attend your Special Dinner, such as a Past Presidents Dinner to honor their service.

## *LCI Peace Poster & Essay Contest*

Lions Clubs International sponsors the Peace Poster Contest and Essay Contest, which were created to offer an opportunity for young people to express their feelings about peace around the world. The theme of the 2015-16 contests is "Share Peace".

Each club can sponsor one or more contests for local schools or other organized youth groups. Both contests are open to students **ages 11, 12 or 13** as of **November 15**. The **essay contest**, however, is open only to **visually impaired** students.

The district winner of each contest will receive an plaque and \$200 cash. LCI will award one each grand prize winner (worldwide) who will receive \$5,000 each. Local clubs are encouraged give an award and/or cash to local winners. October 1 is deadline to order Peace Poster Kit from LCI website. The kit includes all contest guidelines, instructions, and dates.

Please mail contest entries to Debbie Williams, 3887 Old Linwood Rd. Lexington NC 27202 by November 13. (November 15 is on a Sunday.) Email [djwms@triad.rr.com](mailto:djwms@triad.rr.com) if you have any questions or would like to have a program.

Please make sure the students in your area have a chance to participate in these contests!!!

(DG Allen from Page 1)

### Personal note to all the Lions of District 31-I

What a smooth transition District I has made to enhance and promote the work of Lionism! What wonderful opportunities await us as we come together in establishing this Lions family.

I thank you for your participation, volunteerism, dedication, caring and understanding. Working together, we will achieve astronomical works and projects this coming year. What we have accomplished so far in July is amazing. It would not have happened without you! I am a blessed and humble servant and look forward to our continuing this joyful and enthusiastic working together to fulfill our goals for the 2015-2016 Lions year.

Lions International should change these two simple words to three!

**WE SERVE - TOGETHER**

*Allen Reinhardt*, District Governor



## Entrance/Charter Fee Waived for US Veterans

Lions International has announced the extension of the *Involve a U.S. Veteran* pilot program through **June 30, 2016**. This program waives the charter or entrance fee for U.S. Veterans joining a Lions Club in the United States.

Eligible veterans include retired U.S. military personnel or honorably-discharged members of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard Services, Marines, National Guard, Navy, or Reserves. Those currently serving in the National Guard or Reserves are also eligible. Lions Clubs International will provide an entrance fee waiver of \$25 (\$30 for charter members) to qualified U.S. veterans who join a local Lions club.

Veterans have made so many great contributions and sacrificed so much to serve our country. As service members return home from serving in the military, let's offer them an opportunity to get involved in their communities.

Visit the *Involve a U.S. Veteran* web page through [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) to download a fact sheet, promotional flyer, certification form and a sample press release.

On Friday, June 26, the Charlotte SouthPark Lions presented a Plaque of Appreciation to Sharon Towers, for providing the club with a meeting place and breakfast on Friday mornings. The plaque was accepted by Derek Melum, Sharon Towers Community Coordinator. Pictured from left to right are: Lion Cesar Perez-Sanchez, SouthPark President Ira Dunst, PDG Jim Sasser, Derek Melum of Sharon Towers, Lion Hunter Garbee, Lion President-Elect Doris Messer, and Lion Joyce Garbee.

## Sight & Hearing Conservation

Lion Chris Beck, District Chair,  
[c.beckster@hotmail.com](mailto:c.beckster@hotmail.com)

What is it exactly that this committee does? I'm SO glad you asked!

We are to encourage clubs to enter into a variety of activities with visually and hearing impaired persons and give out information concerning services available through programs of NC Lions Inc., Division of Services for the Blind, and other agencies.

This committee will promote:

- clubs' communication with VIPs & hearing impaired in their communities
- sight & hearing safety & health
- use of the mobile screening unit
- collection of used glasses, hearing aids, cell phones, etc.
- collection of used wooden canes to be refinished & put back into service
- organ & tissue donation
- encouraging each club to participate in these, in conjunction with their fundraisers and other club activities
- educate our communities that these things are some of what Lions do.

One of my favorite things to do is promote organ & tissue donation. I've been doing this for twelve years and I'm proud to say I gave my brother Mitch a kidney 13 years ago.

