

<u>A New Beginning in Membership Development:</u> <u>A Must for District I in 2016</u>

District Meetings & Events

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

Jan. 30 Cabinet Meeting 1:30 pm at Camp Dogwood **REGISTERED DELEGATES VOTE**

Feb Pay District and International Dues Feb 12-13 Council of Governors Feb 14 NCLI Board Meeting Feb 19-21 VDG Training Feb 26-28 Leo State Convention Nominate 2016- 2017 March **Club Officers** 3rd Zone Meetings Cabinet Meeting DETAILS TBA March 15 NCLI Executive Conf. 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 24 Cabinet Meeting April 29-30 Council of Governors May 1 NCLI Board Meeting May 13-15 Lions Fun Weekend at Camp Dogwood NCLI Executive Conf. Call June 14 June 17 Camp Dogwood Drawing June 23-29 International Convention Fukuoka, Japan FINAL OFFICIAL VISITS:

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From Governor Allen:

Happy New Year. May this year bring prosperity and good health to all! Please thank the Lions in your clubs for all our wonderful accomplishments during the first half of this year in District 31-I.

From Lions International reports on information received from our district as of Jan 1, 2016: we reported 6,166 volunteer hours and provided service to 31,542 individuals.

Fellow Lions, we need to make a commitment together on membership in 2016! It is so important that each Lion understands the importance of strengthening our clubs and ensuring the future of our commitment and service to those we serve. My heart was delighted when I received the report from Lions International that we added 49 NEW MEMBERS from July to December 31. Then I was saddened to see that we dropped 77 members resulting in a loss of 28 members! Our district since July has dropped from 1399 members to 1371. Statewide in five districts we gained 202 new members but we lost 348. We have lost seven clubs with a net loss of 146

Lions. We now stand with a total of 8,602 Lions statewide as of Dec 1, 2015.

Personally I do not think that we have a membership problem in our District but we have *Tremendous Membership Opportunities* that ALL LIONS need to take advantage of.

Participating in the opportunities and resources available for your clubs' growth is essential. Recruiting new members into your club ensures that there will be a continual influx of enthusiastic members to serve those in need and to identify new service that can be done in your community.

Use the Five I's of membership development!

<u>INVITE</u>: If you don't ask, you won't get any new members! Use resources in your club, District, and International to assist your efforts. A great tactic is to compile a community prospect list. But you have to ask to be successful.

<u>INFORM</u>: Let your prospects know what Lions Clubs do in your community, state, and nation. Use a brochure to highlight local projects or use general information sheet. Resources are available at www.lionsclubs.org. You do not have to start from scratch! (cont. Page 8)

From DG-Elect Butch --

Greetings Lions Family,

Lion Elizabeth and I hope that you all had a very Merry Christmas, that Santa Claus was good to you, and that you received all you asked for from the Jolly Old Elf! Also, may you have the Happiest of New Years and may you find it joyful and prosperous.

Not much going on right now in District I. Christmas parties for our VIPs and clubs are over and Christmas BBOs are behind us. I would like to remind you of our cabinet meeting on January 30 at Camp Dogwood at 1:30 PM. Remember, cabinet meetings are for every member of your Lions Club, not just for the club officers. This is the best way to find out what is going on in the district and how we are doing as Lions serving others. Some folks that I've talked to say, "It's boring and it's too long," but listen, it only happens about four times each Lions year. Come on out! Be a good scout . . . I mean Lion!

While speaking of serving others, it might interest you to know what International's special focus is from January 10-16. This is our Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger and Poverty. More than one billion people live on a dollar a day, and nearly 800 million people around the world go to bed hungry every night. This January make a difference by joining Lions around the world with this special week dedicated to eliminating hunger and poverty.

Show your commitment to service, and help us reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people by planning a project impacting hunger and poverty in your community. From stocking your local food pantry to serving meals at a soup kitchen, there are countless ways to make a difference. No matter how you choose to serve, be sure to join LCI for this Centennial service event. Take a look at the week of January 10 and plan a project for helping those who are hungry in your own community. Check with your social workers, vour churches, your school systems, and find out who needs food the most.

