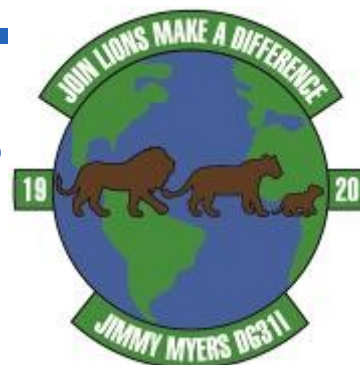


DISTRICT 31-I NEWS



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



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Membership News



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In Loving Memory of Lions who have died this past month

Dale Brown	Mocksville
Claiborne Hill	Midway

Information obtained from MMRs submitted to LCI



VAVS Schedule 2020

Date	Lions Club
2/24/2020	West Lexington/Welcome
3/23/2020	Churchland
4/27/2020	Hasty
5/18/2020	Harrisburg
6/22/2020	Mt. Pleasant

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

Welcome New Lions

Member	Club	Sponsored by
James L. Miller	Cleveland	Gary Steele
Shanon L. Curtis	Denton	Dianna Wald
Derrick E. Jones	Taylorsville	Gail Jolly
Anna Hicks	Yadkinville	Lisa Hawkins

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Important Deadlines

March 22, 2020	Last date for price break on State Convention meals
March 31, 2020	Last date for ads for State Convention program
April 10, 2020	Last date for hotel rate for State Convention
April 14, 2020	Last date to mail State Convention registration

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Join Lions! Make a Difference! - DG Jimmy Myers



Happy Valentines, Lions. I hope all of you will have a great time with your sweethearts. We in the Mocksville Lions Club have a Valentines party for our VIPs.

The Bible teaches us to love God and to love our neighbor as our self. When we help someone along life's journey, we are fulfilling these commandments. We are all about helping others as Lions.

I love the phrase, "Where there's a need there's a Lion." Also I like Past International President Sid Scruggs acrostic that Lions are "Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service." In Matthew's Gospel we read about the services in which we should be involved: Feeding the Hungry, Giving drink to the Thirsty, Clothing the Destitute, Welcoming the Stranger, Visiting those who are Sick and in Prison.

We Lions have our own list of services: Vision Health, Diabetes Awareness, Feeding the Hungry, Fighting Pediatric Cancer, and Protecting God's Creation. These all can be included in the first Lions acrostic: "Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety."

God bless and give you strength as you serve in these areas to make a difference in the world.

Jimmy Myers, District Governor

GOVERNOR JIMMY'S CHALLENGE

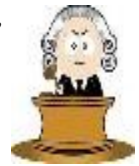
- Collect extra non-perishable food items.
- Report number of items and weight of food to the Club Secretary.
- The Club Secretary will report the number served via MYLION to International and the number of items and the weight to the Cabinet Secretary.
- Deliver the items to any food bank, soup kitchen,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

Project continues until April 2020

Here Comes the Judge

Official Club Visit Schedule

Feb	4	Harrisburg
Feb	5	North Charlotte
Feb	17	Hickory Grove
Feb	25	South Iredell
Feb	27	Churchland
Mar	2	Cleveland
Mar	9	Pilot
Mar	10	King
Mar	16	Davidson
Mar	23	Pinnacle
Mar	24	Odell
Mar	26	Walnut Cove



DISTRICT CABINET MEETING

MARCH 8 at 2 p.m. - Camp Dogwood

Lunch on the Lake will be served from
10 am. to 1 p.m.
Cost \$8

Contact Tammy for Meal Reservation

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 — Does Reporting Service Really Matter?

One of the things we are asked to do as clubs is to report our service to Lions Clubs International. Many of our clubs do a great job of reporting; however, others often fail to report the great work they are doing in our communities. Does it make any difference if you are reporting your service projects to LCI?

There are actually nine reasons we should be reporting our service activities through MyLion on the LCI website. Let's take a look at these reasons to see the importance of reporting our service.

First of all, reporting service helps to captivate and connect with people in need. Reporting helps to shine a light on how and where Lions are making a difference across the world. Reporting also helps those in need find out where they can go for help.

Reporting service helps increase global awareness of the needs around the world and helps Lions identify opportunities to serve in areas that need help. Service reports also provide opportunities for partnerships with other organizations as these organizations see the impacts Lions are making in communities around the world and as a result want to join these efforts. Service reports allow us to share our efforts with others and to identify those things that can be shared with other Lions around the world. One small service project can also become the next initiative or program supported by Lions, but only if it is reported and promoted by Lions.

Reporting service activities also leads to a brighter future for Lions. Measuring our success leads to the setting of higher, more reachable goals and allows us to grow as an organization. Since people want to participate in activities that lead to good changes within our communities, the more others see our stories, the more they want to become members with our organization so our membership can grow as a result. In addition, if Lions see how other Lions are using funds from Lions Clubs International Foundation, they may be encouraged to apply for LCIF grants to fund local projects.

Finally, while most Lions are interested in service rather than recognition, when service is reported, Lions become eligible for various service awards. Rewards recognize the hard work of Lions and can motivate them to continue to strive for excellence in their service.

Reporting service activities does matter. It can help us tell our story, get Lions and other individuals and organizations involved in their communities, and help us understand the needs of others around the world. So, take a few moments and report your service. It can make a difference in our future!

Lion Donald Cobb - 1st Vice District Governor



Leader Dogs for the Blind began on April 4, 1939. According to Donald P. Schuur, it started with \$400 and a hat full of ideas. Forward into 2010, I had the idea of collecting TABS for Leader Dogs and not asking you for huge donations out of pocket, just your time and your TABS. It worked! We now have collected over 7,000 pounds, and I have more in my garage.

Throughout these past years I have shared many changes and updates that have taken place in Rochester Hills, Michigan and videos that make it all come to life for you. There are many more great changes taking place with our program, such as our GPS and Dogs program. The GPS

finds the place, and the dog leads the way! They have also given us a list of requests from our VIPs and Blind which includes: You don't need to raise your voice to speak to us. Most of us are not deaf, just blind. Just find out first! Don't ask my spouse what I want to eat. I can answer that one for you. These are just a few new helpful hints for sighted people to keep in mind.

Thank You for your continued support of me. I ask that you keep collecting those TABS which is making such a difference for our support of Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Have a blessed year!
 Antha Reid, Dist. Leader Dogs Chair

Club News and Events

Kernersville Lions Club will celebrate ♥ Valentine's Day with spouses night. Invite your spouse (or whomever) to a special event on February 11 at the Maple Chase Golf & Country Club. Each meal is \$28.00. Good food and utensils will be provided.

Lexington Downtown Lions Club hosted VAVS Bingo at the VA Hospital in Salisbury in January. Twenty-four veterans enjoyed pizza, chips, cookies and drinks after the game. Joining Lions Butch and Elizabeth Conrad and Melissa Egelnick from LDT were PDG Theresa Matthews from the Denton Lions Club and Lion Glenda Everhart from the Davis-Townsend Lions Club. .



The Yadkin County Rescue Squad recently purchased items to assist with community safety trainings thanks to donations from Yadkin County Farm Bureau and the **Yadkinville Lions Club**. Yadkin Rescue Squad Chief Jeff Hinshaw said as there is not an agency in the county that provides resources and training for the community on life-saving techniques such as a CPR, that they hope to fill that role. Equipment needed to train citizens on these techniques including a stop the bleed kit and CPR mannequins was not something the agency had the budget to purchase so Hinshaw reached out to Yadkin County Farm Bureau who quickly agreed that they could assist grant funding. The Lions Club also agreed to contribute funds for purchase of the training equipment.

Pictured (l-r): Justin Somers, Farm Bureau; Chief Hinshaw; Lion Darryl Hawkins

Davidson County Lions Council/Zone 3 met January 30 to make plans for upcoming events. The Council will sponsor the Mobile Screening Unit at the Davidson County Community College for Tuesday, April 14 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Zone 3 will host a district training session tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 2 at DCCC. The VIP Daytrip to Camp Dogwood is planned for Saturday, May 30. The Council's fundraising raffle dinner will be scheduled for the first Wednesday in October at the Lexington YMCA.

Upcoming club events in Davidson County:

Welcome Lions Club will serve their famous country-style steak dinner Saturday, March 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Center United Methodist Church in Welcome. Tickets are \$12 per plate and must be purchased in advance.

Fair Grove Lions Club has scheduled their reverse raffle Tuesday, March 24 at 6 p.m. at Memorial Methodist Church in Thomasville. The event will be in honor of long time member and cook for the event, Lester Clodfelter, who is battling cancer. Tickets are \$60 and include two steak dinners and a chance to win \$1000.

Denton Lions Club announced the return of their Shrimp Boil Saturday, March 28 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Denton Masonic Lodge. All-U-Can-Eat shrimp, kielbasa and the usual accompaniments plus desserts. Mark your calendar for the Miss Denton Pageant Thursday, May 7 and the Spring Fling/5K Run Saturday, May 16.

Calendar of Events



FEBRUARY 2020

February 7-9		NCLI	DoubleTree Hilton - Biltmore Asheville
February 15		International Childhood Cancer Day	
February 22-24		Leo State Convention	Camp Dogwood Sherrills Ford
March 8	2 p.m.	District Cabinet Meeting	Camp Dogwood Sherrills Ford

Brighter Visions

January was a good month for Brighter Visions in District I. We are now at over \$93,550 toward our goal of \$150,000. That is 63% of our goal. However, we have only 150 days left as of this writing to raise the additional \$56,500.

