Lions Clubs International MD31- North Carolina Lions 2007-2008 Council of Governors

February 9, 2008

Official Minutes of NC Council of Governors meeting held February 9, 2008 at the Greensboro-High Point Airport Marriott Hotel, Greensboro, NC

Presiding Council Chairman, G. Steve Wilson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. He called to mind several Lions and spouses who were seriously ill and needing our prayers. District Governor B.B. Oliver's wife Celia was critically ill. Lion Barbara Randle is back in the Hospital, and PDG Jim Edmunds is also hospitalized in Richmond, Virginia. He asked that we also remember the family of PDG Houston Henderson who recently passed away.

Council Chaplain District Governor Wayne McGohan gave the invocation. District Governor Tommy Brooks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Council members present:

DG George E. Fisher	D31-H
DG H. M. (Bud) Miller	D31-J
PDG G. Steve Wilson, Cour	cil Chairperson
PDG George D. Ohm, Secre	tary / Treas.
	DG H. M. (Bud) Miller PDG G. Steve Wilson, Cour

DG Butch Oliver and DG Sydney Eudy were absent.

The Council met in Caucus last evening, Friday, February 8, at 7:00 PM.

CC Steve Wilson announced that PDG Larry Gasperson of D31-A has agreed to serve as Extension Chair to succeed PDG Houston Henderson.

PID Lacy Presnell relayed PID Sid Scruggs greetings as he is in Africa with the 20K committee. Scruggs has finished his visits to all of the constitutional area forums. Presnell advised that contrary to some beliefs, even though Lions Clubs International has endorsed Scruggs as a candidate, it does not reimburse for campaign expenses. Those are borne by the candidate and his multiple-district. Once he is elected, LCI will begin paying for his expenses for the official duties of the office. He also stated that Lions of India are offering to help pay for campaign posters to be used at the Convention.

District Governor Tommy Brooks was asked to serve as Parliamentarian.

<u>District Governor Jimmy Foster moved to forgo the reading of the minutes of the November meeting which were distributed by e-mail. The motion was seconded by District Governor Paulette Gasperson. Motion passed.</u>

Secretary-Treasurer George Ohm presented the <u>Financial Report for February</u>. All first half dues were in and after receiving the December 31, 2007 membership results, invoices for the second half were sent out. Two Districts have already responded with checks for the 2nd half dues. Ohm indicated that he has sent \$9000 to LCIF- Sight First II from the proceeds of the 2007 State Convention. These funds are credited as \$1000 for each District to name a Melvin Jones Fellowship by the 2006-07 District Governors.

The car raffle ticket sales are somewhat slow, showing only 115 tickets to date, out of the 900 printed. Expenses were well within budget.

The checking balance of \$18,867.31 plus a money market of \$42,072.67 gave a total of \$60,939.98 in the Council Account.

<u>District Governor Bud Miller moved to approve the financial report; seconded by District Governor George Fisher. Motion Passed.</u>

CC Wilson called on each District Governor to report on their districts accomplishments:

<u>District 31-A</u> DG Paulette Gasperson stated the District held a shortened extension workshop due to 6" snowfall. However, they still expect two new Clubs shortly. Donations and pledges to Sight First II are on the rise. Gasperson announced that D31-A now has a billboard showing LCI artwork near a heavily traveled road. The Billboard Company is displaying the sign at no cost to the Lions, except for the initial artwork on paper which cost \$110.

<u>District 31-B DG</u> Jimmy Foster said their membership was up. They have formed a new club of 32 members with the average age of 34 years. His intention is to strengthen older clubs by trying to increase membership. Sparta held a membership night recently, gaining 8 new members. West Hickory VIP Club has a very active club with 26 members out of 28 attending meetings.

<u>District 31-C</u> DG John James has a positive outlook for the remainder of the year, as District 31-C will be dissolved the end of this Lionistic year. He thanked the Lions of the receiving districts for their attendance at his council meetings to help with the transition. He spoke with pride of the Lions Services operation in Charlotte and their employment of Visually Impaired workers. Lions Services was asking for approval of a \$75,000 grant from LCI to purchase sewing machines to expand their operations and hire 40 new VIP workers.

<u>District 31- D</u> CC Wilson read the report submitted by DG Butch Oliver. The district has applied for a \$1750 advertising grant to LCI to air Lions Clubs activities on cable TV. Car raffle tickets have been sent to each club with good response. He also has contacted a billboard company to secure an unused billboard similar to District 31-A. Unfortunately, the district is running a net loss of 25 members. He has assigned Guiding Lions to help two ailing clubs. PDG Paul Bledsoe was contacted to arrange a training session for disaster relief.

<u>District 31-F</u> DG Tommy Brooks stated their membership is up to 1182, with a new Campus club charted with 49 new members at Pembroke College. He expressed a positive note on the Campus Club as they will be our future leaders. He was also concerned that too many Lions aren't familiar with the programs we sponsor. Next year, the district will use their two vice district Governors for communications and education.

<u>District 31-G</u> DG Wayne Mc Gohan stated that though they are gaining members they are still losing a lot. District G has reached their goal for Sight First II of \$145,000. The Combined District GHJ Convention netted \$2430.50 for Sid Scruggs campaign. His District is also working on two branch clubs of Blind support groups.

<u>District 31-H</u> DG George Fisher stated that even though many clubs dropped members in December they still have a positive 38 for the year. They have formed a new club in Aden with 32 members and a branch club in Clayton with 8 members. A new club is being formed in Leland with an estimate of 30 to 40 members and Havelock is also forming a branch club. Retention is still a problem. To date, Sight First

II donations and pledges amount to \$90,000 vs. a goal of \$111,000. They do have 3 model clubs with two more in the wings.

<u>District 31-J</u> DG Bud Miller stated their district has been losing nearly one Lion to death each month. The town of Enfield is dying; even the churches are pooling their resources to keep their doors open. The members of the Lions Club range from 72 to 92 years of age. They are disbanding and several are joining clubs in nearby communities. He raised the question if Lions would be interested in a Lions Club Cruise on Carnival? Several in the audience expressed interest in a Cruise for Lions.

PDG Paul Bledsoe reported on the plans for the <u>2008 State Convention</u> to be held here at the Airport Marriott on May 30 through June 1, 2008. Rooms will be \$89.00 per night. International President Mahendra Amarasuriya will be the guest speaker. They are planning for two hospitality suites, one inside and one outside.

PDG Gene Everette will chair the Golf Tournament on Friday May 30 at 10 AM at the Pleasant Ridge Golf Course. PDG Stuart Wooten is in charge of the Ad sales for the Convention. PDG Larry Covington praised the Airport Marriott for their cooperation. Lion Dr Steve Yokeley will serve as Treasurer. Bledsoe stated they will not require the extra \$2000 from the Council. They have created a Commemorative Convention pin which will be sold to help offset some of the costs of the convention.