Here is just a suggestion as to how your club can take part in this special event:

1. **Plan your project** – Host a service project that impacts hunger and poverty in your community during the week of January 10 to 16. Download the Planning Guide for project ideas and planning tips from www.lionsclubs. org.

2. **Promote your project** – Invite your community to serve with you to showcase your club and the power of service.

3. **Report your project** – Report your service on the MyLCI Service Activity Report to earn a Centennial Banner Patch and to get your club's name on the Centennial Ticker. Be sure to include the project date.

4. Celebrate your Service – Share photos of your project on social media so everyone can see what a difference you're making in your community. Use the hashtag #Lions100, and International will share your images on the LCI Facebook page! There are several more resources on the LCI website to help with this project, including Hunger Planning Guide, 25 Hunger Project Ideas, Club Flyer, and Club Press Release.

This is a wonderful project for any club to participate in. It's easy. It doesn't take much preparation or time on task but it does relieve the hunger of folks in your own community. It is also a good opportunity to partner with other organizations – churches, schools, other civic clubs, etc. The more help, the more hands! The more hands, the more service!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call or email me @ 336-746-5046 or chrisjenministries@gmail.com.

Blessings for the New Year! May we continue to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves throughout 2016!

Yours in Lionism,

Butch Conrad

District Governor-Elect District 31-I



Happy MID-YEAR Lions!

As I attempt to put my thoughts in order for a New Year's message, I am surrounded by the fragrances of Christmas. Dianne is busy with every square inch of cabinet space covered with the preparations for cookies, fudge, breads, and my favorite birthday cake of coconut. The children will be home and our six-week old grandchild will celebrate her first Christmas. The fragrances of Christmas remind us of past Christmases whether they be from the evergreens or the kitchen smells we shared with our families.

But back to the Happy MID-YEAR as this Lion's year is now half complete. District I Lions have generated endless hours of volunteer services to those less fortunate than we. We have had Mobile Screening Unit visits, Brighter Visions, community service projects, VIP Parties, Bell Ringing, Fund Raisers, and other activities. I know you will continue to be involved in the greatest service organization in the World! Everywhere you turn, there is news of people helping others because it is the season of

giving. Now, it is January and the supply will diminish with the new year as the demand increases.



Shelves at the local food banks will no longer be stocked as they were prior to the holidays. Hunger will increase as those in need seek our services. Almost one billion people across the globe will go to bed hungry tonight, 200 million of them children. (USAID figures.)

Lions have an opportunity to show the strength of our worldwide network during a special service action campaign, "Relieving the Hunger." Encourage your club to focus on relieving hunger in January. Insure your club secretary reports the number served as Lions around the world seek to serve 25 million people in our Centennial Service Projects.

To the members and the others that we share our newsletter:

May the inhaling of the fragrances be a reminder of the FRESHNESS OF CHRISTMAS and what you do as LIONS to help others less fortunate than you.

Happy New Year

I hope that you can –

Be A Lion Daily --<u>Go B. A. L. D.</u> with me, won't you? Lion George Culp

1st Vice Governor-Elect Contact me at: liongeorgeculp@gmail.com

Bethlehem Lion and VIP Christy Poteat recently donated a chopper bike to the Alexander County Santa Cops. Lion Christy also donated her Fender Squire Strat guitar for auction at our 31-I

> District Convention. The \$500 auction price will benefit the VIP Fishing





Information-obtained from MMRs submitted to LCI.



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VA Hospital Visits

District 31-I Lions host monthly bingo parties at the Hefner VA Hospital in Salisbury. Our date is usually the fourth Monday of each month. District 31-I has funds to reimburse up to \$150 each evening for refreshments and bingo prizes. Dollar coins are a popular prize but other items are also welcome. Snacks can include finger sandwiches, cookies, chips, sodas, etc., at each hosting club's discretion.

More than one club can participate each evening and should arrive by 6:45 pm for the games to start at 7 pm.

