

DISTRICT 31-I NEWS



BEYOND THE HORIZON



District 31-I Newsletter

September 2018

Issue 3

District 31-I Lions in Service



Where there is a need, there is a Lion! **Troutman Lions Club** provided two chairs for a shut-in to have seating for visitors. She is thrilled to finally have chairs for guests when they visit her. Lion Charlene Overcash (above) made contact about the service needed, and Lions Ron and Lois Rich provided the pair of chairs.

Above: The Grove Singers, including PDG Butch Conrad (**Lexington Downtown**) and Lion Bill Baughn (**Thomasville**), performed at Camp Dogwood on a recent Wednesday night. The group came early, and along with Lions Glenda and Charles Everhart (**Davis-Townsend**), helped serve the VIPS at the cookout.



Lexington Downtown Lions Club manned the Mobile Screening Unit at National Night Out in Lexington. Clockwise from the top: Lions Tammy Michael, Mark Breeden, and Susan Nunn at the registration desk, Lion Rodney Walser and Lion President Phil Grande on the machines, Dr. James Moore and Lion Dr. Sandra Moore, shown with her sidekick Kirian, who lent their optometric skills to screen 29 people who stepped away from listening to a rousing performance by The Embers on the adjacent stage for their exams.



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Happy Labor Day!

Membership News

In loving memory of Lions who have died this past month

Member	Club
John W. Dinkins	Boone

Information obtained from MMRs submitted to LCI

Remember all Lions, family and friends who are in need of prayers at this time

Welcome New Lions

Club	Member	Sponsored by
Salisbury	Penny G. Sides	H. Wayne Kennerly
Salisbury	Terry E. Sides	H. Wayne Kennerly
Taylorsville	Peter J. Russell	Andrew Ferguson

Directory Changes

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Pg 64 - spelling - Elizabeth Rummage

Pg 64 - spelling - Elizabeth Conrad

Pg 66 - VIP Fishing Tournament Chairs phone/email

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Pg 70 - PDG Ron Staley's address
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District 31-I is working diligently to complete our training for retention and increasing membership. We have had several referrals for membership interest, and I have forwarded information to presidents of clubs involved. I have also made phone calls to the interested potential members thanking them for showing an interest.

We are determined to grow and serve more people with needs in our community. Our goal is to train new members immediately and engage them in activities which will keep them interested and feeling good about serving others. At the same time, we are looking into ways to retain the members we already have, making them feel useful and giving them a purpose as Lions.

We will keep everyone abreast of our success each month. Thank all of you for being Lions and caring so much for others. To quote one of my favorite Lion heroes, Rachel Walker,

Roarrrrrr, Lions! Roarrrr!

Lion Judi Seymour, District 31-I GMT

Membership trainings are available on the [Lions Learning Center](#). Achieve your goals with help from these three trainings.

(1) Invite for Impact

Each new member impacts the lives of 70 people annually. Learn how to recruit new members and how to utilize available resources.

(2) Membership Experience

Why do members join? What do members want in their club experience? Learn ways to keep your members satisfied and resources that can help you achieve your goals.

(3) New Club Development

The best way to serve a community in need is to start a Lions club in your area. Learn the requirements for a new club, as well as how to recruit, develop a team and access resources.

Live-Love-Learn and Leave a Legacy DG Carolyn Sprinkle

We are blessed with the opportunities and resources provided to us by Lions International to serve those in need in many ways. I have addressed two of these in this article knowing that each of you will find a way to work with those with diabetes in your communities and to investigate and support the use of tax dollars to protect our environment. Each of you are already involved in some way and to some extent with these two international issues at a community level. Please report this work to LCI and share with others our local challenges, solutions and involvement.



Did you know? **Diabetes is the 7th** leading cause of death in North Carolina? That an estimated 1 in 10 (750,000) North Carolina adults have been diagnosed with diabetes? That an additional 280,000 North Carolina residents may have diabetes and not know it? There are many ways we can help. Suggestions are:

- ☐ Work with a healthcare professional and organize a club program about pre-diabetes, prevention and management at your club or district meeting.
- ☐ Download an app that educates and encourages healthy lifestyle choices. Facilitate a community discussion about diabetes and encourage those in attendance to share their personal connections with this disease.
- ☐ Explore the national diabetes association and other organizations websites to learn more about diabetes.

Lions Clubs International program for a **healthy environment** is all inclusive. *“The health of our planet is essential to life. The environment impacts the quality of our air and water, the availability of food and medicine, the health and beauty of our local communities, and the future of us all. Lions and Leos are meeting environmental challenges at the local and global level by planting trees, organizing recycling programs, providing clean drinking water and cleaning up communities to help preserve our environment for generations to come. We believe that a healthy planet is fundamental to the wellbeing of all.”* Take a minute to view the environmental policy on the North Carolina webpage. The first paragraph really got my attention: *“Environmental policy aims to conserve natural resources by balancing environmental protection with economic growth, property rights, public health, and energy production. This is done mainly through laws and regulations passed at all governmental levels and influenced by many stakeholders with different agendas.”* In fiscal year 2011, almost \$166 million tax dollars were spent on environment and natural resources – the number for fiscal year 2015 was reported as just over \$81 million. I did not find the amounts spent past that. Maybe our first move would be to speak to those at governmental levels and the influential stakeholders?

Again, thank you for your service, your financial support and most of all your kindness and caring for those in need. Please let me hear from you – joys, concerns, ideas or just to say Hello.

Carolyn Sprinkle, District Governor
336-372-8956 (home) or 336-466-5974

1VDG Jimmy Myers

Good bye summer, hello fall! Can you believe it is September? Where is this year going? It is not long till Christmas.

September 3rd is this year's Labor Day Holiday. Labor Day got its start from our country's Labor Unions. International Labor Day was May 1st, but it was associated with more radical labor movements, so the United States picked the first Monday in September as the day to honor American "Labor." It became a public holiday in 1894.

So very much surrounds Labor Day. It announces the last of summer. It is a time when school takes back up. Football season starts with every team having a clean slate, no wins and no losses. For you fashion gurus, it is the last day to wear "white or seersucker." For us Lions, it is always time to roll up our sleeves and go to work to help those who are in need. "Where there's a need, there's a Lion" has taken its place alongside of our motto "We Serve."

Happy Labor Day, Lions! Let's keep roaring as we labor with love for those in need.

Jimmy Myers - First Vice District Governor

2nd VDG Donald Cobb

Well Done!

On Saturday, August 11, 2018, North Carolina Lions, Inc., held its annual Awards and Installation Banquet. NCLI officers were installed for the coming year and recognition was given to individuals who served in the past year.

The awards segment of the evening included recognition for the Brighter Visions campaign that was held this past year. Clubs exceeding their district goal per capita were highlighted in the printed program. You'll be pleased to know that District 31-I had nineteen clubs that exceeded their district goal per member last year.

The Brighter Visions Leadership Award was also presented to the district which had the highest statewide average per capita giving, or the highest dollar amount per member. The statewide average per capita giving was \$95.21 per member. District S and District O received Silver recognition with \$112.49 and \$105.41 respectively. What district had the highest per capita giving and received a **Gold Award**? You did, District 31-I, with an average of \$128.78 per member. Well done fellow Lions!

As you know, funds raised in the Brighter Visions campaign go to support Camp Dogwood and other programs and services for our VIPs across the state. Your efforts this past year helped ensure our continued support for our VIPs. Again, well done fellow Lions!

Our Brighter Visions campaign for the new year has started. Lion Michelle Gregory, our District Brighter Visions chair, is working hard to get our campaign underway. I hope you and your club will continue to provide all the support you can for Brighter Visions and for our VIPs.

Lion Donald Cobb - 2nd Vice District Governor



USA / Canada Forum
September 20-22





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

Wednesday, September 5	1:30 tee time	Dave Conrad Memorial Golf Tournament - Lexington Downtown Lions Club	Lexington Municipal Club
Saturday, September 8	8 a.m. (registration)	Christy Poteat Pay It Forward Walk at the Y Express	West Park Medical Center, 1918 W Park Drive, North Wilkesboro
Sunday, September 9	3 p.m.	Convention Planning Meeting	Sagebrush Steakhouse, 1562 Yadkinville Road, Mocksville
Thursday, September 13- Saturday, September 16	2 p.m.	The Deaf Blind Retreat Volunteers needed Friday and Saturday - 9:30 a.m.-12 noon	Camp Dogwood contact PDG Willie Hudson (whud40@windstream.net) or Pat Soutullo (Pat.soutullo@gmail.com)
Monday, September 24		VAVS Bingo hosted by Cleveland Lions Club	Veteran's Hospital – Salisbury
Saturday, September 29	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.	BBQ Chicken Fundraiser - Davis-Townsend Lions Club	Davis-Townsend Lions Den Turner Road, Lexington

District 31-I took home the **Gold Brighter Vision Leadership Award** at the recent NCLI awards banquet. The award is presented to the district with the largest per capita giving among the districts. Congratulations to 1VDG, and last year's **District Brighter Vision Chair, Donald Cobb!**

Brighter Visions

By the time you read this, we will have just completed our Brighter Vision Kick Off for the district. Earlier today, I was working on some last minute details for the kickoff and am very excited that we have about 110 Lions who have reserved a meal and confirmed their attendance for this event. I am excited to hear our report from NCLI 1st VP Lion Chris Headley and NCLI Interim Director PDG Lion Carlton Metts. Lion Marti Henry our state Co-Chair for Camp Dogwood and PDG Lion Lorraine Dupree our state Brighter Visions Chairperson will also share exciting information. We are sure to have a fun evening of fellowship as we begin our Brighter Visions Fundraising campaign. Raising the funds necessary to keep all our programs, campaigns and Camp Dogwood running, not only for this year, but many years into the future is important to all of us. This relates well with DG Carolyn's theme: Live, Love, Learn, Leave a Legacy. District I Lions have built a legacy and it will continue. It is quite apparent this legacy will continue just by witnessing the hard work and service of Lions in District I.

Thank you to all the clubs who are supporting Brighter Visions programs. Thank you for all your hard work in raising funds for Brighter Visions.

Submitted respectfully with a smile

Lion Michelle Gregory - **Brighter Visions** Chair <michgregory358@gmail.com>

****** BREAKING NEWS - BV Kick-off Total exceeds challenge. \$58,006.66 raised!**

Our 2018-2019

District 31-I

Brighter Visions

Goal is

\$150,000

*Follow our progress
each month*

July		100%
June		91.67%
May		83.33%
Apr		75.00%
Mar		66.67%
Feb		58.33%
Jan		50.00%
Dec		41.67%
Nov		33.33%
Oct		25.00%
Sep		16.67%
Aug	\$58,007	38.67%
July	START	

Global Action Team

GAT training within our zones found over 125 Lion Leaders trained in Lions International's effort for our clubs to embrace the Global Action Team process. This program is believed to be paramount to our ability to meet the needs of our communities by Lions Clubs all over the world. Imaging 1.7 Lions and Leos able to serve the needs of over 200 million each year. Together, we can make a difference!

Last month's newsletter included each team member's responsibilities. As we closed each training session, each club was challenged to meet with their own GAT in anticipation of reigniting our clubs with an active Club Global Action Team.

If your club's GAT has not met, I suggest you do so. Here are some ideas that may help you get started.

Fill each office of the GAT team.

President	Chair	VP Leadership
Service		Membership

Provide each GAT members with the information provided in last month's newsletter and encourage members to be prepared to offer suggestions in their areas of responsibilities.

Schedule a meeting and invite other club members to attend.

Create an action plan for the remainder of the year that will include emphasis in the areas of Leadership, Service, and Membership.

Present the plan to your Board of Directors for approval and endorsement.

Present the plan to your membership.

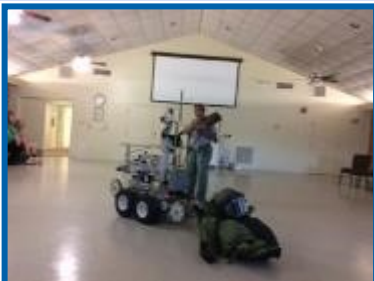
TAKE ACTION!

Use your district resources if you need help. We are willing to help when called upon. I hope you will also let me know what you club is doing so that we can report your efforts to other clubs. Let's show Lions of the World that our clubs are focused on Service, Leadership, and Membership.

Together, WE can make a difference!

GLT District Coordinator - IPDG George Culp

LionGeorgeCulp@gmail.com



Global Service

Greetings Fellow Lions,

One of the suggested service projects is maintaining a **little free Library**. Your club could place a book house in a park or public location. You would need permission from the local government to place it. On the web at littlefreelibrary.org, it will explain how to set it up. A club could build their house or buy one. There is a good selection at esty.com.

Each month, one of your members could review what books are in the book house. Some community members may add some books, others may just take one. Start by having your members donate unwanted books. Maybe their friends may have a few. The concept is take a book, leave a book. When you register your book house, people can find your book house from the website. Remember to contact your local library, so they know of its existences.

Lion Ron Rich

Global Service Team Chair

Casper101@windstream.net

Suggested Service Projects:

Maintain a "Little Free Library"

Collect used pill bottles to send to an organization that fills them for poor countries in need (see Matthew 25 Ministries)

Sponsor a vision / diabetes screening

Assist with Meals on Wheels deliveries

Join or start a reading program at a school or library

Hold a food drive

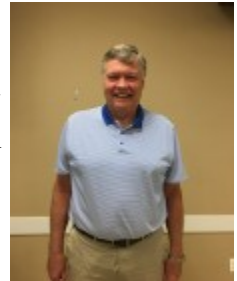
Camp Dogwood Special Guest

If you need another great reason to volunteer at Camp, here is one. You get to see things like this demonstration from the Winston-Salem Bomb Squad. Commander Angie Swaim described the robot she brought. It is the old one from the 90's and cost about \$150,000. Their new one cost \$250,000, has more cameras and moves faster. She also passed around a few of the grenades they have been called out to disarm. Angie is retiring in the next year but hopefully will be back next season. You don't want to miss her amazing presentation.

Club News and Events

Davis-Townsend Lions Club's fall barbecue chicken fundraiser will be from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 29 at the den on Turner Road. Plates are \$9 each. Eat in or take out is available. Get your tickets now.

Kernersville Lions Club selected Mike Lewis (pictured on the right) as their 2018 Lion of the Year. As part of such honor, the recipient designates what charity receives a \$1,000.00 donation. The Shepherd's Center received the donation in Lion Mike's honor. The club appreciates all the time and effort that Lion Mike contributes to their projects.



Lexington Downtown Lions Club's major fund raiser, the Dave Conrad Memorial Golf Tournament, will be Sept. 5 at the Lexington Golf Club. See the July newsletter for contact and registration information. Teams and hole sponsors are needed.



Could YOU navigate your community if you had a visual or hearing impairment, or a mobility or developmental disability?

Challenge yourself!* Join us for
Barrier Awareness Day
Friday, October 5
 8:30am J. Smith Young YMCA
 Light refreshments
 9-12pm: Challenge experience
 (Be prepared to travel on foot and on the bus)
 Noon: Lunch

Experience your community in a new way.

*Challenge event: small groups simulating several types of disabilities

RSVP September 21st
 The Arc of Davidson County 1900 S. Main St. Lexington NC 27292
 *****\$10.00 for lunch*****

Name: _____

Business: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____



Harrisburg Lions Club Fish Fry discontinued until further notice.

Linwood Lions Club will make a "Joyful Noise" on Thursday, October 11. Food (chef's choice) at a cost of \$7.50 begins at 6:30 p.m. and music at 7. Proceeds from half and half tickets and collection go to Brighter Visions.



VAVS Schedule 2018

Date Lions Club

24-Sep Cleveland

22-Oct Thomasville

26-Nov Gold Hill

3-Dec Pilot

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

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.*

FUNDRAISER—FOLLOW CHRISTY'S QUEST = [HTTPS://GIVING.ESIGHTEYEWEAR.COM/CHRISTY-POTEAT](https://giving.esighteyewear.com/christy-poteat)**Christy Poteat****Help Give Me the Vision to Paint the World**

Can you imagine a mother's concern and fear when she finds out her six-month old daughter can only see light and dark? A mother's mind filled with hopes and dreams that her daughter would have a fulfilling, independent life? When I was six-months old I was diagnosed with Retinopathy of Prematurity and my Mom experienced exactly those heartfelt dreams for me and created an environment for me full of love, growth and care. While growing up I was able to stay in the mainstream school system supported by my family and teachers. It was a proud, accomplishing day when I walked across the stage and received my high school diploma.

When I was five years old my father shared his interest in drawing with me and taught me to draw Snoopy. In that moment my heart began to sing and my passion for art began. After graduating from high school, I went to Wilkes Community College and pursued art classes. I have been fortunate enough to study with local artists in my area, Nags Head, NC and Florida. When I paint now I draw from the blurred vision of my subject and allow the paint brush to stroke the canvas and fill in the details of my inner vision.



Each year I take two trips to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. I have never been able to read the printed history or see the details at a distance. I long to see the recreation of the Lost Colony and stand on the beach able to see the whitecaps crashing onto the shore.

Presently, my vision is 20/200 corrected in my right eye and only the ability to count fingers with my left eye. My central vision has diminished and I depend greatly on my peripheral vision. In 2016, I decided to go to Leader Dogs for the Blind and received my first leader dog, Autumn. As a team, my mobility and independence has grown.

On July 19, 2018 at Camp Dogwood for the Blind I had the opportunity to try a pair of eSight3 glasses. For the first time in my life I clearly saw the details of my mother's face, her smile and tears on her cheeks. I was able to read the bottom line of the eye chart and reading chart. I felt a wave of overwhelming emotion when my mom looked over my shoulder and could not read the bottom line on the reading chart.

With a pair of eSight3 glasses I see so much potential for me to fulfill my dreams and improve my everyday activities. My skills in bowling and golf in the Special Olympics will be enhanced to a new, higher level. With eSight3 I will be able to expand my horizons with my painting. My desire to pursue my art and have the opportunity to open my own art studio will become a reality.

Help me make this life-changing technology a reality for me and allow me to see the world in a clearer, more brilliant way. Every dollar donated will help me reach my goal. I am asking from my heart for the gift of sight. Reach into your heart and your pockets and make this happen for me. I appreciate your donations and opening new doors in my future.

*****UPDATE from CHRISTY*****

I deposited a \$4,000 check in the bank today (8/18). It cannot be posted to eSight until Tuesday morning. This will put me over the top, and we still have money to come in. We haven't had the first fundraiser. We will now begin Christy's **PAY IT FORWARD**. I wish to give someone else the gift of sight. I still need your help.

Come walk with me on September 8th at the Y Express at West Park Medical Center, 1918 W Park Drive, North Wilkesboro. Registration is at 8 a.m.

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



The Lions have played such a significant part in supporting the Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw. This wonderful facility provides a safe and nurturing environment for the residents. For many, their experiences here are life-altering. Your Lions Club may be able to provide items that will help them fulfill their current needs.

The Lions Cottage could use:

- Industrial size pots and pans for cooking
- items, particularly boxed, non-perishable items
- \$1000 to purchase touring bicycles for campus use

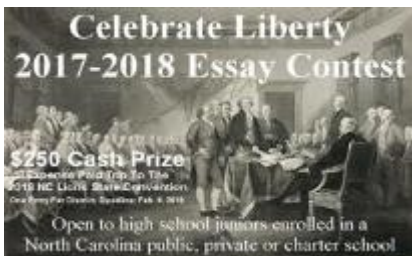
The Lake House could use:

- Pampers sizes newborn 5 and 6
- Pull-ups
- Wipes

The Lions Cottage is 57 years old and showing its age. Several Lions have discussed the possibility of a restricted endowment of \$100,000 for the Lions Cottage to be started to help with the maintenance issues. Two other civic organizations have created similar funds.

Discuss this idea with your Lions Club and direct input to Glenda Everhart at gbeverhart@yahoo.com.

Glenda Everhart, District Chair



Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest

North Carolina Lions are sponsoring the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest, with the state winner receiving a \$250 cash prize and an expense paid trip to attend the 2019 N.C. Lions State Convention in Greensboro, where he/she will be invited to read their winning essay during the general business session.

The contest is open to high school juniors enrolled in a North Carolina public, private, or charter school. Essays must be no longer than 750 words and sponsored by a local Lions Club in each district. Judging should be done on the club and district level before one entry being submitted to the state Celebrate Liberty chairman for final judging. The deadline to submit an entry to District 31-I is January 14, 2019. District entries should be submitted to Gayle Cobb, District Celebrate Liberty Chair.

Students should base their essay on this John Adams quote:

“A Constitution founded on these principles introduces knowledge among the people, and inspires them with a conscious dignity becoming freemen; a general emulation takes place, which causes good humor, sociability, good manners, good morals to be general. That elevation of sentiment inspired by such a government makes the common people brave and enterprising. That ambition which is inspired by it makes them sober, industrious and frugal.”

John Adams was one of the Founding Fathers of the United States, and the second President.

For more information about the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest, or to obtain a copy of the contest brochure, contact District 31-I Celebrate Liberty Chairperson Gayle Cobb at vgmccobb@gmail.com or 336-372-2577. Hard copies of each club's winning entry may be mailed to

Lion Gayle at 3 Coleman Drive, Sparta, NC 28675.



THE SUMMER DESTINATION
FOR THE
VISUALLY IMPAIRED & BLIND

Hurray, Hurray! The Camp Dogwood raffle tickets are here!

We will be picking up our clubs' tickets at the Brighter Vision Kickoff, and I hope you will start selling them as soon as possible . . . I never leave home without my Camp Dogwood Tickets.

I don't know about all of the Lions, but it is a honor for me to sell those tickets because I know where the ticket money goes. Please let your VIPs know about the tickets and they might want to help you sell the Camp tickets also.

I would love to come to your club and do my program about our Timeshare which is called Camp Dogwood.

Theresa Munyon, Camp Dogwood Chair

Hello from Camp Dogwood

We have boxes of glasses that are ready and waiting for volunteers to sort and prepare for shipping. October 2, 2018 thru October 4, 2018 have been set aside as Eyeglass Sorting Days. If you are available to join us, we will serve dinner on Tuesday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Wednesday and breakfast on Thursday.

If you would like a room, please contact Camp prior to September 21st. Thanks so much for all you do. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon. Contact Tammy Thomas, Properties Manager at 828-478-2135 ext. 230 if you are available to help.

Even though Summer Camp 2018 has ended, Camp Dogwood is still buzzing. Sidewalk construction should be completed by now, offering VIPs a safer way to stroll around the Camp. Four Dogwood trees will be relocated to the center courtyard. Immediately following, the drives will begin receiving a much needed facelift, providing a smoother ride for the VIPs traveling around camp in our Camp Dogwood Taxis (golf carts).

There are still a few small projects to complete the White Renovation. Seven new ADA toilets have been installed in the men's and women's restrooms in the Lodge.

We recently shipped over 9000 pounds of eyeglasses to Indiana for recycling. We also shipped a 14 foot box truck full of ink cartridges off to the recycler. Eyeglass sorting is scheduled for October 2-4. The plan moving forward is to sort and ship eyeglasses as needed. It is hard to find a recycling center able to take large amounts at one time. Please make note that we will sort and ship everything except individual lenses and cases. YES, we do accept sunglasses and broken frames.

Remember, Camp Dogwood is here year round. If you have a few hours or a day free, don't wait until April to volunteer. There are so many things to be done around the camp. Thank you for the volunteer and financial support of this beautiful camp that enables all of us the opportunity to provide a vacation "home" for the visually impaired in North Carolina.

Tammy Thomas, Properties Manager

What's Cooking?

Want to be a part of the 1st ever CAMP DOGWOOD COOKBOOK?

Do you have a special recipe you would like to share with others across NC? If you would like to submit a recipe, email



Tammy@nclionsinc.org

2017-18 District 31-I Awards Presentations

PDG GEORGE CULP

August 4, 2018

THE POWER OF WE

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. – Helen Keller

BRIGHTER VISIONS \$162,262.65
\$128.78/member

Clubs Participating 53 93.0%

Camp Dogwood Ticket Sales \$30,120

Books/member 2.4

Clubs Participating 50 87.7%

District Governor's Goals

Clubs Participating 54 94.7%

LCIF \$4,100

Rise Against Hunger \$2,944

Guide/Leader Dog \$2,460

Stickley Fellowships \$2,458

Scruggs Beacon of Hope \$2,400

Woolard Partner-in-Service \$2,250

VAVS \$1,715

Boys and Girls Homes \$1,699

Deaf Blind Retreat \$1,654

Leo Clubs \$ 580

TOTAL \$214,162

We SERVE –

SERVICE ACTIVITIES 1,936

LION HOURS 29,064

PEOPLE SERVED 277,138



Congratulations to the MOST IMPROVED CLUB-**WEST IREDELL LIONS**. Pictured above President Patsy and Lions Christie, Marsha, Judy, Joan and Lenua who were present at our District 31-I Awards Banquet to take part in our achievement.



The **Ben Q Foreman** award for outstanding service to the district has come to be regarded as the Lion of the Year Award. This year's honoree is Lion Michelle Gregory from the Welcome Lions Club who certainly deserved that recognition.

Important Deadlines:

9/21 Reservation for glass-sorting event

9/21 Reservation for Barrier Awareness Day - form on page 7

NC VIP Fishing Tournament - OCT 22, 23 & 24

This year's theme is the Kentucky Derby



Register/pay fees online at ncvipfishing.org

District 31-I Newsletter is published monthly.

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.

Newsletters sent by e-mail are available on the day of publication. USPS mailings are received a week after publication and cost a minimum \$.50 cents to mail; and, depending on the number of pages in each edition, could cost \$.71 to \$.92 cents per issue to mail.

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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