Bledsoe stated that they want to honor 85 Lions for the 85th Convention. The Governors were asked to suggest names of Lions to be honored. Ad sales are still needed. (See attachment "A")

Bledsoe went on to report on efforts to partner with the <u>North Carolina Department of Emergency Preparedness</u>. Training sessions will be held in District 31-F and 31-D. He has prepared a Power point presentation outlining our duties.

PDG Herb Justice gave the report on the **2009 State Convention** to be held in Raleigh at the North Raleigh Hilton. Dates are April 30 through May 3, 2009. Committees are being set up with several local clubs participating. The convention will have a German theme in recognition of our guest speaker, then 1st Vice President Eberhard Wirfs along with our own 2nd Vice president Sid Scruggs. (See Attachment "B")

PDG Joe Silvers announced that the Committee will try to secure the Grove Park Inn, in Asheville, for the **2010 State Convention**. William Barnwell has agreed to chair the convention.

DG Fisher moved to approve the 2008 Convention Report and the plans for 2009 and 2010; seconded by DG Brooks. Motion Passed.

DG Jimmy Foster called upon the Council Committee Chairs for their reports.

Boys and Girls Home - Chair Brad Logsdon reported that the committee has set Saturday March 15th as the 2nd Annual Lions Day at the Lions Cottage at Lake Waccamaw. Plans are to again have crews clean up, plant, and spread mulch around the cottage. The search Committee is close to naming a new President of Boys and Girls Home. Logsdon stated that the financial reports filed with the IRS are available at www.guidestar.org. (See attachment "C")

<u>Constitution and By-Laws</u> – Chair Dave Butler presented the Committee's recommended changes to the Constitution and By-Laws to conform to changes made by Lions Clubs International. The changes printed here will also be printed in the next edition of the Lionism Newspaper to alert NC Lions of the changes and that will be voted upon at the State Convention. The Changes will also be shown on the NC Lions website: www.northcarolinalions.org. Each item was voted upon and passed upon as read.

OFFICIAL NOTICE: The Council of Governors has approved presenting the following proposed changes to the Multiple District 31 Constitution and By-Laws. On Sunday, June 1, 2008, in the Airport Marriott Hotel, at Greensboro, NC, the Certified Delegates at the Multiple District 31 State Convention will vote on these changes. Proposed Changes are printed in bold, italics, and underlined.

Present Front Page: DISTRICT 31

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA LIONS INTERNATIONAL Adopted June 12, 1939

REVISED APRIL 23, 2006

Proposed Front Page: MULTIPLE DISTRICT 31

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REVISED June 1, 2008

<u>Motion to accept as read, DG George Fisher; seconded by DG Wayne McGohan. Motion</u> Passed.

Note: In order to conform to all Constitutions and By-Laws produced by Lions Clubs International the following language changes are proposed:

Chairman becomes <u>Chairperson</u>
Chairmen become <u>Chairpersons</u>
He becomes <u>He/she</u>
His becomes <u>His/her</u>
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Motion to accept as read, DG Jimmy Foster; seconded by DG George Fisher. Motion Passed.

Multiple District 31 Constitution

ARTICLE III

Present_Section 1. Wherever the male gender appears in the State Constitution and By-Laws, it shall be interpreted to mean male and female persons.

Proposed Section 1. **Delete the entire Section** 1.

Motion to accept as read, DG Bud Miller; seconded by DG Tommy Brooks. Motion Passed.

<u>Present</u> Section 2. The membership of this Organization shall consist of all Lions Clubs in this State duly Chartered by Lions International and in good standing with Lions International and their respective District.

The State shall consist of nine Districts and said Districts shall be comprised of counties as follows:

District 31-A: Cherokee, Clay, Macon, Jackson, Transylvania, Henderson, Graham, Swain, Haywood, Buncombe, Madison and Polk.

District 31-B: McDowell, Yancey, Mitchell, Avery, Iredell, Alexander, Caldwell, Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Catawba and Burke.

District 31-C: Gaston, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Cleveland and Rutherford.

District 31-D: Rockingham, Guilford, Randolph, Davie, Forsyth, Stokes, Yadkin and Surry.

District E: Rowan, Cabarrus, Stanly, Union, Anson and Davidson.

District F: Harnett, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, Hoke, Cumberland, Robeson, Columbus, Bladen and Sampson.

District G: Vance, Franklin, Wake, Chatham, Alamance, Caswell, Person, Durham, Granville, Orange and Warren.

District H: Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender, Duplin, Wayne, Lenoir, Craven, Pamlico, Jones, Onslow, Carteret, Greene, Pitt and Johnston.

District J: Nash, Wilson, Halifax, Northampton, Edgecombe, Martin, Bertie, Hertford, Gates, Beaufort, Hyde, Dare, Tyrrell, Washington, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck.

These nine Districts shall constitute and comprise Multiple District 31 of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

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The State shall consist of <u>eight</u> Districts and said Districts shall be comprised of counties as follows:

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Motion to accept as read, DG Foster; seconded by DG Paulette Gasperson. Motion Passed.

ARTICLE VI

<u>Present</u> Section 5. A meeting of each District in the State shall be held at the State Convention. The District Governor and Vice District Governor shall be elected prior to or at the Annual State Convention, as provided in Article IV, Section 7 of the International Constitution.

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Motion to accept as read, DG Fisher; seconded by DG Miller. Motion Passed.

ARTICLE VII

Present Section 2. (2nd Paragraph) New and Reorganized Clubs shall be billed for State Convention and State Council Administrative Fund Tax the same as old established clubs, except that any New or Reorganized Club shall pay pro-rated Per Capita State Convention and State Council Administrative Fund Tax beginning the first day of the second month following the date of their Organization but all such clubs shall be extended full delegate privileges at the State Convention.

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Motion to accept as read, DG McGohan; seconded by DG Miller. Motion Passed.

Present ARTICLE XIII, Section 1. There shall be in each District a District Governor's Honorary Committee. The membership of this Committee shall consist of Past International Officers, Past International Directors and Past District Governors within the District and the State Secretary-Treasurer. The Immediate Past District Governor shall be the Chairman of this Committee.

<u>Proposed</u> ARTICLE XIII, Section 1. There shall be in each District a District Governor's Honorary Committee. The membership of this Committee shall consist of Past International Officers, Past International Directors and Past District Governors within the District. (<u>Delete: and the State Secretary-Treasurer</u>) The Immediate Past District Governor shall be the Chair <u>person</u> of this Committee.

BY-LAWS

Present ARTICLE I, Section 8. Any Lion of the State seeking endorsement, or for whom endorsement is sought, for International Office, must be an active Lion in good standing and a member of a Lions Club of the State in good standing and who meets the requirements set forth in Article III, Section 2, and Section 3 of the International By-Laws, and is properly certified by the Secretary of the Club of which he is a member and endorsed by a majority vote of the membership of the Club of which he is a member to the Secretary of the Lions State Council not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date set for the convening of the State Convention. The Secretary of the Lions State Council shall advise the State Elections Committee of all Lions who have been properly certified for endorsement for International Office not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date set for the convening of the State Convention.

In the event only one Lion is properly certified or endorsement for International Office, the State Elections Committee will advise the State Resolutions Committee of the names of such Lions for proper resolution to be presented to the Convention.

