

DISTRICT 31-I NEWS



Membership News

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

In Loving Memory

of Lions who have died this past month

Member	Club
PDG Bill Smith	Elkin
James L. Stowe	South Iredell

Information obtained from MMRs submitted to LCI

VAVS Schedule-2019

Date	Lions Club
24-Jun	Mt. Pleasant
22-Jul	Salisbury
26-Aug	Concord
23-Sep	Cleveland
28-Oct	Thomasville
25-Nov	Gold Hill
2-Dec	Pilot

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

Welcome New Lions

Member	Club	Sponsored by
Antonio Chirinos	Charlotte South Park	Cesar Perez-Sanchez
Clay Johnson	Kernersville	Clark Bunting

Important Deadlines

**July 26, 2019 NCLI Quarterly Meetings-Meal Registration
(Call Camp Dogwood for room registration)**

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. Let him know of any other errors in last year's directory as well.
- 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

I thank each of you:

- ✓ For sharing your valuable knowledge of Lions work with me.
- ✓ For giving me the opportunity of working with you as a team member.
- ✓ For your guidance, support and cooperation.
- ✓ For sharing your advice and tips gleaned from your Lions experiences.
- ✓ For helping me to be a better Lion and really see how “We Serve” contributes so much to our communities.
- ✓ For reminding me what is proper and forgiving me when I forget.
- ✓ For the great meals and fellowship.
- ✓ For your outpouring of love and support when Bob and I needed it most.
- ✓ For all this and the wonderful memories.

I have learned so much during my visits with you. You helped me on my District Governor journey, making it a rewarding and memorable trip.

Carolyn Sprinkle, District Governor



On the Road with DG Carolyn



June 10th West Lexington
June 24th Troutman

Up to bat next year (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

"June is busting out all over." By now the clubs have elected their officers for my year as District Governor. Congratulations to all who have been elected to serve and for agreeing to serve in this next year. I wanted to have time for training, so we are going to get together for education at Davidson County Community College on Business 85 between Lexington and Thomasville on Saturday morning, June 1 at 9:00 A.M. We have some great leaders in our District to do the training. Over the years, I have appreciated my Lions Club training events. They have prepared me to handle the several positions I have held. We are a team. We need to learn about our job, and how to work together. Please take the time to join us for this all-important training event.

On Sunday, June 16 we celebrate Fathers Day. My father, Ray Myers was from Davie County. He was a World War II veteran of the 2nd Armored Division. He served during three invasions: North Africa, Sicily, and Europe. He landed on Omaha Beach on June 9, 1944, 75 years ago. His unit stopped the deepest German penetration in the Battle of the Bulge when it destroyed the 2nd Panzer Division on Christmas Day 1944 after a 75-mile night move to surround the 2nd Panzer Division at Celles, Belgium. After the war, Dad served in the occupation forces in Germany and Italy. Then he came home, married Mom, and raised a family for the Lord. I am proud to be the son of a member of the "greatest generation" as Tom Brokaw so aptly named them. Here's a salute to all our fathers. Thank you for your inspiration!

God bless you all especially in your work as Lions.

Lion Jimmy Myers - District Governor-Elect

2nd VDG Donald Cobb

The Last Ramblings of the Year

Well, time has gotten away again. It seems like time comes and goes faster and faster every year. It is already June and our Lions year is coming to an end. Are you and your club ready to end this year and start the next year?

I talked a little about this in my article last month, and I want to carry that theme over to this month. Fund raisers for this Lions year are coming to an end. Have you made your Brighter Visions contribution? We are still short of our goal so if you can give a little more to support our VIPs it would be great! Thanks for the contributions you have already made as the funds are desperately needed for Lions to provide programs and services across our district and state.

I know all of your club officers are in place and everyone is looking forward to taking office on July 1st. It is a good idea to look on the Lions Club International website for training opportunities and other resources that can help you and your club have a successful year. If you are not sure what the duties of your office may be, you can probably find out by going to the website. There is a lot of good information there, but we have to use it.

Camping season starts once again at Camp Dogwood in the near future. Our Brighter Visions contributions support this important program that gives our VIPs a chance to attend a real camp during the summer. There are numerous opportunities to volunteer at camp during the summer. If you have some extra time, check with Tammy at Camp Dogwood to see where she might need volunteers.

