

# DISTRICT 31-I NEWS



## FAMILY AND FRIENDS MONTH



District 31-I Newsletter

April 2018

Issue 10

### *Planting Seeds with DG Lion George Culp*

Perhaps a bit unusual is the fact that April 1 falls on Sunday which happens to be Easter. As a young child, I enjoyed playing April fool jokes on my parents and friends. I'm reminded that Spring is coming with the blooming of flowers and budding of trees. April 1 is also important to Lions of our district as we begin the last quarter of our Lions year. It is also time to prepare for planting seeds with expectation of a new growth.

It is time to set goals and elect your officers to begin their term on July 1. As your District Governor, I have completed my club visits and am beginning to evaluate my remaining time to meet my goals set last year. For this writing, allow me to share with you what I have learned from my visits.

There is good and there is bad news. Lions in our district have heart. Every club I visited is truly interested in serving others. Many are concerned with their survival as a club. I'm told "that we are getting older and unable to do what we once could achieve and that it is difficult to get younger members. Clubs' established projects are difficult to complete with the members we have."

Recently, while reviewing the history of clubs in our district, I found that in 1964 there were over 13,000 Lions in North Carolina. My own small mill town had five clubs. Today's number is just over 6000. It is becoming obvious as to why statewide support of NCLI has become so difficult to maintain with less than half of the resources.

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### **"Gathering Times"**

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| APRIL | Elect Club Officers and Report to LCI                                   |
| 8-11  | Volunteer Work Week<br><i>Camp Dogwood</i>                              |
| 25    | District Convention<br>Planning Meeting<br><i>Sagebrush, Mocksville</i> |
| 27-29 | State Convention<br><i>Marriott Airport, Greensboro</i>                 |
| MAY   |   |
| 18-20 | NCLI - <i>Camp Dogwood</i>  |



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## 1009 - Carolyn Sprinkle...

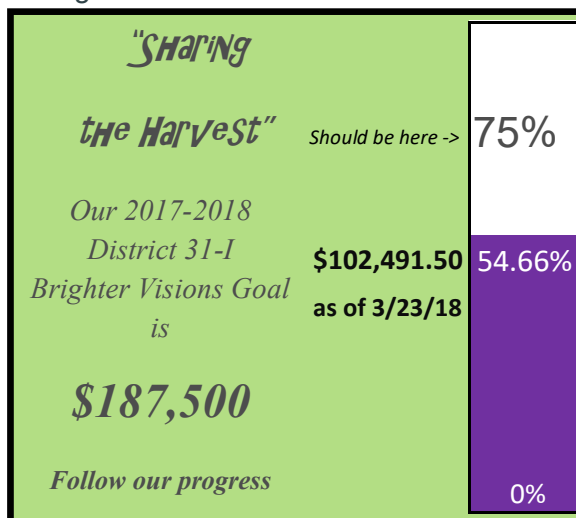
"Community" has a different meaning for most of us. For some, it means the half mile radius surrounding our homes, while others may include their entire neighborhood, town, city and/or county. I want each of us to think of MD 31-I as our "community". The demographic and geographic make up of our community will change. What will not change are our history of service to others and the legacy of servant leadership.

As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 we are 1,221 members strong. Our members have an abundance of talents, experiences, skills and compassion to help in so many positive ways – some as needed or for emergency issues, but more that provide permanent solutions.

Lions Clubs International now has in place a tool to help us become a cohesive team working together to serve our "district community" and its needs. Using the Global Action Team guidelines, we can design a program to provide MD 31-I with the following:

- Expanded and diverse information regarding programs and services that can be combined to help reduce the rising costs
- Providing hands and funds to do more for the environment, financial and physical needs of our friends and neighbors
- Expanded venues for meetings, training, fellowshiping and fund raising projects
- Hands on volunteers from a pool of over 1,220 dedicated Lions
- Being a larger group involved in services proving that volunteering is fun, rewarding, open to everyone, and perfect for family time and activities

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## Brighter Visions

### We're Getting Closer

We're getting closer to our goal, we're not there yet, we have more work to do, but we are getting closer!

