

Lions Clubs International - Multiple District 31
North Carolina Lions State Council
Official Minutes

Saturday, April 30, 2005

Park Inn – Gateway Conference Center
Hickory, NC

Council Chairman James Shuart called the fourth 2004-05 Council meeting to order at 8:05 AM. The meeting was moved up to 8:00 AM, to allow the Governors and Lions to attend the funeral of Past International President William L. Woolard in Charlotte, NC, in the afternoon. A tour bus was reserved to provide transportation to and from the funeral.

District Governor F. James Boehm gave the Invocation and District Governor Pat Roland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

For the record, the Council met in caucus on Friday evening, April 29, 2005, all District Governors were present. All District Governors, all District Governors Elect, and Past International Directors Lacy Presnell and Sid Scruggs were present for the Saturday Council Meeting.

DG Pat Roland	31-A	DG Alan King	31-F
DG Joyce Keels	31-B	DG James Shuart	31-G
DG Hunter Garbee	31-C	DG Keith Peedin	31-H
DG Gene Everette	31-D	DG James Boehm	31-J
DG Fred Plummer	31-E		

District Governor Hunter Garbee was appointed as parliamentarian.

Immediate Past International Director Sid Scruggs commented on changes in officers at Lions Clubs International. Donna Rebeck has retired as Treasurer, Peter Lynch will be managing the Extension and Membership Division, and Phillip Albono will manage the Lions Clubs International Foundation Division. A new item being brought to the International Convention is an increase in Lifetime Membership fees from \$300 to \$500. It was also decided that Membership keys will no longer be given for members brought in through club extension, due to abuse of the system.

(See attachment "A")

Scruggs has been appointed as co-chair of 1st Vice President Ashok Mehta's worldwide "Mission 30 Team". His responsibilities will be North And South America as well as Europe. He also reported that Foundation President Harvey Whitley has been named the North Carolina representative for "Sight First phase II".

DG Gene Everette moved to accept the Minutes of the November Meeting: seconded by DG Alan King. Motion passed.

State Secretary-Treasurer George Ohm presented the Financial Statement as of April 28, 2005. All dues are accounted for, Youth exchange has approx. \$3166 available for this year's camping. Donations to the Governors' Capsule program have reached \$8450. Liberty day funds total \$1344.25. The current Leadership Committee balance is \$352, which may be exceeded when the Vice District Governors meet for training on May 13-14. The current Checking Account Balance is \$37,994.18.

Ohm pointed out that his expenses will exceed his budget and asked for an increase of \$300 to line item 290. Everette moved to increase line item 290 by \$300, seconded by King. Motion passed.

Ohm went on to advise of his financial account for the South Eastern Leadership Institute. An initial grant was received from LCI along with tuition fees from 37 students. The expenses were just received from the director Dr. Beverly Roberts, and they will be paid.

District Governor Keith Peedin moved to accept the February Financial Report, seconded by Everette. Motion passed. (See attachment "B")

Shuart called on PDG Joe Silvers, Chairman of the NCLF Jack Stickley Committee. Shuart took this opportunity to present Silvers with a Progressive Jack Stickley Fellowship from the Council for his dedication and untiring efforts to further the Jack Stickley Fellowship across the state.

Shuart called upon Foundation President Harvey Whitley for the Foundation Report. Whitley added his congratulations to Silvers for all that he has done to promote the Jack Stickley Fellowship. He thanked Scruggs for appointing him as the North Carolina Representative for "Sight First II".

He stated that we were approximately 80 names short of the 300 applications needed for the State Lions License Plate. He will extend the sign-up through May 30, 2005. This is the 3rd time we've tried to get a Lions licenses plate and he's asking the Governors to help us meet the goal.

Whitley continued with his report of the Foundation, stating the Wanda E. Lineberger Dormitory and the VIP Sensory Garden were complete and ready for the campers coming within a month. Dedication will be on May 1, 2005 at 3:30 PM. New policies of random drug testing and background checks are in effect. He noted that the counselors appear to be older than previous years. A Speakers Bureau has been established for use by clubs and districts to assist in sharing what the Foundation was doing. (See attachment "C")

Executive Director Steve Walker noted that the Certification of Delegates would be held from 9:00 AM thru 12:00 noon on Sunday for the NCLF General Meeting. He in turn thanked the District Governors and all Lions in the state for their efforts to further Lionism.

Shuart reported on his and Kally's attendance at the Lions Day at the United Nations in New York. The Peace Poster winner was announced as a youth from Hong Kong and was presented with a \$2500 prize to use for education. There was 23 runner-ups receiving \$500 each. This year there were 350,000 entries world wide into the Peace Poster Contest. The 2005-06 theme will be "Peace Without Borders"

Shuart commented that the Courier Program with the Eye Bank that is apparently working in other states is dead in North Carolina due to lack of interest.

The concept of a single Multiple District Directory for the entire state is also a dead issue due to the differences between the districts as well as the difficulty to secure district information in a timely manner.

Shuart called upon Mike Schwartz to present the proposed Budget for the Pressroom for the State Convention. Schwartz indicated that the only expenses not funded are for pressroom supplies of \$482.00. Schwartz also distributed a form to be filled out by Lions statewide as a tribute to the passing of Past International President Bill Woolard. Excerpts will be included in the next Lionism Newspaper. (See attachment "D")

DG Jim Boehm made a motion to fund the Pressroom Supplies with a donation of \$50 from each District amounting to \$450.00. Everette seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Shuart called upon PDG Herb Justice to present the State Convention Report. Justice reported that plans are nearly complete but stated that Convention advertisements are still needed to help offset the costs of the convention. The Governors went over the Schedule of events, suggesting changes where appropriate. The Resolutions Committee Chairmanship was in question, so PCC David Butler volunteered to serve as Chairman for the 2005 State Convention. (See attachment "E")

Boehm made a motion to approve the State Convention report as corrected and the appointment of PCC David Butler as Resolutions Committee Chair; seconded by Everette. Motion passed.

PDG David Boyd reported that the plans for the 2006 State Convention at the Greenville Hilton are well under way. The Hilton rooms will be \$79.00 plus tax, with spillover rooms available at the City Bistro Hotel for \$69.99 plus tax. (See attachment "F")

Boehm presented the Report from the NC Commission for the Blind in PDG John Miller's absence. (See attachment "G")

Statewide Committee Chair Reports

Boys & Girls Home - Chair PDG Brad Logsdon reported that one of the primary services of Boys & Girls Home is Foster Care, where they are caring for 71 children ranging in age from a few days to 20 years of age. Daryl and Stacy Parks have been appointed as the new house parents for the Lions Cottage, which is currently housing middle school aged children. A new program of Independent Living aimed at the older boys was begun in October 2004, teaching personal finance such as buying a car, insurance, etc. A similar program will be offered to the older Girls in May, 2005. The number of graduates going on to college shows the influence of Boys & Girls Homes in preparing young people for success in life. (See attachment "H")

Constitution By-Laws – Chair PDG Ron Kelley out lined the changes and amendments to the State Constitution and By-Laws published in the spring edition of the "Lionism" newspaper. (See attachment "I")

Extensions - Chair PDG Houston Henderson urged the Governors and Lions not to stop working on Extensions. He suggested surveying your local areas for potential sources of members and locations for service. (See attachment "J")

Historian - Chair PDG Herb Justice announced that they installed the frames for each District's Cabinet on the District Bulletin Boards. Most of the District Governors sent in photographs, some have not. Along with inventorying items for the new history book, the committee has sent an Inquiry form to every Club President for a short history of each club. (See attachment "K")

Leadership - Chair PDG Bob Moorehead announced the date of May 13-14 for the VDG training session at Camp Dogwood. (See attachment "L")

Liberty Day - Committee Chair John Kearney reported on the Liberty day Celebration in Raleigh on March 12th. Though only 30 Lions and guests attended, it was a great success. Kearney stated that he was seeking quotes from local printers for Liberty Day booklets for next year. (See attachment "M")

Leo Clubs - Chair Larry Covington indicated that the Leo's State Convention at Camp Dogwood was cancelled for this year. As he will serve as D31-D Vice District Governor, Covington will tender his resignation as Leos Committee Chair on June 30. He advised of the partnership agreement between Lions Clubs International and the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership organization, "HOBY", to further encourage youth in Leadership. A HOBY seminar will be held in Raleigh at NC State University on June 10-12, 2005. (See attachment "N")

Lions Clubs International Foundation – Chair PCC Diane Whitley reported that as of February 2005, LCIF and Lions around the world have donated over 6 millions dollars to the tsunami relief. LCIF expects the total to reach at least 10 million dollars. At the April board meeting LCIF voted to spend \$1.25 million dollars on each the four islands destroyed by the tsunami.