You will want me to come to your club and share a heartfelt story of hope and the gift of life that will last someone a lifetime. I've also done zone meetings, and then was invited to do club meetings. One of the best programs you'll have all Lions year is the one I want to bring to you.

PDGs Theresa Matthews, Bob Sprinkle, Tim Williams, Terry

Cauble, and PID Harvey Whitley can verify that this program will make you think, laugh, and move you to tears.

My calendar is waiting on you to give me a date to come!



Lion Chris (right) and Brother Mitch, kidney recipient.

## Directory Corrections

Page #	Correct Info
13	Aug 26, Brighter Visions Kick-Off 6:30pm at Camp Dogwood
15	Oct. 26 visit is Pilot, not Pilot Mountain
27	Zone 1 Chair <a href="mailto:dfhawkins@aol.com">dfhawkins@aol.com</a>
27	Zone 2 Chair <a href="mailto:lionandysicard@outlook.com">lionandysicard@outlook.com</a>
30	N. Wilkesboro Membership Chair, <a href="mailto:conradsgawsr@yahoo.com">conradsgawsr@yahoo.com</a>
40	Churchland Secretary, <a href="mailto:stroublefield@ptmc.net">stroublefield@ptmc.net</a>
47	Mocksville Membership Chair, <a href="mailto:jimmy.l.meyers@nccourts.org">jimmy.l.meyers@nccourts.org</a>
50	Mooreville President, <a href="mailto:jpasutton@gmail.com">jpasutton@gmail.com</a>
51	Troutman Membership Chair, <a href="mailto:joycelyn@armstronginteriors.com">joycelyn@armstronginteriors.com</a>
53	Concord President, <a href="mailto:jnunn@carolina.rr.com">jnunn@carolina.rr.com</a>
58	Mint Hill, Membership Chair, <a href="mailto:bellingersconsignment@yahoo.com">bellingersconsignment@yahoo.com</a>
64 & 70	District B&G Homes & Leo Chair Cori Cauble, 704-985-6655 Delete work phone
75	State GMT Chair, PID Harvey Whitley (see PDG list for contact)
80	1972-73 E Rev. James L. Peeler, P. O. Box 1626 Thomasville 27361 <a href="mailto:jpeeler1940@gmail.com">jpeeler1940@gmail.com</a>
81	1975-76 E Jack Frank, Central Lions Club, 100 Hedrick Drive Thomasville 27361 <a href="mailto:jfrank@lexcominc.net">jfrank@lexcominc.net</a>
83	PDG Lenual Forsyth, West Iredell Club
85	2010-11 E Gary Steele PDG, <a href="mailto:glsteele@hughes.net">glsteele@hughes.net</a> , 2252 Baker Mill Rd., Cleveland 27013 704-278-2252 H 704-798-3472 C
90	NCLI Treasurer Tim Williams, <a href="mailto:twilliams6@triad.rr.com">twilliams6@triad.rr.com</a>
91	Camp Dogwood address: Sherrills Ford 28676
91	MSU Coordinator, Bryan Hoover

## Attn: CLUB PRESIDENTS

Leaders unite people and inspire change. Change that is positive and impactful. As club president, you have a unique opportunity to change the way your club serves its members and its community.

The 2015-2016 Club President Award is based on the Seven Keys to Success and is an initiative to help you, as club president, lead your club, maximize its potential and utilize the resources available from Lions Clubs International to find new ways to serve your community. -- See more at: [http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/awards/club-president-awards.php?utm\\_source=RealMagnet&utm\\_medium=mail&utm\\_campaign=5603%20FORWARD%20Yamada%20Club%20Message%20July%20EN#sthash.IN5YlpmG.dpuf](http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/awards/club-president-awards.php?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=mail&utm_campaign=5603%20FORWARD%20Yamada%20Club%20Message%20July%20EN#sthash.IN5YlpmG.dpuf)

### Seven Keys to Success

- 1) To increase the value of being a member, host a New Member Orientation.
- 2 To be a club that members can be proud of, conduct How Are Your Ratings?, to find ways to make membership in your club more meaningful.

