

DISTRICT 31-I NEWS



Membership News

In loving memory of Lions who have died this past month

Member	Club
Charles Harp	Denton
Sam Jernigan*	Goldsboro Downtown

**Past President of NCLI
Information obtained from MMRs submitted to LCI*



VAVS Schedule-2019

Date	Lions Club
25-Mar	Churchland
22-Apr	Hasty
20-May	Harrisburg
24-Jun	Mt. Pleasant

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

Welcome New Lions

Member	Club	Sponsored by
Creston Riverview	Emily S. Parsons	
Mount Airy	Lisa J. Pruitt	Willie Pruitt
Odell	Derek T. Irvin	Bill Measmer
West Iredell	Sara C. Wilkinson	Judy Gustin

Important Deadlines

International Convention information can be found at lionsclubs.org
State Convention forms for registration and program ads can be found at nclions31i.org.

March 22, 2019	Last date before meal price increase for state convention
March 22, 2019	Last day to register for VIP Mini-Golf Tournament
March 31, 2019	Last day for regular registration fees for International Convention or to cancel
March 31, 2019	Last date to submit state convention program ad
April 2, 2019	Last date for room rate guarantee for state convention
April 7, 2019	No refunds for state convention after this date
April 14, 2019	Last date to mail state convention registration

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

If you were at yesterday's cabinet meeting, forgive the rerun. If you were not, please read a short summary of this meeting – and know you were missed. All members are welcome at these meetings, and I ask each club President to ensure that their club is represented. If they are not able to attend and certainly whoever comes, bring as many club members as possible.

The meeting was called to order by me at approximately 10:02 am. We met at the First United Methodist Church in Mocksville – which is almost central to all clubs in District I. There were 48 Lions in attendance.

We were soon involved in the business and reporting of the District. We began with a motion to accept the minutes of the Nov. 3, 2018 cabinet meeting as presented by PCC Tim Williams which was approved. We each applauded Lion Tim for his excellent work as District Secretary.

Lion Michelle Gregory reported on Brighter Visions – total raised since July 1, \$83,042.52 with \$11,755 of that amount received from Jan. 31- Feb. 22. We were all pleased to learn that \$4,060 of the total was raised at our winter convention. The raffle tickets for the Timberlake print have been distributed, and Michelle urged each of us to sell our 5 tickets. The drawing for the print will be held at the State Convention.

Lion Robyn Cauble, District Treasurer, presented a very detailed and “user friendly” financial report. We all applauded Lion Robyn for this report and thanked her for her work. Thank you to everyone who is current in submitting dues payments and for financially supporting the 2018-19 Governor's goals. The budget committee will be meeting in early July to develop a preliminary 2019-20 budget that will be presented at the first cabinet meeting in July 2019.

GAT members, PDG George Culp (GLT), Lion Judi Seymour (GMT), and Lion Ron Rich (GST) gave reports of their club visits and other work. PDG George announced training of Club Officers and Zone Chairs will be held on June 1 at Davidson County Community College. Lion Judy reported District membership is currently 1,172. Lion Ron reported that MyLion is now on the web at mylion.org. He is also willing to help enlist other Lions to work with small clubs who need help with projects. Zone Chairs PCC Bob Sprinkle and PDG George Culp were in attendance and submitted reports of their meetings, assigned zones and clubs.

Reports were received from committee chair Lion Glenda Everhart who shared the news of two new babies residing at the Lake Houses at Boys & Girls Home (they need newborn baby supplies) and of the many young men in the Lions Cottage who are excited about furthering their education and/or pursuing their careers after high school graduation. Lion Chris Beck (Sight/Hearing Conservation and Organ Procurement) and Lion Cori Cauble (Leo Chair) were busy at the annual State Leo Convention at Camp Dogwood. Many other District Lions were helping with the Leo Convention also. Lion Gayle Cobb gave a report on the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest and the sales of Celebrate Liberty Pins.

