

# DISTRICT 31-I NEWS



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District 31-I Newsletter

March 2018

Issue 9

## *Planting Seeds with DG Lion George Culp*

Our countries mid-term elections are heating up as the official filing dates have begun and primaries are being set. Soon we will be inundated with campaign promises and the reasoning of why one candidate is more qualified than his/her opponent.

**To Provide** a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.

*Taken from the Lions International Purpose*

### **WAIT! No partisan politics debate at our club meetings?**

I suggest that is a good thing to enforce. As Lions, our focus is to aid others. As a club, our upcoming focus is to elect our club officers for the year 2018-2019. As your club begins this process, here is info that you may find interesting.

In our District 31-I, a report from LCI provides me with the president's rotation number of terms repeated. Twenty-two (22) of our fifty-three (53) club's presidents are serving a repeated term. That is forty-two percent of our clubs. The number of years repeated range from two (2) to ten (10).

My concern is that perhaps not enough emphasis is being applied to the election of first and second club vice presidents.

Lions International organization has successfully positioned its officers through a transition of being elected to a vice president with the intention of moving up yearly to the position of President. My own journey to becoming your District Governor has been a five year effort where I first became involved in a state chair position. My election as your 2VG provided me with the opportunity to learn more about our clubs and your members. Each year as I moved toward my current position, I felt more secure in my ability to serve you as your District Governor.

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## **"Gathering Times"**

- MARCH** 3rd Zone Meetings  
Nominate Club Officers
- 22 Liberty Day
- APRIL** Elect Club Officers and  
Report to LCI
- 8-11 Volunteer Work Week  
*Camp Dogwood*
- 27-29 State Convention  
*Marriott Airport,  
Greensboro*



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## 1009 - Carolyn Sprinkle...

In the spring of 1964, the Articles of Incorporation were executed and filed in accordance with the applicable laws of the State of North Carolina forming the corporation "CAMP DOGWOOD, INC. and setting 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 visually handicapped persons to visit and occupy such camp facilities for recreational and educational purposes; to sponsor training schools or courses or workshops in connection with any of the foregoing 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 recreational activities above referred to."*

At the MD 31 Lions International Convention held on June 8<sup>th</sup> 1965 in Fayetteville, NC the following resolution was presented and duly 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;*

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## "SHARING

**the Harvest"** Should be here -> 75%

Our 2017-2018  
District 31-I **\$92,660.00** 49.42%  
Brighter Visions Goal as of 2/26/2018  
is  
**\$187,500** 0%

**Follow our progress each month**

## New "Roads" to Tend

Where in the district is DG George?



Thursday, March 1, 2018 N. Wilkesboro

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 Concord

## Brighter Visions

### More to Do

Our District 31-I Brighter Visions contributions continue to come in; however, we have a lot more to collect in order to meet our district goal of \$187,500.

As of February 7, 2018, our Brighter Visions contributions were \$76,650, or 40.88% of our goal. Last year at this time, our clubs had contributed \$79,236.96, so for the first time this year, our giving has fallen below what our giving was at this time last year. Also, for the first time this year, our current district contribution percentage of our goal (40.88%) has fallen below the contribution percentage of all other districts across the state.

As a reminder, Brighter Visions funds are used to support the services and programs Lions across North Carolina provide our Visually Impaired Individuals. If we don't meet our goals, these services and programs, including programs offered at Camp Dogwood, will need to be reduced so we can remain within our budget.

A group of Past District Governors has agreed to visit each club within their respective zones to briefly thank each club for their past contributions and emphasize the importance of contributing to Brighter Visions this year. We hope you will be receptive to their visit and seriously consider your contributions to this important program.

By working together we can reach our goal. I look forward to celebrating with you when we reach our goal prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Donald Cobb - **Brighter Visions** Chair

## 2ND VDG JIMMY MYERS

On March 17, we celebrate St. Patrick's day by traditionally wearing green because of his ministry to the Emerald Isle, Ireland. St. Patrick, though, was English. As a young man in his native England, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders. He was made a slave in Ireland, but escaped and returned to his native land where he became a Priest in the Roman Catholic Church. St. Patrick then became a missionary—to Ireland where he had been a slave. St. Patrick's service in Ireland resulted in that country becoming Christian. St. Patrick used the shamrock's three clover leaves to teach the Christian doctrine of the Trinity. Today the Shamrock is the symbol of the nation of Ireland.