Nominating Committee – Chair Whitley reported that each of the nine districts have a District Governor Elect, and with the exception of District 31F, all districts have a Vice District Governor in place. (See attachment "O")

Promotions – Chair PDG David Boyd said sales were brisk all year and the new knit shirts were selling well. He still has some of the all cotton shirts on hand, which may have to be further discounted. He asked that the Governors send in their payments to him for the State Trading Pins. (See Attachment "P")

Research and Long Range Planning – Chair PCC John O'Malley reported on a meeting held in following the Budget hearings with the Governors and Vice Governors in attendance. He commented that redistricting had been discussed and studied since 1989. Though several plans were considered over the years, none has ever been approved by a council. There was no consensus reached during the latest meeting. The Committee will be looking towards the incoming council for direction. He suggested the need for a 2-year and a 5-year plan. (See attachment "Q")

Retention - Shuart received a letter of resignation from PDG Jim Caudle as Retention Committee Chairman due to health reasons. Understanding that the incoming DGE's had asked PDG I. Frank Brooks to Chair The Retention Committee for 2005-06, Shuart appointed PDG I. Frank Brooks to fill the vacancy.

Women's Membership Development - Chair PDG Martha Butler commented on the passing of Past International President Bill Woolard, and that he gave each of the Governors in her Council the book entitled "Keep On Keeping On", and challenged each Governor to "Keep-on keeping on" for Lionism. He firmly believed in encouraging women to serve in partnership with men. Her report unfortunately, showed a loss of both male and female members this year. (See attachment "R")

Youth Exchange - Shuart expressed the Governors' concerns that Youth Exchange Chairperson, Lion Paulette Gasperson had been using a considerable amount of her own money to fund each camping season until she submitted an expense voucher. The Governors voted to advance \$2500 from the Youth Exchange Program Funds to Gasperson for this year's program. She was asked to submit an expense report at the end of the camping period.

Gasperson reported that three North Carolina students were going overseas in the Youth Exchange Program, one to Japan, one to Austria and the third to Italy. She asked that all Lions pass on the word so other North Carolina students can take advantage of the program in coming years. She outlined the planed activities for this year. (See attachment "S")

Youth Outreach - Chair Past Council Chair Jim Irvin stated that he had contacted all members of his committee and found no new activities. He has distributed a folder to the incoming DGEs describing

the youth activities across the state. He recommended that a new committee be formed " Lions Opportunities for Youth" which would be comprised of all of the Chairs regarding youth to coordinate, discuss and review youth activities. (See attachment "T")

Boehm moved to approve the State Committee Reports: seconded by King. Motion passed.

The meeting was suspended at 10:30 AM to allow travel to Charlotte to attend PID Woolard's funeral.

The meeting resumed at 4:00 PM.

District Governor's Capsule Program - The Capsule Program collected \$8450 to date. After paying out the prize money, \$5850 will be distributed to Camp Dogwood, South Eastern Guide Dogs and Juvenile Diabetes Research.

Prizes were drawn: 1st prize of \$1200 - Linwood Lions Club, D31-E
2nd prize of \$900 - Raleigh South Eastern Lions Club, D31-G
3rd prize of \$500 - Pilot (Firehouse) Lions Club, D31-G

Shuart stated that \$1750 was required to name a dog at South Eastern Guide Dogs and the original 25% share only came to \$1463. Garbee moved to change the distribution to allow \$1750 to be sent to SEGD; seconded by King. By raised hand vote, the measure was defeated by 5 to 4.

The Governors had originally intended to send the third check to The Juvenile Diabetes Research Association, however since the NCLF cannot dispense funds out of the state, it was decided not to send this money should also stay within the state. By mutual consensus the Governors agreed to send the check to The UNC Diabetes Eye Care Clinic to be marked for Juvenile patients.

Distribution of the proceeds of \$5850:

NCLF - Furnishings for new Dormitory	= 50% or \$2925.00
South Eastern Guide Dogs	= 25% or \$1463.00
UNC - Diabetes Eye Clinic	= 25% or \$1463.00

In securing passengers for the Bus to transport the Governors to Charlotte, the Governors had collected an excess of \$70.00 over the cost of the bus. Garbee made a motion to donate the excess \$70.00 to the William L. Woolard endowment in honor Woolard; seconded by Boehm. Motion Passed.

The Council will next meet at the State Convention in Raleigh, May 26-28, 2005.

Shuart reminded the District Governors and District Governors Elect that they are to be in dress uniform for the International Night Dinner on Thursday. All Governors are to bring their District Governor's Banners on Thursday afternoon, May 26.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

George D. Ohm
State Secretary-Treasurer

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON D.C., USA
APRIL 1-6, 2005**

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

1. Amended the Standard Form Club By-Laws, contingent on the adoption of the corresponding resolution to amend the International By-Laws, to increase the one-time fee payable by Life Members to US\$500.
2. Appointed new registered agent for the State of New Hampshire, USA.
3. Appointed new registered agent for the State of New Jersey, USA.
4. Amended the Board Policy Manual to include a constitutional interpretation of the current language of Article VIII, Section 2 of the International Constitution, and the corresponding language of Article V, Section 2 of the Standard Form Club By-Laws and the Membership Application/Invitation, with respect to the phrase "paid in advance."
5. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2005 International Convention for adoption amending the International By-Laws to increase the one-time fee payable by Life Members to US\$500.

CONVENTION

1. Established registration fees for 2006 International Convention.
2. Approved Official Schedule of Events for 2006 International Convention.

DISTRICT AND CLUB ADMINISTRATION

1. Canceled the charter of 514 clubs (6,877 members) with regret.
2. Rescinded previous charter cancellation of seven clubs.
3. Decided to provide 12 blank copies of the Monthly Membership Report form to clubs each year for the coming four years only, except no paper blanks to the clubs filing online regularly. (Effective 2006-2007)
4. Appointed 91 district governors to serve in 2005-2006.
5. Approved development of a new plan to reduce the number of transitional districts.
6. Adopted Hindi as an official language of the association. (Effective July 1, 2005)
7. Approved redistricting proposal submitted by Multiple District 19, Canada and USA.
8. Approved formation of a provisional district in Lithuania and appointed the district governor of the new district for 2005-2006.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION

1. Approved Perry Capital Management, Inc. to advise the association on the investment of General and Emergency Reserve funds.
2. Approved fiscal year 2004-2005 third quarter forecast.
3. Revised Board Policy to require a balance cash flow for each fiscal year.
4. Approved engagement of Grant Thornton LLP to perform the year-end audit of LCI for fiscal year ending June 30, 2005.
5. Appointed International Director Dur Roberson to the Audit Committee.
6. Approved annual funding of the Defined Benefits Plan.
7. Approved the budget for the 2005-2006 International Program.
8. Amended the CGI donor/membership system related party agreement.

9. Approved opening a temporary bank account for the 2005 International Convention.
10. Minor housekeeping items of Board Policy Manual approved.
11. Approved membership growth budgets.

LCIF

1. Appointed International Director Samuel Milliken as a member of the LCIF Executive Committee and appointed International Director Kee-Jung Woo as Secretary of the LCIF Executive Committee.
2. Amended financing agreement of donor/membership system.
3. Approved LCI/LCIF Joint Audit Committee's recommendation to retain the foundation's current auditor for audit services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005 and recommended a comprehensive review of the association's audit needs. Approved appointment of International Director Dur Roberson to the LCI/LCIF Audit Committee.
4. Approved individual US\$1,250,000 designated grants to the Lions tsunami relief and reconstruction committees of India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Indonesia in support of each committee's planned relief and reconstruction activities.
5. Approved travel guidelines and rules of audit table for Campaign SightFirst II volunteers and personnel.
6. Approved US\$75,000 pilot Core 4 grant to the Lions Hearing Center of Southeastern Michigan to fund the expansion of hearing activities.
7. Approved US\$200,000 Core 4 grant to provide surgeries and other medical care to disabled orphans in China.
8. Appointed International Director Samuel Milliken to Lions-Quest Advisory Committee through the end of the 2005-2006 term.
9. Approved partnership with the Organization of American States (OAS) regarding the development of Lions-Quest school programs for substance abuse prevention and life skills in Latin America.
10. Approved 80 Standard, Core 4 and International Assistance Grants totaling US\$3,566,759.
11. Tabled one grant application.
12. Denied two grant applications.
13. Approved a US\$250,000 Major International Service Program Grant to Labratoire de Therapie Genique, University of Nantes, France, to fund research into gene therapies for retinal diseases.
14. Approved the nomination of Dr. Douglas Villella, Dr. Arnall Patz, and Dr. Robert Morris, for the 2004-2005 Humanitarian Award.

LEADERSHIP

1. Canceled 2005-2006 Emerging Lions Leadership Institute originally scheduled for Bangkok, Thailand.
2. A total of 100 participants will be allowed to participate in the 2005-2006 Senior Lions Leadership Institute scheduled for Sendai, Japan (October 2005). LCI will cover expenses related to housing, meals and institute materials. The 100 participants will be allocated as follows: Japan (33), Korea (20), Multiple District 300 Taiwan (15), Thailand (6), Singapore/Malaysia (4), the Philippines (8), Hong Kong (1), China (3), other (10). Additional participants will be accommodated on a space available basis, and will be responsible for all

expenses associated with their participation in the institute with the exception of materials costs.

3. A seminar targeted at potential Lions leaders from District 380 will be presented during the 2005 International Convention.
4. A test of a Faculty Development Institute will be conducted in 2005-2006.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

1. Authorized the Membership Development Committee to draft a long-term membership development plan, to be completed by July 2006 and forwarded to the Long Range Planning Committee for review.
2. Approved funding to continue special membership development initiatives in MD 116 (Spain) and MD 307 (Indonesia) in the amounts of US\$25,000 and US\$15,000, respectively, for the year 2005-2006.
3. Approved the Family-Friendly Lions Club initiative and its guideline materials for distribution and implementation, with the objective being to promote family involvement in Lions club activities among interested clubs.
4. Approved the charter application for the Guzelyurt Yesilada Lions Club in the undistricted area of Cyprus, with the charter issued upon the appointment of a Coordinating Lion for this undistricted area.
5. Approved an increase in the Life Member fee to US\$500, subject to the proposed constitutional amendment on this increase being approved at the 2005 International Convention.
6. Adopted guidelines for the China Affairs Coordination Committee for inclusion in the Board Policy Manual.
7. Amended a resolution approved at the October 2004 board of directors meeting clarifying an effective date of June 30, 2005 for revisions to Membership Key Award Program.
8. Amended a resolution approved at the October 2004 board of directors meeting to clarify that the proposed increase in the Life Member fee shall be US\$500.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. Increased Ambassador of Goodwill Award from 35 to 40 for Lions year 2004-2005.
2. Added Campaign SightFirst II National/Multi-national Coordinators, Sector Coordinators, District Coordinators and Group Coordinators into the Order of Precedence.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

1. Adopted a three-year International Leo Club Project to be known as "Leo Spotlight on Children."
2. Named ten Lions to receive the 2005 Top Ten Youth Exchange Chairpersons Award.
3. Authorized the Lions of MD 34 (Alabama, USA) to solicit funds outside of their multiple district to restore and maintain the fountain and water pump at Helen Keller's birthplace ("Ivy Green") in Tuscumbia, Alabama.
4. Encouraged Lions clubs that sponsor Leo clubs to include the Leo Club Advisor as a member of the club's board of directors.
5. Declared the first week in December as "Lions Eye Bank Week."

North Carolina Lions State Council
2004-2005 Financial Statement
April 28, 2005

INCOME:	Budget	4/28/05	(over)/Under	Line Item
Funds from prior years	26,070.67	26,070.67		100
State Dues per member (\$2.50 x 9869 as of 6/30/04)	24,672.50	23,396.75	1,275.75	110
Interest Received	-	-		120
District Cabinet Secretary- Treasurer Bonds	417.50	417.51		130
Vendor space rental at State Convention	450.00		450.00	140
Taitwister's ticket sales and auction (State Conv.)	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	150
Youth Exchange Funds restricted current year	-	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	160
Misc. Income not Budgeted	-	6,454.85	(6,454.85)	170
District Governor's Capsule Program	-	7,350.00		175
LCIF Grant - Camp Dogwood Dorm.		75,000.00		180
Lions License Plate Project		1590.00		185
Total Income	53,610.67	142,279.78	(88,669.11)	
EXPENSES:				
Financial Audit	350.00	350.00	0.00	200
Treasurer's Bond	520.50	520.50	0.00	210
Clerical Services - NCLF	600.00	600.00	0.00	220
Office Supplies (Secretary / Treasurer)	300.00	206.49	93.51	230
Printing (NCLF and Secretary / Treasurer)	500.00	210.53	289.47	240
Postage (NCLF and Secretary / Treasurer)	500.00	238.15	261.85	250
Telephone (Secretary / Treasurer)	200.00	0.00	200.00	260
Plaques and Gifts	1,000.00	250.00	750.00	270
State Council Meetings	250.00	193.81	56.19	280
Expenses - State Secretary / Treasurer	3,500.00	3417.65	82.35	290
Expenses - State Council Chair	5,000.00	4753.76	246.24	300
State Convention - cash advance	6,000.00	6000.00	0.00	310
Membership committee	1,000.00	0.00	1000.00	320
Extension Committee	1,000.00	0.00	1000.00	330
Retention Committee	500.00	0.00	500.00	340
Leadership Committee	2,500.00	2147.90	352.10	350
Orientation Committee	500.00	0.00	500.00	360
State Council Committee Expenses	8,000.00	4502.32	3497.68	370
Liberty Day	2,000.00	1293.75	706.25	380
Leo Clubs Expenses	1,000.00	417.67	582.33	390
Youth Exchange (from Council Funds)	500.00	2883.07	-2383.07	400
Misc Expenses not budgeted	1,000.00	1300.00	-300.00	410
District Governor's Capsule Program	-	0.00	0.00	415
LCIF Grant - Camp Dogwood Dorm.	-	75000.00	-75000.00	420
Total Expenses	36,720.50	104,285.60	(67,565.10)	
Cash (Check Book Balance)	16,890.17	37,994.18	(21,104.01)	
Total	53,610.67	142,279.78	(88,669.11)	

Notes:

- Line 100: Includes Designated Funds: Youth Exchange \$2100; Liberty Day \$475.72
- Line 170: \$675 LCI Leadership Funds; \$500 D3H disaster Relief; \$948 Liberty Day Pins; \$3631.85 2004 State Conv Profits:
 \$450 DG Stickley Fund + \$50 duplicate Capsule check refunded to Chase L/C
- Line 210: \$103 Council Sec-Treas Bond and \$417.50 for District Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Bonds
- Line 280: \$193.81 Raleigh Council Mtg Hospitality room.
- Line 310: 2005 State Convention \$4000 advance plus \$2800 additional for selling \$6000 Ads by Nov. 13, 2004.
- Line 380: \$778.50 for Liberty Day Pins
- Line 400: Youth Exchg. Bal fwd \$2100 + 500 Budget+\$500 donations = \$3100 less \$2883.07 exp. = +216.93 bal. 9/1/04
- Line 410: Incl \$500 Donation from D3H Oklahoma, \$250 DG Ad in state Conv Prog, \$500 DG JSF,
 and \$50 refund to Chase L/C duplicate capsule pmt.

**North Carolina Lions Foundation
Camp Dogwood, Sherrills Ford, NC**

Report to the State Council of Governors
President Harvey F. Whitley

April 30, 2005

Governors, as we enter the last two months of our Lion Year, it is time to refocus our efforts towards our goals. At this time, we are slightly behind where we were last year on two main fundraisers, White Cane and Camp Dogwood ticket sales. I have prepared a report for you which shows your district's Current Status. Thank you for your efforts this year as we move towards completion of our goals.

Our new Wanda E. Lineberger Dormitory as well as our VIP Sensory Garden are now completed. We will be holding a formal dedication service on Sunday, May 1, 2005 at 3:30 PM. Please come and be a part of this new chapter in our history.

Camp will be beginning in about a month. Things are lining up for this to be a great year. Our new policies procedures for random drug testing, background checks, and other items will be in effect. More effective communications will be emphasized as well.

I have enjoyed visiting throughout the state this year and presenting programs about your foundation. In every instance I have tried to emphasize how the funds contributed to the foundation are being used and in most cases returned to the local communities. In the next few months, we will activate our speakers bureau to assist in sharing what your foundation is doing. I hope you will put this cadre of speakers to work in your clubs and districts.

It has been an honor for me to serve as NCLF President this year. I thank God for giving me the opportunity of service. I hope you have been pleased with what we have accomplished as a board this year. We have had the good, and the bad; but mostly the good.

Please remember, that we can only accomplish what we do as Lions together. Lets continue to **"Serve By Sharing"**.

Thank you,

Harvey F. Whitley
President, NCLF

Humanitarian White Cane Report

Status 4/25/05

District	Total 4/25/05	Total 4/30/04	Total Difference
A	62,471	59,044	3,427
B	64,144	71,259	-7,115
C	38,711	44,655	-5,944
D	66,558	78,038	-11,480
E	66,836	75,908	-9,072
F	62,027	79,988	-17,961
G	66,307	68,718	-2,411
H	64,048	64,388	-340
J	50,185	63,039	-12,854
Total	686,140	697,134	-10,994

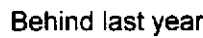
Camp Dogwood Tickets Report

Status 4/25/05

District	Total 4/25/05	Total 4/30/04	Total Difference
A	7,518	7,947	-429
B	12,328	12,828	-500
C	10,111	11,563	-1,452
D	12,300	11,443	857
E	16,288	16,728	-440
F	9,918	13,080	-3,162
G	10,485	10,757	-272
H	9,068	12,302	-3,234
J	6,490	7,209	-719
Total	91,498	97,651	-6,153

Legend:

 Ahead or close to last year

 Behind last year



North Carolina Lions Foundation Public Information & Education Committee

Michael H. Schwartz
State Chairperson
1678-C Robins Nest Court
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To: D.C. Ivy Iverson, PDG
Convention Chairperson

The Public Information & Education Committee would like to thank the State Council and the State Convention Committee for allowing our committee to participate in the 2005 North Carolina Lions State Convention by hosting the Media Room.

