

DISTRICT 31-I CABINET MEETING, November 3, 2018, Blue Ridge Electric/Energies, Sparta

Call to Order 2:00 pm by DG Carolyn Sprinkle. Pledge of Allegiance led by Lion Allen Reinhardt.
Invocation by District Chaplain Lion Debbie Williams.

Welcome to Lions and Guests by PDG Paul Bledsoe. PDG Gene Everett was appointed Parliamentarian.
A motion for Approval of Agenda was made by Lion Allen Reinhardt. Second from Lion Angie Kaiser.
Passed.

A motion accept the Minutes of the Previous Meeting was made by Lion Debbie Williams. Second from Lion Judi Seymour. Passed.

The Financial Report was presented by District Treasurer Robyn Cauble.

- Club secretaries were encouraged to check the LCI website for any moneys owed.
- The Sparta Club PlusOptix Project line was explained with emphasis on reporting to LCI (after completion) on how the money was spent.
- Lion Kirby Matthews was thanked for performing an excellent audit. (Attachment 1)
- Lion Bob Biesecker was thanked for filing our taxes at no charge.
- Lion Robyn pointed out the budget lines under Restricted Funds for “Youth Finds” and “Drug Awareness.” After discussion, a motion for the Executive Committee to come up with a recommendation for the dispersal of these funds was made by Lion Bob Loeblein . Second from Lion Bob Sprinkle. Passed.

DG Carolyn led a continued review and discussion of the Financial Report.

- Lion Ron Staley addressed the transfer of funds marked “International Convention Fund” from the Restricted Funds to line 1103 of the Administrative Account.
- Discussion of the use of District funds to send officers (other than the District Governor) to the International Convention ensued.

A motion to dispense with discussion of the Budget, refer questions concerning the use of District funds to send officers to the International Convention, and to approve the Financial Report as presented, was made by Lion Allen Reinhardt. Second from Lion Butch Conrad. Passed.

DG Carolyn reported for GLT Coordinator, Lion George Culp reported via email that...

- Monthly items are being published in the newsletter.
- Officer training has been offered to all five zones and GAT training has been provided.
- Generally speaking, clubs do not seem to be interested in the GAT program at the club level. He will continue to encourage their involvement.

GMT Coordinator, Lion Judi Seymour referred the Cabinet to her report. (Attachment 2)

GST Coordinator, Lion Ron Rich reported on *the Rise Against Hunger* Service Project to be held at our district convention.

DG Carolyn reported that the GAT Service Grant, seeking a \$750.00 reimbursement for the cost of our GAT Training, is on her desk.

The following Zone Chairperson Reports were presented:

- Zone 1 – Lion Bob Sprinkle – Fundraisers have been implemented; Service projects have been successful; Membership is rising. Priorities are: 1. Service; 2. Membership.

Lion Bob also presented reports on Constitution and By-Laws (Attachment 3) and The Nominations Committee. (Attachment 4)

- Zone 2 – Lion Paul Bledsoe – (Attachment 5)
- Zone 3 – Lion Theresa Matthews – (Attachment 6)
- Zone 4 – Lion George Culp – (Attachment 7)

Brighter Visions – Lion Michelle Gregory – Attachment 8)

PCC Ron Staley reported on the District Newsletter email addresses (Budget line # 4202)

- There are over 1,200 Lions in District 31-I. He has email addressed for only about 700 of them.
- He has found more than 100 invalid email addresses.
- Club secretaries need to send him all of the addresses they have for their club members.

Camp Dogwood Ticket Sales – Lion Theresa Munyon – The report of Camp Dogwood ticket sales can be received from NCLI.

2019 District Convention – (Attachment 9) The question of a cabinet meeting at the convention arose. This meeting needs to be scheduled and publicized since it is the event where our elections take place.

Committee Chair Reports:

- Boys and Girls Homes – Lion Glenda Everhart – (Attachment 10)
- Camp Dogwood Properties – Lion Sharon Weddington (via DG Carolyn) – Cleanup week for November was cancelled. (To be rescheduled.) Thanks go out to Kinston IFB for funding the paving of Camp Dogwood Drive.
- Camp Dogwood Volunteers – Lions Willie Hudson and Pat Soutullo – (Attachment 11)
- Celebrate Liberty – Lion Gayle Cobb – (Attachment 12)
- Fellowships and Partners and LCIF – Lion Butch Conrad – He is available for programs.
- Leo and Campus Clubs – Lion Cory Cauble & Leo Lillie Rogers – (Attachment 13)
- Public Info/Technology/Web Page – Lion Elizabeth Rummage – (Attachment 14)

Old Business – Lion Bob Sprinkle announced that 8 clubs had not received their Camp Dogwood tickets and found Lions who would deliver them to those clubs.

