

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

Saturday, August 7, 2004  
9:00 AM

Holiday Inn  
Salisbury, NC

Council Chairman, James C. Shuart, called the first meeting of the 2004-2005 North Carolina Lions Council to order at 9: 05 AM.

District Governor F. James Boehm gave the Invocation and District Governor Pat Roland led the pledge of allegiance.

CC Shuart welcomed all Lions and Guests to the meeting.

For the record, the Council met in caucus on Friday evening, August 6, 2004. All nine District Governors were in attendance at the caucus and the Saturday Council Meeting:

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

CC Shuart recognized **PID Howard Stallings** for comments. PID Howard began by stating he was not going to preach about membership, extensions, and retention knowing these are all critical to our success. He did however emphasize the importance of utilizing the Zone Chairs to identify weak and floundering clubs. He also praised the Governors for their state of readiness and training compared to his experience when he served as District Governor. He wished the Governors his very best for a successful year.

Upon being recognized by CC Shuart, **PID Sid Scruggs** immediately took the other side, encouraging efforts to increase Membership, extensions, and retention. He relayed the best wishes from **PIP Bill Woolard**. He stated that **Ginny Woolard** would be traveling to the USA-Canada Forum in Reno in one of her few travels since President Bill's illness. PID Sid went on to present a **President's Certificate of Appreciation to John Kearney** for his tireless efforts to plan the Liberty Day program at the State Convention.

Continuing with his report, PID Sid praised the fact that 8 new clubs were formed last year in North Carolina. However, only two Districts, 31-A and 31-G, were able to meet and maintain full status with over 1250 members. He cited the efforts of one D31-F Lion who brought in 15 new lions, nearly doubling his club's membership.

Dr. Lee stated at our State Convention that his goal was to increase membership by at least one, since previous years had a decline in worldwide membership. The goal of the new Women's Initiative was to recruit 17500 new Women Lions in 2003-04; the actual

count was 51,000 new women Lions. Our worldwide total showed an increase of 11000 members, obviously the Women's Initiative offset losses of male Lions.

The International Board at the Detroit Meeting approved several resolutions: The **International Officers Growth Initiative** will replace the **Regional Impact Groups**. This initiative will emphasize growth using the **Healthy Club Tool Box**, which will be available free to every Lions Club through the District Governor. Governors and Zone Chairs are asked to master the contents of the Tool Box to help the individual Club Presidents.

Another resolution allowed an extension to **Transitional Districts of an additional two years grace** to come up to 35 clubs and 1250 members before having to consider re-districting. Progress reports will be required four times a year to International during this grace period.

In an effort to encourage using Quest programs, requests for **Core 4 grants for Lions Quest** will get priority status this coming year. It was also resolved to allow District Governors to **combine club visits with Zone meetings**, negating the need to visit each and every club. Governors are cautioned though, to be judicious and not slight clubs that expect visits.

PID Sid reported that there were seven states with candidates in the race for **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for 2006**; New York, Michigan, Oregon, Missouri, Tennessee, Puerto Rico and North Carolina.

**State Secretary-Treasurer George Ohm** read several communications;

1. PID Sid Scruggs Certificate of Candidacy was sent to LCI on July 19, 2004.
2. The LCIF Grant for \$75,000 for Camp Dogwood Dormitory was received.
3. MD24, Virginia, requested information about selection of the Council Chairman
4. LCI sent letters of regret for five Lions Clubs in MD31 that are disbanding.
5. July 1, 2004 Membership available -- 1<sup>st</sup> half dues Letters will be sent next week.

District Governor Hunter Garbee was appointed to serve as parliamentarian.

**DG Gene Everette** made a motion to accept the below listed Council Officers elected the Detroit Convention to serve for the year 2004-05; seconded by DG Alan King. Motion Passed

Council Chairperson	- DG James C. Stuart, D31-G
Vice Council Chair	- DG Pat Roland, D31-A
Chaplin	- DG F. James Boehm, D31-J
Parliamentarian	- DG Hunter Garbee, D31-C
Tail Twister	- DG Alan King, D31-F
State Secretary-Treasurer	- PDG George D. Ohm

**DG Alan King** moved to accept the Minutes of the May 2004 Council Minutes as distributed; seconded by DG Keith Peedin. Motion passed.

CC Shuart called on SST George Ohm to present the **Year-end 2003-04 Financial Report**. SST Ohm went over the report, initially pointing out that we dipped into our reserves to close the year. After starting the year with a balance of \$31,693.85, the ending cash balance was \$25,137.86. Several line items were explained as plus balances including a positive \$2100 for Youth exchange and \$475.72 for Liberty Day. **DG Hunter Garbee moved to accept the year-end Financial Report; seconded by DG Gene Everette. Motion passed.** [See attachment "A"]

SST Ohm presented the Council Budget for 2004-05. During the Friday night Caucus the Governors instructed the SST to revise his initial budget to show line item expenses for the **Orientation and Retention Chairs**. The Revised Budget included line items for both chairs. This budget will also dip into reserves.

it was pointed out that the **Misc. Expenses not budgeted** had no entry, and was suggested that this line item be limited to \$1000.

**DG Jim Boehm moved that the Revised Budget be accepted and that the line item for Misc. Expenses not budgeted be limited to \$1000; seconded by DG Keith Peedin.** DG Boehm amended his motion to change the title of line items for **Youth Exchange to Youth Activities to provide an entry for income and expenses for Peace Poster activities; seconded by DG Pat Roland. Both The amendment and the initial motion passed.** [See attachment "B"]

CC Shuart appointed DG Keith Peedin to examine the budget and make recommendations for balancing the budget by the November Meeting

SST Ohm recommended that RLI Surety Co. be approved to continue as the bonding company for the State Secretary Treasurer and the Blanket bond for the District Cabinet Secretary-treasurers. SST Ohm also requested approval to continue to use the First Bank, in Salisbury as the depository for The Council Funds.

**DG Keith Peedin moved that RLI Surety Co. continue to be the bonding Company for the State Secretary-Treasurer and the District Cabinet Secretary Treasurers, and that First bank of Salisbury be approved for Council Fund deposits; seconded By DG Gene Everette. Motion Passed.**

CC Shuart recognized **Harvey F. Whitley, President of the NCLF**. President Harvey thanked outgoing **President John J. O'Malley** for his outstanding leadership in serving more people this year, with the result of having to request additional funding for matching and the hearing aid program. Diligent efforts allowed us to overcome a downward economy trend to exceed last year's White Cane giving by over \$33,000. Memorials and Honorariums increased by \$6200 and Camp Dogwood ticket by \$12,000. His Motto this year is " **Serving By Sharing**" to exemplify the purpose of the Foundation in serving as an umbrella organization for the administration of statewide Lions programs. He intends to emphasize how funds raised by local clubs are returned to the community through matching funds, hearing aids, mobility canes, Vision van screenings, and many other statewide programs. He offered to hold "town hall type meetings" in each district to explain the foundation programs. The foundation is asking each Lion to sell at least three books of tickets to fund the camp and the new dormitory

building. The dormitory foundation is up and some structure in place. The VIP Sensory Garden is also in progress of being built and planted this fall. He pledged to work closely with the Council of Governors as they jointly serve the Lions and VIPs across the state. [See attachment "C"]

CC Shuart recognized **NCLF Executive Director Steve Walker**. Lion Steve compared the budgeting problems with the Boys And Girls Homes, The Council and the Foundation Budgeting Process. The needs are there and the Lions of North Carolina will always come through. When more money is spent, hopefully it means we are providing more services. He also pledges to work closely with the Lions of North Carolina to have another successful year.

CC Shuart recognized **PDG Brad Logsdon** for a report of the **2004 State Convention**. The Convention held in Fayetteville, NC was a huge success. Lion Brad claimed it took until July 30<sup>th</sup> to reconcile the final bill with the Holiday Inn Bordeaux. The Committee sold \$19,025 in program Ads, short of their goal of \$25,000. Even so, they were able to return a **profit of \$3706.85** to the Council. Lion Brad had 125 Convention patches left over from the original 300. He suggested that they be donated to the Pin Sales Committee. **DG Hunter Garbee moved to donate the patches to the Pin Sales Committee, seconded by DG Gene Everette. Motion passed.** [See attachment "D"]

Lion Brad announced the formation of the **Fayetteville Korean Lions Club** with 27 members as a direct result of Dr. Lee's visit to the Convention. The Convention videos are not yet available due to equipment problems. Since the last expenses to the hotel were not reconciled or audited, Lion Brad will make his final report at the November Meeting.

