

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

Sheraton Imperial Hotel
Durham, North Carolina

Saturday May 3, 2003
9:00 A.M.

The Fifth official meeting of the North Carolina Lions State Council was called to order by Council Chair Billy G. Herring. He welcomed everyone that was present.

For the record, the Council met in caucus on Friday, May 2, 2003. All nine governors were present for this meeting.

The attendance for the Saturday Council meeting was as follows:

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

District Governor Elects present were:

DGE Sidney G. Harbison	31-A	DGE Roy Jernigan	31-F
DGE Warren Miller	31-B	DGE I. Frank Brooks	31-G
DGE A. Paul Smith	31-C	DGE David C. Boyd, Jr.	31-H
DGE Johnny Stuart	31-D	DGE David Rhodes	31-J
DGE Diane Whitley	31-E		

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DG Caudle and the invocation was given by DG Williford.

Council Chair Herring recognized PID Sid Scruggs and PID Lacy Presnell for comments. PID Scruggs reported on the LCI Board of Directors meeting which was held in April 2003. PID Scruggs distributed a copy of the Executive Summary to the Council of Governors and commented on selected items contained in the report.

Council Chair Herring asked DG W. Brad Logsdon to serve as parliamentarian for the Council meeting.

Council Chair Herring asked for the reading of the February 2003 Council of Governors meeting minutes. Prior to the reading of the minutes, DG Coley moved and DG Holmes seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. The motion was approved.

State Secretary- Treasurer Wall was asked to present the State Council of Governors financial report(See Attachment "A"). DG Logsdon moved and DG Williford seconded that the financial report be approved as presented. The motion was approved.

Council Chair Herring asked NCLF Director Steve Walker to give an update on the Core 4 Diabetes Grant (#7275). Director Walker reported that the work has been completed and the facility is operational. The final invoices are being reviewed and final payment will be made soon. There is an open house planned for Sunday, June 1, 2003. More information on the open house will be available soon. The total amount of the project is \$263,360.

DG Brad Logsdon reported that District 31-F has received a LCI core 4 grant for a Habitat House.

Chair Herring reported that he had selected the members of the Ad-Hoc Committee to study the Council Chair position as requested by the Council of Governors at the February Council meeting. He explained the purpose of the committee is to review the current policy used to select a council chairperson for the multiple district and to determine if the current policy is satisfactory, or if some other method should be adopted. The Committee is to consider and evaluate alternatives that are currently used by other multiple districts to determine if there is a more practical solution for appointing the council chairperson. Chair Herring charged the members to complete the study and present their findings and recommendation to the 2003-2004 Council of Governors no later than the February 2004 Council Meeting.

The following Lions have been appointed to serve on the committee:

District A	PDG Martha Butler	District F	DG Brad Logsdon, Chair
District B	PCC Robert Shook	District G	PDG Monroe Gardner
District C	PDG David Shimberg	District H	PCC Edward Shivers
District D	PCC John Wall	District J	PDG Terry Holliday
District E	PCC Harvey Whitley		

DG Harris moved and DG Williford seconded that the committee be approved as stated. The motion was approved.

Co-Chairs David Leonard and Carlton Metts were recognized for the report on the 2003 NC Lions State Convention. They gave a final report on the Convention (See Attachment "B"). Council Chair Herring expressed the Council's appreciation to Lions David, Carlton and the Lions clubs that hosted the Convention for all the time and effort they put into planning this Convention. Lions David and Carlton presented Chair Herring with a check in the amount of \$7,003.55 from the Convention Fund. This was an outstanding Convention.

Council Chair Herring reported that the Historian Committee Chair Herbert Justice, PDG reported that \$1,220.00 was raised from the silent auction at the State Convention. This amount will allow the Council of Governors to select two recipients for a Jack Stickley Fellow. The Council selected two recipients whose names will not be revealed until the presentations are made. DG Williford moved and DG Caudle seconded that the State Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to purchase the two Jack Stickley Fellows. The motion was approved.

Chair Herring recognized DG Brad Logsdon for a report on the 2004 NC Lions State Convention. DG Logsdon reported that the 2004 State Convention is scheduled be held March 25-28 in Fayetteville, NC at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux. However, in order for First Vice President Dr. Tae-Sup Lee to be our guest at the 2004 NC Lions State Convention, the date must be changed. The date will need to be changed to March 4-7, 2004. PID Scruggs who arranges the guest speakers for all of our Conventions reported that this will be the first time that North Carolina has had the International President for a State Convention since PID Bill Woolard was President. DG Caudle moved and DG Coley seconded that the 2004 NC Lions State Convention be held March 4-7, 2004. The motion was approved. DG Logsdon will serve as Convention Chair.

