

DISTRICT 31-I NEWS



BEYOND THE HORIZON



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Membership News

In loving memory of Lions who have died this past month

Member	Club
Jasper Cook	Dobson
Dick Strohmeier	Kernersville
Jesse Hill	Pilot

Information obtained from MMRs submitted to LCI

**Training for all club offices
JUNE 1 - DCCC**

VAVS Schedule-2019



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

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

Welcome New Lions

Member	Club	Sponsored by
Kristyn Carson	Bethlehem	Doreen Carson
Craig Campbell	Mint Hill	Bill Mathers
Gaither M. Keener, Jr.	Salisbury	H. Wayne Kennerly
Jeremy Gilbert	Southmont	Walter Sharpe
Uvaldo Piedras	Sparta	Louise Paglen
Jefferson Green	Thomasville	Colon Starrett
Joe H. Hubbard	Thomasville	Bill Baughn

Important Deadlines

International Convention information can be found at
lionsclubs.org

May 1- Last date for registration and hotel reservations

May 1- Deadline for registration refunds and hotel deposit refunds

May 15 - Deadline for filing Officer Reporting Form (PU101)

May 22 - Deadline for signing up Davidson County VIPs for Camp Dogwood Daytrip scheduled for June 8

REMINDERS:

DGE Jimmy Myers will need accurate information for the directory so please ensure that your officer information and club meeting time and location are correct and let him know of any other errors in last year's directory.

Don't forget to file your IRS reporting. Your non-profit status could be at stake.

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

Our professional, on task, innovative, creative and talented newsletter editor and publisher has waited patiently for the past ten months for each of my articles. This month is no different, and I am sitting here looking out my window at our azalea garden filled with white, purple, pink, lavender, red and rose colored blossoms hosting lunch for a bevy of black/green, black/blue and black/yellow butterflies and an occasional hummingbird.

Ok, I'm more focused now. This past weekend, NC Lions State Convention was held in Greensboro. There were 300+ in attendance from North Carolina and several other states. If you were in attendance, please share your experiences with others. If you could not attend, please mark your calendars now for the 2020 State Convention which will be held in Ashville in a location very near Biltmore Estates.

The guest speaker was Past International President, Al Brandel. His messages to us were beneficial, uplifting and entertaining. He and his wife Maureen repeatedly stated their gratitude to the Lions of North Carolina for our continued dedication to our motto "We Serve". They were impressed by the many innovative ways we help others and our commitment to expanding our work.

Friday night entertainment was a remarkably talented and amusing magician. The banquet room was spacious and well decorated. Bowling with the visually impaired was well attended and certainly a welcomed event for all. Over \$1,800 was raised for Diabetes Awareness through the sales of flashing red label pins. There were seminars that were diverse, informative and well presented to all in attendance to the packed meeting rooms.

The baskets donated for the raffle were all beautiful and ticket containers were full. The funds raised from this raffle will be donated to Brighter Visions. I did not hear the total raised if it was announced. The silent auction funds raised will be donated to LCIF – again I did not hear the total raised. As always, the state as well as the district conventions provides a wonderful venue for reconnecting with Lions friends and adding new friends to our Lions family.

I express my gratitude to District O for hosting this event and to Barbara Thompson and Terri Grooms for yeoman's work and time in assuring this was a well-planned and orchestrated event.

Again, I thank each of you for the time I have had to visit with you – in your clubs, at Zone meetings whenever or wherever we have had the opportunity.

Carolyn Sprinkle, District Governor

On the Road with DG Carolyn



May 2nd	Gold Hill
May 13th	Taylorsville
May 14th	Mint Hill
May 16th	Midway
May 23rd	West Iredell
June 10th	West Lexington
June 24th	Troutman

2019-2020 District Governor Team (from left) 2nd VDGE Wayne Kennerly, 1st VDGE Donald Cobb and his spouse Lion Gayle and DGE Judge Jimmy Myers.