PDGs Sharon Weddington (Properties) and Willie Hudson (Volunteers) shared information regarding clean up, maintenance and repair week Apr. 7-10. PDG Sharon and Lion Tammy Thomas have posted detailed information on the District 31-I webpage. Please sign up to help. Apr. 7 is registration for overnights, and Apr. 10 is project windup meeting over breakfast. April 7, 8 and 9 are full of work to be done. Please come to help during anytime on any or all of those days or plan to stay overnight for as many as you can. Tools are limited – so contact Tammy (828-478-2135 -ext. 230) for additional information. The 2018 IRS value of an hour of volunteer work is \$24.69. Think how much we can save on property maintenance that might be used for VIPs and others in need.

Thank you for your dedication, and friendship to all, *Carolyn Sprinkle*, District Governor

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

February 11-15, 2019, I was in St. Charles, Illinois for District Governor-Elect Training. Seven hundred-thirty District Governors-Elect from all over the world came to the Q Center (a very impressive conference venue with over 1,000 guest rooms and great international meals) to be trained. My Group "29" consisted of DGEs from West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee, South Carolina, and North Carolina. Our Group leader was Past International Director Robert Browning of West Virginia. Part of our training included intercultural training with a group of DGEs from China. Our youngest DGE was forty-one, but all the Chinese appeared to be in their thirties, a much younger average age. We got along so well that I thought we should replace our politicians with Lions.

My hopes for world peace were even more increased after a visit to International Headquarters in Oakbrook, IL especially after seeing all the Peace Posters decorating the walls. I got a new appreciation for the international scope of Lions Clubs International, and its work in the world.

I got to meet International President-Elect Jung-Youl Choi from South Korea. PID Browning introduced us at lunch on my first day at St. Charles. He and IPE Choi were International Directors together and always sat side by side during their meetings.

I served in South Korea during my military career, and President-Elect Choi was a soldier in the Republic of Korea's Army. I am going to enjoy serving under his leadership during my term as District Governor.

Consider becoming a District Governor, if for no other reason than training with all the DGEs in the world. I will cherish that training the rest of my life.

Lion Jimmy Myers - District Governor-Elect

2nd VDG Donald Cobb - How to Find Out Why Members Actually Leave Your Club

Last month we talked in general about why members tend to leave our Lions clubs. This month, let's talk about how we can find out why members leave our clubs. After all, if we know the reason someone leaves, we might be able to change something within our club to prevent others from leaving in the future!

One of the first questions we ask when someone leaves our club is 'why did they leave?' If you are like me, you are not a mind reader. So, how do we find out? The simplest way is to just ask them. Someone from the club could give them a call and ask such things as were you dissatisfied with the club, were there things you personally were not getting from the Lions club or organization, or simply ask them if they could tell you why they left the club. Of course, honesty is important here so we need to make sure the individual feels he or she can share their true feelings.

If you feel uncomfortable asking individuals why they left, you could develop a survey you can either ask them to complete at their last club meeting, or you could send them a copy in the mail and ask that they complete it and return it to the club. You can develop your own club survey using questions such as those above, or you can use the Sample Dropped Member Survey found in the Member Retention Toolbox on the Lions Club International website. You can search for the sample survey or you can look under the Resources Center until you find the toolbox.

The Sample Dropped Member Survey has some good questions; however, there may be others you would like to ask members who have left your club. It is certainly permissible to develop your own survey by pulling items from the Sample Survey and adding your own questions or items to the survey. Remember, your club is different from other clubs and you may want to ask questions specific to your club. Also, be sure to ask the individual to write comments on why they left the club as this might also provide additional insight as to why they left.

Once you find out the real reason individuals leave your club, you can take steps to improve member experiences in your club to hopefully reduce the number of individuals who leave your club. Next month we'll look at some of the things we can do to not only keep members in our clubs but hopefully bring new members in as well.