- 3) To hold high quality service projects, conduct a Community Needs Assessment and carry out a service project.
- 4) To serve with family members, host a service project that includes family members.
- 5) To increase the number of female and/or younger members, sponsor younger and/or female members or charter a club that includes female and/or younger members.
- 6) To be a leader in your community, take two or more courses or seminars offered online from the Lions Learning Center or offered by your district, multiple district, constitutional area or LCI.
- 7) To think in dynamic new ways, conduct Your Club, Your Way, Blueprint for a Stronger Club, or the Club Quality Initiative (CEP) to identify and implement changes.

Click the links below to access the application and the award order form: Club President Award Application to be completed by the Club President.  
- See more at: [http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/awards/club-president-awards.php?utm\\_source=RealMagnet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=5603%20FORWARD%20Yamada%20Club%20Message%20July%20EN#sthash.xJ1geLnl.dpuf](http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/awards/club-president-awards.php?utm_source=RealMagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5603%20FORWARD%20Yamada%20Club%20Message%20July%20EN#sthash.xJ1geLnl.dpuf)



Greetings, District Governors,

First let me extend my congratulations to each of you as you have now officially been installed as District Governors. It was a proud moment as we stood there in Honolulu and watched you have those red ribbons removed from your badges. I wish each of you success as we work together in this first year of L-I-O-N-S in North Carolina.

I will be working closely with your GMT and GLT "teams" as your MD GMT Coordinator as we strive to not only recruit members but retain them.

Retention is something we really need to stress and I will be working with you and your teams to form action plans to do that. I have an additional duty with International as well this year, as PIP Jim Irvin has asked me to serve as the Area GMT Leader for the Southeast, so I am looking forward to what we are going to accomplish not only in North Carolina but in the Southeast Multi-Districts.

Please be sure to include me on your newsletter distribution at: [lionswhitley@aol.com](mailto:lionswhitley@aol.com). Also please assure that I receive a copy of your directory.

Once again, congratulations and I will see you soon!

Harvey Whitley  
Past International Director  
MD31 GMT Coordinator  
SE Area GMT Leader

**Brighter Visions Kick-Off**  
**Aug 26 Brighter Visions Kick Off**  
**6:30 pm Camp Dogwood**

**You must register for meal. SEE PAGE 10**

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

Welcome to these new Lions & thanks to their sponsors:

ARCADIA: Lynn Jordon, Sponsor Joe Craver  
Matt Wright, Sponsor Jim Bumgarner

Charlotte SouthPark: Mark Messer & Sharon Messer  
Sponsor Doris Messer

Information obtained from MMRs submitted to LCI.

Concord: Dianne Culp, Sponsor George Culp  
Creston Riverview: Naomi Woods, Sponsor Reggie Keys  
Midway: Crystal Jarvis, Sponsor Steven Haynes  
Thomasville: Tracy Livengood, Sponsor Angie Rubnich  
Walnut Cove: Lyle Chaney, Sponsor Andrew Smith



## Lions and Leader Dog - Together for over 75 Years

Leader Dogs for the Blind would not exist today if not for Lions Clubs International. Beginning with the support of one club, Leader Dog is now supported by Lions Clubs from all over the world.

It all began in 1938, when Charles A. Nutting, Donald P. Schurr, and S.A. Dodge led the Uptown Lions Club of Detroit in establishing a school to train guide dogs for people who are blind. Their motivation was Dr. Glenn Wheeler, a fellow Uptown Lion whose attempts to be accepted by another guide dog organization proved unsuccessful. The first clients were housed at the Park Avenue Hotel in Detroit and graduated in the fall of 1938.

Three Detroit Lions Clubs held a contest among all Lions Clubs for a new name for their venture. Over 500 names were submitted from around the world. The winning name "Lions Leader" was submitted by the Lions Club of Coulterville, Illinois. On April 4, 1939, Lions Leader Dog Foundation was incorporated as a Michigan nonprofit. Soon after incorporation, the Lions International Board of Directors requested that the word "Lions" be removed from the name because they had not sanctioned official support of the organization. So on June 15, 1940, the new name "Leader Dog League for the Blind" became official.