CC Shuart called upon **PDG Ivy Iverson** for a report on the **2005 State Convention**. The Convention will be held in Raleigh, NC, on May 27-29, 2005 at the North Raleigh Hilton. The Convention Committee is asking each District to sell 5 business ads and 10 Lions related ads to assure adequate funding for the convention. Host District 31-G will try to sell 10 business Ads and 25 Lions related Ads. The committee formally asked for the initial \$4000 grant for the Convention. **DG Jim Boehm moved to release the initial \$4000 to the 2005 Convention Committee; seconded by DG Gene Everette. Motion Approved.**

The Committee plans to attend every fall and mid-winter Convention to answer questions, solicit ads, and to register Lions. There will be no convention patch this year.

The committee is planning a free pin of crossed flags of United States and India that will be given to all attendees. **DG Jim Boehm moved to approve the crossed flags pin, to be paid for with convention funds; seconded by DG Alan King. Motion Approved.**

The committee is planning a convention pin depicting Raleigh as Oak City, which will be sold for \$2.00 each.

**DG Alan King moved to approve the 2005 Convention planning report; seconded by DG Pat Roland. Motion Passed.** [See attachment "E"]

**PDG David Boyd** was called upon for his status report of the **2006 Convention plans** for Greenville. The Hilton Hotel is under new management and undergoing extensive renovations, as such they will not go below \$85 per night for rooms. However, free parking and reasonable meal costs should offset the higher room rates. The original dates were May 18-21, 2006, however 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jimmy Ross, the invited speaker, will only be available on April 20-23, 2006. PDG David will determine if this date is available at the hotel. The convention committee will meet later this afternoon. With no actions required at this time, CC Shuart asked PDG David to continue with his plans. [See attachment "F"]

**Lion Gwen White**, State Convention Chair stated that she has been working on sites for the **2007 State Convention** and will have a recommendation at the November meeting. She offered her help in the negotiations with the Hilton in Greenville.

**PDG John Miller** gave his report on the **Division of Services for the Blind**. NC Governor Easley re-appointed John Miller as Chairman of the Commission for the Blind and Rehabilitation Council. Two items in the State Budget affecting the DSB, the special assistance for the Blind Program budget was reduced by \$30,000 due to the decrease in persons needing this service. A \$75,000 budget line item was added for News Line Services. A Bill was entered to strengthen the "Right Turn On Red" law to add penalties to enhance protection for VIPs. The DSB is partnering with the Division of Parks to operate a restaurant at MT. Mitchell State Park. [See attachment "G"]

CC Shuart recessed the meeting for a 20-minute break.

CC Shuart resumed the meeting and recognized SST Ohm to present the names of the **Council of Governors' Statewide Committee Chairs for 2004-2005:**

Boys & Girls Homes  
PCC Earl L. Davis (3<sup>rd</sup> Yr.)

Information Technology  
Carlton (Carlie) Metts II(2<sup>nd</sup> Yr.)

Constitution/By-Laws  
PDG Ronald Kelly (2<sup>nd</sup> Yr.)

Leadership Development  
PDG Bob Moorehead (2<sup>nd</sup> Yr.)

Extension Committee  
PDG Houston Henderson (1st Yr.)

Leo Committee  
Larry Covington (1<sup>st</sup> Yr.)

Historian Committee  
PDG Herb A. Justice (Julia) (3<sup>rd</sup> Yr.)

Liberty Day Committee  
John M. Kearney (3<sup>rd</sup> Yr.)

LCIF/Sight First Committee  
PCC Billy Gene Herring (2<sup>nd</sup> Yr)

Research/Long Range Planning  
PDG David Shimberg (2<sup>nd</sup> Yr.)

Membership Committee

Retention Committee

PDG Butch Coley (2<sup>nd</sup> Yr)

PDG Jim Caudle (2<sup>nd</sup> Yr)

Nominating Committee  
PDG Bill Johnson (1<sup>st</sup> Yr.)

State Convention Committee  
Gwen White ( 1<sup>st</sup> Yr.)

Orientation Committee  
PCC Edward D. Shivers, III (2<sup>nd</sup> Yr.)

Youth Exchange Committee  
Paulette Gasperson (3<sup>rd</sup> Yr.)

Promotions Committee  
PDG David C. Boyd, Jr. (1<sup>st</sup> Yr.)

Youth Outreach Committee  
PCC James M. "Jim" Irvin (2<sup>nd</sup> Yr.)

Diabetes Committee (Ad Hoc)  
Co-Chair Leonard "Len" Farias (2<sup>nd</sup> Yr.)  
Sharon Batkoski (1<sup>st</sup> Yr.)

Women's Membership Development Participation  
PDG Martha Butler (2<sup>nd</sup> Yr)

Campus Club Committee  
PDG Houston Henderson (1<sup>st</sup> Year)

**DG Gene Everett moved to approve the State Committee Chairs as read above; seconded by DG Joyce Keels. Motion Passed.**

**DG Gene Everett moved to have the Constitution And By-Laws Committee consider adding the Diabetes, Women's Membership and Campus Club Committees to the Committees listed in the State Constitution and By-Laws; seconded by Joyce Keels. Motion Passed.**

CC Shuart recognized the Committee Chairs for reports, reminding each Chair to limit their report to 3 minutes. The following reports were received:

**Boys and Girls Home** Chair PCC Earl L. Davis thanked the Lions of North Carolina for their generous donation of \$64,628.00 to Boys And Girls Home. He will send a letter to all District Governors to invite Clubs and District Chairs to attend an open house on the Campus. He called upon President Bill Thompson who gave a comprehensive report on the state of finances and operations at Boys and Girls Home and thank the Lions for their 45 years of support. (See attachment "H")

**Constitution and By-laws** Chair PDG Ron Kelly commented that he had received the request from Virginia, MD24 regarding Council Chair Selection. His committee will review the report of last year's Ad Hoc committee on CC Selection. CC Shuart asked PDG Brad Logsdon to also serve on this committee. (See attachment "I")

**Extension Committee** Chair PDG Houston Henderson came to the meeting intending to "Light a Fire under the Lions" of the state to search for sites for new clubs. He asked for a list of at least six areas that need Lions services from each District Governor by

August 30, 2004. He challenges each district to form two new clubs this year. PID Sid Scruggs interjected that in most multiples clubs are formed in the last 90 days of the term, we have to start forming new clubs earlier in the year. (See attachment "J")

**Historian Committee** Chair PDG Herb Justice asked for 8x10 photo's of the DG, VDG and Cabinet Secretary for the District Bulletin Boards at camp Dogwood. (See attachment "K")

**Information Technology** chair Carlton Metts, II was charged in May to investigate publishing the State Constitution and By-laws on the Internet. He stated that there was room on the state Site, and asked for a motion to enter the State Constitution and By-laws was on to the State Internet Site. **DG Alan King made the motion: seconded by DG Hunter Garbee. Motion Passed.**

**Information Technology** Chair Carlton Metts, II could not attend. His e-mail report indicated that there was enough room to publish the State Constitution and By-laws on the NCLF website. DG Alan King moved to publish the State Constitution and By-Laws on the NCLF website with links to the Council Site; seconded by DG Hunter Garbee. Motion passed. (See attachment "L")

**LCIF/Sight First** PCC Billy Gene Herring (See attachment "M")

**Leadership Development** PDG Bob Moorehead announced that the first DG School will be December 2-5, 2004; the second February 25-27, 2005. (See attachment "N")

**Leo Clubs** Lion Larry Covington agreed this date to serve as Leo Chair.

**Liberty Day** chair Lion John M. Kearney proposed a new Liberty day Trading Pin design honoring the U.S. Navy. Costs are increasing so he proposes charging \$2.25 per pin. **DG Jim Boehm moved to approve the pin design and selling price of \$2.25 each as presented; Seconded by DG Keith Peedin. Motion Passed.** (See attachment "O")

**Membership Committee** Chair PDG Butch Coley urged innovation to increase membership. He noted as an example inviting VIPs to join, special interest clubs such as the Korean Club formed in Fayetteville.

