

DISTRICT 31-I NEWS



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102nd International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi



District 31-I Newsletter

November 2019

Issue 5

Membership News

DISTRICT CONVENTION-NOV. 15-17
CALL LIZ (704)798-3471 - REGISTER NOW!

Welcome New Lions

Member	Club	Sponsored by
Dianne E Norwood	Concord	Georgianne Jenkins
Elizabeth Schavillie	Concord	Georgianne Jenkins
Nancy Tarlton	Concord	John Parker
Richard Tarlton	Concord	John Parker
Andre L. Wilkerson	Concord	Shedrick Hall
Randy Joe Berrier, Jr.	Lexington Downtown	Melissa Egelnick
Janelle Correll	Mt. Pleasant	Ronald Hurlocker



VAVS Schedule-2019

Date	Lions Club
25-Nov	Gold Hill
2-Dec	Pilot

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

GOVERNOR JIMMY'S CHALLENGE

- Collect extra non-perishable food items.
- Report number of items and weight of food to the Club Secretary.
- The Club Secretary will report the number of items (the number served) via MYLION to International and the number of items and the weight to the Cabinet Secretary.
- Deliver the items to any food bank, soup kitchen, etc.

Project continues until April, 2020

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NORTH CAROLINA Lions, Inc.

The Purchase of These Tickets Helps
The North Carolina Lions Support Camp Dogwood
A Recreational Facility For The Blind

You May Win A
\$200.00 Gift Certificate
(2 Gift Certificates To Be Given Away At Each District Mid-Winter Convention)

Grand Prize: Your Choice New:
Buick Encore, GMC Terrain, GMC Canyon Truck
2nd Prize: \$1000⁰⁰ cash prize **3rd Prize:** \$500⁰⁰ cash prize
***4th & 5th Prizes:** Vacation Package Outerbanks/Asheville
*Blackout dates may apply

Vehicle Provided By Vestal Buick GMC

Be sure to sell your Camp Dogwood tickets, and turn them in to be eligible for the drawing for two \$200 gift certificates at the District Convention.

Join Lions! Make a Difference! - DG Jimmy Myers

Greetings, Fellow Lions,

“Wow!” is my initial impression of the 37th Annual VIP Fishing Tournament at Manteo, NC and its nearby piers. About 900 people, including VIPs, their guests, and Lion and Leo volunteers joined together to renew this annual event October 21-24. I was impressed by how this logistical nightmare came together through the efforts of everyone involved. One trip, and you are caught. I have my application to attend next year’s event. That is the magic of this event. I was particularly pleased to see the good number of folks from our District I. It warmed the heart of your District Governor.

I had the opportunity as Council Chaplain to perform the function of Chaplain for the tournament. For the first time in my forty-three years ministry career, I had an applause after one of my prayers. I also had the opportunity to be a tent preacher. We had our worship service in a tent outside the Lions Club building at Westcott Park. It was partly dark in the tent, so I had difficulty seeing my Bible to read the scripture which I happened to mention to the worshippers. One of them responded, “Maybe you should learn braille.” Maybe I should.

The event is a challenge, but worth the headaches such an event creates. The end result is a blessing to all.

November brings us a couple of holidays. It is my privilege to be the keynote speaker at the Veterans Day service in Mocksville at Eaton’s funeral home on November 11. I want to wish all veterans a Happy Veterans day, and urge Lions to greet our Veterans with thanks for their service. Followed closely is Thanksgiving on November 28. This is one of the oldest holidays in our country’s history. Truly, we all have a lot for which to be thankful. Thank you Lions who take the opportunity to help feed the hungry at Thanksgiving. Hunger, after all, is one of the issues on which we Lions focus.

Also, we have our annual District Convention November 15-17 at the Airport Marriott in Greensboro. PID Gwen White will be our keynote speaker. She has been involved with the VIP Fishing Tournament from its beginning. She is one of the most entertaining speakers I know. You will not be disappointed. Come and have a great time at our convention. We will have a cabinet meeting as part of our convention. On Sunday, we will package 10,000 meals to be distributed throughout the world by Rise Against Hunger. What a great service activity for our District!

Thank you all for what you do as Lions. Our work is vital and important. God bless you in that work.

Jimmy Myers, District Governor

Here Comes the Judge

Official Club Visit Schedule



1 November	South Park
4 November	Yadkinville
7 January	Concord



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 — District Convention Is Only Days Away!

