

# DISTRICT 31-I NEWS



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102nd International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi



District 31-I Newsletter

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## Membership News

### In Loving Memory of Lions who have died this past month

Member	Club
Tony E. Jackson	Denton
James Larry Boone	Derita
William Lewis Cline	Fair Grove
Norman T. Bennet	Kernersville

*Information obtained from MMRs submitted to LCI*

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### VAVS Schedule 2020

#### CALL TO CONFIRM DATES

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

Date	Lions Club
6/22/2020	Mt. Pleasant

## Welcome New Lions

Member	Club	Sponsored by
Carl Hatton	Derita	Pauline Walker
Margaret Hatton	Derita	Pauline Walker
Warner Marshall	Derita	James Walker
Jeremy Grimm	Mint Hill	Scott Jeffers
Alicia A. Hernandez	Rockwell	John Eller
Eric E. Moore	Rockwell	

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## JUNE CELEBRATIONS

June 1 - Helen Keller Day

June 5 - World Environment Day

June 7 - Lions Clubs International  
Birthday



## Join Lions! Make a Difference! - DG Jimmy Myers

Greetings Fellow Lions,

My fellow Lions of District 31-I, this is my last message to you as your District Governor. It has been a great honor you have given me. I want to especially thank PDG Butch Conrad for having the confidence in me to encourage me to make the three-year journey of a District Governor. Thank you all for your help along the way. I wish all of you could have had my experiences during these three years. You would, like me, come to a greater appreciation of how big an organization we are, and the good we are doing throughout the world.

A passage of scripture in Matthew 25 has always challenged me to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the needy, to welcome the stranger, to visit the sick and those in prison. The Lions Club has been an opportunity to join my friends and neighbors in doing that mission. As a District Governor, I had some outstanding training opportunities which gave me the opportunity to meet Lions from all over the world and get a glimpse of the good we are doing in this world we share.

"We serve" is not only in our hometown, but when we donate to Lions, Inc. through Melvin Jones Fellowships and Campaign 100, we touch the world for good and not evil. That inspires me. We do acts which truly make a difference in the world. When we contribute to Brighter Visions, we impact our State in the same way. When we do service in our local community we are making a difference where we live.

"Join Lions! Make a Difference!" has been my theme, and thank you all for embracing that sentiment. Thank you for introducing others to join us in making a difference throughout the world. These three years have solidified me as a Lion. I intend to continue to work to make my community better, to help my fellow North Carolinians, and to touch the world with goodness. "We serve" will be more than mere words. I intend to make them a way of life. I challenge all of you to join me in that effort.

God bless you all, and God bless our work as Lions.  
Jimmy Myers, District Governor



### Sam's Law

A group of members at one of the churches PDG Butch Conrad served were driven to start a support group that would also raise awareness about Epilepsy. From its humble beginnings as a local Davidson County initiative, the NC Epilepsy Association (501c3) was born and now has submitted a bill in Raleigh to require school personnel to be trained in Epilepsy response. The law will be known as Sam's Law, in memory of Samantha Davis. Many of you may remember that Sam was President of the NC Leo Clubs when she died suddenly during a school activity. I believe the young lady we met at Camp Dogwood those years ago would be proud to be honored this way.

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](mailto: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 — Another Lions Year Comes to an End

Another Lions year is rapidly coming to an end. Where does the time go? It seems like it was only yesterday when we started a new year. Has your club accomplished all of its goals for the year?

While many of our plans have probably been put on hold due to COVID-19, I would guess that many of you have accomplished a great deal during the year. We have provided support for our VIPs at Camp Dogwood and at the VIP fishing tournament, provided eye exams and glasses to those in need, purchased eSight glasses, collected food for our food banks, and provided support to our local communities through various other service projects. Yes, Lions have been busy serving others during the year and that is something we can be proud of as we reflect on the year. Even though the year may not have ended as we were anticipating, our work as Lions has made a difference to those we serve.

Our Brighter Visions contributions have been strong even though we have not yet reached our goal at this time. I know some of you have been unable to hold your normal fundraisers at the end of the year, but the needs of our VIPs continue to be there during these difficult times. Is your club able to contribute a little more to Brighter Visions? Remember, we are not contributing to Brighter Visions for ourselves, but we are contributing to support the programs and services that serve our VIPs.