Many past Brighter Visions chairs have told me that the last part of the goal is the hardest to raise. I am begging and pleading with all of you to get your clubs to dig deep and find that last penny, or dollar, or more to help us achieve this year's Brighter Vision goal.

I was very flattered last night when I was with several Lion leaders from our district. Wayne Kennerly, our current 2nd Vice DG said that when I made my presentation at his Salisbury Lions Club, in his words "best presentation he had ever seen in all the years he has been a Lion." Don't know if it is true, but he has been around a long time.

Please have your club call me and schedule my 30 minute presentation about Brighter Visions at your club meeting. I promise your members will get something out of it.

I have been to many of the Lions Clubs in our district, but I have many more to get to. Just let me know. I love going to the different clubs. It has been a real eye opener on how different each club is.

Also, just a plug for my club, the **Mint Hill Lions Club**. We are having our big annual fundraising sanctioned 5K where we have our runners going through our downtown area on Saturday, March 28th at 8:00 AM. This will be a special year since we have landed a Platinum Corporate Sponsor – Novant Health has signed on. If you like to run, or walk, sign up on the Mint Hill Lions Club website. Bring a team from your club... Hope to see you there...

To learn more about Brighter Visions and why your club should be supporting this effort, contact 2VDGE Bill Mathers, Brighter Visions Chair

billmathers13@yahoo.com



2019-2020 Goal
is
\$150,000

July			100%
June			91.67%
May			83.33%
Apr			75.00%
Mar			66.67%
Feb			58.33%
Jan	\$93,602	62.4%	50.00%
Dec	\$85,006	56.7%	41.67%
Nov	\$78,222	52.1%	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 Leadership

Coming Soon!

District Training for 2020-2021

Who needs training?

Presidents
Secretaries
Treasurers
Zone Chairs
Tail Twisters
Lion Tamers
Technology Chairs
New Members

Contact GLT District coordinator PDG George Culp
for a program, training or questions on leadership

LionGeorgeCulp@gmail.com

Global Service

Continue Suggested Service Projects

- Visit or volunteer at a local hospital
- 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
- Assist with Meals on Wheels
- Volunteer at a school
- Sponsor a blood drive
- Plant some trees

HELP WANTED
ALL POSITIONS
APPLY WITHIN

District Governor-Elect Lion Donald is preparing for next year. Many opportunities to serve in leadership positions are available.

Lions Cleo Zemke and Linda Van Vleet have indicated that they would like to retire as VAVS District Chairs. These ladies have done a amazing job in all the years that they have taken responsibility for the monthly bingo at the VA. They would like to have someone to step up soon so they can train them in what they do. So, if you have a heart for veterans and would like to coordinate with the volunteer clubs who sponsor each event, contact DGE Donald.

If you are interested in getting more involved in Lions or you would like to stretch into a new area, Lion Donald wants to know.

There is a place for YOU in Lions Leadership!

Global Membership

Contact Lion Judi Seymour for a program on membership

whootietoo@yahoo.com



OUR MANE MESSAGE

January 2020

CAI FUNDRAISING

Cash Received
\$2,719,612

Outstanding
Pledge Balances
\$1,070,176

Model Club Balances
\$976,504

Total Fundraising
\$4,766,292

Model Clubs
176

Note: Funds reflect FY2019-2020

I recently discovered (at the age of 64!) that I could hold a fundraiser on Facebook for my selected charity. Being a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow there was only one charity that I feel that I can support knowing that the money raised would be used to support projects and emergency relief throughout the world. That charity is Lions Clubs International Foundation!

- Lion Michael Dempsey

Happy New Year, Lions. Past International President Joe Preston and I recently returned from a Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service International Committee meeting. We are both excited about our campaign's momentum and the growing excitement among Lions in Constitutional Area 1. As the new calendar year begins, let's keep our enthusiasm and energy high! PIP Joe and I invite you to celebrate what it means to be a Lion during Campaign 100. So, I'm asking you to show us!

LCIF Week, in honor of Melvin Jones' 141st birthday, will take place January 13-17, 2020. We are looking for videos of Lions answering **How has Campaign 100 changed your service as a Lion? or How will Campaign 100 enhance your service as a Lion?** Check out the 'Tips for Success' portion of this newsletter to find out how to submit your video.

Together, We Serve!



FUNDRAISING FOCUS

Create a fundraiser through LCIF's new [Facebook page](#).

Why create a Facebook fundraiser? It's a great way to celebrate a birthday (or anything!), honor a family member, and commemorate Lions Founder Melvin Jones — whose humanitarian spirit lives on through the world's largest service organization — and increase donations to LCIF! By inviting Facebook friends to support your fundraiser, you'll raise awareness of the difference Lions and LCIF make while raising money to support Lions' ongoing efforts to positively impact our world in need one community at a time.