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

On May 27th, we take time out from our busy lives to commemorate 1.1 million Americans who in the words of Abraham Lincoln “gave their last full measure of devotion” to this country. Memorial Day more than July 4th is the day we should honor most. Without the sacrifice of those 1.1 million patriots, we would not be celebrating our freedom as a nation. Don’t take those sacrifices for granted. Take time out from your busy lives to honor and remember the brave whose sacrifice gives us so very much in this country. I will do so with a prayer at the Thomasville Memorial Day ceremonies.

The 1.1 million who gave their lives in service to our nation is a story of commitment. I want to say thank you to another group of people who have made a commitment—those local Lions who have agreed to serve on my cabinet in the coming Lion year 2019-2020. One commitment has humbled me. Liddy Bray has agreed to be a Zone Chair, even though she has a child fighting pediatric cancer. Pediatric cancer is one of the issues that we Lions have chosen to fight. We need to realize that the work we do as Lions is vital to human lives in this world. I still have a few positions of leadership left open in my cabinet. If asked, I hope you will make a commitment to join me in my year as District Governor as we seek to make a difference in this world we live in.

God bless you all especially in your work as Lions.

Lion Jimmy Myers - District Governor-Elect

2nd VDG Donald Cobb

Spring Ramblings

Spring is finally showing itself in the mountains around Sparta. Yes, I know most of you have had leaves on trees for a couple of weeks, but as I write this, the leaves are beginning to show themselves on our trees and other plants. Spring is finally bringing the world around us to life and is showing promise for another day.

Spring is also a reminder that our Lions Club year will soon reach its end. In two more months, we will end this year and begin another year. Is your club ready for the end of the year? It’s a good time to check on things such as the amount of your Brighter Visions contributions to see if you’ve met your club goal. If you haven’t met your goal and if the district has not met its goal for Brighter Visions, can you contribute a little more to make sure we can provide the programs and services our VIPs need?

This is also a good time to make sure you have your club officers in place for the coming year and have a plan to make sure they receive the training they need to function in their new positions. And speaking of training, has your club done an orientation training for your new club members? If not, you might want to schedule an orientation for new members before the end of the year.

How about making sure club members are aware of future activities in which they can participate. Our district convention will be coming up November 15 – 17 and a group of dedicated Lions has already begun to make plans for the convention. If you’d like to join the group in planning our convention, let me know and I’ll send you the planning meeting information. It is also not too early to let your club members know about the convention and its date to begin to encourage folks to attend.

Lions clubs across the district are an important part of the community. Are there community activities you can participate in to serve your fellow citizens? Are there individuals who need assistance with eye exams or glasses? Now is the time to make sure we have provided the service that is needed in our communities and beyond.

Yes, spring is a time when new life comes to things around us. It is also a good time to bring new life to those things that we as Lions support.

Lion Donald Cobb - 1st Vice District Governor-Elect

District 31-I Lions in Service

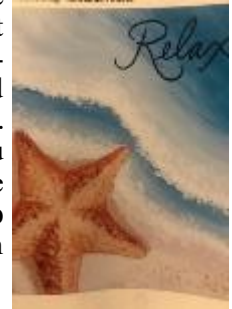
The Davidson County Lions Council's annual day trip to Camp Dogwood for VIPs has been scheduled for June 8. Camp is almost booked solid so the trip had to be moved to the first available Saturday in June. RSVP by May 20.

DCLC sponsored a successful visit of the **Mobile Screening Unit** at Davidson County Community College. Sixty people were screened.



Linwood Lions Club will be hosting a Painting Party on **May 5** at 2:30 pm at the Linwood Lions Den on Old Linwood Road. The cost for the class is \$35 each and 100% of the proceeds go to Brighter Visions. There will be two designs to choose from. The first one (left), the beach scene with the directional post that you can personalize however you like, is like the one that Michelle Gregory's class did recently. The other one (right) is an ocean wave on sand and a starfish. Both paintings will be 16" x 20". All supplies are furnished. There are 10 spots remaining, so let me know as soon as you can if you plan to attend. If this class fills up, we will plan another one within the week. **If you've never painted before, that's okay.... It's a step by step**

process that works, and you'll be proud of your finished product! For more information or to sign up, contact Lion Margaret Sink at 336-239-1629 or margaretsink@gmail.com.



West Iredell Lions had a fun and successful 5K Run / 1 Mile Walk for Vision on April 2. Though the snow flurries and a little rain early that morning may have confused some participants, the sun came out and everyone enjoyed the event. The overall first, second and third place winners were presented with a framed certificate and medal. All participants, runners and walkers, were presented a medal. This fundraiser helps provide eye exams and/or glasses for low income or no income families in the community. We have already scheduled the event for next year on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. Plan to attend as a participant or just come out and enjoy the fellowship. The club had a prospective new member to visit on April 11th. He is from Arkansas but is looking to relocate to this area with his family. He found out about our club on Facebook. Social media is a great way to let people know about your clubs and how Lions continue to serve every day. Our next service event is on **June 21**. We will host the Mobile Vision Screening Unit on that Friday from 10am to 3:30pm. The unit will



be at Lowe's Home Improvement at 140 N Point Blvd, Statesville. Horizon Eye Care will be assisting with the screening. We are celebrating 62 years of serving as Lions this month. Tom Poston, one of the charter members, is still active in our club. He will be 98 years young on May 5th and can be seen eating a sausage biscuit and shooting pool at the Statesville Senior Center. We are blessed to have members who enjoy serving as Lions and care about serving worldwide.

Mint Hill Lions Club is extremely PROUD to invite all Lions to join with them at Charlotte Knights Baseball at BB&T Ball Park on **July 24th** at 7:05PM. Our special price is \$14 per a ticket of which \$2 can be used to purchase food or something in the gift shop. Be sure to **WEAR YOUR LIONS SHIRTS SO PEOPLE CAN ASK YOU ABOUT BEING A LION**. There will be a Lions table with material to hand to fans asking them to join the Lions Club, our names will be on the electronic board and there will be a special announcement welcoming the Lions to BB&T. For each club we must have at least 25 members to join and volunteer to work the booth. We will be able to sell brooms by Mint Hill Lions Club, demonstrate Leader Dogs, white canes and distribute information bumper stickers, stickers to kids, pencils and other items. We are going to need at least 6 volunteers to help work the BOOTH. For more information Contact Lion Lloyd Scher (Lloyd.scher@yahoo.com) or 704-845-9083 about this 1st of several community wide events being arranged for the Lions Club to receive positive publicity.

Club News and Events

Arcadia Lions Club is hosting a Captain's Choice Golf Classic on Saturday, **June 22** at Wilshire Golf Course starting with lunch at 12:00. We are looking for players (\$50.00 per player and \$200.00 per team) and hole sponsors (\$50.00). There will be a raffle of a complete set of Tour F5 Wilson Clubs/Driver (\$10.00 per ticket or 3 for \$25). The fee to play will include lunch and 3 mulligans. Hole sponsorships are a great way to promote your business or even to honor a family member. Please contact Jim Bumgarner (336-692-7260) if you would like to play, sponsor a hole or get a raffle ticket. All funds will go toward the service projects of the Arcadia Lions Club.

Dobson Lions Club sponsored its 19th annual Larry Wilmoth Memorial Buddy Bass Fishing Tournament at the Belews Lake in Pine Hall this month. A total of 30 boats and 60 fishermen competed for prize money totaling \$1,250.

1st Place Winners (\$500) were Greg Grace and Jake Gordy: Total Wgt. 19.36 lbs.

2nd Place Winners (\$300) were Jimmy Walker and Mark Friddle: Total Wgt. 12.32 lbs.

3rd Place Winners (\$150) were Cotton Acord and Eric Acord: Total Wgt. 11.74 lbs.

Winner of the "Big Bass" weight contest (\$200) at 8.20 lbs. went to Jake Gordy and Greg Grace

The club thanks all the fishermen who participated and a very special "Thank You" to our sponsors: Sexton Trucking (in memory of Van Whitaker), Jo Ann Wilmoth Family, Surry Telecommunications, Inc., Dearborn Trailers, WIFM Radio, Mechanical Refrigeration Technology, Salem Fork Christian Men's Fellowship and NWCD, Inc. The club also thanks Fishing Tournament Co-Chairmen Lion Paul Nordin and Lion Austin Cavierness for all their planning and leadership in seeing that the tournament is successful every year. Proceeds are used to meet the many requested needs within the community.