The remainder of the 1940s saw additional growth of the organization and increased involvement of local and nationwide Lions Clubs. Support came in the form of donations, identifying potential clients and spreading the word of Leader Dog's work and mission.

Melvin Jones, founder of Lionism, gave Leader Dog his personal endorsement in 1958. On May 10, 1968, Leader Dog received permission to use the Lions emblem by Lions International, formalizing the deep connection between the two organizations.

Lions Clubs throughout the world continue to support Leader Dog and its clients financially, bringing thousands of



From left to right: William Joyce (Camp Dogwood benefactor) with Neitzie, Earl Morrey with Baron, Dr. Glenn Wheeler with Hilda, and Paul Brown with Van.

people in need of assistance through Leader Dog's doors and serving on the Leader Dog Board of Trustees.

Through the leadership of Lion Antha Reid of North Wilkesboro Lions (formerly 31-B), over \$4,000 has been donated to Leader Dog through her campaign for Lions to collect and recycle aluminum can tabs.

As the current Leader Dog District Chair, I will work to support this program and ask that each of you as Lions continue your support also. To this day, the mission of the Lions, "We Serve," perfectly complements the Leader Dog mission of empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for independent travel. I will be contacting Zone and Region Chairs to schedule visits to each of the Zone and Region meetings to share current information about this amazing program.

If I can be of assistance to you, please contact me @ [wmuscare@hotmail.com](mailto:wmuscare@hotmail.com)

**Lion Bill Muscarella, Sparta Club**

## SAVE THE DATE

*31-I Fall Convention  
November 13-14*

LOCATION: Village Inn Event Center in Clemmons, located conveniently just off I-40. Room rates will be \$84.

### EVENTS:

Friday Fun Night, Tail Twisters Breakfast and Auction on Saturday, along with cabinet meeting, seminar, exhibits, pin-trading, hospitality room, and DG Banquet on Saturday night.



## Brighter Visions Boutique

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

Our first convention as District 31-I will offer an exciting opportunity, but we need your help. To raise money for Brighter Visions, we will have the "Brighter Visions Boutique" where we will sell items made by Lions and their friends. This "store" is geared toward items that are not big enough to go in the auction, and any homemade or repurposed / refinished item is eligible.

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/Décor Items/ Metal Items; Christmas Ornaments; Handmade Toys or Games . . .

Anything else you can think of!!!!

## Dobson Lions Installation

Dobson Lions Club installed officers at a dinner meeting at their club on Tuesday, July 14. This club was sponsored and organized in 1945 by the Mt. Airy Lions and was chartered April 1, 1946, inducting 38 Lions.

J. Sam Gentry, charter president, accepted the charter from District Governor O. J. Allison. Newly chartered member, Judge G. H. Hastings stated in his address to club members *"We hope that someday it may be said of the Town of Dobson that it is a better place in which to live, to work and play by virtue of the Dobson Lions Club."*

Dobson Lions Club was the first in North Carolina to sponsor a Leo Club. On June 24, 1969, District Governor Earl Parker installed the officers of



Surry Central High School Leo Club. Those instrumental in the organization of this club were Lions Fred Patterson and Ralph Lanier, principal of the school. This Leo Club remains active and the new president was in attendance and recognized during the 2015-16 installation dinner.

In addition to officer and board member installation, many members were awarded perfect attendance pins, including Lion Ralph Lanier, age 94, who is very active in the club. Academic scholarships named in honor of Lion Lanier were awarded by the club to two graduating seniors.

In top picture, Lion Bob Sprinkle, PCC, (far right) installs (right to left) President Bill Hamlin, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Daniel White, Lion Tamer Jim Current, and Song Leader Jasper Cook. Below (left to right) Board of Directors Betty Willis, Jeremy Dixon, and Brian Dixon; Secretary/ Treasurer Gene Everette; and 1<sup>st</sup> VP Kerry Symanowicz.

## Greetings from Taylorsville Lions

June 2015 was a busy month! Taylorsville Lions, along with several other clubs in our former zone, collaborated on two events. On June 6, we participated in the Lions Prowl Freedom Ride, a motorcycle ride to raise money for Brighter Visions, Camp Dogwood, and the VIP Fishing Tournament. About 40 participants rode a scenic route through Catawba, Alexander, and Iredell counties, culminating at Camp Dogwood, where they



were entertained by a live band and enjoyed great food.

