# DISTRICT 31-1 NEWS



"Knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."



District 31-I Newsletter June 2018 Issue 12

## Planting Seeds with DG Lion George Culp

JOB well done and the patience of JOB

The combination of the letters J, O, and B can comprise words that indicate either a task or a spiritual leader who reminds us that no matter how bad things are, there is a positive side and a promise for the future.

Twelve months ago, as I approached the tasks associated with that of being a District Governor, I set what I believed to be reasonable goals. With that underway, your clubs were challenged to embrace club excellence, encourage leadership, entice new members, and especially important, place service above self. As reported to Lions International, I carefully prepared reasonable numbers that can be used to determine success/failure. Today, approaching the end of my term, I am saddened to say that my goals have not been achieved.

I must admit, perhaps the bar was set too high. My philosophy was to shoot high and hope for the best. Not to be dismal and downtrodden, I remembered biblical Job. His days were pounded by continuous disasters of which few of us could survive or even comprehend. Yet, his positivity prevailed.

Although, history will indicate that I missed the mark on adding new clubs and increasing membership, our combined focus on Service indicates that we truly do SERVE. Beginning with the 10,000 meals prepared at our District Convention, clubs have reported serving over 250,000 this year. I suspect the numbers are even greater as these numbers are represented only by those reported by club secretaries.

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### "Gathering Times"

### JUNE

9 Region/District Chair Training Camp Dogwood

15 Camp Dogwood drawing

30-JULY 4 International Convention Las Vegas

AUG 4 Awards and Installation with District Cabinet Meeting
First Reformed UCC
Lexington





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## 1009 - Carolyn Sprinkle

Talking to Lions in District I about serving those in need is comparable to trying to sell tea in China. We've got it down pat and don't need more information – however – my focus will be on working with each of you as we plan the future of Lions service in District 31-I. We will strengthen leadership training, membership recruitment and retention and providing additional "hands on" for service projects to clubs that need extra volunteers to continue serving their communities.

This program will begin with training our Region Chairs (no Zone Chairs this year). This training will be held at Camp Dogwood, June 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 a.m. All Region and District chairs will be in attendance. State Chairs have been invited as well.

The LCI mandates for this program are that the club Presidents will serve as Global Action Team Coordinators. My suggestions are that 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents serve as Global Service Team Coordinators and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents serve as Global Membership and Global Leadership Coordinators. These positions can be and will be determined as we get into the training of the officers of each

club. The training for the club Global Action Teams will be scheduled and reported immediately after the June 9<sup>th</sup> training for the Region Chairs.

Over the past couple of years, LCI has restructured and greatly improved the emphasis on expanding efforts to develop leaders, membership retention and recruitment and publicizing our service projects. This new program is now the Global Action Team and includes a coordinator position at the club, district, state and area. It is well defined, the training material is on target and the LCI staff is dedicated to and supportive of this program.

In fact, incoming International Director, Gudrun Yngvadottir states in her focus message to us "**Beyond the Horizon:** How do we build on our already impressive legacy? (continued on page 4)

	July	GOAL		100.00%
"SHƏI'NG	June	\$121,507	64.8%	91.67%
the Harvest"	May	\$104,537	55.75%	83.33%
PUG UNI VEST	Apr	\$102,492	54.66%	75.00%
Our 2017-2018	Mar	\$92,660	49.42%	66.67%
District 31-I	Feb	\$73,174	39.03%	58.33%
Brighter Visions Goal is	Jan	\$66,744	35.60%	50.00%
	Dec	\$61,130	32.60%	41.67%
\$187,500	Nov	\$49,139	26.25%	33.33%
Follow our progress	Oct	\$46,029	24.55%	25.00%
each month	Sep	\$42,264	22.50%	16.67%
	Aug	*KICK-OFF*		8.33%
	July	START		

## **Brighter Visions**

### Just a Few Weeks to Go

I'm writing this article on May 21<sup>st</sup>, and that means we have six weeks to meet our district goal of \$187,500. As of May 17<sup>th</sup>, \$116,276.50 has been contributed from District 31-I this year resulting in us having raised 62% of our goal.