Our District 31-I goal for Brighter Visions is \$187,500 for this year. As of March 23, 2018, \$102,491.50 has been contributed to our goal which means we have obtained 54.66% of our goal. Of this amount, \$92,356.50 has been contributed by Lions clubs across our district, while \$10,135.00 has been contributed by individuals.

It's a good time to remind ourselves that we as individuals can make contributions to Brighter Visions to honor someone or as a memorial to someone. You can go to the NC Lions, Inc., website at <https://nclionsinc.org>, click on "Donate Today" in the top right corner, and you will be directed to the giving page. You can then check the box to indicate your gift is in honor or in memory of someone and you will be allowed to enter the appropriate information.

If you wish to mail a check for your donation to Brighter Visions, make your check payable to NCLI and send it to 7050 Camp Dogwood Drive, Sherrills Ford, NC 28673.

As a reminder, Brighter Visions funds are used to support the services and programs Lions across North Carolina provide our Visually Impaired Individuals. These include programs at Camp Dogwood, the mobile screening van, matching funds for eye exams and eye glasses, support and mobility canes, the deaf blind retreat, Lions education grants, low vision aides, recycling, Lions eye health program, the VIP fishing tournament, and organ and tissue procurement. If we don't meet our goals, these services and programs, including programs offered at Camp Dogwood, will need to be further reduced so we can remain within our budget.

Let's continue to work towards meeting our Brighter Visions goal so we can continue to offer the programs and services our VIPs need!

Donald Cobb - **Brighter Visions** Chair

## 2ND VDG JIMMY MYERS

"The winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land." Song of Solomon 2:11-12. Welcome "Spring." How appropriate Easter is always in the spring--the symbol of new life, new beginnings, new hope. I trust you and your families had a wonderful Easter and for our Jewish Lions a wonderful Passover season. May this spring rejuvenate you in the work of Lionism.

Our State Convention is this month, a time for Lions to celebrate the past year and look forward to our new Lions year 2018-2019. Let us as Lions recommit ourselves to the work we do to make a difference in our communities, our state, our nation and the world.

I hope to see you at the State Convention.

Lion Jimmy Myers, 1st Vice District Governor-elect

The annual **Camp Dogwood Volunteer Week** is scheduled for Apr. 8 to 11. We anticipate assisting with projects such as painting, pouring concrete, landscaping, power washing, sorting glasses, general cleaning and repairs, and so much more.

Guest room check in will begin Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. Early check-in will not be available (with the exception of Lions who are power washing and need to arrive on Saturday, Apr. 7). Please check in at the Camp Office when you arrive. Our first meal will be dinner at 6 p.m. Sunday in the Dining Hall. We will have a brief assignment meeting following dinner to discuss the projects and divide into volunteer teams. Even if you are not staying for the whole session or overnight, **please register** for planning purposes. Find the link to the form on page 11.



THE SUMMER DESTINATION  
FOR THE  
VISUALLY IMPAIRED & BLIND

**Camp Dogwood is looking for volunteers for summer.** Volunteering for a week at camp is a rewarding experience. You can make a difference in the lives of the blind and visually impaired across the state. There is no charge for this wonderful opportunity to serve and have fun at the same time. If you are interested in volunteering during camp, please contact Camp Assistant, Keisha Ramseur at 828-478-2135 ext. 230 or email: [keisha@nclionsinc.org](mailto:keisha@nclionsinc.org). Visit the camp website at [www.nclionscampdogwood.org](http://www.nclionscampdogwood.org) for a volunteer application, or contact the Camp Office to have one sent to you.