Below are the dates and clubs for 2016:

- Jan. 25 -- West Concord
- Feb. 22 -- West Lexington
- & Welcome
- March 28 -- Churchland April 25 -- Hasty
- May 23 -- Harrisburg
- June 27 -- Mt. Pleasant
- July 25 -- Salisbury
- Aug. 22 -- Concord
- Sept. 26 -- Cleveland
- Oct. 24 -- Thomasville
- Nov. 28 -- Gold Hill
- Dec. 5 -- Pilot

For more information call Lion Cleo Zemke at 704-785-4478.

North Wilkesboro Lions Club recently had a program on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library early literacy program that mails age-appropriate books to registered



children on a monthly basis. Children can receive books from birth to their fifth birthday.

Guest speaker was Amy Mathis, Early Literacy Coordinator for Wilkes Partnership for Children, who brought a special guest.

Lion Conrad Shaw poses with Dolly Parton. He has been a Lion since 1952 and as longtime Membership Chairman, he put in a good word for Lions (Her actual appearance there has not been confirmed as she appears rather flat.)



DG Allen Reinhardt (above center) and numerous 31-I Lions visited the VA Hospital for the Christmas present distribution and caroling through the hospital wards. Special guests included Santa, several elves, and Miss Denton Lexie Smith.



DG Allen Reinhardt recently visited Mocksville Lions and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Lion Joe White, who has been a member since 1955.

During Christmas festivities Dobson Lions President Bill Hamlin presented Past President Hugh Wilkins, Lion Kerry Symanowicz, and Lion Jeremy Dixon with the William L. Woolard Partner-In-Service Award. PDG Gene Everette was presented the Sid L. Scruggs III Beacon of Hope Fellowship.

Cabinet Meeting/Called Convention Set for Jan. 30 at Camp Dogwood

District Allen Reinhardt has scheduled a Cabinet Meeting and Called Convention on January 30 at 1:30 at Camp Dogwood.

The purpose of the called convention is twofold: 1. To place the name of PDG Gary Steele, Cleveland Lions Club, as a candidate for International Director.

2. To vote on the following amendments to the District Constitution proposed by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee:



District 31-I will vote to endorse Past District Governor Gary Steele of Cleveland Lions Club as a candidate for International Director of Lions Clubs International.

Recommended Amendments to the Lions Clubs International Standard District Constitution and By-Laws District 31-I

Constitution Article III Page 5 Membership The members of this organization shall be all Lions clubs in this district chartered by Lions Clubs International. The boundary lines of this district shall be as follows (Alleghany, Alexander, Ashe, Cabarrus, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yadkin counties. (Approved by Lions Clubs International October 4th, 2013)

Article VII, Section 3, Page 8 Quorum and Vote The members present shall constitute a quorum for any cabinet

New Members: Let's Give Them a Hand

Welcome to these new Lions & thanks to their sponsors:

Cleveland: Alvin Edwards and Debbie Edwards,

Sponsor Gary Steele

Creston-Riverview: Linda Gouger, Sponsor Warren Miller

Mooresville: Jason Basinger, Sponsor Clyde Brawley

Information obtained from MMRs submitted to LCI.

meeting. The delegates present shall constitute a quorum for any convention. In all such meetings, the voting privilege shall extend to all Lions present at the meeting, as long as they have been an active member for one (1) year and one (1) day and in good standing in clubs that are in good standing in the District.

By-Laws Article VII, Section 1, Page 25 Convention Fund Tax

In lieu of or in addition to a district convention registration fee, an annual per capita district convention fund tax will be approved at the 1st District Cabinet meeting and will be levied upon each member of each club in the district. This per capita convention fund tax shall be levied, collected and paid in full based on the membership recorded by Lions International on the 1st day July of the current Lions year. Payments are due on or before September 10th and cover the period July 1 through June 30 of the current Lions year. Newly chartered and/or reorganized clubs shall be exempt from the convention fund tax in their first Lions year of charter and/or reorganization.