Looking forward to the next year, plans for our district convention scheduled for November 15 – 17 continue to be made thanks to our dedicated planning committee. The district convention will be held at the Greensboro-High Point Marriott Airport and the event promises to offer the opportunity to socialize, have fun, learn about Lions, and elect officers for the 2020 – 2021 year. Make plans to attend part or all of the convention.

It's been a good year for Lions across District 31-I. Let's finish the year with a bang!

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.



West Iredell Lions 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 (*left*), 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 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.



Kernersville Lions Club awarded scholarships to recipients from East Forsyth, Glenn and Walkertown at a recent event. Their Spring Folly "sprung" under the leadership of Lion Larry. The hamburgers were cooking, the hot dogs were rolling, and the fries were frying. According to the Chamber of Commerce, the crowd Friday night was the largest crowd ever. Saturday would have been better if the weather had been cooperative. Although the final results are not in, Lion Larry did a great job getting everything organized and rolling. I heard one customer say that the cheeseburger was the best that they ever had. Thanks to all who helped.

Konnoak Hills Lions Club's own Lion Charles Poteat was recently honored for his dedicated volunteer work by receiving the Governor's Volunteer Award. Congratulations, Lion Charles!

Where to find it on the web:

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

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

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.

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.

Join us at the
Linwood Lions Den

(4508 Old Linwood Rd, Linwood, NC)

for...



Thursday, June 13, 2019
beginning at 7:00 PM

*Plated Meals (Hotdogs with all the trimmings, Dessert, and Beverage)
at \$7.50 per plate, available starting at 6:30.*

Visiting Singers/Musicians welcome! (Call 336-956-9901)

Linwood Lions Club is hosting another painting party June 9 at 2:30 p.m. at the Linwood Lion's Den on Old Linwood Road. The cost for the class is \$35 each and 100% of the proceeds go to Brighter Visions. The design is the American flag pictured below. The canvas size is 16" x 20". All supplies are furnished. If you've never painted before, that's okay. It's a step by step process that, 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.



Pictures of the group enjoying Linwood's first painting party are below. Lion Molly Broadway shows off her amazing final results.



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

Yadkinville Lions Club reports that their 23rd Annual Golf Tournament held May 18 at Yadkin Country Club was very successful. The winning team was sponsored by Gentry Family Funeral Services of Yadkinville, NC. The "Beeping Egg Hunt", games and cookout for the blind, and vision impaired was enjoyed by about 30 people who were in attendance.

Calendar of Events

Strengthen Membership Month

Saturday, June 1	9 a.m.- noon	District Officer/New Member Training*	Davidson County Community College
Wednesday, June 5	6:30 p.m. (order off menu)	District Convention Planning Meeting	Victory Lanes 25 Morlake Drive, Mooresville
Saturday, June 8		Davidson County VIP 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
Friday, August 9 to Sunday, August 11		NCLI Council of Governors and Board of Directors Meeting	Camp Dogwood
Wednesday, Aug. 28	6-7 (social hour) 7 (dinner) 7:30 (program)	Brighter Visions Kickoff	Pine Lake Country Club 5504 Lebanon Rd, Mint Hill

If you are looking for a great country breakfast (6:30-10 a.m.) before the Training session, come to Hedrick's Grove Church, 3840 Allred Road, Lexington. From I-85, take Old Hwy 64, Exit 94, 3 miles east. Church is on the corner of 64 and Allred Road. Donations to benefit the **Shriners Children's Hospitals.*

Brighter Visions

We are at the end of another Lion year. This is my last article as your Brighter Visions Chair. Thank you for allowing me to serve you this past year. It has been an honor and a pleasure to lead you in our fundraising efforts. Let's continue our Great Year and end it in a Fabulous way! Some might say...with a BANG!

	July			100%
	June			91.67%
Our 2018-2019	May	\$115,404	76.9%	83.33%
District 31-I	Apr	\$103,344	68.9%	75.00%
Brighter Visions	Mar	\$91,404	60.9%	66.67%
Goal is	Feb	\$85,446	56.96%	58.33%
\$150,000	Jan	\$68,110	45.41%	50.00%
	Dec	\$65,616	43.74%	41.67%
	Nov	\$62,685	41.79%	33.33%
Follow our progress	Oct	\$61,830	41.22%	25.00%
each month	Sep	\$60,080	40.5%	16.67%
	Aug	\$58,007	38.67%	8.33%
	July	START		

Brighter Visions Funds raised as of May 24th for our district are: \$115,404.02.

Our district goal is \$148,000. We are currently at 77% of our goal. With a month left in our year, we can raise the 23% we need to reach our goal. I'm a positive person. I know this can happen, because I know the Lions in our district!

May each of you have a terrific June!

I look forward to serving you in a new and different role next year.

Happy Summer!

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

Global Action Team

Global Leadership

I encourage my readers to get a copy of Dr. Chuck Wall's *Kindness – Changing Our World*. Dr. Wall accepts no credit for the phrase “random act of senseless kindness.” However, what began as an assignment to his students of a Human Relations class became an international effort.

Dr. Wall suggests we each take the time to go out into our community and generate one senseless act of kindness. When asked for examples, he responded that he would provide no examples, it is entirely up to the individual.

By now, your club has elected its officers, and plans for the new year are being discussed. Items related to membership, leadership, and service to others should be the focus for your club. Keeping members engaged will provide the emphasis to attend, lead, and encourage others to join. The mission to serve others is the purpose of your recently elected service chair. Their leadership will provide you opportunities through which you club can serve your community.

It is up to you to consider these random acts of senseless kindness and share them with your club. Others may want to join the effort.

Dr. Wall defines kindness as an act that positively influences the life of both the giver and the receiver. He continues that it does not have to cost money or be difficult to perform. It starts with each of us.

Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.-----Mark Twain

Note: Dr. Wall overcame blindness to earn a Ph.D. in Education. His hobbies include building birdhouses. He adds that's a funny story on it own--a table saw running in a pitch-dark garage at all hours of the day and night, and a blind man running it!

PDG George Culp GLT District 31-I
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Global Service

Greetings, Lions,

Here it is, the last month of this Lion year. For me it went by fast. I want to thank the clubs that submitted their service projects to MYLCI or MYLION. It really is important to our district and Lions International.

Next Lion year we will be challenged to navigate the MYLION website. I hope the incoming club officers will take time to familiarize themselves with this new tool.

Officer training is June 1st and should be very helpful in starting the Lion year out right. Hope to see you there!

Lion Ron Rich
 Global Service Team Chair
Casper101@windstream.net

Suggested Service Projects-June

- * 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



What is CAMPAIGN 100, you ask? We all know, or should know, what Brighter Visions is, the charitable arm of NCLI which supports many familiar causes in our communities. LCIF is to International Lions what BV is to NC Lions. It is the charitable arm of Lions International.

If you think that means that all the funds are used in international locations, you would be wrong. North Carolina has received \$357,000 in grants from LCIF in recent months in the form of \$100,000 matching grant for Camp Dogwood (Industries for the Blind in Kinston provided the other half) and money for hurricane relief along the coast. Tornado and forest fire relief, as well as other matching gifts such as those to purchase Kid-Sight screening equipment, have come to NC.

Which brings me to the original question, “What is Campaign 100?” It is a three-year initiative of Lions International to raise \$300 million to continue to “empower service.” It is similar to other capital campaigns that many of you will remember such as Campaign Sight First and Sight First II with specific focuses on river blindness and measles, respectively.

LCIF has set an aggressive goal. Clubs should strive to set their own realistic goals and make contributions before the program ends June 30, 2022. For those super performers, the “Model Club” designation will be available for an average donation of \$750/member over the 3-year period. For each \$1000 donation, a club or individual will be eligible to award a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

What do you need to do as Lions Clubs and individual Lions? Stretch a little. Step up your giving, without losing sight of the needs met by Brighter Visions. Add one new fundraiser, or designate one to benefit Campaign 100. Challenge members to make that extra donation. Solicit funds from individuals and businesses in your community. Give from a surplus in your treasury.

Don’t forget LCIF. They have not forgotten the US states and territories. They have not forgotten us.

Thank You!

PDG C. R. “Butch” Conrad, District 31-I LCIF Coordinator

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



District Officer Training

Officer training will be Saturday, 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



Remembering our fallen soldiers on this Memorial Day with 535 US Flags displayed by Concord Lions. Their next display will begin their 55th year.

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.



If any of you know the location of one of these that bears a Lions logo, please contact Lion Willie Pruitt at (H) 336-786-6953 or (C) 336-401-6441 (text is OK) or email wpruitt11@triad.rr.com with details, location, etc....

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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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