**Orientation Committee** PCC Ed Shivers, (See attachment "P")

**Promotions Committee** Chair PDG David Boyd reminded Lions of the USA/Canada Forum in Reno on September 9-11, 2004. The Promotion Committee Meeting will be held this afternoon.

**Research and L/R Planning** PDG David Shimberg reported that with the Detroit Board resolution redistricting has been delayed at least 2 years.

**Retention Committee** Chair Jim Caudle (See attachment "Q")  
**Youth Exchange Committee** Paulette Gasperson (See attachment "R")  
**Youth Outreach Committee** PDG James M. Irvin (See attachment "S")

**Women's Membership  
Development and Participation** PDG Martha Butler (See attachment "T")

**Diabetes Awareness (Ad Hoc)** Lion Sharon Batkoski thanked the Council for allowing her to serve as Diabetes Co-Chair.

**DG Fred Plummer moved to accept the reports as given; Seconded by DG Pat Roland. Motion approved.**

CC Stuart explained the **Governor's Capsule Program** allowing each Lions club to contribute \$50 to the program. The Goal is to raise \$10 000 to support furnishing the Camp Dogwood dormitory, South eastern Guide Dogs and Juvenile Diabetes Awareness. Names will be drawn at the May 2005 meeting with prizes of \$1200, \$900 and \$500. Contributions are to be sent to George Ohm, the State Secretary Treasurer.

**A motion was made by DG Gene Everette seconded by DG Alan King to appoint SST George Ohm to serve as Promotions Committee Secretary-Treasurer. Motion approved.**

DG Gene Everette reported that Wake Forest University would again sponsor Lions Club Day on October 23, 2004. Wake Forrest will play Florida State. Governors will be given applications to include in their newsletters.

CC Stuart expressed the thanks of the Council to PCC Diane Whitley and her committee for providing the Hospitality room for this weekend. He asked DG Jim Boehm to arrange for the Hospitality room at the November 12-13 Meeting in Rocky Mount.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

George D. Ohm, PDG  
State Secretary-Treasurer



**North Carolina Lions State Council**  
**2003-2004 Year End Financial Statement**  
**August 14, 2004**

INCOME:	Budget	8/14/04	(over)/Under	Line Item
Funds from prior years (see note 1)	31,893.85	32,099.63		100
State Dues per member (\$2.50 x 9903 as of 6/30/03)**	24,757.50	24,675.00	82.50	110
Interest Received	40.00	-	40.00	120
Vendor space rental at 2003 State Convention	450.00	-	450.00	130
Tailtwister's ticket sales and auction (State Conv.)	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	140
NC Breakfast - International Convention (see note 2)	1,600.00	1,290.00	310.00	150
Youth Exchange Funds restricted current year	-	1,600.00	(1,600.00)	160
Misc. Income not Budgeted :	-	6,303.60	(6,303.60)	170
Cabinet Secretary Bonds	\$371.12			
Dist. Liberty Day Contributions	\$2681.00			
Jack Stickley / Bill Woolard M/A	\$2267.75 (\$196.00)			
LCI - VDG Training Allowance	\$675.00			
Tail Twister Funds ( White Cane)	\$112.73			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>60,641.35</b>	<b>68,968.23</b>	<b>(5,426.88)</b>	
<b>EXPENSES:</b>				
Financial Audit	350.00	350.00		200
Treasurer's Bond	103.00	103.00		210
Clerical Services - NCLF	600.00	600.00		220
Office Supplies (Secretary / Treasurer)	300.00	339.55	(39.55)	230
Printing (NCLF and Secretary / Treasurer) ( note 6)	500.00	714.24	(214.24)	240
Postage (NCLF and Secretary / Treasurer)	500.00	515.33	(15.33)	250
Telephone (Secretary / Treasurer)	200.00	0.00	200.00	260
Plaques and Gifts (See note 3)	1,000.00	1802.65	(802.65)	270
State Council Meetings	250.00	0.00	250.00	280
Expenses - State Secretary / Treasurer	4,000.00	2974.81	1,025.19	290
Expenses - State Council Chair	5,000.00	3603.13	1,396.87	300
2004 State Convention - cash advance (see note 4)	6,000.00	6000.00		310
NC Breakfast - International Convention	1,600.00	913.91	686.09	320
Extension Committee	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	330
Leadership Committee (See note 9)	2,500.00	2684.30	(184.30)	340
Membership Committee	1,000.00	120.00	880.00	350
State Council Committee Expenses	9,000.00	6904.47	2,095.53	360
Liberty Day (see note 5)	2,000.00	4205.28	(2,205.28)	370
Leo Clubs Expenses	1,000.00	228.02	771.98	380
Youth Exchange (from Council Funds) (see note 7)	500.00	2656.68	(2,156.68)	390
Misc Expenses not budgeted (see note 8)	-	5594.50	(5,594.50)	400
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>37,403.00</b>	<b>46,309.87</b>	<b>(2,906.87)</b>	
<b>Cash ( Check Book Balance)</b>	<b>23,138.35</b>	<b>25,668.36</b>	<b>(2,520.01)</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,641.35</b>	<b>68,968.23</b>	<b>(5,426.88)</b>	

Note 1: Includes \$1,900.05 for Youth Exchange restricted Funds.

Note 2: Includes NC breakfast tickets for Denver, carried fwd due to Bank acct close out 6/30/03.

Note 3: Includes \$990 DG & State Committee Chair Honorariums, \$500 LCIH Honorarium TS Lee, \$250 Peace Poster Bond \$38.74 Peace Poster Plaque, and \$23.91 for TS Lee Golf Shirt.

Note 4: State Convention \$4,000 advance plus \$2000 additional for selling \$8,000 worth of ads Nov 8, 2003.)

Note 5: includes \$1000 Liberty Day Budget, \$1000 approved 11/ 8/03, \$2681 income = \$4881 available funds.  
Less \$4205.28 expenses leaves \$475.72 Bal Fwd.

Note 6: Includes one time \$449.40 charge - printing G.D. Ohm SST Letterheads

Note 7: Includes \$1900.05 Bal Fwd, \$500 Council Budget, \$686.63 Transfer appr. 8/9/03, \$1800 Districts = \$4756.68 Available Funds  
Less \$2656.68 xpenses leaves \$2100.00 Bal. Fwd.

Note 8: Includes \$417.50 - Statewide Bond for District CST's ; \$2009.98 travel expenses for Caudle & Moorehead to MERL Training, Portland;  
\$15.74 Quast Int'l ; \$24.57 Service Of Remembrances; \$112.73 TT funds to White cane ; \$2500 JSF & \$400 WLWP from IP Auctions

Note 9: Includes Dec & Feb. DGE Training and May VDG training - [LCI reimbursed with \$675.00: LI 170]

**North Carolina Lions State Council**  
**Proposed Budget ( Amended 8/7/04)**  
**for Year 2004-05**

INCOME:	Budget	Line Item
Funds from prior years (see note 1)	25,658.36	100
State Dues per member (\$2.50 x9869 as of 8/30/04)**	24,672.50	110
Interest Received	-	120
District Cabinet Secretary-Treasurers Bonds	417.50	130
Vendor space rental at 2005 State Convention	450.00	140
Taitwister's ticket sales and auction (State Conv.)	2,000.00	150
Youth Activities	-	160
Misc. income not Budgeted :	-	170
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>53,198.36</b>	<b>53,198.36</b>
EXPENSES:		
Financial Audit	350.00	200
Treasurer's Bond (See note 2)	520.50	210
Clerical Services - NCLF	600.00	220
Office Supplies (Secretary / Treasurer)	300.00	230
Printing (NCLF and Secretary / Treasurer)	500.00	240
Postage (NCLF and Secretary / Treasurer)	500.00	250
Telephone (Secretary / Treasurer)	200.00	260
Plaques and Gifts	1,500.00	270
State Council Meetings	250.00	280
Expenses - State Secretary / Treasurer	3,500.00	290
Expenses - State Council Chair	5,000.00	300
2004 State Convention - cash advance (see note 3)	6,000.00	310
Membership Committee	1,000.00	320
Extension Committee	1,000.00	330
Retention Committee	500.00	340
Leadership committee	2,500.00	350
Orientation Committee	500.00	360
State Council Committee Expenses	8,000.00	370
Liberty Day	2,000.00	380
Leo Clubs Expenses	1,000.00	390
Youth Activities	500.00	400
Misc Expenses not budgeted	1,000.00	410
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>37,220.50</b>	
<b>Cash ( Check Book Balance)</b>	<b>15,977.86</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,198.36</b>	<b>53,198.36</b>

Note 1: Includes \$2100 for Youth Exchange and \$475.72 for Liberty Day Designated Funds.

Note 2: Includes \$103 Council Secretary-Treasurer's and \$417.50 Blanket District Cabinet Secretary-Treasurers Bonds.

Note 3: State Convention \$4,000 advance plus \$2000 additional for selling \$6,000 worth of ads by Nov 13 2004.

Report of the NCLF President  
To  
NC Lions Council of Governors

August 7, 2004

I would like to take just a moment to extend a word of thanks to outgoing NCLF President John O'Malley. Under John's leadership, we were able to serve even more people this year as evidenced by our need to twice ask for an increase in our matching funds budget as well as a request for an increase in what we had budgeted for hearing aids. Fortunately, we were also able to reverse the recent downward trend in statewide White Cane fundraising with an increase of almost \$33,000 from the previous year. Memorials and Honorariums giving was up over \$6,200. Camp Dogwood ticket sales revenue was up over \$12,000.

I know that John wants no personal credit for any of these accomplishments. However, under his leadership and working in cooperation with Past Council Chairperson Diane Whitley and the 2003-2004 Council of Governors, the Lions of North Carolina have responded enthusiastically to the needs of those we serve. They have set the standard high for us this year as we continue to strive to serve even more of those in need.

This year, I have set as my motto three simple words "Serving By Sharing". I think this exemplifies the purpose of the North Carolina Lions Foundation in serving as the umbrella organization for the administration of statewide Lions programs. It is my intention this year to try to convey to even more people how funds raised by the local clubs actually find their way back to the local communities and are shared through matching funds, hearing aids, mobility canes, Vision Van, Camp Dogwood camper fees and many other statewide programs.

Our White Cane Kickoff Team will be talking about this "sharing of funds" at your district kickoff meetings. I am also making an offer to each District Governor the opportunity for an open forum "town hall" type meeting with the Lions in your district where they can ask questions of me as your NCLF President. This can be held at your Fall or Mid-Winter Convention or any other venue of your choice. We need to educate more Lions about the programs and services their hard work is providing.

The new dormitory at Camp Dogwood is fast becoming a reality. The foundation is in place and construction is beginning to take shape. Once again, we are asking that each District Governor set a goal of three books per member to help pay for this \$700,000 building. I challenge **EVERY** Lion to contribute to what I hope is his or her favorite charitable organization by buying the first two books themselves. Who knows, you might win a truck!

The long awaited Visually Impaired Sensory Garden is also taking shape. Work has begun with water lines for the fountain in place as well as electrical conduit. The brick

pavers list has been submitted for processing. So far we have 332 pavers and a total of \$34,724 has been contributed.

In addition to finishing the new dormitory and garden, I also have set the following goals:

1. Continue to work in tandem with the Council of Governors to deliver programs and services to as many as possible in North Carolina.
2. Strive to keep our meetings on purpose and on time.
3. Establish a speaker bureau to serve in each district with the objective to educate more Lions about statewide programs and services.
4. Continue to work with the Ad Hoc Vision 2020 Committee to find ways to tap corporate giving.
5. Work with the Ad Hoc Vision Committee to establish a 5-year, 10-year, and beyond vision for the North Carolina Lions Foundation.
6. Continue to work with the Council as we **JOINTLY** sponsor the "Outstanding Lion of the Year" recognition for each club in North Carolina. This year we will be recognizing about 30 Lions. The goal is to increase awareness of this program to all clubs.

It is a great honor for me to be elected to serve as your North Carolina Lions Foundation President for this year. With the Councils support and the hard working Lions in our state, the year will be a success.

Harvey F. Whitley, PCC  
President, NCLF 2004-2005

# The International Association of Lions Clubs

(Lions Club International)

## W. BRAD LOGSDON

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## FINAL REPORT

August 7, 2004

Without repeating all the details of the May 1, 2004 report, this will give the Council of Governors the final financial breakdown for the North Carolina Lions 81<sup>st</sup> Multiple District Convention.

We were not able to finalize the billing from the Holiday Inn Bordeaux until July 30, 2004. Our stumbling block was in the calculation of the complementary rooms, finally we were given credit for the twelve rooms, as contracted.

In not meeting our goal of \$25,000.00 (minimum goal for future conventions) in program advertising sales and the added expenses involved in hosting our International President we were still able to return \$3,706.85 (profit) to the Council. I would like to offer my suggestion that this money be allocated toward the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Vice President campaign fund; should North Carolina have a candidate. As soon as all checks have cleared the bank, we will close our account and forward the balance to the Council.

The Convention food committee is working on a refund problem with Butter Cup Ice Cream, litigation is being considered (possible additional income).

As a suggestion to future convention committees, review the hotel billing very carefully and make sure all items in your contract are fulfilled.

I wish to THANK all the Lions of North Carolina for giving me the opportunity to serve.

Yours in Lionism,



W. Brad Logsdon, PDG  
Convention Chair.

# NC LIONS 2004 STATE CONVENTION

AUGUST 5, 2004

## INCOME:

PROGRAM ADS	\$ 19,025.00
STATE COUNCIL	6,000.00
CONVENTION REGISTRATIONS	17,990.00
GOLF REGISTRATIONS	1,305.00
NCLF-AUCTION PROCEEDS	4,825.00
MISCELLANEOUS - Hospitality Room	450.00
Convention Patches	342.00
Convention Pins	335.00
Re-imbursement FAT&VB	400.00
Re-imbursement NSF Bank Fee	27.65
Re-imbursement-State Council	114.00
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TOTAL INCOME	50,813.65

## EXPENSES:

MEALS:& LODGING	27,255.72
PRINTERS - Program Books, Event Programs	5,630.39
NCLF-AUCTION PROCEEDS	4,825.00
CHAIRMAN'S TRAVEL EXPENSE	1,348.23
GOLF TOURNAMENT	1,320.00
BUSES	1,275.00
CONVENTION PENS, FLAG & BANNER	1,030.00
ICE CREAM	637.50
ENTERTAINMENT	600.00
NAME TAGS	559.26
REFUNDS-REGISTRATION	362.00
CONVENTION PATCHES	353.50
2005 NC STATE CONVENTION ADVERTISEMENT	300.00
HOSPITALITY ROOM SUPPLIES	275.23
COMPUTER SUPPLIES/TECH	260.24
FLOWERS	257.50
STATIONARY	192.60
LODGING & ENTERTAINMENT-Int. President	167.49
POSTAGE	145.29
PO BOX RENT	82.40
VIDEO EXPENSES-Airborne Museum	81.80
REFUNDS-ADVERTISING	75.00
REFUNDS-GOLF	45.00
BANK CHARGES (Refunded)	27.65
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TOTAL EXPENSES	47,106.80

BANK BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 5, 2004

\$ 3,706.85

**2005 LIONS STATE CONVENTION**

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**DATE:** August 6, 2004

**TO:** Lion James C. Shuart, Chairman, Council of Governors

**FROM:** D. C. "Ivy" Iversen, General Chairman, 2005 Lions State Convention

**SUBJECT:** Quarterly Report #1 2005 Lions State Convention Committee

Your 2005 Lions State Convention Committee is hard at work putting together a state convention that you will be proud to promote to the Lions of your district. We have met several times and have already worked out many of the preliminary details of the convention.

Copies of the contract with the North Raleigh Hilton and Convention Center are enclosed in your packet for your review. Meal prices and menus have not yet been finalized, however, we will have these negotiations completed by your November meeting and have recommendations for your approval. You will note the guest rate for rooms are \$70.00 per night plus taxes. These are extremely low rates for a convention city like Raleigh and the convention center of the caliber of the North Raleigh Hilton. I happen to know of a couple of other conventions coming to Raleigh approximately the same time who are paying considerably more for their rooms. So far the Hilton has been giving us their full cooperation and expertise in making this convention the best it can be.

Our committee as a whole makes up the Program Book Ad Sales Team. As you know, the sale of Ads in the program is crucial to the success of any Lions state convention. The sales team has put together an Ad sales plan that should exceed the revenues needed to carry on a successful convention. A key element in this plan is you, the Governors of each district. Each committee member has been assigned a district and will work with the governor or his designated representative to procure Business and Lions Ads. Another of the keys to a successful Ad campaign is to get business Ads from each district. Last year's program book contained only 13 business Ads. We need to change this drastically! We have established a MINIMUM goal for eight districts of 5 business Ads and 10 Lions related Ads. I say eight districts because, as the host district, the goal for district G is 10 business Ads and 25 Lions related Ads. With the total support of each district we can easily achieve these goals and therefore have an outstanding convention.

In your packet is a budget for the convention with a current financial statement. It is a very conservative budget. It will give us the ability to do the minimum services for the

convention. If we meet the goals listed above, we will far exceed this budget and then we can far exceed the expectations of the Lions who attend this convention. However, since Ad money will not be flowing for several months, we need seed money to make deposits, pay for services needed such as printing, meeting expenses, etc. Our treasurer has established a bank account. It is my understanding that the Council of Governors provides a \$2000.00 grant at this time to cover the initial expenses of the committee. I also I understand that an additional \$4,000.00 will be available at a later date. We formally request the \$2,000.00 amount at this time. \$ word  
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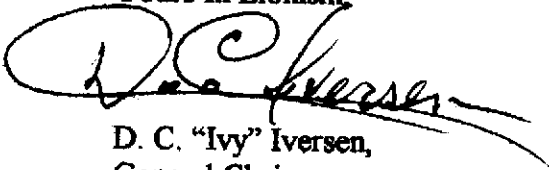
Another aspect of the committee's plan to have a successful convention is to have a booth at each of the district fall and mid-winter conventions. The purpose of the booths is to: (1) Provide information and answer questions about the convention and the Raleigh area. (2) Sell Ads and (3) Register Lions. We would like to have one long table and two chairs located in a high traffic area for the Lions attending the district convention. We will have at least one of our committee members at each convention. We will be working with each district to make these arrangements. If you can give me your approval this weekend it would be very helpful.

Another item that needs your attention is the plan for the hospitality rooms at the convention. We need to know as quickly as possible how this is going to be handled. Let me say at this time that we have tentatively reserved three parlors at discounted rates. Each of the parlors will provide space for three districts to go together for hospitality. The hotel will allow you to bring in your own food and drinks in these rooms. I need to know your desires by the end of November in order to finalize arrangements with the hotel.

All of our committees are now in full operation and have come up with great ideas for this convention. More details will be available at the November Council meeting for your approval. The hotel has agreed to give us the convention room rates the week before and the week after the convention for those Lions who may want to take advantage of the historical, cultural and recreational opportunities of the Triangle area. We are working to get special rates for area attractions. Past International Director Sid Scruggs attended our meeting this past Tuesday and provided a great deal of input and insight for the committee's consideration.

We look forward to working closely with this council to give the Lions of North Carolina a great convention.

Yours In Lionism,



D. C. "Ivy" Iversen,  
General Chairman



**DAVID C. BOYD, JR.**  
**STATE CONVENTION 2006 REPORT**  
**JULY 6-8**

**THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS 2003-2004 VOTED IN MAY TO PROCEED WITH PLANNING THE STATE CONVENTION, 2003-2004 IN GREENVILLE AT THE HILTON.**

**THIS EVENT IS SCHEDULED , MAY 18-21, 2006. AT THIS TIME I HAVE LITTLE TO REPORT. I MET RECENTLY WITH MS. MICHELE QUICK, SENIOR SALES MANAGER. SHE STATED THE LOWEST ROOM RATE WOULD BE \$85.00 PER DAY. I INFORMED HER THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. THE PROJECTED RATES FOR 2006, \$95.00. ACCORDING TO THE MANAGEMENT WE WERE GETTING A GOOD RATE. I DISAGREE.**

**EARLY IN NEGOTIATIONS, PDG. ED SHIVERS MS QUICK AND I MET . HILTON, GREENVILLE IS BEING CONSIDERED AS A SITE FOR THE GHJ MID-WINTER IN 2006. THE THREE EVENTS, GHJ MID-WINTER, STATE COUNCIL/NCLF BOARD MEETINGS, STATE CONVENTION WE SHOULD GET A BETTER RATE.**

**UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT AND 3 MILLION RENOVATION, OUR REGUEST FOR A BETTER RATE WAS NOT APPROVED.**

**AT THIS TIME, I HAVE NOT SIGN A CONTRACT. I AM ASKING THE COUNCIL DESIRES ME CONTINUE PLAN THE CONVENTION, OR COUNCIL PLANS TO SEEK OTHER LOCATIONS. AS A POINT OF INTEREST. THE PRICES OF FOOD ARE REASONABLE.**

## **DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AUGUST 2004**

**State Budget – Two items in the State Budget bill directly effect DSB. The Division's Special Assistance for the Blind Program budget was reduced by thirty thousand dollars. There has been a decrease in the number of people requiring this type assistance over the past several years, so the budget reduction will not adversely effect services. The money that was lost would have been reverted back to the State anyway.**

**Second, the Division will again manage a contract for NewsLine services through funds made available by DHHS. This same arrangement existed last year. These funds are not taken from the DSB budget but from other money available to the Department and designated for use by DSB for NewsLine. Advocates with the support of Senator Katie Dorsett did attempt to obtain an appropriation specifically for this service during the short session and will no doubt make another effort in 2005.**

**State Legislation – H. 965 was revised near the end of the session to add in some protections for pedestrians and some penalties for drivers who fail to yield to pedestrians. Penalties include a fine of one hundred to five hundred dollars, four driving points, and one insurance point. Also data will be collected and analyzed regarding violations of the new statute. The portion of an earlier bill dealing with left turn on red did not pass.**

**New Partnerships – Under a new agreement between the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation and the DSB's Business Enterprises Program a blind manager began operating the restaurant at Mount Mitchell State Park on May 1. This high volume full service seasonal restaurant is the first of its kind for DSB. It has presented some challenges but the restaurant has been well received and cooperation from the Parks staff has been great. We believe that this will be an excellent employment opportunity for a blind foodservice operator.**

**Youth Mini-Center – Largely due to some staff changes only one youth mini-center was held in the summer. It was held in Lincoln County.**

**There were five children who participated between the ages of ten and twelve. This service was available through the additional funds provided by the Lions Foundation. These mini-centers are a week in length and are very useful and educational for the kids who participate.**

**As the result of a new cooperative agreement between the Charlotte-Mecklenberg School System and DSB resources will be available in the fall to provide specialized transition services to blind and visually impaired students in the public schools in that area. One of our Agency's priorities is to identify and provide services to all students with significant vision loss in the State and this agreement represents tremendous progress toward reaching that goal.**

**Finally, the fall will be a very busy time for us. Both of the major consumer organizations in the state have their conventions the weekend of September 23-25. Our staff and many volunteers will be involved in two deaf/blind weekends at Camp Dogwood in September. The Lions sponsored VIP Fishing Tournament will be held the second week of October. We also have a series of area staff meetings planned for late September and early October.**

## **Boys and Girls Homes Rely on Lion Support to “Serve” Children in Need – August 2004**

Recent economic situations have impacted Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina adversely as they have many across our land. Because of that, every gift to the Homes is important in maintaining quality care for the needy children who are a part of the Homes and especially our Lions Cottage. The Homes is grateful for all the gifts that **Lions** provide to support its efforts to care for the children.

In news about the Homes, at the July meeting of the Board of Directors of Boys and Girls Homes, the Board voted to merge Boys Home, Girls Haven, and Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina into one organization – Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc. This merger will streamline management efforts of the Homes as there is now only one entity. Earlier in the year, two cottages had been temporarily shut down in a cost cutting measure. Recently those cottages were reopened and each cottage has a maximum capacity of nine children, making it possible for the homes to serve as many as 81 children in its residential program. Because of cutbacks in state and federal dollars and a redefining of service to children needing emergency placement, the Homes were forced to temporarily close its Solomon Emergency Care Center. That facility was used to serve children needing immediate and emergency placements. Efforts are underway by the Homes to find a means of utilizing the Solomon Center that meets the needs of children and is cost effective.

The children at the Homes have had a busy summer participating in the World of Work, maintaining their homes (cottages) participating in summer recreation, chapel programs, and outside activities. The children in **Lions’ cottage** attended a USAR Hooter’s ProCup Auto Race at Myrtle Beach, went on a camping trip with their teaching parents, and participated in a house restoration project similar to Habitat for Humanity among other activities.

A special thanks is in order to Lions for their response to a plea for funds to do **upgrades to Lions Cottage**. A number of needs and wishes were identified by the staff and several clubs stepped forward with the monies to provide those needs. VP for Facilities Rocco Wadsworth and Lions Cottage Teaching Parent Lane Wilkinson are coordinating to utilize the monies given to upgrade the cottage and its equipment so it serves as a better Home for the boys who live there. Replacement of the carpet in the staff apartment and installation of an air conditioner in the kitchen are two of the enhancements that have been made through the funds donated.

It is worthwhile to note that the Homes also provide services to children from birth to eighteen in **foster homes**. Approximately 60 children are being served by that program. Recently the Homes was licensed as an **adoption agency**, has carried out two adoptions and has a number scheduled to occur prior to the end of 2004.

In addition to the financial support of Lions for the general operation and maintenance of Lions Cottage, dollars to provide **CHRISTMAS SPONSORSHIPS** for the children are

needed. Each year, the Homes provide Christmas gifts for the children. Clubs willing to provide support for this project can contact Lois Blackwell at 910-646-3083 to participate in this project. A sponsorship costs \$250 and helps the Homes provide the joy of Christmas to the children.

The **chapel ministry** of Boys and Girls Homes continues to be a vital part of the children's stay at the Homes. Martha Jones and Wayne Holley, spiritual growth coordinators for the chapel ministry resigned recently. Their positions have been filled by Kevin Ransom and Jan Cameron. Those two have worked closely with Chaplain Mason Smith to conduct "focus week," a time of fun, fellowship, and scriptural growth for the children. In August, the children will be involved in "The Timothy Series," a study designed for troubled youth. These activities are in addition to the regular Sunday morning chapel service (beginning at 9 a.m. and open to all interested persons), Sunday evening Vespers service, and Thursday evening fellowship dinners. In addition to the children participating actively in the worship services by singing in the choir, reading the scripture, having the morning prayer, on a recent Sunday, one of the residents delivered the sermon! The chapel is having a great impact on the lives of the children.

A number of activities remain on the **Homes' Exhibition Center** schedule. Lions may be interested in attending some or all of these events in the center:

August 7-8	NC Paint Horse Club
September 4-5	Central Carolina Driving Club
September 11-12	Northern Piedmont Cutting Horse Association
September 18-19	David Johnson Appaloosa Show
October 8-9	Gospel Jubilee
October 23-24	Brunswick County Horse Owners Association

And of course, every second Wednesday, Jay Brooks, organist for the chapel, performs an **organ concert** at 11 a.m. in the Boys and Girls Homes Chapel. It is well worth the drive to attend the concert and have lunch in one of the local restaurants! The Boys and Girls Homes Country Store, a place for utilizing those items donated to the Homes that can't be used directly by the children, is now open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This makes it more convenient for those who wish to shop and deliver items to the store.

Finally, Boys and Girls Homes is very pleased to have and covets the support of all **North Carolina Lions**. Our long and storied involvement with the Homes has made a difference to many young men and women. That "We Serve" is very important to many, but especially the children of Boys and Girls Homes and Lions Cottage!

*Lois Blackwell*

# Boys & Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc

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August 7, 2004

To the 2004-2005 Distinguished Council of Governors  
North Carolina Lions Multiple District 31

Boys and Girls Homes has weathered many financial challenges during recent months. First there was a reduction in public support due to economic conditions; second, the stock market decline impacted our investment earnings; third, our investment earnings were affected by the decline in interest rates; and fourth, the costs of serving children increased. Further impacting our financial stability was a reduction in government payments for children placed in our care by the court system or by Departments of Social Services in the counties we serve.

Some of the added costs arose from the opening of the Emergency Care Center and the Chapel, two programs that were vitally needed and which enhance our overall program of care. The Chapel has enabled us to have a more effective program of spiritual development for our children. The effect has been to have a more stable environment on campus with greatly lessened behavior problems.

Thanks to the support of the Lions and others, some borrowings from our bank and staff originated cost savings, we have weathered these financial storms and finished July 2004 with a positive cash flow and funds available to pay most of the cost of operation in August. But we are not entirely out of the woods yet. The state just reduced our reimbursement rate by approximately 11%. We have pledged not to reduce the number of children served, so this means that more funds will have to be raised from the public and civic clubs.

Please keep Boys and Girls Homes on your list of organizations deserving Lions support. Please ask your clubs to increase their level of support and to remit their contributions as early in the year as possible. This will help us while we are recovering from these conditions that were completely beyond our control. We have instituted cost savings procedures everywhere possible. With your continuing support we will emerge a stronger childcare organization.

Some Lions think that we have large endowment funds to cover costs during these trying times. That is not the case. Our goal was to develop a large endowment so that these periods of lowered support would not have a negative effect on the Homes. We do have some endowment funds, but they are restricted to specific programs and services such as scholarships for children wishing to pursue a higher education. We cannot spend the principal and the income has been limited by market conditions.

Thank you for your support of Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc. We invite you to have a Council of Governors meeting on campus or to visit to see firsthand the programs and services your Lions dollars make possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Charles D. Smith'.

Charles D. Smith

Chairman of the Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Bill Thompson'.

Bill Thompson

President

# Lions Contributions

February - December	1999	\$99,997.30
	2000	79,841.20
	2001	68,555.11
	2002	95,961.58
	2003	79,689.25
January - August 4th,	2004	<u>31,361.75</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$455,406.19</b>

August 7, 2004

To: State Secretary-Treasurer, George D. Ohm  
From: PDG Ron Kelly, State Chairperson  
Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Subject: Committee Report

Pursuant to Article III, Section 9 of the By-Laws of Multiple District 31, the Constitution and By-Laws Committee acts as an advisory committee to the Council of Governors. Our duties are largely interpretive in nature and the committee acts generally only when called upon by the Council of Governors.

In light of the fact that the Constitution and By-Laws Committee did not receive any requests from the Council of Governors during the 2003-2004 Lions Year, we did not meet and, therefore, we have no report.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Kelly". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Ron Kelly, PDG

Chairperson, Constitution and By-Laws Committee



**George Ohm**

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**Subject:** NC State Extension Chair-Report-August 7, 2004

**I'M HERE TO "LIGHT A FIRE" UNDER EXTENSION FOR 2004-05**

We're going to have a great year for Extension of Lionism in North Carolina this year. In order to accomplish this, we have to have total support and tireless effort from the top; the District Governors and the Vice District Governors. I am asking each of you to set a goal of at least two(2) new clubs in your district this year. Through your leadership, I challenge each District Extension Chairperson(s) to search out towns and communities, retirement centers and other groups where there is a need for Lions service. With the help of the Past District Governors, Region Chairs, Zone Chairs and other leaders in your district, we can do this.

Now is a great time to establish a MERL team, if you don't already have an active MERL or as some call MERLO or MERLOG team in place meeting regularly. Believe me, Fellow Lions, it works. I have been a part of a MERLOG team for several years, so if I can be of any help, please let me know.

**MEMBERSHIP-EXTENSION-RETENTION-LEADERSHIP-ORIENTATION  
GUIDING LION**

I am asking each District Governor for a district directory, a schedule of your convention, your cabinet meetings and an invitation and place on the program of each. I plan to visit each district at least once during the coming year.

I would like to have an extension meeting, about an hour, with the District Gov., the VDG, Region Chairs, Zone Chairs and all others interested in extending service to the residents of your district at a cabinet meeting or convention early in the year. Please try to work me in your schedule and encourage attendance.

Yours in Lionism,  
Houston Henderson  
NC Extension Chairperson

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## Council of Governors Meeting in Salisbury, August 7, 2004 History Committee Report

As of this date, the History Committee has not met this year. However, we will be scheduling a meeting in the near future to make a work plan for the coming year.

There is one thing that needs to be addressed now. That is for the District Governors to start pressuring their Vice District Governors, Cabinet Secretaries and Cabinet Treasurers to provide us with an 8 x 10 photo. They can now take any size photo to Wal-Mart and have it blown up to an 8 x 10. I am having some trouble with my computer, so do not send it by e-mail. Thanks for you help.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lion Herbert A. Justice". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Lion Herbert A. Justice, PDG  
Chairperson

**George Ohm**

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**Subject:** Information Technology Report

Past District Governor, Lion George Ohms. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the meeting this weekend. However, the Council of Governors have asked my committee if it would be feasible to post the Constitution and Bylaws on the NCLF or State's website. I have discussed it with my committee and in more detail with Lion Bennie Pugh about the possibility of posting the Constitution and Bylaws on the websites. Lion Bennie said he has plenty of room on NCLF's webpage and I can link the state's webpage to the file on the NCLF's webpage. If you have any questions you can refer them back to myself, my father PDG Carlton Metts or with PDG Bennie Pugh.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Carlton Metts, II  
State Information Technology Chair

8/3/04

# The International Association of Lions Clubs

(Lions Clubs International)



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## NC STATE COUNCIL MEETING LCIF/SIGHT FIRST CHAIRMAN'S REPORT August 7, 2004

Overall contributions for Multiple District 31 continued their decline for the third consecutive year. At the time this report was prepared the year end totals for 2003-2004 were not yet available. However at the end of the third quarter statewide contributions were lagging behind 2002-2003 by approximately \$4,000. But I do want to thank and congratulate Districts 31 D,E & G. These three district were ahead of last years pace in the amounts that they had contributed.

We must remember that we are in partnership with LCIF and it is through generous contributions of their members that Lions clubs worldwide are able to carry out humanitarian projects. At the their April meeting the LCIF Board of Trustees approved \$3.8 million dollars in grants for the US alone. There is an article on page 46 of the July/August issue of The Lion describing what some of those grants include as well as the provision of other grants throughout the world. I encourage everyone to go back and read the article. Also, for those who have web access there is a wealth of information on the LCIF web site. I have said it before, but again I would like to remind you that LCIF assistance for North Carolina programs and disaster relief efforts often exceed the amount of donations received from Lions in this state.

Just remember that LCIF is all about enabling Lions to help others. As Lions of North Carolina we need to continue to be generous to LCIF. The needs are great. Millions of people with hopes and dreams, many here in our state, depend on LCIF.

As governors of your district, I encourage each of you to aggressively promote the foundation this year. We tend to wait until year-end to recognize others for doing a great job. Let's start early this year with the use of Melvin Jones Fellowships and make the recognition of individual accomplishments a year-long project, not just at year end..

Respectfully submitted,

Billy G. Herring,  
 Chairman, MD31 LCIF/Sight First Committee

Report to State Council  
August 7, 2004

From: Robert Moorehead, P.D.G.  
State Leadership Chair

- 1) I have scheduled training for the Vice-District Governors (Governor Elects) in two sessions: December 3-5, 2004 and February 25-27, 2005. These sessions will run from Friday evening to around noon on Sunday.
- 2) I have not received forms from Elaine Kurck, Manager of the Leadership Administration Department of Lions Clubs International, to have the State Council be reimbursed for one training session for Governor-Elects. I am hoping that this program will be continued again this year.

Date: August 7, 2004

To: 2004-05 Council of Governors  
2004-05 Council Secretary/Treasurer

From: John Kearney,  
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Re: Liberty Day Program

First, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 2004-2005 State Liberty Day Chairman. It is a big honor, as well as, a big responsibility chairing this committee.

Last year we enjoyed a successful Liberty Day Program and Celebration. In the next few weeks I will be contacting each District Chairman to start preparing for the upcoming year. We will continue our efforts in reaching our youth by giving programs in our public and private schools.

Even with the rain, last year's Liberty Day Celebration was a big success. A tentative date for the Liberty Day Celebration has been set for March 12. We have not determined a location, but a suggestion has been made to have it in Raleigh, close to the State Capital. This location is more centrally located and would be accessible for more Lions.

Again this year we plan on selling Liberty Day pins. We will continue with last year's theme of "Celebrating Freedom" and honoring a branch of our military. This year the pin will have the Department of the Navy's Insignia. Due to the increased cost of the pins we will have to raise the price and reduce the amount ordered. Since we only have \$1,000 budgeted for Liberty Day we will, with the Council's approval, order 450 pins @ \$1.73 each at a cost of \$778.50. The price of the pin will probably be \$2.25 each. Last year we ordered 500 pins at a cost of \$1.50 per pin.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve and I look forward to working with each one of you this year.

Thank you



ORIENTATION REPORT  
AUGUST 7, 2004  
EDWARD D. SHIVERS III, PCC  
MD-31 ORIENTATION CHAIRMAN

THANK YOU COUNCIL CHAIR JAMES.

GREETING GOVERNORS, I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY OF WORKING WITH YOU THIS YEAR AND AM LOOKING FORWARD TO A VERY GOOD AND REWARDING YEAR.

AS WE START THIS NEW LIONS YEAR EACH OF US SHOULD DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO MAKE IT A SUCCESSFUL ONE. NOT ONLY SHOULD WE REMEMBER OUR MOTTO "WE SERVE" AND DO OUR UTMOST TO FULFILL THIS OBLIGATION BUT WE SHOULD ALSO KEEP IN MIND THAT TO DO THIS WE MUST HAVE MEMBERS.

MEMBERSHIP IS THE LIFE LINE OF ANY ORGANIZATION. ANY ORGANIZATION WITHOUT MEMBERS CAN NOT EXIST, FURTHER, THE QUANTITY OF SERVICE PROVIDED DEPENDS ON THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS. OUR LIONS CLUBS ARE ABLE TO GET NEW MEMBERS BUT FOR ONE REASON OR THE OTHER THEY LOSE THEIR MEMBERS AT A GREATER RATE. THUS RETENTION BECOMES AN INTEGRAL PART OF MEMBERSHIP AND ORIENTATION IS A BASIC INGREDIENT OF RETENTION.

ALTHOUGH THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE WITH REGARD MEMBERSHIP RESTS DIRECTLY ON THE INDIVIDUAL CLUBS YOU AS GOVERNORS SHOULD INSURE THAT YOUR DISTRICT MERLO TEAM STANDS READY TO PROVIDE THEM WITH ANY REQUIRED ASSISTANCE. FURTHER, THE MERLO TEAM SHOULD CONTINUALLY EXPLORE MEANS TO GET NEW MEMBERS BUT ALSO TO KEEP THE MEMBERS WE HAVE. SPECIAL EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CLUBS.

THE TOOLS ARE AVAILBLE TO MAKE THIS A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR. ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS AVAILING OURSELVES OF ~~THEM~~ <sup>AND MAKE</sup> ~~THEM~~ <sup>WHAT IS AVAILAB</sup> AND PUT THEM TO USE. THIS WE CAN DO.



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August 7, 2004

I thank you for allowing me to serve and welcome you to your position on the council. You are now in charge of Lionism in North Carolina.

I apologize to the Multiple District for letting it down. When I started as State Retention Chair the membership total was at 9,903. Today we are at 9,869. That is a drop of 34 members during my term.

This is not a single Lions job it's all of ours. It is going to take each club President and Membership Chairperson, District membership Chair, Retention Chair, and every Lion in our multiple to correct our downward spin in membership.

We have had some positive growth in some areas, but our drops still out number our new members. This last year we added 1,187 members, only 871 were new; we lost 1,221 members in drops. Some good news is that we started 8 new clubs but dropped 10 clubs. We are doing some things right and we need to share those things with each other.

Governors you need to identify those weak clubs and put a rebuilding Lion or Certified Guiding Lion with them and help them pull themselves up.

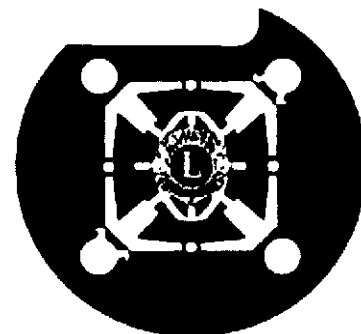
I want to thank those governors that have me on your newsletter mailing list. With unsatisfactory results in retaining our members if the Council wishes to replace me with a more competent Lion I would not hold ill feeling.

Jim Caudle, PDG



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

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North Carolina Youth Exchange

Thanks Council Chair Jim, PDG George, Governors and Lions, we just finished a great year in Youth Exchange. To the ones that helped out this year a special thanks goes to you.

We started out in Asheboro, going to the Zoo on Sunday, dinner with the Asheboro Lions, On Monday morning we started our long two weeks of travel. We arrived in Dobson greeted by District D Gov. Gene Everette, toured a winery, tobacco farm, then to Mt Airy

Later that night a potluck dinner. On Tues. we went to Mocksville and visited the court system, police department and the board of elections were on hand and explained our voting system. They all had heard about our election and had several questions about the Florida vote.

On Wed. We stopped in Black Mt. at the KOA, greeted by District A Gov. Pat, had a cook out with Swannanoa Valley, Ricesville and Black Mountains Lions and was getting ready to roast marshmallows when the sky opened up, but the rain stopped and our neighbor had a fire so they still had fun.

On Thur. We had breakfast with the Erwin Lions, then to Sylva to the water department and lunch at the Jarrett House, after leaving Sylva we went to Cherokee to see the drama Unto These Hills, some had read about the story and explained it to the other students.

Fri we had lunch with the Hendersonville Lions, then to Pisgah Forest to sliding rock, dinner with Pisgah Forest then to Asheville for pool party and ice cream with the Sand Hills Lions.

Sat. we went across the parkway to the Cradle of Forestry, to learn about the first Forestry school in the US. Later that day we were in Forest City for a pool party with the three clubs.

Sun. we went to Chimney Rock #1 on the trip and a boat trip on Lake Lure to see where Dirty Dancing was filmed, pot luck dinner with Lake Lure Lions.

Mon. Carowinds sponsored by District E, dinner with District C Gov. Hunter and the Lions of Charlotte Lions Club.

Tues. We went to Camp Dogwood had lunch, visited Dale Earnhart Museum, played putt- putt and dinner with the campers.

Wed. we took a boat ride on the Queens Landing and had lunch with District B District Gov. Joyce. They got to take boats rides with the campers that afternoon.

Thur. We stopped at Concord Mills and shopped for several hours, later that day we had bar-b-que with the West Lexington Lions.

Fri. we had breakfast, then to Old Salem, and shopping at Hanes Mall, dinner with the West Lexington Lions, they had a good time playing volleyball with the Lions and Church members.

They packed for the next day, on Sat. morning we got up early and left for the airport in Greensboro.

As you can see, we had a full two weeks and this program could not be possible if it was not for all the Lions that helped with money, let us stay in their homes and all the meals they planned for us. It still takes a great deal of money to keep this program going for van rental, gas and food on the road. So I'm asking all the governors to remember us when you plan your budget.

Any questions?

Thanks:

Lion Paulette Gasperson 31 Youth Exchange Chairperson

LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS  
AUGUST 7 2004  
YOUTH OUTREACH REPORT

THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THE LIONS OF NORTH CAROLINA. I HOPE I CAN ALWAYS BE INVOLVED IN SERVING THROUGH LIONISM.

OUR FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE TODAY AT 1:00 PM.

WITH THE CONCURANCE OF COUNCIL CHAIR JIM, I HAVE INVITED THE CHAIRS OF THE LEO AND YOUTH EXCHANGE COMMITTEES TO MEET FOR A DISCUSSION ABOUT LIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH. I BELIEVE COORDINATING THE ACTIVITES OF OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS WILL MAGNIFY THE EFFORTS OF EACH OF DIFFERENT YOUTH COMMITTEES.

OUR GOAL IS STILL TO PROMOTE A LONG-TERM APPROACH TO THE ELIMINATION OF DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND ALCOHOL ABUSE THROUGH ACTIVITIES THAT EMPHASIZE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION. THE LIONS QUEST PROGRAM IS STILL THE BEST PROGRAM OUT THERE, BUT IT IS EXPENSIVE AND COMPLEX.

WE WILL DISCUSS WAYS TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM AS WELL AS OTHER ACTIVITES IN SUPPORT OF OUR YOUTH.

THANKS AGAIN FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY

JAMES M 'JIM' IRVIN  
CHAIR  
YOUTH OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Women's Membership, Development and  
Participation Committee Report  
By Martha Butler PDG, Chairperson

When the 2003-2004 Lions year began I made this statement to the Council of Governors. I think that I want to thank you, the Council of Governors, for allowing me to serve as the first state chairperson for this new committee. This year I want to thank you, and the 2003-2004 Council of Governors, for ~~giving~~<sup>allowing</sup> me this opportunity. I am proud and excited to serve again this year as Chairperson of this Committee.

57,000  
Women in Lionism had an exciting year in 2003-2004. Immediate Past President Dr. Tae Sup Lee said that we could grow the number of female members serving as Lions, and we did. Worldwide over 50,000 women joined you and me in serving others. These impressive numbers tell everyone that the women's initiative was an innovative addition to the host of excellent membership programs offered by Lions International. It also tells us that there are 50,000 more Loving Individuals offering Needed Services to the blind, visually impaired, hearing impaired and needy in communities worldwide. In North Carolina 230 females joined our great organization and began serving in our local communities.

As part of President Kusiak Program this year the Women's Initiative will be intensified with additional appointments of chairpersons, wider distribution of the I Am A Lion brochure, further articles in the Lions magazine and the organization of seminars on how to be an effective Women's chairperson.

A new Women's Symposium Grants Program will be launched to study topics of common interest. The purpose of the Lions Worldwide Women's Symposium program is three fold; 1) to identify new common projects that are of interest to women; 2) to identify potential members; 3) to promote Lions Clubs within the community. Fourteen \$2,000.00 grants will be made worldwide to encourage Lions to partner with local and other national groups. Each Women's Initiative Chairperson will receive more information about the symposiums as soon as it is printed. Meanwhile it is available upon request by Email from Lions Clubs International.

Locally in our communities our goal remains the same. We will continue to encourage our members to invite more women onto our clubs. We will continue encourage those clubs that have not invited women to join that change can be for the betterment of their clubs and their communities. Men and women partnering together to serve our communities can and will share success through service. Those in need don't care if the hand reaching out to them is male or female, black or white, Asian or Hispanic. All they know or want to know is that we are Lions. Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service.

Thank You again for allowing me to serve and May God Bless You as you serve others.

**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>July 1, 2004 Cumulative Total</u>
A	319	up 49	927	1,246
B	211	up 21	715	926
C	166	up 3	630	796
D	162	up 3	1,036	1,198
E	262	up 22	889	1,151
F	174	up 23	1,037	1,211
G	207	up 54	1,083	1,290
H	203	up 40	790	993
J	180	up 15	850	1,030
MD 31 TOTALS	1,884	up 230	7,957	9,841

Gain of  
230 Members

Loss of  
37

**Number of Female and Male Members  
As Reported By District on  
July 1, 2003**

<u>District</u>	<u>Female Members</u>	<u>Male Members</u>	<u>Total Membership</u>
A	270	942	1212
B	190	759	949
C	163	662	825
D	159	1081	1240
E	240	947	1187
F	151	1084	1235
G	153	1096	1249
H	163	801	964
J	165	847	1012
MD 31 TOTALS	1,654	8,219	9,873