

# DISTRICT 31-I NEWS



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## *Planting Seeds with DG Lion George Culp*

'Taste and see ...' from Psalm 34:8 Tend and Befriend Thru Service

**Tend and Befriend** – January is **Taste and See** month. We begin the first of our new calendar year and the last half of our Lions year. It is a time to taste the successes and see what is in our future. How will your club plan, adjust and make the remainder of this year successful?

The front-page copy of our December District Newsletter lays proudly on a cabinet next to my desk. The headline: **RISE AGAINST HUNGER** congratulates us for our recent activity and challenges us for continued emphasis toward future efforts. Shortly after our District Convention hunger project, I received the following from the Rise Against Hunger organization.

*It is with great pleasure that we announce the destination of the Rise Against Hunger meals you helped package on 11/5/2017. A shipping container, holding 270,864 meals, has been sent to Nicaragua for our partner ORPHANetwork, an organization that nourishes lives through food assistance and other services in Nicaragua.*



The joy of the season is enhanced by your efforts and knowing that many children are receiving nourishment that may not have been possible otherwise.

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## **“Gathering Times”**

- JANUARY** District 31-N/S Mid-Winter Convention - Holiday Inn, Greenville  
19-20
- 26-27 District 31-O Mid-Winter Convention - Marriott Airport, Greensboro
- FEBRUARY** Pay International and District dues
- 9-11 NCLI Quarterly Meeting- Marriott Airport, Greensboro
- 18 Third Cabinet Meeting—location TBD
- 23-25 State Leo Convention - Camp Dogwood



## **Happy New Year!**

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## 100G - Carolyn Sprinkle...

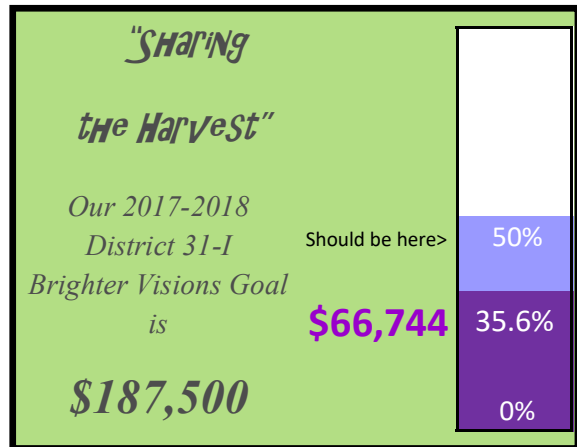
### THE PAST AND PRESENT—CAMP DOGWOOD—THE FACTS

In 1959, The North Carolina Association of Workers for the Blind appointed a committee known as the Committee to Consider the General Welfare of the Blind of North Carolina. Three Lions served on this committee: they were William Joyce, Ben Eason and Coleman C. Cates, Jr. In 1960 this committee reported that one of the major unmet needs of the visually challenged was recreation. The committee recommended the appointment of the Camp Committee for the purpose of studying the feasibility of establishing and organizing a program for financial support of such a facility in North Carolina. Statistical data shows more than 10,000 visually handicapped in the state at that time and 13,868 Lions.

In 1964, the Articles of Incorporation were executed naming the new Corporation CAMP DOGWOOD, INC. and setting out these purposes: *"To organize, create and establish a recreational camp or camps for the use, enjoyment, training, adjustment, benefit of visually handicapped persons; to build, maintain, equip, operate and develop such recreational facilities as may be useful, beneficial, convenient and/or necessary to enable the visually handicapped persons to visit and occupy such camp facilities for recreational and educational purposes; to sponsor training schools or courses or workshops in connections with any of the forgoing recreational activities; to receive gifts and contributions, and generally to do any act necessary or appropriate for encouraging, aiding and training any person skilled in or giving promise of becoming skilled in any of the recreational activities above referred to."*

In 1965 at the State Convention of Lions the following resolution was adopted: *"Whereas, the welfare of the blind has been a major objective of North Carolina Lions for more than 40 years, and Whereas, the delegates to this convention verily believe that recreation will further enrich the lives of our visually handicapped people and promote their general welfare; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: 1. That the delegates to this convention duly convened in Fayetteville on June 8, 1965, hereby approve and adopt Camp Dogwood, Inc. a recreational facility for the blind people of North Carolina, as a proper and worthy project of North Carolina Lions. 2. That this convention hereby recommends to the Lions of North Carolina that they give Camp Dogwood, Inc., their moral and financial support to the end that this facility may fill an additional unmet need of the blind citizens of this State. Duly adopted this 8th day of June, 1965."*

We come to 2018. There are now 6,300 +/- Lions in North Carolina and 233,432 (2016 census) blind and disabled. Of that number, 47,170 of the visually challenged reside in Dis-



*New "Roads"  
to Tend*

Where in the district is DG George?