St. Patrick would have made a great Lion. He was a man who exemplified "service" to his fellow humans, and thus made a difference which is visible today. Let us be Lions who fulfill our motto "We Serve," and like St. Patrick make a lasting difference.

*Jimmy Myers - 1VDGE*



On behalf of Past Presidents Carlton Metts, Mike Flora and Jim Walker:

Fellow Lions,

The Camp Dogwood Refurbishing Committee would like to thank you for a very successful Phase 1 Campaign. Construction [phase] will begin in early February with the completion concluding within five-six weeks after the initial start date.

We are now ready to begin Phase 2 of the Camp Dogwood Refurbishing Project. We would like to have this completed before summer camp starts in June.

Clubs and individuals can honor their club, a Lion, Past District Governors, Past International Presidents, Past and current International Directors with their names on a room.

The flyer is attached [page 11] with the appropriate information. Please share this form with your club members.

Any questions, please contact one of the committee members listed on the flyer.

Thank you Lions for your support of this most important project,  
PP Carlton Metts

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

I say this to encourage your clubs not only to elect a President, but to attempt to find members who are ready and willing to move into the office in the third year. Explain to them that for the good of the club, being president is a three-year commitment. Each year's efforts will make their year in office more productive and successful.

Our organization will assist these officers in their journey to become president. Training, both self-help and otherwise is available. Below are some examples found at [Lions International: Club President/First Vice President](#)

Training and position information is also available for Club Secretary, Treasurer, Service Chairperson, LCIF Coordinator, and Club Marketing/Communications Chairperson.

Now is the time to plan and train the future leaders of your club. Consider electing assistant Secretaries and Treasurers. A year of on the job training will go a long way to providing training opportunities for both positions. Also look for Service and Marketing/Communications Chairpersons. These positions are of upmost importance in the programs and community recognition of your club.

In other news, I will be conducting my first membership workshop at the Davidson Lions Club on March 13<sup>th</sup>. This will be an inaugural event that will allow me to adjust the program prior to offering it to other clubs. I will provide you an update in the next newsletter.

Keep up the good work. 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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"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 in 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1965.

"Considered and approved this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1965, "RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

"By – Ed Knott, Chairman

"Adopted and ratified, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1965 Norman Trueblood, Secretary

As those volunteers before us, we are the Lions of North Carolina and our focus has not changed. We do and will continue to generously and willingly give our time to the visually challenged; understand their lives are different from ours; put ourselves in their shoes by showing our care and concern with their challenges; compassionately care for all those we serve; and now we must be patient as we smooth out some wrinkles. We are dedicated to this project and will see it through these less than perfect times.

We are a team. We are committed to our VIPs.

*Carolyn Sprinkle - DGE*

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. Link to the form at the bottom of this page.

## Suggested Service Projects for 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 wheels 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

## "The Power of WE"

## G.S.T. Corner

I would like to thank the clubs for reporting their service projects to MYLCI.

One important reason for reporting these service projects is so when we request funding from another foundation, we are able to show them what we have already accomplished. This also is a good way to have a history of your club activities for future references.

With club officers election coming soon, if you are a president or secretary for the first time, consider getting familiar with myLCI.

**Lion Ron Rich, Global Service Team**

### Where to find it on the web:

[nclions311.org](http://nclions311.org) to find links to meeting and convention forms such as those for State Convention Ad purchase and registration information; statewide VIP Putt-Putt Tournament registration

<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)

| District 31 I DASHBOARD As of 02/28/2018 |         |            |         |         |         |            |     |        |           |               |                  |              |
|--|---------|------------|---------|---------|---------|------------|-----|--------|-----------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
|  | 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       | 12         | 13      | 14      | 1       | Y          |     |        |           | Y             | 2,200.00         | 450.00       |
| Bethlehem                                | 1       | 70         | 21      | 22      | 1       |            |     | Y      |           | Y             | 2,105.00         | 290.00       |
| 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      | 23         | 23      | 22      | (1)     | Y          | Y   |        |           | Y             | 25.00            | 330.00       |
| Charlotte Southern                       | 10      |            | 10      | 11      | 1       | Y          | Y   |        |           | Y             | 0.00             | 160.00       |
| Churchland                               | 5       | 9          | 13      | 10      | (3)     |            | Y   | Y      |           | Y             | 1,000.00         | 90.00        |
| Cleveland                                | 6       | 38         | 30      | 30      | 0       |            | Y   | Y      | Y         | Y             | 3,145.00         | 260.00       |
| Concord                                  | 9       | 21         | 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          |     |        |           |               | 3,601.00         | 720.00       |
| Davis Townsend                           | 5       | 22         | 28      | 26      | (2)     |            | Y   | Y      |           | Y             | 140.00           | 60.00        |
| Denton                                   | 5       | 6          | 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             | 880.00           | 250.00       |
| East Iredell                             | 8       | 2          | 6       | 0       | (6)     |            |     |        |           |               | 0.00             | 0.00         |
| Elkin                                    | 1       | 3          | 8       | 8       | 0       |            |     |        | 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       | 34         | 12      | 12      | 0       |            |     |        | Y         |               | 300.00           | 0.00         |
| Harrisburg                               | 9       |            | 11      | 11      | 0       |            |     | Y      |           |               | 300.00           | 370.00       |
| Hasty                                    | 4       | 22         | 9       | 9       | 0       |            |     |        |           | Y             | 1,700.00         | 210.00       |
| Hickory Grove                            | 10      | 6          | 6       | 6       | 0       |            |     |        |           | Y             | 0.00             | 0.00         |
| Huntersville                             | 8       | 6          | 15      | 15      | 0       |            |     |        |           | Y             | 2,500.00         | 200.00       |
| Kernersville                             | 7       | 44         | 58      | 61      | 3       |            |     |        | Y         | Y             | 6,198.00         | 0.00         |
| King                                     | 3       | 6          | 16      | 16      | 0       |            |     |        |           | Y             | 1,600.00         | 0.00         |
| Lake Norman                              | 8       | 18         | 26      | 29      | 3       | Y          | Y   |        |           | Y             | 0.00             | 0.00         |
| Lexington Downtown                       | 5       | 12         | 27      | 28      | 1       |            | Y   |        |           | Y             | 5,000.00         | 390.00       |
| Linwood                                  | 5       | 19         | 23      | 23      | 0       | Y          | Y   |        |           | Y             | 1,688.00         | 270.00       |
| Midway                                   | 4       | 9          | 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       | 35         | 24      | 23      | (1)     |            |     |        | Y         |               | 4,110.00         | 1580.00      |
| Moorestville                             | 8       | 84         | 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             | 4,160.00         | 950.00       |
| North Charlotte                          | 9       | 1          | 15      | 15      | 0       |            |     |        |           | Y             | 100.00           | 0.00         |
| North Wilkesboro                         | 1       |            | 44      | 44      | 0       |            |     |        |           | Y             | 1,316.20         | 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             | 2,522.00         | 240.00       |
| Pinnacle                                 | 3       |            | 12      | 12      | 0       | Y          | Y   |        |           | Y             | 1,200.00         | 130.00       |
| Rockwell                                 | 6       | 57         | 21      | 21      | 0       | Y          | Y   |        |           | Y             | 1,546.41         | 500.00       |
| Salisbury                                | 6       | 11         | 62      | 53      | (9)     | Y          |     |        |           |               | 1,335.00         | 780.00       |
| South Iredell                            | 8       | 4          | 19      | 17      | (2)     |            |     |        |           | Y             | 0.00             | 0.00         |
| Southmont                                | 5       |            | 11      | 10      | (1)     |            |     |        |           |               | 0.00             | 0.00         |
| Sparta                                   | 2       | 244        | 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       | 37         | 44      | 45      | 1       | Y          | Y   | Y      |           | Y             | 3,026.00         | 210.00       |
| Troutman                                 | 8       | 39         | 16      | 17      | 1       | Y          | Y   |        | Y         | Y             | 1,571.00         | 250.00       |
| Wallburg                                 | 4       |            | 14      | 13      | (1)     |            |     |        |           |               | 0.00             | 0.00         |
| Walnut Cove                              | 3       | 7          | 11      | 10      | (1)     |            |     |        |           |               | 0.00             | 0.00         |
| Welcome                                  | 1       | 22         | 15      | 12      | (3)     | Y          | Y   | Y      |           | Y             | 3,050.00         | 310.00       |
| West Iredell                             | 8       | 34         | 18      | 17      | (1)     |            |     |        |           | Y             | 45.00            | 0.00         |
| West Jefferson                           | 2       | 46         | 27      | 27      | 0       | Y          | Y   | Y      |           | Y             | 4,090.00         | 550.00       |
| West Lexington                           | 5       | 1          | 14      | 13      | (1)     |            |     | Y      | Y         | Y             | 1,000.00         | 0.00         |
| WS Konnoak Hills                         | 7       | 10         | 20      | 19      | (1)     |            |     |        | Y         | Y             | 3,000.00         | 0.00         |
| Winston Salem Twin City H                | 7       | 4          | 32      | 30      | (2)     | Y          |     |        |           |               | 4,000.00         | 0.00         |
| Yadkinville                              | 1       | 9          | 14      | 14      | 0       |            | Y   | Y      |           | Y             | 550.00           | 0.00         |
| Misc                                     |         |            |         |         |         |            |     |        |           |               | 2,176.95         | 50.00        |
| District 31I Total                       |         | 1,135      | 1,260   | 1,220   | -40     | 22         | 29  | 17     | 14        | 46            | \$ 92,660        | \$ 14,680    |



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

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Bobby Ray Teague  | Bethlehem    |
| Marjorie Everhart | Churchland   |
| Edmund Adams      | Sparta       |
| Cynthia Randlett  | Taylorsville |

*Information obtained from MMRs submitted to LCI*

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

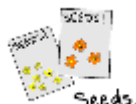


## 2018 VAVS Schedule

| Date   | Lions Club   |
|--------|--------------|
| 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

New



in the Garden

|                   |                      |                |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Bethlehem:        | Shari Kidd           | Greg Conrad    |
|                   | Richard Wagman       | Greg Conrad    |
| Davis Townsend    | Neil Clark           | Dwayne Hedrick |
| North Wilkesboro: | Heather Berrier      | Angela Jarvis  |
|                   | Christine Fairchild  | Mazie Foster   |
|                   | Megan Hutton         | Angela Jarvis  |
|                   | James Richardson Sr. | Jimmy Foster   |
| Thomasville       | John Allen Jr        | William Mills  |

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

## VSP Vision Care In Kind Certificates

### LCIF-VSP 2017 Gift Certificate Program

Our District is currently testing a program provided by LCIF and VSP to provide persons in need with access to affordable or no-cost eye exams and eye glasses through participating VSP Vision Care Providers. District VSP chair Lion Carol Hovey with assistance from Lion Janet Doub.

Basically, the program provides a coupon to referred individuals without insurance who meet the following eligibility parameters:

- Must have a Social Security Number
- Family income at or under 200% of Federal Poverty Level
- No Vision insurance, including government programs for routine care
- Have not received care through a VSP program during the last 12 months
- Services are not available for any item already covered by insurance.

We currently have 100 certificates and Lion Carol is testing the process that requires follow-up to ensure the coupon is used prior to its expiration date. Coupons not used can be returned and provided to others.

We feel that implementation of this program will help relieve the current unavailability of Matching Funds from NCLI.

Watch for more information in the April Newsletter. Meanwhile, visit [www.sightforstudents.org](http://www.sightforstudents.org) and click "VSP Doctor's Office" or call 1 800 877 7195 to determine if a VSP provider is in your area.

For additional information, contact Lion Carol Hovey at [carolpchovey@gmail.com](mailto:carolpchovey@gmail.com).

## Club News and Events

**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! | NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!           |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| The 50th Ticket Wins \$300.00!    | Second Chance Drawing Wins \$300.00! |
| The 100th Ticket Wins \$300.00!   | Second Chance Drawing Wins \$300.00! |
| The 150th Ticket Wins \$300.00!   | Second Chance Drawing Wins \$300.00! |
| The 200th Ticket Wins \$300.00!   | Second Chance Drawing Wins \$300.00! |

**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: 704-305-1203 or Duncan McDuffie: 704-664-6408

Your Contributions Help Us Support:  
 Camp Dogwood, White Cane, Brighter Visions (Vision Van),  
 Annual Visually Impaired Fishing Tournament Weekend, Leader Dogs For The Blind,  
 Eye Exams and Glasses, Eye Testing Equipment for Local Elementary Schools,  
 County Social Services For The Blind, Children's Homes of Iredell County,  
 Arthritis Patient Services, Hospice of Iredell County, Barium Springs Children's Home,  
 Local High School Scholarships, Diabetes Awareness,  
 Health Reach Community Clinic, Clinical Eye Research and more.

Printing Compliments of:  
**MOORESVILLE**  


**Lake Norman Lions** will hold their dinner, auction and reverse raffle March 17 at the Charles Mack Citizens Center in Downtown Mooresville to benefit Brighter Visions and other service projects of the club. Contact Willie Hudson or Duncan McDuffie to purchase tickets which are \$150 and entitle you to dinner for two with cocktails plus a chance at the grand prize of \$10,000. There are other monetary prizes to be given at selected times during the drawing, and you will have opportunity to bid on some great silent auction items as well. See the flyer to the left for all the details.



**Fair Grove Lions Club's** annual reverse raffle will be held at Memorial UMC Enrichment Center in Thomasville March 27. Tickets are \$60 each and entitle bearer to two steak dinners and a chance to win a \$1000 grand prize. There will be lots of door prizes and lots of fun. Contact Steve Cline at 336-475-3713 for tickets or if you can volunteer to help this club with the event.

**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. More information regarding pricing will be available later.

**Odell Lions Club's** Spring Bar-B-Que will be Saturday, March 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**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>

## Club News and Events

**Davis-Townsend Lions Club** will have an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. Mar. 3. tickets are \$6, and all proceeds go to Brighter Visions.

**Pilot Lions Club's** first Saturday BBQ will be served Mar. 3 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 available by the pt. (\$2.50) or qt. (\$4).

Sponsored by the **Denton Lions Club**, the 2018 Miss Denton and Little Miss Denton Pageants will be held at 7:30 p.m. Mar. 3 at Denton Elementary School. Miss Denton is open to Sophomore, Junior and Senior girls at South Davidson High School. Little Miss Denton is open to First and Second grade girls at Denton and Silver Valley Elementary Schools. Tickets for the event are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. If you have any questions or need more information, contact Theresa Wallace Matthews or Liddy Matthews Bray.

**Harrisburg Lions Club** is serving all you care to eat fish, shrimp, chicken tenders, french fries, baked potato, hushpuppies, slaw, tea and dessert starting at 4 p.m. Mar. 3. 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.

Country-Style Steak, green beans, mashed potatoes, baked apples, homemade rolls, homemade desserts, and tea or coffee are on the menu for the **Welcome Lions Club** fundraiser from 5 to 7 p.m. Mar. 10 at Center United Methodist Church in Welcome. Tickets are \$11 per plate and must be purchased by Mar. 3. Contact Betty Hayes at 336-731-4298 or [elizabethnhayes@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethnhayes@gmail.com).

**Huntersville Lions Club** is serving a pancake breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. Mar. 10 at Huntersville Methodist Church, [14401 Stumptown Road](#).

The **Gold Hill Lions Club** invites you to their biggest fundraiser for Brighter Visions Mar. 15. If you have not been to their bake auction, you are missing out on a lot of fun. See the flyer on the right for all the details.

You are invited to join **Mooreville 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.

### Morgan School Lions Cubs Members, Families and Friends



You're invited  
**Gold Hill Lions Club**  
is preparing a get acquainted dinner  
and cake bake auction  
**March 15, 2018**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Russell/Rufty Shelter at**  
**Gold Hill Park**  
735 St. Stephens Church Road Gold Hill, NC 28071  
**Please join us for dinner**  
**Please, let us know how many to**  
**expect by March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Call: Linda or Morris at 704-279-9358

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.**



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!

**Registration deadline is Friday, March 19, 2018.** [See the flyer on the right.] 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**

Ellis Park 3541 Old Mocksville Rd Salisbury NC 28144  
[p] 704.216.7781 [c] 704.223.5965 [f] 704.216.7973

Registration forms on 31-I website-link on page 4



**ROWAN COUNTY**  
**PARKS & RECREATION**  
Therapeutic Recreation Division  
*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**



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

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 at [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.



### Important Deadlines:

- 3/13 - RSVP Gold Hill Bake Auction (see page 8)
- 3/15 - **Early** Registration for State Convention
- 3/18 - State Convention Program Ad Deadline
- 3/19 - Register for Putt-Putt Tournament
- 3/23 - Register for Camp Dogwood Work Week
- 4/14 - Last day to mail State Convention Registration - no refunds after April 7
- 4/15 - Report new club officers to LCI

Friends of NCLI,

We want to start off by saying **thank you!**

Thank you for all you've done to support the blind and visually impaired across the state of North Carolina as a donor, volunteer, and advocate for North Carolina Lions, Inc.'s Brighter Visions programs and services.

As we enter this New Year, we ask that you join us again on this journey of offering support to our VIPs (visually impaired persons) across the state and beyond through our programs and services such as -

- Camp Dogwood for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- Mobile Screening Unit
- Matching Funds
- Support and Mobility Canes
- Educational Grants
- Clinical Eye Research [Editor's Note: through district governor goals]

We strongly believe all of the 270,000 + blind and visually impaired individuals across North Carolina deserve the best resources. With your help, we can supply individuals with eye exams, eyeglasses, a relaxing retreat at camp, free vision and hearing screenings, support and mobility canes, and more!

**Invest** in North Carolina Lions, Inc.'s Brighter Visions programs and services by going to >> <https://www.classy.org/give/148769/#!/donation/checkout> << to make a life changing donation.

**Volunteer** with North Carolina Lions, Inc. by filling out our volunteer interest form here >> <https://nclionsinc.org/volunteer/> <<

**Become an advocate** by sharing our work with your inner circle on social media at >> <https://www.facebook.com/nclionsbrightervisions/> << When you like and share a post, you are helping spread the word to countless individuals.

Thank you for joining us in changing the lives of VIPs in your community and beyond!

With gratitude, North Carolina Lions, Inc.



Dear Lions of North Carolina,

Each summer, North Carolina Lions, Inc.'s Camp Dogwood for the Blind and Visually Impaired serves over 700 adult campers with blindness or visual impairments. When the Camp Dogwood facility is not being used by our wonderful campers, the property manages as a meeting and retreat center for church groups, hobby groups, family reunions, and so much more. As with any lodging/event space business, maintenance is of the upmost importance due to natural wear and tear along with upholding topnotch safety for patrons.

With 58 rooms (116 beds) spread across the 3 lodges, 2 duplexes, and the Stickley Building, we call upon the Lions for support with the 2018 Camp Dogwood Refurbishing Project. In order to maintain the safety of our campers and offer a sought after space for groups, all rooms on the property need to be restored and restocked with new items.

| Immediate Needs (room accessories):   | Ongoing Renovations (room repairs)  |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Towel sets per room</li> <li>• Bed linens per room</li> <li>• Double mattresses and box springs</li> <li>• Mattress pads and liners</li> <li>• Bedframes and headboards (White Dorm)</li> <li>• Cleaning/treating</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Painting and sealing (baseboards, chair rails, etc.)</li> <li>• Patching of the walls and ceiling</li> <li>• Lighting repairs</li> <li>• ADA Bathroom standard updates</li> <li>• Carpeting (replacement)</li> </ul> |

### SPONSOR AN ENTIRE ROOM FOR **\$1,500**

\$1,000 for room accessories \$500 for room repairs

By sponsoring an entire room renovation, a plaque will be placed on the front of the room door clearly stating which Lion, Club, or individual sponsored the room. If you chose to make a donation, but not sponsor a room, a plaque located within the building will list the Lion, Club, or individual accordingly.

**\*\* Please note: There will be NO customization of rooms. In order to maintain uniformity, NCLI will purchase all commercial grade items from a vendor for the best rates. ALL ITEMS MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH NORTH CAROLINA LIONS, INC. \*\***

To be eligible for Phase 2 of the 2018 Camp Dogwood Refurbishing Project, we ask that all checks be turned in by **March 31, 2018**. Checks can be made payable to: NCLI, 7050 Camp Dogwood Drive, Sherrills Ford, NC 28673 and designated to **Refurbishing Project**. \* Brighter Visions funds CANNOT be used for buildings or furnishings \*

We appreciate your consideration for our present needs for NCLI's Camp Dogwood. If you have any additional questions, please contact NCLI Past Presidents Carlton Metts, Mike Flora, and/or Jim Walker.

Thank you in advance,

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| PP Carlton Metts<br>252-636-5000<br>carltonmetts@embarqmail.com | PP Mike Flora<br>252-908-0437<br>mwflora@embarqmail.com | PP Jim Walker<br>704-989-3202<br>jwalker1899@aol.com |
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### 2018 Camp Dogwood Refurbishing Project

☐ Sponsor entire room \$1500   ☐ Room accessories \$1000   ☐ Room repairs \$500   ☐ Donations \_\_\_\_\_

Given By \_\_\_\_\_ Day Time Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Plaque \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enclose check or provide Credit Card information (Visa or Master Card accepted)**

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**DEADLINE** for inclusion of articles is the 20th of each month if by email. Cost of producing and distributing this publication is paid from member dues received.

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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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