Kernersville Lions Club enjoyed a successful car benefit. Pictured at left is Lion Danny Jefferson preaching and Lion Ned Mabe "trying" to sing. The club's spring folly will be held **May 3-5**. Sign-up to participate in this weekend of music. Lion Larry will be offering special cooking classes at a later time.



King Lions Club's members not only immersed themselves in the actions of the community, they soared to great heights as they participated in projects, helped those in need, and added new faces to the club. From raising money through our gun raffle and Gator drawing, providing much needed glasses to those in need, sponsoring a camp trip to Camp Dogwood for a young man, providing a wonderful picnic for the blind, and cookies with Santa, King Lions Club has been vital to the success of those in our community. This year King Lions Club has not only engaged in community events, but has made it a priority to be a club that

knows what the community needs, and then show up when the work gets hard. King Lions Club was a major support for the state-of-the-art MADIK (Make a Difference in King) inclusive playground located at King Recreation Acres. King Lions Club also played an important role in donations given to King Outreach Ministries for those in need. Moving forward into 2019, King Lions Club and its members look forward to serving the local community and surpassing all the successes that it had in 2018. (submitted by Lion Shanda Cox)

Konnoak Hills Lions Club's annual golf tournament will be Saturday, **May 18** at Wilshire Golf Course. Lunch at noon, tee off at 1 p.m. and prizes at 6 p.m.

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

Calendar of Events

Strengthen Membership Month

Friday, May 3 - Sunday, May 5		NCLI Quarterly Meetings	Camp Dogwood
Wednesday, May 8	6:30 p.m.	Convention Planning Meeting	Cleveland Lions Club 106 W Cemetery St., Cleveland
Saturday, June 1	9 a.m. - noon	District Officer/New Member Training	Davidson County Community College
Saturday, June 8		Davidson County VIPs Daytrip	Camp Dogwood
Thursday, June 20		Final Camp Dogwood Ticket Drawing	Camp Dogwood
Saturday, July 20	noon (lunch)	Installation / Cabinet Meeting	Bethlehem UMC 321 Redland Rd, Advance
Tuesday, July 30	6:30 p.m. (meal) 7 p.m. (meeting)	Davidson County Lions Council	Fair Grove Lions Den 502 Willowbrook Dr., Thomasville
Wednesday, Aug. 28	6-7 (social hour) 7 (dinner) 7:30 (program)	Brighter Visions Kickoff	Pine Lake Country Club 5504 Lebanon Rd, Mint Hill

Brighter Visions

District 31-I Lions – We Continue to Climb Higher...

The momentum is building. Your Brighter Visions contributions continue to grow as each of you and your clubs work so very hard to raise money for the programs and services that NC Lions provide.

Thank you so much for your continued efforts. Keep it up! Just two more months remain in our Lions year. Let me share some numbers with you. Our district has turned in

\$103,344.02. We increased **\$12,100** since last month's report. We are at 69% of our goal. Last year at this same time our total was approximately \$75,000. Our district is moving at a fantastic pace this year. Meeting our goal is on the horizon, and we can do it.

This weekend is our State Convention. I look forward to hearing our guest speaker, PIP Al Brandel. I, also, look forward to drawing the winner for our Timberlake print and delivering it to a well deserved home. *
Thank you Lions of District 31-I for your hard work selling tickets for this raffle. I believe it is going to give our district a nice increase towards our Brighter Vision goal.

Have a fantastic May! I hope to see many of you this weekend at our State Convention in Greensboro.

As always, please contact me if I can help your club in any way.

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

***and the winner is Steve Talton from the Mocksville Lions Club whose ticket was drawn from 1884 tickets. \$7840 was raised for BV.**

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	\$103,344	68.9% 75.00%
		Mar	\$91,404	60.9% 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	

Global Action Team

Global Leadership

District Officer Training

Officer training will be June 1 from 9AM-12 at Davidson County Community College. There are some pre-requisite online courses that should be completed prior to June 1. The info will be emailed to all club officers.

Agenda

Opening Session 9:00 – 10:30

District Theme/Vision /Goals	DGE Jimmy Myers
GAT Structure	PDG George Culp – GLT
MyLCI	PDG George Culp – GLT
Service	Lion Ron Rich – GST
Membership	TBD
Brighter Visions	Lion Bill Mathers
Conventions/Campaign 100	PDG Butch Conrad

Session Breakouts 10:45 – 12:00

President and Vice Presidents	PDG Tim Williams
Secretary and Treasurer	PDG Ron Staley
	Lion Kirby Matthews
Zone Chair	PDG George Culp

PDG George Culp GLT District 31-I
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Global Membership

Our district took a big hit this last month. We are down 27 members. Some of our loss was the deaths of our Lion members. Let's get out there and recruit. Give people a reason to want to be a Lion. If you need help, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Happy May!

Thank you,

Lion Judi Seymour-GMT District 31-I

Global Service

Greetings, Lions,

Well here it is May, and hopefully you have elected next year's officers. This year we will have officer training June 1st. I enjoy meeting the newly elected officers and hearing about what is going on in their clubs. All officers should plan to attend. There is always something new to learn. If you are remaining in your current positions, I would like to encourage you to come and share some of your experiences with the other Lions in attendance. In the area of service, there are changes you should be aware of or maybe you have some questions about reporting or what gets reported.

I hope to see you there,

Lion Ron Rich

Global Service Team Chair

- * Sponsor a cookout for VIPs
- * Hold a vision/hearing screening event
- * Hold a diabetes screening event
- * Plant some trees
- * Hold a food drive
- * Volunteer at a soup kitchen
- * Assist with Meals on Wheels deliveries
- * Recycle eyeglasses
- * Maintain a "Little Free Library"
- * Collect school supplies
- * Give or present a scholarship award
- * Adopt a creek, highway or police officer
- * Volunteer at Camp Dogwood for summer camp
- * Participant in a Stride Walk
- * Donate books for a summer reading program
- * Collect can tabs for the Leader Dog Program
- * Collect used pill bottles for poor countries in need



Hello Lions,

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, Fellow Lions.

I can't say thank you enough to everyone who came out to help get the camp ready and sort glasses during Volunteer Week 2019. During the week of April 7-10, 95 Lions representing 42 Clubs donated a total of 1373 labor hours. During this week the Cates Room received a fresh coat of paint. Our Library was organized and audio books were cataloged and labeled. Buildings and fencing were pressure washed. The White Building received fresh screen, a new door and a much needed face lift. Flower beds were weeded, fresh flowers planted and mulch was installed around the property. A deck was added to the picnic shelter. This will provide a permanent place to keep the grills. Approximately 90,000 pairs of glasses totaling approximately 8500 pounds will be shipped to Illinois Recycling Center within the coming weeks. Fresh river rock and borders were placed around the duplexes.

Boy Scout Troop 823 stopped by on Tuesday night. The troop moved and installed the horse shoe pits above the Udovich dorm. This new location will offer shade the entire day for our VIPs. They also worked spreading river rock around the duplexes and the White dorm.

Lion Tammy Thomas, Camp Director

A Message from PDG Marti Henry, State Camp Dogwood Chair

We will be having the drawing for the Camp Dogwood "Lucky Winner Ticket" the middle of June. We are running behind on our tickets sales for this year. As everyone knows, all of the funds from the sale of these tickets are what we use to keep our beautiful camp maintained and in tiptop shape. We have many expensive repairs that are going to have to be done soon, such as a new roof for the Stickley Building at a cost of \$12,000 and we have recently had to purchase a new commercial washing machine at the tune of \$13,000. Good Lions, it is a 365 day a year job keeping everything up and running.

I am asking that everyone make a maximum effort to sell the Camp Dogwood Raffle Tickets during our remaining time.

Thank you for all that you do as Lions.

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.



WISH
LIST



Special Events for VIPs are coming in May

BEEPING EASTER EGG HUNT

Yadkinville Lions Club's Beeping Easter Egg Hunt, Cookout and Games will be held at the Children's Center of Yadkin, 1301 Old Stage Road, Yadkinville Saturday, May 11 from 2 to 4 p.m.



Ninth Annual Spring Eggspllosion (Beeping Egg Hunt for the Visually Impaired Children)

Sergeant Hashon Geddings
Winston-Salem Police Department

Hello

all,

The Winston-Salem Police Department is having their Annual Spring Eggspllosion. A beeping egg hunt for the Visually Impaired. This event will be Saturday, May 11, 2019, at Reynolda Village (2201 Reynolda Road) from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

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>

A LOOK BACK IN TIME



Who remembers the Ford Gumball Machines that were placed around your community to raise funds for civic organizations? If any of you

know the location of one of these that bears a Lions logo, please let Lion Willie Pruitt know where to find it. Find his contact information in the article to the right. Let's see if we can help him restart the program.

Lion Willie has invested a lot of time into researching the history of the program. Walter C. Huber of High Point, father of PID Ron Huber, was the originator of the program in NC and held the first franchise.

The Fordway program, and subsequent machines, were put in place in the 1941-1946 era and was in continuous operation until 2011/2012. I would like to re-institute the program.

First I would like to find what is out there, in service or at clubs, storage areas or any other location, and after that I can size up the issue.

Most machines are a light blue in color on light grey stands and should have a Lions Club sponsorship label. Some of the original sponsors were Denton, Lexington, and Thomasville in Davidson County. There were other participating clubs in Iredell, Randolph & Rowan Counties as well. I'm working with prior route servicer to find this equipment.

Please call me @ (H) 336-786-6953 or (C) 336-401-6441 (text is OK) or email wpruitt11@triad.rr.com with details, location, etc....

Any info will be greatly appreciated
Thanks, Willie Pruitt

Need help reporting service, activities or new officers to Lions International? Find their contact information below.

Contact Us

Support Email Address

MyLionSupport@lionsclubs.org.

For help in English, please contact MyLion Support at 630-468-7000, Mon - Fri 8:00am until 6:00pm CST.



CHRISTY POTEAT of the Mulberry community threw out the first pitch at the Hickory Crawdads minor league baseball game on April 15. Christy is legally blind but could see the catcher with the aid of her eSight 3 electronic glasses. Poteat and her Watauga County Special Olympics teammates were treated with free tickets and the VIP suite courtesy of Mark Seaman, Danny Severt and the Bethlehem Lions Club.

State Convention 2019



"Last night at our NC MD31 Lions State Convention my fellow Lions honored me with International President Gudrun Yngvadottir's International Leadership Award. Such a beautiful surprise and true honor. The letter and award from our first female International President and my fellow Lions moved my heart." wrote Lion Dr. Mary Sedgwick. Pictured left to right is Lion Dr. Maureen Murphy and her spouse PIP Al Brandel, Lion Mary, DG Alan Lake and PIP Sid Scruggs. Guide Dog Lucy is in the forefront .

2019 Hall of Fame inductee, Christy Poteat shares her experience using eSight glasses to help her paint. Her guide dog, Autumn gets a brief rest. Is Lion Christy the youngest person ever added to the Hall of Fame?



PDG Steve McLaurin (left) dropped in on the cabinet meeting to share his words of wisdom about LCIF and Campaign 100.



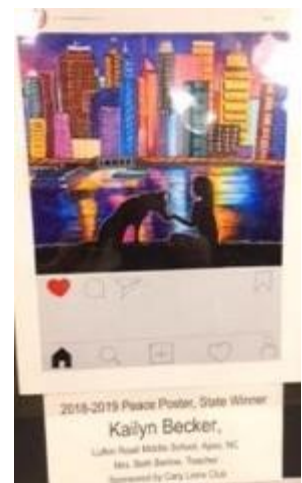
Pictured right is Past International President Al Brandel addressing the town hall.

What could be better than Lions history shared by the self-proclaimed "oldest rat in the barn," PID Lacy Presnell (below)?



Magician Jeff Case, with the help of his able assistant, Lion Anne Joyner (above), entertains the Friday night crowd.

Lined up below at the lower head table are the incoming governors for 2019-2020. The beautiful winning peace poster is pictured below right. Artist, Kailyn Becker, sponsored by Cary Lions Club, and her family were recognized at the banquet.



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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.

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All articles, announcements, etc., for inclusion in the District 31-I Newsletter should be sent to:

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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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