

**Lions Clubs International  
Multiple 31  
North Carolina Lions State Council  
Official Minutes**

Sheraton Atlantic Beach Inn  
Atlantic Beach, North Carolina

Saturday, February 8, 2003  
8:30 A.M.

The third official meeting of the North Carolina State Council was called to order by Council Chair Billy Gene Herring.

For the record the Council met in caucus on Friday, November 8, 2002. All nine District Governors were present for this meeting. The attendance for the Saturday Council meeting was as follows:

DG James E. Caudle	31-A	DG W. Brad Logsdon	31-F
DG R. Wayne Webb	31-C	DG Charles C. Harris	31-G
DG Ralph L. Holmes	31-D	DG Billy Gene Herring	31-H
DG J. Clarence Williford	31-E	DG Charles Holleman	31-J

Vice District Governors that were present were:

VDG Sidney G. Harbison	31-A	VDG A. Paul Smith	31-C
VDG Diane Whitley	31-G	VDG I. Frank Brooks	31-G
VDG David Rhodes	31-J		

The invocation was given by Vice Council Chair J. Clarence Williford and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by DG R. Wayne Webb. CC Herring welcomed all Lions and guests to the meeting.

CC Herring recognized PID Sid L. Scruggs, III for comments. PID Scruggs thanked the Governors for what they are doing. He commended them for their dedication in carrying out their responsibilities. PID Scruggs reminded everyone present that the Southeastern Leadership Institute will be held in Alabama. He ask that the Governors continue to make applications available for the Southeastern Leadership Institute because there are openings available. Next year, the Southeastern Leadership Institute will be held at Camp Dogwood. He stated that the paper work for funding needs to be done if it hasn't been. PID Scruggs pointed out the deep need for training is being discussed at the International level even though the International budget has been cut back over one million dollars for training. The multiple districts are going to have to pick up the slack. The time is coming when we will not have funds from outside the multiple district. The International basic officer training is not sufficient. We need to get more indepth training. He stated that he feels that when prospective leaders get proper training, they will be more receptive to accepting responsibilities they feel they are qualified to perform. PID Scruggs stated that membership is continuing to be a problem. President Kay Fukushima has asked for a zero drop of members until an interview is held with the Lion that is being dropped. Lions International has requested that the Vice District Governors be responsible for managing the district MERL teams (membership, extension, retention and leadership). PID Scruggs suggested that the VDG training be held earlier than it is currently being held. The Council has requested that Statewide Leadership Chair Harvey Whitley plan training for the current vice district governors in the Spring. SW Chair Whitley agreed that the training should be held earlier and agreed to plan for training in April or May. PID Scruggs reported on some of the new events planned for the 2003 International Convention in Denver, CO.

CC Herring recognized State Secretary Wall for any communications. Secretary Wall reported that Kansas State Secretary Linda McCormick sent an e-mail concerning our combined caucus at the International Convention. She has reserved a room large enough for all of the multiple districts that are participating in the combined caucus (NC, TN, MD-19 and Kansas). She will contact LCI giving the time and location of the caucus.

CC Herring appointed DG W. Brad Logsdon as Parliamentarian for the meeting.

CC Herring asked if there were any corrections or changes to the November Council of Governors' meeting minutes, DG Logsdon moved and DG Williford seconded that the November minutes be approved as mailed. The motion was approved.

CC Herring recognized Secretary Wall for the 2002-03 financial report (See Attachment "A"). He reported that the Liberty Day books have been purchased at a cost of \$4,000.00. DG Logsdon moved and DG Caudle seconded that the financial report be approved as presented. The motion was approved.

CC Herring recognized 2003 NC Lions State Convention Co-Chairs David Leonard and Carlton Metts, PDG for a report on the 2003 Convention (See Attachment "B"). The Convention Program was gone over in detail. Corrections and additions were made.

Co-Chairs Metts and Leonard passed out two styles of name badges and asked the Council of Governors to select which style would be best. DG Caudle moved and DG Holmes seconded that the name badge with the white background be used. The motion was approved.

The Council discussed having a publicity person and photographer for the Convention. Lion Gwen White has served in this capacity at prior conventions. DG Caudle moved and DG Williford seconded that Lion Gwen White serve as our 2003 Convention publicity person and photographer and that her expenses for film and developing be paid by the Council. The motion was approved.

DG Logsdon moved and DG Caudle seconded that the Convention report be approved as revised. The motion was approved.

CC Herring recognized Statewide Convention Chair James H. Sasser for his report on the 2004 and 2005 State Conventions. Chair Sasser reported that the 2004 State Convention will be held March 25-28 in Fayetteville, NC at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux. DG Logsdon will serve as Convention Chair. DG Logsdon reported that four Lions clubs are hosting this Convention. He stated that committees are beginning to work on the plans for the Convention. They are looking forward to a great Convention. Chair Sasser reported that a decision needs to be made concerning the 2005 Convention. Four Lions Clubs in the Raleigh area have committed to host the 2005 Convention on Memorial Day weekend in May 2005. The Wilmington Lions Club is interested in hosting the 2005 or 2006 State Convention. A presentation was given at the Friday Night Caucus by the Wilmington Hilton Riverside Hotel to host the 2005 or 2006 Convention the last weekend in March. DG Harris moved and DG Williford seconded that the 2005 NC Lions State Convention be held in Raleigh. The Council of Governors by, consensus, requested that a presentation be given by the North Raleigh Hilton at the May 2003 Council meeting.

CC Herring recognized NCLF President C. David Smoot for comments (See Attachment "C"). NCLF Executive Director Steve Walker was recognized for comments. Director Walker reported that the NC

Lions Foundation is a member of the NC Coalition on Donation. This organization is formed to educate and promote the benefit and need for organ and tissue donation in NC. The members of this organization include NCLF, Red Cross, NC Eye Bank, the two organ procurement agencies in NC, Kidney Foundation, the Dept. Of Motor Vehicles and other organizations interested in promoting organ and tissue donation. An item they are working on currently is a legislative effort for the establishment of a "Donor Registry" in NC. There are other states that have donor registries. The Registry would allow a more effective and timely method of collecting organs and tissue when they become available. The Registry would be maintained by the Dept of Motor Vehicles. Lion Walker proposed that the Council of Governors approve a resolution endorsing the establishment of a Donor Registry in NC. DG Logsdon moved and DG Caudle seconded that the Council request that the 2003 NC Lions State Convention Resolution Committee prepare a resolution in support of a "Donor Registry" to be presented at the Convention for the Convention delegates to vote on. The motion was approved.

