

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

Saturday, August 12, 2006
9:00 AM

Holiday Inn, Salisbury, NC

Council Chairperson Martha Butler called the first meeting of the 2006-07 North Carolina Lions Council to order at 9: 02 AM.

District Governor Bob Roland gave the Invocation and District Governor Morris Van Vleet led the Pledge of Allegiance.

For the record, the Council met in caucus on Friday evening, August 12, 2005. All nine District Governors and Vice District Governors were present at the caucus and at the August 13, 2005 Council Meeting:

DG Bob Roland	31-A	DG Ron Kelly	31-F
DG Sue Ingle	31-B	DG Sherman Leathers	31-G
DG Dolores O'Malley	31-C	DG George Holston	31-H
DG Larry Covington	31-D	DG Michael Flora	31-J
DG Morris Van Vleet	31-E		

CC Butler welcomed all Lions and Guests and invited comments from Past International Directors.

PID Sid Scruggs stated that he was pleased with the good representation of North Carolina Lions at the Boston Convention. He did not have the number of delegates voting at this time. He reported that the Mission 30 program was a substantial success buy stemming the tide of lost membership in North Carolina. The year finished with a loss of 170 Lions compared to 476 Lions two years ago. He presented Certificates of Appreciation to each of the 2005-06 District Governors for their fine efforts.

Scruggs stated that as a result of then 1st Vice President Jimmy Ross's visit to our 2006 State Convention, Ross arranged for an LCI film crew to record activities at Camp Dogwood and the Raleigh Industries for the Blind. Unfortunately, the LCI Film crew could not come back for the VIP Fishing Tournament; however Gwen White stated that a film was made by Public TV previously. PDG Ralph Hester also noted that a video was also made at UNC Diabetic Eye Care Center.

Scruggs reported that the Board extended waivers for entrance fees for souses through December 31, and for reinstated former through June 30, 2007.

Ohm read a communication from Lions Clubs International stating the disbanding of the Saluda Lions Club in D31-A.

CC Butler reported the results of the Official Election of Council Officers on July 4, 2007 at the International Convention in Boston:

Council Chairperson - PDG Martha Butler
Vice Council Chairperson - District Governor Morris Van Vleet
Council Chaplain - District Governor Bob Roland
Council Tail Twister. - District Governor Sherman Leathers
Council Secretary/Treasurer - PDG George Ohm

Kelly moved to accept the Minutes of the May 2006 Council meeting as distributed; seconded by Covington. Motion Passed.

Ohm presented the 2005-2006 Year-end Financial Report. Ohm stated that during the year we had received a \$50,000 grant from LCIF for the UNC Diabetic Eye Care Center which was transferred to the NCLF for distribution to the Eye Care Center, The Luxury Car Raffle brought in \$67605 on ticket sales and the 2006 State Convention netted \$6412.39. Noteworthy expenses were the transfer of \$50,000 to the NCLF, disbursement of the proceeds of the Luxury Car raffle of \$8536.38 to White Cane, \$33503 for the BMW and \$25,000 to LCIF for Sight First II and 25 Melvin Jones Fellowships. Ohm reported that the Youth Exchange program which is historically supported by a \$500 donation from each of the nine Districts was not totally supported by this amount this year requiring the expenditure of \$2500 of Council Funds over the budgeted \$500.

(See Attachment "A")

Leathers moved to accept the 2005-06 Year-end Financial Report ; seconded by Van Vleet. Motion Passed.

Ohm continued with the proposed 2006-2007 Council Budget. It is a balanced Budget. Ohm noted that the income from dues is reduced from last year due to a reduction in membership by 168 Lions, however and increase in interest is expected along with income of \$4000 from the State Convention and \$4500 for Youth Exchange.

Expenses include a two year audit, and additional \$500 for plaques and gifts, additional \$300 for the Council Chairperson's expenses, two additional line items, Sight First II and Information Technology and Public relations, and an increase of \$1000 added to Youth Exchange.

(See Attachment "B")

Holston moved to approve the budget as presented: seconded by Covington. Motion passed.

(Holston moved to amend the budget by moving \$5314.34 from contingency to Youth Exchange to avoid asking for \$500 donations from the districts. There was no second to the amendment.)

Ohm requested approval to continue with RLI Surety Co. for the State Treasurer's and Promotions Treasurer's Bonds as well as the Statewide Blanket Bond for the District Cabinet Treasurers. He also requested to continue to deposit the Council and Promotions funds with First Bank of Salisbury, NC.

Kelley moved to approve RLI Surety for Council Treasurer and District Treasurers Bonds and First Bank of Salisbury, NC as depository of Council funds; seconded by Leathers. Motion passed.

North Carolina Lions Foundation President Ron Staley addressed the Council to present his goals for the coming year. Communications will be his hallmark. The Foundation has produced a 60 minute program which will be used to inform the Lions of the state of the people we are serving. The Humanitarian - White Cane and Camp Dogwood Chairs have prepared excellent presentations which will excite the Lions of North Carolina to reach greater heights of service. PDG Paul Bledsoe has also prepared an 8 minute video showing the people served by the statewide services provided by the Lions of North Carolina.

Staley reported that the fund solicitation for the Lineberger Dormitory exceeded its goal by \$113,000 which will be applied to the Udovich Dormitory which will begin construction later this year. The White Cane Drive exceeded its goal, however, there are ever increasing needs to be met. The budgeting process in April left several requests unfunded. Staley has requested more volunteers for volunteer week and to aid the campers during camping season. He is urging a 10% increase in Jack Stickley Funds. (See Attachment "C")

CC Butler issued an open invitation to Staley to sit in on any and all Council planning and meetings to show that the Council and Foundation are working together.

Executive Director Steve Walker thanked last year's Governors for their hard work and expressed that he is looking forward to working with this year's governors. The Financial Audit has been completed and will be presented at the board meeting tomorrow. LCIF has approved the request for a grant for Wake Forest Clinical Eye Research project. The new building plans are progressing well. A small amount of asbestos found in the Shaw Brown building will require special disposition. Due to the location of utility lines, the building will have to be shut down early to move the utilities adding 60 days to the construction.

Council Chair Butler praised the new council of Governors as caring and enthusiastic leaders who are ready and willing to lead their districts in meeting the challenges of this new Lionistic year. The Council is dedicated to raising Sight First II funds without affecting the White Cane effort or the services to those who depend on us.

The Council has endorsed to appointment of Mrs. North Carolina, Kylee Odom to serve as the spokes person for the Lions of North Carolina. Odom is the mother of a 5 year old Daughter who has battled eye disease since birth. Odom is ever grateful to the Duke Pediatric Eye Care Center and the Lions of North Carolina for their efforts to fund Clinical Eye research which has helped her daughter.

Covington moved to appoint Kylee Odom as the Spokesperson for the Lions of North Carolina during the year 2006-2007; seconded by Kelly. Motion passed.

CC Butler stated that a resolution will be sent to Lions Clubs International stating Odom's appointment.

CC Butler stated that she received a request from the Governor Morehead School for a list of Club officers for the expressed purpose of soliciting funds for the School. Upon poling of the Governors the Council adopted a Privacy Policy:

“The North Carolina Lions Multiple District 31 recognizes the importance of protecting the private information of our members. We have no legal authority or written permission to disclose any information of our members to third parties. Due to privacy concerns information such as names, addresses, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, etc. cannot to be released to any third party.”

Van Vleet moved to adopt the Privacy Policy stated above; seconded by Flora. Motion passed.

The Council is requesting the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and The Research and Long Range Planning Committee to begin working on creating a Council of Governor’s Policy Manual.

Kelly moved to ask the two committees to develop the Council of Governor’s Policy Manual; seconded by O’Malley. Motion Passed.

The Council also charged the Research and Long Range Planning Committee begin work on a viable plan for redistricting the Lions Clubs in the MD31. The Council requests a preliminary report by November 2006 and a viable plan by February 2007, so that the plan can be voted upon by the Lions at the State Convention. In addition, the Council is charging the MERL Team (Membership, Extension, Retention and Leadership Committees) to prepare a statewide rebuilding plan to increase membership within the state.

Holston moved to charge the Research and Long Range Planning Committee to prepare a viable redistricting plan by the February 2007 Council Meeting and to charge the MERL team to prepare a statewide Membership Rebuilding Plan for 2006-2007. Ingles seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

The meeting was recessed for 15 minutes.

The meeting was resumed at 10:15 AM.

State Convention Co-Chairs, PDG David Boyd, Jr. and PCC Ed Shivers, III gave the final Report of the 2006 State Convention held in Greenville, NC. Boyd thanked all Lions who attended and all those who purchased and sold program ads to fund the convention. Attendance was excellent at all functions:

International Family Banquet - 52
Friday Night Fun Night – 305
Tail Twister’s Breakfast - 271

Past District Governor’s Luncheon - 120
District Governors’ Banquet - 360
Total Registration – 419

Boyd singled out Bledsoe for his aid in publishing the programs for the convention, as well as Gwen White for her encouragement and help in the planning of the Convention. The Tail Twister’s Breakfast netted \$3638.00 which was designated for White Cane and credited equally

to each district. The proceeds of the convention were \$6412.39 over the \$6000 initial advance and presented to the Council. (See Attachment "D")

Roland moved to approve the 2006 State Convention Final Report; seconded by Leathers. Motion Passed.

2007 State Convention Chairman, PDG Joe Silvers, gave a progress report on the 2007 State Convention. Fund raising is progressing well. The committee has secured sponsors for the Friday Night Fun Night and the Tail Twister's Breakfast so there will be no cost to the Lions. The PDG Luncheon and the District Governors' Banquet will require charges. Lions and guests must register to attend all the functions. Silvers suggested early registration as the banquet hall is limited to 425 persons. Governors are requested to sell at least 10 program ads per district.

Silvers suggested that we dedicate the Convention to all US Veterans. Silvers went on to request that the Council furnish 800 state trading pins as described in the State Convention Agreement. (The two previous councils decided not to furnish state trading pins to the State Convention Committee.)

Flora moved to furnish 800 State Trading pins per the convention agreement; seconded by Leathers. Scruggs commented that since the state trading pins are available to all Lions from their respective District Governors perhaps a specially designed Convention Pin should be designed for convention attendees. The motion and second were withdrawn.

Flora made a motion to purchase 500 crossed flag pins of North Carolina and New York flags (in honor of the 2nd Vice president who will be our speaker) which will be given free to convention attendees; seconded by Roland. Motion passed.

