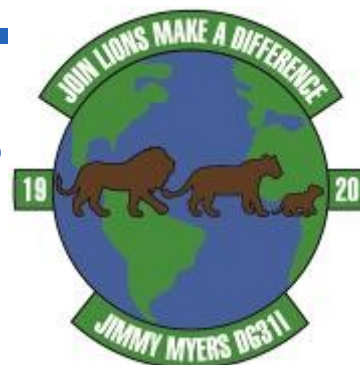


DISTRICT 31-I NEWS



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



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Membership News

Report 2020-21 Club Officers to DGE
Donald Cobb ASAP-see page 9

In Loving Memory of Lions who have died this past month

Member	Club
Haywood R. Hendrix Jr.	Mocksville
Robert L. Morgan	Salisbury



VAVS Schedule 2020

CALL TO CONFIRM DATES

Linda VanVleet -VAVS-District Chair
704-279-9358

Welcome New Lions

Member	Club	Sponsored by
Jason M. Healey	Mint Hill	Scott Jeffers

Date	Lions Club
5/18/2020	Harrisburg
6/22/2020	Mt. Pleasant



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Join Lions! Make a Difference! - DG Jimmy Myers

Greetings Fellow Lions,

We are in the midst of a pandemic that has brought us to new challenges as Lions. At a time like this, we must put others first. I have heard callous people say that it is only killing, for the most part, those over 65. I am in that category as are most Lions. I would like to think that I have a few more good years to donate to being a Lion.

Our mottos "We serve" and "Where there is a need, there's a Lion" mean more than mere words to this "old" man. It is a part of my life, and also part of the lives of the Lions I know. My theme for my year has been "Join Lions Make a Difference." This pandemic is giving us opportunities to do just that. God bless all of you in your work as Lions.

Although this disease is keeping most of us inside, and we are not able to do the things we usually do, just keep in mind that what we are being asked to do is saving lives. I know of no other good deed that is more important. After all, what we do for the most part as Lions is to help people on their journey through this world.

Let's all hope and pray that this time of social distancing will be over soon. If not, let us be committed to doing good to the end of this pandemic.

In the event we can get back to meeting by the middle of the month, I have detailed a visitation schedule that will allow me to have visited every club. Mt. Pleasant will note that I have left them out. Although I couldn't fit them in, I did have the opportunity to attend their Brighter Vision auction.

Thanks for all who have given to our Brighter Visions campaign. We are leading in the state, but we have a long way to go to reach our goal. Please do what you can to make it happen.

Some clubs are doing meetings by Zoom. Let me know if you are, and I will try to join you at your meeting. Thanks for your commitment to Lionism, and Godspeed in all you do for our dear Lion Clubs.

God bless you in all that you do.
Jimmy Myers, District Governor

Here Comes the Judge

Official Club Visit Schedule



May 18	Davidson/ Huntersville
May 19	Lexington Sparta
May 25	Troutman
May 26	Mint Hill
May 28	Churchland
June 1	Elkin
June 2	Boone
June 4	Twin City Host Creston/Riverview
June 5	Charlotte Central
June 8	Derita Charlotte Southern
June 9	King
11-Jun	Wallburg
16-Jun	Boone Lake Norman
22-Jun	Pinnacle
23-Jun	Odell
25-Jun	Walnut Cove

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 — More Ways to Serve and Get Involved

We still find ourselves at home for the most part, looking for ways we can serve as Lions. Many of our clubs are meeting by using Zoom, GoToMeeting, or some other virtual meeting platform. Our clubs have been conducting officer elections by email as well. Many of our members have been emailing or calling other club members to check on them. Some of our Tail Twisters have been busy sending out items that bring a smile to our faces.

No matter what you have been doing, as Lions, you probably have wanted to do more. In last month's newsletter, we talked about some of the ways our clubs could continue to meet as well as shared some ideas as to ways we could serve during this time. I want to take this opportunity to share a few more ways we as Lions can serve.