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<u>The certified endorsement shall be sent</u> to the Secretary of the Lions State Council not less than (30) days prior to the date set for the convening of the State convention. The Secretary of the Lions State Council shall advise the State Elections Committee of all Lions who have been properly certified for endorsement for International Office not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date set for the convening of the State Convention.

In the event only one Lion is properly certified \underline{for} endorsement for International Office, the State Elections Committee will advise the State Resolutions Committee of the name $\underline{(delete\ s)}$ of such Lion $\underline{(delete\ s)}$ for proper resolution to be presented to the Convention.

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In the event more than one Lion is properly certified for endorsement for International Office, the State Elections Committee will proceed with an election as provided in Section $\underline{5}$ of this Article. The name of the Lion receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be referred by the State Elections Committee to the State Resolutions Committee for proper Resolution to be presented to the Convention. The Lion receiving the majority of the votes cast shall be the only Lion to be considered by the State Resolutions Committee for proper resolution to be presented to the Convention.

Motion to accept as read, DG Foster; seconded by DG Brooks. Motion Passed.

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Motion to accept as read, DG Gasperson; seconded by DG Fisher. Motion Passed.

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Motion to accept as read, DG Fisher; seconded by DG John James. Motion Passed.

Present ARTICLE III, Section 9. YOUTH OUTREACH

Proposed ARTICLE III, Section 9. **LIONS QUEST**

Motion to accept as read, DG James; seconded by DG McGohan. Motion Passed.

<u>Lions Quest</u> - Chair PDG Stewart Wooten described Lions Quest as a leadership program for young people. He has a 15 minute DVD from LCI describing Lions Quest he uses for club visits. After his giving a program at Lexington Downtown Lions Club, the club elected to send three high school students, one from each of the Lexington high schools, to Raleigh to attend the 3 day HOBY workshops NC State. (See attachment "E")

<u>Diabetes Awareness</u> – Chair Bill Barnwell explained the mission of the Committee to support local and large scale efforts to control and treat diabetes through education, prevention and research. He urged each Lion, Club and district to promote fasting Diabetes testing. Each of us should be careful of our diets and exercise regularly to prevent or control diabetes.

(See Attachment "F")

<u>Historian</u> - Chair Diane Whitley reported on the December meeting of the History Committee at Camp Dogwood. They discussed a budget for publishing the history book. The Committee asked that the Council adopt a pass through line item to handle receiving and dispensing funds for the history book.

(See attachment "G")

DG Wayne McGohan moved to establish a pass through line item in the budget to receive and dispense funds for the History book. Motion seconded by DG Brooks. Motion passed.

<u>Liberty Day</u> – PDG Mike Flora gave the Liberty Day report in PDG Jim Edmund's absence. Liberty Day will be held at Eastern Wayne County High School on Friday, March 14, 2008 at 2:00 PM A speaker will be provided by Seymour Johnson AFB. (See Attachment "H")

<u>LCIF/Sight First II</u> – Chair Harvey Whitley urged each Lion to spread the word that LCIF would be sending more money back to North Carolina with the \$75,000 grant request which will be voted upon later. The Sight First II fund drive will end June 30, 2008. NC is at 46% of our goal of \$1,108.480. In these last months we must pass on the word that 80% of blindness can be prevented or reversed. (See attachment "I")

<u>Leo Clubs</u> – Chair Terry Cauble announced that the Leo Clubs State Convention will be held at Camp Dogwood on April 18-20, 2008. He distributed a registration form that the Governors can use in their newsletters. (See Attachment "J")

Membership – Chair Gene Everette announced that in North Carolina 25% of all lions are women. He stated that as of December 31, 2007 the state is at -7 members, down from July 1, 2007. Recruitment isn't a problem, for in the last 6 months we brought in 570 new Lions; however, we lost 577 in the same amount of time. Retention is critical and a thorough knowledge of or local, statewide and worldwide programs is essential to keep the Lions we bring in. Make use of you MERL team members to recruit and retain members. (See Attachment "K")

<u>Nominating</u> - Chair Allen Deaton read the names of all District Governor Elects and Vice District Governor Elects for the coming year. (See attachment "L")

<u>Promotions</u> – Chair Morrie Van Vleet thanked all of the Governors for their cooperation at their conventions allowing Morrie and Linda to sell many shirts and logo items to Lions across the state. Though he was going to cover the International Convention at the Promotions meeting following, he urged the Governors to have clubs support PID Sid Scruggs with Club donations to the Campaign. He distributed a current inventory of clothing items to the Governors.

(See attachment "M")

<u>Leadership</u> – Chair Bob Shook announced that the second DGE training session will be February 22 – 24 at Camp Dogwood. Spouses and Cabinet Secretary-Treasurers will also be included in the training. (See attachment "N")

Retention – Chair Frank Brooks reiterated the need for active retention to keep the Lions we have. Retention must be an attitude that is on going not just when they are leaving. Then it's too late. Education is the key to retaining our lions and training future leadership in our organization. (See Attachment "O")

<u>Information Technology</u> – Chair Mike Schwartz stated that the NC Lions web-site was launched in November 2007 and has recorded over 700 hits to date. The address is www.northcarolinalions.org. The promotions committee is working on a catalogue of items that can be purchased through the web-site. Minutes of the State Council and Promotions Committees are now on the site. The State Convention Registration form will be added as soon as it's prepared. (See attachment "P")

<u>DG Jimmy Foster moved to accept the State Council Committee reports; seconded by DG Tommy Brooks. Motion passed.</u>

New Business:

The Council considered a **Grant Request for \$75000** presented by Lion Jim Cranford, Executive Director of the Lions Services, Inc. of Charlotte, NC. Cranford explained the request was to purchase sewing equipment for Lions Services to expand production to provide employment for 40 blind or visually impaired individuals working on U.S. Government Contracts. He already has matching funds available. (See attachment "Q")

DG John James made the motion for the Council to approve the grant request to LCIF for \$75,000 to purchase sewing equipment for Lions Services, Inc. The motion was seconded by DG Wayne McGohan, Motion Passed.

CC Wilson asked for a motion to allow each district in Multiple District 31 to individually vote to provide the office of 2nd Vice District Governor as permitted by Lions Clubs International.

DG Wayne McGohan moved to enable each district in Multiple District 31 to adopt the offices for two Vice District Governors in the individual Districts and at the District's option to have these follow in succession or not. These policies are to be approved by each District at the District Convention. The motion was seconded by DG Jimmy Foster. Motion Passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12.02 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

George D. Ohm MD31 State Secretary-Treasurer.