For detailed instructions on how to set up your fundraiser, visit our [LCIF Blog](#) for more information.



TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Be on the lookout for an opportunity to **TEXT TO DONATE** during LCIF week. This is a great way to encourage Lions and non-Lions to support your service!

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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)

Registration Form

97th Annual North Carolina Lions State Convention

SPRINGTIME IN THE SMOKIES,

WHERE WE HONOR TRADITION AND EMBRACE

CHANGE

DoubleTree by Hilton, Asheville, NC

April 24-26, 2020

CLUB: _____ **DISTRICT:** _____

Name (s) (PRINT first and last names & circle title and honors that apply)

Contact Phone Number: _____

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Function	by Mar 22	after Mar 22	Adults	Cost
Family Fun Night	\$28.00	\$33.00	_____	_____
Tail Twister Breakfast	\$21.00	\$26.00	_____	_____
Lunch with Lacy	\$24.00	\$29.00	_____	_____
District Banquet	\$32.00	\$37.00	_____	_____

Please indicate any food allergies or special dietary needs: _____

Make check for meals payable to...2020 NC LIONS STATE CONVENTION

Mail this form with check by April 14th to:

Bill Barnwell, 222 Beehive Road, Hendersonville, NC 28792

Phone: 828-696-5522

Hotel Information: For room reservations call: Double Tree Biltmore,
115 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, NC 28803 at 828-274-1800
(Room Rate: \$109.00 + tax) Room rate is available 3 days prior to and 3 days
after the Convention.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY APRIL 10, 2020 TO OBTAIN THIS SPECIAL ROOM RATE

NOTE - SAME RATE IS AVAILABLE FOR NCLI MEETINGS FEB. 7-9 UNTIL JAN. 9

AD FORM

2020 NORTH CAROLINA LIONS STATE CONVENTION SPRINGTIME IN THE SMOKIES...WHERE WE HONOR TRADITION AND EMBRACE CHANGE

April 24-26, 2020
DoubleTree Biltmore
Asheville, North Carolina

THANK YOU for YOUR SUPPORT of the NC LIONS of Multiple District 31

Ad deadline: March 31, 2020

Name of Club, Business or Individual: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Approval Signature: _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please include payment with Ad Design.

Make Checks Payable To:

NC Lions State Convention

Mail to:

Max Bumgardner
519 Nellie John Drive
Clyde, NC 28721

Please Check Box Indicating the Ad Size:

Back Cover	\$1500	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Full Page (8-1/2x11)	\$ 300	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Business card	\$ 50	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cash \$ _____ or Check # _____

E-mail ad to: bummy13@bellsouth.net

Debit or Credit Card# with exp. date and zip code: _____

For Club Use: Ad Sold by: _____ Phone: _____

Club Name: _____

**Any questions please contact:
Max Bumgardner 828-593-1025**

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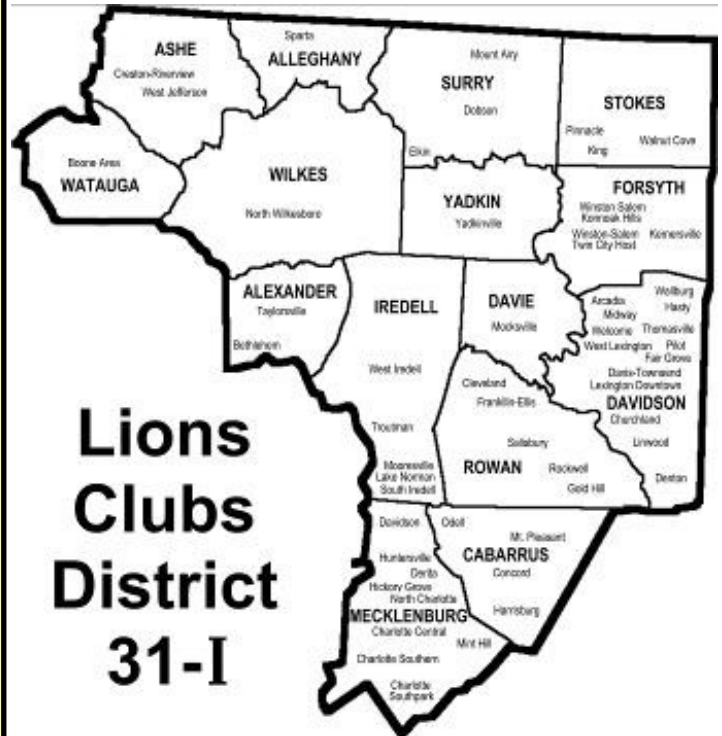
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1270 Beck's Nursery Road, Lexington, NC 27292
or ebc4986@yahoo.com.

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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