The good news is we have far exceeded the \$79,236.96 that we raised for Brighter Visions by this time last year. The other side of the coin is that we have \$71,223.50 to raise by June 30<sup>th</sup> to meet our goal.

I want to thank each of you for your contributions to Brighter Visions this year. Many of our clubs have gone above and beyond what they have done in the past to raise funds to contribute to Brighter Visions. The fact that we have increased our giving over last year indicates that as Lions, you have a strong commitment to providing services and programs for the visually impaired persons across our district and state.

We still have <u>more</u> to do. If your club has not yet contributed to Brighter Visions, would you consider doing so before the end of June? Can your club contribute just a little more to help reach our goal?

Thanks again for your contributions to Brighter Visions and for the support you provide our VIPs.

Donald Cobb - Brighter Visions Chair

### 2ND VDG JIMMY MYERS

"June is Busting Out All Over." Welcome to the Summer of 2018. This month we take time out to honor and remember our fathers. I can remember my mother saying to me "Just you wait until your father gets home." My father's response was, "Be more careful next time." Dad's was a gracious, forgiving response. I have not forgotten that. Take the time to say "thank you" to your father, and the time to remember a good example from the father who is present only in our memories. Being a good father is probably the most important impact for good in the world that a father can have. May God bless you fathers.

June is the last month of the Lions year 2017-2018. Let's finish the year with a bang. Wouldn't it be a great ending to the year to meet our Brighter Visions goal? This is my year end challenge for my fellow Lions of District 31-I.

Lion Jimmy Myers, 1st Vice District Governor-elect

### DG George (Continued from page 1)

My time as District Governor is something I will never forget. I must admit, I never anticipated the impact of simply visiting every club in our District. I am encouraged by the future possibilities of our clubs being the service leaders in our communities. Your support of the focus of monthly service projects has impacted the lives of those you may never know.

As my year concludes, and with the commencement of a new year, Lionism in our District will continue to demonstrate to others our enthusiasm to serve. Thank you for making this journey with me. You have done a GREAT JOB!

Líon George Culp DG NC Lions 31-I

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## Sprinkle (Continued from page 2)

We do what Lions have always done. We get creative and reach within our communities, clubs and selves to discover a new level of service. To reach beyond the horizon, we will focus on the following: Moving membership forward by inviting new members and keeping current members engaged. Increasing leadership development opportunities for all Lions and ensuring women have equal representation. Promoting the fellowship of Lions to increase member retention, growth and overall satisfaction. Sharing our stories to show others in our communities and around the world the good Lions are providing. Our Global Causes, with a new focus on diabetes Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) the Global Action Team. Chart your destination. Every club has a service project they've always wanted to complete, yet for one reason or another, haven't. Together we can help turn those ambitions into action. **The Horizon is Ours.**"

We are blessed to have this "focus" to share with all Lions – everywhere. We are especially blessed that the incoming North Carolina Lions, Inc. President shares that focus. These two special leaders share something else, International Director, Gudrun Yngvadottir and NCLI President, Sandy Scarlett are the first women to lead us Internationally and in Multiple District 31-I.

Thank you in no way defines my gratitude for this opportunity to work with each of you as we move forward and "Beyond the Horizon".

Lion Carolyn Sprinkle - District Governor Elect

### Greetings Fellow Lions,

First I would like to give a BIG SHOUT OUT for the clubs who have posted their service projects. Starting in July, we will be transitioning from MYLCI to MYLION for posting service projects. The MYLION for internet will come online July 1 of this year. If you already have MYLION on your phone, you will be registered automatically for MYLION for internet. Your login and password will be the same.

By July 2019, we will only be using MYLION to post service projects. MYLCI will still be used for everything else. One big advantage to MYLION is that any club officer may post the service project for their club. During this transition period, a club should only post their projects to either MYLCI or MYLION. Please don't post your projects to both sites. I would like to recommend the clubs appoint an officer such as a Vice president or an assistant secretary who would relieve the president or secretary of this task.

I will be asking the Region chairs to add me to the agenda at their meetings. I will be available to do a club program or just meet with your club officers to discuss the many advantages of MYLION. We will have more choices in what kind of service project is being reported. In addition, MYLION will show service projects from all over the world, which means a club could find a project that interests them. Although MYLION has many advantages, these are just a few worth mentioning. Since we have a year to learn this new system of reporting, let's enjoy the challenge together.

Lion Ron Rich - GST Chair <Casper101@windstream.net>

### G. S. T. Corner

## Suggested Service Projects for June

- Host a cookout for VIPs
- Plant trees
- 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 summer camp
- Participate in a Strides Walk
- Champion a vision or diabetes screening
- Donate books for a summer reading program
- Collect can tabs for the Leader Dog Program
- Collect used pill bottles for poor countries in need
- Continue with ongoing service projects

### "The Power of WE"



**The Power of We: Pennies Collected for Measles Initiative** During Governor George's club visits, your pennies were collected in his Piggy Bank to place emphasis on the fact that one penny does little, but as we add more, more can be accomplished. Your pennies have been forwarded to LCIF designated for measles shots. Each year, over 140 thousand children die from measles. Thousands of others suffer from vision and hearing loss, brain damage and pneumonia. Because of our district contribution of \$228.50, children will be able to grow to adulthood without experiencing measles. And, with a match from the Gates Foundation, even more will be protected.

District 31 I DASHBOARD As of 05/25/2018												
		Service		Members	5	Le	eader	ship	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	17	13	13	0	Υ			Υ	Υ	2,200.00	530.00
Bethlehem	1	103	21	23	2			Υ	Υ	Υ	2,155.00	590.00
Boone	2	13	23	22	(1)		Υ		Υ	Υ	2,090.00	620.00
Charlotte Central	10		7	7	0		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	215.00	0.00
Charlotte South Park	10	28	23	22	(1)	Υ	Υ			Υ	300.00	330.00
Charlotte Southern	10		10	11	1	Υ	Υ		Υ	Υ	1,000.00	310.00
Churchland	5	11	13	10	(3)		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	1,000.00	150.00
Cleveland	6	52	30	31	1		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	5,645.00	260.00
Concord	9	28	25	31	6		Υ		Υ	Υ	2,860.00	60.00
Creston Riverview	2		17	16	(1)					Υ	1,000.00	30.00
Davidson	8	7	31	25	(6)	Υ			Υ	Υ	4,601.00	720.00
Davis Townsend	5	40	28	27	(1)		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	155.00	120.00
Denton	5	5	40	39	(1)		Υ		Υ	Υ	6,439.00	1800.00
Derita	9	1	10	15	5	Υ	Υ		Υ	Υ	3,100.00	260.00
Dobson	3	30	32	31	(1)		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	1,540.00	250.00
East Iredell	8	2	6	0	(6)						0.00	0.00
⊟kin	1	12	8	8	0				Υ	Υ	880.00	140.00
Fair Grove	4		17	10	(7)	Υ			Υ	Υ	1,100.00	0.00
Franklin Elis	6	2	5	5	0		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	420.00	0.00
Gold Hill	6	48	12	11	(1)				Υ	Υ	800.00	0.00
Harrisburg	9		11	10	(1)			Υ		Υ	300.00	370.00
Hasty	4	36	9	9	0				Υ	Υ	1,700.00	210.00
Hickory Grove	10	6	6	6	0				Υ	Υ	0.00	0.00
Huntersville	8	11	15	15	0					Υ	2,700.00	200.00
Kernersville	7	50	58	61	3				Υ	Υ	6,198.00	1740.00
King	3	8	16	19	3					Υ	1,600.00	100.00
Lake Norman	8	20	26	31	5	Υ	Υ		Υ	Υ	5,200.00	780.00
Lexington Downtown	5	16	27	27	0		Υ		Υ	Y	5,000.00	390.00
Linw ood	5	27	23	23	0	Υ	Υ		Υ	Y	3,914.00	270.00
Midw ay	4	15	13	11	(2)				Υ	Y	1,650.00	270.00
Mint Hill	10	17	32	36	4	Υ			Υ	Y	0.00	
Mocksville	7	49	24	22	(2)				Υ	Υ	4,310.00	
Mooresville	8	113	31	28	(3)	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	176.00	1810.00
Mount Airy	3	11	18	14	(4)		Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	100.00	0.00
Mount Pleasant	9	14	59	58	(1)	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	7,915.50	1020.00
North Charlotte	9	2	15	15	0					Y	100.00	0.00
North Wilkesboro	1	4	44	45	1					Y	2,316.20	790.00
Odell	9	7	12	12	0		Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	4.200.00	
Pilot-Davidson	4	2	35	36	1	Υ	Y	•	Y	y	3,582.00	
Pinnacle	3	1	12	15	3	Y	Y		Y	Y	1,200.00	130.00
Rockw ell	6	94	21	21	0	Y	Y		Y	Y	1,846.41	500.00
Salisbury	6	17	62	52	(10)	Y	·		Y	Y	1,335.00	
South Iredell	8	7	19	16	(3)				Y	Y	0.00	
Southmont	5	•	11	10	(1)				Y	Y	0.00	
Sparta	2	360	41	33	(8)	Υ	Υ		Y	Y	5,109.44	160.00
Taylorsville	1	11	24	25	1	Y	Y		Y	Y	0.00	
Thomasville	4	50	44	45	1	Y	Y	Υ		Y	3,046.00	
Troutman	8	53	16	17	1	Y	Y	'	Y	Y	1,571.00	
Wallburg	4	55	14	13	(1)	l '	'		'	Y	1,000.00	0.00
-		10							Y	Y		
Walnut Cove Welcome	3 1	12 26	11 15	10 12	(1)	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ Υ	Υ Υ	0.00 3.075.00	0.00
					(3)	Ť	Ť	r			3,075.00	
West Iredell	8	54	18	17	(1)	.,			Y	Y	45.00	
West Levington	2 5	73 2	27	22	(5)	Υ	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	4,090.00	
West Lexington	5 7	2 12	14 20	13 19	(1)			T	Y Y	Y Y	1,000.00	
WS Konnoak Hills	7	4	32		(1)	Υ			Υ Υ	Υ Υ	3,000.00	
Winston Salem Tw in City H	1	4 18		26	(6)	Ť	Υ	Υ	Y Y	Y	4,000.00	
Yadkinville		10	14	14	0		Ť	r	Ť	Ť	550.00 2 176.05	
Misc		4.004	4.000	4.045	15		00	47	47	F0	2,176.95	50.00
District 31I Total		1,601	1,260	1,215	-45	22	29	17	47	56	\$ 121,507	\$ 21,180

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

Member Club

Barbara Seawright Mocksville

Luther Feather Mooresville-ex-member (50-yr)

Information obtained from MMRs submitted to LCI
REMEMBER ALL LIONS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Welcome New



in the Garden

ClubMemberSponsored byConcordBenjamin MerrickPatricia Rogers





### 2018 VAVS Schedule

Date	Lions Club
25-Jun	Mt. Pleasant
23-Jul	Salisbury
27-Aug	Concord
24-Sep	Cleveland
22-Oct	Thomasville
26-Nov	Gold Hill

Pilot

3-Dec

Cleo Zemke

**VAVS-District Co-Chair** 

704-785-4478

I would like to share this request with our members across Multiple District 31. Mary Sedgwick, a Lion in District 31-L, had the opportunity to try on these electronic glasses at the 2018 NC Lions State Convention in Greensboro. Mary, who is legally blind, was able to see using the glasses. It was amazing to watch as Mary was able to recognize her guide dog and friends for the first time. Help support Mary in her effort in buying a pair. Imagine how many visually impaired people can be helped by this technology.

Go to http://www.giving.esighteyewear.com/drmary to help our fellow Lion.

PDG Michael Schwartz

## **PLAN AHEAD**—attend the NC VIP Fishing Tournament 2018 OCT 22, 23RD & 24TH

Go to novipfishing.org for registration forms. File and pay fees online.

Have you selected your hat for the



### Club News and Events

**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. on Friday, June 1. 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.

**Arcadia Lions Club** will sponsor the Mobile Screening Unit from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 16 at Walmart on Hwy 150 in Arcadia.

**Thomasville Lions Club's** Raffle will be Saturday, June 2 at Thomasville Senior High School. Tickets are \$60 which entitle the bearer to two steak dinners and a chance at door prizes and the grand prize of \$1,500.

**Linwood Lions Cub** will make a "Joyful Noise" on Thursday, June 14. Food (chef's choice) begins at 6:30 p.m. and music at 7. All proceeds go to Brighter Visions.

**Yadkinville Lions Club's** 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1 p.m. Shot-Gun-Start will be at the Yadkin Country Club, Yadkinville, NC. Lion Charles Collins is the chairman of this project which is the club's major fundraiser



Troutman Lions Club celebrates its 72<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary with PDG Joyce Keels doing the honors of holding our Coca-Cola Cake. President Ron Rich showed a video on Lion's History. A small gathering, but we learned something new about Lions history service worldwide. For a copy of Coca-Cola Cake recipe. e-mail Lois Rich (lolo55@windstream.net). aware, it is RICH!!

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** or mail to Lion Elizabeth Conrad, 1270 Beck's Nursery Rd, Lexington, NC 27292 *by the 20th of each month.* 



#### THE SUMMER DESTINATION FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED & BLIND

### Camp Dogwood needs volunteers for summer.

Please consider volunteering at Camp Dogwood this summer. Still needed are 3 volunteers for Session 2 (June 17-22), 4 volunteers for Session 4 (July 1-6), 6 volunteers for Session 5 (July 8-13) and 5 volunteers for Session 7 (July 22-27). Meals and lodging are provided to all volunteers. This is a one week commitment and a background check is required of all volunteers.

If you cannot come for a week, perhaps your club can come for Wednesday Night Entertainment on one of these dates, June 13, June 20 or July 18.

To apply to be a Camp Dogwood volunteer, please fill out the form on the Camp Dogwood website here >> http://nclionscampdogwood.org/staff-volunteers/ << or if you have any other questions, please call our offices at 828-478-2135 ext. 229 for Camp and Retreat Director. Keisha Ramseur.

#### Where to find it on the web:

nclions311.org to find information of interest on the district level

http://nclionscampdogwood.org/staff-volunteers/ to register for to volunteer for a week

(or contact Camp Director, Keisha Ramseur at 828-478-2135 ext. 230 or at keisha@nclionsinc.org)

http://ncvipfishing.org/applications/ for VIP-Fishing-Tournament-Volunteer, Guest and Participant Applications

## **Important Dates:**

June 1: Helen Keller Day

June 5: World Environment Day

June 7: Lions Clubs International Birthday

June 30: Close 4-year Centennial Celebration

## Important Deadlines:

June 15: Deadline for submission

of pre-certified delegate forms for

voting at International Convention

### NORTH CAROLINA



Saying farewell is never easy, but we wish Hillary May and Hannah Earnhart good luck in their new ventures and thank them for their ser-

vice to NC Lions, Inc. We are fortunate to have PDG Carlton and Lion Anne Metts step up to keep things running until these two positions can be filled.













2018
STATE CONVENTION





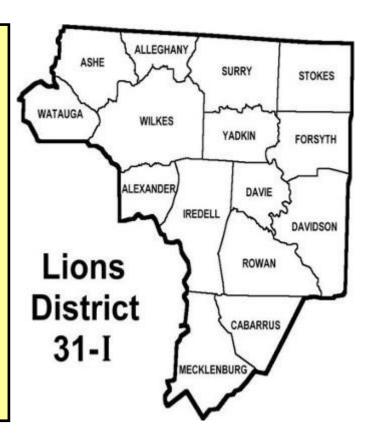
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All articles, announcements, etc., for inclusion in the District 31-I Newsletter should be sent to: Lion Elizabeth Conrad, 1270 Beck's Nursery Road, Lexington, NC 27292 or ebc4986@yahoo.com. Please send all submissions as a Word document and pictures 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



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