Our district convention is only days away. Have you registered yet? If not, it's not too late to do so.

While regular registration for the district convention is over, you can still register for the convention between October 31st and November 8th by calling Lion Liz Steele at 704-798-3471. The November 8th deadline is important as we have to turn in the final number to the motel for meals. If you need a motel room, the block of rooms reserved for our convention has already been released; however, if the Greensboro High Point Marriott Airport has rooms available, you can still reserve a room at the rate for our convention. As a reminder, the convention will begin with a fun night on November 15th and end with a Rise to Hunger service project on November 17th.

One of the highlights of the convention will be the seminars that are held for all Lions on Saturday afternoon. The seminars will kick off with the topic of "New Member Indoctrination and Old Member Inspiration." The next seminar topic will be "eSight – A Revolutionary Pair of Glasses which allows the Visually Impaired to be truly Independent and see the World Clearly."

Want to know how you can increase your club's membership? A third seminar topic will focus on "How We Received Five New Members in One Night!" The final topic will be "Campaign 100 – Through Campaign 100, LCIF will Increase the Service Impact of Lions across all of LCIF." This is an especially important topic as North Carolina has been the recipient of funds from LCIF to assist Lions in addressing issues caused by disasters.

This year's convention promises to be a lot of fun beginning Friday night. It will be followed by a Town Hall meeting with PID Gwen White on Saturday morning and the election of officers Saturday afternoon followed by a cabinet meeting. The seminars will follow the district cabinet meeting and they promise to provide resources to help your club be successful in the future. Plan to attend the seminars and gain ideas to share with your club!

Saturday night will end with the District Governor's Banquet during which time PID Gwen White will be our keynote speaker. The convention will end Sunday morning with devotions and our Rise against Hunger service project where we will be packing meals for those less fortunate than we.

If you have never been to a district convention, I would encourage you to attend this convention, even if you only attend a portion of the convention. You will learn many things about Lions in general as well as gain an understanding of activities within the district and even across the entire Lions organization. I look forward to seeing you November 15th through the 17th!

Lion Donald Cobb - 1st Vice District Governor

2nd VDG Wayne Kennerly

The next council and board meetings scheduled for the Hilton Gardens in Gastonia on November 8th, 9th and 10th coincide with the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute training in Chicago. Barbara Thompson District O and I will be at this training section. We were sent over 20 pages of homework to complete before arriving in Chicago.

There are four journey resources that will help Lions and Leos expand service projects to meet the growing needs of society. The first phase is LEARN and includes a wealth of resources aimed at educating and building awareness of humanitarian and community service needs both locally and globally. The second phase is DISCOVER. The goal of the Discover phase is to recognize opportunities to identify and address challenges in new and innovative ways. Lions and Leos can get inspired through project ideas and best practices as well as discover new service projects to get involved with. The third phase is ACT. The purpose of the act phase is action. Lions and Leos will be provided with turn-key projects to increase their level of community engagement and impact. Resources will include service project blueprints, innovation workshops and grants. The fourth and final phase is CELEBRATE. What would a journey be without a celebration at the end of it? The purpose of the celebrate phase is to assess the project, recognize the efforts of the Lions and Leos involved and share their success stories. By reporting service activities, Lions can learn from others and improve where needed.

As you can see, the pre-assignments are addressing changes in our service journey that will help Lions and Leos expand service projects to meet the growing needs of society.

The journey is in front of us all. There will be many Lions from all over the United States trying to develop a guide for all of us follow.

Each person counts, why not share Lionism!

Lion Wayne Kennerly - 2nd Vice District Governor



**AROUND THE
VIP FISHING
TOURNAMENT**



AND THE WINNER IS!



Did you know that the VIP Education Day included Amy Landes who shared the Benefits of Movement (YOGA) for Good Health and Corporal Angie Swaim, Winston-Salem Police Department, Bomb Squad who provided an Egg-plosion, a program for the VIPs? Jana Peeden and Angelo Sonnesso, board members of the VIP tournament, coordinated the event!
Pictured below (l-r) Amy, Jana and Angie

Where to find it on the web:

nclions31.org to find information of interest on the district level such as

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



n.c. lions vip fishing tournament inc.

[How to report and celebrate service packet-new.pdf](#)



Club News and Events

Fair Grove Lions Club will be celebrating their 60th anniversary Monday, December 2 at the den. More details to follow.