Article VII, Section 1, Page 26 **District Revenue** To provide revenue to defrav the administrative expenses of the district, an annual per capita district administrative fund will be set by the sitting District Cabinet and levied upon each mem-ber of each club in the district and shall be collected and paid in advance by each club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: 50% per member amount on or before September per member amount on or before September 10th to cover the semi-annual period July 1 through December 31 and 50% per member amount on or before March 10th each year to cover the semi-annual period January 1 through June 30. Each billing of this per capita amount will be based on the membership recorded by Lions Clubs International on January 1st and July 1st of the current Lions year respectively.

Article IX, Section 1, Page 27 District Governor Expenses-International Convention.

Expenses of the sitting district governor in con-nection with attending the international convention shall be considered a district administrative expense. Reimburse for these expenses shall be made based on the receipted costs for transportation, housing and food up to and not to exceed the amount approved in the District Administrative budget, line item 4302: District Governor International Convention Expense.

Exhibit A

Rule 3, Paragraph (b)

The registration and certification of delegates shall occur on the day(s) listed in the official convention program.

Rule 6. Page 30 Nominations for the offices of district governor, vice district governors and such other offices to be filled by the convention shall be limited to a five (5) minute primary nomination speech and a three (3) minute second nomination speech for each nominee.

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North Wilkesboro Lions Club

Held a bake sale and broom sale at Oakwoods Market two days in November. It was successful with sales of \$127.50 in baked goods and



sales of \$127.50 in baked goods and \$230 in brooms. Music was provided by Jonah Horton and Friends.



Club Updates

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.

West Iredell Lions Club

Had a party to thank the volunteers who helped at a fundraiser. At the party Lions were recognized for years of service: Charter member Tom Poston over 70 years, George Caudle 55 years, Bob Lovette 35 years, and Rich Gustin 15 years.

Denton Lions Club

Raised over \$1600 for the South Davidson Family Resource Center with a Dessert Auction the Monday before Christmas. The Saturday before Christmas the club had a breakfast with Santa and donated \$200 to the Fair Grove Family Resource Center in honor of Santa.

<u>Christmas Parades</u> -- Numerous Lions Clubs sponsor their local Christmas parades including Dobson, Fair Grove, and Cleveland.



Mt. Pleasant Lions Club Lion Ronald Hurlocker was chosen as parade Grand Marshal in recognition of his volunteer service to the Mt. Pleasant High School and Lions' Youth League Football programs as announcer, scorekeeper, and other responsibilities.



Lake Norman Lions Club

Helped at the Mobile Screening Unit (Vision Van) in September in Mooresville. At left are (left to right) MSU Coordinator Bryan Hoover, and Lions Bill Bitters, Ray

Engleman, Charlotte Soutullo, and Jon Sugarman. At right is the Lake Norman Lions

Club Can Collection Center, which has new signs. Lion Pat Soutullo is in charge of keeping up this Center.

The club also updated its Past District Governor Banner.



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Registration forms for the NC Leo Convention and Leadership Forum are now available from State LEO Chairperson Liz Steele. Call her at 704-798-3471 or email Irsteele@hughes.net.

The convention and leadership forum will be February 26 through 28 at Camp Dogwood.

Registration/Check-in opens at 5:30 pm on Friday, Feb. 26.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEB. 8



2016 State Leo T-shirts are \$15 and Feb. 8 is the last day to order.

Meal Prices: Friday, Dinner \$12.00 Saturday, Breakfast \$ 9.00 Saturday, Lunch \$10.00 Saturday, Dinner \$12.00 Sunday, Breakfast \$9.00 2-night Room Cost \$35.00 based on double occupancy

Total Registration: \$87.00

Current State Leo officers are: President: Chad Tyson Piedmont Leo Club Vice-President: Katarina Smith Union Pines Leo Club Secretary: Maggie Nail Union Pines Leo Club Treasurer: Samantha McLeary Union Pines Leo Club Immediate Past President: Thomas Trantham Pisgah Leo Club Historian: Jonathan DeLozier Pisgah Leo Club

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<u>INDUCT</u>: Have a proper and impressive induction -- invite the new member's spouse. Make it a special occasion. Use the President, Past President, or District Governor to do the induction. Be sure the sponsor is part of ceremony. Make the new member feel important.