2008 NC Lions State Convention Greensboro • North Carolina

Multiple District 31
Dreams Come True from Those 70ho Care

2/9/08

Presented by Paul Bledsoe, State Convention Chair 2008 and all the fine Lions of 31-D

Overview of 2008 Convention Committee Meeting

2008 NC Lions State Convention to be held at the Greensboro High Point Airport Marriott.

1) Dates 5/29-6/1 2008

Total Rms: 299 - 400 Free Parking Spaces

Rm Rate: \$89 per night plus tax No Charge meeting spaces or events

Meals all charges inclusive:

Thursday: \$24 Friday Night: \$22 Sat Breakfast: \$19.50

Sat Lunch: \$22 Sat Banquet: \$27

2) 4th Convention Committee Meeting Set for 2/12/08

At the last meeting the committee reviewed information and assignments given by Paul Bledsoe. The committee helped and agreed upon various aspects of the convention including:

- I Logo design.
- If Committee chairpersons and assistance help from individuals and clubs.
- III Reported progress on particulars including the pre planning already arranged.
- IV Created an 85th Anniversary Pin to help offset costs of convention, #500 pins. You may purchase those this weekend. \$3 per pin. There are 2 colors. See PDG Gene Everette for your choice.
- V After communicating with various special sponsorship for events.
 Rates will remain the same as quoted. However, if sales are advantageous for a discount, we may offer a cash rebate a convention time.
- VI Agreed to postpone registration and ad sales form until Feb. after most MidWinter's are held.
- VII Golf Tournament set for Pleasant Ridge Golf Club at \$30 per person, Friday 10am. PDG Gene Everette will present a sign-up form.
- VIII Tour set for Seagrove Pottery & shopping at Four Seasons Mall or Friendly Center. The tour is scheduled Saturday from 1-5pm (a bag lunch will be included). Also a tour of Old Salem, Winston-Salem (admission charge). Joe Silver's will have his bus available for us during the weekend. Other shuttle services will be made available.



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IX Lion Fred Francis, Konnoak Hills, will be in charge of the Welcome Lions Team offering concierge services with golf carts and direction during the convention.

- Bill Stewart and the Gate City Lions Club will be in charge of Hospitality. They will be assisted by the other local Greensboro Clubs. Times set for Friday 1p-5pm & Saturday 1p-5pm. Each district will pay a minimum of \$100.00 (\$800.00 min.) An outside hospitality tent will be open also during the event. We have received some income.
- XI JROTC Color Guard procured for Saturday DG Banquet.
 Protocol Committee has purchased Sri Lanka national flag.
- XII Next meeting on 2/12/08, the meeting will follow-up on ad sales of special events and continued planning.

3. News and Notes

- Pleased to announce the WFU Eye Center will sponsor Friday Fun Night.
- The registration form is being released this weekend and we have copies of the corporate sponsorship form (in your packet) if you would like to help get a business sponsorship.
- Since we celebrating our 85th convention... District Governors we are looking for 85 Lions throughout NC who have made a difference in their community. Submit photo, and a brief summary of the person. The first 85 submitted will be highlighted with visual plays throughout the convention. We have received only 1 honor from a District Governor.
- IV Friday Fun Night will feature a live jazz band tentatively scheduled from Greensboro College... and dance music with oldies, and current music.
- V Saturday Banquet will include music by the Eastern Guilford High School Concert Band and Male Choir will entertain.
- VI Entertainment and visual displays will envelop the property of the Marriott during the complete convention.
- VII We need to discuss this weekend.. Seminars for the event... Please give me your input.
- VIII Also the convention agenda, including PDG's Luncheon, Service of Rememberance.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Bledsoe, PDG 31-D, NC State Convention Chair

Multiple District 31
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REVISED 11/07 PROPOSED BUDGET 2007-2008 STATE CONVENTION

Estimate Attendance Meal Costs... (Inclusive of tax and gratuities)

Thurs Night- 58 @ \$24.00	\$ 1,392.00
Friday Fun- 400 @ \$22.00	\$ 8,800.00
Tailtwisters B- 300 @ \$19.50	\$ 5,850.00
PDG Luncheon- 100 @ \$22	\$ 2,200.00
DG Banquet- 500 @ \$27	\$13,500.00

Total Estimate Meals: \$31,742.00

Estimated Expenses

Convention F	Program/Printing:	\$6,500.00
Registration/	Office Materials	\$2,500.00
Committee E	xpenses:	\$2,000.00
Entertainmen	t:	\$2,500.00
VIP Rooms:	(32) (3 nights)	\$9,056.64
VIP Meals:	T/F/S	\$5,759.60
Thursday Nig	ht Meals: (58)	\$1,392.00
Hosp./Flower	rs/Gifts	\$2,500.00
Contingency		\$2,500.00
Golf Tournam	ient	\$ 750.00
Audio/Visual:		\$1,000.00
Signage:		\$ 500.00

Total Estimated Expenses: \$36,958.24

Budget: \$68,196.24

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REVISED 11/20/07 PROPOSED BUDGET 2007-2008 STATE CONVENTION

Estimated Expenses

Convention F	Program/Printing:	\$6,500.00
Registration/	Office Materials	\$2,500.00
Committee E	xpenses:	\$2,000.00
Entertainmen	t:	\$2,500.00
VIP Rooms:	(32) (3 nights)	\$9,056.64
VIP Meals:	T/F/S	\$5,759.60
Thursday Nig	ht Meals: (58)	\$1,392.00
Hosp./Flower	s/Gifts	\$2,500.00
Contingency		\$2,500.00
Golf Tournam	ent	\$ 750.00
Audio/Visual:		\$1,000.00
Signage:		\$ 500.00

Total Estimated Expenses: \$36,958.24

AD SALES 2/9/08

WFU Eye Center (FFN)	\$2	2,000.00
Miller Construction (InCenter)	\$	800.00
Boys and Girls Home	\$	125.00
PART	\$	300.00
NC Eye Bank	\$	300.00
IFB Greeensboro	\$	300.00
NC Division of Blind Services	\$	200.00
Silver Brothers	\$	300.00
Wilmington Lions Club	\$	200.00

Total: 1/26/08 \$4,525.00



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Registration

The 85th Annual NC Lions State Convention will come to the Triad May 29th through June 1st, 2008 at the Greensboro-High Point Marriott Airport at PTI Airport, Greensboro, NC.

"Fun Night Celebration" \$ Great Dance Music & Special Enter Silent Auction, Games & More!	22 per person ertainment	# Attending	\$ Amount
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Special Information:

For room reservations call Marriott Airpot Hotel at 1-800-228-9290 or (336) 852-6450. Make reservations by May 2, 2008. Special Lions Rate: \$89 per night plus 9% tax.



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The 85th Annual NC Lions State Convention will come to the Triad May 29th through June 1st, 2008 at the Greensboro High Point Airport Marriott. Over 1,000 NC Lions will convene for the annual event. Lions of North Carolina come from all counties in our state, over 9,000 members statewide. This three day event is a time to celebrate all the great work Lions give back to their community.

North Carolina Lions work in each of their communities, towns and cities with programs that fit the community needs with support for the blind and visually impaired, hearing impaired, senior citizens, and the youth. A hallmark of Lions in North Carolina is our "Camp Dogwood" in Lake Norman, hundreds of blind and visually impaired adults and youth have the opportunity to spend a week at a camp that provides fun and an escape from their everyday world.

Another huge NC Lions daily program is our "Vision Van" that travels to schools and neighborhoods statewide and offers free vision screenings. And there is so much more Lions do in our state including research/equipment grants to Wake Forest University Eye Center, Duke University Eye Center and the UNC Chapel Hill Diabetic Eye Research Center...

Say Thank You North Carolina Lions

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2009 STATE CONVENTION REPORT TO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS February 9, 2009 in Greensboro

The 2009 State Convention will be held in Raleigh at the North Raleigh Hilton on the Dates of April 30 through May 3, 2009. It will be a combined State Convention and NCLF Annual Meeting. We expect some challenges, but feel sure that we can handle them.

The North Raleigh Lions Club will be the lead club with the Garner, Raleigh Southeast, Cary and Fuquay Lions Clubs providing assistance with the planning of the convention. There is at least one Vice Chair from each of these clubs along with two Vice Chairs from the Apex Lions Club. Incoming Lions International President Eberhard Wirfs has confirmed the date and will be our International Speaker. We look forward to having 1st Vice President Wirfs along with our own 2nd Vice President Sid Scruggs, III at the convention.

The committee has selected a German Theme for the Convention. We are planning on having the Little German Band and Dancers for the Friday night entertainment with German food on Friday night and at the Banquet on Saturday. The Vice Chairs are diligently working on tours to possibly the Governors Mansion, Museums and the Raleigh Lions Clinic for the Blind. We may also include a luncheon along with the tours. The North Raleigh Hilton is enthusiastic about the German Theme and has stated that they will assist us in planning the decorations and selection of food. They also have a member on staff from Germany. We think that the Little German Band and Dancers will appeal to the younger lions with children as well as our senior lions. We are looking forward to making this convention a truly family affair.

We are currently working on a tentative budget and will begin contacting businesses and corporations for possible corporate sponsorships around April or May so as not to interfere with the 2008 State Convention. We look forward to having a great time and making this convention, one that will be appealing to the whole family, remembered and enjoyed by all that attend.

Respectfully submitted:

Lion Herbert A. Justice PDG

2009 State Convention Chairperson



BOYS AND GIRLS HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA REPORT TO COUNCIL

February 9, 2008

W. Brad Logsdon, PCC State Chair

We can start planning for our "2nd Annual Lions Day" at our Lions Cottage on the shores of Lake Waccamaw; the date has been set for <u>SATURDAY</u>, <u>MARCH 15TH AT</u> <u>9:00 AM</u>. Please mark your calendar for that date and note in your district newsletter, more information will be sent to all Governors as well as your District Chairs. We had a great time last year cleaning, planting, and spreading mulch making our cottage the best looking on campus.

Thank you for your contributions during 2007 and it was a great year (new van, new roof, new beds with bedding, new commercial refrigerator and the list goes on); we look forward to your continued support in 2008. Over the past 54 years, Lions have made a difference in the lives of our boys by providing a stable home and offering someone to care about that child.

As with other not-for-profit agencies like ours, the Boys and Girls Homes of NC are the first to feel the impact of a weakening economy. As a result of rising energy costs, plunging real estate prices, the Iraqi War, a presidential Election year, and a weak job market, the average US consumer has begun to curtail spending - - - thereby slowing the economy into recessionary territory. Boys and Girls Homes was very fortunate to receive a higher than anticipated level of revenue and support during the month of December. The slowdown in the US economy, however, will continue to negatively impact revenues and income support for Boys and Girls Homes. If your clubs are able to give a little extra in the coming months, earmarked for "operating expenses" it be a huge help to the Homes in meeting the needs of the children.

The Board of Trustees has approved the recommendation of the search committee for the new President of Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc., the announcement will be made shortly. We are all looking forward to an exciting new future, with new leadership and new programs.

As always either I or someone from the Homes is available to do a program for your club, zone, region, district or any community organization, just call me at 910-692-7966 or email

Thank you for allowing me to serve.



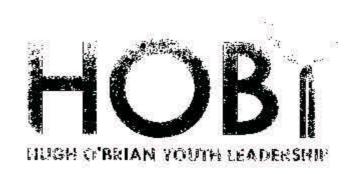
"PROVIDING A HOME"

From the very beginning in 1958 the Lions of North Carolina have supported the "Lions Cottage" at Boys and Girls Homes. The Lions provided funding for the construction of the home the children live in. Today, the clubs continue to support the operation of the cottages and other programs/activities at the Homes. Often we're asked how much does it cost to operate a cottage. The chart below gives typical costs for "CIVIC CLUB COTTAGE!" Perhaps your club or a member(s) of your club would like to provide for a certain cost of your home's operation or for a individual child in the home. For more information on how you can be involved in supporting the cottage and its children, telephone 910-646-3083 or email

COTTAGE COSTS - FY 2004-2005

Expense	Annual/Cottage	Monthly/Cottage	Monthly/Child
Salaries & Benefits	\$55,908	\$4,659	\$517.67
Electricity	\$7,128	\$594	\$66.00
Garbage Collection	\$900	\$\$75	\$8.33
LP Gas	\$2,940	\$245	\$27.22
Gasoline	\$2,424	\$202	\$22.44
Telephone	\$4,380	\$\$365	\$40.56
Water & Sewer	\$1,848	\$154	\$17.11
Food Purchased	\$14,100	\$1,175	\$130.56
Drugs & Medical Supplies	\$132	\$11	\$1.22
Hospital & Doctor Fees	\$60	\$ 5	\$0.56
Supplies	\$3,816	\$318	\$35.33
Maintenance	\$492	\$4 1	\$4.56
Repairs	\$4,632	\$386	\$42.89
Furniture & Fixtures	\$444	\$ 37	\$4.11
Exterminating	\$84	\$7	\$0.78
Fees	\$156	\$13	\$1.44
Insurance	\$10.584	\$882	\$98.00
Contract Labor	\$23,568	\$1,964	\$218.22
Clothing - Purchased	\$2,196	\$183	\$20.33
Haircuts/Hair/Makeup	\$492	\$41	\$4.56
Laundry & Cleaning	\$36	\$3	\$0.33
Planned Group Activities	\$768	\$64	\$7.11
Transportation Children	\$12	\$1	\$0.11
<u>Total</u>	\$137,100	<u>\$11,425</u>	<u>\$1,269</u>





December 29, 2007

Stewart Wooten North Carolina Lions Clubs 1348 Henley Drive Asheboro, NC 27205

Dear Mr. Wooten and other Lions Club Representatives,

Leadership (HOBY NC) Program. We are in the process of raising approximately \$35,000 in order to run a local leadership program with the goal of **developing tomorrow's leaders**. As we continue to grow and improve our seminar, this support becomes increasingly important. For many years, the Lions Clubs and HOBY International have cooperated on both the national and local levels. We hope your club will consider joining the other Lions and other Civic clubs in North Carolina that are already providing much-needed support for HOBY NC.

There are a number of opportunities to get involved with HOBY. The most common way in which civic groups support the HOBY Seminar is to sponsor HOBY attendees from their local areas. The cost to sponsor a student to attend the local leadership seminar is \$175, which covers the cost of room and board and all HOBY NC training materials and activities throughout the program.