## DG George (Continued from page 1)

Referring back to the season of spring and the celebration of Easter, I'm reminded of the doom and gloom of winter and the events of Holy Week as it may seem that the end is in sight. Lions, there is hope. The plants are going to spring forth again, and we have a promise of new life as a person and as a Lion. When challenged to serve others, we as Lions cannot just walk away. We must be strong in our community to set an example for others. Our clubs need leaders and followers. Visitors to our meetings must see that we are organized and have a mission to serve others. Regardless of your age and length of service, I encourage you to be positive and to be reminded that no matter how old you may be, having a purpose in your life provides you encouragement and joy.

There is no reason to be sad as long as we have a plan for the future. Make service your focus and Tend and Befriend others.

Lion George Culp DG NC Lions 31-I  
[Liongeorgeculp@gmail.com](mailto:Liongeorgeculp@gmail.com)

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Please go on LCI website <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/global-action-team/resources.php> and learn more.

All we need now is a plan – a realistic, comprehensive and usable plan that keeps us all informed of current programs/activities as well as our long-range plan that keeps us involved, meaningful and a team. I will forward the “position overview” of the Global Action Team components which are:

- Club Global Action Team Chairperson – Club President
- Club Global Leadership Team Chairperson – Club Leadership Development Chair
- Club Global Membership Team Chairperson – Club Membership Chair
- Club Global Service Team Chairperson – Club Service Chair (In most cases, the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Club Vice Presidents could serve as GLT, GMT and GST chairs)

I am asking participation from those Lions chosen to serve in these 4 positions. Dates that fit my schedule are, 4/5, 4/12, 4/13, 4/17, 4/18, 5/2 – 5/8. July 1 2018 is drawing nigh – so let me know which of these dates and time will be most accommodating to your schedules. I will be working on a central location for clubs in each of the 8 zones and will send that information once I have each venue confirmed. This will be a time for brainstorming, sharing ideas and addressing our strengths and limitations.

Thank you for your continued service and commitment to North Carolina Lions MD-31.

*Carolyn Sprinkle - DGE*

## Suggested Service Projects for April-May-June

- Host a cookout for VIPs
- Plant trees for Earth Day-Sunday, April 22
- Volunteer at a soup kitchen or deliver “Meals on Wheels”
- Collect School supplies
- Maintain a “Little Free Library”
- Give or present a scholarship award
- Hold a food drive
- Adopt a creek, highway or police officer
- Volunteer at Camp Dogwood’s cleanup day in April
- Volunteer for Camp Dogwood summer camp
- Participant in a Stride Walk

Continue with existing service projects

Any questions or concerns may be sent to:

Lion Ron Rich

email – [casper101@windstream.net](mailto:casper101@windstream.net)