New Business – Lion Carolyn announced that she has New Member packets and offered them. She also announced that she still has State Trading Pins available.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Tim Williams
District Secretary

Audit Report
2017-2018 District 31-I Financial Records

Each year in accordance with our by-laws an audit of the financial records of District 31-I is conducted. This year's audit of District 31-I financial records for the 2017-2018 Lions year was conducted by me.

No discrepancies in the district's finances were found.

I would like to commend Immediate Past District Governor George Culp and Cabinet Treasurer Ron Staley for the manner in which these records have been kept this past year and the outstanding job they did controlling expenses.

I also commend the district for staying within the stated budget and practicing excellent stewardship fo district funds.

I recommend approval of the 2017-2018 Audit Report

Respectfully Submitted,
Lion Kirby Matthews

GMT Report

This quarter, I have...

Referred thee new potential members to local clubs in my districts.

Referred two potential Lion members to two clubs outside my district.

Taken two classes on line which will provide my district with \$250.00.

Set the following Goals for the year:

- Retain as many members as possible by speaking at clubs with concerns
- Accompanying State GMT Lion Irwin Seigelwaz to clubs in my district which are interested in training for growth and membership.
- Encouraging clubs to adopt VIPs to both keep VIPs active as well as membership.

I will be speaking Wednesday at Services for the Blind about what we do as Lions.

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Blue Ridge Energies – Sparta, NC
Constitution and By-Laws Committee Report
11/3/2018

As a member of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for Multiple District 31, I have participated in several communications – verbal and written over the past several weeks.

There will be some housekeeping changes proposed to our current Constitution and By-Laws. These will be presented during the State Convention. Written notification of these changes will be sent to the MD 31 membership thirty days prior to the convention.

In my opinion, adherence to the Constitution and By-Laws is a mandate to any organization to insure continuity of the purpose and work of Lions Clubs International.

Thank you for allowing me to serve on this committee and that is my report.

Submitted by: Lion Bob Sprinkle – Constitution and By-Laws Committee Chair

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Nominations Committee Report
11/3/2018**

Letters of intent to seek office are due on or before January 10th, 2019.

To date there is:

- One Candidate for District Governor.
- One Candidate for 1st Vice District Governor.
- One perspective Candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor. This Lion has not contacted the nominating Committee as of this date.

Thank you for allowing me to serve on this committee and that is my report.

Submitted by:

PCC Bob Sprinkle – Nominations Committee Chair
District 31-I



District 31-I, Zone 2 Chair Report

11/2/18

PDG Paul Bledsoe, Past President NCLI, USA/Canada Lions Forum Chair 2019

These are club reports received to date...

The Lake Norman Lions are off to a full and active year. We have held the following programs so far: Know LCI and Your LKN Lions, Meet and Appreciate our Scholarship Winner, Learn from Christy Poteat and her Leader dog and best friend, Amber, and Camp Dogwood Update from Carlton and Keisha. We continue our collection and recycling of Aluminum cans, and members have contributed time to VIP fishing, Blind Golfers, and Camp Dogwood. We made a contribution to Camp Dogwood for a golf cart and several other items. We are beginning activities for our Annual Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction to be held Saturday, March 2, and invite all to attend this fun event (tickets available from Cathy Critz – cathycritz@gmail.com).

From report...Paul, since our committee projects were both canceled or postponed due to various reasons we don't have a report to forward. Camp Dogwood cleanup will be held on Friday and Saturday. PDG Willie Hudson and I will be at the cabinet meeting on Sat. to update after the cleanup. Lion Pat Soutullo, Lake Norman Lions Club.

Kernersville Lions Club files this report of activities for July 1 – Oct 31, 2018:

- Started year with 59 members
- Added 1 in July
- Current on District & International assessments
- Queen of hearts game (50/50 split) generates money for Admin Fund
- Quietly celebrated our 80th anniversary Charter Night
- Sponsored team with Kernersville Soccer Association (\$400)
- Paid for 2 eye exams and eyeglasses (\$200)
- Sponsoring 2 LEO Clubs (EFHS & Glenn HS)
- Paid \$400 to 10 elementary, middle & charter schools in K'ville & area
- Completed 10 pre-school vision screenings (466 children)
- Completed 9 vision screenings at area schools (2547 students)
- Added \$2000 to the K'ville Lions Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Donated \$200 to VIP Fishing Tournament
- Donated \$1500 to local Shepherds Center
- Donated \$1500 to YMCA Partnership With Youth
- Donated \$750 to Next Step Ministries (Battered Women's Shelter)
- Donated \$600 to Backpack Ministry at First Baptist Church
- Donated \$375 to Christmas Stocking Fund at K'ville Moravian Church
- Donated \$250 for YMCA Bright Beginnings Program
- 10 Lions had perfect attendance last year
- Lions family picnic was canceled due to rain
- Budgeted \$25 for Zone 7 Basket for regional meeting
- Paid \$7500 assessment to Brighter Vision
- Kernersville Lions will make a donation of \$25 for a basket from our zone.

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The West Iredell Lions Club will do an entertainment basket. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Convention. Continuing in Service, Patsy Shumake, President

October was a busy month for the Winston-Salem Twin City Host Lions Club. The month started with our annual Golf Challenge, now in its 20th year, on October 1. With the support of the community, we were able to raise \$8,000.00 which will be used to support our local, district and state projects.

Also, this month, we were able to award three (3) Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards to some of our long-time members and committee club leadership.

Awards were presented to:

- o Lion Gary Mendelsohn
- o Lions Joanne Goetz
- o Lion Alvin Atkinson

Our work with Lions around the world... On October 18, we welcomed guests Dr. Franco Pacheco and Dr. Timothy Martin. Dr. Pacheco is the chief ophthalmologist at a Lions Club Hospital in San Pedro Sula Honduras.

He is spending a month at the Wake Forest University Eye Center as an international scholar. Dr. Martin is the residency program director and codirector of GO Wake (Global Ophthalmology Wake Forest). They described a wonderful cooperative program in which faculty, fellows, and residents in the ophthalmology department travel to the Lions Club Eye Hospital San Pedro Sula twice a year, to do an intensive week of cataract surgery for the indigent and poor in the region.

The American doctors teach the local ophthalmologist modern phacoemulsification techniques, and the Honduran ophthalmologists, Dr. Pacheco and his team, teach our faculty and residents how to do the surgery without fancy instruments (called manual small incision cataract surgery, or MSICS). Dr. Pacheco is here to learn more about the Eye Center, but also to teach his technique to our resident surgeons. He is here as part of a Tim Pennell international scholarship. Our Lions Club has contributed to allow him to attend the American Academy of ophthalmology in Chicago while he is here.

The Winston-Salem Twin City Host Lions Club will do a Winston-Salem products basket.

The Zone 2 Chair did not have a Zone Meeting in October due to my Lions travel but will schedule a meeting in November... An attached update will be sent to the District Secretary.

Membership for Zone 2 as of September 2018...

Kernersville 61
W-Salem Konnoak Hills 19 (minus 1)
W-Salem Twin City Host 23
Mocksville 22
Lake Norman 33 (plus 1)
Mooresville 28 (plus1)
South Iredell 16
Troutman 10 (minus 1)
West Iredell 19 (plus 2)

Respectively submitted: PDG Paul Bledsoe, Zone 2 Chair, District 31-I

Zone 3 Report

Successful cooperative fundraising project of the 15 clubs in Davidson County. Two zone meetings have been held in July and in September.

Three VIPS transported to Fishing Tournament. Two others could not go due to health issues.

The Zone (County) VIP Christmas party is planned for Dec. 13 in Lexington.

Despite previous plans to dissolve, Southmont Lions have added one new member and held a chicken bbq/raffle.

The other clubs in Zone are also progressing with fundraising projects, eye screenings, etc. Next Zone meeting is Jan. 16.

Many of clubs are hosting DG's official visit in recent months.

Theresa Matthews

**Zone 4 Report
November 3, 2018**

Zone 4 held its second meeting on October 20th at the Cleveland Lions clubhouse. Clubs represented were Cleveland, Concord, Salisbury, Rockwell, and Mt Pleasant. The date for the event conflicted with several of the clubs as their fund-raising events were scheduled on the same day.

Officer Training was provided with one additional Secretary being trained.

Discussed where the Zone 4 Raffle Basket for the District Convention. The theme for our basket is Local Products from Rowan and Cabarrus County. Each club is gathering items for the basket. Also discussed was an effort to secure auction items valued at \$25 plus for the Tail Twister's auction for Brighter Visions. Clubs were reminded to consider participation at the club level Global Action Team.

Zone 4 continues to struggle with membership growth. As of October 31, we have a negative 2 member growth.

Clubs are active with Service activities and many are involved in their Fall fund-raisers.

Zone Chair PDG George Culp

Nov 3, 2018 – 2nd Cabinet Meeting

NC Lions District 31-I

Brighter Visions Report

Since our last cabinet meeting in August, we held our Brighter Visions Kick Off for our Lions year. We raised an enthusiastic \$58,000 on August 29th to “kick off” what I know will be fantastic Lions year for our Brighter Visions Campaign. As of October 19th, we have raised \$61,830. This is \$13,081 ahead of where we were last year at this time! Way to Go!

Thank you to all the clubs for their continued support in our efforts to raise funds continuing, strengthening, and growing the programs and services for the visually impaired.

As of this report, I have visited one club. I would love to attend your club! Please give me a call or email so we can schedule a Brighter Visions program for your club. After the first of the year, I will be contacting clubs and inviting myself to attend your club.

Work is underway to begin our raffle for the Bob Timberlake print, “Mountain Flurries”. The print is currently being framed. Cabinet Secretary Tim Williams is working to get our tickets printed. Thank you Tim! Tickets will be sold for \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. I am asking each club member to sell 5 tickets. I will send or bring the tickets to your club. We will draw the winner of the print at our last cabinet meeting on April 28th which will be held at our State convention in Greensboro. Timberlake ticket money and tickets should be sent to Robyn Cauble (as long as she is fine with this. I haven’t asked her.)

Nine Department 56 lighted houses were donated by my employer. I plan to sell them online during Nov and Dec. If they don’t sell, I will put them in the BV Boutique at dist. convention.

Convention Decorations: Please ask clubs/zone chairs to ask clubs – please email or send ME pics of our clubs past or present to include with decorations at the convention.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Gregory

Brighter Visions Chairperson

2019 DISTRICT CONVENTION REPORT
Convention Chair 1st VDG Judge Jimmy Myers

The 2018-2019 District 31-I Convention will be held on January 11-13, 2019 at Camp Dogwood.

The Friday Fun Night theme is *Decades of Service* (50s – and up). Choose the favorite decade in your life and dress accordingly to join us for food and fun!

Saturday you enjoy good food with good friends (your fellow Lions) while taking part in the many activities that will be available for you, and you can meet (or see again) our old friend, Second Vice President of Lions Clubs International Judge Haynes Townsend.

And on Sunday you can participate in our District's *Rise Against Hunger* service project.

It's going to be a great convention! I look forward to seeing you there!

Boys and Girls Home November 3, 2018

In September Hurricane Florence did considerable damage at the Lake Waccamaw Boys and Girls Home. The children were evacuated and were safe, but many of the buildings had shingles blown off, water damage, and damaged ceiling tiles. The facility lost electricity and generator power to the frozen and refrigerated food which resulted in the need to replace all of that food. The civic club cottages escaped major damage, but the Lang Building suffered significant roof damage and the Memorial Chapel had serious water damage.

Lion Gary Greene provided a list of needed items that include:

- #10 cans of food
- Housekeeping/cleaning supplies
- Brooms and mops
- Paper towels and cleaning clothes
- Bedding (sheets, pillows, blankets)
- Personal toiletries

He also stated that the number one need is to cover the expenses that will be incurred as a result of Hurricane Florence. After federal funding, approximately \$120,000 is needed for repairs and renovations.

The Lake House has 3 new girls who are pregnant – with babies due in November, December and January. They will need newborn diapers and baby wipes. At present there are 8 boys in the Lions Cottage.

Glenda Everhart
District 31-I Boys and Girls Home Chair

Volunteers Report November 3, 2018

Hurricanes, tropical storms, and unpredictable weather have caused cancellations to all volunteer work at Camp Dogwood.

Our deaf blind weekend was cancelled, rescheduled, and cancelled again. I want to thank all of those who volunteered for this project and will be contacting you next September for your valuable help once again.

The Camp Dogwood Fall Day Cleanup was also cancelled due to Mother Nature.

A special thanks to all our volunteers who attended the VIP Fishing Tournament at the Outer Banks. It was a very successful and meaningful outing.

Robert Carroll and I discussed that the White and Stickley dorms would need rescreening. If a club would like to volunteer to take on this project during work week in September, please contact Pat Soutullo (704)-664-7541 or myself (704)-905-1203. There will be lots of projects for everyone during this work week.

Thanks for volunteering.

PDG Willie Hudson, Volunteer Chair
Lion Pat Soutullo, Co-Chair

Celebrate Liberty

Lions of District 31-I

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.

You will find attached to this email the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest brochure. Please share this with interested high school juniors. The brochure contains all the information regarding the contest as shared by State Committee Chairperson, PDG Barbara Beltran.

Should you need more information about the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest, contact 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.

Sincerely,
Lion Gayle Cobb
District 31-I Celebrate Liberty Chairperson

Leos and Campus Clubs Report

Fellow Lions,

As many of you are aware, our State Leo President Samantha Davis tragically passed away in September. She was a member of the Union Pines Leo Club. Please continue to keep her family and her Leo Club family in your thoughts and prayers. The upcoming State Leo Convention will be dedicated to her memory.

We currently have 13 listed Leo Clubs in District I. All are Alpha clubs, with 12 listed as school-based and 1 listed as community-based.

The following clubs have no advisor and no contact information listed with LCI. East Forsyth High School, Glenn High School, Independence, The Downtown School

If your club sponsors one of these clubs, please ask them to update their information via MyLCI or by completing a Leo-72 form and mailing it in to LCI. A step-by-step tutorial of how to do the update on MyLCI and the Leo-72 form can be found on the Lions Club International webpage. I have also attached them to this report.

As I said above, the State Leo Convention is coming up. It will be held February 22-24, 2019 at Camp Dogwood. Registration forms are now available and are due by February 1st. Please make sure your Leo Clubs know about the convention and have the registration form (also attached to this report). Many clubs could also use help with convention and transportation costs. Please check with your Leo Club Liaison and Advisor to see if the club needs financial assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Cori Cauble
District Leo Chair
Email: Lccauble@gmail.com
Phone: (704) 985-6655

Public Information/Technology/Web Page Report

November 2, 2018

Fellow Lions,

My apologies for not being in attendance today. Life gets hectic as a Mother of three, but rest assured I am working diligently behind the scenes to serve District 31-I.

The Facebook for Multiple District 31I is up and running again. Please send me any information that you would like for me to post for the community at Lion.Rummage@gmail.com. Also, if you have a Facebook page, please go to the NC Lions 31 I Facebook page and like the page. This will help us to get through the Facebook algorithms and allow us to be seen by more people. I hope to increase the visibility of the Lions in our district.

I am looking for LEOs who might be interested in running a District Instagram, if you know of someone who would be perfect for the job, please have them email me.

Also, please remember that Facebook is a social site, so send me pictures/videos/great stories of what your club is doing around the District. Any small club events that you would like to have advertised, this would be the place to show it. The best way to get it to me would be to send pictures in .jpg or .png format, and then send information about the event in a .docx. PDFs are also fine.

If you haven't downloaded the app "Be My Eyes" yet, I highly recommend this as a tool to further assist VIPs, even those outside of our district. If you are not aware of what "Be My Eyes" is, please contact me and I will send you information on it.

We are having a problem with the current "Find my club" map program, the company that was allowing us to use it decided to begin charging for it's service. I am aware of the problem and working to create a new, free, more easily accessible, site for those interested in learning more about lions, what club is closest to their home/work, and meeting times.

Finally, please remember that the District 31I Newsletters can be found on the District website, www.nclions31i.org, and other major events in the district.

Thank you,

In Lionism,

Elizabeth Rummage

Internet Technology/Website Chairperson