Tuesday, January 2, 2018	<b>Harrisburg</b>
Monday, January 8, 2018	<b>Charlotte Southern</b>
Tuesday, January 9, 2018	<b>Odell</b>
Thursday, January 11, 2018	<b>Mt Pleasant</b>
Thursday, January 18, 2018	<b>N. Wilkesboro</b>
Thursday, January 25, 2018	<b>Wallburg</b>
Tuesday, February 6, 2018	<b>Rockwell</b>
Tuesday, February 13, 2018	<b>S. Iredell</b>
Tuesday, February 27, 2018	<b>Kernersville</b>
Tuesday, March 6, 2018	<b>Concord</b>

trict 31-I, and we have currently 1235 +/- Lions. Can we do everything we used to do? **No**. Can we – meaning every Lion in every club - be in attendance at annual budget planning meetings (this year in February) and every approved club voting delegate be in attendance at every annual meeting (either April or May) to make the decisions of what we can do and what we cannot do. The onus is on each of us. Not a strategic planning committee, not the budget and finance committee, not the Board of Directors, this is our facility, our commitment, our investment and our legacy. The planned time for VIP camp for 2018 is six weeks. Have you seen any updated Articles of Incorporation or an updated, approved resolution that changes our purpose of "We Serve"?

*Carolyn Sprinkle-District Governor*

## 2ND VDG JIMMY MYERS

**HAPPY NEW 2018!** As we begin a new year, let's recommit ourselves to the good work we do as Lions to make a difference in this world. Let's not curse the darkness, but let's light candles that will make this world a brighter place to live. That is our challenge, and it is my prayer that we will work together to make 2018 the best year in Lions history. If we think it, it can be done. God's Blessings on all that you do as Lions, so let's get to work.

Lion Jimmy Myers, 1st Vice District Governor-elect

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

While visiting my recently married daughter's home during the holidays, I noticed a verse from Psalms displayed near her dining room table. The words: *Taste and See* are taken from David's challenge to take a chance and realize that the Lord is good. Throughout the holidays, those words continued to employ me to attempt to consider how this suggestion could be blended with my remarks to our clubs as we reach the mid-point of our year. On a visit to our local LEO club, Lion Dianne prepared a packet of the Rise Against Hunger food. Leos there had previously packed meals at their District LEO convention. Soon, we realized many of the LEOs were moved with the thoughts that with all the blessings they have, tasting this food reminded them that many go to bed hungry.

As you **'taste'** the previous six months of Lionism within your club, do you **'see'** areas that require your attention? For example, is your club **'having fun'**? Are meetings held with agendas, and are they informative? Is your club service-oriented? Do you have a membership plan that includes not only seeking new members, but retaining the ones you have?

At the risk of taking a verse from Psalm 34 out of context, "*The lions may grow weak and hungry*". Yes, some of our clubs are facing challenges to keep their efforts motivated toward our Tend and Befriend Through Service theme. With that comes the efforts of your GAT!

Lions International, in conjunction with its LCI Forward program, has organized us into Global Action Teams (GAT). Your District GAT team is dedicated to elevating Lion and Leo professionalism in service project planning and execution. Your GAT will meet in early January to develop our goals and action plans for our district. Once these plans are completed, we will share them with our clubs. I anticipate that members of this team will be visiting your clubs during the next several months to offer assistance where and if needed. For more information about the Global Action Team, see the additional information contained on page 6 in this newsletter.



**Happy New Year to all.**

**Thanks for what you are doing to serve others in your communities, our state and our world.**

Lion George Culp DG NC Lions 31-I

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## G.S.T. Corner

Hello Lions,

Greeting Lions, and Happy New Year! As you know we are starting the second half of our Lions year. Wow, how the months have flown by! This time of year clubs tend not to be very active, but please consider doing an activity that is easy to complete. On our suggested service projects for this quarter, there are some examples of projects that fall into this category.