### Directory Changes

P 27 - Davis-Townsend Secretary  
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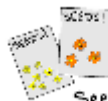
District 31 I DASHBOARD As of 03/28/2018												
	Service		Members			Leadership			District	District Dues	Brighter	Camp Dogwood
Lions Club	Zone	Activities	July 1	Current	To Date	Pres	Sec	Treas.	Goals Met	Current	Brighter Visions	Tickets
Arcadia	4	13	13	14	1	Y			Y	Y	2,200.00	450.00
Bethlehem	1	80	21	22	1			Y	Y	Y	2,155.00	460.00
Boone	2	13	23	22	(1)		Y			Y	110.00	440.00
Charlotte Central	10		7	7	0		Y	Y		Y	215.00	0.00
Charlotte South Park	10	26	23	22	(1)	Y	Y			Y	300.00	330.00
Charlotte Southern	10		10	11	1	Y	Y		Y	Y	1,000.00	160.00
Churchland	5	10	13	10	(3)		Y	Y	Y	Y	1,000.00	90.00
Cleveland	6	44	30	30	0		Y	Y	Y	Y	3,145.00	260.00
Concord	9	24	25	29	4		Y			Y	2,860.00	60.00
Creston Riverview	2		17	16	(1)					Y	1,000.00	30.00
Davidson	8	7	31	24	(7)	Y				Y	3,601.00	720.00
Davis Townsend	5	30	28	26	(2)		Y	Y		Y	155.00	60.00
Denton	5	5	40	39	(1)		Y		Y	Y	2,259.00	820.00
Derita	9	1	10	15	5	Y	Y		Y	Y	3,100.00	260.00
Dobson	3	27	32	31	(1)		Y	Y	Y	Y	920.00	250.00
East Iredell	8	2	6	0	(6)						0.00	0.00
Elkin	1	9	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			420.00	0.00
Gold Hill	6	40	12	12	0				Y	Y	800.00	0.00
Harrisburg	9		11	11	0			Y		Y	300.00	370.00
Hasty	4	27	9	9	0				Y	Y	1,700.00	210.00
Hickory Grove	10	6	6	6	0					Y	0.00	0.00
Huntersville	8	9	15	15	0					Y	2,500.00	200.00
Kernersville	7	47	58	61	3				Y	Y	6,198.00	0.00
King	3	6	16	16	0					Y	1,600.00	100.00
Lake Norman	8	19	26	29	3	Y	Y			Y	0.00	0.00
Lexington Downtown	5	12	27	28	1		Y		Y	Y	5,000.00	390.00
Linwood	5	23	23	23	0	Y	Y		Y	Y	3,889.00	270.00
Midway	4	10	13	12	(1)				Y	Y	1,650.00	0.00
Mint Hill	10	17	32	36	4	Y				Y	0.00	540.00
Mocksville	7	40	24	23	(1)				Y	Y	4,110.00	1580.00
Mooreville	8	104	31	26	(5)	Y	Y	Y		Y	176.00	1810.00
Mount Airy	3	9	18	15	(3)		Y	Y	Y	Y	100.00	0.00
Mount Pleasant	9	14	59	58	(1)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	7,890.50	1020.00
North Charlotte	9	1	15	15	0					Y	100.00	0.00
North Wilkesboro	1		44	44	0					Y	2,316.20	600.00
Odell	9	7	12	12	0		Y	Y	Y	Y	3,000.00	360.00
Pilot-Davidson	4	2	35	36	1	Y	Y		Y	Y	3,522.00	380.00
Pinnacle	3	1	12	12	0	Y	Y		Y	Y	1,200.00	130.00
Rockwell	6	57	21	21	0	Y	Y		Y	Y	1,546.41	500.00
Salisbury	6	13	62	53	(9)	Y			Y	Y	1,335.00	780.00
South Iredell	8	4	19	17	(2)					Y	0.00	0.00
Southmont	5		11	10	(1)					Y	0.00	0.00
Sparta	2	285	41	33	(8)	Y	Y			Y	5,109.44	160.00
Taylorsville	1	9	24	25	1	Y	Y			Y	0.00	0.00
Thomasville	4	45	44	45	1	Y	Y	Y		Y	3,046.00	210.00
Troutman	8	42	16	17	1	Y	Y		Y	Y	1,571.00	250.00
Wallburg	4		14	13	(1)					Y	0.00	0.00
Walnut Cove	3	10	11	10	(1)					Y	0.00	0.00
Welcome	1	24	15	12	(3)	Y	Y	Y		Y	3,050.00	310.00
West Iredell	8	39	18	17	(1)				Y	Y	45.00	0.00
West Jefferson	2	53	27	27	0	Y	Y	Y		Y	4,090.00	650.00
West Lexington	5	1	14	13	(1)			Y	Y	Y	1,000.00	0.00
WS Konnoak Hills	7	12	20	19	(1)				Y	Y	3,000.00	0.00
Winston Salem Twin City H	7	4	32	30	(2)	Y			Y	Y	4,000.00	0.00
Yadkinville	1	15	14	14	0		Y	Y		Y	550.00	0.00
Misc											2,176.95	50.00
District 31I Total		1,300	1,260	1,220	-40	22	29	17	28	55	\$ 102,492	\$ 15,260