CC Herring recognized John DeLuca, Director of the Division of Services for the Blind for a report. Director DeLuca reported that for the last 25 months, North Carolina has been in some level of a budget crises and it continues. For the fiscal year we are currently in, his department sustained a cut of between 8 to 9 percent (approximately \$675,000) of the State funds. With all of the cuts in budgets, the cuts will amount to approximately 12%. He stated that in this environment, the support of the Lions of North Carolina is extremely important in meeting the needs of the blind and visually impaired and keeping the Division of Services for the Blind in place. He explained many of the obstacles that have been overcome and /or negotiated to keep the integrity of the Division of Services for the Blind. He pointed out some of the challenges that may come in the future. He shared some of the things that are happening in the department.

CC Herring adjourned the meeting for a 15 minute break.

CC Herring recognized the Statewide Committee chairs for reports. The following written reports were received:

Boys and Girls Homes	PCC Earl L. Davis	(See Attachment "D")
Constitution/By-Laws	Dr Johnny Parker, PDG	(See Attachment "E")
Extension	Lion Gene Everette	(See Attachment "F")
Historian	PDG Herbert A. Justice	(See Attachment "G")

Chair Justice requested \$750 to purchase shelving and storage boxes for storing historical items in. The Historian Committee members will assemble and install the shelving. DG Williford moved and DG Harris seconded that up to \$750 be approved to purchase shelving and storage boxes. The motion was approved. Chair Justice requested approval for a silent auction to be held to sell PIP Jack Stickley and PIP William L. "Bill" Woolard memorabilia that was being stored in a closet. The proceeds will be donated to the Jack Stickley and William L. Woolard Fellowships. DG Holmes moved and DG Webb seconded that the request be approved. The motion was approved.

Information Technology	PDG Leonard C. Wilburn	(See Attachment "H")
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Chair Wilburn reported that he has been paying for the NC Lions web site through his company. He no longer has the company and requested that the Council approve paying the web page fee \$9.95 per month. DG Harris moved and DG Williford seconded up to \$125 to pay an annual web fee for the NC Lions Web page. The motion was approved.

Leadership Development      PCC Harvey F. Whitley      (See Attachment "I")  
Chair Whitley requested that the Leadership budget item be increased by \$500.00 to cover VDG training costs that Lions Clubs International will not be paying this year. DG Webb moved and DG Holmes seconded that the \$500.00 request be approved. The motion was approved.

Leo      Lion Bernie Shear      (See Attachment "J")  
Liberty Day      Lion Anne Neroni      (See Attachment "K")  
The report was presented by PCC James H. Sasser. He presented a budget for the Liberty Day expenses for the current year and requested approval for the budget as presented. DG Harris moved and DG Caudle seconded that the budget request be approved and that a budget line item be established for Liberty Day in the amount of \$1,000. The motion was approved.

Nominating      PDG Larry Gasperson      (See Attachment "L")  
Promotion      PDG George D. Ohm      (See Attachment "M")  
Secretary Wall reported on the NC-Tennessee 2003 Lions Breakfast at the International Convention. The buffet will cost \$16.00 per person. DG Logsdon moved and DG Holmes seconded that the tickets be sold as in the past for \$15.00 and the Council would cover the additional \$1.00. The motion was approved.

Res. & Long Range Planning      PDG John T. Miller, III      (See Attachment "N")  
Retention      PCC Edward D. Shivers, III      (See Attachment "O")  
State Convention      PCC James H. Sasser      (See Attachment "P")  
Youth Exchange      Lion Paulette Gasperson      (See Attachment "Q")

DG Caudle moved and DG Williford seconded that the reports be approved as presented. The motion was approved.

CC Herring announced that the Bob Timberlake prints have been delivered. Each District is to use the Timberlake Prints to raise funds for Clinical Eye Research Projects.

CC Herring asked Secretary Wall to present information on the distribution of the Council of Governors' meeting minutes. Currently the official distribution list is as follows: current Council of Governors, State Secretary-Treasurer, Lions Clubs International, Immediate Past Council of Governors, current Vice District of Governors, the Council Statewide Committee Chairs, NC Lions Foundation Executive Committee and the past and/or current International Officers of MD-31 (NC). At the November Council of Governors' meeting it was discussed that the minutes could be electronically distributed. Upon investigation, the electronic mailing of minutes can be done through the NCLF web page. LCI can receive the minutes electronically. DG Caudle moved and DG Williford seconded that NC Lions Foundation web page be used to distribute the Council meeting minutes to the Lions on the authorized distribution list. Any Lion not on the list can request a copy of the Council meeting minutes from their District Governor. Any additions or changes to the official authorized distribution list must have prior approval by the governing Council of Governors. The electronic distribution is to begin with the February 2003 minutes. The motion was approved.

CC Herring reported that he is waiting for the registration form for the South Carolina Lions State Convention (April 25 & 26). The Council Chair and his wife have been registered for the NC Lions State Convention.

CC Herring asked the Governors if they wanted to honor the State Peace Poster winner this year as they have been honored in the past? In the past the winner's family is invited to the District Governors' Banquet at the State Convention. The Council pays for their meals and a hotel room for one night. The winner is presented with a plaque and a \$500 US savings bond. The winner's school get a plaque. DG Caudle moved and DG Williford seconded that the Council invite the family to the District Governors' Banquet as in the past. The winner is to receive a plaque and a \$500 US savings bond. The motion was approved.

CC Herring asked if there was any further business to come before the Council of Governors.

CC Herring announced that the next Council meeting will be held in Durham at the Sheraton Hotel (May 3,4 &5).

CC Herring thanked everyone that was responsible for the accommodations and the hospitality room during the weekend.

DG Caudle moved and DG Holmes seconded that the Council meeting be adjourned. The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectively submitted,