Again, I would like to thank all of the clubs that have reported their projects to MYLCI. If you have any concerns e-mail me at [casper101@windstream.net](mailto:casper101@windstream.net)

Lion Ron Rich  
District G.S.T.

## Suggestions "Gifts in Kind" for January

Hearing Aid Donations  
Backpacks to Schools  
School Supplies

## Suggested Service Projects for January thru March

- Champion a vision / diabetes screening
- Plant some trees
- Hold a food drive
- Visit or volunteer at a hospital
- Sponsor a blood drive
- Collect can tabs for the Leader Dog Program
- Assist meals on wheel deliveries
- Collect used pill bottles for poor country in need
- Recycle eyeglasses
- Volunteer at a school
- Maintain a "Little Free Library"
- Distribute personal-need bags for men or women shelters

Continue with ongoing service projects

Any questions or concerns may be sent to:  
Lion Ron Rich/email : [casper101@windstream.net](mailto:casper101@windstream.net)

## Sell \* Sell \* Sell

Keep selling those Camp Dogwood Tickets. Funds are needed more than ever.

In spite of drastic measures to reduce the budget for NCLI, contributions to Brighter Visions have not kept up with expenses for many years. Now, with reserve funds dwindling, the very survival of Camp Dogwood is at stake. Dig deep, do an extra fundraiser and look for potential partners in your community.

## \*\*\*SAVE the Date\*\*\*

The State Leo Forum and Convention will be held at Camp Dogwood February 23-25, 2018.

Last day to register or order t-shirts is February 2, 2018.

Where to find it on the web:

[nclions31l.org](http://nclions31l.org) to find links to meeting and convention forms such as those for State Convention Ad purchase and **State Leo** Convention registration information

[nclions31N.org](http://nclions31N.org), [nclions31N.org](http://nclions31N.org) or [nclions31S.org](http://nclions31S.org) to find link to their convention registrations



District 31 I DASHBOARD As of 12/28/2017												
	Service		Members			Leadership			District	District Dues	Brighter	Camp Dogwood
Lions Club	Zone	Activities	July 1	Current	To Date	Pres	Sec	Treas.	Goals Met	Current	Visions	Tickets
Arcadia	4	5	13	14	1	Y				Y	1,000.00	0.00
Bethlehem	1	47	21	21	0			Y		Y	2,105.00	290.00
Boone	2	9	23	22	(1)		Y			Y	60.00	440.00
Charlotte Central	10		7	7	0		Y	Y		Y	215.00	0.00
Charlotte South Park	10	13	23	22	(1)	Y	Y			Y	25.00	330.00
Charlotte Southern	10		10	11	1	Y	Y			Y	0.00	0.00
Churchland	5	6	13	11	(2)		Y	Y		Y	1,000.00	90.00
Cleveland	6	27	30	30	0		Y	Y		Y	1,145.00	260.00
Concord	9	14	25	29	4		Y			Y	2,676.00	60.00
Creston Riverview	2		17	19	2					Y	1,000.00	30.00
Davidson	8	4	31	24	(7)	Y				Y	1.00	0.00
Davis Townsend	5	21	28	26	(2)		Y	Y		Y	140.00	60.00
Denton	5	3	40	37	(3)		Y			Y	1,159.00	820.00
Derita	9	1	10	15	5	Y	Y		Y	Y	2,100.00	260.00
Dobson	3	23	32	31	(1)		Y	Y		Y	20.00	0.00
East Iredell	8	2	6	5	(1)						0.00	0.00
Elkin	1	3	8	8	0				Y	Y	880.00	0.00
Fair Grove	4		17	14	(3)	Y				Y	600.00	0.00
Franklin Ellis	6	2	5	5	0		Y	Y		Y	420.00	0.00
Gold Hill	6	28	12	12	0				Y	Y	250.00	0.00
Harrisburg	9		11	11	0			Y		Y	300.00	370.00
Hasty	4	18	9	9	0					Y	1,700.00	210.00
Hickory Grove	10	6	6	6	0					Y	0.00	0.00
Huntersville	8	4	15	15	0					Y	2,000.00	0.00
Kernersville	7	38	58	60	2				Y	Y	6,148.00	0.00
King	3	6	16	16	0					Y	1,600.00	0.00
Konnoak Hills	7	8	20	19	(1)				Y	Y	3,000.00	0.00
Lake Norman	8	12	26	29	3	Y	Y			Y	0.00	0.00
Lexington Dow ntow n	5	11	27	26	(1)		Y			Y	0.00	0.00
Linw ood	5	13	23	24	1	Y	Y			Y	1,525.00	0.00
Midw ay	4	6	13	12	(1)					Y	0.00	0.00
Mint Hill	10	15	32	36	4	Y				Y	0.00	0.00
Mocksville	7	34	24	24	0				Y	Y	4,100.00	0.00
Moorestville	8	76	31	28	(3)	Y	Y	Y		Y	176.00	1630.00
Mount Airy	3	4	18	16	(2)		Y	Y		Y	100.00	0.00
Mount Pleasant	9	13	59	59	0	Y	Y	Y		Y	3,815.00	790.00
North Charlotte	9		15	15	0					Y	100.00	0.00
North Wilkesboro	1		44	40	(4)					Y	1,100.00	270.00
Odell	9	3	12	12	0		Y	Y	Y	Y	2,000.00	360.00
Plot-Davidson	4	2	35	36	1	Y	Y			Y	1,000.00	240.00
Pinnacle	3		12	12	0	Y	Y			Y	1,200.00	130.00
Rockw ell	6	57	21	21	0	Y	Y			Y	637.00	150.00
Salisbury	6	8	62	52	(10)	Y				Y	1,270.00	0.00
South Iredell	8	2	19	17	(2)					Y	0.00	0.00
Southmont	5		11	10	(1)					Y	0.00	0.00
Sparta	2	186	41	34	(7)	Y	Y			Y	5,037.44	160.00
Taylorsville	1	8	24	26	2	Y	Y			Y	0.00	0.00
Thomasville	4	33	44	46	2	Y	Y	Y		Y	3,006.00	210.00
Troutman	8	32	16	17	1	Y	Y			Y	171.00	0.00
Wallburg	4		14	13	(1)					Y	0.00	0.00
Walnut Cove	3	1	11	11	0					Y	0.00	0.00
Welcome	1	17	15	15	0	Y	Y	Y		Y	1,100.00	0.00
West Iredell	8	32	18	18	0					Y	45.00	0.00
West Jefferson	2	42	27	27	0	Y	Y	Y		Y	4,090.00	0.00
West Lexington	5	1	14	13	(1)			Y		Y	0.00	0.00
Winston Salem Twin City H	7	4	32	30	(2)	Y				Y	0.00	0.00
Yadkinville	1		14	14	0		Y	Y		Y	550.00	0.00
Misc											563.75	50.00
District 31I Total		900	1,260	1,232	-28	22	29	17	7	56	\$ 61,130	\$ 7,210