Many of our local food pantries are running low on food items. Now would be an excellent time to conduct a food drive to help stock pantry shelves. One club in our district parked a pickup truck outside a grocery store and asked people to purchase extra food items and place them in the back of the truck when they left the store. These items were then delivered to the local food pantry. Food pantries may also need extra volunteers to stock shelves, and Lions could help with stocking or packing food items.

Lions might also help others in their community by shopping for and delivering groceries or other items for those who cannot get out or who are at a greater risk. Local shelters or agencies that provide assistance to others might need additional support that Lions could offer. In other areas, Meals on Wheels might need additional volunteers to deliver food items. Remember, collaboration with other agencies helps everyone in the community and increases impact and reduces duplication of effort.

While you might not think of it as serving, you might want to consider your local restaurant or other businesses that support Lions activities in your community. If you still like to order from a restaurant and do take out, consider ordering from restaurants in your community that provide support for your regular Lions activities. At a time when their business is probably down, it would be a good gesture to support them.

While we've been talking about ways to serve our community, there are ways we can serve our Lions organization as well. First, make sure you have held your officer elections for the coming year. You can do this by having people vote by email, or you can call individuals to get their vote. Once your elections are held, be sure to enter your officers in MyLCI. We will soon be conducting officer training and will need to know who your club officers are in order to issue an invitation to them. More information regarding officer training may be found in this newsletter as well. Also, be sure to watch for more ways to be involved in district activities as we go throughout the year.

These are just a few ideas as to how we can serve others as Lions. There are many more ways to serve, just use your imagination to keep your club members involved.

Lion Donald Cobb - District Governor-Elect

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>

Previous issues of the newsletter are also available the District site.

2nd VDG Wayne Kennerly

These past couple of weeks have been a strain on most all of us. It really is odd not having our weekly meeting at our Lions Den. Not having a weekly meeting that I have been attending since 1980 is almost as bad as not being able to attend church.

We do have something to look forward to and that is our November 31-I District Fall Convention. The convention will be held in Clemmons at the Village Inn. The Convention Committee is already working on the agenda, and you will be hearing more about the convention soon.

We need each Club President to set up a committee to select a person in the club who is always available to help with any project but who never seeks recognition for his or her work. This person will be recognized at the convention as an “unsung hero” from your club, and he or she will receive a special plaque presented at our Saturday meeting. Please put serious thought into a person deserving this award.

As soon as our agenda is complete for the convention, a registration form will be sent to all clubs with meeting times included.

As we have much time on our hands, it would be a good thing to start making a list of those persons who you would like to invite to your club after we can all meet again in person. We need new members to help us with upcoming projects and new ideas from them in the near future.

Each person counts, why not share Lionism!
H. Wayne Kennerly - First Vice District Governor

Editors Note: 1VDGE Wayne submitted his column before social distancing forced the cancellation of state convention and all other events.

New Ways to Donate to Campaign 100..and Why



Text-to Donate: Text LCIF to 243725. Make a donation online at <https://donate.onecause.com/lcif>

- Utilize this at club meetings, conventions and newsletters
- Has anyone used this feature or can we brainstorm some ideas of how to implement

Online Pledge Form: <https://form.jotform.com/90524105483149>

- Pledges can now be taken online! Feel free to utilize this tool to increase pledges to the campaign.

Emergency Grants - MD12 – 3 districts have received emergency grants for the recent tornados that have taken the lives of 24 individuals.

Get Up and Out!

Most of us have been home at least a month and some of you even longer. Stay strong with HOPE! While Governor Cooper extended the stay at home order to May 8th yesterday, he gave us HOPE with a plan to phase back into a new normal.

While we're at home, I encourage everyone with a special emphasis to those of you who are Diabetic to STAY ACTIVE. At this point we're all watching and have been watching too much TV. As the days continue to get longer and warmer, please take some time each day to go outside and walk a little bit and enjoy the beauty that God created.

During Easter week, my purple iris bloomed; and this week, I'm enjoying the blooms of my yellow iris. I've enjoyed the cardinals and blue birds that have been harassing my cat through the window this past month.

If you can't go outside, do some stretches from your chair.