The Committee is also planning to purchase 300 each Convention Commemorative pins which will be sold to convention attendees. Registration forms will be available at the November Council meeting. The Convention Committee also plans to subsidize \$20 of the \$99 room rate to \$79 for attendees. PDG Larry Gasperson presented the Convention budget.

(See Attachment "E")

Holston moved to accept the 2007 State Convention report; seconded by Roland. Motion Passed.

Gwen White expressed her thanks to PDG David Boyd and his committee for putting the 2006 State Convention together. For this year, the convention committee has a goal to update the convention policy to match the Constitution and By-laws. As an example, she stated that the Constitution calls for a hospitality fee to be charged to pay for entertainment, which has not been charged in recent years. The 2008 State Convention is planned for Greensboro, NC. PDG Paul Bledsoe will serve as Chairperson; and PDG John Wall will serve as Treasurer.

(See Attachment "F")

CC Butler presented the list of Statewide Council Committee Chairs serving for 2006-2007.

Boys and Girls Homes	- Ann Neroni	Lions Quest	- Stewart Wooten, PDG
Const. & By-Laws	- Dave Butler, PCC	Nominating	- Allen Deaton, PDG
Diabetes Awareness	- William "Bill" Barnwell	Promotions	- Michael Allman, PDG
Extension	- Houston Henderson, PDG	Research/L-R Planning	- John J. O'Malley, PDG
Historian	- Diane B. Whitley, PCC	Retention/Orientation	- I. Frank Brooks, PDG
Information Technology	- Mike Schwartz	Membership	- Gene Everett, PDG
Leadership	- Robert A. Shook, PDG	Youth Exchange	- Karen Littlefield
Liberty Day	- Jim Edmunds, PDG	State Convention	- Gwen White
LCIF/SightFirst	- Harvey F. Whitley, PCC	Women's Membership	- Janet Doub
Leo Committee	- A. Paul Smith, PDG		

Flora moved to approve the Statewide Council Committee Chairs; seconded by Leathers. Motion passed.

CC Butler called for reports from the Statewide Committee Chairs.

Boys and Girls Home – Anne Neroni The home still needs the new van to replace the 15 passenger van that is no longer insurable. Lake Lure Lions Club has pledged \$10,000 towards the van and D31-F pledged \$3200 leaving a deficit of \$4800 for the van.

(See Attachment "G")

Constitution & By-Laws – Dave Butler The Lions voting at the International Convention approved six resolutions for Constitution or By-laws changes by a 70% majority. Butler outlined the resolutions, three of which deal with redistricting and district endorsements of Directors and Executive Officer candidates.

Extension - Houston Henderson Dressed as a Safari guide, Henderson outlined the goals for Extensions as "Hunting Lions". He and his team of 10 Safari Guides across the state expect to establish several new Prides (Clubs) this year.

(See Attachment "H")

Diabetes Awareness – Bill Barnwell Diabetes is the 5th leading cause of death in the United States plus related to many high risk and chronic conditions. Diabetes has increased 76% in North Carolina since 1995 and now affects over 8% of the population. In addition to affliction of individuals, the medical costs have more than doubled. Many individuals have never had a glucose tests and are unaware that they have Diabetes. Our role is to promote awareness of the dangers of diabetes.

(See Attachment "I")

Historian – Diane Whitley The committee has prepared a portion of a brochure that they would like to be approved today. The price of the books has not been determined. Only pre-ordered books will be printed with no extras; those who reserve books will be required to pay for them.

(See Attachment "J")

State License Plate Project - Whitley stated that for the several years that we have been working on the State Lions License plate but it has never been officially adopted by the Council and included in the minutes. Lions Clubs International requires such a resolution before they will approve the license plate.

District Governor Ron Kelly moved that the MD31 Council adopt a North Carolina State Lions License Plate and that the resolution be included to the official minutes; seconded by District Governor Sherman Leathers. Motion passed.

Information Technology – Michael Schwartz Schwartz requested information of the web-site host and how long the service is paid for. His contact with LCI revealed that we must have LCI permission for all web-sites. We will have to establish guidelines which conform to LCI dictates. He will establish a directory of web-sites for all Lions to use. He recommended that we extend the web-site registration for one more year. (See Attachment “K”)

Roland moved to renew the web-site registration for one year; seconded by Van Vleet. Motion Passed.

PDG Paul Bledsoe suggested that he may have vendors who may offer lower costs and offered to work with Schwartz to secure the lowest rates.

Leadership – Bob Shook District Governor elect leadership training sessions are set for December 1-3, 2006 and February 23-25, 2007. Vice District Governor Training will be May 18-19, 2007. (See Attachment “L”)

Liberty Day – Jim Edmunds The Liberty Day committee met on April 22, 2006 to discuss sites for the 2007 Liberty Day Celebration. March 17, 2007, the day after James Madison’s birthday, was selected for Liberty Day. John Kearney has offered to design and secure the Liberty Day Commemorative Pins which will honor the U.S. Coast Guard. (See Attachment “M”)

Covington moved to accept the 2007 Liberty Day pin design honoring the U.S. Coast Guard and to purchase 600 pins at \$1.72 each. Motion was seconded by Flora. Motion passed.

LCIF/Sight First II – Harvey Whitley Whitley thanked the 2005-06 Council for paying his transportation to the LCI Leadership Institute Training; he stated that he is now certified to conduct a Leadership Training Institute in North Carolina.

As of August 3, 2006, NC Lions have contributed \$41,200 towards Sight First II; South Carolina \$86,000 and Florida \$289,000. Unionville Lions club has volunteered to become a model club with pledges of \$400 per member. PDG Frank Brooks has offered to serve as Assistant Sector Coordinator. (See Attachment “N”)

Leo Clubs – Paul Smith The State Leo Clubs Convention was held on May 5-6, 2006 at Camp Dogwood. State Officers were elected as well as the design of a Leo Clubs Tee Shirt. Unofficial count has 16 Leo Clubs in NC plus new clubs in Lillington and Kitty Hawk. (See Attachment “O”)

Quest – Stewart Wooten The quest program is active in 25 countries. It is divided into three age groups:

1. Skills for growing	Grades K-5
2. Skills for adolescence	Grades 6-8
3. Skills for action	Grades 9-12

Wooten has prepared information packets for each district to aid the Governors in establishing the Quest programs. (See Attachment “P”)

Membership – Gene Everette The membership committee challenged the Governors, and Clubs to just add two new members per club. He suggested that we target the retiring Baby Boomers to the mission of Lions, “Service to Humanity as the Best Work of Life”. (See Attachment “Q”)

Nominating - Allen Deaton All 2006-07 Vice District Governors will be voted upon at their respective District Conventions for District Governor for the year 2007-2008. The committee requests that District Governors forward resolutions naming their Vice District Governors and their clubs to the Chairman. (See Attachment “R”)

Promotions – Michael Allman The promotions meeting will begin at 1:00 pm this afternoon.

Research and Long Range Planning – John O’Malley The Committee will hold a meeting this afternoon to begin working on the requests from the Council.

Retention – Frank Brooks Retention remains a major problem with membership in North Carolina. District Retention Chairpersons are urged to work closely with Zone and Region Chairs to become involved with Clubs to stem the tide of losing Lions. Orientation is a powerful tool to acquaint new as well as older members of our work as Lions. (See Attachment “S”)

State Convention

Flora moved to set the fee for non-lion vendors at \$100 for the two days of the State Convention; seconded by Van Vleet. Motion passed.

Women’s Leadership – Janet Doub (See Attachment “T”)

Youth Exchange – Karen Littlefield The 2006 Youth exchange Camping season has been a huge success. Twelve students participated this year, all from European countries, including one from Turkey. The Web-site has recorded over 1000 hits. Plans are to re-structure the 2007 camp activities in an effort to reduce expenses. (See Attachment “U”)

Roland moved to approve all Committee Reports; seconded by Ingle. Motion passed.

CC Butler asked for a motion to name the Secretary/ Treasurer for the Promotions Committee.

Roland moved to appoint Ohm as Secretary/Treasurer of the Promotions Committee; seconded by Kelly. Motion passed.

New Business

District Governor Dolores O’Malley requested that District 31-B be relieved of paying 1st half dues for two clubs that were disbanded in June 2006, but who were still showing membership in July 1, 2006. The charters were sent to International on August 1, 2006.

Holston moved to excuse D31-B from paying Council and Promotions dues for two clubs disbanded in June 2006. Motion seconded by Leathers. Motion passed.

The November meeting will be held at the Park Inn – Executive Convention Center, Hickory, NC on November 10, 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 12: 20 PM

Respectfully Submitted

George D. Ohm
State Secretary/Treasurer

ATTACHMENT "A"

**North Carolina Lions State Council
2005-06 Year End Financial Statement
August 10,2006**

INCOME:	05-06 Budget	05-06 Actual	(over) / under	Line Item
BAL FWD	23,387.19	29,493.20	(6,106.01)	100
State Dues (.Est 9400 X \$3.50 for 05-06)	32,900.00	32,751.25	148.75	110
Interest Received (Currently 1%)	250.00	575.90	(325.90)	120
District Cabinet Secretary- Treasurer Bonds	417.50	417.51	(0.01)	130
Vendor space rental at State Convention	300.00	-	300.00	140
Tailtwister's ticket sales and auction (State Conv.)	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	150
Youth Exchange	5,866.93	1,950.00	3,916.93	160
Liberty Day	3,359.08	746.53	2,612.55	165
Misc. Income not Budgeted	4,000.00	65580.06	(61,580.06)	170
Lions License Plate Project (Incl \$2900.00 Bal Fwd)		910.00	(910.00)	180
MD31- Statewide Advertising project	27,000.00	0.00	27,000.00	185
Luxury Car Raffle		67605.00		190
State Convention Proceeds		12412.39		195
Total Income	99,980.70	212,441.84	(112,461.14)	
EXPENSES:				
Financial Audit	350.00	0.00	350.00	200
Treasurer's Bond	520.50	520.50	-	210
Clerical Services - NCLF	600.00	600.00	-	220
Office Supplies (Secretary / Treasurer)	350.00	226.94	123.06	230
Printing (NCLF and Secretary / Treasurer)	500.00	498.64	1.36	240
Postage (NCLF and Secretary / Treasurer)	500.00	210.19	289.81	250
Telephone (Secretary / Treasurer)	200.00	48.35	151.65	260
Plaques and Gifts	1000.00	1356.13	(356.13)	270
State Council Meetings	250.00	287.99	(37.99)	280
Expenses - State Secretary / Treasurer	3500.00	3488.99	11.01	290
Expenses - State Council Chair	5300.00	5594.73	(294.73)	300
State Convention - cash advance	6000.00	6000.00	-	310
Membership committee	1000.00	0.00	1,000.00	320
Extension Committee	1000.00	0.00	1,000.00	330
Retention Committee	1000.00	0.00	1,000.00	340
Leadership Committee	3400.00	2578.53	821.47	350
Orientation Committee	1000.00	0.00	1,000.00	360
State Council Committee Expenses	9000.00	7032.59	1,967.41	370
Liberty Day	2000.00	1876.96	123.04	380
Leo Clubs Expenses	1000.00	0.00	1,000.00	390
Youth Exchange (from Council Funds)	500.00	6541.33	(6,041.33)	400
NCLF Newspaper Mailings	3000.00	0.00	3,000.00	405
MD31- Statewide Advertising project	27000.00	270.00	26,730.00	410
Misc Expenses not budgeted	6000.00	52095.63	(46,095.63)	415
Luxury Car Disbursements		67900.00		420
Total Expenses	74,970.50	157,127.50	(82,157.00)	
Contingency	25,010.20	55,314.34	(30,304.14)	
Total	99,980.70	212,441.84	(112,461.14)	