On June 20, we once more collaborated in Lions Wellness Day with a visit from the Mobile Screening Unit to the parking lot of Tractor Supply in Taylorsville, as well as some free health screenings from the Alexander County

Health Department. Also the Alexander Sheriff's Department collected old pre-



scriptions that people wanted to discard safely. The MSU screened 47 people that day, making it a successful endeavor.

Also in June, two of our Lions were recognized for their hard work. Our President, Lion Clyde Higgins, was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship by District 31-B, and our treasurer Lion Brenda Higgins (yes, his wife) was recognized by our club with a Jack Stickley fellowship.

For those of you not familiar with our club, we are a Lions Club with its own fairgrounds, which we utilize to ac-

## Camp Dogwood Car Raffle



District 31-E Camp Dogwood Chair Theresa Munyon (also this year's 31-I Camp Dogwood Chair) pulled the winning ticket in June, assisting NCLI President Mike Flora (center) and State Camp Dogwood Chair Herb Justice. And the winner of the new car is Hugh Wilkins of Dobson.

complish our Lions goals by renting the grounds out and presenting events. For example, a small animal auction is held every Friday at 5:30, and our club sells concessions at this event.

Upcoming events at our fairgrounds include National Night Out on August 4, and the annual

Alexander Agricultural Fair on September 14- 19, which our club has presented since 1946. Anyone interested in using our facilities can call us at 828-632-2226, and our fairground has its own



Facebook page.

Our club website is:

[www.taylorsvillelionsclub.org](http://www.taylorsvillelionsclub.org)





During International Convention DG Allen was chosen to present Paper Cranes to International President Yamada on behalf of Governors Group 17, wishing prosperity and success for 2015-2016



District 31-I started 2015-2016 with a bang -- around 100 Lions and guests attended the first cabinet meeting followed by cabinet installation on July 11 at Camp Dogwood. PID Ron Huber was installing officer.

Reports on the meeting noted a good representation from all areas of our new district. Brighter Visions Kick-Off is set for August 26 at Camp Dogwood. Registration is required for meal. See page 10 for form.

Approximately 75 Lions represented North Carolina at the Lions International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii. Tropical dress was quite common at the plenary sessions (below). At right, the hardy souls that braved the heat to march in the International Parade.



Above, the Governors of MD 31 take the oath of office followed by the traditional pulling off of the "Elect" ribbon from the new DGs' nametags. Judy Jackson, wife of Council Chair Skippy, did the honors for DG Allen.



North Carolina Lions enjoyed social time and a penthouse view of holiday fireworks at Mariott Courtyard Waikiki Beach. Thanks to Promotions Chair Terry Cauble along with Lions Robyn & Cori for arranging the special evening.

## Welcome Serves Community

Welcome Lions Club was chartered October 1, 1958. The club remains strong and active serving Lionism and their community through the Peace Poster Contest, Celebrate Liberty Program, and other projects at local schools. These Lions serve the visually impaired in their community by providing transportation to local VIP events, volunteering with the Triad Reading Service, and checking fire alarms in their homes and also purchase eye-glasses for the needy in their community.

True to their heritage of serving the needs of others, on August 15 at Center United Methodist Church in Welcome, they will have a fundraiser country-style steak dinner from 5:00 to 7 pm. This is a pre-sell event and \$11 tickets must be purchased by August 8, available from any club member. For additional information, contact Club Secretary Betty Hayes at ehayes1@twc.com.

The menu includes country-style

steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, baked apples, home-made rolls, home-made desserts, and tea or coffee.



## Gerber C&G To Help Gastonia With Car Show

Gerber Collision & Glass has become the first corporate sponsor of the Gastonia Evening Lions Club's 2015 Brighter Visions Car Show. Gerber has offered their 150,000-square-foot Gastonia property at 1978 S. New Hope Road to host the October 3 car show and will provide staff to assist the Gastonia Lions with the event.