While our current Lions year is coming to a close, many plans are being made for the coming Lions year. Our awards, officer installation, and first cabinet meeting will be held on July 18 at Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Advance, provided we can meet at that time. The district Brighter Visions Kickoff is scheduled for August 26 at the Mayflower Seafood Restaurant in Rural Hall. More information will be coming on these events so watch for those details.

In addition, plans are being made for our district convention to be held November 6–7 at the Village Inn in Clemmons. The theme for the convention will focus around our Unsung Heroes and each club will be asked to identify one club member who is their unsung hero so this individual can be recognized during Saturday's lunch banquet. The Unsung Hero we want to recognize is a club member who works tirelessly within their club and community seeking little recognition for the important work they do throughout the year. You will find the nomination form in this newsletter. Our convention committee, led by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Wayne Kennerly, has worked to streamline the convention to reduce the cost so hopefully more Lions will be able to attend. You will find the reservation form for the convention in this newsletter as well.

I hope you will take a few moments to reflect on the good things that Lions have done during the past year. While you do that, consider the many things that we as Lions can do in the coming year. I believe the possibilities are endless.

Lion Donald Cobb - District Governor-Elect

## 2nd VDG Wayne Kennerly

One may like to stay inside to read a favorite book or watch TV programs etc. Quite frankly I'm sick and tired of not being able to go to my favorite restaurant or to go to the YMCA or go to a weekly Lions meeting and my weekly church service, how about you? Hopefully things will change as the summer heat comes and maybe clear out some of this virus.

Many clubs now have the Zoom meetings with different zone chairmen having their meetings online. This is the best way to stay in contact with all your clubs. You might want to encourage your presidents and secretaries to look into this excellent tool.

Even though I am not able to visit potential members, I have started a new list to call and visit when the time is right. With all the time we now have, it is time to be thinking about new possible members. Don't wait for someone to call you about joining your club. It will never happen. Be able to discuss projects that your club currently does and things that the state Lions are involved in, such as Camp Dogwood, the VIP Fishing Tournament, and Brighter Visions.

The November convention in Clemmons is a must for each club in District I to attend. Lion Liz Steele and PDG Theresa Matthews have put together a form for each participant to fill out. We must also have the name of your person who is an unsung hero from your club. This person does not have to be a past president, secretary, or any other major office in your club. You need to nominate the person who you can always depend on to help with your current projects. Be giving this serious thought. We will have an international director who will hand out this award to the unsung hero of your club at the Saturday luncheon. Can we count on you to get us this name? We need you, as president, to be there with this unsung hero as he is presented this award.

With our clubs not meeting, we also need to help Lion Bill Mathers by getting in your Brighter Visions money. Please help with this most pressing need. Have your treasurer send in your Brighter Visions money that you pledged for this year.

Thank you for all your efforts. We will be stronger in the future.

Each person counts, why not share Lionism!

H. Wayne Kennerly - First Vice District Governor

## Club News



**Troutman Lions Club's** service project is to supply masks needed during this Pandemic, and fortunately the club has one talented, generous Lion, Charlene Overcash (pictured left). She has made over 300 masks for various family, friends, and the caregivers of Home Instead in Statesville. She has done this project without reimbursement, and our club is proud of her service. She is living proof of the Lions motto, WE SERVE!

### RESCHEDULED EVENTS

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

**Fair Grove Lions Club** has pushed the date for their Steak Dinner/Raffle further out to July 28th. The meals will be offered curbside pickup only at the Lions Den. The drawing will be broadcast on Facebook live that night. Not all tickets will win a door prize, All of the gift certificate door prizes will be handed out. Winners will be able to collect door prizes the following Saturday at a time TBA.

**West Iredell Lions Club's** 3rd annual Vision 5K & 1 mile walk/run has been further delayed to Tuesday, September 29th.

This has been a different type of Spring for me this year as our local Lions Clubs have not been meeting. I know you miss being with your fellow Lions as PDG Mike and I do, but we have followed the guidelines set to protect us from this terrible virus.

People have called and asked if I am still collecting the TABS and the answer is YES! I have several containers on hand but the price per pound is still too low for us to sell them right now. I will sell them when I know we will have a good donation for our Leader Dogs program. As of the last quarter report from Leader Dogs for the Blind, our district is in second place in the state with our donations!!

A very big THANK YOU to our clubs that already paid their share of our Governor's Goals for this year. PLEASE, if your club has not done this, we ask that you turn it in before the year-end report.

My Rescue Dog, Roscoe and I have again participated in the 5KWalk for the blind and visually impaired sponsored by Leader Dogs for the Blind. We completed this "mission" on May 17, 2020 and so far have raised over \$650.00. We are very appreciative to all who sponsored us in this walking adventure. We were challenged by one black snake on our track but kept our pace and left "him" sunning on the trail!

It is never too late to donate to the support of our leader dogs and their outstanding program! If you would like to follow reports of the 5KWalk or other information, just click on LeaderDog.org.

Have a blessed and safe Summer and we look forward to the time we can all be together again!

Lion Antha Reid



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:** \$1000\* cash prize **3rd Prize:** \$500\* cash prize  
**4th & 5th Prizes:** Vacation Package Outerbanks/Asheville  
 \*Blackout dates may apply

Vehicle Provided By Vental Buick GMC

### KEEP SELLING THOSE CAMP DOGWOOD TICKETS

	Members	Raffle Sales	Books /member
L	1,088	\$15,582.16	1.43
<b>I</b>	<b>1,138</b>	<b>\$14,784.00</b>	<b>1.3</b>
O	1,193	\$16,384.00	1.37
N	1,139	\$11,806.00	1.04
S	1,055	\$15,072.00	1.43
Totals	5,613	\$73,628.13	1.31

How can Lions be there for those in need when they cannot actually be there? Digital fundraisers are one way for clubs to continue to raise money when large events and person-to-person fundraising just can't happen.



<https://bit.ly/3cEsSrC>





Look who else besides the campers  
will be missing camp this season.

Left: Dana Wiggins  
Right: Judi Seymour



### 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 has contacted all applicants. Stay safe.

#### **Other cancellations around NC**

Unionville Lions Club has cancelled its Fourth of July Event



## **2020 NC LIONS VIP FISHING TOURNAMENT CANCELLED**

The 2020 NC Lions VIP Fishing Tournament, scheduled for Oct. 19-21 on the Outer Banks, has been cancelled due to health concerns for participants and volunteers related to the COVID-19 outbreak in North Carolina. With uncertainty on how long the state will be dealing with the coronavirus, the board of directors decided it was in the best interest of North Carolina Lions to cancel the 38th annual event. Typically, more than 500 Lions and guests participate in the world's largest fishing tournament for the blind and visually impaired.

### **Where to find it on the web:**

[nclions31l.org](http://nclions31l.org) to find information of interest on the district level such as Lions Lingo

<http://nclions31l.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Lions-Lingo-Oct-2015-1.pdf>

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

10:30 PM  
05/29/20  
Cash Basis

**NC Lions District 31-I  
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual  
July 2019 through June 2020**

	Jul '19 - Jun 20	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expenses</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
1181 District Dues 1st Half	9,655.00	9,775.00	-119.00	98.8%
1182 District Dues 2nd Half	9,044.00	9,775.00	-731.00	92.5%
1194 Transfer from Unrestricted	0.00	3,215.00	-3,215.00	0.0%
1199 Prior Year Dues	127.00			
<b>1400 Rimbursment Awards</b>				
1401 Sponsored Awards	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
1403 NC Trading Pins	840.00	1,000.00	-160.00	84.0%
1405 Liberty Day Pins	12.00	300.00	-288.00	4.0%
<b>Total 1400 Rimbursment Awards</b>	<b>852.00</b>	<b>2,100.00</b>	<b>-1,248.00</b>	<b>40.6%</b>
<b>1700 Convention Income</b>				
1701 Member Fees	3,430.00			
1702 Fun Night	1,103.00			
1703 Banquet	2,810.00			
1704 Program Ads	880.00			
1706 Transfer from Restricted	2,201.86			
1707 Tail Twister Breakfast	1,180.80			
1708 Convention Lunch	420.00			
<b>Total 1700 Convention Income</b>	<b>11,855.66</b>			
<b>1800 Pass Through Income</b>				
1801 Brighter Vision Boutique	749.00			
1802 District Raffle Baskets	1,130.00			
1804 Brighter Vision Auction	1,170.00			
1809 Fun Night Collections	400.00			
<b>Total 1800 Pass Through Income</b>	<b>3,449.00</b>			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>34,735.36</b>	<b>24,855.00</b>	<b>9,875.36</b>	<b>139.7%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>34,735.36</b>	<b>24,855.00</b>	<b>9,875.36</b>	<b>139.7%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
4100 NC State Council				
4101 Admin Fund	5,239.75	5,750.00	-490.25	168.5%
4102 State Council Promotion	1,134.50	1,150.00	-15.50	98.7%
4103 NC State Trading Pins	0.00	1,800.00	-1,800.00	0.0%
4109 Liberty Day Pins	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
<b>Total 4100 NC State Council</b>	<b>7,374.25</b>	<b>8,800.00</b>	<b>-1,425.75</b>	<b>83.8%</b>

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	Jul '19 - Jun 20	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>4200 Administration</b>				
4202 E-Mail Expense	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
4203 Awards - Badges	423.08	600.00	-176.92	70.5%
4205 Directory Printing	552.56	500.00	52.56	108.9%
4206 Leadership School	0.00	350.00	-350.00	0.0%
4207 Membership Recruitment	0.00	750.00	-750.00	0.0%
4208 Admin Postage	152.89	250.00	-97.11	75.4%
4209 Newsletter Printing & Post	117.66	500.00	-382.31	23.5%
4210 State Convention Ad	365.00	350.00	15.00	104.0%
4211 Supplies and Checks	25.83	200.00	-174.17	12.9%
4212 Board Cabinet Sec & Trns	83.80	65.00	18.80	67.8%
<b>Total 4200 Administration</b>	<b>2,535.99</b>	<b>4,165.00</b>	<b>-1,629.01</b>	<b>60.9%</b>
<b>4300 District Governor</b>				
4301 District Governor Expenses	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
4302 International Convention	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.0%
<b>Total 4300 District Governor</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>-5,000.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>4400 1st Vice District Governor</b>				
4401 1st VD Governor Expenses	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
4402 USA - Canada Forum	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00	100.0%
4403 Inter Conv Partner in Serv	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
4404 State Conv. Hosp. Room	200.00	200.00	0.00	100.0%
<b>Total 4400 1st Vice District Governor</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>	<b>2,400.00</b>	<b>-1,100.00</b>	<b>54.2%</b>
<b>4500 Cabinet Sec - Trns</b>				
4501 Cab Sec - Trns Expenses	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
4502 All Convention Expenses	880.56	3,000.00	-2,119.44	29.3%
<b>Total 4500 Cabinet Sec - Trns</b>	<b>880.56</b>	<b>3,300.00</b>	<b>-2,419.44</b>	<b>26.7%</b>
<b>4600 2nd Vice District Governor</b>				
4601 2nd VD Governor Expenses	900.00	900.00	0.00	100.0%
4602 Senior Leadership School	591.61	800.00	-208.39	74.1%
<b>Total 4600 2nd Vice District Governor</b>	<b>1,491.61</b>	<b>1,700.00</b>	<b>-208.39</b>	<b>87.8%</b>
<b>4700 Convention Expenses</b>				
4701 ID & Guest Meal & Expenses	871.40			
4702 Fun Night	1,700.00			
4703 Sat Breakfast	1,258.24			
4704 Sat Lunch	1,067.83			
4705 Saturday Banquet	3,783.79			
4707 Admin and Hosp Supplies	185.65			
4708 Meeting Room & AV Charges	149.77			
4709 Entertainment	80.00			
4710 ID Honorarium	890.00			
4712 Decorations	258.75			
4717 Hosp Room - Food & Rent	338.72			

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	Jul '19 - Jun 20	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>4718 Printing - Convention</b>	<b>391.77</b>			
4735 Misc Expense	545.75			
4731 ID Hotel Room	395.17			
4732 PID Hotel Room	395.17			
<b>Total 4700 Convention Expenses</b>	<b>11,859.66</b>			
<b>9000 Pass Through Expenses</b>				
9001 Brighter Vision Boutique	749.00			
9002 District Raffle Baskets	1,130.00			
9004 Auction Proceeds	1,170.00			
9005 Fun Night Collections	400.00			
<b>Total 9000 Pass Through Expenses</b>	<b>3,449.00</b>			
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>27,620.33</b>	<b>24,955.00</b>	<b>2,795.33</b>	<b>111.1%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>7,115.03</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,115.03</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>7,115.03</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,115.03</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