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

Peggy Daniel                      Gold Hill Lions Club  
 Hubert Leonard                Thomasville Lions Club

*Information obtained from MMRs submitted to LCI*  
**REMEMBER ALL LIONS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS**  
**WHO ARE IN NEED OF PRAYERS AT THIS TIME**

**Welcome New****in the Garden**

Davidson	Brian Sweeney	Kevin Davis
Davis-Townsend	Robin Beck	Neil Clark
Lake Norman	Michelle Marsh	Willie Hudson
	Richard Marsh	Dorothy Wold
Moorestville	Amanda Ring	Lynne Lary
North Wilkesboro	Megan Hutton	Angela Jarvis
Pinnacle	James Bottoms	Allen Mitchell
	Melissa Bottoms	Allen Mitchell
	Lesa Fallin	Charles Watson
Thomasville	Margaret Wessel	Leon Wessel

**2018 VAVS Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lions Club</b>
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

**LCIF-VSP 2017 Gift Certificate Program**

Through the diligent efforts of our district governor, local clubs are now in a position to help even more people with vision care needs.

Our district is currently involved in a partnership between LCIF and VSP, a vision services program that helps both children and adults to get eye exams and glasses through participating vision care providers. The eligibility of districts to participate depends on several criteria, including having a population in need and a distribution plan, as well as having VSP providers within 10 miles of targeted gift recipients. A district must submit a usage plan and have a Lion VSP representative who agrees to submit detailed reporting forms, feedback surveys, and client testimonials to LCIF. The district rep will send certificates to one person from requesting Lions clubs.

Clubs may appoint a Lion to handle the certificates. That person needs to verify information about the local eye clinics listed on the VSP website, such as current participation, being sure that the front desk staff are familiar with the process, and info to share with clients, such as hours and location. That Lion will also identify clients and verify their eligibility.

According to the LCIF information guide, gift certificates are available to individuals based on certain criteria, including proof of income at 200% of the federal poverty guidelines (available online). The client must also have a social security number (which will be provided at the eye clinic). Another requirement includes not having any insurance that covers vision services. Only one certificate is given to a client in a 12 month period, and the exam and glasses must be obtained at the same clinic. Clients must agree to follow up with the referring Lion, including a 30 day and a 60 day follow up conversation, as well as participate in a survey and give a testimonial, which the Lion will then share with LCIF. The Lion will return all requested information to the district rep, who then sends it to LCIF -VSP, and then can ask for more certificates, based on the number of testimonial surveys returned, along with other information.

Clients may be found at various events, such as health fairs, vision screenings, and low income assistance outreach events, like food pantries or at homeless shelters.

The process is that once a Lion finds an eligible client, the Lion contacts the district rep and a certificate is mailed to the Lion. That Lion takes the certificate to the participating provider, then alerts the client to make their own appointment. The client notifies the Lion after the appointment. After a 30 day wait, the Lion calls the client to make sure they received the glasses and other needed care, and begins the feedback survey and testimonial. In another 60 days, the Lion calls the client again, just to follow up and finish the survey, if necessary. All info is then reported to the district rep, who will collect the data and send it to the LCIF-VSP contact. More certificates can be requested after all other certificates have been recorded as used before the expiration dates.

This is a great way to help those in need, and I know all Lions are grateful for this partnership.

For more info, your district rep for District 31-I is [carolpchovey@gmail.com](mailto:carolpchovey@gmail.com)

Thanks again for all each one of you does for others,  
 Lion Carol Hovey

## Club News and Events

**Pilot Lions Club's** first-Saturday BBQ will be served Apr. 7 from 11 a.m. until sold out. A chicken or pork BBQ plate is \$ 7.50, and combination plates are \$8. A pound of BBQ is \$ 7.50, and slaw is available by the pt. (\$2.50) or qt. (\$4).

Please join the Mooresville Lions Club for our

# Bowling Party

## FUNdraising Event

Limited to 24 "teams" on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Sunday, April 8th**  
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Proceeds from this event go toward Lions' charitable projects in Mooresville.

 **Put together your TEAM today!**

**\$150 per team** (5 people on a team)

**Includes: Bowling, pizza/pasta buffet, soft drinks, door prizes and lots of fun!**

Please complete the registration form (on back) and RSVP to  
Lion Chuck Sutton at: [gpasutton1@gmail.com](mailto:gpasutton1@gmail.com) or call 704-662-8570 or call  
George Pappas' Victory Lanes at 704-664-2695 **before April 2, 2018**

**Harrisburg Lions Club** is serving all you care to eat fish, shrimp, chicken tenders, french fries, baked potato, hush-puppies, slaw, tea and dessert starting at 4 p.m. on Friday, Apr. 6. Eat-in plates are \$11 (Seniors \$9). Take-out is \$9.00 (dessert and drink not included with take-out). Call 704-455-3738 if you have questions.

You are invited to join **Mooresville Lions Club** for a bowling fundraiser from 2 to 5 p.m. Apr. 8. Bring your 5 person team for a cost of \$150 (individual \$30) and enjoy bowling, pizza/pasta buffet, door prizes and fun at George Pappas' Victory Lanes. Register at 704-664-2695 by Apr. 2.

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.**

## Club News and Events

**Davis-Townsend Lions Club's** spring barbecue chicken will be from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Apr. 7 at the den on Turner Road. Plates with half chicken, slaw, potato salad and a roll are \$8. Eat in or take out is available. See any Lion for tickets.

**Davidson County Lions Council** will be sponsoring a visit from the Mobile Screening Unit at Davidson County Community College from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Apr. 17. Tentative plan is for the unit to be set up near the Gee Building, but just look for signs to lead you to it. This opportunity for a free vision and hearing screening is open to anyone. Don't miss it.

The next **DCLC** meeting will be Apr. 18 at Stone Creek Seafood Shack. Arrive by 6:30 p.m. to eat; meeting at 7 p.m.

**Denton Lions Club** has another big fundraiser planned for April 14 at the Masonic Lodge in Denton. They will be serving "Surf and Turf" from 5 to 8 p.m. Steak will be added to the shrimp you have come to expect from Denton Lions, just not all you can eat shrimp this time. \$15 for your choice of 5 oz. ribeye with shrimp or just 10 oz. ribeye and includes salad, baked potato, roll, coffee or tea and dessert. Hot dog plates are also available for \$6 which includes, chips, drink and dessert. We prefer tickets be bought in advance but they should be available at door. Contact Kirby Matthews kirby@minutemansupply.com.

**Konnoak Hills Lions Club** continues an almost 20 year tradition with its annual golf tournament Apr. 28. This event is their major project and fundraiser of the year. Contact Janet Doub at [marjan@bellsouth.net](mailto:marjan@bellsouth.net) for more information.

**West Iredell Lions Club** is sponsoring a Vision 5K Walk/Run April 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Statesville Soccer Complex. Cost is \$15 for 5K run/\$10 for 1 mi. walk plus \$10 for t-shirt. Contact Christie Kestler at 704-402-0121 or register online: <https://racesonline.com/events/lions-club-vision-5k>

## West Iredell Lions Club Vision 5k

**5K Run/Walk**

**Tuesday, April 10 2018 @ 6:30pm**

**Race Location:** Statesville Soccer Complex  
2012 Simonton Road, Statesville NC 28677

**Awards:** Top three male and female in 5k only. Vision run(1 mile) participants will get a participation medal.

**Proceeds:** Will help provide eye exams and glasses to low or no income individuals within Iredell County.

**Entry Cost information:** 5k (3.1 miles) fee \$25 with T-shirt (15 without).  
1 Mile Vision walk 20.00 with T-shirt (10.00 without)

**Other Information:** 5k course= 3.1 miles,  
Vision walk= 1 mile

**Make Checks to:** West Iredell Lion's Club

**Contact:** Christie Kestler 704-402-0121

**Website:** <https://racesonline.com/events/lions-club-vision-5k>

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
SHIRT SIZE (circle One) Adult SM M L XL 2xl ( 2.00 more )  
Youth sizes SM M L

### **Waiver (MUST BE SIGNED)**

In consideration of your accepting this entry, the below signed, intending to be legally bound, for myself, my heirs, my executors and administrators, waive and release and any all rights and claims for damages I may have against the race, and sponsors and their representatives, successors and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me in said event. I attest that I will participate in this event as a footrace, that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained for the completion of this event. Furthermore, I hereby grant full permission to use my name and likeness, as well as any photographs and any record of this event in which I may appear for any legitimate purpose, including advertising and promotion.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian if under 18** \_\_\_\_\_

**No refunds will be issued for any reason**



**Yadkinville Lions Club's** special project fundraiser will be a poor man's supper of pinto, slaw, cornbread, chow-chow, onions, dessert and drink for \$6, Saturday April 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Yadkinville Senior Center. (see the flyer on the right)



Thinking outside of the box has resulted in a new community outreach event and a new Brighter Visions fundraiser for the **Linwood Lions Club!** On February 8, the Linwood Lions hosted their inaugural offering of *Joyful Noise – a Night of Live Music* at the Linwood Lions Den. Three musicians/singers performed a variety of songs with the audience often joining in. Through donations and a half-and-half drawing, the club raised \$76 for Brighter Visions.

"We see this as a community service, giving the people in Linwood something to do (once-in-a-while) on a Thursday night, and if we can raise a little money for Brighter Visions along the way, that's icing on the cake," said Lion Debbie Williams, whose idea sparked the event.

Another performance is planned for April 12, with the hope of making this a regular event. Ladies from Cotton Grove UMC will be offering hot dog meals (at \$6.60/plate) beginning at 6:30 PM. The musical performances will begin at 7:00. More musicians and singers are expected at this performance, and all others will be welcomed. Call Tim Williams at 336-956-9901 to reserve your spot on the "stage." If you just like to listen, you are welcome, too. Y'all come out and make some noise with the Linwood Lions!

Tim Williams

Linwood Lions




# Yadkinville Lions Club Fundraiser

*\*\*Proceeds to help provide glasses for the needy\*\**

## Help support the Lions Club: Pinto Bean Supper

Saturday, April 21st, 2018 • 4 - 7 PM  
at the Yadkinville Senior Center

Supper includes:  
Pintos, Slaw, Cornbread, Dessert & Drink

Tickets: \$6.00 each  
(Take-Outs available)

For tickets call: 464-7275  
Margie Williams 336-624-4882 • Lisa Hawkins 336-463-3050  
or any Lions Club Member

Are you ready for some Fun, Fellowship and Friendly competition?!....then join us on Saturday, April 14 for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual VIP Mini Golf Tournament. It's taking place at the scenic Dan Nicholas Park in Salisbury NC. Meet up with old friends or make some new friends!

**Golfers must already be registered at this time.** Registration is completed by the County through a social worker or group leader, or the individual if neither a social worker/group leader is available. If there is a participant or County participating for the first time, please contact me. Any questions or comments, don't hesitate to contact me. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Edward Hailey at 704.216.7782.

Thank you very much for the continued support and participation. Looking forward to seeing everyone in April to help us celebrate 30 years.