Attached to this letter is a 2008 HOBY Ambassador sponsorship form that also asks for your interest in volunteering or helping supply our in-kind needs for the program. We welcome your support and participation in the HOBY program at any level. Please feel free to contact me at 919-539-3490 or if you have any questions.

Singerely,

Sandy Mitofsky 2007 HOBY NC Finance Director

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If you checked any of the items listed above, a HOBY NC Committee member will contact you in order to provide you with more specific information.

DIABETES AWARENESS

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Fellow Lions,

The Diabetes Awareness mission statement is: To conduct and support local and large scale efforts leading to the control and treatment of diabetes and its complications through education, prevention and research.

Diabetes is reaching a worldwide health threat. In December, 2006, the UN's World Health Organization recognized diabetes as a world epidemic. This the first time that A non-communicable disease has been recognized as posing as a serious global health threat as infectious epidemics like malaria, tuberculoses, and HIV/Aids. With respect to numbers, its is estimated that 70, 000 children under 15 will develop Type 1 diabetes each year (about 200 per day); Globally, more than 246 million people live with Type 2 diabetes, and the number is expected to grow to 380 million in 20 years.

I want to make a challenge to each of you.

First, I want to challenge you to challenge yourself, a friend, the members of your club and your District to have a fasting glucose test.

Second, Look at your dict, eat fruits and vegetables. This will help you control your weight, along with controlling your blood pressure and cholesterol.

Third, Exercise. Exercise will help the insulin in your blood permit the cells admit the glucose and provide you with energy. Exercise will also help control your weight.

Remember Type 1 cannot be prevented by and of these activities, but Type 2 can be prevented if we are aware of the pre-existing conditions and do something about them.

William Samuel

tatistics show that almost 600,000 North Carolinians have diabetes.

DIABETES IS A CHRONIC DISEASE THAT HAS NO CURE.



Historian Committee Report to the Council of Governors Greensboro, NC February 9, 2008

The Historian Committee met at Camp Dogwood November 30-December 1, 2007. We had four district chairpersons in attendance. Three districts have new chairpersons and at that time materials had not been transferred to them from last year's chair. These District Governor's are asked to please help facilitate this transfer.

We discussed what has been accumulated thus far, what we need to update, and brainstormed new items that we feel should be included in some fashion. Some of those are: Tail Twister stories, Boys and Girls Homes, Elida Home, McCune Center, Fund Raising ideas, and activities we as Lions provide for our local VIPs.

Also, we discussed our budget and how to fund the book. We discussed applying for some grants and possibly selling some advertising space on the covers or inside covers. We are asking the Council to insert a pass through line item in your budget for receiving and disbursing the funds.

Our next meeting will be February 22-23, 2008 at Camp Dogwood. Our plan is to have all material compiled so far ready to turn over to the editors at this time.

Respectfully submitted, Diane B. Whitley Historian Chairperson Lion Mike... ГҮІ....



Lion George

bobbigeo@always-online.com 252-672-0513

---- Original Message ----- From: Harriett Edmunds

To: 'anne neroni'; Doris Howard; 'Dr. Angelia J. Fryer'; 'George Fisher'; 'Jim Edmunds'; John M. Kearney; 'Peggy McGohan'; Rena Marshall; Sandy Hofecker; Sarah and Braxton Troublefield; 'Sherida Stevens'

Cc: 'George Fisher', deansauls@wcps.org; robin.demark@seymourjohnson.af.mil

Sent: Friday, January 04, 2008 1:37 PM Subject: Liberty celebration plans so far

Dean Sauls at the Wayne County Central School System is in the process of confirming our Liberty Celebration for 2008 with the local principal. The tentative information is:

Eastern Wayne County High School on Friday, March 14 at 2:00 PM

Eastern Wayne was selected because of its large 11th grade class and the number of students who are in families connected with Seymour Johnson AFB. They also have an Air Cadet program. Seymour Johnson will provide the speaker and the honor guard.

There is a Holiday Inn Express on 70 about 4 miles from the High School and we have a block of 20 rooms but need to know ASAP your plans for staying overnight either Thursday or Friday night.

Lion Jim Edmunds

Harriett K. Edmunds
The Edmunds Group
Complete Meeting and Event Planning and Management
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LCIF/Campaign SightFirst II Report to the MD 31 Council of Governors

Greensboro, NC February 9, 2008

Only 20 weeks remain in our quest to raise funds for Campaign SightFirst II. The campaign will officially end with the celebration of our success at the International Convention in Bangkok. As of February 7th, our worldwide total is more than \$137.2 million dollars in cash and pledges.

How are we doing here in North Carolina? So far, through February 7th, we have \$514,146 in cash and pledges which reflects 46% of our goal of \$1,108,480. This ranks North Carolina as number 92 of 190 sectors worldwide in percentage of goal attained.

Club participation in North Carolina is 49%. This means more than half of our clubs have yet to make a commitment towards this program. It is not too late. A club or individual can still participate right up to the very end of this Lions year and still have three years to complete the pledge.

The breakdown by district is as follows:

District	Goal*	Pledges/Cash	% Clubs Participating
31A	131,381	41.133	25
31B	112,439	26,736	29
31C	85,482	30,756	36
31D	140,609	64,179	27
31E	122,638	69,111	93
31F	150,201	39,528	37
31G	145,345	142,795	100
31H	111,497	87,343	59
31J	108,917	12,567	25

^{*} Goals based on \$121 per member as of July 1, 2005

I was asked to give seminars at District Conventions for 31A, 31C, and 31E this year. Each seminar generated interest in scheduling of club programs and especially individual gifts. For instance, at the seminar in District 31E three club programs were scheduled and over \$5,000 in individual pledges collected in less than 4 hours. There are still a lot of Lions and clubs who need to be **asked** to participate in this program.

If you need brochures and materials, let me or your District Coordinator know and we can have them shipped right to your door in less than a week. I think we can reach at least 75% club participation by the end of this campaign. But we have to ASK!

Harvey F. Whitley, PCC CSF II Sector Coordinator State LCIF/CSF Chairman



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Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2008 9:04 PM

Attach: Leo District 31 State Convention Registration Form.doc

Subject: District 31 State Leo Convention

To: Leos, Advisors, District Governors

Attached is the registration form for the State Leo Convention, Please distribute this information to Leos in your district and/or club. Please read through the information and let me know if you have any questions.

If the cost of registration is a problem for any Leo or Club there are funds available in each district through Youth Programs. Please contact your Advisor/Sponsoring Lions Club or District Governor for information on these funds.

Please note the deadline for returning registration forms is March 28, 2008.

If anyone in your club is interested in being nominated for a State office, they must meet the requirements. You must send your nomination along with a second from your advisor or an officer from your sponsoring Lions Club thirty days prior to the convention (March 17th). To be nominated for State President you must have served as a club President for the majority of one year and likewise for State Vice-President. Please send your nominations to the address on the registration form. I will send a schedule of events at a later date.