## Global Action Team – Overview

Creates a unified approach to the three areas of Lions: **Leadership**, **Membership**, and **Service**.

### Our Goals

To impact more than 200 million lives through service, to increase our membership to 1.7 million Lions and Leos, and to provide learning opportunities to more than 500,000 members by the year 2020.

### Our Vision

We envision a day when every need in the world can be served by a Lion or Leo. We want to be the organization the world turns to when confronting global humanitarian challenges.

### Benefits to Clubs

**It's club-focused.** Each club has Lions serving on the GLT, GMT and GST teams, and the club president chairs the Global Action Team for the club. It's a bottom-up approach that puts clubs at the center of the action.

**It's all about teamwork.** The new Global Action Team puts the entire Lions network to work for clubs. It brings the GLT, GMT, and GST together to support clubs. It's a whole-club approach that can energize every club. Help is all around you.

**Innovative service.** The GST helps clubs identify resources and use best practices to improve projects and impact. Quality service projects keep members coming back, and they help attract new members who are looking to serve.

**Leadership development.** The GLT provides leadership development opportunities that can empower Lions to lead and serve their communities. Strong leaders can help drive membership, champion new service projects and ensure that clubs are positioned for ongoing success.

**Healthy membership.** The GMT can help clubs develop effective membership programs to attract new members. And they can help clubs create a great membership experience that will keep new and seasoned members coming back. More members mean clubs can bring more service to the community.

**Leadership, membership and service impact each other.** Each of these key areas influences the others. Great leaders can drive membership and service. Great service can inspire new service-minded people to join us and give Lions opportunities to lead projects. And membership growth increases service impact and produces new leaders who can guide clubs into the future.