ATTACHMENT "B"

**North Carolina Lions State Council
Proposed 2006-07 Council Budget
August 12, 2006**

INCOME:	04-05 Actual	05-06 Actual	06-07 Budget	Line Item
BAL FWD	26,070.67	29,493.20	55,314.34	100
State Dues (9232 X \$3.50 for 06-07)	24,346.75	32,751.25	32,312.00	110
Interest Received (Currently 1%)	42.41	575.90	550.00	120
District Cabinet Secretary- Treasurer Bonds	417.51	417.51	417.50	130
State Convention Vendor Space Rental	100	-	-	140
State Convention Tailtwister's Breakfast Auction & State Convention Income	3,208.00	-	2,500.00	150
Youth Exchange Funds (restricted)	4,650.00	1,950.00	4,500.00	160
Liberty Day Funds (restricted)	-	746.53	1,000.00	165
Misc. income not Budgeted	85019.59	65,580.06	1,000.00	170
District Governor's Capsule Project	8,651.00	-	-	175
Lions License Plate Project (Restricted)	2900.00	910.00	-	180
Luxury Car Raffle Project	-	67,605.00	0	190
Total Income	129,335.26	212,441.84	107,593.84	
EXPENSES:				
Financial Audit	350.00	0.00	700.00	200
Treasurer's Bond	520.50	520.50	520.50	210
Clerical Services - NCLF	600.00	600.00	600.00	220
Office Supplies (Secretary / Treasurer)	283.57	226.94	350.00	230
Printing (NCLF and Secretary / Treasurer)	249.16	498.64	600.00	240
Postage (NCLF and Secretary / Treasurer)	321.77	210.19	400.00	250
Telephone (Secretary / Treasurer)	0.00	48.35	150.00	260
Plaques and Gifts	783.46	1356.13	1500.00	270
State Council Meetings	193.81	287.99	400.00	280
Expenses - State Secretary / Treasurer	3708.35	3488.99	3500.00	290
Expenses - State Council Chair	5156.82	5594.73	5600.00	300
State Convention - cash advance	6000.00	6000.00	6000.00	310
Membership committee	0.00	0.00	1000.00	320
Extension Committee	0.00	0.00	1000.00	330
Retention & Orientation Committee	0.00	0.00	1000.00	340
Leadership Committee	2575.90	2578.53	3400.00	350
Orientation Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	360
State Council Committee Expenses	7809.40	7032.59	9000.00	370
Sight First II Committee	-	-	1000.00	375
Liberty Day	1293.75	1876.96	2000.00	380
Leo Clubs Expenses	417.67	0.00	1000.00	390
Youth Exchange	5383.07	6541.33	6000.00	400
Information Technology/ Public Relations	-	0.00	1500.00	405
MD31- Statewide Advertising project	-	270.00	0.00	410
District Governor's Capsule Project	8451	-	-	--
Misc Expenses not budgeted	81814.50	52095.63	5000.00	415
Luxury Car Raffle Disbursements	-	67900.00	-	--
Total Expenses	125,912.73	157,127.50	52,220.50	
Contingency	3,422.53	55,314.34	55,373.34	
Total	129,335.26	212,441.84	107,593.84	

August 12, 2006

NCLF President's Report

Council Chair Martha, District Governors, Vice Governors, Lions and guests.

I am happy to have this opportunity to address the Council at this, your first meeting of this Lions Year. After an excellent International Convention in Boston and the usual foray of cabinet installations, you and I have begun this year's White Cane Workshops. White Cane Chair, Jerry Austin; Camp Dogwood Chair, Jim Sasser, Executive Director Steve Walker and I appreciate the opportunity you give us to assist you and your district with fund raising this year. We have a 60 minute program that is designed to tell Lions and Lions Club why we need their support. Past District Governors Jerry and Jim have put together two excellent presentations which your district chairs can use to educate and win the hearts and minds of the clubs in your district. One of my goals this year is to let Lions know what the fruits of their labor mean to the many groups we serve. We must not only have visions of service, we must complete many tasks to make our visions a reality. It is, as I have said, A vision with a task that will change the world. To assist in accomplishing this task, I asked PDG Paul Bledsoe to produce a video that tells why the statewide services Lions provide through the NCLF are so important. Paul has produced an excellent video which I would like all Lions in the state to see. It is a series of interviews Glen White held with some persons we serve. In it they tell better than you or I, how important the services funded by our White Cane dollars are.

I am happy to report last year was another excellent year. The Clubs in your districts responded well to those in need and supported last year's leaders call to serve. The need for our services, however, continues to grow. Last year our Foundation had an outstanding year under the leadership of the Council of Governors and Past President Carlton Metts. I am grateful for their leadership and untiring service. I am happy to report that the Foundation approved over 3,400 requests for matching funds, 55 miscellaneous requests for medical assistance, provided 348 hearing aids, 1,545 free mobility canes, and 13 educational grants. In addition we provided 7 special grants totaling \$42,000. An eighth grant for the Deaf/Blind Hearing Retreat was approved but funding was cancelled by that group. We had adequate space for the 792 campers wishing to attend Camp Dogwood and the only reason I know for anyone being declined was either scheduling or not meeting board approved policy requirements. The vision van had another banner year and screened 19,492 persons. It continues to be in great demand. You will see reports at tomorrow's board meeting listing many other statewide services.

This year will be as challenging as always. We are fortunate to have an outstanding staff at the Foundation and dedicated officers who are ready to assist you and your Clubs. The bottom line is that, although we expect our white cane to be up this year, our total revenue is below what we need to meet the demand for services our Lions Clubs are requesting. This is not a new problem. Based on the excellent year we had last year and a drop in demand for hearing aids, educational grants and additional funds that have accumulated in our reserves in excess of the 55% required by policy, I feel we will be able to meet our clubs needs this year.

Thanks to a generous contribution by PDG Bill and Donna Udovich, the replacement of the Shaw Brown Building can begin. As before, we're asking clubs to sell additional Camp Dogwood raffle tickets and are asking for contributions from groups and individuals to pay for the rooms, furniture and construction costs.

Attachment "C" (Cont.)

In addition to these tasks, I have challenged some Committee Chairs to accomplish some objectives identified at a planning session I held at Camp Dogwood this spring. Among those goals were:

1. Develop a strategy for recruiting Lion volunteers who are willing to work during the camping season at Camp Dogwood. We need a list of at least 40 volunteers annually who will work at Camp Dogwood during the Camping Season. The need is growing and they are a great resource as we continue to have difficulty obtaining councilors.
2. Increase the awareness of our Camp among the agencies that serve the visually impaired and our visually impaired community. We need to be sure that all who would like to attend our camp get an opportunity to attend.
3. Evaluate opportunities for use of our Clinical Eye Research contributions and evaluate the feasibility of establishing an endowment for funding long term needs.
4. Evaluate the feasibility of expanding the Vision Van to include Hearing and/or Diabetic screening.
5. Develop a plan to address Matching Funds needs and evaluate funding needs.
6. Evaluate and develop a strategy for hiring counselors, life guards and nurses during the camping season at Camp Dogwood.
7. Increase contributions to the Stickley Fellowships by 10%.
8. Increase contributions to the Woolard Partner in Service by 10%.
9. Develop a strategy for use of Camp Dogwood's during the off-season and ensure that fees are adequate to recover costs associated with non-camping season usage.
10. Analyze trends in statewide programs and services. We need to constantly be aware of our services and whether we are staying abreast of needs for our assistance.

To realize these achievements we need the support of your District Chairs. They are crucial to the success of our State Committees. I have one special request of you. Please emphasize as often as possible the need for your Committee Chairs to attend the meetings scheduled by the State Committee Chairs. It is vital that they know how critical they are to our success. We cannot function if they are not present when our committees meet. I thank you for your support. You are critical to our success this year and it is great having this opportunity to serve with you. I look forward to working with you and sharing this experience. With our help and the help of our Lions Clubs we will continue to meet the needs of those coming to us for assistance.

Lion Ron Staley,
NCLF President

2006 NORTH CAROLINA LIONS STATE CONVENTION
GREENVILLE HILTON GREENVILLE, N.C.
APRIL 20-23, 2006
FINAL REPORT

LIONS AND GUESTS

ON THE BEHALF OF MY CO-CHAIR PDG. ED SHIVERS, SNOW HILL LIONS CLUB AND THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE FOR PARTICIPATION IN MAKING THE 2006 NC STATE LIONS CONVENTION A SUCCESS.

AS MANY OF YOU ARE AWARE, THERE ARE MANY EXPENSES IN PUTTING ON A STATE LIONS CONVENTION. AFTER A SLOW START IN AD SALES, THEY CAME IN STRONG. THIS COMMITTEE THANKS EACH LION WHO SOLD AND BUSINESSES WHO PURCHASED THE ADDS.

THE COMMITTEE I SERVE WITH DESERVES HIGH PRAISE FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK. IT WAS AN HONOR TO SERVE WITH THEM. THANKS TO PDG ED SHIVERS CO-CHAIR AND TREASURER, PDG ROBERT HAM, PDG GLENN BUNCH AND THE SNOW HILL LIONS CLUB FOR THEIR HARD WORK.

THE 2006 NC LIONS STATE CONVENTION BEGAN ON THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 20th. THE VIP'S WERE ENTERTAINED AND DINED. THE 2005-2006 COUNCIL SALUTED THE DISTRICT GOVERNORS ELECT WITH MEMORABLE GIFTS. A JACK DANIEL STEAK WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS WAS SERVED.

THE GOLF TOURNAMENT BEGAN AT 10:00 AT NEARBY BRADFORD CREEK GOLF COUNTRY CLUB. EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME AND LION HARVEY WHITLEY'S TEAM WON THE TOURNAMENT. THANKS TO GREENVILLE MARTINBOURGH CLUB, LION ROBERT FREY WHO ORGANIZED THE TOURNAMENT. LION MARK KLAICH WHO ALSO ASSISTED.

REGISTRATION BEGAN AT 2:00 PM UNTIL 7:00 PM.
FRIDAY NIGHT WAS WELL ATTENDED WITH 305 LIONS. NORTH PITT HIGH SCHOOL JR. ROTC DRILL TEAM PARTICIPATED IN THE FLAG CEREMONY.
ENTERTAINMENT WAS PROVIDED BY BOYS/GIRLS HOME EMEMBLE, SAMATHA CASEY & BLUEGRASS JAM AND OUR OWN SPECIAL LADY, GWEN.
TAIL TWISTER'S BREAKFAST BEGAN 7:30AM, FOLLOWED BY TAIL TWISTER'S FUN AND AUCTION. 271 LIONS ATTENDED.

12 LIONS TOURED THE FACILITIES AT PITT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL UNIVERISTY HEALTH SYSTEMS - HOSTS WERE LIONS ANN SHIVERS AND CATHRYN HAM.

OPENING SESSION BEGAN AT PDG LUNCHEON FOLLOWED AT 12:15 WITH 120 LIONS ATTENDING.

SEMINARS GEGAN SHORTLEY AFTER DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT GEORGE HOLSTON DIRECTLY. THE SEMINARS WERE WELL ATTENDED.

HOSPITALITY ROOM WAS OPEN FROM 3:00 TO 5:00.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S BANQUET BEGAN AT 7:00 WITH 360 ATTENDING. ENTERTAINMENT WAS PROVIDED BY DR. GENE MARTIN, PASTOR OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SNOW HILL.

OUR SPECIAL GUEST, INTERNATIONAL 1st VP PRESIDENT, JIMMY ROSS INSPIRED ALL TO BE BETTER LIONS. SPECIAL AWARDS WERE ALSO PRESENTED.

THE SERVICE OF REMEMBERANCE BEGAN AT 8:30AM AND FOLLOWED BY DISTRICT CABINET MEETINGS AT 10: OOAM.

GENERAL SESSION BEGAN AT 11: OOAM, FOLLOWED BY DISTRICT GOVERNORS ELECT RECEPTION.

MY SPECIAL THANKS TO PDG PAUL BLEDSOE FOR THE GREAT JOB OF SETTING UP AND PUBLISHING THE PROGRAM.

ATTENDANCE

VIP Banquet	52
Friday Fun Night	305
Tail Twister's Breakfast	271
PDG Luncheon	120
District Governors' Banquet	360

Registrations

<u>District</u>	<u>Total</u>
2T-1	2
31-A	30
31-B	52
31-C	19
31-D	41
31-E	30
31-F	49
31-G	67
31-H	53
31-J	66
32-A	2
35-1	2
<u>Misc.</u>	<u>6</u>
Grand Total	419

2006 NC LIONS STATE CONVENTION
Financial Statement as of 06/08/06

Income

Beginning Balance	4.80
Ads`	17,700.00
Family Fun Night	3,990.00
Tail Twister Breakfast	3,880.00
Past District Governors Luncheon1	1,628.00
District Governors Banquet	8,208.00
Tail Twister Tickets & Auction	3,638.00
Golf Tournament1	1,260.00
State Council Advance	<u>6,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$46,308.80

Expenses

Ad Refund	\$ 75.00
Meal Refunds	374.00
Supplies	1,067.22
Golf Tournament	1,170.00
Room, Meals & Etc. for 1 st VP	1,046.10
Entertainment	200.00
Decorations	614.18
Donations	4,138.00
Greenville Hilton (Rooms for DG's & Meals)	22,764.00
MD-31	12,412.39
•Programs	<u>2,447.91</u>
Total Expenses	\$46,308.80

Note: Donations-NCLF-\$3,638.00, Boys & Girls Homes-\$300.00, North Pitt HS-\$200.00

Robert L. Ham, Convention Treasurer

Due to early arrival of 1st V.P. Jimmy Ross, unexpected expenses occurred in the amount of \$932.29.

Social

Revised (RP)
Tentative

GROUP SALES AGREEMENT

ASHEVILLE RENAISSANCE HOTEL

One Thomas Wolfe Plaza

Asheville, NC 28801

(828) 252-8211 * Fax (828) 254-1374

The following represents an agreement between the RENAISSANCE ASHEVILLE HOTEL (Hotel) and **North Carolina Lions Club** and outlines specific conditions and services to be provided.

TODAY'S DATE: Thursday, August 10, 2006
ORGANIZATION: **North Carolina Lions Club**

CONTACT: Joe Silvers
c/o Ms. Gwen White
828 Swan Street
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948
Phone: 252-441-4966 Fax:
E-mail:

NAME OF EVENT/GROUP: **North Carolina Lions Club**

PROGRAM DATES: Tuesday, May 29, 2007 - Sunday, June 3, 2007

GUEST ROOM COMMITMENT

The Hotel agrees that it will provide, and **North Carolina Lions Club** agrees that it will be **responsible for utilizing, 410 room nights** in the pattern set forth below such number and such pattern, the "Room Night Commitment":

	Tue. 05/29	Wed/05/30	Thu/05/31	Fri/06/01	Sat/06/02
Run of House	5	5	48	173	173
Parlor Suite	0	0	1	1	1
Presidential Suite	0	0	1	1	1

Room	Single Rate	Double Rate
Run of House	\$99	\$99
Parlor Suite	\$149	\$149
Presidential Ste	\$299	\$299

Check-in time at the Hotel is 4:00 PM and Check-out time is 11:00 AM. Hotel room rates are subject to applicable state and occupancy taxes (currently 11%) in effect at the time of check in. No complimentary rooms will be given with the discounted rate.

METHOD OF RESERVATIONS

Reservations for the Event will be made by:

**** Individual attendees call directly with Renaissance toll free at 1-800-468-3571, and identifying themselves as members of North Carolina Lions Club, prior to Sunday, April 29, 2007.**

All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit, guaranteed with a major credit card, or guaranteed by the **North Carolina Lions Club** Master Account. Hotel will not hold any reservations unless secured by one of the above methods.

2007 STATE CONVENTION BUDGET VS ACTUAL									
INCOME					2007				
					BUDGET		ACTUAL		
STATE COUNCIL (ADVANCE)					0.00		0.00		
PROGRAM ADS:									
FRONT COVER	1	2000	1	2,000.00					
INSIDE FRONT COVER	1	750.00	1	750.00		1	750.00		
BACK COVER	1	1,000.00	1	1,000.00		1	1,000.00		
INSIDE BACK COVER	1	750.00	1	750.00					
FULL PAGE	60	300.00	60	18,000.00		21	6,300.00		
HALF PAGE	10	200.00	30	6,000.00					
QUARTER PAGE	7	125.00	28	3,500.00					
EIGHTH PAGE	2	75.00	16	1,200.00					
PATRON	1	25.00	12	300.00					
CENTERFOLD		1,500.00	1	1,500.00					
PROGRAM BOOK					35,000.00		8,050.00 *		
80 PAGES									
MEALS:									
FRIDAY NIGHT FUN NIGHT		15.16	400	6,064.00					
SATURDAY TAIL TWISTER BREAKFAST		12.13	400	4,852.00			4,950.00		
SATURDAY PDG LUNCHEON		14.36	100	1,438.00					
SATURDAY DG BANQUET		30.32	400	12,128.00					
SATURDAY DG BANQUET under 12		0.00	0	0.00					
TOTAL MEALS					24,480.00		4,950.00 *		
TOURS					3.00		0.00		
CONVENTION PINS					3.00 300		900.00		
CONVENTION PRESS ROOM									
HOSPITALITY ROOM									
GOLF TOURNAMENT					0.00		0.00		
MISCELLANEOUS							1,200.00		
DIVIDENDS							8,988.50 8,988.50		
SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS					15,000.00		15,000.00		
TOTAL INCOME					76,580.00		8000.00 8,000.00		
EXPENSES:									
MEALS:									
THURSDAY NIGHT		34.67	55	1,907.00					
FRIDAY NIGHT FUN NIGHT		15.16	400	6,064.00					
SATURDAY TAIL TWISTER BREAKFAST		12.13	400	4,852.00					
SATURDAY PDG LUNCHEON		14.36	100	1,438.00					
SATURDAY DG BANQUET		30.32	400	12,128.00					
SATURDAY DG BANQUET under 12			0	0.00					
SUNDAY RECEPTION			0	550.00					
HOSPITALITY ROOM				6,000.00					
SUNDAY BREAKFAST VOUCHERS		10.00	200	2,000.00					
TOTAL MEALS					34,937.00				
TOURS					2.00		0.00		
ENTERTAINMENT									
FRIDAY NIGHT				2,500.00					
SATURDAY NIGHT				0.00					
VIP ROOMS (SEE CONTRACT)					8,100.00				
ROOM RESERVATION PENALTY (SEE CONTRACT)					0.00				
HOSPITALITY(GIFTS,BASKETS,FLOWERS, ETC)					2,000.00				
BANQUET SUPPLIES(FLAGS, ETC)					400.00				
AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT					700.00				
PROGRAM BOOK (PRINTING, REFUNDA)					6.00 750		4,500.00		
PRINTING (EVENT PROGRAMS, ETC)							450.00		
COMMITTEE EXPENSES (TRAVELS, MEALS)							2,500.00		
CONVENTION VESTS					20.00 40		800.00		
CONVENTION COMMERATIVE PINS					1.50 800		1,200.00		
CONVENTION TRADING PINS					1.55 300		465.00		
CONVENTION PRESS ROOM									
REGISTRATION MATERIALS(NAME TAGS,BADGE HOLDERS, ETC)					1,300.00				
REGISTRATION EXPENSES(BAD CHECKS, REFUNDS, ETC)					900.00				
BANK FEES					100.00		86.82 86.82		
POSTAGE					175.00				
OFFICE SUPPLIES(COPIES)					300.00				
GOLF TOURNAMENT									
MISCELLANEOUS					500.00				
ROOM SUBSIDIZING					9,102.00				
TOTAL EXPENSES					70,929.00		86.82		
BALANCE					5,651.00		29,901.68		

August 12, 2006

State Convention Committee

I also extend many thanks to PDG David Boyd for Chairing the 2006 State Convention. Through the frustrations of dealing with changes in hotel administration, he and his committee persevered and provided an excellent convention.

This year's goal for the convention committee will be to update the Convention Agreement to bring the policy and by-laws in sync. For example the By-laws state that the Council shall – not may – charge each registrant a Hospitality fee to cover the cost of entertainment. This has not been done in several years requiring the Convention Committee to absorb the Entertainment costs within its budget.

Policy also states that we give the current MD31 State Trading pin free of charge to each registrant. A previous Council voted the stop giving pins to the Convention, without changing the Convention agreement.

The committee needs the Council to direct who receives complementary meals and rooms. In recent years the convention committee has been asked to furnish complementary services beyond the stated policy. The Committee is willing to accommodate the desires of the Council, but needs direction up-front to include in the budgeting process.

Gwen White
State Convention Committee Chair

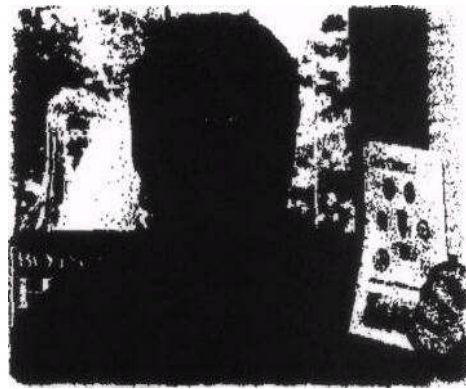
Boys and Girls Homes
Anne Neroni Chairperson

North Carolina Lions Van Project for Boys and Girls Homes of NC

The Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina is replacing all of its 15 passenger vans because of insurance costs. We are replacing them with min-vans and 12-passenger vans. We would like to have a 12 passenger van for the Lions Cottage. The cost will probably be some where around \$18,000 for a 12 passenger van. We have been given a \$10,000 gift from the Lake Lure Lions Club and District 31-F has committed to send \$3,200. We need to raise the remaining 5 thousand dollars before we can make the purchase. We would like to finish this project and move on to the renovation of the Lion's cottage. If we are able to find a deal for under the estimated amount of \$18,000 we will definitely jump on that opportunity and any monies left over will go towards the cottage renovation project. Brad Logsdon is also working on carpet for the staff office and improvements to cottage windows and window frames. Please contact Brad for an update on those and other efforts he has been working on.

Providing home connections

Our Civic Club partners: Civitan, Lions, Jaycees, Kiwanis, Rotary, and Optimist, provided funding for the construction of many of the homes (cottages) the children live in. Today, the clubs continue to support the operation of the cottages and other programs/activities at the Homes. Often we're asked how much it costs to operate a cottage. The chart below gives typical costs for "CIVIC CLUB COTTAGE!" Further, assuming the cottage is housing nine children (our licensed limit); the costs are broken down on a per child basis. Perhaps your club or a member(s) of your club would like to provide for a certain cost of your home's operation or for an individual child in the home. (Please complete and submit info on page 9) For more information on how you can be involved in supporting the cottage and its children, telephone 910-646-3083 or email tora.lamont@boysandgirlshomes.org



Tom Lamont
Director of Civic Club

expense	Annual/Cottage	Monthly/Cottage	Monthly/Child
Salaries and Benefits	\$55,908	\$4,659	\$517.67
Electricity	\$7,128	\$594	\$66.00
Garbage Collection	\$900	\$75	\$8.33
LPGas	\$2,940	\$245	»27.22
Gasoline	\$2,424	\$202	\$22.44
Telephone	\$4,380	365	\$40.56
Water & Sewer	\$1,848	\$154	\$17.11
Food - Purchased	\$14,100	\$1,175	\$130.56
Drugs and Medical Supplies	\$132	\$11	\$1.22
Hospital and Doctor fees	\$60	\$5	\$0.56
Supplies	\$3,816	\$318	\$35.33
Maintenance	\$492	\$41	\$4.56
Repairs	\$4,632	\$386	\$42.89
Furniture and Fixtures	\$444	\$37	\$4.11
Exterminating	\$84	\$7	\$0.78
Fees	\$156	\$13	\$1.44
Insurance	\$10,584	\$882	\$98.00
Contract Labor	\$23,568	\$1,964	\$218.22
Clothing - Purchased	\$2,196	\$183	\$20.33
Haircuts / Hair / Makeup	\$492	\$41	\$4.56
Laundry and Cleaning	\$36	\$3	\$0.33
Planned Group Activities	\$768	\$64	\$7.11
Transportation - Children (misc.)	\$12	\$1	\$0.11
Total	\$137,100	\$11,425	\$1^9

Lion's Home

Needs

1. New bedroom furniture for youth.
2. New tile for hallway and computer area.
3. Carpet cleaning. |
4. Bedrooms need painting.
5. Industrial dishwasher.
6. Mold and mildew in ceiling needs removing.
7. Horizontal freezer.

Wish List

1. Large area rug: at least 10'x7'
2. Playstation and games
3. Hanging wooden shelves.
4. 36" screen (diagonally) screen television.
5. Desk lamp for office.
6. New computer and printer for office.
7. Copier for office.
8. Two computer chairs for youth.
9. Patio furniture.
10. Gift cards for window treatments.
11. New Office Desk.

Lions Cottage
Remodeling Projects 2006

(Revised 2/8/06)

Cottage Project	Labor	Material	Protected Cost
30 year Hickory Roofing Shingles installation (Project for spring 07) . ; (quote from another similar Roof project.	\$ 9,000	6,811.29	\$15,811.29
Dishwasher for Lions Cottage Kitchen	-	\$ 900,00	\$ 900.00
Renovating Resident Bathrooms (2 sets)' Trigon Construction (Whiteville)	\$20,935.10 60%	\$13,956.73 40%	\$34,891.83
Interior Painting - (Private contractor) : Living and Dining Rooms	\$1,000	\$ 300.00	\$1,300.00
Interior Painting (Private Contractor) Paint resident room closets and ceilings	\$800.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,000.00
Repair or Replace Vertical Blinds in Lions Dining Room		\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Replace interior wall paneling along the front of the cottage	\$700	\$400	\$1,100.00
2 Exterior Doors w/ Panic bar hardware (Front ac Kitchen)			\$3,000.00
Carpet installation - Staff office			1,600.00
Replace old windows Kitchen and scarf apt. Windows		\$2,900	\$2,900.00
			\$63,303.12

Attachment "H"
**NORTH CAROLINA STATEWIDE EXTENSION ACTIVITY
REPORT**

By Statewide Extension Chairperson, Lion Houston Henderson
August 12, 2006—Salisbury, North Carolina

FELLOW LIONS WE ARE ON SAFARI IN NORTH CAROLINA THIS YEAR. WE ARE HUNTING LIONS. WE HOPE TO ESTABLISH PRIDES OF LIONS IN AT LEAST TWO AREAS IN EACH DISTRICT IN THE STATE.

WE HAVE A " TEAM OF TEN" LEADING THIS SAFARI, THIS LION HUNT, WITH THE SUPPORT OF NINE DISTRICT GOVERNORS, NINE VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS, AND ALL THE PDG'S AND OTHER INTERESTED LIONS IN THE STATE.

I HAVE CHALLENGED EACH OF THE NINE DISTRICT CHAIRS NOT TO LET THE FIRST QUARTER GO BY WITHOUT CAPTURING ENOUGH LIONS TO ESTABLISH A NEW PRIDE.

I AM GETTING REPORTS FROM SOME OF THE SAFARI LEADERS ACROSS THE STATE THAT INDICATE THEY ARE GETTING READY TO ESTABLISH A NEW PRIDE OF LIONS IN THEIR DISTRICT. I AM SUGGESTING THAT THE OTHER SAFARI LEADERS 'GET ON THE BALL' AND ESTABLISH A NEW PRIDE OF LIONS 'BEFORE THE END OF FALL'. GOVERNORS, I HOPE YOU WILL ENCOURAGE YOUR SAFARI LEADERS(EXTENSION CHAIRS) TO ROUND UP THE HUNTERS AND CAPTURE ENOUGH LIONS TO ESTABLISH A NEW PRIDE IN YOUR DISTRICT 'BEFORE THE END OF FALL'.

FELLOW LIONS, IN ADDITION TO THE NEW AREAS THAT NEED THE SERVICES OF THE LOVING INDIVIDUALS CALLED LIONS, THERE ARE OVER 120 COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE HAD A PRIDE OF LIONS AND LOST THEM. MAYBE, MOST OF THESE AREAS HAVE GROWN AND STILL HAVE THE NEED OF A CARING HAND OF A LION TO HELP THEM. I AM FURNISHING EACH DISTRICT SAFARI LEADER A LIST OF CLUBS THAT HAVE FOLDED IN THEIR AREA SO THEY CAN GET THEIR LION HUNTERS OUT IN THE JUNGLE TO SEE IF A NEW PRIDE CAN BE ESTABLISHED.

FELLOW LIONS, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GET OUT IN THE JUNGLE AND HUNT DOWN THE LIONS AND ESTABLISH NEW PRIDES THROUGHOUT THE STATE OR **LIONS ARE GOING TO BECOME AN ENDANGERED SPECIES.**

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SERVE AS YOUR STATEWIDE EXTENSION CHAIR THIS YEAR.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Houston Henderson
NC Statewide Extension
Chair

DIABETES AWARENESS

Diabetes is the fifth leading cause of death by disease in the United States.

Diabetes also contributes to higher rates of morbidity, people with diabetes are at a higher risk for heart disease, blindness, kidney failure, extremity amputations and other chronic conditions.

Diabetes since 1995 has increased 76 percent in North Carolina and has reached more than 8 percent of the total population. Not only has the existence of the disease increased, but the cost has soared from 80 million dollars in 1993 to more than 160 million dollars in 2002. That is 76 percent increase in number but more than doubled in cost. The nation has now exceeded 132 billion dollars annually in the United States(2002). We are now looking at a per capita medical expenditure total of \$13,243 for people with diabetes and \$2,560 for people without diabetes. When adjusted for differences in age, sex, and race/ethnicity, people with diabetes had a medical expenditure more than 2.4 times higher than non-diabetic.

Why are we promoting diabetes awareness? In North Carolina, we have 584,000 citizens with diabetes, but the sad fact is that almost 200,000 of that 584,000 do not know that they have diabetes. While in North Carolina, we have an 8.2 percent rate, the national rate is only 7.0 percent. Therefore, our effort must be intensified to control the higher incidences of diabetes.

The citizens of North Carolina must be made aware of the ever increasing growth of diabetes.

26 percent of our population has never had a glucose test. We need for our neighbors to know that they need to have a FPG test(Fasting plasma glucose) to determine their glucose level. The key word here is fasting. If we can locate the percent of the North Carolinians that are pre-diabetic, maybe we can keep the increase near the 8.2 percent . There are about twice as many pre-diabetic as diabetics in North Carolina

A type 2 pre-diabetic can reduce their chance of becoming a diabetic by a corrective diet, exercise program and weight loss.

So why diabetes awareness , the Lions of North Carolina can lead the way in helping to identify the potential diabetics and decrease the financial burden on our citizen.

In Multiple District 31, Districts C and D are to be commended for their outstanding effort in fund raising for diabetic research. Other districts may have had programs that I did not hear about. We as Lions can work with local hospital education division in conducting a diabetes fair, organize a diabetes walk, arrange an eye van visitation and support other local efforts.

As Lions have we had our FPG test? Encourage all Lions in your district to see a health professional and not be part of the 26 percent.

William Barnwell, Jr.

State Council of Governors Meeting
Holiday Inn, Salisbury, NC
August 12, 2006

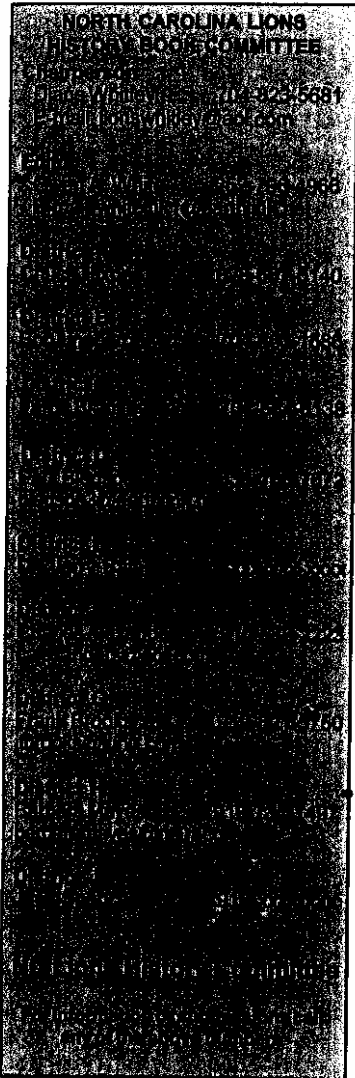
State History Committee Report
Diane B. Whitley, Chairperson

First let me thank you for the confidence you showed in me when you asked me to take over chairmanship of this committee. I have some really large shoe to fill and it will require help from all of the Lions in North Carolina to make the new History book a success.

Also I want to thank all of those serving on the committee who have committed their time with intentions to remain on the committee until completion of the book.

The History committee has part of the flier for you to proof today. The other half will have sample club histories, articles and pictures to offer some guide lines or suggestions for the clubs. We hope to complete the other half this weekend and turn it over to PDG Paul Bledsoe for design work.

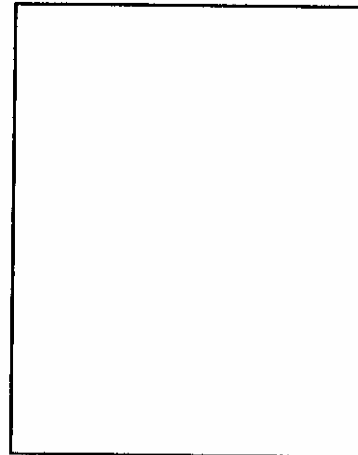
Our next meeting will be September 29- October 1 at Camp Dogwood. The flier should be ready for distribution then.



The North Carolina Lions Heritage -- 2007

A new book is being published by the North Carolina Lions Council of Governors and the North Carolina Lions Foundation. It will feature the grass-root Lions and clubs, be enjoyable to read, and affordable for all. Don't let your club be left out!

- The North Carolina Lions' History Book committee is preparing a unique collection of club, topical and Lions activities.
- We invite all Lions, former Lions, and those who have roots in service to the blind and visually impaired to submit a history of approximately 250 words to be printed! Please send photos also.
- This is a rare opportunity for you to be a part of Lions' history.
- We will print only a limited number of these beautiful and collectible books.
- Because this is a limited edition book, **only those who order and pay in advance are guaranteed to receive a copy.**
- The North Carolina Lions History Book will make excellent gifts for birthdays and holidays



Stories and pictures may be mailed to Diane Whitley or Gwen White at the above addresses.
All Rights Reserved

All clubs will be listed. Please don't have a blank space by your club's name

This book is about the local, grass-root Lion, written for the local, grass-root Lion, compiled and written by a group of grass-root Lions.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: January 1, 2007



"... and departing leave behind us, footprints in the sands of time."

The Psalm of Life by: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

You are important to the North Carolina Lions History Book Committee. We cordially invite you to participate in the publication of this book as we tell the story and importance of the local Lions Clubs.

I. Who is eligible to participate?

- A. Current Lions
- B. Former Lions
- C. Those with Lions' knowledge or roots.
- D. Spouses of Lions

II. How much may I submit?

- A. Each Lions Club is encouraged to send in 250 words of their club's history and pictures.
- B. These amounts will be published at no charge.
- C. In addition, if your club was one of the first 10 clubs chartered you may submit an additional 250 words.
- D. Abbreviations/numbers above five letters equal two words, and punctuation does not affect this.

III. What will I write?

- A. About your club
 - 1. When the clubs were organized and chartered.
 - 2. Names and dates of club members who served as district governors or an international officer.
- B. About unusual club projects, humorous stories, about fund-raising projects, about how your club has impacted your community.
- C. Anything you can tell future generations of their Lions' ancestry.

IV. Article directions.

- A. Type or use word processing and save to a compact disc in a text-only format or Word document. (Not Word Perfect). Print on white bond paper and include a hard copy with the disc. We cannot accept articles which are typed in ALL CAPS. Upper and lower case must be used!
- B. Include at end of article:
 - 1. Word count.
 - 2. Sources, if available.
 - 3. Name, address and phone number of story submitter.
 - 4. Photo caption (see V.C)

V. Photograph directions.

- Note: Do not submit original irreplaceable photos! We make every effort to return them, but cannot be responsible for loss or damage!
- A. Types and size.
 - 1. Glossy photos are best! Laser copies do not reproduce well, so please don't submit them!
 - 2. Digital photos are acceptable if the resolution is high.
 - 2. **Not acceptable: Computer scans, etc., Xerox® copies, negatives or faded Polaroid® prints.**
 - 3. Any size up to 8" x 10".
 - 4. Photos may be reduced with standard cropping for larger sizes.

B. Identification.

- 1. Place a return address label with telephone number on the back or (not as desirable) print this information lightly with soft lead pencil on back of photo.
 - 2. Include stamped, self-addressed envelope if you want it returned.
 - 3. Do not write on the back of the picture with a ballpoint pen.
- C. Captions.**
- 1. Limited to 25 words or less.
 - 2. Type at end of article.

VI. Additional articles.

- A. Histories of clubs, organizations.
 - 1. Each allowed 250 words and one photograph free.
 - 2. Additional words and photographs as in section II.D.
- B. Communities and major topics allowed.
- C. Tribute, memorial, and business history section.
 - 1. Contact committee for details.

VII. Writing assistance.

- A. Contact committee members.
- B. Sample story is in this brochure.

VIII. Restrictions

- A. Articles cannot harm or embarrass another individual or club.
- B. Must have permission to reprint the photographs.

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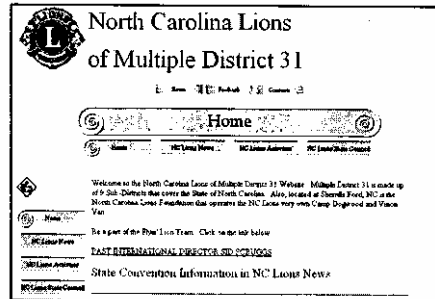
State Council Report

The Information Technology Committee will spend this year considering four issues on behalf of the North Carolina Lions State Council:

- To work with the State Council and North Carolina Lions Foundation to consider consolidation of the North Carolina Lions and NCLF web sites for the purpose of creating a universal site that is more professional, user-friendly and that benefits all Lions of North Carolina.
- To work with the Constitution & Bylaws Committee to create a set of guidelines for the development and maintenance of Lions' web sites in North Carolina; to include protocols for the use of the Lions' logo and name, NCLF logo and name, and site maintenance.
- To work with each district governor to create a directory of Lions Clubs web sites in North Carolina, to include the web addresses and the names of web masters.
- To work with the Public Information & Education Committee for the purpose of considering the State Council's Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation that the Information Technology Committee be consolidated with the Public Information & Education Committee.

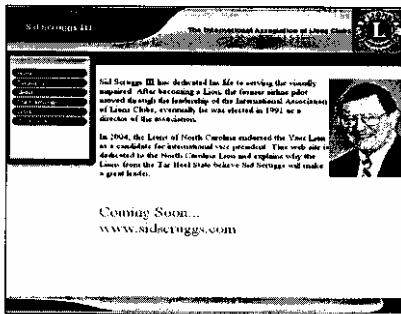
North Carolina Lions Web Site

The North Carolina Lions web site is currently outdated. While the chairperson has the access codes for updating the site, the web site cannot be accessed because we do not what company is hosting the site. The chairperson is currently working with Lion Carlie Metts and Lion Leonard Wilburn in an attempt to get this site updated. At this point, the Information Technology Committee would recommend a one-year extension in the contract to host the site, once that information is determined.



Sid Scruggs Web Site

The new Sid Scruggs web site is under construction and it should be launched shortly. The existing web site for the past international director will be dismantled and viewers redirected to the new site. The site is being hosted by Fortune City. The address for the new site is www.sidscruggs.com.



Contacting The Chairperson

The email address for the committee chairperson is incorrect in the North Carolina Lions Foundation directory. The correct information is listed at the top of this report.

ATTACHMENT 1

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT REPORT

August 12, 2006

The first formal training session for 2006-2007 Vice District Governors was held at Camp Dogwood on May 12-13, 2006. The training session began on Friday night and was concluded on Saturday afternoon. Attendance was very good with seven of the nine Vice Governors present. Copied materials of the information covered were sent to those unable to attend this first session.


Arrangements have been made and facilities booked for our second training session. It, too, will be held at Camp Dogwood. We will begin on Friday evening, December 1, 2006 and conclude on Sunday, December 3, 2006. Our third and final session will be held in February with the place and time to be announced later.

I would like to thank Steve Walker, Bob Morehead, Brad Logsdon, PID Sid Scruggs, Martha Butler and George Ohm for their help during our first meeting. I will be calling on others during future training sessions.

The leadership skills, enthusiasm, knowledge and desire to succeed from this group of Vice Governors was quite impressive. These qualities make working with them most enjoyable. I am sure they will do well as our leaders next year.

I have returned my registration materials for the leadership seminar to be held in Columbus, Ohio on September 17-20, 2006. I am pleased and honored to be able to attend.

Robert Shook, Chairman



Leadership Development

ATTACHMENT M

NC LIONS STATE COUNCIL MEETING
NC LIONS MD 31 LIBERTY DAY COMMITTEE REPORT

August 12, 2006

Submitted by

Lion Jim Edmunds, PDG | State Liberty Day Committee Chair

1. On April 22, I held an informal meeting of Liberty Day District Chairs during the State Convention. Among items discussed were possible locations for Liberty Day, 2007. We will be honoring the United States Coast Guard.
2. The suggested date for Liberty Day 2007 is March 17, the day after James Madison's birthday. Sites under consideration are Ft. Macon, Cherry Point, and Tryon Palace.
3. Lion John Kearny has agreed to be in charge of pin design and production for 2007-2009. I submitted the design of the 2007 pin and request for funding to the Council Caucus on Friday night and they approved. The cost for 600 pins at \$1.72 per pin will total \$1,032. We will sell the pins for \$2.00 and will break even.
4. I have been in touch with each new District Liberty Day Chair and have established an e-mail group to facilitate communication.
5. An agenda establishing goals and methods to achieve these goals has been sent to the committee members electronically prior to a meeting set for noon today. I am expecting 8 out of the 10 members to attend.

ATTACHMENT N

LCIF/SightFirst Committee
Report to the State Council
Salisbury, NC
August 12, 2006

Our continuing objective this year for LCIF will be to get the new Campaign SightFirst II program into high gear. As of August 3, 2006, CSF II funds raised worldwide stands at **\$46,657,428.72**. Our total for North Carolina stands at **\$41,200.00**.

Last year, District Coordinators and Group Coordinators were named by each District Governor to assist in getting the word out to all the clubs in the state. Training sessions were held on March 11, 18, and 25. Each District and Group Coordinator was mailed an invitation to attend one of these sessions. Attendance was light.

The first task that needed to be accomplished was for our Group Coordinators to visit each club and find out whether they wanted to begin their campaign in 2006-2007 or 2007-2008. This report was due in to LCI by May 29. Referring to Attachment 1, you will see a summary of the report I submitted. No report was received from four districts, so I had to classify them as "To be Determined". Compliments to Districts B, G, and H for their prompt responses.

Recognizing that many clubs had not been contacted, a make-up training session was scheduled for July 29. Each District Coordinator was sent an invitation with a request that they invite their untrained Group Coordinators to the session. District Governors were also invited with a request that they invite their Vice District Governors.

In follow-up to the invitation, it was found that the District D District Coordinator had decided to resign. Phone calls to the District D Group Coordinators indicated that they were not aware they were serving a three year term. So District D is without any Coordinators at this time.

District C had a conflict with their cabinet meeting and District F District Coordinator had a conflict with a Boys and Girls Home board meeting.

Attendance at the July 29 makeup training consisted of one District Coordinator, Council Chair Martha Butler, PCC Dave Butler, State Secretary George Ohm, and Rachel Beard, LCI Coordinator. No Group Coordinators were in attendance.

The next report date for Group and District Coordinators of Campaign SightFirst II is **September 27, 2006**. This report will give the monetary goals of clubs planning to begin in 2006-2007. As Sector Coordinator, I must compile the district reports of these goals and send them in to LCI on **October 3, 2006**.

I have received many phone calls and e-mails from clubs wanting to know about Campaign SightFirst II goal setting. Our Group Coordinators are the important link to get that information out. However, they need to be trained and understand their roles. The

training program for them is very informative and has been well prepared by LCI. It can be done in about three hours. I will be working with the District Coordinators to see how we can finish the training phase.

I am asking each District Governor to place emphasis on working with your District Coordinator just like you would work with any other of your district chairpersons. Give them time at your cabinet meetings to make detailed reports. Ask them to put up a display as well as put on a program at your Fall or Mid-Winter Convention. Also, I have noticed many DG Newsletters are including CSF II articles. Please continue with that.

Currently we have one Model Club, the Unionville Lions Club that began its campaign last year. LCI has decided to allow other clubs to become Model Clubs as well. The main criteria are that they must agree to raise at least \$400/ member.

We have been fortunate to have Rachel Beard from LCI serving as our field representative. I know that she has spoken to many of you on the phone as well as visited with you. She is a great resource for us and I talk to her on a weekly basis. She has assisted with two of our training sessions.

I have also asked PDG Frank Brooks to assist me as an Assistant Sector Coordinator. Frank is in process of getting up to speed on the program and I look forward to working with him as he helps me cut back on some of my travel miles.

We are also fortunate to have with us a person who wants to serve as an official spokesperson for us. She is Kylee Odum, Mrs. North Carolina International. She has a special story to tell and I feel she can be a great benefit to us as we share the mission and accomplishments of Lions work. I will be calling on Council Chair Martha Butler in just a moment to give her an official introduction.

We have much work to do and we can only accomplish this project by working together. I would ask that you place emphasis on this campaign in your District Governor club visits. The club commitment as well as individual members personal commitment are the key elements in SightFirst. We need to convey the human impact of what we are doing and not just concentrate on how much money we can raise. I have said this many times and I say again—we can raise sufficient funds with **personal commitments** from our Lions and never impact what we are currently raising for our state and communities.

I would ask that you also work with me to get effective leaders in place and trained.

Together, we can truly change the world.

Harvey F. Whitley, PCC
Sector Coordinator, I-3-A

ATTACHMENT "C"

LEO Committee Report
August 2006

The State Leo Convention was held May 5-6, 2006 at Camp Dogwood. Three clubs were represented with a total of 21 present.

Several items were addressed during this event – election of officers, t-shirt design and a change in schedule for next year. The officers elected were President -Beth Haley (Mt. Pleasant High School), Vice-president - Matthew Wietmer (East Forsyth High School) and Secretary – Jared Burlyson (Mt. Pleasant High School). The position of Treasurer is appointed by the Committee Chair as two signatures are required on checks.

The speaker was Ed Stallworth, Minister of Youth and Activities of First Baptist Church, Gastonia. He used a basketball illustration and humor to talk about making goals and working toward them, even though the goals may not be always met. He was well received by the group. In 2007, the Convention will be March 30-31, which was thought to be a less busy time for the students. Tentative speaker is Mayor Jennie Stultz of Gastonia, NC.

An unofficial count finds NC with 16 clubs plus two new ones this past year, in Lillington and Kitty Hawk.

MD31 Council of Governors Meeting
Holiday Inn, Salisbury, NC
August 12, 2006

Lions Quest Committee Report
PDG Stewart Wooten, Chair

Fellow Lions,

The Lions Quest Program is active in 25 countries.

Quest is divided into 3 age groups:

1. Skills for growing Grades K – 5
2. Skills for Adolescence Grades 6 – 8
3. Skills for Action Grades 9 – 12

I have prepared for each District the needed information to establish programs in each district. Alos included is a computer disc which will answer most questions.

This information has been furnished by PID Sid Scruggs, with no charge to the Council.

International Quest Coordinator Shmir Corzine in Oak Brook has been most eager to assist.

Stewart Wooten
Lions Quest Chair

ATTACHMENT "Q"

NC LIONS STATE COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 12TH, 2006 – SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA

L. MD-31 State Membership Report: Mission...Membership Reality Check

Fellow Lions, the time has come that WE ALL must face REALITY when we talk about the status of MEMBERSHIP. Yes, it is TRUE that not ONLY our organization is having membership problems...ALL "Service Type Volunteer Clubs" are experiencing the same LOSS of Members and not replenishing them with much success.

FIRST, I know that Lions International, Districts and Clubs have tried ALL types of INCENTIVE PROGRAMS...to NO AVAIL.

SECOND, I look around and I SEE the LEADERSHIP of our MD-31 seated here today...WE are to SET the STANDARDS for our STATE and individual DISTRICTS in gaining NEW MEMBERS, plus RETAINING our present Lion Members.

THIRD, Look at the handout before you entitled "Salute the HERITAGE...REWARD THE EFFORT! The MEMBERSHIP KEY AWARD has been around a LONG, LONG Time...are YOU a KEY HOLDER? Let's SEE how many Key Members we have in attendance, please raise your hand. How many of YOU brought in a New Member this past Lionistic Year?

Fellow Lions, WE SET the PACE that our Club Members will follow; therefore, if WE sit still; so will our fellow Lions sit still.

FOURTH, We must look at our own individual club and see WHAT WE are Doing and NOT Doing...have we become STAGNATE? We must try New Things and have New Ideas to attract others and keep our present Lions....DON'T BE AFRAID OF CHANGE! Get RID of the things that have not proven to be successful...don't continue Doing them just because YOU always HAVE.

FIFTH, Lions International is TARGETING (4) Main MARKETS: Urban Populations – Baby Boomers – Younger Generation – Special Interest Groups and I would like to ADD a (5th Group) and they are the RETIREES, who have completed their Professional Work – Made their Money – Looking for Recreation and Social Activities, as well as, offering their Talents and Skills as VOLUNTEERS. Therefore WE MUST INTRODUCE THEM to our MISSION: "SERVICE TO HUMANITY IS THE BEST WORK OF LIFE".

"MISSION POSSIBLE": I challenge EACH of YOU (MD-31 LEADERS) TO SET THE 'BAR' for your District/Club...WE must ASK and extend an INVITATION to others to become a part of the Worlds Largest Service Organization and share their TALENTS/SKILLS through our VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION and better SERVE their OWN Community Needs. REMEMBER: "ASK AND YEA SHALL RECEIVE"!

Yours in Lionism,


PDG Gene Everette
MD-31 State Membership Chair

ATTACHMENT "R"

Nomination

Past International Director Sid Scruggs, Past International Director Lacy Presnell,
State Council Chairman Martha Butler, and District Governors all:

All the Vice District Governors for year 2006-2007 will be voted on at their respective
District conventions for District Governor for year 2007-2008.

Lion Gerald E. Mertz from the South Iredell Lions Club has been nominated as Vice
District Governor for District 31-B for 200~~7~~-200~~8~~.

I would like to request that all current District Governors email or send me a copy of the
resolution nominating their Vice District Governor, or their name and club.

These are all the nominations I am aware of at present.

PDG Allen Deaton
PDG Allen Deaton.
State Nominations Chairman

RESOLUTION

OF THE SOUTH IREDELL LIONS CLUB

WHEREAS, Lion Gerald E. Mertz is now, and has been for more than eight years, an enthusiastic and active member in good standing of the South Iredell Lions Club, having served with distinction and ability in various club offices including the offices of Vice President and President; and

WHEREAS, Lion Gerald E. Mertz has served District 31-B with energy, enthusiasm and distinction in a variety of cabinet positions including the offices of Zone Chairman, White Cane Chairman, Camp Dogwood Chairman, and Camp Dogwood Properties Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Lion Gerald E. Mertz possesses the dedication, enthusiasm, integrity, leadership and other qualities that strongly qualify him for the office of Vice District Governor 31-B;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

- 1. That the officers, directors, and entire membership of the South Iredell Lions Club do enthusiastically and unanimously endorse and place in nomination Gerald E. Mertz as a candidate for Vice District Governor of District 31-B, Lions International, for the year 2007-2008.*
- 2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the District Governor, to the District Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer, to Lions State Secretary-Treasurer, to all Past District Governors of the District, to the Region Chairs, Zone Chairmen and to the Presidents and Secretaries of all Lions Clubs in District 31-B.*

This 11th day of July, 2006.


Thomas Johnston, President

ATTEST:



*Allen W. Deaton, Chairman
Nominating Committee*

STATE RETENTION COMMITTEE REPORT
I.FRANK BROOKS, JR , PDG
RETENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Council Members,

Retention of members statewide continues to be a major problem for Multiple District-31 -We continue to lose countless members annually and we need to solve those problems that contribute to our losses by being more vigilant with individual club management. We are encouraging each District's Retention Chairperson to ask each Region and/or Zone Chairperson in their respective District to become more involved with the Presidents, Secretaries and club Membership Committees on club level.

We will cut the number of dropped members from clubs by a significant amount if we;

A. Involve Region/Zone Chairs as an intervention resource.

B. Ask Region/Zone Chairs to visit each club in his/her respective Region/Zone prior to scheduled Zone meetings to ascertain strengths or weaknesses of clubs.

C .Region/Zone Chairs to establish hands on relationships with not only the President and/or Secretary but also the grassroots membership as well

D-Encourage club Membership Committee Chairs to become more involved by conducting proper and timely orientation programs for new as well as current members.

E. Club Presidents/Secretaries notify your Region/Zone chairs and District Retention Chair before dropping any member for any reason even if the member is not in good standing with the local. We may be able to offer an alternative in the form of a transfer or a different kind of membership.

F- Encourage club Presidents/Secretaries to document findings and share with the Districts MERLO TEAM members for assistance or guidance as needed.

G. Call on your District's Retention Chairperson, to give a program explaining why retention is so important to your club, your District and State-Help your members to Better understand how retention of members enables us to support and provide those Many programs and services we offer to our Visually and Hearing Impaired communities As well as our Youth.

We are faced with a challenge at this point in Lionism that will demand all of our input, dedication and commitment to discontinue the loss of so many Lions .The result of not being good stewards of our membership will certainly lead to our GREAT STATE being placed in TRANSITION. Together we MUST make a difference, but only if we work much smarter.

Thanks for allowing me to serve as your Statewide Retention Chairperson and for all your continuing efforts to maintain our Multiple District health through positive retention of our membership.

Respectfully Submitted,

I. Frank Brooks Jr. PDG
Statewide Retention Chairperson

To: George D. Ohm, MD 31 State Secretary-Treasurer

From: Janet T. Doub, Women's Leadership Chairman

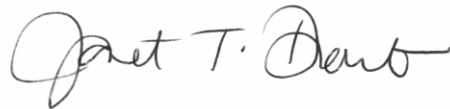
August 3, 2006

Allow me to express my gratitude for the honor of being chosen as State Women's Leadership Chairman. I have a great deal of interest in this area. I have been a Lion since 1989, being a charter member of the first women's club in District D. This was the Piedmont Triad Club. Later, I became the first woman to transfer to the Winston-Salem/Konnoak Hills Club. I also became the first woman president in the Konnoak Hills Club.

As an educator, I have had many opportunities to be involved in leadership and I have also felt privileged to be a leader in Lionism. It will be a pleasure to carry the message of the opportunities for women to lead in Lionism, as well as how important it is for clubs to welcome women and place them in positions of responsibility.

I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the August 12th Council Meeting. My family vacation is always the second week in August and I will not be able to come to Salisbury. Please make me aware of any thing you want me to know or any material I need to have. I will be in contact with the district chairs. Martha Butler has been kind enough to send me her notes for serving in this role.

Please send any information that I need.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet T. Doub". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

ATTACHMENT "U"

NC Youth Exchange
2005-2006
Final Report / 06-07 Projections

12 Students were accepted out of over 50 applicants. 10 students from 10 countries were able to attend. They were last minute cancellations. There was no time to replace the applicants. I invited Emily Simpson (District H) and Bryan Coates (District A) to join the camp, as all arrangements had been made for 12 students. Bryan was able to join us for the first week.

We had 7 Host Families representing 5 Districts:

A-1 C-1 E-1
B-0 D-1 F-3

THANK YOU:

Hamlet Lions	\$100 for dinner on the 15 th
Lexington Lions	Provided lunch on the 16 th
Erwin Lions	Provided breakfast on the 17 th
Franklin Lions	Admission to gem mine and lunch on the 17 th
Swannanoa /	
Black Mountain Lions	Cook-out and activities at the KOA
Marjorie McCune Center	breakfast on the 19 th
Lake Lure Lions	Admission to Chimney Rock, boat Tour of Lake Lure and lunch 20 th
Hendersonville	
Lunch Club	Lunch on the 21 st
Pisgah Forest Lions	Dinner on the 21 st
Hickory Lions	Night at the ballpark w/ dinner and souvenirs
Paulette and Larry	Provided
Gasperson	Dinner and support through Dist. A

Robin Richards
Winston-Salem Lions

Host Family, arranged and accompanied us to Wake Forest Univ. IBF W/lunch, Olde Salem, NC School for The performing Arts. 24th

Pilot Lions
Dobson Lions

Dinner on the 24th
Breakfast, tour of Surry Co. Community College, winery, working farm, Lunch, granite quarry and Mt. Airy Cook-out and overnight stay on 25th
\$200 cash donation

Jackson Park Lions

North Mecklenburg
Lunch Club

Lunch on the 26th

Southpark Lions -

Students volunteered for 4 hours at the Metrolina Food Bank,
Concord Mills Shopping Mall
Breakfast, Carowinds, Dinner

Hunter Garbee, Doris Rushing, Clarence and Judy Williford,
Frances Coates, Mary Ruth Alexander, the Ammons Family
And everyone else that made 2005-2006 a success!

Projections/Goals for 2006-2007

- Outbound- 1 Student from each District
- Notebooks to District Chairs with information and applications
- Internet conferencing once a month or as needed
- Restructuring the July schedule: (reducing the expenses)
 - 7-10 day hosting
 - 10 day camp
 - 7-10 day hosting
- 1 NEW Host Family from each District

2005-2006 Youth Exchange Expenses

	Lodging	Van	Gas	Food	Ent.	Supplies	Misc.	Webpage
August/Feb								
March								
April						411.00		12.70
May						24.95		12.70
June								12.70
July			35.15					12.70
July 13				180.13				12.70
July 14				57.48				
July 15		79.95	78.38	13.41				
July 16	375.00	79.95		78.36	84.00		31.52	
July 17	375.00	79.95	55.25	107.57				
July 18	375.00	79.95						
July 19	375.00	79.95	100.00		80.00			
July 20	375.00	79.95		51.35				
July 21	375.00	79.95	50.00					
July 22	375.00	79.95		23.89				
July 23	200.00	79.95						
July 24	201.20	79.95	60.00					
July 25		79.95						
July 26	173.79	79.95	60.00					
July 27	173.79	79.95	50.01	91.25				
July 28	173.79	79.95						
July 29	173.79	with taxes	72.25	14.75			17.01	
TOTALS	3,721.36	1,242.40	561.04	618.19	164.00	435.95	57.53	63.50

North Carolina YOUTH EXCHANGE 2006

COUNTRY	NAME	AGE	Sponsor	Student e-mail
Austria*	Staphanie Planton/F	17	Cindy Ammons 31F	r_planton@krast.lk-kaemten.at
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Belgium*	Alice VanOverstyns/F	17	Erica Ammons 31F	dominiqueraquet@skynet.be
Germany*	Sebastian Torka/M	16	Erica Ammons 31F	juergen.Torka@t-online.de
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Hungary*	Mate Szabo/M	20	Robin Richards 31D	matesz@jnext.hu
Czech Rep.*	Lucia Blazkova/F	17	Judy Williford 31E	Lucinka.88@seznam.cz

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

Saturday, August 12, 2006

Holiday Inn, Salisbury, NC

August 28, 2006

Correction to August 12, 2006 Council Minutes

Ref. Page 8:

Reference to District 31-B in the Request by DG O'Malley and the Motion by DG Holston should be District 31-C not 31-B.

Request and motion should read:

“District Governor Dolores O'Malley requested that **District 31-C** be relieved of paying 1st half dues for two clubs that were disbanded in June 2006, but who were still showing membership in July 1, 2006. The charters were sent to International on August 1, 2006.

Holston moved to excuse **D31-C** from paying Council and Promotions dues for two clubs disbanded in June 2006. Motion seconded by Leathers. Motion passed.”

With apologies,

George D. Ohm
Council Secretary/ Treasurer