State Leo Chairman Terry J. Cauble

Leo District 31 State Convention Registration Form Camp Dogwood April 18 – 20, 2008



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<u>State Membership Report – February 9, 2008 – Marriott Hotel – Greensboro, NC</u> <u>by Gene Everette, State Membership Chair</u>

The first half of our Lionistic Year (July – December 2007) is now History and we have shown slight improvement in Membership compared to this time last year. However, we are still on the <u>NEGATIVE SIDE (-7)</u>. Realizing the District Governors receive these statistics, but a lot of our Lions do not; therefore, I would like to share them with you.... Our current statistics thru December 2007 are as follows:

- Currently we have (4) Districts in the PLUS COLUMN in Membership and
 (5) Districts showing a NEGATIVE in Membership.
- Currently we have a total of (372-Clubs) in our NINE DISTRICTS.
- Currently our overall Membership in MD-31 is: 8,926 Members.
- During the first SIX MONTHS, we have inducted (570-New Members) an increase of (39) New Members compared to this time last year.
- However, we have lost a total of (577 Members), thus a (-7) the first half of the year.
 - O District F has a total of (1,181 Members) at the End of December.
 - O District G: 1,149 Members District D: 1,098 Members District A: 1,064
 - O District E: 1,042 Members District B: 930 Members District H: 924
 - O District J: 879 Members District C: 659 Members TOTAL: 8,926

Fellow Lions, for the past several years, we have addressed MANY CHANGES in our Membership Recruiting: Bringing in Women – New Programs to attract the Younger Generation/Baby Boombers – Family Program – New Club Types and many INCENTIVE AWARDS/RECOGNITION....Aft of which are "GREAT", but they do NO GOOD unless IMPLEMENTED!

We must seek NEW and CHALLENGING IDEAS that will appeal to ALL AGE levels and the IDEAS must be relevant to the 21st. CENTURY. We must be DIVERSIFIED and what appeals in ONE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA may not be appealing in another area. Therefore, WE must study what works and what is not working and adjust accordingly. There is NO MAGICAL FORMULA!

LIONS, the time has come that WE must get back to the "Grass Roots" of Membership and the "ROOTS" begin with the INDIVIDUAL CLUB and the clubs MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. This 3-Person Membership Committee MUST BE ACTIVE in promoting Membership Growth. Once a NEW MEMBER joins they must see that a proper INDUCTION is performed and that an informative ORIENTATION PROGRAN is presented. Remember FIRST IMPRESSIONS can make or break YOUR CLUB.

To assist Clubs in promoting Membership the MERL TEAM revised last year the handbook entitled "MERL: TEAMWORK FOR GROWTH" and each District Governor was given enough copies to cover ALL the Clubs within their District.

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However, if these handbooks ONLY COLLECT DUST on the Clubs Shelf then they will not be effective. Please utilize the information provided in the book and share it with your NEW MEMBERS.

One area of promotion that I have observed and participated in across our Districts that has proven to be EFFECTIVE in promoting MEMBERSHIP is for clubs to sponsor a "PROSPECTIVE MEMBER NIGHT". Invite prospective members to attend a Dinner Program and have someone to present a brief program on LIONISM. I am sure that any member of the MERL Team would be glad to assist or ask a Past District Governor/Charter Member of your Club, etc.

Another means of locating New Members has been set-up by LCI and that is a web page addressing Prospective Members and a FORM/Email for them to contact LCI in which LCI sends out the NAMES/CONTACTS to the Districts and Membership Chairs in order that they may follow-up on the Contacts that have shown an interest.

In closing, we know that NEW PROSPECTS don't usually come knocking at the door on their own...WE MUST extend the invitation to them. So do the SIMPLE THING and "ASK" someone today!

Respectfully Submitted,

PDG Gene Everette

State Membership Chair

Past International Directors: Sid Scruggs, Lacy Presnell, Howard Stallings.

State Council Chairman Steve Wilson State Secretary/Treasurer George Ohm

District Governors:

All districts have elected District Governors and Vice District Governors for 2008-09:

District A:

- Lion Mike Covell Hendersonville Lions Club District Governor
- Lion Marti Hill Greater Asheville Lions Club Vice District Governor.

District B:

- Lion Jerry Mertz South Iredell Lions Club District Governor.
- Lion Dot Nichols West Jefferson Lions Club Vice District Governor.

District C:

 Lion Mike Schwartz - Gaston Evening Lions Club—is Vice District Governor for the current year.

District D:

- Lion Paul Gilgo Walkertown Lions Club District.
- Lion David Osborne Jamestown Lions Club Vice District Governor.

District E:

- Lion H. Gordon McAdams -Fair Grove Lions Club District Governor.
- Lion Theresa Matthews Denton Lions Club Vice District Governor.

District F:

- Lion David R. Martin Sanford Lions Club District Governor.
- Lion Dan Boudreau Western Harnett Lions Club 1st Vice District Governor
- Lion Randy Kirby Whiteville Lions Club 2nd Vice District Governor.

District G:

- Lion Jerry Day Raleigh Host Lions Club District Governor
- Lion Don Henry Lake Gaston Lions Club Vice District Governor.

District II:

- Lion Carlton Weeks Mt. Olive Lions Club District Governor
- Lion Al Greene Pikeville Lions Club Vice District

District J:

- Lion Alex Thannikkary Roanoke Rapids Lions Club District Governor
- Lion Bob Walton Wanchese Lions Club Vice District Governor



PDG Allen Deaton,

State Nominations Chairman



PROMOTIONS CHAIRPERSON REPORT

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE CLUBS WHO HAVE TAKEN THE TIME TO FORWARD THEIR HARD EARNED CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE SID SCRUGGS III CAMPAIGN FUND, THIS HAS BEEN A LONG FOUGHT BATTLE AND THE BATTLE IS NOT OVER YET.

THAVE BEEN LUCKY THIS YEAR, I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL THE ENTIRE STATE, RAISING MONEY FOR THE PERSON WHO WILL REPRESENT US FOR THE NEXT TUREE YEARS AS AN INTERNATIONAL LEADER FOR THE BEST ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD, I KNOW THAT ALL THE CLUBS IN THE STATE WERE NOT ABLE TO FORWARD THE FUNDS WHEN THIS STARTED AT THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, AT THIS TIME! WILL TELL YOU IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO HELP OUT WITH YOUR DONATION. THIS IS LIKE VOTING, IF YOU DON'T VOTE, YOU HAVE NO COMPLAINT ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS IN THE POLITICAL OUTCOME, JUST THINK, YOU HAVE THE BENEFIT OF HAVING A GOOD MAN SERVING IN ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT POSITIONS THAT EXISTS, FOR THIS REASON, THE CLUB! REPRESENT, ROCKWELL LIONS CLUB, WAS ASKED TO BE THE FIRST CLUB IN THE STATE TO CONTRIBUTE AND THEY RESPONDED WITH THE FIRST CHECK.