The event is open to all makes and models of cars and truck. Registration fee is \$20. Preregistration is open until Friday, Oct. 2.

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.*

## NCL Meeting & Awards Aug. 14-16

North Carolina Lions, Inc., and the Council of Governors will hold their August meeting August 14 to 16 at the Greensboro-High Point Marriott Airport.



NCLI Awards and Installation Banquet will be Saturday, August 15. Installation for the Board Members and State Chairs will be included that evening.

The cost of the banquet is \$28.00 per person and **reservations must be received by August 3.**

Please mail your check and information to:

North Carolina Lions, Inc.  
PO Box 39  
Sherrills Ford, NC 28673

## Banner Pictures For Convention

If you have not already sent a picture of your club banners to PDG Tim Williams for a slide show at District Fall Convention, please send a high resolution, full-length, side-to-side picture of your banner. (See the attached image.)

Background of image can be removed, etc. Please include ALL banners that you have (club, Leo, Lioness, awards, etc.). Pictures are needed as soon as possible, preferably via email in jpg format to: twilliams6@triad.rr.com



### District 31-I

### Brighter Visions Kick-Off

Wednesday, August 26, 6:30 pm, Camp Dogwood

### Meal Registration REQUIRED

Cost: \$12.50

Reservations must be received by Wednesday, August 19

Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: District 31-I

Number

Amount

Enclosed: Dinner @ \$12.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Mail payment to: Lion Ron Staley  
7935 Altacrest Drive  
Concord, NC 28027



## West Iredell Lions

West Iredell Lions Club was chartered in April 1957, sponsored by the Mooresville Lions Club. Lions International President Jack L. Stickley delivered the charter message to the new Lions in attendance.

West Iredell will hold their annual fundraiser, selling concessions during the Iredell County Fair the first week of September. Word has spread that West Iredell Lions serve the best hotdogs, corndogs, hamburgers, fries, and cold drinks around anywhere!

Mark your calendars so you can support the West Iredell Club and enjoy the fair and that reputed scrumptious food. West Iredell Lions have already donated \$2,500 to the 2015-2016 Brighter Visions campaign, but some of the net proceeds from the fair concessions will also be donated to Brighter Vision for this Lions year.



## Special Installation For Indian Trail

Indian Trail Lions Club experienced a rare and delightful Service of Installation for its 2015-2016 officers on June 22. The installing officer was Past District Governor Jack Briggs of the Denton Lions Club, accompanied by his wife Joan. What made the occasion unique is that in the year 1969 the Indian Trail Club was chartered and organized by then District E Governor Briggs, the youngest Lion to serve as District Governor in North Carolina. Now, after a time-span of 46 years, the Club was proud and privileged to have PDG Briggs return to do the honors of installation.

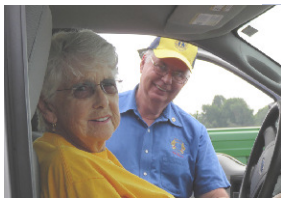
Pictured are Lion Walton Johnson, the one remaining charter member of the Indian Trail (now in 31-O); PDG Jack Briggs (now 31-I); former Lion Nathan Greene, charter member and first President of the Club; and Willene Edwards, widow of charter member Lion Stanley Edwards.



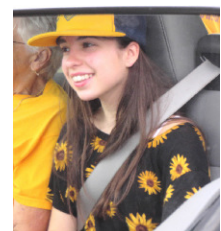
Charlotte SouthPark Lions continue their efforts in international relations and recently hosted a delegation from Tuticorin Snows Lions, India. Lions Antony Mary Derosé & Santiago Derosé honored Club President Doris Messer and PDG David Shimberg with traditional Indian shawl and stole, printed with Lions Emblem.

A Twinning Agreement is forthcoming between the clubs.

Pictured are Lions Antony Mary & Santiago Derosé, PDG Farris Brantley, and Lion Cesar Perez-Sanchez, District International Relations Chair.



Troutman Lions had participants of all ages for their entry in an Independence Day Parade. All Clubs should make Lions a Family Affair!





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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, 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, 7935 Altacrest Dr., Concord, NC 28027.



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