

DISTRICT 31-I NEWS



We serve through diversity, creating harmony through service with
102nd International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi



District 31-I Newsletter

August 2019

Issue 2

Membership News

Brighter Visions Kick-off
August 28, 2019

Welcome New Lions

Member	Club	Sponsored by
Mary N. Rodriguez	Charlotte SouthPark	Cesar Perez-Sanchez
Alice Gamble	Concord	Georgianne Jenkins
Robert F. Cappel, Jr.	Kernersville	Jerry Medford
James A. Garzony	Kernersville	Caroline Domenig
Deborah A. Sabo	Kernersville	Caroline Domenig
Martha Coleen Cronin	Lake Norman LC	Cathy Critz
Laura D. Cranford	Taylorsville	Brenda Higgins
Karen Green	Thomasville	David Smoot
Brooks Nash, Jr.	Thomasville	Charles Hall
David Fox	West Jefferson	James Snyder
Mary Carolyn Fox	West Jefferson	James Snyder



VAVS Schedule-

Date	Lions Club
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

Important Deadlines

July 31 - RSVP for Aug 3 McLaurin Event to PDG Carlton Metts

Ph: 252-636-5000 Email: carltonmetts@embarqmail.com

August 20 - Articles for the September Newsletter Due

August 24 - Deadline to Register for Brighter Visions Kickoff meal/golf

August 31 - Deadline for the Club & District Team Excellence Awards

August 31 - Deadline for Presidential Zone & Region Chair Awards



Our
Man
in
Milan!

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Join Lions! Make a Difference! - DG Jimmy Myers

I started last month with a trip to the International Convention in Milan, Italy. In 1963, my family was vacationing in Miami where we witnessed the Lions Club parade at that year's International Convention. Little did I realize that 56 years later I would carry the American flag in the North Carolina delegation. What a thrill. The keynote speaker was former British Prime Minister Tony Blair who told the story of being presented to Queen Elizabeth as all Prime Ministers are, and falling into her lap when she reached out her hand for him to kiss it. She laughingly told him that she had received ten Prime Ministers in her reign beginning with Sir Winston Churchill before Blair was born, but he was the first one that she had in her lap. To sum up his speech, Blair told us what we do for others is the most important work we do in our lives. The highlight for me was taking the oath of a Lions International District Governor, and removing my "Elect" ribbon from my badge.

Also, I met a couple of new District Governors from Florida. We are going to have a contest to see which of our districts can raise the most food for our local food pantries. This is how it will work. When you go grocery shopping, buy at least one item of nonperishable food with some shelf life such as canned food or cereal. Record how many ounces. Then take it to a local food pantry for the poor. Report the number of ounces to the club secretary who will report it to our District Secretary. At the end of March we will see how much food we have donated. Let's see if we can out gather those Florida Districts.

Thanks to everyone who made our Awards, Installation, and Cabinet Meeting go so smoothly Saturday, July 20th. It was a great time of celebration for what we accomplished in 2018-2019. It was the first time we as District 31-I met our Brighter Visions goal. Let's do no less in the coming year. We are looking at \$150,000 as our goal. We went over this number under the leadership of Michelle Gregory (a roar for her), and we can do it again under the leadership of Bill Mathers (a roar for him). Our kickoff banquet is Wednesday, August 28 at Pine Lake Country Club at Mint Hill at 7 PM. If you want to, you can play a round of golf at the Country Club. Contact Bill at 704-756-0046 or billmathers13@yahoo.com to play golf that afternoon. I am challenging all our clubs to pay our Brighter Visions funds forward. Last year we raised \$60,000 at our kickoff banquet. Let's do it again. I believe the money we raise for Brighter Visions is the most important money we raise because it is the life blood for what we do in North Carolina.

Without those funds we would not be able to have Camp Dogwood for the VIPs. We would not be able to be involved with critical, clinical eye research at Carolina, Duke and Wake Forest. These funds help the children of VIPs go to college. Helping in the education of a young person is some of the most important work that we do, and by doing it, we touch the future. We led the State in our Brighter Visions collections. Let's do it again. I enjoy coming in first. Instead of a gift when I visit your clubs, I would appreciate a donation to the Brighter Visions funds.

August 4th is Lions night at the HiToms baseball game at Finch Field in Thomasville. The game starts at 7 PM. Take the exit off of Business 85 at National Highway in Thomasville and turn towards High Point. You will see the stadium lights on the left. Let's show off our Lions Club clothes and vests if you have them.

Have a great year. It is my great honor to be your District Governor.

Jimmy Myers, District Governor

Here Comes the Judge



Official Club Visit Schedule

1-Aug	Midway
2-Aug	Charlotte South Park
4-Aug	Lions Night at Finch Park Thomasville
5-Aug	Davis-Townsend
6-Aug	Welcome
15-Aug	Denton
22-Aug	Linwood
28-Aug	Brighter Visions Kickoff Pine Lake CC
3-Sep	Creston Riverview
5-Sep	North Wilkesboro
10-Sep	King
16-Sep	Taylorsville
24-Sep	Mt. Airy
26-Sep	West Iredell

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 Donald Cobb

Resources for New Members

A new member of our Lions Club recently began asking me questions both about our club and about Lions Clubs in general. As I talked with him about our club, he would ask more questions and our conversation continued. He stated more than one time that he wanted to learn more about Lions and our club and get more involved so he could make a difference.

My questions to you are very simple. Do you have new members, or even members who have been in your club for a while, that still don't know what they need to know about your club or about Lions Clubs in general? Do you have new members who want to be more involved so they can make a difference in the community? If you are fortunate enough to have new members in your club, then the answers to these questions are probably yes.

Many younger individuals are interested in volunteering in their community and they want to be involved in projects that make a difference. Our task is to make sure we can attract those individuals to our clubs and once they become members, make sure we get them involved in projects in which they are interested.

We also need to make sure we provide the information our new members need to learn about Lions and what we do. A couple of days after my discussion with our new member, I sent him a list of websites where he could find additional information regarding Lions Clubs.

The first of these sites was Lions Clubs International which can be found at <https://lionsclubs.org>. I suggested that he be sure to click on Resources for Members and then browse the resources found there. I also suggested that he be sure to find the Constitution and By-Laws for clubs since that could give him a lot of information regarding the manner in which a club should operate.

The second resource I suggested was Lions University which can be found at <https://lionsuniversity.org>. Lions University is "housed" within the USA/Canada Leadership Forum and contains several online courses that provide unending information about Lions, what we do, and how we should operate. Many individuals have found that by taking courses within the Lions University, they were able to learn a great deal about Lions, and as a result, become a better Lion.

The final website I suggested was North Carolina Lions, Inc. which can be found at <https://nclionsinc.org>. This site has a great deal of information regarding programs and services provided by Lions across North Carolina. I also suggested he click on the Members Area to see information related to Lions members across our state.

While each of these websites provide a great deal of information for both new Lions as well as Lions who have been members for some time, there are other sources of information as well. The important point to remember is that we must share this information with our new members in order to keep them in our clubs.

Lion Donald Cobb - 1st Vice District Governor

2nd VDG Wayne Kennerly

Our International President, Dr. Choi is seeking ways to engage recent retirees who now have time on their hands to join our organization and volunteer their time and expertise to various Lions programs. Most retirees I have talked with tell me that they are more busy now than before they retired. Most are trying to catch up on projects that need to be done in their home, at church or helping their children. I have heard it all but have been able to bring in many retirees over the years. People are not going to knock on your door and ask to join your club. There is not an easy way to get members. Just remember you have to ask. When was the last time you asked a friend, or neighbor or coworker? Finding a good Lion normally means finding a busy person, and not someone sitting in a chair on their front porch.

District I has a problem with over a dozen clubs that do not have a membership chairman. How can you get new members without someone to move the program forward?

On July 20 Governor Jimmy Myers presided over the installation of his cabinet at Bethlehem UMC in Advance. Past Council Chair Diane Whitley of the Greater Monroe Lions Club was guest speaker and installed the new cabinet. Having Lion Diane was special to me as I recalled working with her and her husband, Past International Director Harvey on getting Bill Woolard elected President of Lions International and on many mid-winter conventions in Salisbury. Governor Jimmy treated us to a splendid barbecue meal, served by his fellow Lions from the Mocksville Lions Club.

Past District Governor Carolyn Sprinkle had a terrific year and this year's cabinet will have to work hard to equal or exceed her goals. Thank you for leaving District I in such good shape.