John B. Wall, PCC  
State Secretary-Treasurer  
JBW/bc

## North Carolina State Council

## Financial Report

for the year 2002-03

as of January 31, 2003

INCOME:	Budget	Budget	Actual	(Over) Under
Funds from prior years	35,957.86	See Note 1	35,957.86	0.00
State Dues per member (\$2.50 x 10,172 ) (as of 6/30/02)	25,430.50		12,677.50	12,753.00
Interest Received (From CD and Checking account)	400.00		1,197.65	(797.65)
Vendor space rental at 2003 State Convention	450.00			
Tailtwister's ticket sales and auction (at the State Conv.)	1,000.00			
Youth Exchange Funds restricted current year	0.00		1,708.00	(1,708.00)
Misc. Income not Budgeted	0.00	See Note 3	888.00	(888.00)
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>63,238.36</b>	<b>52,429.01</b>	
<b>EXPENSES:</b>				
Financial Audit	350.00		350.00	0.00
Treasurer's Bond	103.00		103.00	0.00
Clerical Services - NCLF	600.00			
Office Supplies (Secretary / Treasurer)	300.00		269.92	30.08
Printing (NCLF and Secretary / Treasurer)	1,400.00		223.26	1,176.74
Postage (NCLF and Secretary / Treasurer)	1,000.00		273.44	726.56
Telephone (Secretary / Treasurer)	200.00			
Plaques and Gifts	1,000.00			
State Council Meetings	250.00			
Expenses - State Secretary / Treasurer	4,000.00		2,119.27	1,880.73
Expenses - State Council Chair	5,000.00		2,435.51	2,564.49
2003 State Convention - cash advance	6,000.00	See Note 2	6,000.00	0.00
Extension Committee	2,000.00		1,301.92	698.08
Leadership Committee	2,000.00		923.92	1,076.08
Membership Committee	2,000.00			
Retention Committee (See Note 5)	500.00			
State Council Committee Expenses	9,000.00		2,014.21	6,985.79
NC Lions - Lions/Quest Funds	1,000.00			
Leo Clubs Expenses	1,000.00			
Youth Exchange Committee (from the Council Funds)	1,000.00			
Misc Expenses not budgeted	0.00	See Note 4	10,120.95	(10,120.95)
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>38,703.00</b>	<b>26,135.40</b>	
Contingency (includes \$1,000 for youth exchange)			24,535.36	
<b>Budget Total</b>		<b>63,238.36</b>		
<b>Youth Exchange Restricted Fund (as of 6-30-02)</b>	<b>2,825.28</b>			
Current year Youth Exchange Funds including Council \$1000.00	2,708.00	See Note 5		
<b>Youth Exchange Total</b>	<b>5,533.28</b>			
<b>Youth Exchange Expenses</b>	<b>3,606.23</b>			
<b>Youth Exchange Fund Remaining Balance</b>	<b>1,927.05</b>			
Note 1: This includes CD amount of 28,677.42 and restricted Youth Exch. fund \$2,825.28, 01-02 Council TT money \$441.25.				
Note 2: \$4,000 advance (Conv. Comm. must sell at least \$6,000 worth of ads to receive the additional \$2,000)				
Note 3: Liberty day \$488.00, Youth Activities \$400.00 (Dist. 31-H)				
Note 4: Final payment 2003 NC Lions State Convention \$2,000, Youth Exchange camping expenses \$3,573.73, Name Badges for SW Committee Chairs \$31.87, expense for Maryland Flag that was flown over Maryland State Capital \$41.60, Youth Exchange supplies from LCI \$32.50, 2001-002 Council TT funds \$441.25, Liberty Day \$4,000				
Note 5: Council of Governors approved increasing the budget amount this year from \$500 to \$1,000 due to the shortage of funds and added a budget line item for Retention.				

# **2003 North Carolina Lions State Convention**

*Our 80<sup>th</sup> Multiple District State Convention*

**Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel**

**Atlantic Beach, NC**

**March 27-30, 2003**

Attachment "B"

## **Qtly Report #3 February 8, 2003**

The Emerald Isle Crystal Coast Club along with the other six clubs making up our 2003 NC Lions Convention Committee are pleased to report on the 2003 NC Lions State Convention to be held at the Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel in Atlantic Beach on March 27, 28, 29 and 30, 2003.

This report will give you the information that was obtained from our committee meetings.

- 1) Friday Golf Tournament will be held at the Bouge Banks Country Club less than two miles from the hotel. The price per player will be \$35 inclusive of cart, food, refreshments, and prizes. Send fees to PDG Curtis Bare.
- 2) Hospitality Rooms Scheduled 3:00-5:00 PM on Saturday. (No restriction by the hotel or committee if you want to open any other times. Need to know to put in program.)
- 3) The Friday Night Fun Night will feature a Beach Party and Buffet. Entertainment will be by the Carolina Beach Club, a top 40 beach music group from Greenville, NC. Shagging will be allowed.
- 4) Friday Night will have late registration to 11:00 PM.
- 5) Saturday Tail Twisters Breakfast will feature many prizes and we are asking that all clubs participate by bringing or sending various gifts.
- 6) PDG Luncheon and annual meeting 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM.
- 7) Saturday Tour (1:00 PM to 4:00 PM) will feature two great tours of Fort Macon and the North Carolina Aquarium. The Fort Macon Historical Site is free and will need a minimum of 30 to attend. Travel is on your own and the distance is approximately 3 miles. They are normally closed this time of the year but will accommodate us. Please register through the convention registration. Tour to NC Aquarium will cost a flat \$3 for all to attend, this is a discount rate and you must register through the Convention Registration Form. Travel again on this event will be on your own (approximately 2 miles).
- 8) Seminars on Saturday 1:45 PM to 3:30 PM.
  - A. 1:45PM - 2:45PM Mentoring by PID Sid Sruggs.
  - B. 2:45PM - 3:30PM Forming Leo Clubs by Lion Bernie Shear, Leo Committee Statewide Chair.

- 9) Entertainment at the District Governors Banquet will be provided by C. J. Watson a talented young lady, blind since she was 6 months old from Greenville, North Carolina and known by many Lions across the state.
- 10) Service of Remembrance scheduled 8:45-9:45 AM to allow time to relocate tables for Cabinet Meetings.
- 11) Ad program is in full swing. We would like to interest more clubs statewide. We are very pleased at the response thus far with a total of \$16,000.00. We are still taking ads but hurry.
- 12) We have ordered a 80<sup>th</sup> Convention Patch.
- 13) All seven clubs are still functioning as participates of this convention committee.
- 14) Convention committee meeting was held on Feb. 6, 2003 at Sheraton Hotel to accommodate visitors.
- 15) Cabinet meeting rooms are assigned but may have to change a couple due to size. Will wait and look at registration of districts and reassign before publication.
- 16) Need Governor's Banners today for early hanging.
- 17) Posters are not to be placed on the walls or elevators. Brochures and posters may be displayed at registration tables or on convention area tables. Handing out brochures is acceptable. Per Sheraton Hotel Management.

Submitted By:

Lion David J. Leonard  
Convention Co-Chair  
Crystal Coast Lions Club

Lion Carlton V. Metts, PDG  
Convention Co-Chair  
Twin Rivers Lions Club



NCLF President's Report  
to  
N.C. Lions Council of Governors

February 8, 2003

The second half of the fiscal year finds our foundation running smoothly. I appreciate the excellent cooperative stance taken by the Council of Governors and Chairman Billy. I look forward to a progressive completion of this term.