Harrisburg Lions Club has resumed its monthly Fish Fry fundraiser. Join them on Friday, Nov. 1 from 4 to 8 p.m. at their den at 507 Patricia Ave. Don't miss the great seafood and fellowship.

Kernersville Lions Club's butt sale is in progress. Butts are worth \$40 and must be picked up on November 23. If you would like a Thanksgiving barbecued pork butt, see any member of the Kernersville club. I hear that all of the turkeys are behind this fundraiser.

Linwood Lions Club's Turkey Shoot will be Friday, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. Be there!

Mt. Pleasant Lions Club recently celebrated their 75th anniversary. Congratulations on reaching this milestone!



North Wilkesboro Lions Club and Lion Antha Reid have been the focal point for can tabs collection: receiving them, converting them to cash and forwarding the money to Leader Dogs.



They want to share exciting news that tabs have been received, not just from Wilkes County and not just from District 31-I, but also from Florida and Georgia. But even more amazing the program has NOW gone international! The club received a jar full of TABS from JAPAN, proving that Lions working together can reach around the world. To think this small fundraiser for Leader Dogs for the Blind started right here in the North Wilkesboro Lions Club.

Pictured at left is the note attached to the jar of tabs from Japan and at right is Club President Gary Nash with Lion Antha Reid.



Pilot Lions Club barbecue pork and chicken is available every first Saturday at their den in Thomasville until sold out.

Calendar of Events

November 2019

Vision Awareness Month Lions Membership Growth Month Leo Membership Growth Month

Sunday, November 3	3-5 p.m.	District Convention Planning Meeting	Mayflower 665 Montroyal Rd, Rural Hall
Tuesday, November 5 to Wednesday, November 6	10 a.m. until	 Eyeglass Sorting Event	Camp Dogwood 7050 Camp Dogwood Dr. Sherrills Ford
Friday, November 8 to Sunday, November 10	See agenda page 10	NC Lions Board and Council Meetings	Hilton Garden Inn Gastonia
Thursday, November 14		World Diabetes Day	
Friday, November 15 to Sunday, November 17	See registration form - page 11	District 31-I Fall Convention Cabinet Meeting	Airport Marriott, Greensboro
Thursday, November 28		Happy Thanksgiving!	

Brighter Visions

First, I want to tell all of you who did not attend and volunteer for the VIP Fishing Tournament at the Outer Banks, you missed the best week of the tournament I have ever been a part of. It was a great week.

Now on to Brighter Visions for District 31-I. I am so excited at what our District is doing. Just since the kick-off on August 28th, we have raised over \$67,350 and that is 45% of our goal already. We are the leading district in the state for both money raised and percentage of our yearly goal.

AND WE HAVE DONE THIS IN ONLY THE FIRST 60 DAYS.

I especially want to give a shout out to the following five clubs who have already exceeded their gifts from last year:

- Bethlehem Lions Club
- Sparta Lions Club
- West Jefferson Lions Club
- Yadkinville Lions Club
- And my club, Mint Hill Lions Club

Thank you all!

Here is hoping that the rest of your clubs will join this list SOON. With the holidays fast approaching, wouldn't it be great if your club could make your donation to Brighter Visions one of your giving priorities this year.

Also, I am continuing my visits to clubs in our District. Before the VIP Tournament, I was at the Denton Lions Club, and I have visits scheduled for a couple more. Please contact me to schedule a visit. I have a great 30 minute program on educating Lions on what Brighter Visions does. I have also been very surprised that so many Lions do not know where the money goes.

One last note, we are raising a lot of money with the Purple Bucket Brigade... keep passing those buckets around at your meetings and collecting the loose change. We are averaging almost \$17 per meeting in the District from the clubs that are doing this. If you need a new Purple Bucket, please let me know.

If you would like to hear all about what Brighter Visions means and does, please call

Lion Bill Mathers at 704-756-0046 to schedule a club visit.



2019-2020 Goal
is
\$150,000

July			100%
June			91.67%
May			83.33%
Apr			75.00%
Mar			66.67%
Feb			58.33%
Jan			50.00%
Dec			41.67%
Nov			33.33%
Oct	\$67,350	44.9%	25.00%
Sep	\$63,040	42.0%	16.67%
Aug	\$44,264	29.5%	833%
July	START		

Global Action Team

Global Leadership

A new pamphlet is available from Lions International regarding reporting service projects via MyLion. The pamphlet may be obtained on our district website, www.nclions31i.org.