In addition to staying active, eat healthy during this time. I've certainly been cooking and baking more since I've been home. At the same time, I've been trying to continue eating fresh fruits and vegetables even though I admit I've baked my share of cookies during this time. I've shared them with family and friends and am eating them in moderation.

Possibly you can brainstorm during this time. What can you and your club do now and in the future to promote healthy eating and safe activities in your community? Some ideas might include: donating to a local food drive, scheduling a neighborhood walk around the block adhering to social distancing, planting a community garden. You add to this list. Please email me your thoughts so we can share in a future newsletter article.

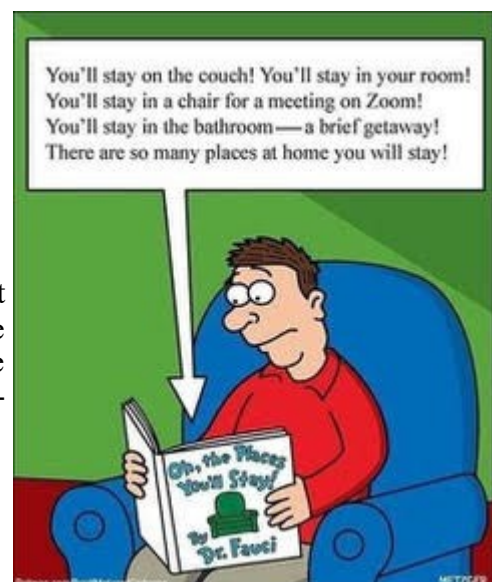
I look forward to visiting and seeing all of you again soon!

Stay safe and healthy!

Lion Michelle Gregory

Is your club meeting during this pandemic?

Denton Lions Club reports they are using Zoom to meet once a month. Modern technology provides us with multiple means of creating a virtual meeting so we can conduct the business of Lions, host a program and enjoy some of the fellowship of being together.



Club News

Bill Mathers writes, "I was never prouder to be a member of the **Mint Hill Lions Club**. The Lions Club collected 740 pounds of food and according to the head of Loaves and Fishes, that was enough food to feed 35 people for a full week. The club would also like to thank Police Chief Tim Ledford for helping the club get permission from the county for allowing us to do this. Most importantly, thanks to the people of Mint Hill for bringing the food and making this happen. The Mint Hill Club will be having food drives from now on and in the foreseeable future from 10 to 1 on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. There is a great need and the Lions motto is "We Serve" Come join us.

RESCHEDULED EVENTS*

Fair Grove Lions Club has rescheduled their reverse raffle to Tuesday, May 19 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.

West Iredell Lions Club's 5K date has been changed to June 2.

**All dates are subject to change if quarantine is extended.*

Make sure your LEOS know about this event



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SATURDAY, MAY 30	SUNDAY, MAY 31
 PUBLIC SPEAKING 2:10 PM ET Lion Douglas Alexander INTERNATIONAL FIRST VICE PRESIDENT	 MENTORSHIP FOR LEOS 2:10 PM ET Lion Anwar Hollingsworth DISTRICT GOVERNOR, 60-A
 LEO CLUB OFFICER ROLES 2:45 PM ET PDG Barbara Moody DISTRICT LCIF COORDINATOR, 20-K1	 SOCIAL MEDIA BEST PRACTICES 2:45 PM ET Leo Dereck Rodriguez DESAMPARADOS LEO CLUB, COSTA RICA, D-4
 E-LEOCLUBHOUSE 3:20 PM ET Leo Zamir Narvaez WILLEMSTAD LEO CLUB, CURAÇAO, 35-N	 LEOS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS 3:20 PM ET PCC Pamela Longo Graney MULTIPLE DISTRICT LEO CHAIRPERSON, MD-1

zoom

REGISTER NOW at leoconference.leosforum.org

Calendar of Events - May 2020

All training events will be virtual meetings

May 16	11:00 a.m.	District Training	Presidents & Vice Presidents - Instructor: PCC Tim Williams
May 17	2:00 p.m.	District Training	Zone Chairs - Instructor PDG George Culp
May 17	7:00 p.m.	Brighter Visions Program	District Chair Bill Mathers
May 31	2:00 p.m.	District Cabinet Meeting	Camp Dogwood
May 30-31		USA/Canada Forum	LEO Virtual Leadership Conference—see page 6
June 6	9:00 a.m.	District Training	Secretaries and Treasurers - Instructors: Kirby Matthews / Michelle Gregory
June 29	7:00 p.m.	District Training	Tail Twisters - Instructor Chris Beck
TBD		District Training	New Member Orientation