The following items are some highlight our NCLF Executive Session on Friday afternoon, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

- We will ask the NCLF Board of Directors to approve By Law changes which will clean up our language on LEHP.
- The Properties Committee will propose survey and sale of NCLF property. The committee will also recommend purchases which are budgeted to be dispersed for a vehicle and other repairs.
- The Fragrance Garden has to date received approximately \$17,500.00. We anticipate being at the required 75% of cost in the near future.
- We have prepared and mailed new proposed changes to our personnel policy. We asked for input from employees and received one. We will ask that these be approved.
- We received a bequest from a lady in the Rocky Mount area of approximately \$320,000.00. This bequest has been designated for our Matching Fund program only. We should have about 80% of these funds by March 1, 2003.
- We also have approximately \$85,000.00 from a bequest to be used for educational purpose at the camp. We will recommend spending a portion to install audio/ visuals/ and Braille for the nature trail.
- Executive Director Steve and I meet with staff of the Duke Eye Center on Wednesday. The discussion centered on Duke completing their portion of the commitment for our \$500,000.00 donation, which has been completed. We have a tentative dedication date of Sunday, May 4, 2003, at 2:30 for the dedication.
- We have been told that the UNC Lions Diabetic Center will begin seeing patients on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at the new site. A dedication has not yet been formally planned. We will keep you up to date.

Thank you for allowing mc to *Serve* with you this year. Working together, we can provide "*Vision today..... Sight tomorrow*". Thank you.

Yours in service,

*David Smoot*

David Smoot, PDG  
NCLF President

*Boys and Girls Homes Committee Report  
PCC Earl L. Davis*

*The District Chairs for Boys and Girls Homes held their first meeting on Saturday, October 12, 2003 at the Lions Cottage at Boys and Girls Homes. One of the nine Districts was represented, district H. Lunch was enjoyed with the boys and their house parents.*

*After lunch the group met with Larry Hewitt, Civic Club Development Officer. Informational packets were given to those in attendance. Packets were also mailed to those who were not able to attend. We were reminded that in nearly 50 years the Home has served 3,000 young people, including the past chairman of the Board of Directors,*

*Whenever convenient Larry requested an invitation to all District Conventions as well as to the cabinet meetings. This will give him the opportunity to present awards to clubs who earned them. Please remind your club that it is important to note the name of the club on checks when donations are made to the BGM. It was stressed that clubs should continue to strive to meet their governor's goals, as well as the Coleman Cates Award.*

*Only 72 youth can be served under the current residential program and the need far exceeds the ability to serve. Today, 35 children are now being served through the Foster Care program. This program will continue to grow*

as soon as foster parents can be recruited and trained.  
The Emergency Care Center is now in progress and will be able to serve 20 people at one time. The center is operating at 85% capacity in all programs.

Fund raising ideas were discussed and will be taken to the various districts. Ideas for a statewide fundraiser are still being explored.

Our meeting was concluded with an in-depth tour of the Leaman Rogers Memorial Chapel and a brief campus tour. We all agreed the Chapel is a fantastic addition to the campus. It is beautiful. The pipe organ sounds great.

Our contributions are running behind last year's at this time. Your Chairman will receive a printout soon as to how your district has done.

It is a good idea for each of you to visit BGA in the near future. You are always welcome to share a meal with the boys at the lions cottage. I think you will be impressed with what your contributions does as you meet the fine group of young men at the cottage.

I want to thank the Governors for the privilege to serve.

Lion Earl L Davis

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE  
MD-31

February 8, 2003

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee met in Hickory on November 9, 2002. Since time constraints would make it difficult to prepare amendments to the MD-31 Constitution and By-Laws for action at the State Lions Convention in March and since there were no pressing matters requiring action at the State Lions Convention, the committee decided to table consideration of proposed changes to the MD-31 Constitution and By-Laws and allow the committee next year deal with them.

The committee did take under consideration some proposed changes to the NCLF By-Laws. As a consequence of that consideration several proposed amendments to the NCLF By-Laws are being recommended to the NCLF Board of Directors.

Johnny R. Parker  
Chairman

**EXTENSION REPORT - MD31 (MERLO TEAM) - NC LIONS DISTRICTS**

To: NC Lions State Council Members

Date: 8 February 2003

From: Lion Gene Everette, State Extension Chairman

Re: Progress Up-Date

Where does the time go? The Original Three ELM Team Members will be completing their Three Year Term the end of June. It has been a fast three years, but a rewarding three years. The Team has enjoyed participating in several seminars throughout the three years, but most of all enjoyed meeting so many New Lions throughout North Carolina. Yes, we have had some success in ALL Areas, but there is still room for more! It has been a pleasure to serve as a Member of the NOW (MERLO TEAM) and I "Thank You" for the opportunity to serve.

I have made contact with all of the current District Extension Chairs throughout our (9) Districts. They have been furnished with the "Tool Kits" for Club Extension and follow-ups have been made through letters, email and telephone throughout the year. The following is a list of their activities/progress to date:

....Notification has been received of (One New Leo Club being Chartered in the Charlotte area at the Independent High School...sponsored by the Mint Hill Lions Club.

....Notification has been received of (One New Branch Club being Chartered in Lincolnton by the Lincolnton Lions Club...the New Branch will be the Lincolnton Lions Branch Club.

DISTRICT A – Lion Houston Henderson reports that he is currently working in the areas of Whittier – Riceville – Carolina Village Resort (Retirement Area) – and Maggie Valley, plus a Campus Club at Western Carolina University. He stated that he is NOW RETIRED hopes to have more time to apply to these areas.

DISTRICT B – Lion Dan Schmidt reports that he is currently working on a NOON CLUB in Burnsville, plus he has contacts made in the Mooresville and Statesville areas.

DISTRICT C – Lion Phyllis Ribbeck has no current report.

DISTRICT D – Lion Raleigh Ellis is currently working with PDG Marvin Doub and Zone Chairman Jonathan Wishon in starting a Campus Club at Forsyth Technical Community College and a Lions Club in the Clemmons/Lewisville areas. Contacts made and progress underway!

DISTRICT E – Lion Don Byerly reports work is continuing on the possibility of two Campus Clubs – Catawba College and Pfeiffer College.

DISTRICT F – Lion Sid Scruggs reports that he is working on possible new clubs in the Hope Mills and Raeford areas. Contacts have been made!

DISTRICT G – Lion Gene English has no current report.

DISTRICT H – Lion Worth McKeel reports continued work on a Campus Club at UNC-Wilmington and a Breakfast Club in Goldsboro.

DISTRICT J – Lion William Bobbitt reports contact in Battleboro. A Lions and Lioness Club used to be in Battleboro, but discontinued some years ago. He hopes to renew the interest and restart the two Clubs.

Copies of the New Revision (3<sup>rd</sup>. Edition) of the booklet: “A BLUE PRINT FOR GROWTH” – A Coordinated Effort For Growth Into The 21<sup>st</sup>. Century-- has been completed and copies have been distributed to each of the District Governor’s in attendance at the 31-D Mid-Winter Convention in Greensboro last weekend. This Edition covers a wider area of Programs and Informational Needs. The booklet will cover all of the MERLO areas, plus covers other areas of Lionism from the Club Level to the International Level. The District Governor’s were given enough Booklets that every Club should have access to one, plus a few extra copies.

One again, I would like to say “Thank You” to our District Governor’s for their continued support of the MERLO TEAM and to their respective District Extension Chairs for their continued hard work in promoting New Club Extension throughout North Carolina.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Gene Everette, State Chairman

February 3, 2003

**REPORT FOR THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS AT THEIR FEBRUARY 8, 2003  
MEETING AT ATLANTIC BEACH**

**FROM: Herbert A. Justice, PDG and Chairman of History Committee**

The History Committee met at Camp Dogwood on January 4 and 5, 2003 with six of the eight District Chairs in Attendance. Absent were the Chairs from District G & H. The Committee had a short meeting then adjourned into a work session. A concentrated effort was made to clean out and tidy up the storage rooms in the Stickley Building and White Building. The committee members arranged these two rooms so that there is now some order to the items that are stored in the rooms. After working in these rooms, the bulletin boards and the curio cabinets, the committee again went in session on Saturday, January 4 to discuss progress that had been made. The committee members felt that these two rooms could be better arranged if the existing shelving were replaced with steel shelving on wheels in the Stickley building and the existing shelving hung on the other wall. They also felt that we needed to standardize the file boxes and start categorizing the contents in new file folders in both the rooms.

The History Committee is therefore recommending that the Council of Governors do the following:

- A. Provide funding not to exceed \$750.00 to purchase new steel shelving on wheels for the Stickley building, purchase standard file boxes and new file folders. The shelving recommended would have a rating of not less than 300 pounds per shelf.
- B. During the course of cleaning out these two rooms, it was determined that there was a lot of extraneous material that was not of significant historical value and that these items could be so to raise funds for the Jack Stickley Fellowship Fund and the Woolard Partners in Service fund. Permission is requested to hold a "SILENT AUCTION" at the State Convention for these items if the Stickley and Woolard Families give their approval.
  1. Jack Stickley Jr. was contacted and stated that he thought that Jack Stickley would want this to be done. He indicated that they had no objections. He also stated that these items were given to the Lions to use as they feel is appropriate.
  2. PDG Ted James contacted the Woolard's and they also gave their approval and indicated that they thought that they had already given approval to the Lions to use the Woolard items in any manner they felt was appropriate.

IT IS, THEREFORE, THE REQUEST OF THE HISTORY COMMITTEE THAT THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE SALE OF THESE ITEMS AT SILENT AUCTION AT THE STATE CONVENTION AND OTHER CONVENTIONS. IT IS ALSO OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT THE FUNDS, IF ADEQUATE, RAISED FROM THE SALE OF THE STICKLEY ITEMS BE USED BY THE COUNCIL TO GIVE A JACK STICKLEY FELLOWSHIP TO A DESERVING LION OF THEIR CHOOSING. THE FUNDS RAISED FROM THE WOOLARD ITEMS SHOULD GO TO THE WOOLARD PARTNERS IN SERVICE FUND TO BE USED IN THE SAME FASHION.

NOTE: The majority, if not all, of the items scheduled for sale at Atlantic Beach Will be Stickley items.

Governors, I want to commend you on the Lions that chose to be your District History Chairman. They are a great group of Lions to work with and are very knowledgeable. I urge the DGE's to think about asking these lions to be your District History Chair again next year. Thank you for the opportunity to work with these lions.

The History Committee will again meet in a two-day session on February 22 & 23, 2003 at Camp Dogwood. They will begin to categorize the files in the White Room and hopefully to install new shelving in the Stickley Building as well as arranging and inventorying the Stickley items to be sold.



## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

February 8, 2003

The number of North Carolina Lions related web sites continue to increase. We currently have the following listed with LionNet:

- ▶ LionNet North Carolina
- ▶ MD 31
- ▶ NCLF
- ▶ 102 Clubs
- ▶ State Leo
- ▶ 2 Leo Club web sites
- ▶ Lion Services, Inc.

If you know of a lion's web site that is not listed please e-mail me at [LWILBURN@nc.rr.com](mailto:LWILBURN@nc.rr.com) with the details.

### LIONWAP

Please remind the clubs in your district that do not have web sites that they can have absolutely free web sites courtesy of the Lions of Turkey. Go to <http://www.lionwap.org> and follow the directions. If there are any problems and/or questions please e-mail or call me. (I am a LionWap administrator )

### LIONNET AWARD

The LionNet North Carolina web page received the LionNet award please see <http://www.nclion.org> .

### IWA MEMBERSHIP

I am now a member of the International Webmasters Association (See logo at the bottom of the start up page ( nclion.org.)

### WORK IN PROGRESS

We are currently segmenting the web site in order to assign areas of responsibility to the members of the IT committee. Please let me know as soon as the IT chairman for next year is chosen, since he/she should be involved in this work. We are also planning to work with NCLF to reduce duplication so North Carolina Lions will appear to be one integrated site. The front end appearance will change to present this integrated approach.

### WEB SITE MOVE

Up until now I was in the server space reseller business and I provides space for the site gratis. I am (or soon will be) out of the business. Therefore it will be necessary to move the NC Lions web site. I.e. transfer the domain. I have located a vendor that will provide all the necessary functions. This includes a number of E-mail mailboxes which can be available to other Lions. For example the Council Chairman and/or Council Secretary could have a mailbox that could be passed to their successors. Example [Councilchair@nclions.org](mailto:Councilchair@nclions.org) and [councilsec@nclions.org](mailto:councilsec@nclions.org). The current cost will be \$9.95 per month.

Lion Leonard C.. Wilburn, PDG  
IT Chairman  
LionNet and LionWap Administrator

State Leadership Development Committee  
Report to the MD-31 State Council  
February 8, 2003

The first training session for the 2003-2004 District Governor Council was completed January 3,4, and 5, 2003 at Camp Dogwood. Due to the early December ice storm, we were forced to reschedule the December training to the first weekend in January. All District Governor-Elects were able to attend with all districts represented. Districts F and J were able to find DGE's to fill their vacancies prior to training. Unfortunately, since our training session, the DGE from District H has resigned, creating another vacancy.

The second training session is scheduled for February 21,22, and 23, 2003 at Camp Dogwood. In addition to DGE training, State Secretary/Treasurer John Wall will be training the incoming Cabinet Secretary/Treasurers on Saturday morning February 22. All incoming CST's are encouraged to attend, even if they have already served as a CST in the past.

You have heard our visiting International Directors tell of the budget cuts this year at LCI. The cuts have now become personal. In the past we have been able to be reimbursed up to \$75 per Governor plus \$75 for the State Leadership Chairman to cover expenses for our DGE School. The application for the \$750 reimbursement this year has been denied because the LCI Leadership budget has already been depleted. I have appealed this decision, but it is not likely to be reversed. In view of this I am requesting that the Council increase the 2002-2003 Leadership budget by \$500 to cover this loss of revenue.

For the last couple of years in my reports, I have requested that the Council fund and schedule more educational events for prospective Vice-District Governors. I have offered my services as your State Chairman to assist in these sessions. In view of the increasing difficulty in finding Vice-Governors in many districts, I am once again asking that you support these type programs at your Fall and Mid-Winter Conventions as well as State Convention. We have talked of having separate VDG Training for our incoming VDG's, but that is difficult to do when you do not even have a candidate until late in the year. We need these candidates committed early if we are to give them meaningful training prior to their taking office.

I am scheduled to assist in a Leadership Training session in District G on March 1. I am available to assist each of you in whatever type training you need. Several districts have asked me to consider helping them with officer training; all I need is the date and subject matter and we can proceed. I welcome your invitation.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Leadership Chairman

PCC Harvey F. Whitley, Chairman



Leo Clubs of North Carolina  
Multi District 31

To: Council of Governors  
From: Statewide Leo Chair

Subj: Report on NC Leo Program

The Leo program is growing slowly, but is growing on a steady basis. Two years ago we had twenty-four clubs and the program was in a decline. Today we are moving closer to forty clubs and the program is taking off in almost every district. More Lions clubs are realizing that the only way to grow Lions is to start with Leos.

Our midwinter conference was put aside this year due to the winter storm we had in January. We will hold internet meetings with the state officers until our State Leo Convention in May at Camp Dogwood. We would like to thank the Lions of District E for allowing us to be part of their midwinter in the past two years.

I held a seminar on our Leo program at the midwinter in District D on February 1<sup>st</sup>. We had a good turnout of not only Lions, but also several Leos attended. It showed to me an increase in the interest of our program. We will be presenting another Leo Seminar at the Lions State Convention in March.

As this is my last year holding this position, I have attached a letter of recommendation as to my replacement. I ask the incoming council to accept this endorsement and remember that we must keep the Leo program separate from other youth activities or it will fall in decline again.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BSH' or similar initials, written over a horizontal line.

Lion Bernie Shear

2002-2003 STATEWIDE LIBERTY DAY BUDGET REQUEST

- \$250 -- Postage and shipping for Liberty Day Books
- 150 -- Printing (seminars and general needs)
- 600 -- Annual March 16 North Carolina Liberty Day at Battleship.  
This would include the following types of expenses:  
Donation to Battle ship Site, Speaker Gifts, Admission for  
Children, Entertainment/Music, Cake, etc.

\$1,000 Total Budget Request for Year

Submitted by 31-C Liberty Day Chair James H. Sasser on behalf of  
State Chair Anne Neroni



February 8, 2003

Report of the Nominating Chair

Thank you Council Chair Billy,

I am happy to report that at this time we have three candidates for the office of 2nd Vice President of our N.C. Lions Foundation for 2003-2004.

They are:

PCC Ralph L. Holmes of the Jamestown Union Hills Lions Club from District 31-D. Lion Ralph has been a Lion for nearly 25 years. He has held most offices within his club, several district offices and served on the NCLF Board and is past Secretary of the Foundation. He is currently serving as District Governor, 31-D

PDG Carlton V. Metts of the Twin Rivers Lions Club from District 31-H. Lion Carlton has been a Lion for over 20 years. He has held most offices within his club, several district offices and served on the NCLF Board. He is currently serving as Statewide William L. Woolard "Partner-in-Service" Chair.

PDG Robert M. Sawtelle of the Belhaven Lions Club from District 31-J. Lion Robert has been a Lion for over 13 years. He has held most offices within his club, Several district offices and served on the NCLF Board.

This position along with the offices of President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer will be voted on at the May 4, 2003 General Membership meeting to be held in Durham.

I encourage all clubs to send their full quota of delegates to vote in this important election.

Larry F. Gasperson, PDG

Statewide Nominating Chair 2002-2003

February 6, 2003

### **MD31 Promotions Committee Report**

District Governors,

As promotions Committee Chair I have attended all of the Fall Convections, and the combined 31 G-H-J Mid-Winter Convention in Greenville and 31-D's Mid-Winter Convention in Greensboro. As you know District 31 E's convention had to be postponed until March 7-8 due to the weather.

Clothing sales have been quite good. Attached is and on-hand inventory of all of our clothing, bags and trading pins. I have been working away last year's knit shirts and all of the sweatshirts at a reduced price.

I have ordered replenishment stock of men's short sleeve shirts, as well as a supply of women's shirts. Unfortunately, I have not sold any small size men's shirts, probably due to the planned purchase of women's shirts.

I ordered 100 each red vests from Lions Volunteer Blind Industries, Morristown, TN, and placed an order for their screen-printing with Awards Express of Charlotte. The cost of the vests (small through XL) including screen-printing will be \$12.40; XXL \$13.45.

I've run into a problem with the hats, apparently our previous supplier, Derby cap Co, has gone out of business. Awards Express can duplicate the ball Caps for \$10, however, they have quoted \$20 each for the white Gambler's hat with the white head band. I think I have found a more reasonable supplier for the gamblers hats in Florida.

Secretary/Treasurer John and I visited the Denver Double Tree Hotel, in December to set up the North Carolina Breakfast and the suite for the Hospitality room. Arrangements were made for the breakfast with quotes for just North Carolina as well as a suggested joint breakfast with Tennessee. I'll call on secretary/Treasurer John Wall for the details.

We will be asking for volunteers to bring food for the hospitality room. We can purchase plates, cups and perishable items at Wal-Mart located diagonally across the road from the Doubletree. We will be asking the District Governors to provide manning of the hospitality room Tuesday through Thursday.

The Double Tree Hotel is 6 miles from the convention center and 16 miles from the airport. Shuttles will be running to and from both the convention center and the airport. Room rates will be \$109. We will be sharing the hotel with Alaska, Kansas, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin and Washington/British Columbia.

The only group trip I am aware of is Jim Peeler's 12 day bus trip scheduled to arrive on Monday, June 30.