June 6	5:00 p.m.	District Training	ZOOM: Secretaries and Treasurers Instructors: Kirby Matthews / Michelle Gregory
June 15	deadline	Certification of Delegates	Final date to return forms to Camp Dogwood
June 24	8:00 p.m.	Convention Planning Meeting	ZOOM
<b>June 26</b>	<b>deadline</b>	<b>NCLI Ballots</b>	<b>Mail-in ballots must be received by this date</b>
<b>June 27</b>	<b>1-3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>NCLI Board of Directors</b>	<b>Camp Dogwood</b>
June 29	7:00 p.m.	District Training	ZOOM: Tail Twisters - Instructor Chris Beck
July 18	10:00 a.m. until	Awards & Installation District Cabinet Meeting	Bethlehem UMC 321 Redland Rd, Advance
TBD		District Training	New Member Orientation
Jul 31-Aug 2		NCLI BOD-Installation-COG	Camp Dogwood

## Brighter Visions

Today as I write this report for the June newsletter for District I, I am very emotional realizing that yesterday our country, the United States of America just passed the 100,000 mark in deaths from the Covid-19 virus and the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota is dealing with riots I have not seen since I grew up in Detroit during 1967. Our country is hurting. We are all hurting from this regardless of your race, religion, or political views. We are all Lions and we are in this together. Sometime, after you read this report, please take a moment to pray and reflect on what we are witnessing in the world today. Because of this, Lions are needed more than ever. Our motto is WE SERVE. Therefore, if you really believe in our calling as Lions, it is time NOW for all of us together as a group to get up and serve in the best way we know how. Lion by Lion, Club by Club, and District by District.

As of this writing, we have only 33 days to hit our goal for the Brighter Visions Campaign for District I. By the time you read this there will probably be only about 28 days left.

On Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, I had a Brighter Visions Presentation Zoom Meeting that all of you in our district were invited to. 38 of you as members and leaders across our District showed up and attended. Several clubs made promises of funds for the campaign right there on the spot. I have presented my Brighter Visions presentation to over 20 clubs previously and received overwhelming support from the clubs that have seen my presentation. You still have time to have me present a Zoom Meeting for your club between now and the end of June. I cannot stress how important our Brighter Visions Campaign is this year especially with the amount of all the good works that Brighter Visions does across our beautiful state.

Even if your club cannot help as much as in the past, the knowledge your club will gain by hearing what Brighter Visions does for future fundraising for your club is very important for the future of your club. I have found in crossing our District that most Lions, including the long timers, really aren't sure what Brighter Visions really covers through our donations. Brighter Visions helps 12 different programs each year through North Carolina Lions... not just Camp Dogwood. Trust me, there is a need, a big need. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE...LET ME TELL YOUR CLUB ABOUT Brighter Vision. My phone number is 704-756-0046. Call and I will set up a Zoom Meeting for your club...

And now for the District I report as of today. Our goal set by District Governor Jimmy Myers is \$150,000. As of May 29th we have raised just under \$123,000, up almost \$10,000 in the past two weeks. By my count we have probably got about another \$27,000 to go. The big question is, "Will the District I Lions step up in this final month and push us over our goal?"

When I started this campaign at the kickoff back in August, I asked each club to raise only 5% more than last year. These clubs will make my Brighter Visions Hall of Fame. I will publish the list of my entire hall of fame in next month's newsletter. As of now, I know of 12 clubs that will make that list. I hope your club will be on that list.

Thank you in advance and be safe.

2VDGE Bill Mathers, Brighter Visions Chair—[billmathers13@yahoo.com](mailto:billmathers13@yahoo.com)



**2019-2020 Goal**  
**\$150,000**

*Totals as of 5/28/2020*

Jul			100%
Jun			91.67%
May	<b>\$122,878</b>	<b>81.9%</b>	<b>83.33%</b>
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%	83.3%
July	START		

## Global Leadership

### Club Officer Elections and Training Opportunities

Your club officers should have been reported to Lions International prior to May 15. However, at this writing the following clubs have not reported next year's officers: **Dobson, King, Mt. Airy, Pinnacle, Walnut Cove, Hasty, West Lexington, Charlotte South Park, Charlotte Southern, and Davidson.** Please contact me if I can assist with this effort. Your club does not have to meet to elect your officers. We have the ability to use phone calls, online meetings, etc. including mailing the ballots to your members.

In the past several weeks we have held multiple training events for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Zone Chairpersons. For those who missed training, you are welcome to contact me and we will attempt to conduct make-up sessions.

In the effort to print next year's District Directory, we need to have the info as soon as possible.

Two more District Officer training events are scheduled. They are:

Tail Twisters: June 29 7:00PM - Instructor Chris Beck New Member Orientation to be scheduled at a later date.

Please send your contact information for those in your club who would like to participate in these events. In case you may have more time on your hands while in Stay-At-Home mode, Lions International has multitudes of training resources. Simply go to Lions International website and check in the Member's Area under Resources. Search there for keywords of the areas of your interest. You may be overwhelmed by what is available.

Stay safe and remember to find ways to provide service in your communities. Please contact me if I can be of assistance.

PDG George Culp GLT District 31-I  
[liongeorgeculp@gmail.com](mailto:liongeorgeculp@gmail.com) 704 906 8568

## Global Service

Good Day Fellow Lions,

Here we are at the last month of another great Lions year. As we prepare for the next year, I would like to thank all the clubs that helped make their communities to be a better place to live through your many service projects.

Although MyLion website was challenging at times, you continued to report your service projects. This is a great aid to the governor and Lions International in a lot of different ways. I would like to thank you for wanting to be Lions who want to help the less fortunate.

Lion Ron Rich - Global Service Team Chair  
[Casper101@windstream.net](mailto:Casper101@windstream.net)

### Continue Suggested Service Projects

- Maintain a "Little Free Library"
- Adopt a creek, highway or police officer
- Hold a food drive to replenish pantries
- Collect can tabs for the Leader Dog program
- Collect school supplies
- Donate books for a summer reading program
- Present a scholarship
- Hold a cookout for VIPs
- Assist with Meals on Wheels or a soup kitchen
- Donate blood
- Plant some trees
- Participate in a STRIDES walk
- Keep in contact with those who are isolated
- Run errands for those who are sheltered at home

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](mailto:whootietoo@yahoo.com)



## A New District Convention Approach: Meeting Your Needs



What keeps Lions from attending a Convention? Cost? Time?

Choosing to address those concerns, District Governor-Elect Donald Cobb and 1VDG-E/Convention Chair Wayne Kennerly are planning a streamlined District 31-I Fall Convention for November 6-7, 2020 at the Village Inn Hotel and Event Center in Clemmons.

The first big adjustment is a less formal and more affordable Saturday afternoon luncheon instead of the traditional formal evening banquet. Our visiting International Director Judge Shea Nickell from Paducah, Kentucky, will present his keynote speech and help with some special recognition of the "Unsung Heroes" of our individual Lions Clubs.

Each club is being asked to name an unsung hero to be honored at the Saturday luncheon. Club presidents/secretaries are to fill out the form included in this newsletter and return to DGE Donald. The "Unsung Hero" is the Lion who goes above and beyond for their club and community without expectation of accolades -- in other words the hardest working Lions that quietly go about upholding "We Serve." Clubs may have president/board of directors name this Lion or have a vote of the club; however, the club decides to name the hero. Clubs are also asked to consider paying for the luncheon fee for their honored Lion.

All the most popular events of the District Convention will be included in the weekend's activities with the hospitality room open on Friday afternoon along with an exhibit hall featuring the Brighter Visions Boutique. Clubs are asked to provide craft items, homemade or regional food items, gift items to be sold to benefit Brighter Visions. Clubs will receive Brighter Visions credit for the sales price of sold goods.

Zone Chairs will each be putting together a raffle basket with at least a \$100 value. Tail Twisters and convention committee will have the tickets on sale all weekend. Each ticket is \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20 and you pick which basket you want to have a chance on.

Friday Fun Night meal and entertainment will carry on with this year's theme of Super Hero Fun and Games, again congratulating our Unsung Club Heroes. The convention committee invites you to add to the Friday Fun by dressing in your own Super Hero gear. Entertainment throughout the evening will include "Minute-To-Win-It" type games, Team Trivia, and other expected shenanigans. Karaoke and dancing are also planned.

After Fun Night, the hospitality room will be open for the evening.

Saturday morning will kick off with breakfast, traditionally honoring Key Members, and all honorifics including Melvin Jones and Jack Stickley Fellowships, William L. Wooldard Partner in Service, Sid Scruggs Beacon of Hope, and the newest award, NC Lions Ambassador. After breakfast the excitement will move to the Tail Twister Auction. And again, Clubs will receive Brighter Visions credit for the sales price of donated auction items.

The auction will be followed by the Town Hall meeting with ID Nickell, bringing us up to date on happenings and policies of Lions Clubs International. All Lions are invited to get answers to their questions about Lions International.

District Cabinet meeting and DG election will be called to order at 3:30. The District Camp Dogwood ticket drawing will be held at this time in addition to drawing for the Zone Raffle Baskets.

Afterwards, the hospitality room will be open for an evening of socializing with food from the great cooks of the district.

The hospitality room will also open all day Saturday for sodas and light snacks.

Information for overnight reservations is on the registration form included in this newsletter. Our room rate is only \$89. Be sure to ask for Lions Convention rate. There are plenty of first floor rooms in the hotel, but be sure to request first floor if you need it. There is not an elevator in the hotel.

If you would like to help during the convention and in the planning, please contact Chairman Wayne Kennerly. Also if you have questions, contact Lion Wayne.

SEE YOU THERE!! We need each other more than ever during these trying times.

**REST ASSURED THAT IF ANY QUARANTINE/SOCIAL DISTANCING RESTRICTIONS INTERFERE WITH THE CONVENTION, HOTEL ROOMS CAN BE CANCELLED PRIOR TO CONVENTION WEEKEND AND ALL CONVENTION FEES WILL BE REFUNDED. THE COMMITTEE WILL MAKE THE DETERMINATION OF ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES AT LEAST SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE THE CONVENTION AS THE SITUATION ARISES.**



# District 31-I Lions Fall Convention Registration Form



**Village Inn Hotel & Event Center, Clemmons, NC - November 6-7, 2020**

**Friday - November 6 (Registration: 3:00PM-7:00PM Hotel Lobby)**

Hospitality Room Open..... 3:00PM - 5:00PM  
Exhibits, BV Boutique, Zone Basket Raffle..... 3:00PM - 6:00PM  
Family Fun Night (Dinner and Entertainment) **Super Hero Fun & Games** ..... 6:30PM - 9:00PM  
Hospitality Room Open ..... Following Fun Night

**Saturday - November 7 (Registration: 7:00AM-12:00PM)**

Breakfast (All Lions and Guests)..... 8:00AM-9:00AM  
Tail Twister Auction..... 9:00AM  
Exhibits, BV Boutique, Zone Basket Raffle..... 9:00AM - 4:00PM  
Town Hall Meeting with **International Director Justice Shea Nickell** ..... 10:30AM - 11:30AM  
Delegate Certification..... 11:30AM-12:00PM & 3:00 - 3:30PM  
Lunch Banquet **Honoring Unsung Heroes** (Lions and Guests)..... 12:00PM - 3:00PM  
District Cabinet Meeting and Officer Elections ..... 3:30PM  
Hospitality Room Open for evening ..... 4:30PM

**Hospitality Room open all day Saturday for refreshments and snacks**  
**Badges must be worn at all meal functions (including Fun Night)**

**Village Inn**  
**6205 Ramada Dr**  
**Clemmons, NC 27012**

**Lions Room Rate:**  
**\$89.00 plus tax**

*Lions Room Rate will be available until OCT 26.*  
*Hotel Reservations after October 26 will be provided*  
*on a space available basis.*

*Make room reservations directly with the hotel:*  
*Call (336-766-9121 or 800-554-6416) and ask for*  
*Lions Group.*

**Make check for meals payable to:**  
NC 31-I Lions Clubs

**Mail check with bottom portion of this form to:**  
Lion Liz Steele Phone: (704)798-3471  
2252 Baker Mill Rd  
Cleveland, NC 27013  
Email: LRSteele@hughes.net