*Vernice Gallon Clyburn, LRT/CTRS*  
Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor

**Parks and Recreation-  
Therapeutic Recreation Division**

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**ROWAN COUNTY**  
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*Be an original.*

## 30<sup>th</sup> Annual VIP Miniature Golf Tournament

*for individuals who are blind/visually-impaired*

**Saturday, April 14, 2018**  
10:00am-2:30pm; shelter #4  
Dan Nicholas Park  
6800 Bringle Ferry Rd Salisbury, NC 28146  
**\*\*Check-in begins 8:45am\*\***

Entry fee is \$5.00 per VIP participant  
Free lunch to all participants & volunteers  
Spectators, family/friends, staff, etc may  
purchase lunch for \$5.00

**Registration deadline: March 19, 2018**

Please mail registration form & fee(s) to  
Therapeutic Recreation Division  
3541 Old Mocksville Rd, Salisbury NC 28144

\*checks or money orders payable to  
Rowan County Parks and Recreation- TR Division

**For more information or to volunteer call  
704.216.7780**

**The 30th Annual VIP Mini Golf Tournament** will be held on Saturday April 14 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; shelter #4 Dan Nicholas Park, 6800 Bringle Ferry Road, Salisbury, NC. Check in will begin @ 8:45 am @ the mini golf courses. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** to help with the following:

*Help with check-in & set up @ shelter*

*Help serve coffee & donuts*

*Help serve food/drinks/etc.*

*Be a sighted guide for a VIP golfer.*

*Serve in other capacities as needed.*

Last year, we had 87 VIP golfers participate, BUT we did not have enough sighted guides for the golfers. The idea is to have 1 guide for each golfer, so they have someone with them at all times & are not left alone. I have been a guide several times. This is so much fun. I've been able to meet folks from other areas of NC, get to know them & help them have a great time playing Putt-Putt. NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY. We can do on the job training. Our District I, by unanimous consent, at a cabinet meeting, agreed to help provide volunteers for this event. You don't have to love or know how to play, we just point the golfers in the right direction, and they know what to do. Several of the VIPs I talked with last year said there are 3 events that they look forward to every year: their week @ Camp Dogwood, the VIP Fishing Tournament & the VIP Putt-Putt Tournament. Let's have plenty of volunteers to make sure the people WE SERVE have a wonderful experience in our Lions District. For more info or to volunteer, you can call 704-216-7780, call me Lion Chris Beck @ 704-213-0891 or email c.beckster@hotmail.com. We're looking to hear from you.

Chris Beck - Zone 6 Chair (alias IDIOTT)

**\*\*\*IMAGINE...THE POWER OF WE\*\*\***

## **MD31 STATE CONVENTION**

*Airport Marriott - Greensboro  
April 27-29*

*Conventions are for ALL LIONS, not just officers. Come for the weekend, or just a day. Share in the fun and fellowship with other Lions from across the state at this annual event. This year's guest speaker will be Immediate Past International President, Bob Corlew from Tennessee. See the link below to register **NOW**.*

### Where to find it on the web:

[nclions31i.org](http://nclions31i.org) to find links to meeting and convention forms such as those for **STATE CONVENTION** registration information; statewide **VIP PUTT-PUTT TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION**

<https://nclionsinc.org/uploads/2018/02/2018-Spring-Volunteer-Week-Reservation-Form-2.pdf> to register for volunteer week

(or contact Camp Assistant, Keisha Ramseur at 828-478-2135 ext. 230 or at [keisha@nclionsinc.org](mailto:keisha@nclionsinc.org))

### Important Dates:

- April 22: Earth Day
- April 24-30: World Immunization Week
- April 28: Lions Worldwide Induction Day

### Important Deadlines:

- 4/14 - Last day to mail State Convention Registration - no refunds after April 7
- 4/15 - Report new club officers to LCI

### **Attention Club Treasurers:**

The notice I sent to the club treasurers about the District Goals payment inadvertently has "District Dues (second half)" on the description line. It should say District Goals (second half) - \$18.50/member.

I apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Lion Ron Staley, Cabinet Treasurer

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All articles, announcements, etc., for inclusion in the District 31-I Newsletter should be sent to: Lion Elizabeth Conrad, 1270 Beck's Nursery Road, Lexington, NC 27292 or [ebc4986@yahoo.com](mailto:ebc4986@yahoo.com). Please send all submissions as a Word document and pictures in a separate .jpg file. Mail to arrive by the 20th of the month.

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



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