Chair Herring recognized PDG D. C. "Ivy" Iversen for a presentation on the 2005 NC Lions State Convention. A packet of information was given to the Council of Governors containing information on the hotel and the Raleigh area. Everyone watched a five minute video from the hotel. PDG Iversen will be the Convention Chair. The Convention Committee leadership has been selected. There are four Lions Clubs involved in hosting the Convention. A contract has been signed with the Hilton North Raleigh Hotel, establishing the room rate for the weekend of May 26-29, 2005. DG Holmes moved and DG Harris seconded that the report be approved as presented and that the Convention be held May 26-29, 2005. The motion was approved.

Council Chair Herring recognized Secretary Wall for a report on the NC-TN Lions Breakfast and the caucus at the International Convention. The breakfast will be held Wednesday, July 2 at 7:30 am. Total attendees must be in by the first of June. NO tickets for the Breakfast will be sold at the Convention. We will participate in a jointly held caucus with four or five other multiple districts that are staying in the Doubletree Hotel, Thursday, July 3 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. The State Secretary-Treasurer Linda McCormick from Kansas is making the arrangements.

Chair Herring recognized NCLF President David Smoot for comments. President Smoot reminded everyone that a caucus was going to be held today at 2:30 pm concerning the Camp Dogwood renovations and a swimming pool proposal. He reported that the Duke Eye Center dedication will be held at 2:00 pm Sunday. He asked the Governors to continue to work to meet the White Cane goals. Lion Steve Walker, Executive Director of the NC Lions Foundation was recognized for comments. Director Walker reported that Camp Director Sharon Weddington resigned in March. The NCLF Exec. Committee appointed five persons to interview candidates for the Camp Director position. Five persons applied for the position. Sandy Lazenby was selected for the position. Director Walker reminded everyone that the 2003 summer camping season is coming up soon. Camp Director Sandy Lazenby has been working hard planning for the summer. A new Camp Secretary has been hired. Everything is in great shape at this time. Currently there are 13 confirmed counselors and 600+ applications have been processed for the 12 sessions. There are more applications to be processed. A camp nurse has been secured for the entire summer camping season. The response for volunteers to serve during the camping season has been great.

Chair Herring asked PDG John T. Miller, III to give a report for John Duluca, Director of the

Division of Services for the Blind (See Attachment "C")

Council Chair Herring adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am for a fifteen minute break. The meeting was called back to order at 10:20 am and Chair Herring called for the Statewide Committee reports. The following written reports were received:

Extension	Lion Gene Everette	(See Attachment "D")
Historian	Herbert Justice, PDG	(See Attachment "E")
Leadership	Harvey F. Whitley, PCC	(See Attachment "F")
Leo	Lion Bernard Shear	(See Attachment "G")
Membership	Dennis Alcock, PDG	(See Attachment "H")
Nominating	Larry F. Gasperson, PDG	(See Attachment "J")
Promotions	George Ohm, PDG	(See Attachment "K")
State Convention	James H. Sasser, PCC	(See Attachment "L")
Youth Exchange	Lion Paulette Gasperson	(See Attachment "M")
Information Technology	Leonard Wilburn, PDG	(See Attachment "N")
Liberty Day	Lion Anne Neroni	(See Attachment "O")
Retention	Edward D. Shivers, III, PCC	(See Attachment "P")
Res. & Lg Range Planning	John T. Miller, III	

Chair Miller gave each District Governor and District Governor Elect a booklet containing the results of the study the Committee has done concerning redistricting. He stated that the report was not completely finished. He went through the report and explained it in detail. He stated that after careful study, the Research and Long Range Planning Committee (which includes PID Lacy Presnell, Jr. who was asked by the 2001-02 Council of Governors, to serve as a consultant / advisor to the Committee) recommends that the six district plan that is part of the study be adopted and that the information contained in the study be made available to all Lions in MD 31. Any comments and suggestions from Lions should be given to the Research and Long Range Planning Committee for consideration. The Committee recommended that the redistricting plan be voted on at the 2004 NC Lions State Convention. Chair Miller stated that no one wants redistricting but membership and retention must be increased to avoid redistricting. (NOTE: the current District Governors and District Governors Elect have copies of the study.) DG Caudle moved and DG Logsdon seconded that the 2002-03 Council of Governors approve the concept of the six district plan as presented and recommend that the incoming Council of Governors (2003-04) publish the information through the NCLF Newspaper and other communications within their respective districts in order to educate all Lions. The motion was unanimously approved. Any further action that is taken on the redistricting plan will be considered by the 2003-04 Council of Governors. Chair Herring thanked Chair Miller and the Committee for the work they have done concerning this matter and noted that more work would need to be done before a final decision could be made.

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

DG Logsdon reported at the last Council meeting that District 31-F has a portable lectern that may be available for the Council to purchase. He said he would let the Council know at the May

meeting. DG Logsdon reported that District 31-F has agreed to sell the lectern for \$175.00 if the Council of Governors would want to buy it. DG Harris moved and DG Williford seconded that the Council should purchase the portable lectern for \$175.00. The motion was approved.