**Do Not Mail after October 26, 2020**  
Phone registration only between Oct 26 & Nov. 2  
**No refunds after Nov. 2**

**Return this part of the form with your check – Copy as needed**

**Club:** \_\_\_\_\_ **District:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check all that apply**

Names: (PRINT first and last names & circle title)	*Food Allergies	Awards						Meals		Banquet		
		MJF	JSF	WLW	BOH	AMB	HOF	FN	B	Pork	Chic	Veg
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**Function**

Family Fun Night **Burger Bar**  
Breakfast **Plated Breakfast**  
Lunch Banquet **Veg Lasagna, Herb Roasted**  
**Pork Loin or Southern Fried Chicken**

**\$20.00**  
**\$20.00**  
**\$25.00**

**Number Attending**

**Adults** **Cost**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Reminder: Please Select Banquet Meal Preference and Specify \*Food Allergies Above**

**Total Cost \$**



District 31-I Fall Convention  
Gold Sponsor/Ad Order Form

Convention Date: November 6 - 7, 2020  
Village Inn Hotel & Event Center, Clemmons NC

**DEADLINE is October 16**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Club, Business, or Individual \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone & Email Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Approval Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Convention Gold Sponsorships Available    \$500  
Banner Recognition at all Events

Ad Size: Full Page (8 1/2 x 11) \$75 \_\_\_\_\_  
Half Page \$50 \_\_\_\_\_  
Quarter Page \$25 \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Card \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: NC 31-I Lions Clubs

Mail Check & Form to: Liz Steele  
2252 Baker Mill Rd  
Cleveland, NC 27013

Please Include Payment with Ad Copy and Form  
For questions: cell 704-798-3471

Email Ad copy in .jpg or Word format to: Liz Steele  
LRSteele@hughes.net



District 31-I Fall Convention  
UNsung HERO SELECTION FORM

To recognize a Lion who goes "above and beyond" for their club  
and community at the Convention Luncheon Banquet.

Convention Date: November 6 - 7, 2020  
Village Inn Hotel & Event Center, Clemmons NC

**DEADLINE is October 16**

Selected Lion \_\_\_\_\_  
Club \_\_\_\_\_  
Address/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

How long a Member (Years) \_\_\_\_\_  
Favorite Club Project \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Selection \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by Club President or Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Form to: DGE Donald Cobb  
3 Coleman  
Sparta, NC 28675

For questions: 336-372-2577 H or dwcobb@skybest.com

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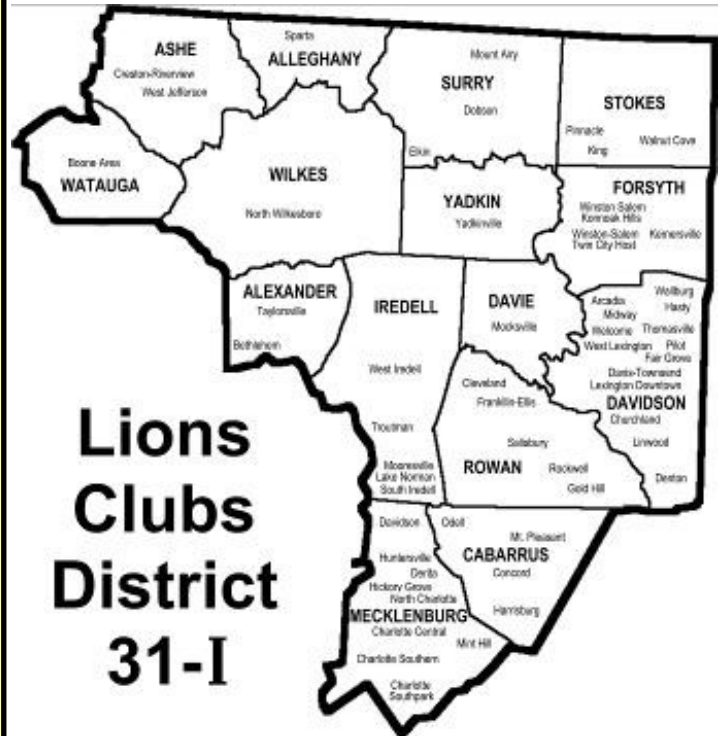
All articles, announcements, etc., for inclusion in the District 31-I Newsletter should be sent to:

Lion Dianna Wald  
PO Box 1260

Denton, NC 27239 or [diannamwald@gmail.com](mailto:diannamwald@gmail.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](mailto:rstaley@carolina.rr.com).



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