Brighter Visions

Last week I had the opportunity to present the Brighter Visions Power Point presentation through a Zoom Video Conference to 3 Lions Clubs in our District all at the same time. The clubs that participated were the Welcome Lions Club, the Arcadia Lions Club, and the Midway Lions Club. I want to thank Michelle Gregory for coordinating the clubs that participated. I would like to think the presentation went well and helped raise more awareness for Brighter Visions. However, don't take my word for it. Please contact the Lions in these clubs for a review of how it went.

The reason I am telling you this is that there are only about 60 days left in our Brighter Visions Fund Raising Goal. I am proud to say that we have raised over \$111,000 already in these trying times. BUT, and I do mean BUT, we still need almost \$39,000 more to reach our goal. I NEED YOUR HELP!!! BIG TIME!!!

One problem I see is that we could become very complacent as a District for several reasons. We could blame it on the Virus. We could blame it on Clubs not meeting. We could also now blame it on the fact that Camp Dogwood will not be open this summer. However, I want to remind all of you that WE SERVE, and Brighter Visions supports 11 other programs besides Camp Dogwood with the funds we raise. Camp Dogwood now needs our help more than ever.

WE NEED TO KEEP FOCUSING ON THE BRIGHTER VISIONS CAMPAIGN FOR OUR DISTRICT.

Therefore, I am going to set up a ZOOM video conference meeting for Sunday evening, May 17 at 7:00 PM which will last about an hour. I invite every Lion in District 31-I to attend and hear about the Brighter Visions Campaign for this year. That is right, I am inviting every Lion in our District to attend. First to hear the presentation... and second, we could set a District record for more Lions coming together than ever before in our District history. I promise it will be fun and what better way to spend a Sunday evening than Lions coming together.

If you would like to attend, send me an email with your name and club membership. Please share with club members who do not receive the newsletter and include their names as well. I will add all of you to the list of attendees. Two or three days before the meeting I will send you your invitations to the Zoom meeting so you may attend. My email address is: billmathers13@yahoo.com.

Have a great month of May and Be Safe... We need to serve more than ever...

2VDGE Bill Mathers, Brighter Visions Chair—billmathers13@yahoo.com

BRIGHTER
Visions

2019-2020 Goal
\$150,000

58J July			100%
Jun			91.67%
May			83.33%
Apr	\$111,858	74.5%	75.00%
Mar	\$106,027	70.7%	66.67%
Feb	\$94,107	62.7%	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		

LCIF Response to COVID-19

LCIF Grants

LCIF is giving priority consideration to support regions with extreme rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases. The focus will be on addressing those needs that exist within local medical and emergency management systems that are coordinating efforts with the World Health Organization (WHO) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

For consideration, applications need to:

1. Follow the Emergency (EMR) grant criteria of having at least 100+ people infected (confirmed cases) in the immediate area/district.
2. US\$10,000 maximum grant amount.
3. Funds available only to address active and immediate cases; not future outbreaks. Disaster Preparedness grants are excluded.
4. Funds should be used for Lions to work with local medical and emergency management services that are addressing the outbreak. This could be for sourcing medical supplies, quarantine-related expenses, etc. for those infected.
5. Funds may not cover personal expenses for those infected or quarantined.
6. Another option is to consider Multiple District level grants, as appropriate, for areas with a significant number of cases (5,000+) over several districts.
7. All requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

For inquiries on emergency grants, please contact lcifemergencygrants@lionsclubs.org

LCIF Donations and Campaign 100

Donations for our COVID-19 response are being accepted through LCIF's General Disaster Fund. Please [make a donation](#) to help us in the fight to keep our families and communities safe. All donations to this fund are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellows and Campaign 100. Please be aware acknowledgements and recognition for LCIF donations will be delayed due to COVID-19.

LCIF recognizes and thanks its Campaign 100 International Committee members, area leaders, multiple district coordinators, district coordinators and club coordinators for their dedicated efforts to empower Lions service both locally and globally. Our campaign leadership is in the process of evaluating the impact that the COVID-19 crisis is having on Campaign 100. In the weeks to come, we will provide you with more information about how Campaign 100 is adapting to address this unprecedented situation.

Campaign 100's support of Lions service is more important now than ever. LCIF would like to take this opportunity to encourage all those who are working hard in support of Campaign 100 to prioritize health and safety, while remaining connected with your fellow Lions and the LCIF staff supporting you.

Thank you for safely communicating the mission and impact of LCIF in your communities.

Club Officer Elections

Your club officers should be reported to Lions International prior to May 15. However, in the effort to print next year's District Directory, we need the info by April 15. As of this writing, only thirteen clubs have reported their new officers. Please continue to encourage your members to consider being an officer. Ask them for new and innovated ideas to boost your club's activities and membership. Encourage them to participate in club visits and district activities including the District convention in November.

To assist your reporting, I am resubmitting this information provided you in last month's newsletter. If your club is not holding physical meetings, consider using email for your election process. Have your nominating committee meet via phone and create a list of officers. Email (or mail) the list to you club members asking for their preferences.

As quickly as possible, report your results to Lions International. Two methods are available.

Club Presidents and Secretaries:
enter at <http://mylci.lionsclubs.org> or

Download and complete the PU101 form and email or mail to Lions International.

PU101 eMail: MemberServiceCenter@LionsClubs.org

Mail: Lions Clubs International
Member Service Center
300 West 22nd Street
Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA

District Officer training will be online this year due to the virus. Training will be provided online as follows:

Presidents and Vice Presidents: May 16 11:00am - Instructor PDG Tim Williams

Zone Chairs May 17 2:00pm - Instructor PDG George Culp

Secretaries and Treasurers June 06 9:00am - Instructors Kirby Matthews and Michelle Gregory

Tail Twisters June 29 7:00pm - Instructor Chris Beck

New Member Orientation will be scheduled at a later date.

Elected officers will receive an email invitation to these sessions. Participants can select computer audio or telephone call in. There are some pre-requisite online courses that should be completed prior to the training. The info will be emailed to all club officers.

Please contact me if I can be of assistance.

PDG George Culp GLT District 31-I
liongeorgeculp@gmail.com 704 906 8568



Global Service

Service might look a little different right now, but we should use this time to find new ways to serve while maintaining social-distancing.

Continue Suggested Service Projects

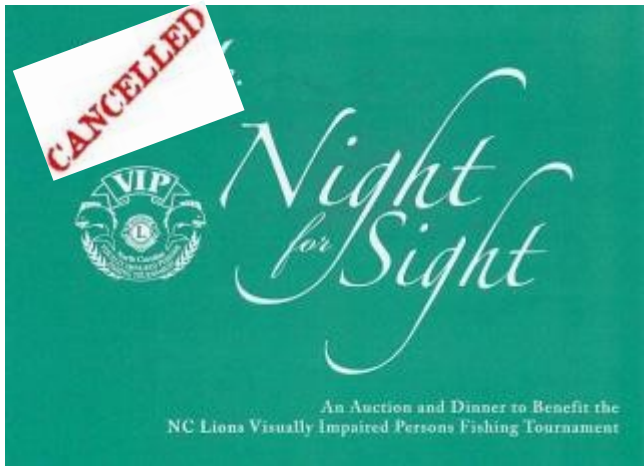
- Maintain a "Little Free Library"
- Collect used pill bottles to send to an organization that fills them for poor countries in need
- Hold a food drive to replenish pantries
- Collect can tabs for the Leader Dog program
- Recycle eyeglasses
- Distribute personal need bags for shelters
- Assist with Meals on Wheels
- Donate blood
- Plant some trees
- Keep in contact with those who are isolated
- Run errands for those who are sheltered at home
- **RECYCLE INK CARTRIDGES-see below**

Did you know NC Lions collect and recycle used ink cartridges? The money raised from this program goes to offset the cost of the annual **Deaf/Blind Retreat** held each fall. You can now link yourself or your business and mail those ink cartridges directly to the recycler at no cost to you. Follow the link below for more information. Here you will find which cartridges are accepted and how to print your free shipping label.

<http://www.fundingfactory.com/goal/camp-dogwood>

Global Membership

Contact Lion Judi Seymour
for a program on membership
whootietoo@yahoo.com



We regret to inform you that this year's auction re-scheduled for May 30th has been cancelled do to safety reasons out of our hands.

We encourage all our supporters to do a little more this year with adopting a fisherman or buying golf ball drop fundraiser balls.

We still are moving forward with the tournament in October.

Thanks again for your support and God Bless!

Camp Dogwood for the Blind and Visually Impaired

2020 Camping Season - Cancelled

It is with great regret that due to Covid-19 we will not be holding Summer Camp 2020. It was a hard decision to make, but please know the health and safety of all of our Visually Impaired comes first. Camp Staff will be contacting everyone who has applied next week. Stay safe.

Other cancellations around District 31-I

Davidson County Lions Council's VIP Day Trip to Camp Dogwood has been cancelled.

Denton Lions Club has cancelled their Spring Fling with plans to host it in 2021.



KEEP SELLING THOSE CAMP DOGWOOD TICKETS

	Members	Raffle Sales	Books /member
L	1,088	13,364.16	\$1.23
I	1,138	11,424.00	\$1.00
O	1,193	15,690.00	\$1.32
N	1,139	9,848.00	\$0.86
S	1,055	14,357.00	\$1.36
Totals	5,613	64,683.16	\$ 1.15

The essay below was written by Mason Jeffers, one of Mint Hill Lions Club's scholarship winners for this year. Mason is the son of Scott Jeffers, the incoming club president. His essay was selected by an independent committee. Mason has been a big help to the club and was very deserving of this award. (Submitted by Lion Bill Mathers).

I can remember being around seven years old when my Dad first took me to a Lions club meeting. Being that young, I was more interested in the food and possibly dessert than the content of the meeting itself. I remember walking into Jimmies with my dad, wondering who all these people were. Little did I know, these were the people who I would grow to appreciate over the next decade. As I grew older, the achievements and accomplishments I heard talked about in the meeting became more and more impressive, the more I understood. Eventually, at sixteen, I was fortunate enough to meet firsthand someone who had been helped by the Lions several years prior. I sat in my school's reception room, speaking to a student about my age. His name was Keenan and he was blind. He spoke of a group of men, "heroes" as he referred to them, who helped him live his life once more. I talked to him more about these people who helped him, and eventually I came to the realization that it was the Lions Club who had helped send him to Camp Dogwood and given him back a piece of his life that he otherwise would still live without. It was at that moment that I realized how much of an influence the Lions really had. I watched Keenan move, talk, and laugh and realized that if the Lions could help him be a normal person again, that there would be little in life the Lions couldn't help with.

A truly unique experience the Lions and I have had, came in the wake of my aunt's passing. It was sudden, unexpected, and ruled an accident by the State of South Carolina. The Mint Hill Lions didn't know her, and they didn't know her family, but that didn't stop them from making a difference. They saw a community in need, and they acted on it. They provided the three children and husband she left behind with financial support and hosted a barbeque in her name to raise awareness and build support. Upon seeing what all the Lions had done for my family, I realized that they really meant what they said. Seeing people help other people who they know nothing about was eye opening and it showed me that the Lions Club really just wants the best for the community.