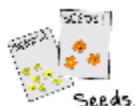
### *In loving memory of Lions who have died this past month*

WC Robertson                      East Iredell  
Darlene Smith                      North Wilkesboro

*Information obtained from MMRs submitted to LCI*

**REMEMBER ALL LIONS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
WHO ARE IN NEED OF PRAYERS AT THIS TIME**

**New**



**in the Garden**

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

Charlotte SouthPark	Alejandra Caraballo	Cesar Perez-Sanchez
	Sarit Catchatoorian	David Shimberg
Cleveland	Carrie Parker	Gary Steele
	David Parker	Gary Steele
Lexington-Downtown	Butch Conrad	Transfer
	Elizabeth Conrad	Transfer
North Wilkesboro	Sam Morrison	Otis Church
	Bruce Albert Young	Conrad Shaw

### **VAVS Bingo Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lions Club</b>
22-Jan	Davis-Townsend
26-Feb	West Lexington/Welcome
26-Mar	Churchland
23-Apr	Hasty
21-May	Harrisburg
25-Jun	Mt. Pleasant
23-Jul	Salisbury
27-Aug	Concord
24-Sep	Cleveland
22-Oct	Thomasville
26-Nov	Gold Hill
3-Dec	Pilot

Cleo Zemke -  
VAVS-District Co-Chair  
704-785-4478

### **Veterans Administration Volunteer Services**

Have you ever wondered what VAVS means? A small portion of your district dues goes to support the VA Hospital in Salisbury which serves veterans in our area. Clubs volunteer once a month to host a bingo night for those at the hospital.

Our VAVS chairs are Cleo Zemke ([cleoz1990@yahoo.com](mailto:cleoz1990@yahoo.com)) and Linda VanVleet ([busybee2@twc.com](mailto:busybee2@twc.com)) from the Gold Hill Lions Club. One or both of them and PDG Morris VanVleet are usually on hand to help so newcomers should not be apprehensive about volunteering.

What does this involve you might ask. Lions arrive at Building 6 at the hospital between 6:30 and 6:45 to get ready for the 7 p.m. start time. Parking should be available near the building. They bring the fixings for a light meal, all store-bought (nothing homemade), and prepare to feed 35-40 veterans. Paper products are furnished by the hospital. Suggestions are a sandwich such as meat and cheese, chicken salad, pimento cheese with chips and a pickle. Cookies or cake make a simple dessert. Drinks should be all the same thing so that it can be poured together into a cooler or canned drinks.

Also bring \$75-100 for bingo prizes. Silver or gold dollars are great. Rules are that participants may play two cards. If they get a win on one card, they have to turn that card over and not play it again until the cards are cleared, usually after about 5 wins. The clubs can decide how they want to run the game. Winners usually get \$1, possibly \$2. It is suggested that you set aside \$10 for the last coverall game so when you get down to less than say \$5, you will want to call last game, keeping in mind that you can have multiple winners on one call, especially if you haven't cleared the cards.

The folks really enjoy coming out to the social room for the food and fellowship. A few don't like bingo, but come anyway. It's the least we can do to thank them for their service.

Don't forget to sign in on the form. Save all your receipts for which you are requesting reimbursement, which is up to \$150, paid to your club treasurer by the district. If you can get donations for food items, you will have more money for prizes.

*Note: Some of the clubs meet at a local restaurant after bingo to enjoy dinner out.*

If your club is already participating in this project, that's great. If you would like to do this in the future, check with one of the clubs on the schedule and see if you can partner with them or contact the VAVS chairs. I bet they won't turn you down. It is such a blessing to give back in this way.

*Thanks to Cleo Zemke for providing this information.*

## Club News and Events

### Mocksville Lions Club Makes Donations for Disaster Relief



The Mocksville Lions Club recently made several monetary donations to be used for Disaster Relief and other humanitarian causes. As part of the largest service-oriented organization in the world, Lions Clubs International, the Mocksville Lions Club is making donations to help with disasters here in the United States and abroad. \$1,000 was given to the Lions Clubs International Foundation to assist in providing relief to needy individuals as a result of the many recent disasters that have occurred both here in the United States and abroad. In August the Lions Club International Foundation awarded a \$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant to victims of Hurricane Harvey throughout the Texas and Louisiana areas. \$100,000 was also awarded by the Foundation to assist victims of Hurricane Irma throughout Florida and the Southeast U.S.

and Mexico. An additional \$100,000 was awarded to the U.S. Territory of Puerto Rico in the wake of Hurricane Maria. Lions across the world have always risen to help not only those that are visually impaired, but also those who are suffering other hardships as well.

Our local Mocksville Lions Club also donated \$250 to Doctors without Borders which is a world famous organization that provides a host of medical and visual services to needy individuals in impoverished nations across the globe.

The Mocksville Lions Club donated an additional \$250 to The Carter Center. The Carter Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to the eradication of the blindness disease called "Onchocerciasis" or more commonly referred to as "River Blindness". River Blindness is a preventable disease caused by drinking contaminated water often from unclean rivers and other sources of unsafe water. It is most prevalent in developing nations throughout the world. The Lions Club International Foundation has donated over \$45,000,000 to help prevent blindness from this preventable type of blindness through the use of a vaccine.

The Mocksville Lions Club is hereby issuing a challenge to all local civic organizations and/or individuals to match our contributions. The Mocksville Lions Club is also challenging all other NC District 31-I Lion Clubs to match our contributions to these worthy causes. Service is truly about serving those in need, both locally and internationally. Become a Lion Member today. Call 336-751-0066 to find out more about becoming a member of the Mocksville Lions Club.

Submitted by Terry Smith

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

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

## *More Club News and Events*

### **Pilot Lions Engage in LCI's Reading Action Program**

**Pilot Lions Club** is concerned about the welfare of the children at Pilot Elementary School which stands right next to the club house. Half of the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Pilot Elementary are not reading proficient and nearly 60% of the student body faces economic hardship. Also, 5 year-olds are coming to kindergarten without basic skills such as knowing letters and shapes that will help them succeed. Pilot Lions Club is partnering with The Duke Endowment, Fairview United Methodist Church, and Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) to change the trajectory of a child's life from failure to success through a Reading Action Program inspired by Lion Clubs International (LCI).

On Monday, November 12, The Pilot Lions Club hosted 15 teachers and administrators from Pilot Elementary School for a dinner and a presentation by Dr. Judy Cheatham, Provost at Martin Methodist College and former Vice President of "Reading Is Fundamental." Pilot Lions' President Sandy Miller welcomed our special guests including Principal Stephanie Hall, Rev. Kristen Richardson-Frick of The Duke Endowment, and representatives from the Hamilton Lakes Lions Club in Greensboro. Lion Tim Jordan catered a delicious meal for the teachers who appreciated the home-cooking and hospitality.



Dr. Judy Cheatham did extensive work with Lions Club International while she was with RIF. She provided the literacy data which is contained in the 2013 Literacy Summit Booklet. She considers herself a missionary promoting childhood literacy in her capacity as an English Professor, first at Eastern Kentucky Univ., then Greensboro College, then RIF, and now at Martin Methodist College. She has developed strategies that improve a child's ability to read and develop a love of reading by giving them opportunity to choose high quality children's books.

Did you know that ability to read by the third grade is a determining factor in one's success in school, career, and life? Did you know that children can lose up to three months of literacy if not engaged in summer enrichment activities? Did you know that socio-economic status is a key indicator on how well a child does in school?

Dr. Cheatham proposed that RIF's Read for Success program reverses the "summer slide," and gives the children opportunities to GAIN, not lose, reading proficiency over the summer. After doing research on 33,000 children in over 173 communities, most of them rural, RIF found that 57% of the children gained reading levels after taking home quality children's books, receiving effective instruction from teachers, and their parents engaging in at-home reading strategies. After she left RIF, she took her research and passion to Giles County, TN where she implemented a summer reading camp for at-risk children where the children excelled in reading proficiency. Moreover, Martin Methodist College, civic groups, churches, and local government came together and supported these children and their families.

Now, the Pilot Lions Club is partnering with a local church to provide a similar experience so the children at Pilot can excel. The Duke Endowment has challenged Fairview United Methodist Church to provide a six-week summer literacy camp for 36 at-risk children in our community. The Pilot Lions Club will provide finances, volunteers, and meals so these children can have quality instruction, books, and nutrition. This partnership is organic because the clubhouse and the school are neighbors, most of the Lions graduated from Pilot School, and half the membership attend Fairview UMC. Also, the Lions Club already sponsors a Christmas party for at-risk children where they receive food, clothing, and toys. This Christmas, the children will also receive books. Dr.

Cheatham's presentation was very engaging because of her humor and self-described "Ellie Mae Clampett" accent. The Lions and teachers both appreciated her talk and one another's company. The evening closed with a commitment to serve the children of Pilot Elementary with compassion and love. The bond between the Pilot Lions Club and Elementary School grew stronger on November 12, and we hope to see great things next summer as we engage in the LCI's Reading Action Program.

Submitted by Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney

## Taylorsville Lions Club

On December 20<sup>th</sup>, the Taylorsville Lions Club concluded its first Angel Project, after several weeks of activity. This involved the distribution and collection of some 890 distinct angels, each representing a needy child in our community. The Taylorsville Lions collected the necessary information, coordinating with the Alexander County Schools, the Alexander Department of Social Services, numerous local businesses, churches, and individual donors, enabling the collection of toys, clothing, gift cards, and personal hygiene items to the needy children of Alexander County. The Club facilitated the transfer of approximately 10,000 toys, games, and personal hygiene items. 95 gift cards were provided to older children at Alexander Central High School and the Alexander Early College. The Taylorsville Lions wish to acknowledge the assistance of our Bethlehem Lions brethren, who donated \$200 to this effort, as well as the Taylorsville Rotary Club and CDWC, which donated \$900 and \$500, respectively. We also had volunteers who helped with collection and distribution, ranging from former recipients, members of the Alexander Central Leo Club, club family members, and others. This project took about 500 man-hours and was unprecedented in size compared to previous efforts. The Club would also like to thank the community members who stepped up to fill those requests to make a child's Christmas better. All told, this was a fine hour in our community and a stellar service project for our Club.



Submitted by Johnny Davis

## Troutman Lions Club

On December 13<sup>th</sup>, Lions partnered with ECA to provide a Christmas Bingo Party for veteran patients at Crowne Colony Nursing Home in Mooresville. The patients liked using a bag of colorful Hershey Kisses for their markers, and got to keep their own markers to enjoy later. They were thrilled to go to the prize table and select their own after winning a game. Refreshments were served to approximately 50 people; patients as well as staff.

This was a very rewarding project. The patients truly beam with their prizes. One man eagerly chose a throw with a wolf on it, and a lady couldn't keep her hands off her butterfly nightlight. I hope we have the opportunity to do this again.

Submitted by Lois Rich

### **Important Deadlines**

- Feb 9 is the last date to submit the district's winning essay to the state contest.

The North Carolina Lions is sponsoring the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest, with the state winner receiving a \$250 cash prize and an expense paid trip to attend the 2018 N.C. Lions State Convention in Greensboro where they will be invited to read their winning essay to our membership during the general business session.

The contest is open to high school juniors enrolled in a North Carolina public, private or charter school. Essay must be no longer than 750 words and sponsored by a local Lions Club in each district. Judging should be done on the club and district level before one entry being submitted to the State Celebrate Liberty Committee for final judging. The deadline to submit an entry to the state committee is February 9, 2018. Students should base their essay on the Alexander Hamilton quote, "The people alone have an incontestable, unalienable, and indefeasible right to institute government and to reform, alter, or totally change the same when their protection, safety, prosperity, and happiness require it." Hamilton was one of the Founding Fathers of the United States and served as the first secretary of the treasury under the administration of George Washington.

For more information about the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest or to obtain a copy of the contest brochure, contact the district committee chairperson, Lion Margaret Sink at [rsink20@triad.rr.com](mailto:rsink20@triad.rr.com)

# Lake Norman Lions Club

## Dinner, Raffle & Silent Auction



### Grand Prize

# \$10,000.00



**Only 250 Tickets Will Be Sold!**

**This Is A Reverse Raffle! The Last Ticket Drawn Wins The Grand Prize!**

The First Ticket Drawn Will Be Set Aside. Put Back Into The Raffle After The 200th Ticket Is Drawn. It Is Included In The Last 50 Tickets.

## More Prizes!

### DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!

The 50th Ticket Wins \$300.00!

The 100th Ticket Wins \$300.00!

The 150th Ticket Wins \$300.00!

The 200th Ticket Wins \$300.00!

### NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!

Second Chance Drawing Wins \$300.00!

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**Drawing Will Be Held On Saturday March 17th, 2018**

Location Will Be At The Charles Mack Citizens Center. Downtown Mooresville, NC

**The Price Of Each Ticket Is \$150.00**

This Includes Dinner For Two and Cocktails.

Tickets Are Available From Any Lions Club Member.

Willie Hudson: 704-905-1203 or Duncan McDuffie: 704-664-6408

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