Chair Herring recognized PCC Dave Butler for comments concerning the Southeastern Pin Swap (See Attachment "Q")

PDG Herb Justice reported that District 31-G is going to host the US Blind Golf Association (LCIF/USBGA) Regional Championship & Pro-Am Golf Tournament Monday, August 18, 2003 in Raleigh. He asked the District Governors to publicize the event in their newsletters.

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 pm.

Respectively submitted,

John B. Wall, PCC
State Secretary-Treasurer

JBW/bc

**North Carolina State Council
Financial Report
for the year 2002-03
as of April 30, 2003**

INCOME:	Budget	Budget	Actual	(Over) Under
Funds from prior years	35,957.86	See Note 1	35,957.86	0.00
State Dues per member (\$2.50 x 10,172) (as of 6/30/02)	25,430.50		25,281.50	149.00
Interest Received (From CD and Checking account)	400.00		1,210.28	(810.28)
Vendor space rental at 2003 State Convention	450.00		450.00	0.00
Tailtwister's ticket sales and auction (at the State Conv.)	1,000.00		4,404.00	(3,404.00)
Youth Exchange Funds restricted current year	0.00		1,816.00	(1,816.00)
Misc. Income not Budgeted	<u>0.00</u>	See Note 3	<u>3,860.75</u>	<u>(3,860.75)</u>
Total Income			<u>63,238.36</u>	<u>72,980.39</u>
EXPENSES:				
Financial Audit	350.00		350.00	0.00
Treasurer's Bond	103.00		103.00	0.00
Clerical Services - NCLF	600.00		600.00	0.00
Office Supplies (Secretary / Treasurer)	300.00		269.92	30.08
Printing (NCLF and Secretary / Treasurer)	1,400.00		308.06	1,091.94
Postage (NCLF and Secretary / Treasurer)	1,000.00		474.19	525.81
Telephone (Secretary / Treasurer)	200.00			
Plaques and Gifts	1,000.00		533.08	466.92
State Council Meetings	250.00			
Expenses - State Secretary / Treasurer	4,000.00		2,807.25	1,192.75
Expenses - State Council Chair	5,000.00		2,937.51	2,062.49
2003 State Convention - cash advance	6,000.00	See Note 2	6,000.00	0.00
Extension Committee	2,000.00		1,301.92	698.08
Leadership Committee (See Note 5)	2,500.00		2,142.92	357.08
Membership Committee	2,000.00			
Retention Committee (See Note 5)	500.00			
Liberty Day (See Note 5)	1,000.00		4,125.00	(3,125.00)
State Council Committee Expenses	9,000.00		5,900.85	3,099.15
NC Lions - Lions/Quest Funds	1,000.00			
Leo Clubs Expenses	1,000.00			
Youth Exchange Committee (from the Council Funds)	1,000.00			
Misc Expenses not budgeted	<u>0.00</u>	See Note 4	<u>15,831.46</u>	<u>(15,831.46)</u>
Total Expenses			<u>40,203.00</u>	<u>43,685.16</u>
Contingency (includes \$1,000 for youth exchange)			<u>23,035.36</u>	
Budget Total			<u>63,238.36</u>	
Youth Exchange Restricted Fund (as of 6-30-02)	2,825.28			
Current year Youth Exchange Funds including Council \$1000.00	<u>2,816.00</u>	See Note 5		
Youth Exchange Total	5,641.28			
Youth Exchange Expenses	<u>3,776.23</u>			

Note 1: This includes CD amount of 28,677.42 and restricted Youth Exch. fund \$2,825.28, 01-02 Council TT money \$441.25.

Note 2: \$4,000 advance (Conv. Comm. must sell at least \$6,000 worth of ads to receive the additional \$2,000)

Note 3: Liberty day \$517.50, Youth Activities \$400.00 (Dist. 31-H), NC Lions Breakfast Tickets \$120.00, Liberty Day Pin sales \$228.00, TN Lions \$810.00, Liberty Day \$396.50, Silent Auction (JS Fellow) \$1,220.00, Re-imburement 2002 NC State Conv. \$168.75.

Note 4: Final payment 2003 NC Lions State Convention \$2,000, Youth Exchange camping expenses \$3,573.73, Name Badges for SW Committee Chairs \$31.87, expense for Maryland Flag that was flown over Maryland State Capital \$41.60, Youth Exchange supplies from LCI \$32.50, 2001-002 Council TT funds \$441.25, Web Site two year fee \$119.40, State Convention Council expenses \$1,392.61, NCLF Donation in honor of DGEs \$900.00, Youth Exchange pins \$170.00, Deposit for NC /TN Breakfast \$1,620.00 (½ paid by TN), Promotion Com. \$289.50 (one ck for Council & Promotion), Refund to Duke Vendor space \$150.00, State Conv. TT Funds NCLF \$4,394.00 (½ White Cane & 1/2 Clinical Eye Res), NCLF Donation in honor for 5 DGs & SW Comm. Chairs \$675.00.

Note 5: Council of Governors approved increasing the Youth Exc. budget amt for this year from \$500 to \$1,000 due to the shortage of funds and added a budget line item for Retention. Council approved increasing Leadership by \$500 and adding Liberty Day Budget Item with \$1000.00

2003 North Carolina Lions State Convention

Our 80th Multiple District State Convention

Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel

Atlantic Beach, NC

March 27-30, 2003

Qtly Report #4 and Final

May 3, 2003

The Emerald Isle Crystal Coast, New Bern Twin Rivers, Morehead City, New Bern Host, Jacksonville New River, Jacksonville Breakfast, Jacksonville Host Lions Clubs making up our 2003 NC Lions Convention Committee are pleased to submit this successful and final report on the 2003 NC Lions State Convention that was held at the Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel in Atlantic Beach on March 27, 28, 29 and 30, 2003. The Convention Committee thanks current Council of Governors for allowing us to serve you and the Lions of North Carolina for this event.

This is the final report for the 80th North Carolina Lions State Convention.

- 1) The convention activities began Thursday, March 27, 2003 at the Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel. The Convention opened with a dinner on Thursday night for the Council of Governors, District Governor Elects, the North Carolina Past International Officers, Second Vice President Clement F. Kusiak and his wife Jeanne. Past International President William L. Woolard and his wife Ginny were unable to attend due to PIP Bill's health and sent his regrets. Past International Director Grady R. Pulliam, Jr. was unable to attend and sent their regrets. Past International Director Ron and wife Jane were unable to attend due to prior commitments. International Officers in attendance were: Past International Director Sid Scruggs and wife Judy, Past International Director E. Howard Stallings and wife Emma Leigh, Past International Director Lacy Presnell, Jr. and wife Esther and Virginia West widow of Past International Director Wallace I. West, Sr.

Past International Director Sid Scruggs presented plaques to each current District Governor and congratulated each for a job well done. The Council of Governors and their spouse provided each of their succeeding Governors Elect with tools of the trade to make their lives easier as they travel the roads of this fine State. Each of the District Governors Elect was presented with a William L. Woolard Partner in Service at the Founder lLel, DGE Diane Whitley is currently a William L. Woolard Partner in Service at the Founder Level and a contribution was made as an Honorarium. All Governors and Governor Elects were present.

- 2) The Council of Governors meeting was held Friday Morning at 9:00 A.M. with all Governors present:

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

- 3) Friday Golf Tournament was held at the Bogue Banks Country Club less than two miles from the hotel. The price per player was \$35 inclusive of cart, food, refreshments, and prizes. PDG Curtis Bare of the New Bern Club chaired this event and reported that he had 54 golfers participating. Weather turned out just great for a March day at the beach. All funds from this event was handled by the Tournament Committee and went toward entry fees, carts, food, prizes. This was a zero \$ profit event.
 - 4) Hospitality Rooms opened 3:00-5:00 PM on Saturday. All three groups had a successful turn out.
 - 5) The Friday Night Fun Night was a Beach Party and Buffet. Entertainment was by the Carolina Beach Club, a top 40 Beach Music group from Greenville, NC. Dancing went on until the band had to leave. Great turn out and all appeared to enjoy the music, dancing, fellowship with fellow Lions and Guest.
 - 6) Friday Night late registration to 11:00 PM was an excellent idea that helped to reduce peak loads and long lines. The committee would like to recommend this to be a standard. Majority of the packets were picked up on Friday Night that allowed the participation to the Tail Twisters Breakfast to be more timely with out interference.
 - 7) Saturday Tail Twisters Breakfast featured many items for auction and prizes. The Convention Tail Twisters did an excellent job in handling the many items in an organized and proficient manner. The proceeds exceeded \$4400.00 which was outstanding. Great Job for a lot to happen in a short time.
 - 8) PDG Luncheon and annual meeting was another successful event with 142 in attendance. PDG Woody Huggins presided. All that attended were not PDGs, but they were able to view the meeting, received a meal and kept them here for the seminars.
 - 9) Saturday Tour (1:00 PM to 5:00 PM) two great tours of Fort Macon and the North Carolina Aquarium. The Fort Macon Historical Site was free and had 88 registered.

Tour to NC Aquarium cost a flat \$3 for all to attend, this was a discount rate and registration through the Convention was required. Registered for the event was 85 Lions and Guests.
 - 10) Seminars on Saturday 1:45 PM to 3:30 PM.
 - A. 1:45PM - 2:45PM Mentoring by PID Sid Sruggs.
 - B. 2:45PM - 3:30PM Forming Leo Clubs by Lion Bernie Shear, Leo Committee Statewide Chair.
- * Entertainment at the District Governors Banquet was provided by C. J. Watson a talented young lady, blind since she was 6 months old from Greenville, North Carolina and known by many Lions across the state. Lions enjoyed her music and gave a token of their appreciation as a scholarship collection of approximately \$3,500.00

* Service of Remembrance was held 8:45-9:45 AM to allow time to relocate tables for Cabinet Meetings. As usual this was a touching and meaningful event to honor our fallen Lions during the current Lions year.

* Ad program was extremely successful. The total sales reached the record of \$25,038.00

* We ordered a total of (300) 80th Convention Patches. Sold 270 at a profit of \$186.50.

* Lions Store total sales \$1512.00. Cost \$1286.44 with a return shipping \$91.17. Lot of work for a profit of \$133.85, but a lot of Lions did get opportunity to purchase and wear items with the Lions Emblem.

* Attendance through registration.

By Function:

Thursday Night	48
Fun Night	406
Golf	54
Tail Twisters Breakfast	458
PDG Luncheon	142
DG Banquet	492
Tour 1	88
Tour 2	85

By District	Lions	Guests	Total Registered
A	41	6	47
B	31	6	37
C	23	8	31
D	46	15	61
E	39	9	48
F	45	14	59
G	85	25	110
H	94	27	121
J	54	13	67
Guest	6	0	6
Other	6	3	9
Total Registered	470	126	596

* Convention Committee's final meeting was held on April 8, 2003 at Sheraton Hotel. Dinner was provided to the group as a token of our appreciation of a job well done. The Convention Committee likes to thank the Lions of North Carolina for their visit to the Crystal Coast and hope they enjoyed their stay.

Submitted By:

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

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

NC Dept. of Health and Human Services
From: John DeLuca, Director

Budget

The House and Senate have each passed versions of the budget for the upcoming biennium. A conference committee will soon be appointed to reconcile differences between the two budgets. The only significant cut identified thus far for DSB has been one of \$50,000 in Special Assistance for the Blind, a program that provides supplemental payments to adult care homes for blind individuals that meet the financial eligibility criteria. We have analyzed this proposed cut and feel that we can manage it.

Consolidation

So far, consolidation of disability agencies has not been a topic of much discussion during this legislative session. Based on comments that I have heard, I think we have reason to hope that this will continue to be true.

Fort Bragg

The litigation with Fort Bragg regarding our efforts to obtain the contract for feeding troops there for our Business Enterprises Program has come to an end. The DC Circuit of the Federal Court of Appeals ruled against us, primarily on procedural grounds, and our attorneys have advised against further appeal.

Left Turn on Red

House Bill 147 would legalize left turns on red from a one way street to a one way street. Historically, the blindness community has opposed such legislation for safety reasons. There is a good chance that the bill will pass the House of Representatives today. Predecessor bills have done so in years past. Traditionally, the Senate has been less receptive to this concept.

NewsLine for the Blind

Senate Bill 975 was introduced about a month ago and would establish NewsLine as a service provided by the State. NewsLine is a service through which blind persons can access designated newspapers, such as the Raleigh News and Observer and the Charlotte Observer in-state, as well as national papers like USA Today, through the touch-tone telephone. At this point, it is difficult to say what the chances of success are for the bill, but the service is a valuable one. Thus, I am hoping for passage

American Foundation for the Blind Award

At a ceremony in Charlotte on April 16, the American Foundation for the Blind announced that Charlotte was named as the most livable city for blind persons in the United States. This award resulted from extensive surveying of blind persons across the nation. Charlotte's mass transit system and cultural opportunities were identified as key considerations in the selection.

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

To: NC Lions State Council Members

Date: 3 May 2003

From: Lion Gene Everette, State Extension Chairman

Re: End of Year Up-Date

Well, not much has changed since our last State Council Meeting in March; however, I have been informed that Lions International is continuing to make a bigger push for Districts to encourage more Hispanic's to get involved in Lionism by joining existing Clubs or start New Hispanic Clubs. New Membership Kits for Hispanics are now available from Lions International.

The Original MERL Team Members will be completing their Three Year Term on June 30th, 2003. It has been a fast three years, but a rewarding three years. The MERL Team has enjoyed participating in several seminars throughout the three years, but most of all enjoyed meeting so many New Lions throughout North Carolina. Yes, we have had some success in ALL Areas: New Regular Lions Clubs – Campus Lions Clubs – Branch Lions Clubs, plus additional LEO CLUBS have been Chartered during the past Three Years. However, we DID NOT get a New Century Club Chartered. UNFORTUATELY, we did LOSE a few Clubs during the past Three Years, as well. But, all in all, we have made some POSTIVE PROGRESS!

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

DISTRICT A – Lion Houston Henderson reports that he is currently working in the areas of Whittier – Riceville – Carolina Village Resort (Retirement Area) – and Maggie Valley, plus a Campus Club at Western Carolina University. Lion Houston stated that he is confident that the New Club in the Riceville area will be Chartered before the end of June.

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

DISTRICT C – Lion Phyllis Ribbeck reports that a New Branch Lions Club has been Chartered in Lincolnton by the Lincolnton Lions Club... The Lincolnton Lions Branch Club.

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

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

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

DISTRICT G – Lion Gene English has no current report.

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

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

Copies of the New Revision (3rd. Edition) of the booklet: “A BLUE PRINT FOR GROWTH” – A Coordinated Effort For Growth Into The 21st. Century-- has been completed and copies were distributed to each of the District Governor to pass on to their respective Clubs. This Edition covers a wider area of Programs and Informational Needs. The booklet will cover all of the MERLO areas, plus covers other areas of Lionism from the Club Level to the International Level. The District Governor’s were given enough Booklets that every Club should have access to one, plus a few extra copies. This book would be a GREAT REFERENCE for New Member Orientation Programs.

Again, I would like to say “Thank You” to our **MD-31 District Governor’s** for their continued support of the MERLO TEAM and to their respective District Extension Chairs this past year for their continued hard work in promoting New Club Extension, throughout, North Carolina. It has been “Great” working with **PDG Harvey Whitley, PDG Dennis Alcock and PDG Ed Shivers** all members of the original MERL Team. Let me say, to the New District Governor’s, please **CALL ON YOUR (NEW) MERLO TEAM MEMBERS** to provide SEMINAR’S for your Mid-Winter Conventions and Leadership Workshops in the coming year.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Gene Everette
MD-31 State Extension Chairman

**HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR STATE COUNCIL
RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK
MAY 3, 2003**

The History Committee has had a good and productive year. We have had good attendance at our committee meetings, all of which were held at Camp Dogwood. Two of these were two-day working meetings. Since the State Convention, we met again and continued our work. We still have a lot to do, but feel that we have accomplished a lot for the year. Some of our work during this year was as follows:

- 11) Developed guidelines for use of the District Bulletin Boards in the Stickley Building
- 12) Replaced the shelving in the Stickley Building with steel shelving on wheels
- 13) Began the process of identifying the photos stored in the While Building
- 14) Began the process of storing all historic items in the same type boxes for future reference
- 15) Began the process of securing photos of our District Governors that have served since the last history book was published.
- 16) Secured the approval of the Stickley and Woolard families to sell by silent auction extraneous items stored in both the Stickley and White Buildings that were presented to our two Past International Presidents. The auction of these items, which so far, have been from the Stickley collection has raised over \$1200.00 which can be used by the Council of Governors for the presentation of two Jack Stickley Fellowships.

We hope to continue these auctions during the next year, provided the new council gives us approval. These will be on a limited basis at the District Fall and Winter Conventions.

We will also have a silent auction, subject to the approval of the Council, at the State Convention for 2004.

- 17) We have also begun working on redoing the Curio Cabinets in the Stickley Building
- 18) Have, or will have shortly, the photos of all the Past International Directors that have served North Carolina. These will be displayed in the Stickley Building in a place yet to be determined.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity to serve and the opportunity to serve with those great Lions that you selected as District History Committee Representatives. I could not have asked for a better group of Lions to serve with.

Respectfully submitted by: PDG Herbert A. Justice, State Historian

Leadership Development Committee
Report to the MD 31 State Council
Durham, NC May 3, 2003

I am pleased to report that all training for our incoming class of 2003-2004 District Governors is complete. They are now primed to receive the finishing touches at the International Convention in Denver.

Our next class of District Governors for 2004-2005 is scheduled to begin their training at Camp Dogwood on May 23-24, 2003. This is a change from previous years and will give them a head start on learning their duties. They will still receive the training that we have traditionally conducted in December and February. Thanks to the Council for authorizing this additional session. It demonstrates your commitment to leadership training as an important key to membership and extension.

I appreciate the opportunities to serve in your districts this year. My particular thanks to District D and E for including me in your convention seminars. Thanks to District G for inviting me to assist you with your future leaders workshop. From the feedback I have received, this session was very successful. I encourage all districts to consider holding a similar workshop to educate and encourage future leaders. I have also been invited by District J to conduct leadership training on May 31 and by District D on July 26.

I want to express my sincere thanks to you for three of the best years of my Lions life. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your Multiple District Leadership Development Chairman. I love to train Lions and am sad to see my tenure end; but it is time to allow others to enjoy what I have enjoyed. However, I want you to know that my love of training will not go away. I will be ever at your service. All you have to do is ask.

Thank you.

Harvey F. Whitley, PCC
State Leadership Development Chairman, 2002-2003

From: State Leo Chair

1) To: Counsel of Governors

Subj: Final Committee Report

1. First I would like to thank the last two counsels and the current counsel of governors for allowing me to serve in this great youth program. The work has been long and hard, but the rewards of a successful program are the best rewards of all.

2. We have had continual growth in the Leo program and an increase in the involvement of many Lions clubs. This growth is now, and will continue in the future, to be of great value to our wonderful service organization. But, we must remember that it takes time, energy, and a desire to continue this work. The Leo program will not succeed without dedicated Lions, on a state level and in the district, working towards it's success.