Thinking back, I can remember being woken up far before the sun had risen and being told that I was going to help my dad setup for the Lions Club race. Tired and still half asleep I stumbled out of bed, got dressed, and left for Town Hall to "help". Later in life, I realized that I wasn't there to help. A ten-year-old couldn't lift a table, or several chairs. In fact, it was the best that I could do to stay out of the way. Instead, the point of it all was to see men, good men, helping the community and giving happiness and joy to the people who attended their events. The Lions have always acted as an example for me. An example of how to help a community in many ways, and how to have fun while doing it. Eventually after years of helping to set up and take down tents, chairs, and tables I was given the opportunity to really help the Lions club in an obtuse, but fluffy way. The annual 5K was coming up, and the Leonidas suit was up for grabs. As if clockwork, one early morning my dad woke me up again, this time I was 17 instead of 7, he told me he needed a favor, and it wouldn't take long. I nodded my head and hopped in the car. Little did I know that in the next hour my life would be changed in a very unique way. We arrived at a local festival in Mint Hill and familiar faces were everywhere. That's when my dad took the Leonidas suit out of the car and smiled at me. He said through a slightly sarcastic smile, "It won't be for long, but I need you to wear this so we can get some pictures". To be honest, I wasn't excited at first, but I've never been a person to refuse the opportunity to clown around. I put on the suit and began hugging and talking to anybody that would have anything to do with a six-foot-tall lion. I waved to kids, blew kisses to parents, and hugged anybody brave enough to get close. Eventually, we ran into a small little boy. His name was Caleb and at first, I thought he was just small for his age, but later was told he was what one would call a "little person". He ran up to me yelling "Lion!" and laughing as hard as he could. It seemed he couldn't have been much older than five or six. Seeing the joy, a dumb lion costume brought him, his parents, and the people around us showed me what the true purpose of the Lions was. To serve. And while most people think of serving as carrying a rifle into battle, riding a helicopter to save lives, or carrying handcuffs and keeping the peace, sometimes to serve your community, you have to dress up like a lion and give out hugs to little people. After that day I knew my fate as being Leonidas was sealed and I'd rather it be no other way. Personally, not being a very exuberant person, being able to put on a costume and be "over-the-top" and the center of attention was amazing, and I would do it again in a heartbeat. Being a part of the Lion's club has shown me many things about community and perseverance. It's taught me how to be brutally honest, how to be myself in all situations, how to be proud of myself for my accomplishments, and how to laugh when everything is going wrong. So, thank you, Mint Hill Lions, for not only showing me what the fulfillment of communitarian responsibility looks like, but for showing me how to enjoy it.

District 31-I Newsletter is published monthly.

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.

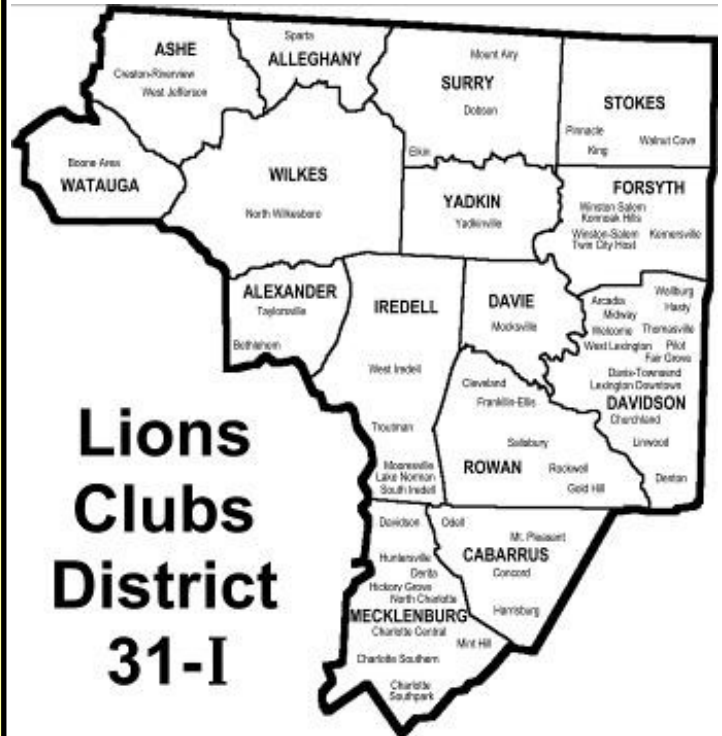
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All articles, announcements, etc., for inclusion in the District 31-I Newsletter should be sent to:

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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Advance, NC 27006