Enclosed you will find our projected expenditures for the convention. In exchange for inviting us to participate, the committee will provide the following services:

- Produce a media release to be distributed to Raleigh-area media outlets prior to the convention.
- Coordinate any media coverage as needed.
- Produce a full-color pre-convention newsletter that will be made available to attendees.
- Produce a daily newsletter that will provide a review of convention events and a preview of activities. The newsletter will be made available to attendees.
- Provide a photographer for all convention events
- Create a daily video display of convention activities
- Create a photo display board of convention activities
- Provide each district governor and vice district governor with a photo CD of the convention
- Provide each member of the state convention committee with a photo CD of the convention
- Provide the international guest with a photo CD of the convention
- Provide the Lion magazine with a photo of the state convention for proposed publication in the international publication.
- Provide each district governor and vice district governor with a photograph with the international guest.
- Provide a photographer to travel with the international guest
- Provide four pages of state convention coverage in the newspaper of the North Carolina Lions Foundation.
- Create and distribute a press release/with photo of each recipient of an international award to the respective newspaper of record in their hometown.
- Create a photo CD for convention attendees (for purchase)
- Create a photo archive of the convention that will be available to attendees.

In 2004, the State Council provided Lion Gwen White and me with complimentary rooms at the convention site in exchange for staffing the Media Room. The projected expenditure for the 2005 state convention includes this expense, along with the total cost of equipment and supplies that I believe will be needed for the event.

Lion Joe Silvers has volunteered to assume the cost of renting a copier for the Media Room, thus significantly reducing the projected cost of our committee's activities.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael H. Schwartz

State Chairperson

NORTH CAROLINA LIONS STATE CONVENTION PRESS ROOM

	Unit Cost	Total Cost
ACCOMODATIONS		
Motel Room (4 Nights) - Michael Schwartz	77.00	308.00
Motel Room (4 Nights) - Gwen White	77.00	308.00
		Total 616.00

EVENT TICKETS			
International Family Dinner	2	15.00	30.00
Family Fun Night	4	15.00	60.00
Tail Twisters Breakfast & Auction	4	15.00	60.00
Past District Governor's Luncheon	1	15.00	15.00
District Governor's Banquet	4	25.00	100.00
			Total 265.00

PRESS ROOM EQUIPMENT			
Gateway Computer			Provided
Dell Laptop Computer			Provided
External Hard Drive & Software			Provided
HP 2200SE Duplexing Printer			Provided
HP Deskjet 3845 Color Printer			Provided
HP 250 Color Photo Printer			Provided
Epson Multimedia Projector			Provided
Projection Screen			Provided
Cannon Duplexing Copier			400.00
			Total 400.00

PRESS ROOM SUPPLIES			
Office Depot Multipurpose Print Paper	1	39.89	39.89
Office Depot Multiproduct Glossy Photo Paper	2	29.87	59.74
HP Model C4096A Black LaserJet Print Cartridge	1	84.14	84.14
HP Model C9320BN Color Print Cartridge #57	2	62.98	125.96
HP Model C8727AM Black Print Cartridge #27	2	17.98	35.96
HP Model C8728AN Color Print Cartridge #28	2	21.99	43.98
Office Depot CD-R 100 Pack	2	16.99	33.98
Office Depot CD/DVD Envelopes 50 Pack	5	4.30	21.50
X-Acto Display Board 36x48	1	11.86	11.86
Miscellaneous Office Supplies		25.00	25.00
			Total 482.01

Projected Expenditure 1763.01

Contribution 400.00

1363.01

DATE: April 30, 2005
TO: Lion James C. Shuart, Chairman, Council of Governors
FROM: D. C. "Ivy" Iversen, General Chairman, Lions State Convention
SUBJECT: Quarterly Report #4, 2005 Lions State Convention Committee

Your 2005 Lions State Convention Committee is pleased to provide the following report on the progress of the state convention to be held at the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel and Convention Center in Raleigh on May 26 – 29, 2005. This report will provide you with up-to-date information on the status of the convention planning.

The Friday golf tournament will be held at the Raleigh Golf Association (RGA) course on Tryon Road in South Raleigh. The price per player is \$45.00 and includes greens fee, cart, snacks and trophies. Play will be captain's choice. If there are any questions about the golf, please see PDG Herb Justice. 10:30 AM

The hospitality room is scheduled to be open from 1:00 to 5:00 PM on both Friday and Saturday. It would be nice to have some of the District Governors and Vice District Governors in the hospitality room to greet and meet the lions who visit the room. Last year I did not see any of these Lions and I wondered what the purpose of having a hospitality room if Lions did not get the opportunity to meet the leadership of our state Lions.

The Friday Fun Night is a "Young At Heart" event featuring the Sassy Classics Rockettes, Sybil the Clown, table games and DJ dancing. There is food served at this event!

Registration will be open until 9:00 PM on Friday evening.

Saturday's Tail Twisters Breakfast will feature the usual good food and tail twister fun, raffle and auction. We need the governors to urge your clubs to provide raffle and auction items for this event.

The PDG Luncheon and annual meeting is set for Saturday from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. PDG Woody Huggins will be presiding.

Two tours have been arranged for Saturday afternoon from 12:30 to 4:00 PM. One tour will include the Governor Morehead School campus and Sensory Garden. The second tour will include a guided tour of the State Capital Building and then free time to visit the Museum of Natural Science and the North Carolina Museum of History, all three of which are located within one block of each other. The cost is \$3.00 which includes transportation.

Also, Saturday afternoon from 1:45 to 2:45 PM, International 1st Vice President Ashok Metha will host a question and answer session. Please urge your district delegates to attend this meeting to get up-dated on the many aspects and issues facing Lions International and Lions around the world.

We are still exploring ideas for seminars or motivational talks for 3:00 to 4:00 PM on Saturday.

The crossed flags and special convention pins have been received. The crossed flags pin will be provided to each registered Lion at no cost. The commemorative pin will be available at the registration table during the convention at the cost of \$3.00 each or \$5.00 for two. There are only 298 available!

The District Governor's Banquet is set. All we need are Lions to attend.

Please be sure to give your district banners to me this weekend so that we can arrange to hang them properly for the convention. The hotel requires this so they know how to hang them where we want them.

There has been some confusion on registering the District Governors for the convention and the hotel rooms. We need a registration form from each governor for the meals and the tours. The PDG Luncheon and the tours ARE NOT complimentary. Your rooms are complimentary and your reservation has been taken care of by the committee. If you made reservations directly with the hotel, do not worry, we have taken care of that situation.

Exhibit #1 is the financial report. As you can see, Ad sales did not go as well as anticipated, however, we should be in good financial condition IF we reach our attendance goals for meals and room nights. Exhibit #2 shows Ad sales by district and by business Ads vs. Lions related Ads.

In order to obtain the number of complimentary meeting rooms and hotel sleeping rooms needed for a convention of this magnitude we must guarantee a certain number of meals and room nights. If we do not meet these guarantees the hotel will apply financial penalties.

Exhibit #3 shows where we stand now with our hotel room nights and our meal reservations and what penalties could be applied.

Exhibit #4 is the latest update of the convention schedule which will appear in the center fold of the Convention Program Book. You should have received an email copy. Any questions, comments or corrections?

This concludes this report. As you can see there are some good items and some issues that need to be taken seriously. We strongly urge you governors and also the vice district governors to promote this convention in the strongest possible ways within your districts.

Attendance is crucial to the success of any convention. We have done our best to plan a great convention and now it is up to all the leaders of the Lions of North Carolina to help make it a success by getting Lions to attend.

NC LIONS 2005 STATE CONVENTION
 RALEIGH, NC
 MAY 27 - 29, 2005
 BUDGET - ACTUALS as of 04-28-2005

INCOME:			BUDGET				ACTUALS	
STATE COUNCIL (ADVANCE)					\$6,000.00			\$6,000.00
PROGRAM ADS								
FRONT COVER	\$0.00	1		\$0.00		1	NoCharge	
INSIDE FRONT COVER	\$750.00	1		\$750.00		1	Invoice	
BACK COVER	\$1,000.00	1		\$1,000.00		1	\$1,000.00	
INSIDE BACK COVER	\$750.00	1		\$750.00		1	\$750.00	
FULL PAGE	\$300.00	34		\$10,200.00		29	\$8,010.00	
HALF PAGE	\$200.00	12		\$2,400.00		22	\$4,035.00	
QUARTER PAGE	\$125.00	28		\$3,500.00		25	\$2,762.50	
EIGHTH PAGE	\$75.00	28		\$2,100.00		19	\$1,417.50	
PATRON	\$25.00	12		\$300.00		8	\$200.00	
PROGRAM BOOK					\$21,000.00			\$18,175.00
MEALS:								
FRIDAY FUN NIGHT	\$15.00	375		\$5,625.00		176	\$2,372.00	
SATURDAY TAILWISTER BRKF&ST	\$15.00	395		\$5,925.00		188	\$2,522.00	
SATURDAY PDG LUNCHEON	\$15.00	95		\$1,425.00		66	\$975.00	
SATURDAY DG BANQUET	\$25.00	470		\$11,750.00		219	\$4,975.00	
SATURDAY DG BANQUET under 12	\$12.50	0		\$0.00		1	\$12.50	
TOURS:	\$3.00	0		\$0.00		58	\$174.00	
TOTAL MEALS & TOURS:					\$24,725.00			\$11,030.50
CONVENTION PINS	\$3.00	300			\$900.00			
MISCELLANEOUS					\$1,200.00			\$100.00
DIVIDENDS					\$0.00			\$81.76
TOTAL INCOME:					\$53,825.00			\$35,387.26
EXPENSES:								
MEALS:								
THURSDAY NIGHT	\$28.00	55		\$1,540.00				
FRIDAY FUN NIGHT	\$17.00	410		\$6,970.00				
SATURDAY TAILWISTER BRKF&ST	\$14.00	430		\$6,020.00				
SATURDAY PDG LUNCHEON	\$14.00	130		\$1,820.00				
SATURDAY DG BANQUET	\$28.00	505		\$14,140.00				
SATURDAY DG BANQUET under 12		0		\$0.00				
TOTAL MEALS:					\$30,490.00			
TOURS	\$2.00	0			\$0.00			
ENTERTAINMENT								
FRIDAY NIGHT					\$2,500.00			
VIP ROOMS (see Contract)	\$80.00	20			\$1,600.00			
HOSPITALITY (GIFTS, BASKETS, FLOWERS, ETC)					\$2,000.00			
BANQUET SUPPLIES (FLAG, etc)					\$400.00			
AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT					\$700.00			
PRINTING PROGRAM BOOK	\$9.33	750			\$7,000.00			
PRINTING (EVENT PROGRAMS, etc)					\$450.00			
COMMITTEE EXPENSES					\$2,300.00			\$1,056.34
CONVENTION SHIRTS	\$20.00	40			\$800.00			
CONVENTION PINS	\$1.55	300			\$465.00	1100	\$885.00	\$886.00
REGISTRATION MATERIALS (NAME TAGS, BADGE HOLDERS, etc)					\$1,300.00			
REGISTRATION EXPENSES (BAD CHECKS, REFUNDS, etc)					\$800.00			
BANK FEES					\$75.00			\$10.97
POSTAGE					\$175.00			\$74.45
OFFICE SUPPLIES					\$300.00			\$81.00
MISCELLANEOUS					\$500.00			\$145.00
TOTAL EXPENSES					\$51,955.00			\$2,252.83
BALANCE					\$1,870.00			\$33,134.43
ACCOUNT BALANCES								
CHECKING								\$25.00
SAVINGS								\$33,089.43
YET to be Deposited								\$0.00
YET to be COLLECTED: MEALS & TOURS								\$40.00
YET to be COLLECTED: PROGRAM Ads								\$1,470.00

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The State Convention will be held at the Greenville Hilton, April 20-23, 2006.

The Mayor and City Council and Chamber of Commerce are excited in being the Host City. They have extended their full cooperation in making this convention a successful one.

The rooms at Hilton will be \$79.00 plus tax. We believe we will have adequate number of rooms. We have contracted with City Bestro Hotel for the over flow. 30 plus for \$69.99 plus tax. There are also many other motels close by.

I have begun forming committees and welcome input from each of you. The committee seeks new ideas to make this convention the best ever.

We need now to think on entertainment at Friday night June Night and Saturday Evening Banquet. Friday Night Fun Night will be Western. If you have suggestions, please contact me.

2006 State Convention Chairman

David C. Boyd Jr.



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MEMORANDUM

To: All Staff
From: Cyndie Bennett
RE: Governor Morehead School New Director
Date: April 12, 2005

I am very pleased to announce the selection of Dennis Thurman as Director of the Governor Morehead School for the Blind (GMS). Dennis brings 30 years of experience working with blind and visually impaired students to his new position as director. After 18 years as the Superintendent of the Iowa Braille School, Dennis will be retiring in June 2005 and joining us in July 2005.

Prior to joining the Iowa Braille School, Dennis had experience working as a houseparent, teacher, and principal in the residential setting. Passionate about services for visually impaired children, Dennis also serves as a national and state leader who believes in fostering collaboration and creating partnerships to meet children's needs.

In looking to the future of Governor Morehead School, it is critical to have someone who understands the multiple needs and issues of the students we serve. Dennis has consistently demonstrated the ability to put students' needs first, while responding to the concerns and issues of staff and parents. Because of his strong belief in partnerships and collaboration, Dennis will be an asset in building and maintaining the network of support that must exist between Governor Morehead School, the Office of Education Services, the NC Department of Public Instruction, North Carolina Central University, Division of Services for the Blind and numerous community partners.

Dennis' first day as Director at Governor Morehead School will be July 15, 2005. Arrangements will be made after his arrival to provide a formal welcome reception to ensure that he has the opportunity to interact with students, staff, parents, Board and Foundation members, etc when school begins in August.

Please join me in welcoming Dennis Thurman as Director at Governor Morehead School.

BOYS & GIRLS HOMES OF NC**Report: April 30, 2005**

The Boys & Girls Homes of North Carolina continues its mission of serving children through our residential group care facility in Lake Waccamaw and our foster care and adoption program. Our foster care and adoption program is now in nine counties with 61 licensed homes and 71 children being served currently. Our foster care children range in age from a few days old to 20 years of age. We now have foster care and adoption offices in Lake Waccamaw and Kenansville. We also have had two adoptions this year and up to 20 more foster care children may be adopted by the end of the calendar year.

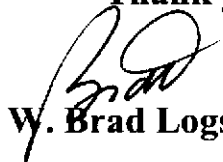
At the Lion's cottage in Lake Waccamaw, Daryl & Stacey Parks are the new teaching parents in the cottage. The Lion's cottage is also now focusing on taking care of our younger boys at the middle school level. Two of the stars of the Lions Horse Show in December, Chad & Charles will be attending horse camp this summer and are looking forward to the experience.

Boys & Girls Homes started a program for Independent Living for our older boys back in October. The program provides speakers for the young men on such topics as personal finance, buying your first car, insurance, resumes, etc. to help prepare them for the real world. Several of the Independent Living Program residents have also been involved in the greenhouse program and have taken a very active role in managing and organizing the operation of the greenhouse. The Program for Independent Living will be expanding to include our girls beginning in May.

Several of our Independent Living residents have been accepted into colleges and universities. Lawrence has been accepted at UNCW and NC State. Sean has been accepted to NCA&T. Elton has been accepted to Grambling State University and San Francisco Academy of Art. Meanwhile two additional soon to be high school graduates are looking toward their futures. Tyrone will be going into the Job Corps and Denise is looking at Pembroke State to further her education.

With the State of North Carolina changing some programs and reducing their funding, Boys & Girls Homes is suffering a SEVERE FINANCIAL CRUNCH. If your Lions club has money budgeted for Boys & Girls Homes, PLEASE forward these funds as soon as possible and designate them toward the "General Fund". Thanks for your continued support of the children at Boys & Girls Homes.

Thank you for allowing me to serve those less fortunate than ourselves.



W. Brad Logsdon, PDG

BOYS AND GIRLS HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA

By: Larry Hewett

“There is absolutely no way I could have arrived at my current position in life without my education.” Robert Hardy, Alumnus, Boys and Girls Homes.

Former resident Robert Hardy is up front about the role of education in his life. At 38, he is currently employed by American Eagle Airlines as a Captain and Test Pilot on an EMJ145 Aircraft and readily acknowledges that receiving an education played a major role in where he is today.

Robert and his wife Lori have been married 14 years and they have a son Ethan, three years of age. They live in a suburb of Dallas, Texas, and it is quite obvious that Robert is proud of his family and his work.

Of his life a Boys and Girls Homes, Robert says, “I arrived at Lake Waccamaw in October 1980. I lived in the Lions Cottage until graduating to the ‘gymnasium’ apartment (a room in the Boys and Girls Homes gymnasium established as a transitional living area for residents after high school graduation), and stayed there until going to Iowa to attend college in the fall of 1984. Being at Lake Waccamaw provided me with the structure I needed during my adolescent years. Trying to get along with so many other boys who also came with needs like me was a growing experience. If I could compare it to something, I think for me that it was a lot like college with supervision. I was given the freedom to grow, but received a lot of guidance along the way.”

“I have many fond memories of Boys and Girls Homes. Many days I spent playing ping-pong. I won’t say how many times I won (still in dispute)! I have lots of pleasant memories: working for Leon Dudley (campus maintenance) on the tractors, watching my friend Chris play with snakes found in the woods, and working for Mrs. Thelma Green in food service. Being in the choir was great fun. I couldn’t sing, but Mr. Tutor (Jimmie) was very forgiving! When I was 16 years old, I was allowed to drive the yellow school bus back and forth from campus and, boy was that a thrill. I still can’t believe they let me do

that. There were just so many good memories it’s impossible to name them all! I will say that I am very thankful for the caring staff at Boys and Girls Homes, and especially Mr. Bill Morrison, a soft spoken man who played a large part in my life and has my admiration and respect.”

“Boys and Girls Homes encouraged me to continue my educational pursuits. After high school, I attended and graduated from the University of Dubuque in Dubuque, Iowa, with a Bachelor of Science Degree.

My majors included Flight Operation, Business Administration and a minor in Aviation Management. I obtained a lot of my flight training there along with my private pilot license, commercial pilot license and certified flight instructor’s license.”

“How has education played a role in my success? *Well, there is absolutely no way I could have arrived at my current position in life without my education.* The subjects I studied in college had a direct affect on the progress of my career. I chose a field of study that required me to know things before being employed in the working world. Education gave me the tools needed to teach people how to fly airplanes and how to complete projects. I showed me how to set goals and complete those goals within deadlines. My current position as a test pilot requires me to research problems with airplanes and to make an educated decision on whether the aircraft is safe to fly. But, I guess my best education comes from dealing with great people everyday. Many like the great people at Boys and Girls Homes. The have always been there supporting and cheering me on. Some had doubts, including myself at times. But, most encouraged me and that fueled my desire to fly airplanes. I offer a sincere ‘thank you’ to the entire staff at Boys and Girls Homes.”