<u>INDOCTRINATION:</u> Have a special meeting with Membership Chair and Officers, perhaps in a home but not at a regular meeting. Explain Lionism at all levels. Explain in more detail the responsibilities and obligations. An informed Lion is a better Lion.

<u>INVOLVE:</u> Introduce each new member to the membership and include in the fellowship of the club. Give the new member a meaningful committee assignment. Involve him/her in projects and activities.

But the first thing we need to do is --

JUST ASK!

LION LEADERS --COMMITMENT -- TAKE CHARGE !

Does your club have an active, enthusiastic three-member membership team?

There are many club membership categories

and options:

ACTIVE, FAMILY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM, STUDENT MEMBER PROGRAM, LEO TO LION PROGRAM, BRANCH CLUBS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP, MEMBER AT-LARGE, HONORARY, PRIVILEGED, LIFE MEMBER, AFFILIATE

Please take this request and opportunity very seriously. You have many resources from Lions International; your District Leadership team; your District Global Membership Chair, PDG Gene Everette, and District Global Leadership Chair, PDG Tim Williams; your Zone and Region Chairs. It is a reality that every club in District I could end the year with at least Plus 2 Members with your personal involvement and commitment.

John Wesley rule: *Do all the good you can, By all the means you Can, In all the ways you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can.*

WE SERVE - TOGETHER Allen Reinhardt, District Governor

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Welcome Lions had the North Davidson Middle School LEO Charter ceremony on December 1. District Governor Allen Reinhardt installed new officers and inducted

34 charter members. District Governor-Elect Butch Conrad had the invocation and District LEO Chair Cori Cauble spoke. LEO members received LEO pins and new member kits and signed the



charter. Claudia Kates is the school advisor and Welcome Lions Betty Hayes and Michelle Gregory are the club advisors. NDMS LEO members have collected dog and cat supplies for the local animal

shelter and hand-made Christmas cards for the local nursing home.





Concord Leo Club members stocked the school's food pantry by sponsoring a canned food drive to help their peers in need.



On December 3, the Gold Hill Lions Club installed the new members of the Gold Hill Lions Cub Club. They became official on that day but had been working on projects for two months. Along with making appreciation

gifts for all the teachers and their assistants, the Cubs had been collecting used eye glasses to help with the Lions program. Pictured are installing officer Lion PDG Morris Van Vleet (far left), sponsors Angie Newman and Traci Eller, with the new Cubs. Not pictured: Derek DiStefano, Morgan Elementary principal, and Katie Tussey, new sponsor.



North Wilkesboro Lions Club Peace Poster winner, McKinlee Watson, was also named the winner for District 31-I, and received \$250 and a plaque of her poster. The theme this year was, "Share Peace" and McKinlee's entry was titled "Umbrella of Peace: Protecting the World." She



will be entered into the State competition and, if she should win there, she will enter the International competition where she could win a trip to the Lions International Convention in Japan and \$5,000. The North Wilkesboro contest was under the supervision of DeLisa Anderson, art teacher at Millers Creek Christian School, where McKinlee is in the eighth grade. Congratulating her in the picture is Lion Antha Reid. The Miss Denton and Little Miss Denton pageant is a long-time project of Denton Lions Club since the 1950's. New Miss Denton 2016 is Lexie Smith, a



sophomore at South Davidson High School, and Little Miss Denton is Whitney Smith, a Denton Elementary first-grader. In addition to representing the club and town, they help with service projects for the VIPs and Lexie helped at the VA Hospital Christmas visitation.

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From our neighboring District 31-0 -- Enjoy Lions' fellowship

District 31-O Lions Mid-Winter Convention										Stor .			
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Friday – January 22 (Registration: 3:00PM-9:00PM)													
Exhibits Open Family Fun Night (Food a	3:00PM - 5:00PM 3:00PM - 5:00PM 6:30PM - 9:00PM												
Saturday - January 23 (Registration: 7:30AM-6:00PM) Tail Twisters Breakfast (meal served from 8:00AM - 8:45AM)													
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