3. On May 9-11, the Leos of this great state will converge on Camp Dogwood for their state convention. There will be work, fellowship, and fun. The winding down of a successful Leo year. I wish to thank the State Officers, Leo Dianna Matthews, State President, Leo Holly Cogan, State Vice, Leo Michelle Sapp, State Secretary, and Leo Amanda VerPloeg, State Treasurer for a job "Well Done". To the incoming officers, I challenge you to continue the march forward. God Bless you all.

4. To whomever takes this position, I challenge you to continue the work with all your heart. I will be watching.

Your in Lionism,

Lion Bernie Shear

Statewide Leo Chairman

State Council Meeting

State Membership Report

May 3, 2003

The LCI's March report figures are very disappointing and we as a Multiple continue to have a declining membership.

5 Lions Clubs dropped.

- District A, With 1 Dropped Club still has a net Gain of +17 in membership, the highest of the Multiple, they also have the highest in New Members, Reinstated and Transfer Members.
- District B, With 2 Dropped Clubs has only a net Loss of -6 in membership, the lowest of the Multiple they also have the lowest in Reinstated, Transfer and unfortunately New Lions
- District C, Has done well with an all round effort and has a net Loss of -36
- District D, With 1 Dropped Club, triple digit Loss 105, a net Loss of -36
- District E, Has the 2nd highest Loss with 122, a net Loss of -36
- District F, Has the highest Loss with 135, and a net Loss of -47
- District G, Another triple digit Loss of 102, a net Loss of -27
- District H, With 1 Dropped Club, 2nd lowest in New members, a net Loss of -40
- District J, Has the 2nd highest in New members, and 2nd in a net increase +14

There is no apparent consistency in these figures, but it does show that the so called weak Districts are making head way and have by far the better results.

Are the so called stronger Districts not aware of the dangerous path that they are headed?

We have 7 Districts that are Transitional

We have 2 Districts that are but 26 and 34 members away from Transitional

We must be mindful that we loss members in far bigger numbers than the numbers that we gain. -36, -36, -47, -40 compared to +17, +5, 14

District B is still at the point that it can be a net Gain District.

Respectively Submitted

Dennis Alcock, PCC
MD.31 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

MAY 4, 2003

THANK YOU COUNCIL CHAIR BILLY,

SEC/TREAS JOHN, DISTRICT GOVERNORS, PID

AT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO BE HELD SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2003, THE
NCLF

OFFICERS WILL BE ELECTED FOR THE 2003-2004 YEAR:

PRESIDENT	JOHN J. O' MALLEY
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT	HARVEY F. WHITLEY
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT	RALPH L. HOLMES
	CARLTON V. METTS
	ROBERT M. SAWTELLE
SECRETARY	RON L. STALEY
TREASURER	RICHARD E. DURHAM

HOPEFULLY A FULL COMPLIMENT OF DELEGATES WILL BE ON HAND
TOMORROW TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS FOR ALLOWING ME TO
SERVE IN THIS CAPACITY THIS YEAR.

THANK YOU

LARRY F. GASPERSON, PDG
STATEWIDE NOMINATING CHAIR

The USA/Canada Forum will be held in Portland, Oregon on September 18-20, 2003. Registration fees are \$165 per person to June 30; \$175 from July1 – Aug. 15; \$185 after Aug 16. Hotel reservations require a \$100 deposit. If you've never been to a Forum, you owe yourself the trip. The intent is to learn skills through the numerous seminars and meet other Lions from the USA and Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Ohm, PDG
Chairman, Promotions Committee

The State Convention Committee has had a good year. The recent Atlantic Beach State Convention was a huge success. Congratulations go to Lions Carlton Metts and Dave Leonard for a job well-done! The future Convention schedule is as

follows:

2004 - Fayetteville (March)

2005 - Raleigh (May)

As you know, the 2006 Convention was tentatively scheduled for Wilmington in March, but the Hilton reneged on its room rate agreement. Discussions are under way with other Lions and cities as potential sites for 2006. We are anticipating an August Council presentation from Greenville to be the 2006 host city.

John, due to family commitments, I will not be in Durham this Friday and Saturday for the Council meetings. Please ask Brad Logsdon to give a report from the Fayetteville Committee to the Council.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your five years of great work as CST to the Councils.

Yours in Lionism,

Jim Sasser

YOUTH EXCHANGE

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May 4, 2003

REPORT OF THE YOUTH EXCHANGE

Thank you Council Chairman Billy,

Secretary/ Treasurer John, District Governors,

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

As the Statewide Youth Exchange Chair I have attended all the Fall & Mid-Winter Conventions, setting up a display table with pictures, etc of past Youth Exchange camping seasons. The District Chairs in G, H and J have been a great help in planing for this summer youth exchange camp. Our students have changed from the last meeting. At this time we have students committed from the following countries:

Germany, Denmark, Hungary, Poland, Austria, Peru, Italy, The Netherlands, Turkey, Switzerland, England, Ireland. All applications have been submitted from these countries and I have made contact with the Youth Exchange Chair from these countries.