Robert’s position is a testament to the encouragement he received to strive for his dreams and make the most of his educational opportunities. Boys and Girls Homes is proud that Robert is one of ours.

April 30, 2005

**Multiple District 31
Constitution & By-Laws Committee
Park Inn, Hickory, North Carolina**

Committee Report

Having been charged to amend portions of our Constitution and By-Laws by the Council of Governors, meeting in General Session, in Rocky Mount, N.C. on November 13, 2004, and being charged to amend the By-Laws by the North Carolina Lions Foundation at their meeting on November 14, 2004, also in Rocky Mount, N.C. the Constitution and By-Laws Committee drafted language to amend the following:

- A) Multiple District-31, Constitution, Article V, Section 1, State Council and By-Laws, Article 1, District Nominations and Elections, etc., to reflect the new requirements for selecting the Council Chairperson.
- B) Multiple District-31, Constitution, Article VII, State Convention and State Council Fund to reflect a proposed increase in the annual per capita tax, effective July 1, 2005.
- C) Multiple District-31, Constitution, Article VIII, Committee and Fund for the Promotion of North Carolina at the International Convention to address the funding needs in promoting a North Carolina International Executive Officer seeking possible selection as International Second Vice President.
- D) Multiple District-31, Constitution, Article V, Section 2, to add back two sentences inadvertently left off when the Committee made their revisions in 2001, dealing with the election and tenure of the Council Secretary-Treasurer.
- E) North Carolina Lions Foundation, By-Laws, Article IV, Officers and Directors, Section 10, to reflect the current practice of selecting a first year and second year director for the Executive Committee.

The language for these amendments were approved by the Council of Governors at their February 12, 2005, meeting in Raleigh, N.C. and published in the Spring Edition of NCLF Newspaper **Lionism** in accordance with Article XVI, Section 2 and Article VI, Section 2, Respectively, of the Multiple District-31 Constitution and By-Laws.

Selection of a Council Chairperson:

The Committee, mindful of the discussions during the General Session, as well as the report made by the Ad-Hoc Committee appointed to study this matter, recommends the following changes:

- 1) The current language of Article V, State Council, Section 1, reads:

“After their installation at the International Convention, the State Council, composed of all District Governors, shall elect its Chairman prior to the adjournment of that International Convention.”

This language should be deleted and replaced by the following:

Article V State Council

Section 1. The Council Chairperson position shall be filled by an active Past District Governor with preference given to Immediate Past District Governors who have not served as a Council Chairperson. Consideration may also be given to any active Past District Governor who has served during the past five (5) years and has not served as Council Chairperson.

This Council Chairperson position shall be filled in accordance with Article I, Section 7 of the By-Laws.

By-Laws

Article I

District Nominations and Elections, **State Council Chairperson Selection Process**, and Endorsement for International Office

It is recommended that the Title to this Section be amended as highlighted above and that the current Section 7 become Section 8 and that the new Section 7 read as follows:

Section 7. Past District Governors interested in the position of Council Chairperson shall submit their name and resume of service by September

30th to the State Council Secretary/Treasurer. After certifying qualifications, the names and copies of resumes are to be submitted to the currently serving Vice-District Governors no later than October 15th.

The currently serving Vice-District Governors will interview each candidate and make their selection by the majority of a secret ballot. One Vice-District Governor shall act as spokesperson for the group during these interviews.

The selection of the Council Chairperson shall be made at the November State Council Meeting.

The Council Chairperson so selected will be a non-voting member of the Council of Governors.

**Proposed increase in the Annual Per Capita State Convention
and State Council Administrative Tax, effective July 1, 2005**

Article VII, State Convention and State Council Fund

In order to alleviate the ongoing shortfall in Multiple District annual revenues, the Council of Governors has proposed to put before the General Membership, for their approval, an increase in the annual per capita tax of \$1.00, effective July 1, 2005. This increase would bring the annual per capita tax to \$3.50 from \$2.50. Accordingly, the Constitution and By-Laws Committee recommends that the first sentence of Section 2 of Article VII, State Convention and State Council Fund be amended to read as follows: (the remaining portions of this Section 2 remain as currently stated)

Section 2. In lieu of a State Convention registration fee, an annual per capita State Convention and State Council Administrative Tax of \$3.50 shall be levied upon each member in the State and shall be paid in advance by each club, in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$1.75 per member on September 10th and \$1.75 per member on March 10th of each year.

Funding the promotion of an International Executive Officer

The Committee addressed the need to add a second paragraph to Article VIII, Section 1, Committee and Fund for the Promotion of North Carolina at the International Convention. As currently written, there is no language addressing funding needs in promoting a North Carolina International Executive Officer seeking possible selection as International Second Vice President. Taking its charge from the Council of Governors to correct this discrepancy, the Committee suggests the following:

A second paragraph should be added to Article VIII, Section 1 to read as follows:

Beginning July 1, 2005, an additional tax of \$2.00 shall be levied annually upon each member in each District and shall be paid in advance by each club in the District in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: one-half (1/2) on September 10th and one-half (1/2) on March 10th, with all proceeds there from, through June 30, 2011, being placed in the Executive Officer Campaign Savings Account. If a North Carolina Lion is elected International Second Vice President in 2007, all proceeds there from during the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2011 shall be used, as approved by the Promotions Committee, to promote and Honor said International Executive Officer through his term as Immediate Past International President. If no North Carolina Lion is elected International Second Vice President in 2007, or ceases to be a viable candidate, this additional tax shall terminate June 30, 2007; otherwise it will terminate June 30, 2011.

Multiple District 31
Constitution

Article V, State Council

When the Committee made their revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws in 2001, two sentences were inadvertently left off Article V, Section 2, which deals with the election and tenure of the Council Secretary-Treasurer. To correct this discrepancy, the Committee recommends that Article V, Section 2 be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. The New State Council shall elect a State Council Secretary-Treasurer, who in the discretion of the State Council, may be other than a State Council member, to a one-year term. No Lion may serve as State Council Secretary-Treasurer for more than five (5) consecutive one-year terms. The new State Council may, at its discretion, consult with the outgoing State Council concerning the performance of that Council's Secretary-Treasurer in considering the election of the Secretary-Treasurer for the new State Council.

North Carolina Lions Foundation
By-Laws

Article IV, OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 10: The first sentence of this section reads, “The Executive Committee shall be the President, Immediate Past President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, the Chairman of the State Council of Governors of Multiple District 31 of Lions Clubs International or his appointee, *one member from the second year directors, elected by his group prior to July 1, and one member from the first year directors, elected by his group at the August meeting of the Board of Directors to serve until a successor is elected.*”

This latter part of the first sentence (which we have italicized for emphasis) does not correctly reflect when the selection of the two directors is actually made; both are elected in August.

To correct the first sentence to reflect the current practice, the Committee recommends that Article IV, Section 10 be reworded to read as follows:

The Executive Committee shall be the President, Immediate Past President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, the Chairperson of the State Council of Governors of Multiple District 31 of Lions Clubs International or his or her appointee, and one member from each of the first and second year directors, elected by their group at the August meeting of the Board of Directors, to serve till a successor is elected.

**STATEWIDE EXTENTION REPORT
N.C. LIONS STATE COUNCIL MEETING
HICKORY N.C.**

APRIL 30, 2005

THANK YOU, COUNCIL CHAIR SHUART, DISTRICT GOVERNORS, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND FELLOW LIONS. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SERVE THE LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICT 31-NORTH CAROLINA AS STATEWIDE EXTENTION CHAIR THIS YEAR.

I WAS GOING TO GIVE A FINAL REPORT ON EXTENTION TODAY, BUT, I CAN'T; THE YEAR IS NOT OVER. I WILL HAVE A SUMMARY REPORT AT THE STATE CONVENTION IN MAY.

WE HAVE ALL WORKED ON EXTENTION THIS YEAR. EACH OF YOU HAS HAD SOME EXTENTION ACTIVITY AND SOME OF YOU HAVE HAD SOME SUCCESS. YOUR DISTRICT CHAIRS HAVE HAD SOME ACTIVITY AND IN MOST CASES SOME SUCCESS, JUST NOT ENOUGH. SOME OF US ARE STILL ATTEMPTING TO EXTEND LIONS SERVICE TO OTHERS; WE STILL HAVE TIME, THE YEAR IS NOT OVER.

THIS MAY BE THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION, BUT THE YEAR IS NOT OVER; LIONISM IS NOT OVER! WE STILL HAVE 1/6 OF THE YEAR LEFT. WE CAN STILL FORM A LIONS CLUB, A CLUB BRANCH OR A CAMPUS CLUB. WE CAN STILL CAPITALIZE ON WORK WE HAVE BEEN DOING IN TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES, IN RETIREMENT HOMES, COLLEGE CAMPUSES, REST HOMES AND ANY OTHER PLACES WHERE THERE ARE PEOPLE WITH A NEED FOR LOVING INDIVIDUALS OFFERING NEEDED SERVICES.

GO HOME, LOOK AROUND; THERE'S A PLACE AND, YES, THERE IS STILL TIME, TIME TO CHARTER A NEW LIONS CLUB.

JUST BECAUSE THE FISCAL YEAR IS ENDING IN TWO MONTHS, LIONISM IS NOT ENDING; WE STILL HAVE TIME! ALL THE WORK WE DO NOW WILL SHOW RESULTS, NOW OR IN THE FUTURE.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE EACH DISTRICT CHARTER A LIONS CLUB, A CAMPUS CLUB OR A CLUB BRANCH BY JUNE 30, 2005. YES, THAT IS A

CHALLENGE! I DIDN'T BRING MY LIGHTER TODAY, BUT WE ALL KNOW WHERE THE FIRE NEEDS TO BE LIT!

IT CAN BE DONE; IF WE CAPITALIZE ON THE WORK WE HAVE ALREADY DONE.

FELLOW LIONS, LET'S NOT QUIT NOW. THE YEAR IS NOT OVER!

YOUR YEAR IS COMING TO AN END IN TWO MONTHS--- LIONISM IS NOT!

***This challenge is respectfully submitted by
Your Statewide Extention Chairperson***

Lion ~~Hou~~ Houston Henderson, PDG

Report to State Council Meeting at Hickory History Committee

To: State Council

From: Lion Herbert A. Justice, PDG – State Historian

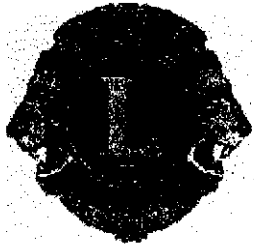
Subject: History Committee Report to State Council in Hickory, April 30, 2005

The History Committee has met twice since the last council meeting. They met on February 26 and 27 and again on April 9 at Camp Dogwood.

1. We have completed installing the frames for each District's Cabinet on each District's bulleting board. Most of the District Governors have sent in their photos as well as those of their cabinets, however, if you visit Camp Dogwood and check your bulleting board, you will find that some are still missing. I will not name the missing photos, as you know if you have sent yours in.
2. The committee has begun an inventory of what is on hand for the history book update.
3. A preliminary layout of the history book update has been decided upon and some of the items to be updated have been drafted for review.
4. At the April 9 meeting, Lion Gwen White, at their request, to give them some pointers visited the committee. Lion Gwen's comments were well taken and appreciated.
5. The committee is continuing to work on the update and will need all the help they can get from this council and next year's council.
6. Attached is a copy of a sample letter sent to each district representative for transmission to clubs in each district asking for a short history of each lions club in the state. I hope that your District Historian has sent this letter out to clubs in your district.

I want to thank the Council for giving me the opportunity to work with the District History Committee Chairman by Chairing the History Committee and for the opportunity to serve and work with these lions. It has been a pleasure.

attachments.



LION FRANK BROOKS, JR., DISTRICT 31-G HISTORIAN

April 20, 2005

Dear Lion President,

In the year 2007 North Carolina will celebrate 85 years of service through Lionism. The North Carolina History Committee needs an update of your club's history. We want to celebrate the accomplishments of the clubs in North Carolina! The best way to inspire a new generation of Lions is to record what your clubs have done to serve those in your community. Reading about the past only inspires clubs to accomplish our motto *'WE SERVE'* even more.

In North Carolina two publications have been published about the history of Lionism in North Carolina. The first covered the years 1922-1965. The second covered the years 1966-1988. Since 1989 Clubs have changed and been able to do even more for those in need in their community. Please help us update the information on your club and recognize it's accomplishments. A new publication will be printed beginning with the year 1989 to 2005. Be proud of your club and spend a some time putting all their successes in a history book to inspire others.

Please help us keep the sprit of Lionism alive by completing the attached information sheet. Get all your members involved and have them help you with this project. We would like to make this new publication factual, exciting as well as inspiring.

Your prompt reply would be appreciated, the deadline for all information is May 20, 2005. Let's not get so involved in "Doing", that we forget to note our successes for the Lions of the future. Thank you in advance, I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours in Lionism,

Frank Brooks, Jr. District
31-G Historian

2812 Basswood Drive
Raleigh, North Carolina
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NORTH CAROLINA LIONS

Club Information Update 1989 -2005

Club Name	
District	
Contact Name	
Contact Address	
Contact Phone	
Contact E-Mail	
Club Charter Date	
Sponsoring Club	
Active Members	
Active Charter Members	

Please write a brief history of your club in 250 words or less.

If Possible send a club photo

Deadline for information is May 20, 2005

Send information to:

Lion Frank Brooks, Jr.

2812 Basswood Drive

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Report to State Council
April 30, 2005

From: PDG Robert W. Moorehead, State Leadership Chair

- 1) An expense claim for the December training session for Governor Elects was mailed to LCI on December 16, 2004. Reimbursement was sent to State Council Secretary Treasurer George Ohm on approximately March 11, 2005 for \$675.00.
- 2) The dates for VDG/DGE elect training have been picked. The first session is May 13-14, 2005, the second session is scheduled for December 2-3-4, 2005, and the final session is scheduled for February 23-24-25, 2006. Agendas were mailed out on April 19, 2005 to all names that were known at the time.
- 3) If any VDG elect did not receive a copy please contact me before the end of the weekend as I have several sets available.

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MEMORANDIAM

Date: April 30, 2005

To: State Council of Governors
State Council Secretary/Treasurer

From: John Kearney
State Liberty Day Chairman

Ref: Liberty Day Committee Report

This years Liberty Day Celebration was held on March 12 at the State Legislative Building in Raleigh. There were approximately 30 people in attendance for the event. Even with the low attendance the event was a success. The attendees enjoyed our special guest and speaker. I would like to thank DG Jim Boehm and Council Secretary/Treasurer George Ohm for attending this year's celebration.

This year's Liberty Day Pins have all been sold. I would like to thank everyone who purchased a pin.

I was informed by Anne Neroni, Past State Liberty Day Chair, that she has located another 1000 or so Liberty Day Booklets. Even with these booklets we will need to order more next year. In the past we have been ordering the booklets from the National Liberty Day Organization. I am in the process of getting quotes from local printers to see if we can save money by ordering locally. The committee will ask the council at the August meeting to order more booklets.

MD31 State Council Forum
April 30,2005
State Leo Club Chairman Report
By Lion Larry Covington

Per my letter to all district Leo Chairs, District Governors and State Leo President, I again regret to inform you that the State Leo Clubs Retreat at Camp Dogwood will not be held this year due to a lack of interest and minimal number of participants (fewer than 15). As of April 4, 2005, the due date for all applications and registration form, I had only responses by telephone indicating an interest within Multiple District 31.

However I feel that Leo Clubs are a vital interest to MD-31 and to Lions Clubs throughout the world. I do know that interest for Leo Clubs within MD-31 exists because new clubs are being formed. I truly hope that this interest and sponsorship will continue and that the Leo Clubs retreat will be held next year at camp Dogwood.

We Lions know that the youth and Leo Clubs within our organization are conducive to sustaining our membership and a link for the future growth of the Lions Family. By all of us working and serving together, I am positive that the Leo Clubs within MD-31 will survive and prosper.

As ambassadors for the youth of our communities, I now call your attention to an organization for the young referred to as HOBY. Hugh O'Brian founded this youth leadership service. Lions Clubs International and The Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership organization signed a memorandum of understanding in October 2002. Thus Lions clubs may work with HOBY in encouraging youth leadership development. HOBY leadership seminars are held in every state and provide a three to four day leadership skill development opportunity for high school sophomores.

Our own International President, Clem Kusiak, has endorsed the LCI and HOBY partnership. Lions who might be interested in HOBY may contact me for additional information.

The North Carolina seminar for HOBY is scheduled to be held on June 10-12, 2005 at NC State University in Raleigh.

The HOBY Seminar chairperson is: Stacy Shaw
Phone: 919-462-7014
e-mail: hobync2005@yahoo.com

A reminder, I will serve as Vice District Governor of D31-D next year and will resign my position as Leo Committee Chair as of June 30, 2005.

My you all find continued success in your endeavors in Lionism.

Respectfully,

Lion Larry Covington

Nominating Committee Report
To the Council of Governors
April 30, 2005
Diane B. Whitley, Chairperson

Each of the nine districts has a District Governor Elect and eight of the nine have a Vice District Governor Elect or candidate for VDG to be elected at their next Cabinet meeting.

The slate reads as follows:

District A	Paul Vaughan, DGE	Bob Roland, VDGE
District B	Mike Almond, DGE	Sue Ingle, VDGE
District C	Ron Supinger, DGE	Dolores O'Malley, VDG candidate
District D	Paul Bledsoe, DGE	Larry Covington, VDGE
District E	Dale Dupree, DGE	Morris Van Vleet, VDGE
District F	Gary Greene, DGE	
District G	Steve Wilson, DGE	Sherman Leathers, VDGE
District H	Barbara Mayes, DGE	George Holston, VDGE
District J	Lawrence Sandy, DGE	Mike Flora, VDGE

Good Morning;

Thanks to this council for allowing me to serve as your State Promotions Chair. It has been an exciting year.

Sales of merchandise continues to be good. We may be short on some items, but we continue to receive merchandise. If I am out of stock please your name address and phone number.

Promoting Lionism is a very important part of being a Lion. It is every one's responsibility.

The International Lions Convention is approaching very quickly. Are you ready for Hong Kong? It will not be the same after we leave. Hope you will plan to attend.

District Governors payment of pins are due. Check with your cabinet Secretary Treasurer.

N.C. Lions State Convention is only a month away. Encourage Lions in your district to make every effort to attend. See you at North Raleigh Hilton.

Submitted by David C. Boyd, Jr.
State Promotions Chair

**RESEARCH AND LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

TO

N.C. LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING

APRIL 30, 2005

DISTRICT GOVERNORS, VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS, FELLOW LIONS

Our committee met on April 9, 2005 at Camp Dogwood with most of the Governors and Vice District Governors in attendance. The subject was REDISTRICTING IN N.C. and we were looking for input from all in attendance about how best to accomplish this task. This committee has been reviewing this subject since 1989. With the latest plan submitted in 2002. None of these plans has ever been approved by the Council in office at the time. A lot of time and effort has gone into these plans, so we wanted the current Council and the incoming Council to participate, so we could get a better idea as to what they felt we needed. It was an interesting meeting but very little was accomplished. What we have to understand is that we need to put aside our prejudices and look at what is best not just for our district but for the Lions of N.C. We have a problem and we cannot solve it by ignoring it. Eight of our nine districts are below 1,250 members and the 9th one is very close. One of our biggest problems is we do not plan ahead on the State level. We should have a Five Year Plan and also a Ten Year Plan. We cannot continue to ignore our problems, we must do something about them. The Council tells the committees what their priorities are, we need the incoming Council to give us direction in this regard.

**Women's Membership Development and
Participation Committee Report
April 30, 2005
By; Martha Butler, PDG Chairperson**

Thank you, Governors for allowing me to serve the Lions of our state in this position for the 2004-2005 Lions Year and for the support you have given me and your District Chairpersons. As all of you know the Lions of this state lost a good friend and great Lion on Tuesday night and we all pray for his family. PIP Bill was a great supporter of women serving as Lions as well as Lioness. In February of 2000 when Past President Bill met with our incoming council he gave each of us a book entitled "Keep on Keeping On" written by Dr. Richard Crowder. He challenged us to read this book and to "Keep on Keeping On" serving others through Lionism. I am asking you Governors, and fellow Lions, to join us now in that pledge, to Keep on Keeping On in our life as Lions so that when we are gone we like Lion Bill will have made a difference in the lives of others. Past President Bill also firmly believed in men and women serving together as he and his loving wife Ginny have done as Partners in Service. Let us pledge now to honor his memory by bringing more men and women into our clubs so that they and all of us can serve together as Partners in Service.

Inviting women to serve the less fortunate of our communities as lions, is not only important to us as Lions it is also important to our communities. As I have stated before women in all of our communities assisted the male members of our clubs for many years before the delegates voted in 1987 to invite women to join and serve together with the male members. Always remember that those in need of our assistance don't care if the hand held out to them in service is male or female. They only know and care that you as a Lion cared enough to help.

In May I will present to you my final report for the year and I sincerely hope that report is better than the one I have for you today. The latest figures I have for you at this time shows that on February 28, 2005 there were 1,681 female members and 7,837 male members for a total membership 9,645 members in 393 Lions Clubs in North Carolina. Of these 393 clubs all but 80 had female members at that time. On June 31, 2004 there were 1884 female members, 7,957 male members for a total membership of 9,841 members. This tells us that since June we have lost 203 female members and 220 male members. Our percentage of female members has also dropped from 19.4% to 17.4%. The cumulative report from Lions Clubs International shows that since June 31, 2004 we have gained a total of 715 members statewide, but we have dropped 911 members for a net loss of 196 members. We can and must do better. Robert Schuller once said "The good new is that the bad news can be turned into good news when we change our attitude". May we all move forward with a positive attitude and grow our membership after all it is the life blood of our organization.

Number of Female and Male Members as Reported By District on February 28, 2005

<u>District</u>	<u>Female Members</u>	<u>Male Members</u>	<u>Total Membership</u>	<u># Clubs</u>	<u>% of Female</u>
A	297	869	1,166	49	25.4%
B	232	714	946	40	24.5%
C	167	592	759	37	22.0%
D	164	1,025	1,189	45	13.7%
E	252	878	1,130	47	22.3%
F	201	1,018	1,219	50	16.4%
G	206	1,069	1,275	40	16.1%
H	208	769	977	41	21.2%
J	181	803	984	43	18.3%
Total	1681	7,737	9,645	393	17.4%

Number of Female and Male Members as Reported By District on January 31, 2005

<u>District</u>	<u>Female Members</u>	<u>Male Members</u>	<u>Total Membership</u>	<u># Clubs</u>	<u>% of Female</u>
A	295	868	1,163	49	25.3%
B	232	713	945	40	24.5%
C	167	598	765	37	21.8%
D	163	1,023	1,186	45	13.7%
E	250	877	1,127	47	22.1%
F	202	1,023	1,225	50	16.4%
G	203	1,064	1,267	40	16.0%
H	208	769	977	41	21.2%
J	182	808	990	43	18.3%
Total	1,902	7,743	9,645	392	19.7%

Number of Female and Male Members As Reported By District on June 30, 2004

<u>District</u>	<u>Female Members</u>	<u>Male Members</u>	<u>Total Membership</u>	<u>% of Females</u>
A	319	927	1,246	25.6%
B	211	715	926	22.8%
C	166	630	796	20.9%
D	162	1,036	1,198	13.5%
E	262	889	1,151	22.8%
F	174	1,037	1,211	14.4%
G	207	1,083	1,290	16.0%
H	203	790	993	20.4%
J	180	850	1,030	17.5%
Total	1884	7,957	9,841	19.4%



**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM 04/05**

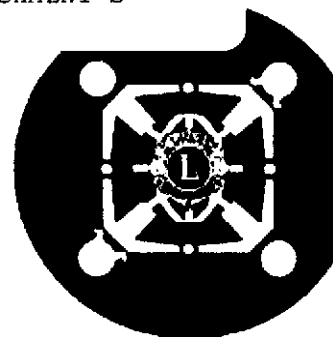
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April 30, 2005

Youth Exchange Report

I would like to thank all the Governors for letting me be Youth Exchange Chair this year. Our program is well known all over the world. I always have to turn down students.

This year we have three students from North Carolina that will be in the program.

Tabitha James is sponsored by the Bryson City Lions Club (District A) she will be going to Japan.

Shane Patrick is sponsored by the Mocksville Lions Club (District D) he is going to Austria.

Jake Silverman is sponsored by the Durham Lions Club (District G) he is going to Italy.

Each one of these students will have something to remember the rest of their lives. It is a great opportunity for students ages 17-21. Please help me get the program out to the students in your community.

This year we have students from Poland, Germany, Denmark, Italy, Turkey, Austria, Ireland, Slovakia, The Netherlands, Finland, Israel and Mexico.

Thanks to the Greensboro Host Lions Club for hosting our stay at the WOW Camp and the Asheboro Lions Club for tickets to the Zoo and for dinner on Sunday.

After leaving the camp we will be in Raleigh and Lion Herb Justice is working out the details for our stay in Raleigh.

Then thanks to Lion Monroe Gardner for letting us stay at his place on Lake Gaston for two days.

After leaving Lion Monroes place we will have lunch with District Governor Keith in Smithfield. Then to the outlet malls, shopping and more shopping. We will be spending the night in Wilson hosted by the Wilson Luncheon Lions Club. Then we will go to Kill Devil Hill with Lion Gwen White making arrangements for our stay with the help of Lion Jana Underwood planning our entertainment.

We leave on Monday morning to New Bern with Lion Anne Metts helping for our one night stay. Then to Wilmington for two nights stay with Lion Sherry doing the planning. We leave on Thursday arriving in Sanford that afternoon. Lion Dave Martin is doing the planning for our stay there. Then we leave for home on Saturday.

As you can see there are several Lions all over North Carolina that are involved with the program plus all the host families all over North Carolina.

Thank you,

Lion Paulette Gasperson

Lion Paulette Gasperson Youth Exchange Chairperson MD 31

YOUTH OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT
APRIL 30 2005
NORTH CAROLINA LIONS
COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

Thank you for the opportunity to serve again this year. I have enjoyed it and I think some progress has been made in serving more youth through Lionism.

I have called most of the members of the Youth outreach Committee this week. Committee members noted no new activities.

I have given the VDGs a folder describing all the youth programs in North Carolina. There are currently seven programs that primarily serve our youth. Diabetes in youth, Lions Young Ambassadors and Lions Young Leaders are three more that could be added by the Council.

I would like to recommend that a new committee be established called "Lions Opportunities for Youth". This committee would be comprised of the state chairs of all North Carolina Lions youth programs. They would meet at least twice a year to review, discuss and coordinate youth activities.

I believe that greater involvement by Lions Clubs would be extremely helpful to our youth and also helpful to membership growth in North Carolina. We need both!

I have enjoyed working with the Council and the committee chairs of the Youth Outreach program.

Thank you for the opportunity.

James M Irvin, Chair

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