The parade starts Tuesday morning, July 1<sup>st</sup>. The convention will close at noon on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available, and you can register on-line at [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org)

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Ohm, PDG  
Chairman, Promotions Committee

PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE CLOTHING INVENTORY 2002-2003 Feb. 6, 2003

1. 2002 PARADE SHIRTS (BLUE COLLAR)		July '02		NCLF-1		31-B		31-C		NCLF-2		31-A		31-F		new inv.		G/H/J		31-E		31-D		NCLF 3		State	
Size	O/H Inv.	July '02	July '02	NCLF-1	31-B	31-C	NCLF-2	31-A	31-F	new inv.	G/H/J	31-E	31-D	NCLF 3	State												
Small	3	6				-1					-1																
Medium	0																										
Large	0	1		-1																							
X-Large	0																										
XX-Large	0	5				-3	-2																				
2. 2003 PARADE SHIRTS (white Oxford- S/S-Embroidered)		July '02		NCLF-1		31-B		Cab Mtg		31-C		NCLF-2		31-A		31-F		G/H/J		31-E		31-D		NCLF 3		State	
Size	O/H Inv.	July '02	July '02	NCLF-1	31-B	Cab Mtg	31-C	NCLF-2	31-A	31-F	new inv.	G/H/J	31-E	31-D	NCLF 3	State											
Small	24	24							0		0	0	0	0													
Medium	23	24		-3	-1		-3		-5	-1	12	0	0	0													
Large	28	24		-4	-2			-1	-7		24	-4	0	0													
X-Large	19	24		-5	-1				-5	-1	12	-3	-1	-1													
2 X	9	12		-3	-1		-2		-5	-1	12	-3	0	0													
3 X	2	6					-2		0		0	0	-2	-2													
3. LONG SLEEVE WHITE SHIRTS - EMBROIDERED		July '02		NCLF-1		31-B		31-C		NCLF-2		31-A		31-F		G/H/J		31-E		31-D		NCLF 3		State			
Size	O/H Inv.	July '02	July '02	NCLF-1	31-B	31-C	NCLF-2	31-A	31-F	new inv.	G/H/J	31-E	31-D	NCLF 3	State												
Small	22	24				-1					0	-1	-1														
Medium	21	24		-2							0	-4	-2	-1													
Large	11	24			-1		-2	-1	-2		-4	-2	-2	-2													
X-Large	13	24			-1		-2	-2	-2		-4	-1	-1	-1													
4. WHITE BALL CAPS		July '02		NCLF-1		31-B		31-C		NCLF-2		31-A		31-F		G/H/J		31-E		31-D		NCLF 3		State			
Size	O/H Inv.	July '02	July '02	NCLF-1	31-B	31-C	NCLF-2	31-A	31-F	new inv.	G/H/J	31-E	31-D	NCLF 3	State												
Small	12	27		-1	-1	-5					-7	-1	-1														
5. WHITE DERBY HATS		July '02		NCLF-1		31-B		31-C		NCLF-2		31-A		31-F		G/H/J		31-E		31-D		NCLF 3		State			
Size	O/H Inv.	July '02	July '02	NCLF-1	31-B	31-C	NCLF-2	31-A	31-F	new inv.	G/H/J	31-E	31-D	NCLF 3	State												
Small	0	0																									
Medium	0	3																									
Large	0	4																									
X-Large	0	0																									
2 X	0	0																									
3 X	0	2																									
6. BLUE SWEAT SHIRTS		July '02		NCLF-1		31-B		31-C		NCLF-2		31-A		31-F		G/H/J		31-E		31-D		NCLF 3		State			
Size	O/H Inv.	July '02	July '02	NCLF-1	31-B	31-C	NCLF-2	31-A	31-F	new inv.	G/H/J	31-E	31-D	NCLF 3	State												
Small	0	0									0	-2	-1	-1													
Medium	0	3									-3	-1	-1														
Large	0	4									0	0	0														
X-Large	0	0									0	0	0														
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7. 2002 STATE TRADING PINS													
O/H Inv.	July '02	NCLF-1	31-B	Cab Mtg	31-C	NCLF-2	31-A	31-F	G/H/J	31-E	31-D	NCLF 3	State
1790	1892	0	-50	-40	0		-3		-9				
8. 2003 STATE TRADING PINS													
O/H Inv.	July '02	NCLF-1	31-B	Cab Mtg	31-C	NCLF-2	31-A	31-F	G/H/J	31-E	31-D	NCLF 3	State
1082	1148	-50	-3	-1	-12				0				
9. TOTE BAGS													
O/H Inv.	July '02	NCLF-1	31-B	Cab Mtg	31-C	NCLF-2	31-A	31-F	G/H/J	31-E	31-D	NCLF 3	State
Natural	57				-1		0		0				
Blue	145	-8					-1	-1	-2		-2		
10. LADIES SHIRTS													
Size	O/H Inv.	July '02	NCLF-1	31-B	31-C	NCLF-2	31-A	31-F	G/H/J	31-E	31-D	NCLF 3	State
SMALL	10								12	-1	-1		
MEDIUM	16								18	-2	0		
LARGE	15								18	-2	-1		
X-LARGE	3								6	-2	-1		

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Attachment "N"

<b>To:</b>	<b>Council Of Governors Multiple District 31</b>
<b>From:</b>	<b>State Chairman Research and Long Range Planning</b>
<b>Re:</b>	<b>Report / Update</b>

2/8/03

The Research and Long Range Planning Committee has not yet met. We do however plan to meet via teleconference in the near future.

Attached is a copy of the recent letter to the committee requesting they contact Lions clubs and Lions in their respective Districts to get an idea of the overall feeling regarding re-districting.

I will compile their comments and opinions and report at the next meeting our findings.

Respectfully Submitted,

John T. Miller, III  
State Chairman

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**To: District Chairmen  
Research and Long Range Planning**  
**From: State Chairman**  
**Re: Report / Update**

2/7/03

Dear Chairman,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your willingness to serve the Council of Governors as the District representative on this committee. Some, if not all of you have far more experience in Lionism than I, so I am looking to you to guide this committee as we attempt to perform our charge from the Council.

I will not bore you with a rendition of the reasons I have not been in contact before now. Suffice it to say my plate is overflowing with work, duties, responsibilities and occasional fun. Please trust that I will value your time as we serve out the year on this committee.

To that end I believe we can accomplish the charge we have received from the council via teleconference calls. I do not see a need to travel to a central location. I would like our first conference call to take place during the month of February, and to have at least one more prior to State Convention. I will need to report to the Lions of N.C. at the Convention. If we have at least one teleconference a month from now until May we should be able to complete our task by years end.

I ask that each of you look at you calendars to see if you can be available Sunday February 23, at 2:00 P.M. for about an hour. Please notify me via e-mail at [jtm3@pinn.net](mailto:jtm3@pinn.net) or phone 252-441-2405 and let me know if this works for you.

The charge we received from the Council of Governors is to look at the issue of Re-Districting. This has been addressed in the past and 6,7,& 8 District plans were developed. The only one I have been able to find is the 6 district plan.

This was and still is a controversial issue. There are many schools of thought on this issue and I feel we need to at least hear all sides and present all thoughts to the council for their consideration.