Lion Donald Cobb-1st Vice District Governor-Elect

"In a major legislative victory for the citizens of North Carolina, **adult Medicaid patients will be eligible for an eye exam and glasses without medical diagnosis beginning January 1, 2019.** This language was included in the final state budget.

Funding for eye exams and glasses for adult Medicaid patients was cut back in 2011, leaving only those 20 years of age and younger covered. Since that time, the NCOS has been advocating to get funding for adults reinstated.

It has been a long fight but our persistence has paid off. Now, all adult Medicaid patients in North Carolina will once again have the opportunity to get the basic eye care they need.

We will be sharing more details as they become available so stay tuned!

Mike Haines, OD

President-"North Carolina Optometric Society"

District 31-I Lions in Service



West Iredell Lions Club President Patsy and Lion Marsha recently presented a 21-inch computer monitor to Colby Moore and Juli Moore of the Iredell County Public Library in Statesville, as an addition to their Legacy Project, the Visually Enhanced Media Center. The center offers enlarged reading of computer information and the magnification machines are great for reading small printed materials.

Below: Lion Patsy presents an appreciation plaque to guest speaker “Miss Eufola.”

West Iredell celebrated Valentine’s Day by hosting an evening of “Fun and Laughter – The Best Medicine”. Diana Fox, also known as “Miss Eufola”, imparted her wisdom for a long, happy marriage by sharing some experiences of George and June Caudle – married for 62 years. “Miss Eufola” emphasized the importance that laughter, smiling and helping each other can make life more enjoyable. She thanked all Lions for the services they provide the community.

The club is getting ready for their Second Annual 5K Run / 1 Mile Walk to be held on April 2, 2019. The event will be held from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Soccer Complex in Statesville. Come and participate or just enjoy the fun and fellowship. Look us up on Facebook to learn more about the event.

Calling all clubs – let us know when you are having fundraisers or events so that we can support you.



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.

Derita Lions Club held a KidSight screening at Mallard Presbyterian Church day care Feb 4-5. Of the 125 kids screened, 101 passed and 24 were referred for additional examination. The club thanks Charlotte SouthPark Lions Club and Dave Shimberg for loaning the equipment.



Pictured to the left: PCC Tim Williams jamming with friends at the Valentine’s Day Brighter Visions fundraising event. Join **Linwood Lions** for the next Joyful Noise Night of Live Music at their April 11 meeting.

Club News and Events

Davis-Townsend Lions will have barbecued chicken for \$9 per plate Saturday, Mar. 30 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the den at 522 Turner Road, Lexington. Eat-in or take out is available.

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. Tickets are \$60 and entitle the bearer to two steak dinners and a chance at the jackpot and door prizes. Silent auction items will also be available. The club is planning a membership night in the near future.

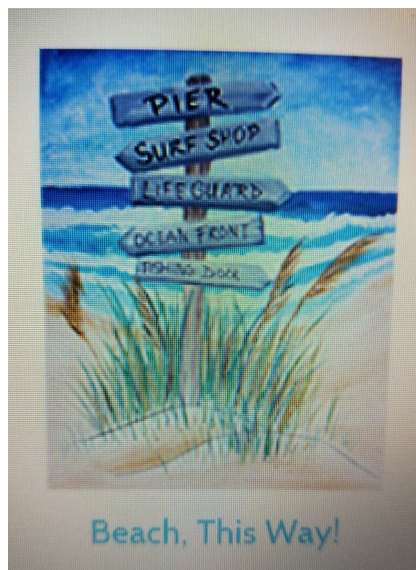
Gold Hill Lions Club will be having its wonderful "Bake Auction" again this year. More information to follow on the club's Facebook page.

It is not too early to be reminded of events on **Kemersville Lions Club's** calendar for 2019. 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.

Odell Lions Club Spring BBQ will be Saturday, Mar. 16 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. (or sold out). Pork or chicken plate \$8.00, sandwich \$3.00, and bulk pork \$8 per pound. The club is located at 2000 Odell School Rd, Concord (near the corner of Davidson Hwy. and Odell School Rd.). Rain date is Mar. 23.

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.



Michelle's Brighter Vision Fundraiser – It's an Art Party – Sunday March 24th – 2:30 p.m. at Arcadia Lions Den/Community Building. The \$35 cost includes supplies, instruction, and a donation to Brighter Visions. The class should last a couple hours. Light refreshments will be provided.

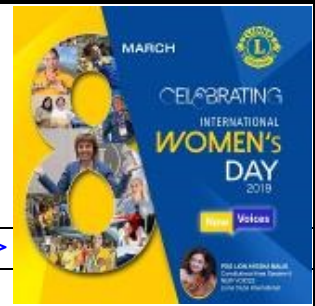
Everyone will paint the same picture by stenciling/tracing the design on the canvas with the aid of our instructor, Margaret Sink, District Peace Poster Chairperson. Margaret's supplies are packaged by the dozen which also explains why we will be painting the same picture and the reason for limiting the class to twelve people. Please let me know as soon as possible if you'd like to participate.

The design has been selected and is pictured on the left. If you don't like this one but still want to participate, **Camp Dogwood** would appreciate having your finished product to decorate one of the rooms there.

Calendar of Events

March 2019

Eye Donor Awareness Month



Friday, Mar. 8		International Women's Day	→
Saturday, Mar. 9		Lions Day at the UN	
Sunday, Mar. 10	3 p.m.	2019 Mid-Winter Convention Post-Mortem	Sagebrush Steakhouse 1562 Yadkinville Rd, Mocksville
Fri-Sat., Apr 5-6		Budget Hearings	Camp Dogwood
Sunday, April 7 - Wednesday, April 10		Volunteer Work Week	Camp Dogwood
Saturday, April 13	10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (registration 8:45 a.m.)	Mini-Golf Tournament	Dan Nicholas Park, Salisbury
Saturday, April 13	2-4 p.m.	Easter Egg Hunt	Camp Dogwood
Friday, Apr. 26 - Sunday, Apr. 28		State Lions Convention	Airport Marriott—Greensboro
Friday, May 3 - Sunday, May 5		NCLI Quarterly Meetings	Camp Dogwood

Brighter Visions

Whoop, Whoop to District I Lions for Brighter Visions!!!

We are showing a tremendous increase, \$11,755, from January to February, and there's more to come. We have reached 56% of our goal, and we are \$8200 above our collected contributions from this time last year. How much have we collected for Brighter Visions to date, you ask? Survey said...as of the February 22nd report, District I has turned in \$83,045.52. Thank you to all Lions for your hard work for Brighter Visions!

The numbers keep rising. Fantastic! I am aware of several additional contributions that have been sent to NCLI but are not on this report. Again, fantastic! Thank you! Keep up the phenomenal work!

One more contribution came from our cabinet meeting where we collected approximately \$92 in tail twister fines for Brighter Visions. Thank you District Tail Twister PCC Allen Reinhardt and 2nd VDGE Wayne Kennerly! Keep those phones ringing. We need more dollars for Brighter Visions.



How are your Timberlake tickets selling? Please send me some feedback. Know that I'm here to assist you. I will be happy to help you sell tickets at your event. If you need more tickets, please contact me. If you have questions, please contact me.

Have a Fabulous March!
Michelle Gregory-Brighter Visions Chair

July			100%
June			91.67%
May			83.33%
Apr			75.00%
Mar			66.67%
Feb	\$85,446	56.96%	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		

*Our 2018-2019
District 31-I
Brighter Visions
Goal is
\$150,000
Follow our progress
each month*

Meet the new Executive Administrator of NC Lions, Inc., PDG W. Durden Dean by linking to <https://files.constantcontact.com/1775f241301/45ab24e9-fd3a-45de-9762-75708a536585.pdf>

Global Action Team

Global Leadership

In case you missed the recent cabinet meeting, here is my GLT Report of recent cabinet activities. As a reminder, if you are your club's President, Secretary or Treasurer, you ARE a member of the cabinet and should attend the quarterly cabinet meetings. Each meeting provides you with a great deal of information from Lions International downward and from other Lions upward. I hope you will plan to attend all Zone and Cabinet Meetings. Your input is appreciated.

Recent activities include:

Three mini-seminars were held at the Mid-winter District Convention.

PDG George Culp conducted training for the incoming state IVGs.

PCC Tim Williams conducted training for the incoming state DGs.

A GAT program was provided to the WS Konnoak Hills Lions Club.

Guidance has been provided to emerging Lions considering future service as a District officer.

Club officer and Zone Chair training is being planned for Saturday, June 1. Attempts are being made to hold the event at the Davidson County Community College, Thomasville. Details will follow in the April newsletter.

All clubs should be in the process of nominating their officers for 2019-20. If I can be of assistance with information about each office, please contact me. I'm here to help.

PDG George Culp GLT District 31-I

On the Road with DG Carolyn



4-Mar	Elkin
7-Mar	Denton
11-Mar	Southmont
12-Mar	South Iredell
14-Mar	Mount Pleasant
19-Mar	Sparta
26-Mar	Mount Airy

Global Service

Greetings, Fellow Lions! I would like to take a moment to define "a service project that can be reported." When you do something for somebody that gives them assistance in any way, that is a service that can be reported thru your club. It could be walking a neighbor's dog or taking them to the doctor. Maybe you took a shut-in out to eat or just visited with them. These are all service projects we may do but don't consider them because these people may even be life-long friends.

Now that MyLion is on the internet, I hope you will take time to explore the website (mylion.org). Clubs using MyLion to report service projects have the option of picking a member to report their projects and reducing the burden on the secretary. Eventually, we will not be using MyLCI to report service projects and MyLion will be the only option. Until then, clubs should use only one site to report their projects. MyLion will let you see what the whole international community is doing. You may be inspired to do something you see on the site.

Lion Ron Rich

Global Service Team Chair

Casper101@windstream.net

Suggested Service Projects-March

- * Hold a vision/hearing screening event
- * 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 with Meals on Wheels deliveries
- * Collect used pill bottles for poor countries
- * Recycle eyeglasses
- * Volunteer at a school
- * Maintain a "Little Free Library"
- * Distribute personal-need bags for shelters



THE SUMMER DESTINATION
FOR THE
VISUALLY IMPAIRED & BLIND

Hello from Camp Dogwood,

Volunteers are desperately needed for our upcoming Volunteer Week April 7-10. We need volunteers to paint and pressure wash as well as to work in other general project areas.

Roofing projects are going to begin as soon as weather allows. Stickley will be receiving a new roof, and Udovich will have Ice and Water Shield applied to the valley.

Completed camper applications are starting to arrive. Session 2 is full. Sessions 1, 4 and 7 are almost full. Every Lion, reach out into your community and find a new VIP to attend Camp.

For Camp this year we need a few items for crafts:

The VIPs will decorate one large flower pot each session to place around the property.

Potting soil for flowers

Flowers and bulbs

12"x12" or 18"x18" paving stones (need 8)

The second project is birdhouses for our VIPs. Several men have asked for a "manly" craft.

1-in x 6-in x 6-ft pine boards

1/2-in poplar round dowels

Bowls will be made out of buttons. So we need lots and lots of buttons

Bird Seed for the VIPs who will be making birdseed cakes

Most of all we need you. Please consider volunteering this summer. I am in need of many volunteers.

We are also asking for Clubs to sponsor Bingo during Camp. We would like to give every VIP the opportunity to win Bingo bucks. The Bingo bucks would be redeemed in our Camp Store or Souvenir Shop. If you are not interested in Bingo Bucks, any small prize will be greatly appreciated.

Remember Camp Dogwood is here year round. You don't have to wait until April to volunteer. If you have a few hours or a day free, give us a call. 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-Camp Administrator

CALLING ALL LIONS!

WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO RAISE \$40,000 TO PURCHASE A NEW (OR USED) 12 PASSENGER STEP SIDE VAN WITH A WHEELCHAIR LIFT FOR CAMP DOGWOOD.



Camp Dogwood is looking good with a smooth drive and nice sidewalks. As soon as the weather permits, the Stickley building will be getting a new roof. The Udovich building will be getting some ice and water guard applied to the valley area of the roof.

A big thank you to the Lake Norman Lions Club for the 2 golf carts and a newly remodeled kitchen in the White Dorm.

As a craft project this summer, the campers will be decorating flower pots. After flowers have been planted in the pots, they will be placed around the camp. Building birdhouses will be another project this summer also.

Respectfully submitted: PDG Sharon Weddington-Properties Chairperson

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

Volunteer Week will be here before you know it. Join Lions from across the State to paint, landscape, sort eye glasses and more. Volunteer week is April 7-10, 2019. Come out and give a few days to Camp Dogwood. If you are interested or would like more info call or email Tammy for an application.



The costs of Hurricane Florence totaled \$439,000 for repairs, loss of food and transportation of residents to and from Black Mountain during the storm.

There are two new teen moms with newborn babies at the Lake Houses. They need diapers, baby wipes and continued prayers for their journey in life.

The boys at the Lions Cottage are busy getting ready to graduate in June and continue their journey as college students, or pursuing jobs outside the campus.

Glenda Everhart-District 31-I Chair

Special Event for **VIPS** is coming in April

Are you ready for some Fun, Fellowship, and Friendly competition?!....then join us on Saturday, April 13 for the 31st Annual VIP Mini-Golf Tournament. It's taking place at the scenic Dan Nicholas Park in Salisbury NC. Meet up with old friends or make some new friends!

Registration deadline is Friday, March 22, 2019. The registration packet and flyer can be found at this link: <https://www.rowancountync.gov/1366/VIP-Mini-Golf>. Registration is completed by county through a social worker or group leader, or individual if neither a social worker/group leader is available. If there is a new participant or new county participating for the first time, please contact me. Any questions or comments, don't hesitate to contact me. If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact Edward Hailey at 704-216-7782.

Thank you very much for the continued support and participation.
Looking forward to seeing everyone in April to help us celebrate 31 years!!

Triad Information Reading Services Needs You and VIPS need TIRS!

TIRS is in need of volunteer readers. You can do this in the comfort of your own home from your personal laptop. For more information, contact Lion Jonathan Milam (milamj@wfu.edu).

Jonathan wants to make sure all VIPS are aware that TIRS is now all internet based!
Please pass the word to your VIPS.

TIRS can be found at tirsws.org.

Where to find it on the web:

nclions31i.org to find information of interest on the district level:

Lions Lingo <http://nclions31i.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Lions-Lingo-Oct-2015-1.pdf>

STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION - PROGRAM AD FORM - GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

<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)

NCLI FELLOWSHIPS AND PARTNERS COMMITTEE

North Carolina Lions, Inc. has several opportunities for individuals and/or clubs to recognize fellow Lions or community members who have supported our Lions Clubs' goals and objectives. They are:

NCLI Ambassador

Jack Stickley Fellowship

William L. Woolard Partner-In-Service Fellowship

Sid L. Scruggs, III Beacon of Hope Fellowship.

The **NCLI Ambassador** is the newest funding category and has been created to assist in funding programs and services of NCLI. It is a progressive recognition with 5 levels. The first donation level is \$500 and 4 installments of no less than \$250 may be made toward a Progressive NCLI Ambassador. Installment payments must be completed in no less than two years from the date of the first Installment. This recognition is available to everyone and may be purchased by individuals, clubs or family members. All NCLI Ambassador funds will be placed in a non-restricted account and will be a major source for funding NCLI services and programs.

The oldest and best known of these fellowships is the **Jack Stickley Fellowship**. This Fellowship requires a donation of \$500 and this money goes to an endowment and only the interest can be used to defray the administrative expenses of NCLI. The Stickley Fellowship is not being recommended because it is an endowment and only a small percentage of the money can be used.

The **William L. Woolard Partner-In-Service Fellowship** requires a \$100 entry level donation. There are six more donation levels requiring \$200 or \$250 for each level or a total donation of \$1,500. Twenty-five percent of these donations go to NCLI and the rest to an endowment.

The **Sid L. Scruggs, III Beacon of Hope Fellowship** has 5 levels of participation. Each level requires a donation of \$200, bringing the total donation to all levels to \$1,000. All of this money is earmarked to support the programs and services of Camp Dogwood. Because of this, it is recommended by NCLI as an immediate source of usable income.

There are two other ways to recognize others while helping NCLI. These are **Honorariums and Memorials** which can be given in any amount at any time. Honorariums can be given to anyone, including those who support your club or the Lions' mission. Consider a donation instead of a gift for birthdays or other special occasions or in recognition of those folks who present programs at your club meetings. **Memorials** are self-explanatory. Both of these donation categories can be given in any amount and can be designated as part of your club's Brighter Visions goal.

Go to www.nclionsinc.org for further information or to download the forms.

Submitted by PDG Bob and Lion Harriett Walton

Co-Chairs, NCLI Fellowships and Partners Committee

Register Now *for lower meal prices!*

96th Annual North Carolina Lions State Convention

MISSION POSSIBLE.....THE JOURNEY CONTINUES!

**Greensboro-High Point Airport Marriott,
Greensboro, NC April 26 - 28, 2019**

Hello, North Carolina Lions!

PDG Terrie Grooms and I would like to invite you to attend YOUR upcoming **North Carolina Lions State Convention** coming up the weekend of April 26th. This year's theme is.....MISSION POSSIBLE.....THE JOURNEY CONTINUES!

Our special guest speaker will be Past International President, Al Brandel of Melville, New York who was elected president of Lions Clubs International at the 91st International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand in 2008.

Why should you attend? Because this is our opportunity as Lions of North Carolina to meet other Lions from across the state and come away with ideas and information on how we can serve and educate our communities on one of our Core Focus areas – Diabetes! Our goal is that we would all leave that weekend feeling educated and empowered to execute Diabetes education and other service projects in our communities.

Here are just a few things happening

- North Carolina Past District Governors' Organization Captains Choice Golf Tournament (flyer on the District 31-I website) will be held on Friday morning – all are welcome.
- Our Strides Walk will be held during the entire weekend with opportunities to support our DAPS program and learn more about Diabetes and how it impacts so many families.
- We'll kickoff Family Fun Night with good food, great fellowship and a fabulous family friendly magician!
- Tail Twister breakfast with some great silent auction items.
- Town Hall Meeting with our special guest, Al Brandel, International Past President.
- Exhibits and Seminars:
 - ◇ eSight.....the rest of the story
 - ◇ Social Media and Technology
 - ◇ Technology for the visually impaired
 - ◇ Leader Dog
 - ◇ Ongoing Leadership Workshops through Lions University
 - ◇ Hands on Service Projects
- Our state of the art Mobile Screening Unit on site for tours to see what vision and hearing screenings are available for FREE for YOUR community. Brian Hoover, MSU Coordinator will be on hand to schedule a visit to YOUR club.
- Saturday evening's banquet will feature an address from Al Brandel, International Past President.
- Sunday morning's Service of Remembrance will be followed by District meetings.

Please find the registration form and ad form on the District 31-I website – thanks for supporting YOUR North Carolina Lions State Convention with your attendance and a club ad.

Can't wait to see you in April – we're here if you have any questions or need any other information!

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