Remember the Brighter Visions Kick-off Wednesday, Aug. 28. Hopefully all clubs will be represented and will get Lion Bill Mathers off to a good start. Lion Michelle Gregory set the bar high, so let's not let Bill down.

Each person counts—why not share Lionism!

Lion Wayne Kennerly, 2nd Vice District Governor

District 31-I Lions in Service



Riverview Lions Club invites everyone to spend a day at their Festival by the River, Saturday, August 17 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Food: hamburgers, hot dogs and fixings; music: bluegrass, gospel and country; free children's activities, crafts and fun. The rubber duck race will begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are 5 for \$20 with a grand prize of \$1000, 2nd prize \$200 and 3rd prize \$100.

Lion Phyllis Honeycutt congratulates Michael Punt (pictured on the right), winner of the **Troutman Lions Club's** \$1,500 scholarship this year. Michael is a graduate of South Iredell High School and his parents are Dieter and Heidi Punt. The award was presented recently at the Awards Night at the school. Michael and his parents will be guests at our next meeting to tell us about his college plans.



Lions Night at the ballgame in **Thomasville** will be Friday, August 2. The pre-game with the local hospitals will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Hi-Toms. Tickets for the game only are \$5, and including food are \$7. Bring your VIPs and your families and enjoy this special treat. Meet PDG David Smoot at the gates to get your discount tickets.



West Iredell Lions Club President Christie Kestler has outlined her goals for the 2019–2020 Lions year. She is challenging the club to implement one fundraiser per quarter to allow the club to meet its financial goals, continue service projects for the community and introduce some new services. The club will also present more programs and ideas related to the Lions International goals of hunger, pediatric cancer, education and human services. Lions Christie, Angela and Patsy attended the Cabinet Installation and Awards Banquet on July 21. Lion Patsy Shumake (*pictured at left with PDG Carolyn Sprinkle*) received the Ben Q. Foreman award for Outstanding Service to District 31-I. Congratulations to all Lions and clubs that received awards and recognition for their contribution of time and service to their community, state and international. It feels so, so good to be a Lion. We are roaring with pride.



Pictured are some other very deserving Lions who received awards: l-r Michelle Gregory; presenter, PDG Carolyn Sprinkle; Theresa Matthews and Tim Williams.



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>

Club News and Events

Denton Lions Club Golf Tourney will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5 at the McCanless Golf Club in Salisbury, NC.

The Thirty-Ninth Annual Dave Conrad Lions Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Wednesday, September 4 (rain date Wednesday, September 18) at the Lexington Golf Club. The **Lexington Downtown Lions Club** and Breeden Insurance Services, Inc. sponsor the tournament. Business and civic organizations are asked to sponsor teams for this half-day captain's choice affair. The tournament will be limited to the first twenty-four (24) teams. Each team will consist of an A, B, C, and D player (see entry form on flyer) and will cost \$225 (plus \$5/player for each "mulligan") and includes:

- *1. Entry of four people in the tournament
- *2. Green fees and golf carts
- *3. Chance to win multiple prizes up to \$1,000,000
- *4. Barbecue party immediately following afternoon play
- *5. Co-sponsored by R.H. Barringer Distributing Co. Inc.

All proceeds from the tournament will be used to aid the blind and for research and treatment of eye diseases. You only have to close your eyes for a few minutes to feel the loneliness and isolation that the visually impaired feel. Over the past thirty years, many lives have been touched due to the valuable participation and contributions. Hole sponsorships are also available for \$100. Contact Mark Breeden at 336-309-0530 or J. J. Fashimpaur at 336-248-3950. Checks payable to Lexington Downtown Lions Club and mail with your entry form, if applicable, to PO Box 571, Lexington, NC 27293-0571. Your support and participation are greatly appreciated.



West Jefferson Lions Club held its annual awards night June 18 in Hensley Hall at West Jefferson United Methodist Church. PID Ron Huber installed two new members, Lions Carolyn and David Fox (*far left*). Each member received recognition for their part in the huge success of

the club this year. Lion Jim Snyder (*left, center*) was recognized with a plaque naming the annual Christmas Tree 5k race in his honor for outstanding leadership of that event. Mayor Dale Baldwin recognized outgoing president Lion Gwynita Steele (*above*) for her leadership. There were 22 Lions and 10 guests present for the picnic dinner.

The West Jefferson Lions serve the community in many capacities including sponsoring a mobile vision screening unit (Vision Van), helping pay for eye exams and eyeglasses, and supporting many worthwhile local projects including the holiday parade. Their focus for the last two years has been increasing awareness of diabetes prevention and supporting juvenile cancer patients. "Where there is a need...there is a Lion."

Troutman Lions Club named Lion Phyllis Honeycutt (pictured right) Lion of the Year. Her outstanding service to the club as Tail Twister for years as well as her dedication to all club projects. A brick in her honor is being placed at the Troutman Library. Her sunny disposition reminds all of us to not take ourselves too seriously. Good Job, Phyllis!



Lion Crystal Tanner (pictured left) was named **Kernersville Lions Club's** Lion of the Year. Lion Crystal joined the club in June, 2017 and did not waste anytime getting involved. She became program chairman, and she was recently elected third vice-president. She has assisted with the queen of hearts. She and her husband, Lion Kevin, have represented the Lions Club in several parades, including the most recent Fourth of July parade. She participates in all of the club's projects and sets a good example for all. Congratulations, Lion Crystal!



Calendar of Events

Lion Year 2019 - 2020

Saturday, August 3	2 to 6 p.m.	Afternoon of Music, Food, Fellowship NO cost; donation to  encouraged	McLaurin Home & Barn 4817 Johnson Pond Road, Apex
Friday, August 9 to Sunday, August 11		NCLI Council of Governors and Board of Directors Meetings-Installation	Camp Dogwood
Monday, August 12		INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY	
Wednesday, August 14	6:30 p.m. (Meal) 7 p.m. (Meeting)	District 31-I Convention Planning	Venezia's Italian Restaurant 5273 US Hwy 158, Bermuda Run, NC
Wednesday, Aug. 28	6-7 (social hour) 7 (dinner) 7:30 (program)	 Kickoff	Pine Lake Country Club 5504 Lebanon Rd, Mint Hill
Thursday, September 19 to Saturday, September 21		USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum https://vimeo.com/343958999	Spokane, WA
Wednesday, October 2	6:30 p.m.	Davidson County Lions Council Annual Reverse Raffle	J. Smith Young YMCA 119 W. 3rd Ave., Lexington
Friday, November 15 to Sunday, November 17		District 31-I Fall Convention Cabinet Meeting	Airport Marriott, Greensboro

Brighter Visions

District 31-I 2019 Brighter Visions Kickoff - August 28
Pine Lake Country Club, Mint Hill, NC

The District 31-I 2019 Brighter Visions Kickoff Gala will be on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at Pine Lake Country Club in Mint Hill, NC. The social hour will be from 5:30-6:30 pm, with a buffet dinner offered at 6:30 pm. Our meeting will begin at 7:15 pm. The cost for dinner will be \$24 per person, with \$6 of this being donated to Brighter Visions.

This year, we will also have the opportunity for anyone who wants to play golf before the Kickoff Gala to do so. There are shower facilities at the club that will be available to Lions who might want to freshen up after a round of golf. The cost for the golf outing will be \$65 per person for greens fees, with \$15 of this being donated to Brighter Visions. Tee times will be between noon and 1 pm.

Registration forms for both the dinner and the golf outing are on page 11. **Deadline for registration for both is August 24, 2019.**

Payment should be made to the Mint Hill Lions Club, and be mailed along with registration forms to Bill Mathers, c/o Mathers Realty, 4335 Matthews Mint Hill Road, Suite B, Matthews, NC 28105.

If there are any questions, please call Bill Mathers, Brighter Visions District 31-I Chair, at 704-756-0046.



*Congratulations to
District Chair
Michelle Gregory
and District 31-I
for exceeding the
goal for
2018-2019!*

July	\$153,085	102.1%	100%
June	\$141,620	94.4%	91.67%
May	\$115,404	76.9%	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

MyLion, MyLCI, and MyGoodness!

Most of us have a problem with change. We like for things to say the same. On the other hand, we all have accepted change with examples of our move from cooking with fire to today's microwave ovens. We may want to change our opinion and say that "Change is Opportunity".

As with many of you, I have been perplexed with the changes at LCI in reporting our service activities. Over the last couple of weeks, attempts to use either MyLion or MyLCI have been frustrating. I've had to step back to my IT career and remember how difficult it can be to roll out a new and different computer system. Through this newsletter, I want to offer some assistance and say that change is coming, albeit sometimes very slow. I've noticed that LCI is working diligently to get the new systems up and running smoothly. Just imagine their frustrations with 1.4 million users and the many different language barriers.

As your district officers, we are behind in reporting our 2019-20 District officers for various reasons beyond our control. This effort is being addressed with hopes that it will soon be completed. This has made it difficult for the new officers to be able to access MyLCI to accomplish expected tasks.

Perhaps to offer some relief to our Lions, here is a brief review I hope will assist you in completing your tasks as a club officer.

MyLion – MyLion has a universal login system. Every Lion in the world can register by using their member number (see your club Secretary) to gain online access to MyLion. To register, begin by going to www.lionsclubs.org then click on MyLCI/MyLion LOGIN at the top of the page. From there you will be able to sign-in once you complete the registration. MyLion allows you update your profile (address, contact info, etc.), plan service projects, connect with other Lions, and **report service**. (Notice the emphasis on reporting service). Reporting service is no longer limited to club presidents and secretaries. Club Service Chairs should become familiar with this application.

MyLCI – MyLCI is restricted to Lion Leaders of both club and district offices. Each club and district must update their officer list in MyLCI which will provide the officers the ability to complete specific duties of reporting.

I encourage each of us to be patient yet continue to become familiar with the new applications. I will continue to research the issues and do what I can to alleviate the problems. Feel free to contact me with your specific problems and I will attempt to assist you.

Questions? Contact GLT District coordinator PDG George Culp LionGeorgeCulp@gmail.com

Global Service

Fellow Lions,

Welcome to a new Lion year. It was great to see all the ones who came to the officer's training. Club Officers, If you haven't already, please go to My Lion and register.

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

Suggested Service Projects-Aug.-Sept.

- Donate hand sanitizer, tissues and other school supplies to a local school
- Collect clothes for a children's home
- Partner with a school, scout troop or other community organization
- Maintain a "Little Free Library"
- Collect used pill bottles to send to an organization that fills them for poor countries in need
- Hold a vision/hearing or diabetes screening
- Assist with Meals on Wheels deliveries
- Join or start a reading program at a school or library
- * Hold a food drive
- Join a local parade or host a festival booth
- Adopt a highway or a police officer
- Collect can tabs for the Leader Dog program
- Visit nursing homes and distribute treats
- Recycle eyeglasses
- Collect shoes, socks and underwear to restock school closets

31-I's own Lion Dianne and PDG George Culp, winners of the Camp Dogwood, drawing are pictured below, picking up their new wheels. NICE!



Information of Interest

District Financial Information

District MD 31-I Annual Dues (\$17. per member)	
Based on membership as reported to LCI 6/31 & 12/31	
1/2 Billed August	\$8.50
1/2 Billed January	\$8.50
Note: District 31-I Expenses	
NC Lions Council of Governors Admin	5.50
NC Lions Promotions Committee.....	1.00
District MD 31-I Admin.....	10.50
Dist.31-I Annual program Support (\$20. per member)	
Boys & Girls Home	\$1.50
Celebrate Liberty	1.50
Diabetes Awareness	1.50
District Annual Fund Raising Project.....	2.50
Guide Dog Program.....	1.50
Leo Clubs Administrative.....	1.50
Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)	2.00
Lions Reading Service	1.50
Voluntary Services/Veterans Affairs.....	1.50
Scruggs Beacon of Hope (VIP Campers Support)...	2.00
Ambassador Club.....	2.00
Woolard Partner-in-Service	1.00
Mail all Dues, Program Support to;	
Lion Kirby Matthews, District Treasurer	
POB 788 Denton 27239	
336-859-5344 H 800-457-0029 C	
kirby@minutemansupply.com	
Brighter Visions (per member)	\$130.00
Governor's BV Goal—\$150,000.	
(Supports VIP Campers/Mobility Canes/Mobile Screening Unit/Education Grants/and other aid to NC citizens)	
Sale of Camp Dogwood Tickets (per member) \$.....	30.00
Supports Camp Dogwood Facility Maintenance	
Mail Brighter Visions and Camp Dogwood Sold Ticket	
Stubs and money to NCLI Accounting Department,	
POB 39 Sherrills Ford, NC 28675	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International annual dues are billed directly to each club: Head of Household \$43.00 billed semi annually \$21.50 • Family Member (same address) \$21.50 billed semi annually \$10.75 	



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.

Directory Updates

P 36 - Davis-Townsend President Neil Clark
P 47 - Salisbury Meetings: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Wed. at Noon
P 45-47 - Zone Chair is Don Conner
P 55 - Address for Wayne Kennerly 435 Pepperstone Dr
P 61 - Address for Bill Mathers <i>Add city</i> -Matthews, NC 28105
P 63 - Global Membership-Judi Seymour Address: 390 Rocky Rick Lane Rockwell, NC 28138
P 64 - Leader Dog State Chair - Dr. Mary Sedgwick
P 66 - VIP Fishing Tournament Pat & Christy Poteat 336-670-2257 H 336-452-8295 C christydpoteat@charter.net
P 65 - <i>Replace entry for pin traders/NC Lions Chaplain under state...</i> NC Lions, Inc, Chaplain Butch Conrad 1270 Beck's Nursery Road Lexington, NC 27292 336-747-5046 H 336-239-3125 C chrisjenministries@gmail.com
<i>under district...</i> Chaplain Debbie Williams 3887 Old Linwood Road Lexington, NC 27292 336-956-9901 H 336-225-4987 C djwms@triad.rr.com
P 67 - <i>remove chaplain information in last entry (Duplicated info)</i>
P 69 - <i>add current club</i> 72-73 E Rev. James Peeler (West Lexington) Davis-Townsend
P 70 - <i>add current club</i> 75-76 E Jack Frank (Central) Davis-Townsend
P 72 - <i>add</i> 99-00 D Danny Jefferson (Greensboro Host) 1225 N. Main Street Kernersville, NC 27284 336-993-2121 (W) Kernersville danny.jefferson@pierce-jeffersonfuneralservice.com

Up Close and Personal



PDG Jack Frank, pictured at left and below, who suffered hearing loss during his WWII service in Europe has a cochlear implant. Check out this link for his story on local TV channel 8 in High Point. Lion Jack was formerly a member of the Central Lions Club and a current member of the **Davis-Townsend** club.

<https://myfox8.com/2019/07/08/cochlear-ear-implants-help-elderly-people-lead-a-more-fulfilling-life/>



Meet the new president of the **Kernersville Lions Club**, Lion Arthur Paul Drennan. Art, who was born in Elkton, MD and considers Los Angeles his hometown, now lives in Colfax with his spouse, Jean. He is a U.S. Naval Academy graduate with advanced degrees in Physical Oceanography and Strategy and National Security Studies who graduated with highest distinction-top 5% of class. With 27 years of commissioned service in U.S. Navy, he retired as Captain. He is a veteran of the Viet Nam and Gulf Wars. He served as CO of USS BOWEN for 30 months. He has two children and 6 grandchildren. He would like to write a book based on his family history research. Prez Art is pictured at left with PDG Danny Jefferson at the club's installation service.

NOTE: **Kernersville Lions Club** was named Best All Around Club for 2018-2019



BINGO, SNOW CONES AND
REPTILES, OH MY!



READY TO PARTY!

CAMP HAPPENINGS

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





North Carolina Lions

Multiple District 31/Celebrate Liberty Committee

1678-C Robins Nest Court
Gastonia, NC 28054
(704) 854-5315
Schwartz5483@gmail.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

North Carolina Lions Sponsor Essay Contest

By PDG Michael H. Schwartz
State Chairperson

The North Carolina Lions are sponsoring the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest, which is open to any high school junior enrolled in a public, private or charter school in Multiple District 31. Each entry must be sponsored by a Lions club in the district where the school is located.

The essay must be no longer than 750 words and must stick to the theme of the contest. This year's theme is based on the Benjamin Franklin quote: "*Without freedom of thought, there can be no such thing as wisdom – and no such thing as public liberty without freedom of speech.*" Franklin, the first postmaster general of the American colonies, was considered as one of the Founding Fathers of the United States.

Clubs wishing to sponsor an entry can obtain an application by contacting the district chairperson of the Celebrate Liberty Committee; or by downloading a copy of the form on the group's Facebook page. Entries must be submitted to the district chairperson no later than Jan. 30, 2020. Entries postmarked after the date will not be accepted.

The Grand Prize winner will receive \$250 and be invited to attend the 2020 N.C. Lions State Convention, which will be held April 24-26 in Asheville. The winner, whose trip to the state convention will be paid by the committee, will be asked to read their essay to Lions and guests attending the 2nd General Business Session at the convention.

The Celebrate Liberty Committee is again selling pins to support the committee's activities. The pins are \$3 each and feature North Carolina Governor Thomas Burke, who served from 1781-1782. While he only served 10 months in office, Burke was known as the only Colonial governor to be captured and imprisoned by British Troops during the American Revolutionary War.

Burke was held on the British-controlled James Island near Charleston. While waiting for a prisoner exchange to secure his release, the governor escaped and returned to North Carolina. However, his health suffered and Burke was forced to resign from his office before the completion of his term and he died in 1783.

Celebrate Liberty pins can be purchased through the district chairperson.

Brighter Visions Kickoff

NORTH CAROLINA LIONS DISTRICT 31-I

BRIGHTER VISIONS KICKOFF GALA

At

PINE LAKE COUNTRY CLUB
5504 LEBANON ROAD, MINT HILL, NC 28227

Wednesday, August 28, 2019
Social Hour from 5:30-6:30 PM
Buffet Dinner starts at 6:30 PM
Presentation starts at 7:15 PM

COST: \$24.00/person (\$6.00 of this will go to Brighter Visions)

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS AUGUST 24

REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s): _____

Lions Club: _____

Number of People Attending: _____

Please make all checks payable to:
Mint Hill Lions Club

Mail Registration Form and Payment to:

Bill Mathers, c/o Mathers Realty
4335 Matthews Mint Hill Rd, Ste B
Matthews, NC 28105

SIGN-UP NOW!

If you can't make it for all the events,
come for what you can. Don't miss the
"parade of clubs" and presentation of
your club's initial contribution to the
2019-2020 Brighter Visions fund drive.

Brighter Visions Kickoff Golf Outing

When:

August 28th, 2019

Where:

Pine Lake Country Club
5504 Lebanon Rd, Mint Hill, NC
28227

Time:

Tee Times between 12-1pm



Cost: \$65/person. \$15 of this will go to Brighter Visions.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 24, 2019

Questions?

Call Bill Mathers at 704-756-0046

Brighter Visions Kickoff Golf Outing

Registration Form

August 28th, 2019
Pine Lake Country Club
5504 Lebanon Rd, Mint Hill, NC 28227

Name: _____

Lions Club: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

Fees: Please include \$65 per person greens fees with this registration form.

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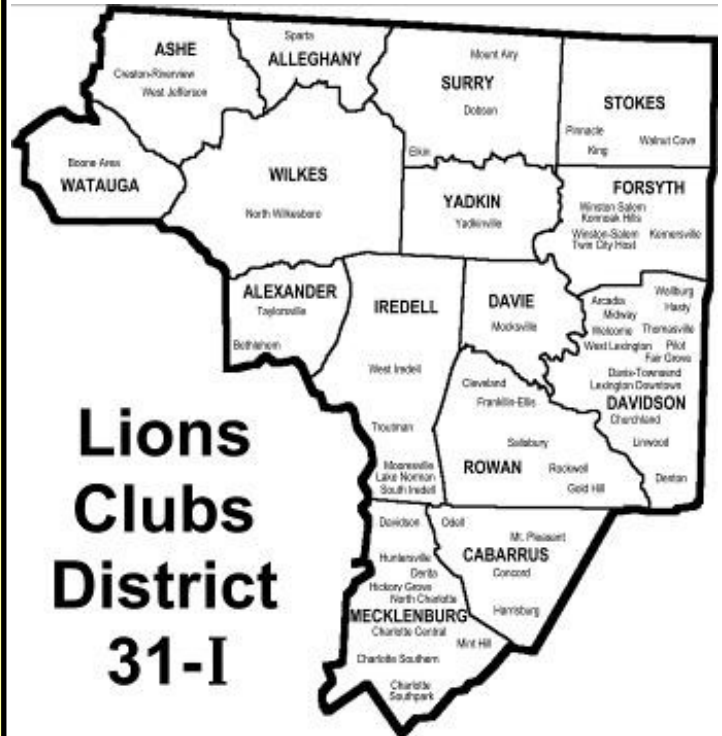
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