Over the next few weeks and months I would like you to ask your club, your zone and District to express their thoughts and opinions and we will review and catalog these during our teleconference calls and present our finding to the Council at their May meeting. I look forward to working with you and your reply as to February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**RETENTION REPORT  
FEBRUARY 8, 2003  
EDWARD D. SHIVERS III, PCC**

We are still losing members in MD-31 at a greater rate than we are gaining them , this also applies to Lions International. Someway, we must find a way to turn this around if we are to continue in Lionism as we know it today. The implementation of the "Notice to Drop" Form is one attempt to change directions. I encourage all District Governors to implement this procedure in their district, if they have not already done so, and all to give it your full support. You have nothing to lose but possibly a lot to gain. It is worth a try.

Research has shown that 50% of our new members drop out within the first three years. Fortunately, we know the main reasons why:

- Lengthy/Boring Meetings
- Club Cliques and Politics
- Lack of Meaningful Involvement

Individual clubs are the ones that must meet these challenges, however, every lion needs to be involved. Each club needs to uncover the weaknesses in their club and then develop a plan to correct the situation. This may be accomplished by following a simple formula for identifying and solving the challenges:

- Look closely at the current state of your club.
- Listen to input from fellow club members.
- Learn where problems exist.
- Respond by implementing appropriate changes.

With regard Meaningful Involvement we should all remember that it isn't hard to involve members in our club activities. After all, we joined a lions club to participate and give back to our community. However, the key is to offer meaningful involvement opportunities to all members, and keep their participation at a comfortable level.

By all lions working together we can not only meet the Retention challenge but hopefully turn it around.

STATE CONVENTION CHAIR REPORT  
ATLANTIC BEACH  
FEBRUARY 7, 2003

The State Convention Committee is active and busily talking with Lions and hotels for future State Conventions. The schedule, at present, is:

2003 -- Atlantic Beach  
2004 -- Fayetteville

Tonight the Committee is asking the Council to hear proposals from two groups regarding 2005 and 2006:

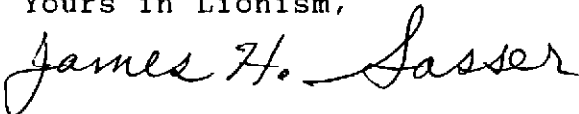
2005 -- Raleigh  
2006 -- Wilmington

STATE LIBERTY DAY CHAIR REPORT

The official North Carolina Liberty Day Celebration is scheduled for March 16, 2003 at the North Carolina Battleship Memorial. Details can be gotten from State Chair Anne Neroni. All nine Districts are scheduling Liberty Day programs, with growing Lions and school involvement across the state.

Lion Anne has asked me to present a \$1,000 budget for 2002-2003 to the Council for discussion this weekend. Copies are available for all Governors.

Yours in Lionism,



James H. Sasser, PCC and 31-C Liberty Day Chair



February 7, 2003

Council of Governors  
NC Lions Clubs

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of the Cape Fear Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau and the entire hospitality industry, I am both excited and pleased to express our desire for the Hilton Wilmington Riverside to host the North Carolina Lions Club – District of Governors conference.

The Cape Fear Coast consists of the historic riverfront city of Wilmington and Carolina, Kure and Wrightsville beaches and is an area with a reputation for hosting some of the most successful events known to this region of the United States. Our annual N.C. Azalea Festival has received international recognition, as well as the Pleasure Island Seafood, Blues and Jazz Festival.

We at the Bureau would like very much to have the privilege of working with your planning committee and Carolina Beach to ensure the success and future growth of this event by providing many support services such as:

- Specific staff members will be assigned to this event to assist in planning and implementation.
- Bureau will provide a staffed welcome area at the host hotel with visitor information materials at no charge. (4 complimentary hours)
- Visitor information brochures and materials will be made available to promote area.
- A detailed informational web site is available for visitor information in addition to an 800 telephone number for any special assistance.
- Will assist with generating local/regional media coverage.
- Will distribute press release to national outlets as requested. Will provide slide, photography and videos at not charge to promote your event.
- Bureau will provide a "one-stop resource" and assist in planning programs, tour itineraries and attraction visits such as the Battleship NC, historic riverfront district, river & waterway cruises, NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher and "shop til you drop" itineraries for the spouses.

AN OCEAN, A HISTORIC RIVERFRONT TOWN AND THE STORIES THEY TELL.

WILMINGTON CAROLINA BEACH KURE BEACH WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

NC Lions Club  
Page 2  
February 7, 2003

Will the Cape Fear Coast and Carolina Beach be a draw to your members? We feel very confident in our ability to do just that supported by:

*Money Magazine* ranked us as one of the Top 12 Places to Vacation in North America.

*Smart Money*, the Wall Street Journal Magazine of Personal Business, ranked us as #1 of the best 8 family travel spots in the United States.

Area is considered "Hollywood East" with more than 400 film/TV credits and the largest movie production facility east of Los Angeles.

Area is also known as the "Port City of Progress and Pleasure".

As a premiere destination, the Cape Fear Coast and Hilton Wilmington Riverside have developed a great understanding of how important a unified and cooperative effort is to successfully host an event such as yours.

We look forward to a positive response from you regarding your selection of Hilton Wilmington Riverside as your host property. Upon confirmation, we will begin our preparations immediately.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kim Hufham  
Director of Sales

Enclosures



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FEB.8, 2003

## REPORT OF THE YOUTH EXCHANGE

Thank you Council Chairman Billy,

Secretary/ Treasurer John, District Governors,

I would like to thank the Council of Governors for allowing me to serve as Youth Exchange Chair this year.

As the Statewide Youth Exchange Chair I have attended all the Fall & Mid-Winter Conventions, setting up a display table with pictures, etc of past Youth Exchange camping seasons. I met with a representative of G H & J and made tentative plans for the upcoming summer. The district YE chairs are busy making plans for the group when they come into their areas, contact them if you would like to help.

I have received a tremendous response from students that would like to participate in our summer camp. At this time we have students committed from the following countries: Czech Republic & Slovakia, Denmark, Romania, Poland, Austria, Brazil, Italy, Netherlands, Turkey, India, England and Ireland. All applications have not been submitted but contacts with YE Chairs in these countries have been made.

I have also received a tremendous response from prospective Host families. As soon as possible, I will try to match up the Students and Host families.

Thanks again Governors for allowing me to serve as Youth Exchange chair this year, I hope you continue to keep the Youth Exchange in your District budgets that you encourage your District Youth Exchange Chairpersons to spread the word about Youth Exchange. The dates are tentatively set for July 5<sup>th</sup> through Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003.

Any questions or comments?

Lion Paulette Gasperson



YOUTH EXCHANGE CHAIR 2002-2003

LEARN FROM THE PAST, FOCUS ON THE PRESENT, PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE