

## Minutes

### DISTRICT 31 I Cabinet Meeting 1:30 PM, January 30, 2016 Camp Dogwood, Sherrills Ford, NC

1. The January 30 Cabinet Meeting for District 31 I, North Carolina was called to order by District Governor Reinhardt at 1:50PM.
2. Opening Remarks..... DG Reinhardt
  - DG Reinhardt recognized 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG George Culp who has been absent at the two previous cabinet meetings. DG Reinhardt presented VDG Culp with a certificate of appreciation. DG Reinhardt recognized Region Chair Lion Don Conner and presented him with a certificate of appreciation for his efforts in forming District 31 I.
  - DG Reinhardt thanked everyone for attending the cabinet meetings. He stated that District 31 I is leading the guiding Lions which will be held on March 5. He reported that a membership team will be going into Clemmons to form a new Lions Club. Other areas are Pilot Mountain, Statesville, Catawba, Lenoir, Millers Creek, Wilkesboro, Jonesboro and Cornelius/Lake Norman.
3. Comments by International and State Officers residing in District 31 I:
  - DG Reinhardt recognized Past International Director Ron Huber. PID Huber reported that Lions are celebrating 100 years of service. One goal is to help 100 million people during each year of the Centennial Celebration beginning now and continuing through the 2016-17 and 2017-18 Centennial years.

The Centennial theme is “Where there is a need, there is a Lion.” The focus is on youth, vision, hunger and the environment. The challenge is for each club to conduct a significant project in each of these four areas. It is important that Lions Clubs report their service activities in each of these areas to receive proper credit.

PID Huber also announced that Lions Clubs International 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bob Corlew and his wife, Dianne, of Tennessee will be coming through North Carolina on a bus tour on February 24-25 and will spend the night at Camp Dogwood. A dinner is planned the evening of February 24 and all interested Lions are invited. Instructions on how to register will be sent to clubs.

This centennial Celebration is a golden opportunity to let our communities know who we are and what we are doing. Also, membership recruitment and retention is an important element of the celebration. Each club is urged to participate in the events during this special time in our history.
  - NCLI president Paul Bledsoe was recognized and commented on Camp Dogwood. President Bledsoe briefly commented on needs for maintenance and repairs to the road and parking lot and on the replacement of the dock and the van.
  - NCLI Secretary Gary Steele reported that there will be a recommendation by a strategic planning committee at the February Board of Directors meeting to discuss future needs of the organization.
  - First VDG Butch Conrad reported he is organizing his leadership team for 2016-17.
4. Tail Twister Lion Jane Huber recognized Lions with less than one year membership and presented one Lion with a \$20 bill. Lion Jane called on Lions to answer questions she had taken from the LION magazine. Lion Jane collected fines from Lions who could not answer questions. A total of \$5.00 in fines was collected and designated for Brighter Visions.
5. DG Reinhardt noted that awards are available to Club Presidents who fulfill the requirements for the Club Excellence Award. Club secretaries and presidents are reminded to review the requirements

and complete the application. There are also district awards for secretaries, region and zone chairs.

6. DG Reinhardt appointed PDG Doc Shaver as parliamentarian.
7. Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Ron Staley was called to read the minutes of the last cabinet meeting. PDG Theresa Matthews moved to accept the minutes as noted in the district newsletter and posted on the district website ([www.nclions311.org](http://www.nclions311.org)). PDG Steele seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
8. Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Staley presented the financial report. A copy of the financial statement is attached. A question was raised and answered concerning the grant Thomasville received for eye screening. This is a matching grant from LCI available to Lions Clubs who acquire a screening unit for screening children. There have been no large expenditures for administration. Net Income is \$27,940. PDG Steele moved to accept the report and Lion Angie Kaiser seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

## 9. Roll Call and Reports:

- Region/Zone Chairpersons Reports:

- Region 1 .....PCC Bob Sprinkle

Region 1 consists of Zones 1-3 and includes 13 clubs. Current membership (1/28/16) is 318. The members in the clubs have been active throughout the winter, hosting Holiday meals for local VIPs during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. One club reported providing a meal for their "Hometown Heroes" which included town, county and local law enforcement officers. This was truly a community service project that was well received and publicized. Lions have provided food and special needs items, food pantries and hosted American Red Cross blood mobiles. Lions in District I are volunteer workers in churches, schools, libraries, elder care facilities, volunteer tax filers, delivering meals to shut-ins, providing transportation for doctor visits, and the list could go on.

Our problem is and continues to be that we share our time and talents but fail to invite others to join us in the great work we do. Remember, the more hearts and hands we have, the more we can serve others.

Current membership numbers reported to LCI indicate Region 1 is minus 4 members. However, I know of 2 members that have been inducted and not reported to LCI as of 1/28/16. Governor Allen has a goal of ending the 2015-2016 Lion's year with positive membership numbers. Together, we can reach this goal.

- Region 2 .....PDG Terry Cauble

Zone 4 consists of 8 Lions Clubs, 167 members - They have maintained their membership so far this year. They have raised \$8,406 dollars for Brighter Visions so far with 7 of the 8 clubs participating.

Midway Lions Club continues their eyeglass recycling.

Thomasville Lions Club has collected 156 cans of food for the hungry, sponsored a children's book giveaway, and has made a donation to Camp Dogwood for the purchase of a bench to honor their Past District Governors.

Welcome Lions Club has chartered a new Leo Club at North Davidson Middle School with 34 members. Sold \$503 in Camp Dogwood tickets, given \$400 to 8 VIP's, purchased 6 pairs of eyeglasses, checked 8 smoke detectors at VIP's homes, recycled 3,022 eye glasses, turned in 153 ink cartridges, 28 cell phones and 50 soup labels.

Zone 5 consist of 7 Lions Clubs and 168 members. They are at a minus 2 for the year so far. They have raised \$11,769 dollars for Brighter Visions so far with 6 of 7 clubs participating. Churchland Lions Club continues to strongly support the Meals on Wheels program for approximately 50 people per month. They have paid for eye exams and glasses.

They were recognized for the Centennial Service Challenge.

Denton Lions Club sponsors the Miss Denton and Little Miss Denton Pageants which raises funds to help different projects. They also donated \$200 to the Fairgrove Family Resource Center and other proceeds to the South Davidson Family Resource Center. The youth were also involved in these projects.

Linwood Lions Club partnered with the Pastor's Pantry (A local food bank) to share the proceeds of one of their Turkey Shoot Fundraisers.

Zone 6 consist of 5 Lions Clubs and 128 members – They are plus 4 so far this year. They have raised \$6,670 dollars for Brighter Visions with all 5 clubs participating.

Cleveland Lions Club continues to support the Meals on Wheels program and continues with their scholarship breakfast fundraisers to support their \$1,000 scholarship program.

All clubs in Region 2 continue to raise funds for Brighter Visions and to sell Camp Dogwood tickets.

- Region 3 ..... Lion Ron Rich – absent
- Region 4 ..... Lion Doris Messer – absent

- District Committee Chairperson Reports:

- Boys and Girls Homes.....Lion Cori Cauble

Lion Cauble discussed the article in Our State Magazine about B and G Homes. She noted that the Lions were not mentioned. Needs include school supplies, diapers, building new middle school, back packs, bedding, towel sets and sponsors for the boys' cottage. BandG Homes is planning to remodel and replace furniture. PDG Gary Green has resigned as club coordinator. He is being replaced by Bill Thompson.

- Brighter Visions .....Lion Carolyn Sprinkle

As of 1/28/2016, Brighter Visions donations received and reported by NC Lions is \$89,546.90 which includes \$3,960 donations for memorials and honorariums. We are currently 41% of our \$220,000 commitment.

Of the 61 clubs, 46 have made donations averaging \$64 per member.

Letters were mailed to each club January 8<sup>th</sup> thanking those who have made donations and committed to contributing to the current year's goals but have been supportive in past years. As a result of this mailing, I received invitations to present Brighter Visions programs at three clubs in the next few weeks.

My contact information is in the directory, and I invite and encourage you to work with me in presenting members of each club the details of the work that is done by the NC Lions through these pooled funds.

- Budget and Finance .....Lion Ron Staley – no report
- Camp Dogwood.....Lion Theresa Munyon

Lion Munyon discussed how much she and other VIPs enjoyed going to Camp Dogwood. She referred enjoys fishing and laying in the sun. She would love to do a program on Camp Dogwood at Lions Clubs in the district.

- Celebrate Liberty ..... Lion Braxton and Lion Sarah Troublefield – absent
- Clinical Eye Research .....Lion Paul Bledsoe

NCLI oversees money for Clinical Eye Research. There is \$932 for clinical eye research in the district funds. There are only \$3,900 in the NCLI account. Ideas are needed to raise funds for Eye Research. We have a request from UNC that has had to be put off. Note from District Treasurer: All funds in the district clinical eye research account will be sent to NCLI after clubs complete sending the District Goals.

- Constitution and By-Laws.....Lion Bob Sprinkle

On July 11, 2015 District I adopted Lions International Constitution and By-Laws. At that time we announced there would be amendments made at a future date.

On December 10<sup>th</sup> 2015 Secretary/Treasurer Ron Staley mailed a letter to each club secretary in District I announcing the amendments to the Constitution and By Laws to be held on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Only certified delegates are eligible to vote. The amendments were approved today.

- Diabetes Awareness Peer Support ..... PDG Gary and Lion Liz Steele

PDG Steele reported he and Lion Liz have done 2 programs, Salisbury and Denton. They were well received. PDG Gary commented on a diet that has been successful for some people. It is available by contacting him.

- District Directory .....Lion Carolyn Sprinkle

To my knowledge, I will not be compiling information for the 2016-17 District I directory. Please contact 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Butch Conrad for additional information.

- District Convention .....1<sup>st</sup> VDG Butch Conrad

The district fall convention was really great. A review was held and issues discussed. The next meeting is the 29<sup>th</sup> of February at Golden Corral at Hanes Mall to plan the 2016 district convention. As previously announced, he is working on getting his officer team together and requested to meet with various persons following this meeting. Club visits next year will be on a rotating basis between vice governors and the district governor. VDG Conrad recognized DG Reinhardt for the work he has done this year.

VDG George Culp commented on the need for new leaders and for zone chairs to be active. He asked the zones to be more involved in the district convention. The location is still being determined.

It was noted that Lion Carolyn Sprinkle prepared a notebook this year outlining the duties of each position in the district. This will be available to members and officers next year.

- Endowments.....PDG George Ohm

PDG Ohm reported that endowments include the John L. “Jack” Stickley Fellowship, the William L. Woolard Partner-in Service and Sid L. Scruggs III Beacon of Hope Fellowships. The intent is to honor Lions and community members that have performed exemplary service during the year, as we fund these endowments.

Often we make these awards at the end of the Lion year at awards ceremonies. However, we recommend that you also consider these awards at your Charter anniversaries and other important meetings during the year.

I have had only one program this year: Charlotte South Park. I have one other program scheduled in Dobson on May 24th.

So far this year District 31 I has the following totals:

	<u>D31 I</u>	<u>MD31</u>
Stickley Fellowship	\$ 500	\$ 7,500
Woolard Partner in Service	\$ 500	\$ 4,600
Scruggs Beacon of Hope	\$ 1,200	\$ 6,000

- Global Leadership Coordinator..... PDG Tim Williams

Good leadership is crucial to the continued wellbeing of our district. YOU may not have thought of yourself as District Governor material. Or you may be waiting for someone else to notice you and ask you to step up. If I have not yet spoken to you about a run for District Governor, and you feel that you MIGHT like to lead our District at some time in the future, please talk with me about that possibility. Currently, we do not have anyone in line to run for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor for the 2017-2018 Lions Year (becoming District Governor in 2019-2020). If interested, contact PDG Williams.

Certified Guiding Lion Training was originally scheduled for February 27 has been rescheduled for... SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016, FROM 8:00AM UNTIL 12:00 NOON. It

will be held at Davidson County Community College, in room 104 of the Public Safety Building.

Some areas that the Governor has identified for possible extension efforts are: Clemmons, Pilot Mountain, Statesville, Millers Creek, Wilkesboro, and Jonesville. Anyone who would like to help start a new club in one of these areas or in another area would benefit from this training. If you wish to participate, contact PDG Tim Williams by phone at: **336-956-9901** or by email at: *twilliams6@triad.rr.com* by Wednesday, February 24.

- Global Membership Coordinator .....PDG Gene Everette – absent
- History.....Lion Jim Sasser – absent
- Information, Newsletter and Technology .....2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Elect Carolyn Sprinkle

I continue to receive information for the monthly newsletter from clubs that I forward to the newsletter editor, Theresa Matthews. All other information and technology is handled thru 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District, George Culp, newsletter editor, Theresa Matthews, District Secretary Ron Staley and Web Page coordinator Elizabeth Rummage.

- International Relations .....Lion Cesar Perez  
Lion Cesar stated his goal is to foster friendship overseas. He reported the district has established relations with 11 countries. Joint projects are held with clubs outside the U.S. to help the blind and provide eyeglasses. Information is also exchanged using newsletters and other media.

- Leader Dog.....Lion Bill Muscarella  
Lion Bill reported he has contacted every club, every region and zone chair. Four presentations have been made and he held a booth at the district convention. Any club wanting a presentation should contact Lion Bill. He is still collecting beverage tabs.

- LCIF.....Lion Jimmy Myers, absent
- Leo and Campus Clubs .....Lion Cori Cauble

I attended the North Davidson Middle School Leo Club charter night December 1, 2015. They inducted a large group of new members and had a great parent turnout at the Charter Night. The club discussed their recent drive to collect pet supplies for the local animal shelter.

Concord Leo Club was chartered on January 18, 2016. Their charter night is currently being planned. They helped decorate a parade float for the Special Olympics in the Concord Christmas parade. The club is now collecting can tabs for Leader Dogs and is planning to help host a Special Olympics Basketball Tournament in March.

The State Leo Convention will be held February 26-28 at Camp Dogwood. Please reach out to Leo Clubs to offer assistance and to encourage them to attend the convention. Registration forms are due February 8.

- Lions Clubs International Coordinator ..... PID Ron Huber  
Lions are celebrating 100 years of service and the goal is to help 100 million people. The theme is “where there is a need, there is a Lion.” It is important for all clubs to report all their club’s activities to Lions International. First Vice President Corlew will be doing a tour with a stop in Camp Dogwood. Membership recruitment is an element of the celebration.

- Nominations.....Lion Bob Sprinkle  
There are no nominations to report.

- Peace Poster .....Lion Debbie Williams  
Our 2015 entry for the Peace Poster contest has been returned to us, which means our district winner has not advanced. We appreciate McKinlee Watson of North Wilkesboro for representing us very well.

The Theme of the 2016-17 Peace Poster Contest is “A Celebration of Peace”. Please order your kit as soon as possible. Remember, you need one kit per school or other organized



group. Please make sure you have a Peace Poster Chairman in your club, and make contact with your local schools early.

- Properties/Volunteers..... PDG Willie Hudson

He reported he had just been in a state committee meeting. The state committee has developed a list of 75 items that needs to be addressed. PDG Hudson will report them in the district newsletter.

- Promotions ..... PDG F.L. “Doc” Shaver – no report

- Sight and Hearing ..... Lion Chris Beck

Several important dates relating to Sight and Hearing are coming up in the near future:

- Feb. 14 – National Organ Donor Day – Show your love for human life by becoming an Organ Donor.
- March – National Eye Donor Month- Sign up to give the gift of sight.
- March 12 – World Kidney Day –A day to help raise awareness of kidneys to everyone’s overall health. Kidney disease affects 10% of the adult world population and over 100,000 people in the U.S. are waiting for kidney transplants.
- April – National Donate Life Month – Register to become an organ, eye and tissue donor.
- Several clubs will be having fundraisers, community and other events in the coming months. Please make sure you have our “The Gift of Life” pamphlet from NCLI to share with others during these events and at your club meetings. I’ve had the opportunity to present several programs around our district, and signed up several new donors. Email, home phone, cell phone, megaphone, give me a call for programs or questions!

- State Convention .....First VDG Butch Conrad – no additional report

- Veterans Association Volunteer Services ..... Lion Linda VanVleet and Lion Cleo Zemke

Bingo is going well. The district held the VA Christmas party in December. There were about 25-30 Lions present. All had a wonderful time singing and giving gifts to the veterans. Several bingo parties are coming up: West Lexington/Welcome, Churchland and Hasty clubs.

- VIP Fishing Tournament.....PDG Sydney Eudy –absent

#### **10. Unfinished Business:**

- DG Reinhardt advised the cabinet that the district normally has an ad in the state convention program and asked for a motion to do so this year. PDG Bob Sprinkle so moved and Lion Angie Kaiser seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Approval is needed to pay for the hospitality room. The cost per district is going up since the number of districts is reduced. \$480 is budgeted for this item and a motion was not necessary.
- VDG moved to transfer \$1,000 from the Cabinet Secretary’s International convention fund line item to Global Leadership to be used by the District Leadership Chair for training Lions leaders in the district. The motion was seconded by PDG Williams and unanimously approved.

#### **11. New Business:**

DG Reinhardt called for nominations to replace the two-year board member at the NCLI Board of Directors. PDG Matthews nominated Lion Carolyn Sprinkle. The nomination was seconded by PDG Gary Steele. The nominations were closed and Lion Carolyn Sprinkle was unanimously elected.

#### **12. Announcements:**

- The next cabinet meeting will be at the State Convention at the Marriott on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in April.
- PDG Matthews reported that PDG Jack Briggs has had a heart attack and is in the ICU at Baptist Hospital.
- Lion Jim and Judy Snyder of West Jefferson had their house destroyed by fire.
- PDG Gary Steele thanked everyone for supporting his campaign to become an International

Director.

- PID Howard Stallings passed away.

**13. The meeting was adjourned at 5:26PM.**

Lion Ron Staley

Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer