

DISTRICT 31-I NEWS



BEYOND THE HORIZON



District 31-I Newsletter

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Membership News

In loving memory of Lions who have died this past month

Member	Club
PDG Robert L. "Shorty" Ham*	Snow Hill
Thad G. Morrison	South Iredell
Greg Fletcher**	Sparta
Gene Krise	Troutman
Ila Mae Miller Bledsoe O'Neal	Mother of PDG Paul Bledsoe, Past President NC Lions, Inc.

*Past President NCLI **son of DG Carolyn and PCC Bob

Information obtained from MMRs submitted to LCI



Childhood

Cancer

Awareness

Month

Important Deadlines:

February 1, 2019 - Last date to register for State Leo Convention and last date to order T-shirts. Registration forms are available on the NC Lions, Inc. website.

Welcome New Lions

Member	Club	Sponsored by
Patricia Peterson	Kernersville	Jeff Peterson
Fred C. Mayerle	Davis-Townsend	Jack Frank
PDG Durden Dean	Mooreville	Transfer from Alabama

Directory Changes

Pg. 11: District Treasurer
Robyn Cauble
32564 Bridge Street
Mt. Pleasant, NC 28124

P 23 - Fair Grove Treasurer

stevecline@twc.com

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VAVS
Schedule 2019

Date	Lions Club
25-Feb	West Lexington/ Welcome
25-Mar	Churchland
22-Apr	Hasty
20-May	Harrisburg
24-Jun	Mt. Pleasant
22-Jul	Salisbury

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

In Memory of Greg Fletcher

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your thoughts, prayers, kind words, cards and visits. We have been overwhelmed by the love we have been shown since the passing of our son Greg.

Your kindness helps us deal with the heaviness in our hearts.

Carolyn and Bob Sprinkle

NC Lions District 31-I Mid-Winter Convention Opening Session/Town Hall: International 2VP Haynes Townsend

International Second Vice President, Hayes Townsend, from Dalton, GA presided at the Town Hall on Saturday, January 12. Following our convention, he will be traveling to Chicago for the District Governor Elect Training. He is hoping to champion an effort to reduce the duties of the DG from twelve to three to simplify what DGs are expected to do.

Similarly he would like to see LCI/LCIF revisit their projects/initiatives, some 450 at this time, and streamline the process.

Q&A:

District LCIF chair PDG Butch Conrad asked I2VP Haynes to comment on "Campaign 100," the latest capital campaign of LCIF. The goal is to raise \$300 million in the next three years. We have about \$84 million to date. A lot of this total is the result of large Asian pledges where recognition of giving is considered very important. The campaign is to finance the goal of serving 200 million people each year. Last year's total was 196 million, and most likely would have reached the goal if all clubs reported their service more diligently.

We need to look at the five focus areas and determine where the greatest need is and focus our attention on them—a sort of triage effort.

On the subject of membership: the North American Membership Institute (NAMI) has a small budget and eight pilot projects to focus on retention in the US/CA. I2VP Haynes and I3VP Brian Sheehan are spearheading this effort. Cyber/internet clubs to entice millennials are a major focus.

Africa is growing and has requested its own constitutional area. Area #8 would have 30,000 Lions. The cost to add an International Director position is about \$80,000 per year. PIP Eberhard Wirfs is the sponsor.

Africa and Asia are growing rapidly, especially in comparison to US/CA. Lionism is new with younger, more enthusiastic members who consider it a prestigious honor to be a Lion. It is very expensive to join, as much as \$10,000, and there is a lot of wealth. They have a lot more women involved, even parity in some areas.

Question was asked if there was any possibility that the headquarters would be relocated based on the membership shift. I2VP Haynes said that Asia would love it, but since Oak Brook has been remodeled recently, he doesn't see that happening.

Most DGE training will be in St. Charles, IL rather than at the international convention, as a cost-saving effort.

Question was asked about advertising that seems to have all but disappeared. I2VP Haynes said we purposely overspent for advertising during the centennial by about \$4 million. With the current market we are losing on investments. We reduced the \$8 million deficit to \$4 million last year. The immediate goal is to balance the budget. Use social media as much as possible then perhaps come back with some billboards.

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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.** Send those great pictures too!

1st VDG Jimmy Myers

A Lion who was very helpful at our very successful District Convention was our District Governor Carolyn Sprinkle's son and her husband Bob's stepson, Gregory Alan Fletcher. Tragically, he was found deceased at his residence on Sunday, January 20 at age 55. Greg was a member of the Sparta Lions Club. It is with deep sadness that he has been taken from us. We are thankful for his service to his community through his church (Sparta United Methodist) and his Lions Club. May God comfort his family during their time of sorrow over this very great loss. Let us rejoice though in Greg's life.

Thanks also for all who attended our wonderful convention. Thanks to our District Governor Carolyn for her leadership and our impressive keynote speaker 2nd International Vice-President Haynes Townsend. I was amazed at how much we had in common. We have both been Lions for forty years. I have been a judge twenty-four years, and he has been on the bench twenty-three years. We both preside over the same types of cases. His mother and my mother both battled breast cancer. Needless to say, we got along just fine.

In 2020, Haynes will become International President. This down to earth native of Dalton, Georgia will make an outstanding International President. In his keynote address, he motivated us to be servant leaders.

Thanks to all who made this District Convention a success and congratulations to Judi Seymour (District Global Membership Chair) of the Concord Club and Michelle Gregory (District Brighter Visions Chair) of the Welcome Club for receiving International Presidential Citations, and Theresa Munyon (Camp Dogwood District Chair) of the Denton Club for having the Convention dedicated to her and her Lions service.

Lion Jimmy Myers - District Governor Elect

2nd VDG Donald Cobb

Why Do Members Leave the Club?

Have you ever wondered why members leave your club? If so, you're not alone as we all ask that question after people leave.

Studies by Lions Club International have found that members typically leave their club within the first three years of becoming a member, or after they have been members for 20 or more years. The reasons former members gave for leaving their club included interpersonal relationships within the club such as conflict with other members, personality clashes, and too much drama. Some indicated the personal level of commitment was too great resulting from Lions taking too much time, members losing interest or burning out, and members having too many responsibilities within the club. Others moved to a location where there were no clubs nearby or their club had closed and there were no clubs within a reasonable distance.

Leadership of the club was also a reason members left their club. Many indicated there was a lack of leadership or there was poor leadership, a lack of focus or direction within the club, there was dictatorial leadership, meetings were poorly run, or leaders tried to micromanage projects. Others indicated club meetings were not enjoyable or were dull and boring, there was poor morale and low participation in activities, members had formed cliques, and individuals felt like they didn't belong.

Other reasons for leaving the club included illness or medical reasons, some felt they had gotten too old or had retired from their job, and others had personal reasons that were not related to LCI. In some cases, individuals felt there was no sense of positive community influence or their club was not doing anything. There were some members who also left indicating it cost too much or the fees were too high keeping them from remaining a member.

These reasons certainly give us something to think about as we wonder why members leave our clubs. Take a close look at your own club. Are club members guilty of doing some of these things that cause people to leave? If so, can these things be changed or eliminated from your club culture?

Next month we will look at how you can find out why people leave your club as well as some of the things we can do to keep members in our clubs. Stay tuned!

Lion Donald Cobb - 1st Vice District Governor Elect

Club News and Events

Campers will enjoy new rides in these super new golf carts this summer, a gift to Camp Dogwood from the **Lake Norman Lions Club**.



The Mocksville Lions Club completed its 2018 Fruit Fund-raiser Sale by selling over 359 cases of fruit. Cases of fruit were ordered and purchased in advance from Lion members by supporters of the Mocksville Lions Club. Fruit was also sold locally from the Lions Tent on December 16th after a major snowstorm subsided. Lion Steve Talton (left) and Mike Curry (right) are seen preparing for a busy day selling the final cases of fresh fruit. This is one of two annual major fundraisers for the Mocksville Lions, and the Club would like to thank all those who purchased fruit. Proceeds are used to aid the visually

impaired and other civic causes throughout Davie County. The Mocksville Lions Club meets monthly on the third (3rd) Thursday in the Fellowship Hall behind the First United Methodist Church in Mocksville at 7PM. If you are interested in becoming a Lion and attending a meeting, please call 336-830-1717. Be a part of something great, become a Lion today!

Denton Masonic Lodge and the **Denton Lions Club** are happy to co-sponsor a dessert auction on Monday, Feb. 11 to raise money for the South Davidson Family Resource Center. Postponed due to snow in December, it is now a great opportunity to get your Valentine's Day goodies and help a great cause. Soup and Sandwiches will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the auction starting at 7:15. Everyone is welcome to come. If you have that special dessert, bring it to be auctioned. Otherwise, just come and find that special Valentine's Day sweet for your sweet. Please contact PDG Theresa Matthews at 336-906-2510 or mkmsales@mindspring.com if you are going so she can get a headcount for the food.

Mt. Pleasant Lions Brighter Visions Auction will be Thursday, Feb. 28. Dinner at 6 p.m. with auction to follow. Call/email Terry/Robyn Cauble by Feb. 23 if you plan to join for dinner. Cost of meal is \$8.

Join us at the
Linwood Lions Den
 (4508 Old Linwood Rd., Linwood, NC)
On Valentines Day for...

Joyful Noise
A Night of Live Music

Thursday, February 14, 2019,
 beginning at 7:00 PM

*Plated meals (Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread,
 Dessert, & Beverage)
 at \$7.50 per plate, available starting at 6:30*

Passing Singers/Musicians welcome! (Call 336-656-9001)

West Iredell Lions started 2019 by donating 100 "We Care, We Serve" backpacks to My Sister's House, Fifth Street Ministries and The Statesville Salvation Army. The bags were filled with essential items that would give people a brighter start to the New Year. The club continues with service projects – including programs on Diabetes Awareness, Immunization, Heart Disease and Cancer. It is only February, but we are getting ready for our second annual 5K Run/1 Mile Walk. The excitement is flowing into the community as they prepare for the fundraiser in April. The Club has 2 new members anxious to join and ready to serve as Lions.



District 31-I Lions in Service

Denton Lions Club is once again sponsoring the 2018 Miss Denton and Little Miss Denton Pageants. They will be held on March 2, 2019. Miss Denton is open to Sophomore, Junior, and Senior girls at South Davidson. Little Miss Denton is open to First and Second grade girls at Denton and Silver Valley Elementary Schools. Please join them for their opening meeting at 2 p.m. Feb. 10 at 736 N. Main St., Denton. If you have any questions or need more information, contact [Theresa Wallace Matthews](#), [Liddy Matthews Bray](#), [Lauren Surratt](#), or [Amber Geelen](#).



Kernersville Lions Club reports a successful butt sale which garnered approximately \$5,200.00. Thanks to all who participated and particularly Lion Mike and his crew of butts. Always a good project. The club is planning ahead for 2019. The car benefit will be held on April 9, and the spring folly will be held May 3-5. Lion Larry will be offering special cooking classes at a later time. Please sign up.



Salisbury Lion Don Conner administers a vision screening test. Members of the SPOT camera committee screened 192 students at the new West Rowan Elementary School. Twenty nine (15%) were referred for professional evaluation. The majority of learning is visual, so ensuring appropriate visual care and correction when indicated is critical to a student's learning experience!

North Wilkesboro Lions sponsors the Wilkes County VIP/Blind Support Group which meets once a month at the Wilkesboro United Methodist Church. The meetings are informative, and refreshments are served. The DSS director Amanda Shumate works closely with the club and helps plan guest speakers or entertainment. This year's annual Christmas party included a very special guest, Santa Claus. The club's service projects include collecting TABS, greeting cards and medicine bottles. The bottles are donated to Samaritan's Purse. The club is also sponsoring Century, a puppy Leader Dog in training. Her name is unusual and given to her by the puppy raiser because she is the 100th puppy that this family has worked with to be a leader dog. The club is also in the process of repairing a home for a blind lady. The home has major water damage and is in bad need of repair.

Pictured below is Cathy McLean who is blind with Santa; Lions Linda Bentley, Antha and Mike Reid with Santa; some of the support group attending the party; VIP Margaret Elledge sitting on Santa's lap (She said this was the first time in her 86 years that she had sat on Santa's lap) and Century.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Friday, Feb 8 - Sunday, Feb. 10		NCLI Quarterly Meetings	Airport Marriott - Greensboro
Friday, Feb. 15		International Childhood Cancer Day	
Friday, Feb. 22 - Sunday, Feb. 24		State LEO Convention <i>Registration forms are on pages 10-11 & on the 31-I website</i>	Camp Dogwood
Sunday, Mar. 10		2019 Mid-Winter Convention Post-Mortem	TBD
Friday, Apr. 26 - Sunday, Apr. 28		State Lions Convention	Airport Marriott—Greensboro
Friday, May 3 - Sunday, May 6		NCLI Quarterly Meetings	TBD

Brighter Visions

Thank you again, Lions of District 31-I! We continue to move closer to reaching our Brighter Visions Goal. Since the last update on the NCLI website, our district has collected another \$2000. Last weekend at our District Convention, we collected approximately \$4000 for Brighter Visions. These monies came from our theme basket ticket sales, BV boutique, tail twister auction and spare change collections. Thank you, Lions for all your support and hard work!

We have another great opportunity to raise money for Brighter Visions in our district. Bob Timberlake has graciously donated a print to each of our five districts to use as a fundraising project for NC Lions Brighter Visions.

Mountain Flurries is a signed and numbered giclée print. We have number 525 of 1643.

We are selling tickets for \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. Zone chairs were given tickets to distribute to our clubs. Please contact your zone chair if you haven't received your tickets.

We will draw the winning ticket during our cabinet meeting at state convention on Sunday, April 28. Send your tickets and money to our cabinet Treasurer Robyn Cauble before the state convention, or take your ticket stubs to the state convention if you're planning to attend.

***** Please send one check from your club for all monies collected for the Timberlake tickets*****

If you need more tickets, please contact me so I can find more for you. Tickets are numbered. I know which clubs have each grouping of tickets.

Do you have an event coming up soon? Would you like help selling tickets? Call me. If I'm available, I'll be happy to help you sell your tickets. I will also attend your club or zone meeting and bring the Timberlake print for show-n-tell. Please contact me.

Good Luck! Happy Selling! Thank you in advance for your hard work and efforts for Brighter Visions!

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

*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	\$68,110	45.41%	50.00%
Dec	\$65,616	43.74%	41.67%
Nov	\$62,685	41.79%	33.33%
Oct	\$61,830	41.22%	25.00%
Sep	\$60,080	40.5%	16.67%
Aug	\$58,007	38.67%	8.33%
July	START		



Global Action Team

Global Leadership

Leadership and Popcorn

Several days ago, I was munching on some freshly popped corn. As I enjoyed my snack, I remembered something I saw recently in a Leadership Kit I received while serving as your District Governor. The article was entitled "Fuel for your Fire; How to think beyond boundaries to solve tough problems" Allow me to share it with you.

Your brain is a powerhouse of creative energy. It is an amazing thinking machine. Whatever you observe gets stored like corn seeds in your mind.

All that is required to convert these stored observations into ideas that can be applied is the process of THINKING.

Do you have a problem? Let your subconscious mind work on it, round the clock. Meet, visit and talk with different types of people. Yes, this is the process of putting the "heat on" in your mind, and soon the sleeping thoughts and stored observations will come up like...

POP, POP, POPCORN!

Stay tuned for officer training for next year. We are seeking a location for the entire district training event to be held in May. All officers are encourage to attend.

PDG George Culp GLT District 31-I
liongeorgeculp@gmail.com 704 906 8568

Global Service

WOW! Isn't it amazing what 24 Lions can do in just 3 hours? 10,152 meals packed and ready to deliver to hungry children. Measuring, filling bags, weighing, labeling and boxing. Every 1000 meals, Mrs. Becky rang the gong, and all of us cheered. I heard someone say they saw DG Carolyn running around with her hair in curlers. Of course, she was just sporting one of the lovely caps that we were all wearing. I wish you could have seen it.

Thanks to all the worker bees who participated.

Lion Ron Rich

Global Service Team Chair

Casper101@windstream.net

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

Global Membership

GMT Judi Seymour here. Hope everyone who attended our convention enjoyed the networking and info shared. Our district has gained and lost again. The sad news is that this month, we are one member less. Please do whatever you can to include your members in activities. Each member is special and has unique qualities. Let's find out what they are and encourage them to show off their talents. Make them feel needed and wanted. That's how we keep our members active.

Lions Club International Foundation

LCIF is rolling out Campaign 100, a three-year fundraising effort to raise \$300 million to serve 200 million people per year. Each club is being asked to designate their own LCIF chairperson and to draft their own plan to increase giving to LCIF. As your district LCIF chair, I am available to come to your club to tell you more about the program and to help you with your own efforts. Give me a call or email me to set up a time to visit. Please tell me your LCIF chair **NOW**.

Thanks, PDG Butch Conrad
chrisjenministries@gmail.com
 336-746-5046

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Question: Is membership stable in any district or multiple in the US? Yes, and a committee filled with members from successful areas has been formed. Will meet in Oak Brook but mostly via conference calls to look for commonality-what makes them successful.

PDG Theresa Matthews noted that most clubs in 31-I are grass roots efforts to serve the visually impaired.

Comment from PDG Durden Dean, a new member from Mooresville, who is originally from Alabama: We seem to be missing a generation. What happens to LEOs after college? I2VP Haynes says there are two LEOs on the board now. (Canada and Macedonia-1 boy/1 girl). PDG Dave Shimberg suggested Lion mentor for campus LEOs. LEOs are covered so no liability.

PDG Gene Everette interjected that Rotary appears more successful. I2VP Haynes responded that, in fact, all service clubs are losing members. He is hopeful that LEOs can move to a “specialty” club.

First Lady Ginny would like to see Lions maintain some relationship with ex-Lions—“we still love them.”

PDG Gene cited the need for better communication.

Lion Patsy Shumate noted that West Iredell has 3 generations of Lions from one family.

PDG Butch offered that other types of membership such as associate are available. Lion Pat Soutullo added that Lake Norman limits the number of associates to two.

PDG Dave reported that KidSight has grown and is in partnership with Special Olympics.

I2VP Haynes added that LionsQuest is expanding, more so internationally – country-wide in Macedonia, changing attitudes by teaching life skills and making good citizens. Needs funding and promotion. PIP Al Brandel is main supporter.

Reminder: almost time to elect officers. Be sure to update LCI with your club’s accurate information. Keep your FB info up-to-date. Prospective members learn about Lions from social media.

DG Carolyn talked about the Allegheny Champion club for Special Olympics athletes that folded due to expense. Would like to see some subsidy or dues forgiveness for this category.

Partnerships such as LensCrafters, VPS, etc., plus local service providers, are active.

PDG Gene asked if there any procedure for combining with other service clubs, e.g. Jaycees who age out. Most JC clubs have folded (only 3 left in NC). I2VP Haynes said his LC picked up the Dalton Christmas parade when JCs folded there. Kiwanis almost folded. Optimist? Exchange?

Lion Antha Reid mentioned their local VIP club.

from notes taken on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary, PCC Tim Williams



THE SUMMER DESTINATION
FOR THE
VISUALLY IMPAIRED & BLIND

Look for new art work in White Dormitory, thanks to some generous Lions who purchased several prints at the District 31-I Mid-Winter Convention auction. Thanks for your double contribution to Brighter Visions and to the Camp.

Remember to keep selling your Camp Dogwood tickets. Money raised from ticket sales is used for the maintenance of the camp.

Where to find it on the web:

nclions31.org to find information of interest on the district level

If you are wondering what that Lions term means, look for it in PDG Jerry Austin’s Lions Lingo at

<http://nclions31.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Lions-Lingo-Oct-2015-1.pdf>

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

(or contact Camp Director, Tammy Thomas at tammy@nclionsinc.org or call 828-478-2135, ext. 232)



The Davidson County Lions Council will sponsor the MSU at Davidson County Community College April 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Spread the word. DCLC has been offering an annual day trip to Camp Dogwood for VIPs. The problem this year is the camp is almost booked solid, which is a good problem so a Saturday date has not yet been found for the trip until June. A Sunday in May could be possible.

Denton Lions Club's Steak and Shrimp Dinner will be Mar. 23 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Denton Masonic Lodge. Price to be set nearer the date.

Denton Lions Club will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary on April 18. PID Harvey Whitley will be the guest speaker. Let Lion Theresa Matthews know if you are interested in attending.

Fair Grove Lions Club will be celebrating 70 years this year. Plans to be announced later. The club will have its annual giveaway at Memorial Methodist Church in Thomasville March 19. \$60 tickets will be available and entitle the bearer to two steak dinners and a chance at the jackpot and door prizes. The club is also planning a membership night.

Gold Hill Lions Club will be having its wonderful "Bake Auction" again this year. More information to follow on the club's Facebook page.

It is not too early to be reminded of events on **Kemersville Lions Club's** calendar for 2019. Ladies night – Valentine Surprise – February 12 at Maple Chase Country Club at 6 pm. Please see Lion Secretary Marvin to make reservations. \$28.00 per person. The menu consists of: Caesar salad, hand carved NY Strip, pan seared salmon filets, grilled veggies w/balsamic glaze, green beans, smashed red potatoes w/garlic & chives, bow tie pasta w/veggies & herbs and triple chocolate mousse cake and seasonal fruit cobbler for dessert. The car benefit will be held on April 9, and spring folly will be held May 3-5. Lion Larry will be offering special cooking classes at a later time. Please sign up.

Thomasville Lions Club is working on a new member training program in four sessions with a meal. More details as plans unfold.

Welcome Lions Club's country-style steak with green beans, mashed potatoes, stewed apples, roll, beverage and dessert will be served Saturday, March 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Center United Methodist Church Christian Fellowship Center. Tickets are \$11 each and must be purchased in advance. Contact a Welcome Lion or email Michelle. at michgregory358@gmail.com to purchase a ticket.

Reminder to remit the following District Governor goals:

Woolard Partner in Service \$1/member
 Ambassador Club \$2/member
 Scruggs Beacon of Hope \$2/member

to the District Treasurer

Robyn Cauble
32564 Bridge Street
Mt. Pleasant, NC 28124

*(NCLI should continue to receive only Brighter Visions contributions
 and Camp Dogwood ticket money and stubs)*



***On the Road with
 DG Carolyn***

Date	Club Name
5-Feb	Concord
11-Feb	Charlotte Southern
14-Feb	Huntersville
25-Feb	Mooreville
26-Feb	Kernersville
28-Feb	Wallburg

2019 District Mid-Winter Convention Highlights



A highlight of the weekend was the dedication of the convention to Lion Theresa Munyon. She was almost speechless, a rare occurrence, but found her voice to express her thanks for the honor.

Brighter Visions Boutique

Please accept my sincere gratitude for all who participated in the Brighter Visions Boutique at the district convention. Sixteen clubs participated, and we raised \$737.00. The donating clubs were: Charlotte Central, Cleveland, Concord, Davidson, Denton, Fair Grove, Lexington Downtown, Linwood, Mooresville, Pilot, South Park, Sparta, Troutman, Welcome, West Iredell, and Winston-Salem Konnoak Hills. The top seven clubs were: Linwood \$133, South Park \$105, Troutman \$83, Welcome \$66, and Concord \$62, West Iredell \$55, and Denton \$52.

The fun will continue at Linwood's Joyful Noise on February 14. We will be continuing with sales from 6:30 until 7:00, so if you were unable to attend the convention, you will have another chance to buy these unique and varied items.

Thank you again to all who donated and to all who shopped. Lion Debbie Williams

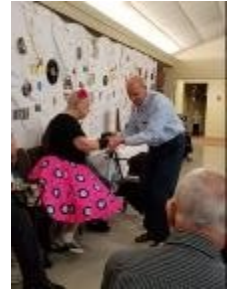
Leader Dog

It was a pleasure to see so many TABS and medicine bottles waiting for me at our district convention. I was so surprised and greatly appreciate everyone who brought these to the meetings. Our State Leader Dogs for the Blind Chairman, Lion Tom, was very impressed with our response. Congratulations to Mint Hill Lions Club for being the largest contributor to Leader Dogs this last quarter. We are so proud of District 31-I for their continued support of this very special project that helps so many VIPs. I have new material and videos available for very informative programs. Please call or e-mail me to set a time and date to come and share this with your club.

Lion Antha Reid—DLD Chairperson



Congratulations to the new 2VDGE Wayne Kennerly of the Salisbury Lions Club!



Rise Against Hunger: 10,152 meals, divided by 24 Lions equals 423 meals per member

Brighter Visions Totals:

Auction - \$2300
 Zone Baskets - \$1005
 Boutique - \$712
 Change Jars - \$16
 Tail Twister Fines - \$2
Total raised at the convention - \$4,035

An additional \$25 has been received for the Auction from a club that could not attend the convention.



Hospitality



Fun Night!



Awards



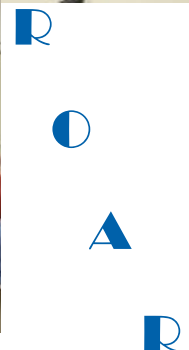
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Service



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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