NOW FOR THE REST OF THE PROMOTIONS REPORT, WE HAVE BEEN SELLING THE PROMOTIONS INVENTORY DOWN AND PLAN TO KEEP SELLING. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE TO ALLOW A PASS THROUGH LINE ON THE BUDGET SHEET, I HAVE SPENT ALL THE FUNDS ALLOTED IN THE BUDGET FOR SHIRTS AND HAVE HAD A LOT OF PEOPLE ASK FOR SPECIAL SHIRTS, THIS PASS THROUGH ACCOUNT WOULD ALLOW FOR PEOPLE TO PAY UP FRONT FOR SHIRTS AND FOR PROMOTIONS TO ORDER THE SHIRT AND GET THEM TO THE PEOPLE WHO WANT THEM.

WE HAVE BEEN ORDERING FROM THE NEW SUPPLIER AND FROM THE ONE WE HAVE HAVE PURCHASED APPROXIMATELY \$3,000.00 FROM NU-LINE OF ELKIN AND \$1,000.00 IN VESTS AND PANAMA HATS IN CHARLOTTE AND \$2,000,00 FROM THE NEW SUPPLIER. LPLAN ON USING MORE THEN ONE SUPPLIER FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR WHEN POSSIBLE TO KEEP PRODUCT MOVING.



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George Ohm

From: "Elaine Shook" <elainebshook@charter.net>

To: <Undisclosed-Recipient;;>

Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2008 10:20 PM

Subject: Leadership Development Report

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT REPORT February 9, 2008

The final training session for District Governor Elects will be held at Camp Dogwood on February 22, 23, & 24.

Also scheduled are sessions for District Secretary/Treasurer appointees and District Governor Elect spouses.

The new State Council Secretary/Treasurer and Council Chairperson will also be involved with the training.

All districts should have elected Vice District Governors for 2008-09. VDG training for this group will be held in May.

As your 20K coordinator, we will be meeting (or have already met) this weekend to discuss the progress of your membership growth plan. We need to continue our efforts to achieve our goals. These last few months are so very important in our membership plans. Seize this opportunity to do all you can to make a difference.

Bob Shook, Chairman Leadership Development



MD-31 STATEWIDE RETENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. FRANK BROOKS, JR.PDG

MD-31 STATEWIDE RETENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

DEAR COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS,

IN ORDER TO INSURE THE CONTINUITY OF LIONS CLUBS AND SERVICES TO OUR VISUALLY IMPAIRED COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS MEET THE NEEDS OF A GROWING AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY, WE MUST COMMUNICATE BETTER ON ALL LEVELS OF LIONISM.

SINCE OUR LAST COUNCIL MEETING IN NOVEMBER, HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE AND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE DISTRICT GOVERNORS ELECT DURING THEIR TRAINING SESSION AT CAMP DOGWOOD, I ALSO CONDUCTED A MERL TEAM SEMINAR AT G,H, AND J'S MID-WINTER CONVENTION IN JANUARY THAT WAS WELL ATTENDED BY THE THREE DISTRICTS.

WE DETERMINED AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION AT BOTH SESSIONS THAT THE NEED TO COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE AND COMMUNICATE EVEN MORE IS REALLY ONE OF THE REASONS IF NOT THE MAIN REASON FOR LACK OF INTEREST FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP. (I DON'T KNOW, I HAVE NOT HEARD, ARE WE TO DO THIS? IS IT LEGAL?)DOES THAT SOUND FAMILIAR?

IT CONTINUES TO BE IN OUR BEST INTERESTS AS LEADERS OF THIS GREAT ORGANIZATION TO EDUCATE, ENCOURAGE, AND PROMOTE OPEN COMMUNICATIONS TO OUR LIONS ON ALL LEVELS TO HELP THEM UNDERSTAND THEIR VALUE TO THIS ORGANIZATION, I ONCE AGAIN EMPHASIZE THE THE INVOLVEMENT OF OUR REGION AND/OR ZONE CHAIRS IN PROMOTING THE STRUCTURE OF THE THREE PERSON MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ON INDIVIDUAL CLUD LEVEL AND MERL TEAMS ON DISTRICT LEVEL. AGAIN, I ASK YOU TO PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR REGION AND/OR ZONE CHAIRS IN ACT DISTRICT TO PLAN AND PUBLICIZE MORE TIMELY ORIENTATIONS PROGRAMS IN SUPPORT OF THIS EFFORT, OUR MEMBERSHIP DESERVES PROPER AND TIMELY TRAINING TO BETTER RELATE TO THESE OBLIGATIONS THAT WE PLACE ON THEM

IN CLOSING, OUR MEMBERSHIP AND RETENTION SITUATIONS MAY APPEAR CHALLENGING, BUT THEY ARE NOT OVERWHELMING AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, WE MUST COMMUNICATE BETTER WITH EACH OTHER AND SHARE THIS WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE WE HAVE ACCUMULATED OVER THE MANY YEARSIN OUR SERVICE TO LIONISM TO AVOID FUTURE PROBLEMS.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

LION I.FRANK BROOKS, JR.PDG MD-31 STATEWIDE RETENTION CHAIRPERSON



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To: PDG Steve Wilson

Chairperson, Council of Governors

Re: Information Technology Committee Report

Committee Meeting

The Information Technology Committee will meet during the North Carolina Lions State Convention in Greensboro. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss expansion of the North Carolina Lions Web site along with statewide implementation of the newly adopted Web Site Policy.

North Carolina Lions Web Site

The North Carolina Lions official Web site has been publicly launched and has recorded more than 700 visitors since November 2007. Several of the district governors have publicized information about the new state site in their newsletters and through electronic mail. The address for the site is www.northcarolinalions.org.

The committee is working with the Promotions Committee to design and launch a Web page where Lions can purchase clothing and other promotional items. It will be located under the <u>Merchandise</u> section of the state site. It is planned to have this section ready before the State Convention.

The <u>Resource Center</u> section has been expanded to include the minutes from the Promotion Committee and the International Officer's Election Campaign Handbook.

The Web site has been expanded to include a section for the North Carolina Pin Traders.

Once the registration form is approved for the North Carolina Lions State Convention, it will be put on the state Web site. The convention program advertisement form is already published and can be viewed under the <u>State Convention</u> section.

There is a technical problem with www.sidscruggs.com, the Web site that promotes Past International Director Sid L. Scruggs III and his bid for 2nd vice president of Lions International. The site has not been updated since November 2007. Because of the problem, the Information Technology Committee has decided to expand the state Web site to include a hyperlink to a newly created page where people can make contributions to the campaign. The page will be launched on Monday, February 11.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chairperson, Information Technology Committee

Michael H. Schwartz



LCIF GRANT REQUEST

For LIONS SERVICES INC Hydration Carrier Production Start-up

NCLF ENDORSEMENT

BENEFIT: EMPLOY 40 BLIND WORKERS

INCOME

LCIF GRANT	\$ 75,000
BOA Grant (pledged)	\$100,000
Provident Benevolent (rec)	\$ 10,000
Lions Services Inc (on hand)	\$ 98,055
TOTAL	\$283,055

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