Let your Global Action Team know if you are still having problems.

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

Do you still need help reporting service, activities or new officers to Lions International? Find 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.

Global Membership

NAMI - AREAS OF FOCUS

Area 1) Rejuvenate districts with new clubs

Area 2) Revitalize clubs with new members

Area 3) Re-motivate members with new fellowships and exciting service

Area 4) Support district and club leaders



Global Service

Greeting Fellow Lions,

I hope the club officers are now using “MyLion”. The bugs seem to be worked out. Moving forward, we shouldn’t have any problem reporting our service projects. I would like to hear from you if you are still having difficulties using the website.

At the district convention, Sunday morning at 9 AM, we will be doing a service project with the folks from Rise Against Hunger. Please consider being a part of this fun and worth-while project.

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

Suggested Service Projects-November

- Recognize a local citizen
- Host a VIP Christmas Party
- Partner with Operation Christmas Child
- Fill North State military Christmas boxes
- Partner with Angel Tree
- Hold a toy drive for Toys for Tots
- Partner with Toy Store for Jesus
- 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
- Hold a food drive-remember to record the weight!
- Collect can tabs for the Leader Dog program
- Visit nursing homes and distribute treats
- Recycle eyeglasses
- Distribute personal need bags for shelters

CALLING ALL LIONS

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



STOP! Don't miss these great events at the District Convention

Brighter Visions Boutique



A fall convention allows the opportunity for you to shop for holiday gifts and goodies at the **Brighter Visions Boutique**. Bring your hand-made crafts and home cooking for the store at the District Convention November 15-16. Be sure to price your items and label with your club's name to get credit for a Brighter Visions donation.



Tail Twisters Auction

(after breakfast on Saturday morning)

Bring auction items valued at \$25 or more. Label with your club's name to get Brighter Vision credit.



(after devotions on Sunday morning)

Help pack 10,000 meals to feed people in third world countries.



Jailhouse Rock

(Friday night)

The judge will be on the bench. You need to be there too to swear out warrants, round up suspects and post bail.



North Carolina's own Immediate Past International Director, Gwen White will be the keynote speaker at the banquet Saturday night and will

hold a town hall meeting on Saturday.

Great seminars and a District Cabinet meeting are also must attend events.

HERE COMES THE JUDGE!
DON'T MISS YOUR DISTRICT CONVENTION
GSO MARRIOTT
NOVEMBER 15-17

FRIDAY FUN NIGHT
THEME IS COURT RELATED
BE PREPARED TO BE LOCKED UP IF YOU MISBEHAVE
(MISBEHAVING IS ENCOURAGED)

Jail Food
Kangaroo Court
Dress to serve your sentence
Bring Bail Money
Lawyers provided by
Dewey, Cheatem and How
Jailhouse Rock
Blues Bros
Don't make us come get you!



Our new Lions year is in full swing, and our Leader Dogs for the Blind is going full speed ahead for our special project of collecting TABS for the Blind. I am amazed and very pleased with the clubs who are partici-

pating in our on-going fund raiser. I want to encourage more clubs to join with us to support this NO COST to YOU easy way to help us provide leader dogs for our applicants. It only takes a few minutes to remove the TABS from cans AND it DOES NOT have to be soda cans! Pet food cans and many cans that we purchase in the grocery stores have TABS and they weigh much more than the soda can tabs. Therefore we take any type of TABS as long as they are aluminum, and now that you know...start collecting all sizes of TABS for our DOGS!

I also would be happy to come to your club and share new information and videos of the Leader Dogs Program. Did you know that we now supply GPS systems for some of our applicants and also have programs for hearing and blind using our Leader Dogs for the Blind? Please contact me if I can answer questions you may have or present a program for your club. I look forward seeing you at our District Fall Convention.

Have a Happy Autumn, and please stay safe.

Blessing to each of you,

Lion Antha Reid

HISTORY OF THE WHITE CANE

1921: James Biggs, English photographer who became blind after an accident, was uncomfortable in traffic around his home. He painted his walking stick white to be more easily visible.

1930 Peoria, Illinois: Law passed granting blind pedestrians protections and right-of-way while carrying a white cane.

1931: Lions Clubs International began program promoting use of white canes for people who are blind.

1964: President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed October 15 as White Cane Safety Day. "The white cane in our society has become one of the symbols of a blind person's ability to come and go on his own. ... [Oct 15 is designated] to make our people more fully aware of the meaning of the white cane and of the need for motorists to exercise special care for the blind persons who carry it"

The white cane is still the most popular mobility tool for those who are blind or visually impaired.



CHRISTMAS CRAFT BAZAAR

Sponsored by:
Dogwood on Lake Norman
Saturday November 16, 2019
9:00AM - 4:00PM

Make a dent in your holiday shopping list!

Join us for this festive fundraiser!
Lunch will be sold at the event
Dogwood on Lake Norman
7062 Camp Dogwood Drive
Sherrills Ford, N.C.

Vendors needed

For details call:

828-478-2135 ext.250

828-478-2135 ext.230

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If your group's looking for a place for a day of fun

BINGO on the Lake

Is for you

Enjoy Lunch, Bingo and Friends

Sponsored by: Dogwood on Lake Norman

Where: Dogwood on Lake Norman / Camp Dogwood

Time: 10.00am-1:00pm

Cost:\$8:00 includes bingo and lunch



For more information call: (828) 478-2135 Ext 230 or Ext 250



**NORTH CAROLINA LIONS, INC.
COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

November 8-10, 2019

Hilton Garden Inn
444 Cox Road
Gastonia, NC 28054

For Reservations call 704-810-1111

Deadline to register & receive the discounted room rate of \$109.00 is Oct.23rd

Friday, November 8

2:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting	Azalea/Laurel
7:00 p.m.	State Council Friday Night Workshop	Azalea/Laurel

Saturday, November 9

9:00 – 11:30 a.m.	State Council Meeting	Azalea/Laurel
1:00 – 1:45 p.m.	Promotions Committee Meeting	Azalea/Laurel
1:45 – 2:30 p.m.	Interviews for 2020-21 CC & CCS	Rose
2:45 – 4:15 p.m.	Caucus	Azalea/Laurel
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Reception for PID Gwen White	Hospitality Room

Sunday, November 10

8:30 – 8:50 a.m.	Devotions	Azalea/Laurel
9:00 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Azalea/Laurel

Hospitality Room
Located in the hotel conference room on the 1st floor



Calling all Club LCIF Coordinators and Zone Chairs!

Please contact me for a program.

Thanks,

PDG Butch Conrad, District LCIF Chair/Campaign 100 Coordinator
(336-746-5046/chrisjenministries@gmail.com)

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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.

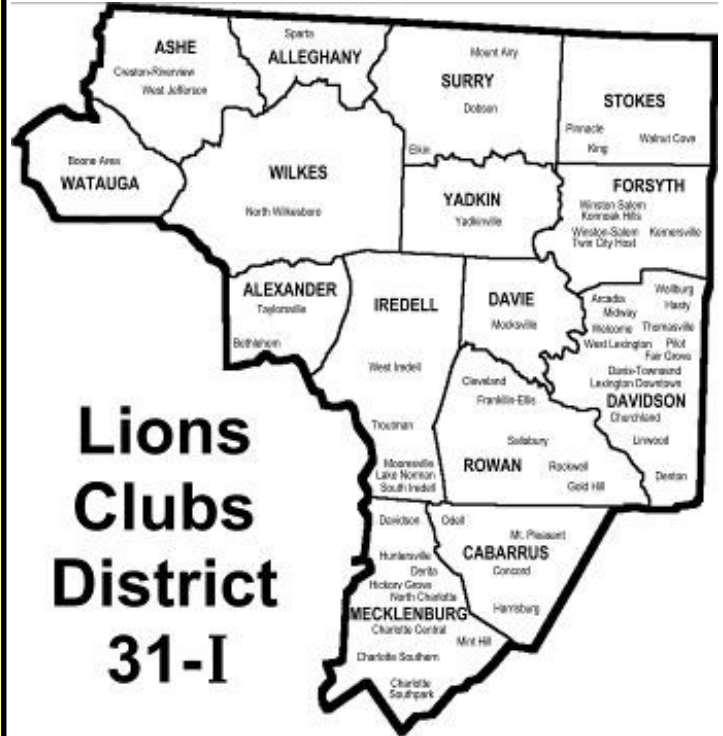
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All articles, announcements, etc., for inclusion in the District 31-I Newsletter should be sent to:

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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