I have also received a tremendous response from prospective Host families. As soon as possible, I will try to match up the Students and Host families. I have all the host families with some in case of emergency.

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

Any questions or comments?

Lion Paulette Gasperson

Youth Exchange Chair 2002-2003

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

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

May 5, 2003

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. We have come a long way in the last three years and we have just scratched the surface in the use of computer technology to increase communication and reduce costs. Voice Over Internet which is iffy at best with dial up modems is much more practical with the advent of high speed broadband. Currently broadband is still more expensive, however I think we will see a price decline as the competition heats up.

The cost of hosted web sites has dropped dramatically. Currently we are paying \$5.00 per month for <http://www.nclions.org> . When you pay for one year in advance Webstream will give you the second year free. Thus The \$9.95 per month cost is cut in half. Districts may want to consider setting up their own site at this price. (<Http://www.sebstream.net>)

I am almost ready to turn the state site over to my successor. The email addresses need to be changed , The new council information needs to be added as well as the Council Committee chairs need to be added. We also need to look towards reducing duplication among the various NC web sites. I will be getting with Lion Bennie Pugh to see if he wants me to do anything along those lines.

I expect to complete any updates and turn the administration over prior to the end of this Lions year.

It is time to renew the nclions.org domain name. There are a number of vendors which will renew for less than Network Solutions . Originally Network Solutions was the only approved domain registrar. This is no longer the case. Webstream will renew the registration for \$25.00 per year Network Solution still charges \$35.00 per year for single year renewals. They do give discounts for multi-year renewals . I have seen advertised prices as low as \$15.00 per year.

**I am asking the council for authority to renew for two years to approximate our current hosted site term.
The cost will not exceed \$50.00 for two years**

Lion Leonard C. Wilburn, PDG

Liberty Day North Carolina, celebrating it's third year, has proven to be a resounding success. Through the foresight of "guiding Lions" our service project has achieved what it hoped to accomplish.

- 1) Our mission for "Project Liberty Day" has allowed Lions to go forth and educate citizens, both young and old, with a better understanding of our founding documents. The North Carolina Lions have given out more than 10,000 booklets containing the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution in the three years the program has been in existence. Lions have worked in conjunction with elected officials towards this end.

Although the "Liberty Day" venue is a year-round project, the official day is celebrated on March 16th. It should be noted however, this celebration can occur a few weeks before or after March 16th, if it is better suited. North Carolina has had it's celebration onboard the Battleship North Carolina for the last three years with a full patriotic program enjoyed by all.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Lions in the State of North Carolina for their support and encouragement in helping to make Liberty Day a success.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Anne Neroni

RETENTION REPORT

MAY 3, 2003

EDWARD D. SHIVERS III, PCC

MD-31 RETENTION CHAIRMAN

As this Lion's Year comes to an end, we still need to and must work on Retention. Much information, with regard this subject, has been provided through out the year. We must insure that this material has not only gotten into the hands of those that need it but also that it is utilized. We all must continue our efforts with regard retention if we have any hope of turning it around, something that we must do.

All District Governors Elect are strongly encouraged to place a high priority on Retention in their upcoming Officer's Training Session(s). The three primary threats to Retention should definitely be covered.

1. Length/Boring Meetings. Keep in mind that meetings are a significant part of the Lions club experience and have a big impact on how the association is perceived by members. They are also important to the efficient functioning of a Lions Club.
2. Club Cliques and Politics. Negative cliques and club politics can leave members feeling left out and resentful.
3. Lack of Meaningful Involvement. Encourage all members to become involved in activities, especially those that interest them. Do not push into Club Chairs too fast.

All incoming Club Presidents should definitely be made aware of the need for continued emphasis on retention. This might require a special notification if they are not present at your training session(s). The need is that great.

By all of us working the problem together we can get a handle on the situation. If there are any questions or you need assistance, please contact your District Retention Chairman or myself.

Thank you to the Council for the opportunity of working for and with you this past year.

5th Southeastern Pin Swap
Report by Dave Butler, PCC

This was the first that this swap was held in North Carolina. PDG Martha and I co-chaired this function. It turned out great and was an excellent public relations event for our state.

There were 70 participants there, representing 14 states. Seventy-two tables were full of Lions pins with full suitcases and boxes stored under most tables.

Lion Martha chaired the hospitality room and the traders said it was by far the best of any swap in the country. Lions Lou and Mary Creel helped man the NCLF pin sales, the silent and live auctions. The net result was \$684.50. The NC Pin Trading Club donated \$200.00, giving us a total of \$884.50 for Eye Research.

Fellow Lions, we need your help! Sales at professional swaps in Virginia, Tennessee, and Asheville were only about one third of what they are normally. We just did not have the old pins available. We need to aggressively seek these old pins.

Thanks for everyone's help in this program which is used primarily to fund clinical eye research projects.