

Lions Clubs International
MD-31 North Carolina Lions
2008-2009 Council of Governors

Saturday, November 8, 2008

Holiday Inn Bordeaux, Fayetteville, NC

Council Chairperson Gary P. Greene called the second meeting of the 2008-2009 North Carolina State Council of Governors to order at 9:00 AM.

District Governor Mike Covell led the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag but first read a line-by-line recitation of what the words meant to him, and District Governor Gordon McAdams gave the Invocation.

For the record, the Council met for a Work Session at 7:00 PM on Friday evening, November 7, 2008. Seven of the District Governors were present at the Work Session and at today's Council of Governors Meeting.

The Council members present were:

DG Mike Covell	31-A	DG Jerry Day	31-G
DG Jerry Mertz	31-B	DG Carlton Weeks	31-H
DG Paul Gilgo	31-D	PDG Gary Greene, Council Chair	
DG Gordon McAdams	31-E	PDG Ron Kelly, Secretary/ Treasurer	
DG Dave Martin	31-F		

CC Greene welcomed all to the Second Council Meeting of the 2008-2009 Lionistic year.

Governor Martin moved to approve the Agenda for today's meeting; seconded by Governor Gilgo. Motion passed.

(See Attachment A)

CC Greene called upon PID Lacy Presnell for comments. Presnell stated he was "happy to be here."

SS/T Kelly read correspondence received for the Council from International President Al Brandel cancelling the charters of six Lions Clubs in MD-31 since June 30, 2008. He went on to name the Clubs and noted that these cancellations resulted in the loss of 40 members.

PDG Charles Smith was appointed Parliamentarian.

Governor Covell moved to accept the Minutes of the August 9th Council Meeting as distributed to all District Governors by e-mail and as listed on the web site; seconded by Governor McAdams. Motion passed.

SS/T Kelly presented the Financial Report, dated October 31, 2008. On the income side, the majority of our semi-annual dues has been collected and the money expended for the District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurers Bonds has been reimbursed to the Council. He went on to describe, in detail, how Money Market account has been allocated amongst the Council Designated Accounts: State Convention Reserves, Liberty Day, Youth Exchange, and State Council Reserves.

(See Attachment B)

Governor Gilgo moved to accept the Financial Report; seconded by Governor Mertz. Motion passed.

CC Greene announced the vacancy for Chair of the Research & Long-Range Planning Committee. Lion Bob Shook has agreed to assume the Chair of this Committee upon the Councils consent. **Governor Day moved to approve Bob as the new Chair of the Research & Long-Range Planning Committee; seconded by Governor Gilgo. Motion passed.**

CC Greene stated that he has received from 2nd International VP, Sid Scruggs a Resolution of Endorsement of PID Dr. Wing-Kun Tam of Hong Kong, China for International Second Vice President at the 92nd International Convention in

Minneapolis, Minnesota. **Governor Weeks moved that the Council approve this endorsement; seconded by Governor McAdams. Motion passed.**

CC Greene invited PCC Dave Butler to the podium to discuss proposed changes to the Policy & Procedures Manual regarding the State Secretary/Treasurer's selection procedure. Lion Dave noted that at the August Council meeting, Nominations Chair Carlton Metts suggested two changes to the Policy & Procedures Manual as follows: (1) "State Council Chairperson Selection Process" on page four; change the person receiving the submission from the State Secretary/Treasurer to the State Nominations Chair, and (2) "State Secretary/Treasurer Selection Process" on page seven, change item one to read that the submission of the requested information from the currently serving Vice District Governors to the State Nominations Chair. **On a motion by Governor Gilgo to make the above mentioned change; seconded by Governor Martin the motion passed.**

CC Greene called upon PDG Herb Justice, serving as Chair of the 2009 State Convention Chair for his report. He stated that there were seven Lions Clubs involved with the planning of the 2009 Convention. Lion Herb advised that entertainment for Friday night, the Little German Band & Dancers, is already under contract. Our guests will be 1st International V.P. Eberhard J. Wirfs and his wife Margit from Kelkheim, Germany. We will also have in attendance our own 2nd International V.P. Sid L. Scruggs III and his wife Judy. Herb went on to say that he will need full page ads from both our District Governors and our District Governors-Elect. He stated he needs photographs from all District Governors, District Governors-Elect, the State Secretary/Treasurer, the Council Chair, and the new 1st & 2nd Vice District Governors. E-mail or hard copy would be fine. Lion Herb stated that the Registration Form is ready with the following prices for meals: Friday night, \$10.00; Saturday Breakfast, \$10.00; Former District Governors Luncheon, \$17.00; the Saturday Governors Banquet, \$20.00. He requested the Council to approve the Registration Form, the meal price structure and the \$5.00 cost for the tours. **A motion was made by Governor Martin to approve the registration form and price structure; seconded by Governor McAdams. The motion passed.**

Lion Herb advised that the room rate will be \$92.00 plus tax. When you register you will be asked for a Group Registration Code which is: "NLC." The Boxwood Room will be used for the Hospitality Room. The Hospitality fee for the Vice District Governors is set at \$100.00 each. He requested the Council approval for this fee. **Governor Gilgo made the motion to approve the \$100.00 Hospitality Room Fee for each Vice District Governor; second by Governor Day. Motion passed.**

Lion Herb further stated that due to a name change from Lions Clubs International the 12:00 Noon PDG Luncheon will now be called the Former District Governor Luncheon, it will not be subsidized by the Convention and attendance at this luncheon will be limited to Former District Governors, Current District Governors and the International Family, i.e., No Spouses. **On a motion by Governor Weeks to make the above changes, seconded by Governor Martin, the motion passed.**

Lion Herb then brought up the question of charges for Vendor Tables. During the discussion that followed there was a consensus that \$100.00 would be a fair price for vendor tables with the following exceptions: the \$100.00 fee would be waived for Camp Dogwood, V.I. P. Fishing, NCLF, Pin Traders, Promotions Committee, Guide Dog Organizations, and, provided they buy an Ad in the Convention Program, Duke, UNC-CH, and Wake Forest Hospitals. **Governor Covell made a motion to charge \$100.00 per vendor table subject to the waivers listed above; second by Governor Gilgo. Motion passed.** Lion Herb added that according to our Constitution Vendor Table fees go to the State Council Secretary/Treasurer and not the Convention Committee.

The Schedule of Events for the State Convention was Lion Herb's next topic for discussion. He encouraged everyone to get a copy and to read it closely because a number of things will not be happening as they have in the past. We normally have had the State Council Meeting on Saturday and the Foundation Meeting on Sunday. This year, the Council Meeting will be on Friday Afternoon and the Foundation Meeting on Saturday Afternoon. Other items have been switched around and it is imperative that everyone read the Schedule of Events closely.

With regard to Trading Pins, Lion Herb stated that there will be a pin showing crossed American & German Flags in each registration packet. In addition, a special State Convention Pin has been ordered depicting a German couple which will be available for \$5.00, the proceeds of which will be used to defray convention expenses.

Lion Herb noted that time is growing short with the Convention only five months away. Things will be different this year, he said. You will be having the NCLF Annual Meeting on Sunday at the State Convention. This will have the effect of doing away with one of the weekend meetings we generally have for the Council and the Foundation to get together.

In conclusion, Lion Herb stated that in order to reduce the cost of the meals at the Convention his Committee has requested the State Council provide \$9,000.00 to subsidize meal prices. **Governor Gilgo made the motion to provide \$9,000.00 to the Convention Committee to subsidize meal prices; seconded by Governor Martin. Motion passed.**

(See Attachment C)

In the absence of PDG Joe Silvers, State Convention Chair, Lion Gwen White noted that the 2010 State Convention will be in Asheville. Arrangements with the Hotel there are yet to be finalized. As for the 2011 State Convention, PCC Brad Logsdon advised that, at the request of 2nd International VP Sid Scruggs, the date has been changed to June 15-19, 2011 and will be held at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville, NC. Two hundred rooms have been blocked and will be held through May 16, 2011, thirty days prior to the convention. The question was raised as to the proximity of the State Convention and the International Convention dates not meeting Constitution & By-Laws requirements of a 15 day separation between the two events.. Lion Gwen stated she would check the matter with Lions International and report back.

CC Greene asked Statewide Chairs of the MERL Team to give their updates.

Global Membership Team: PCC Martha Butler reported that this new team should be of great assistance in helping the Lions of this state grow and retain our membership. Year to date we have added a total of 353 but have lost 407. She pointed out that our District Governors can't do all the work themselves in building and retaining membership; they will need our help for us to succeed. She encouraged us to use our District & State MERL Teams to help us grow.

(See Attachment D)

Membership: In the absence of PDG Gene Everett, who is convalescing at home, CC Greene read his Report. Lion Gene reported that the District Newsletters indicate a great deal of activity throughout our Multiple in promoting Membership. He encouraged Multiple Districts to utilize LCI Extension Teams to hold workshops...the personnel are available and ready to assist any District...just call: 1-803-240-5234.

(See Attachment E)

Extension: Chair PDG Larry Gasperson noted that year to date two (2) new clubs have been chartered in all of MD-31; one in 31-E with 26 new members and one in 31-G with 35 new members. He reiterated that at the August Council Meeting he stated his goal for extension in MD-31 was two (2) Clubs per District. He went on to say that the LCI Workshops are an excellent way to not only gain new clubs but the experience and techniques gained can be used to rebuild low number clubs and increase the size of existing clubs.

(See Attachment F)

Retention/Orientation: Chair PCC Harvey Whitley being in Oak Brook, Ill., his wife PCC Diane read his report. In his report Lion Harvey noted that while we have added 326 new members this year, we have also dropped over 400 existing members. He urged each District Chair to work with the Zone Chairs in educating our Lions about how to improve their Clubs effectiveness. The key to retention, he said, lies at the Club level. Lion Harvey added that he has planned a Retention/Orientation Workshop for January 31, 2009 at Camp Dogwood from 10:00AM to 3:30PM. Current and Incoming District Retention Chairs are encouraged to attend.

(See Attachment G)

Leadership: Chair Bob Shook announced that the 2nd Training Session for Vice District Governors has been scheduled at Camp Dogwood for December 5th thru 7th. A 3rd and final session will be held in February.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: DG Martin reiterated to the Council that the Memorials/Honorariums Greeting Card Project was undertaken as the key Multiple District Fundraiser of their year. We're well under way. All the Card sets have been distributed to all the Zone Chairs who, in turn, have touched base with all of their respective Clubs. We are not in the business of selling holiday cards, DG Martin said. These cards are a gift in response to the generosity of our

membership. We, as Governors, need to stay on top of this project and respond in getting additional cards to the Zone Chairs as they need them. He noted that from what he has heard the project is going well. Some Governors have added incentives to boost sales in their Districts. He noted that District Governors in 31-A & 31-F are offering to cater a dinner for Clubs that make more than 25 contributions to this project.

CC Greene asked PCC Diane Whitley, in her role as Chair of the History Committee, to expand on her comments given at the Work Session last night regarding her committee's consideration of expanding the N.C. Lions Hall of Fame to include Lions from the early days of North Carolina Lionism. The object would be to recognize up to three candidates who were outstanding Lions in the years 1922 and 1972; the first 50 years. Lion Diane noted that five of the ten Clubs formed in 1922 still are in existence. After an extended discussion it was decided that before going forward with this expansion, PID Howard Stallings, the originator of the idea for this award, should be consulted.

Committee Reports:

For Committee Chair Reports for the following Committees see page 3: Extension, Leadership Development, Membership, and Retention & Orientation.

Boys & Girls Homes: Chair Brad Logsdon noted that the extensive renovations to the Lions Cottage have been completed and the boys have moved back "Home." Lion Brad talked about the annual Lions Spring Work Day at the cottage which will be held Saturday, March 7, 2009. All are invited to participate. Lion Brad proudly announced that Gary Faircloth, President of Boys & Girls Homes, has joined the Lake Waccamaw Lions Club.
(See attachment H)

Campus Club: Chair Penny Rummel was unable to attend. Her report was read by CC Greene. In her report, Lion Penny was pleased to note that the District Governors from 31-E, 31-G, 31-J, and their respective Campus Club Chairs, all recognize the urgency to increase membership and are taking an active leadership role in forming Campus Clubs in their Districts. However, she noted a lack of interest from other districts.
(See attachment I)

Celebrate Liberty: Chair Harriett Edmunds was unable to attend. Her report was read by CC Greene. In her report, Lion Harriett she stated that the National Guard office in Raleigh has given their official permission to use their logo on our 2008-2009 Liberty Pin. The National Guard Public Relations Office has agreed to supply a speaker for our statewide program, which we hope to hold in Raleigh in March.
(See attachment J)

Constitution & By-Laws: Chair Dave Butler stated that he has reviewed our State Constitution & By-Laws in light of the numerous changes approved at the International Convention in Bangkok and found some 40 changes, primarily housekeeping items that will be corrected in our own Constitution & By-Laws. His committee is preparing proposed change to extend the International Officer Tax through June 30, 2012.
(See attachment K)

Diabetes Awareness: Chair Sharon Batkoski did not attend Meeting & did not submit a Report.

Historian: Chair Diane Whitley stated that at the August meeting the Council instructed the Historian Committee to update the pictures in the Stickley Conference Room. She asked for funding for the new frames for the pictures of the respective District Governors and their 1st Vice District Governors. After further discussion **a motion was made by Governor Gilgo; seconded by Governor McAdams to have Lion Diane purchase the requisite number of 8" x 10" picture frames and render a receipt for those items for reimbursement. Motion passed.** The next meeting of the Historian Committee will be December 5th thru 7th at Camp Dogwood.

Information & Technology: Chair Mike Schwartz reported that forms will be going out to the District Committee Chairs requesting the addresses and web-masters for all club web-sites for the purpose of putting together a directory. Also a form will be sent to all District Governors requesting that it be placed in their Newsletters to get a list of all scholarship programs in their District so they can be added to the Scholarship Section of the State web-site. He asked that we view the State web-site which has been expanded once again to include a District News Section. This is where we are archiving all the District Forms and Newsletters. Lastly, he requested an adjustment to his committee's PR Grant request to LCIF for cutting out the 30 second Ads and to use that money to publish a comprehensive full color brochure

on NC Lions on all the projects we undertake on all levels. This would include all we do through the NCLF. This would be a large brochure that could be used as a membership tool.

LCIF/SightFirst: Chair Frank Brooks reported that as of October, the unofficial cash /pledges raised by Lions in MD-31; Sector 1-A-3 NC for Campaign SightFirst II is \$719,028.00 or 65% of our stated goal of \$1,108,480.00. Sixty-six percent of the clubs in MD-31 participated.

(See attachment L)

Leo: Chair Terry Cauble stated he was pleased by the numerous telephone calls and e-mails concerning prospective Leo Clubs in the State. Districts 31-E, G, F, & J all report the likelihood of forming New Leo Clubs this year. District 31-E is especially active with four prospective clubs, some of which already have faculty advisors and sponsoring Lions Clubs. The Leo State Convention will be held February 20, 2009 at Camp Dogwood. He stated that there are 40 Leo Clubs in MD-31

(See attachment M)

Lions Quest: Chair Morris Van Vleet was unable to attend. His report was read by CC Greene. In his report Lion Morris stated that his goal for the District Chairs was for them to make three contacts with Teachers, Principals, and/or School Board Members. District 31-E has met their goal and Lion Mike Schwartz has already had a Workshop in his area. There will be Quest Workshops in Greensboro in November and December. Those interested should call: 1-800-446-2700.

(See attachment N)

Nominations: To begin his report Chair Carlton Metts stated: "I am the answer to your prayers." He went on to say "we have found your replacements and one-half of your replacements replacements." He then went through a list, District by District and read each District's endorsements for 2009-2010 for the positions of District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, and 2nd Vice District Governor. Only two vacancies were on the list; they all were for the 2nd. Vice District Governor position.

(See attachment O)

Research & Long-Range Planning: Newly appointed Chair Bob Shook reported that the Survey that was done with the Past District Governors has been completed, the results which were shared with the Council last night. The second part of that request has been a survey done with the general membership of MD-31 and this has been referred to the current Vice District Governors. He said that he and CC Greene will meet with them in early December and we will return with a recommendation. He concluded by saying that his Committee has no other charges.

Women's Leadership: Chair Janet Doub was unable to attend. Her report was read by CC Greene. In her report Lion Janet stated that the inclusion of women in all clubs and at every level of leadership needs to be promoted by all District Governors. She mentioned that membership growth in MD-31 equals at least 25% of new members. The opportunities to serve need to be offered. The needs that must be addressed in our communities are so great that we cannot afford to be passing up anyone, regardless of gender, for service in our Lions Clubs.

(See attachment P)

Youth Exchange: Chair Rhett White stated that he has been in communication with several District Chairs during the process of developing a list of Lions interested in serving as host families. We are following up with three potential incoming youth, he said; one from Poland and two from Russia. He concluded by saying that his committee is focusing on getting more young people interested in a trip abroad under the Lions Youth Exchange Program.

(See attachment Q)

A motion was made by Governor Weeks to approve the Committee Reports; seconded by Governor McAdams. Motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30PM.

Respectively submitted,



PDG Ron Kelly, MD-31 Secretary-Treasurer

**NC Lions MD-31 State Council Meeting
Meeting Agenda**

9 a.m. Saturday, November 8, 2008, Holiday Inn Bordeaux, Fayetteville, NC

Call To Order	Council Chair Gary Greene
Pledge of Allegiance	District Governor Mike Covell
Invocation	District Governor Gordon McAdams
Welcome to all Lions and guests	CC Gary Greene
Approval of Agenda	CC Gary Greene
Recognition of Past International Directors	CC Gary Greene
Reading of Communications	State Secretary Treasurer Ron Kelly
Appointment of Parliamentarian	CC Gary Greene
Reading of August 9 Council minutes	SST Ron Kelly
Financial Report	SST Ron Kelly
Appointments:	
- Bob Shook, Chair, Research/Long-Range Planning	CC Gary Greene
PID Tam Endorsement for 2 nd VP	CC Gary Greene
Change to Policy and Procedures Manual	CC Gary Greene
<p style="margin-left: 40px;">From the Aug. 9, 2008, Council meeting, Nominations Chair Carlton Metts suggested two changes to the Policy & Procedures Manual as follows: (1) "State Council Chairperson Selection Process" on page four; change the person receiving the submission from the State Secretary/Treasurer to the State Nominations Chair, and (2) "State Secretary/Treasurer Selection Process" on page seven, change Item 1 to read that the submission of the requested information from the currently serving Vice District Governors to the State Nominations Chair. These changes will be voted upon at the next official "open" State Council meeting by the State Council as required by the Policy & Procedures Manual.</p>	
2009 State Convention Plans	Chair Herb Justice
Status of the 2010 and 2011 Lions State Conventions	Chair Joe Silvers
MERL Team updates/goals	
• Global Membership Team	Chair Martha Butler
• Membership	Chair Gene Everett
• Extension	Chair Larry Gasperson
• Retention	Chair Harvey Whitley
• Leadership	Chair Bob Shook
New Business	
• Extension of Executive Officer tax (\$2 per member per year) one additional year. See ARTICLE VIII Committee and Fund for the Promotion of North Carolina at the International Convention, Section 1. The current tax expires on June 30, 2011. 2 nd VP Sid's term as chair of LCIF will be July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012.	
Unfinished Business	
• Fundraising program: Memorials/Honorariums	District Governor Dave Martin
• History Committee consideration of expanding the N.C. Lions Hall of Fame for Lions from the early days of North Carolina Lionism.	

Reports of Statewide Committee Chairs

- **Lions Partnership with NC Emer. Man.**
- **Boys and Girls Homes**
- **Campus Clubs**
- **Constitution and Bylaws**
- **Diabetes**
- **Historian**
- **Information Technology**
- **Liberty**
- **LCIF/SightFirst**
- **Leo**
- **Lions Quest**
- **Nominating**
- **Promotions**
- **Research/Long Range Planning**
- **Women's Leadership**
- **Youth Exchange**

Co-Chairs Paul Bledsoe/Ron Kelly

- Chair Brad Logsdon**
- Chair Penny Rummel**
- Chair Dave Butler**
- Chair Sharon Batkoski**
- Chair Diane Whitley**
- Chair Mike Schwartz**
- Chair Harriett Edmunds**
- Chair I. Frank Brooks Jr.**
- Chair Terry Cauble**
- Chair Morris Van Vleet**
- Chair Carlton Metts**
- Chair Paulette Gasperson**
- Chair Bob Shook**
- Chair Janet Doub**
- Chair Rhett White**

Comments from audience

District Governor Comments

Adjournment

**North Carolina Lions State Council
2008-09 Council Financial Statement**

INCOME:	2008-09 Budget	10/31/08 Actual	Difference	Line Item
BAL FWD	250.00	15,250.01		100
State Dues (.Est 8840 X \$3.50 for 08-09)	30,940.00	15,412.25	15,527.75	110
Interest Received (Currently 1%)	1,100.00	3.12	1,096.88	120
District Cabinet Secretary- Treasurer Bonds	417.50	417.52	-0.02	130
State Convention Tail Twister's ticket sales and auction	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	140
State Convention Income *	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	150
Youth Exchange * (\$500 per District)	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	160
Liberty Day *	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	165
Misc. Income not Budgeted	0.00	0.00	0.00	190
Total Income	43,957.50	15,832.89	28,124.61	
EXPENSES:				
Financial Audit	500.00	0.00	500.00	200
Treasurer's Bond	520.50	520.50	0.00	210
Clerical Services - NCLF	600.00	0.00	600.00	220
Office Supplies (Secretary / Treasurer)	250.00	405.03	-155.03	230
Printing (NCLF and Secretary / Treasurer)	450.00	52.72	397.28	240
Postage (NCLF, Secretary / Treasurer, and C.C)	350.00	101.67	248.33	250
Telephone (Secretary / Treasurer)	50.00	0.00	50.00	260
Awards, Plaques and Gifts	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	270
State Council Meetings	2,000.00	501.50	1,498.50	280
Expenses - State Secretary / Treasurer	3,000.00	256.71	2,743.29	290
Council Chair - Statewide Expenses	6,000.00	1,942.42	4,057.58	300
State Convention - cash advance *	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	310
Membership committee	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	320
Extension Committee	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	330
District Extension Workshops - Council Matching Funds	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	335
Retention Committee	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	340
Leadership Committee	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	350
State Council Committee Expenses	8,000.00	940.94	7,059.06	360
Liberty Day *	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	380
Leo Clubs Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	390
Youth Exchange *	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	400
Information Technology/ Public Relations	300.00	0.00	300.00	410
LCIF Grant for Camp Dogwood Dormitory	0.00	0.00	0.00	420
Peace Poster Bond	250.00	0.00	250.00	425
VDG Clothing Allowance	1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00	430
DG & VDG Jacket Crests	360.00	24.35	335.65	435
Misc Expenses not budgeted	27.00	353.88	-326.88	440
Total Expenses	43,957.50	5,099.72	38,857.78	
Income Less Expenses	0.00	10,733.17	-10,733.17	

* See Money Market Account Allocation

**Money Market #450
Council Designated Accounts**

As of 10/31/08

Money Market Allocation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Withdrawal</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Grand Total Money Market Account						50,186.00
1. State Convention Reserves						
	Bal. Fwd.	7/1/08				0.00
	deposit	8/2/08	Money Market Allocation		16,243.00	16,243.00
	deposit	9/5/08	07-08 Conv. Advance (\$4,000) & Profit (\$9,890.84) from checking		13,890.84	30,133.84
	withdrawal	9/30/08	reimbursed to council checking 08-09 Convention Advance	4,000.00		26,133.84
2. Liberty Day						
	Bal. Fwd.	7/1/08				0.00
						0.00
3. Youth Exchange						
	Bal. Fwd.	7/1/08				0.00
	deposit	9/5/08	2007-08 Youth Exchange funds from checking acct.		1,200.00	1,200.00
	deposit	9/5/08	District G 2008-09 contribution		500.00	1,700.00
	deposit	9/30/08	District B 2008-09 contribution		500.00	2,200.00
4. State Council Reserves						
	Bal. Fwd.	7/1/08				0.00
	deposit	8/2/08	Money Market Allocation		26,456.00	26,456.00
	withdrawal	8/5/08	07-08 White Cane Contribution from Car Raffle	5,000.00		21,456.00
Interest Received						
	Bal. Fwd.					0.00
		7/31/08	July interest		94.13	94.13
		8/28/08	August interest		87.23	181.36
		9/30/08	September interest		108.71	290.07
		10/31/08	October interest		106.09	396.16

2008-09 Money Market Ledger

<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Withdrawal</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Deposit	6/30/08	Interest received		90.90	42,699.00
	7/31/08	Interest received		94.13	42,793.13
check #	8/12/08	White Cane Contribution-Car Raffle	5,000.00		37,793.13
	8/29/08	Interest received		87.23	37,880.36
Deposit	9/5/08	07-08 Conv. Advance/Profit & Youth Exch funds - from council chking account		15,090.84	52,971.20
	9/30/08	Interest received		108.71	53,079.91
Transfer	10/1/08	to State Council Acct.-State Conv. 08-09	4,000.00		49,079.91
Transfer	10/1/08	from State Council -Youth Exchange		1,000.00	50,079.91
Deposit	10/31/08	Interest received		106.09	50,186.00

2009 NC Lions State Convention Report for Council of Governors

November 8, 2008

The 2009 NC Lions State Convention Committee is made up of representatives from seven Lions Clubs, the North Raleigh Lions Club, which is the lead club, Garner Lions Club, Raleigh Southeast Lions Club, Lake Gaston Lions Club, the Fuquay-Varina Lions Club, Cary Lions Club and the new Wake Forest Lions Club. These Lions are working hard to make this Convention one of the best ever. We are currently meeting on a monthly basis.

Entertainment for Friday is under contract and will be the Little German Band and Dancers. Groundwork has been laid with the Convention Hotel, which will be the North Raleigh Hilton located on Wake Forest Road in Raleigh. As stated before, 1st Vice President of Lions International Eberhard Wirfs from Germany will be the speaker at the Banquet on Saturday. Unless things change, we will also have North Carolina's own Lion Sid Scruggs III, the 2nd Vice President of Lions International in attendance. This may be the first time that two International Officers have appeared at the same time at the North Carolina Lions State Convention.

We have developed Ad Forms for Corporate Sponsorships and Program Ads. These have been distributed and we have begun to see a few ads come in, however, not very fast. We deliberately waited to get started so that the Districts could get a start on securing ads for their fall and midwinter conventions. We will begin contacting potential corporate sponsors during November. It is our hope that the downturn in the economy does not hurt us too much.

We encourage all District Governors, all Districts, and all District Governor's Elect to purchase a full page ad for the Program. We also encourage all Vice District Governors to also purchase some type of ad and to encourage their home Clubs to purchase an ad for them. We would like to have these ads as soon as possible.

Photographs of the District Governors, District Governors-Elect, State Secretary/Treasurer and Council Chair are also needed. We expect the State Secretary to collect these and send them to us.

Our Registration form has been developed and it is presented for your approval. Please note the meal prices that we want to charge for the convention. They do not represent the actual cost of the meals. We are recommending that these meals be supplemented from the Restricted Convention Fund to make the cost for those Lions attending this

Convention, reasonable and affordable. If you approve this Registration Form, we are requesting that we be provided with \$9,000.00 to help defray the cost of the meals. Our cost for the meals is as follows: Friday Night = \$25.00, Saturday Tail Twisters Breakfast = \$ 14.50, Banquet on Saturday Night = \$25.00. If you do not approve this Registration Form, we recommend that you approve an alternate proposal to charge the following: Friday Night = \$20.00 (the Convention Committee would supplement this meal only), Saturday morning Breakfast = \$14.50, FDG's Luncheon = \$17.00 and the Banquet = \$25.00. We are not recommending that the FDG's Luncheon be supplemented as we feel that this will not benefit the Lions in general. Since there is a large surplus in the Restricted Convention Fund, we feel that some of these funds should be returned to our Lions members and would help make this Convention more appealing during these times. We ask you now to approve this Registration Form with the recommended meal rates so that we can publish it and put it on the Web Site.

Council Chair Gary Greene previously asked what the cost would be if each District paid for their District Governors expenses to the Convention instead of selling ads. For your information, we have included in your packet is a breakdown of this and you can see that the cost of just providing meals, rooms and entertainment is \$1650.45 for each district. This does not include the cost of decorations, flowers, tables, meeting rooms, gifts for the speaker, sound system, dance floor, podium rental, Flag, Program, registration material, etc. I might mention that these costs used the \$93.00 room rate and does not include the cost of the suites. These incidentals would add about \$300 or more for each District. That equates to 7 full page ads from each District.

The room rate for the North Raleigh Hilton is \$92.00 plus tax. When making reservations, the Lions should provide the Group Code NLC and state that they are with the NC Lions State Convention. If using Hilton Honors Points to pay for your room, please use this code also so that the room can be credited to the Convention. The Hilton has stated that this is their lowest price. The normal room rate for Friday and Saturday night is \$109.00 plus tax, the rates for Thursday night is \$180.00 up plus tax. AAA, AARP, etc prices are higher than the price you will pay for this Convention. We urgently ask all District Governors to publish the Schedule of Events and encourage all Lions that are planning to attend this Convention to study this Schedule of Events before making their room reservations as events will not occur on the same days or times as in recent years.

The Boxwood Room will be used for the Hospitality Room. It is a multifunctional room and contains a sink, small refrigerator and some counter space. Food can be brought in by the District Governors-Elect. We are asking that you approve a cost of \$100.00 for each District Governor-Elect to help defray some of the costs. Vice District Governor Don Henry, a member of the State Convention Committee, will coordinate with the other Vice District Governors in planning the Hospitality Suite and will act as our contact. You are asked to approve the fee of \$100.00 for each District Governor Elect for the Hospitality Room.

The FDG Luncheon will be held on Saturday. We are recommending that this luncheon be restricted to FDG's, DG's, PID's and International Officers. We are not recommending that this luncheon be open to spouses and the general public. We ask for your approval of this recommendation. A Town Hall Meeting will be held with 1st Vice President Eberhard Wirfs and 2nd Vice President Sid Scruggs III immediately following the FDG Luncheon. The Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for another room. There are many restaurants and fast food restaurants in the vicinity where those not attending the FDG Luncheon can eat and return in time for the Town Hall Meeting.

We have already provided each of you with a list of FDG's and have asked that you check it for errors and especially those FDG's that may be deceased. We need this returned as soon as possible so that this item can be completed.

Another item that the Council needs to take action on is the Appointment of Convention Chairs for the Convention Committees. Some of you District Governors may not have appointed your representatives to these committees as yet, but you need to do so as soon as possible so that the Chairs can be selected.

A price for vendor tables needs to be set by the Council. Policy states that these fees are set by the State Council and payment is to be made to the State Council. The Policy also states that the Council can waive these fees for certain organizations. We recommend that these fees be waived for Camp Dogwood, The VIP Fishing Tournament, NCLF Pin Sales, Promotions, and Raffles for Camp Dogwood or VIP Fishing Tournament. If UNC, Duke and Wake Forest Eye Research Centers purchase a sponsorship, they will be provided a table as part of their sponsorship. If they only purchase a Program Ad, will you charge them or waive their fee for a vendor table. What about the Guide Dog Organizations? The Hilton will provide us with a limited number of tables at no cost, but if we have to pay for use of some tables, their cost to us will be \$25.00 each.

In your packet is a draft of the Official Program. The Council needs to determine who is going to preside at what time and also what State Committees you want to report at the Convention. You may want to delegate this to the Council Chair so that he and I can converse and have an acceptable draft ready for approval at your next meeting, the February Council meeting. Remember that we have a little over 5 months left before the Convention and only the February Council Meeting to approve this Official Program. We will have a separate program for the Service of Remembrance and for the Banquet. Do not forget that each District must provide us with a list of deceased Lions so that they can be put in the Program for the Service of Remembrance. We will let you know in February what our deadline for this list is.

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We have added two tours for those non-lions, Lions, and guests that may not want to attend the Saturday afternoon activities. Tour #1 will be to the WRAL Gardens. Their azaleas should be in full bloom at this time of year. Tour #2 will be to the Capitol and Capitol Museums. The cost of these tours has been set at \$5.00 to cover part of the transportation costs. These tours should be indicated on the Registration Form when returned.

The Policy states that a current MD-31 trading pin is to be provided for each registrant. It is my recollection that this was deleted by a previous Council. If this is not the case, we recommend that the current MD-31 trading pin not be provided to each registrant due to the cost. The Committee will however provide a small pin consisting of the German and US Flag. The sample that we received did not contain the right colors. We also have developed a special pin for the Convention, which will be sold for \$5.00 each to help defray costs of the Convention. I have the sample for you to look at. They are due in on November 21.

Time is growing short as the Convention is only a little over 5 months away. We need your help in selling ads, getting your own ads in and selling the Convention to the Lions in your Districts. Again, it is very important that you get the Schedule of Events out to the Lions and Lions Clubs in your District.

The committee members and I thank you for the opportunity to serve and work on this State Convention.

Respectfully submitted

Herbert Justice

Lion Herbert A. Justice FDG

2009 NC Lions State Convention Chair

**2009 OFFICIAL PROGRAM
North Raleigh Hilton
Raleigh, NC**

Thursday, April 30, 2008

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Registration	
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM	NCLF Executive Committee Meeting	
	Presiding	FDG James Walker, President NCLF
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	International Family Dinner	
9:00 PM -	Council of Governors Caucus	
	Presiding	FDG Gary Greene, Council Chair

Friday, May 1, 2009

8:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Registration	
8:15 AM – until	Golf Tournament – RGA Golf Course.....	Raleigh, NC
1:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Council of Governors Meeting	
	Presiding	FDG Gary Greene, Council Chair
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Hospitality Room Open.....	
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Pin Trading	
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Promotions Committee Meeting.....	
	Presiding	FDG Paulette Gasperson
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	NCLF Caucus (Budget)	
	Presiding	FDG James Walker, President NCLF
6:30 PM – 10:00 PM	Fun Night	
	Presiding	FDG Gary Greene, Council Chair
	Invocation	
	Pledge of Allegiance	
	Introduction of Honored Guests	FDG Gary Greene, Council Chair
	Announcements	FDG Herbert Justice, Convention Chair
	Dinner	
	Entertainment by Little German Band and Dancers	

Saturday, May 2, 2009

6:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Registration	
7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Tail Twisters/Key Members Breakfast	
	Presiding	DG Jerry Mertz
	Pledge of Allegiance	
	Invocation	
	Recognition of Key Members, Melvin Jones Fellows, Jack Stickley Fellows, William L Woolard Partners-in-Service, Oldest Lions and Newest Lions	DG Jerry Mertz
	Tail Twisters in action	FDG Joe Silvers, State Tail Twister
	Benediction	
9:15 AM – 11:45 AM	General Session #1	
	Call to Order.....	FDG Herbert Justice
	Presiding	FDG Gary Greene, Council Chair
	Pledge of Allegiance	
	Invocation	
	Welcome	Lion Karl Koeppen, Pres North Raleigh Lions Club
	Welcome	Lion Warren Schmidt, Pres Cary Lions Club
	Welcome	Lion Donald Cotton, Pres Fuquay-Varina Lions Club
	Welcome	Lion Daniel Lee, Pres Garner Lions Club
	Welcome	Lion Charles Youse, Pres Lake Gaston Lions Club
	Welcome	Sulton Piersoll, Pres Raleigh Southeast Lions Club
	Introduction of Head Table	FDG Ronald F. Kelly, State Secretary/Treasurer
	Appointment of Parliamentarian.....	FDG Gary Greene, CC
	Presentation of Int'l Officers and Past Int'l Officers.....	FDG Gary Greene, CC

	2 nd Presiding Officer	
	Report of Rules Committee	
	Preliminary Report of Credentials Committee	
	Report of Research and Long Range Planning Committee	FDG Robert Shook
	3 rd Presiding Officer	
	Report of MERL Team Chairperson	FDG Martha Butler
	Report of Membership Committee	FDG Gene Everett
	Report of Extension Committee	FDG Larry F. Gasperson
	Report of Retention Committee	FCC Harvey F. Whitley
	Report of Leadership Development Committee	FDG Robert A. Shook
	4 th Presiding Officer	
	Report of State Council	FDG Gary Greene, CC
	Report of NC Lions Foundation	FDG James Walker, President, NCLF
	Report of White Cane Committee	FDG Mike Flora
	Report of Camp Dogwood Committee	FDG Carlton Metts
	Announcements	FDG Herbert Justice
	Benediction	
	Adjourn 1 st Session	
12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM	FDG Luncheon.....	
	Presiding	
1:10 PM – 2:00 PM	Town Hall Meeting	
	Presiding.....	International 1 st Vice President Eberhard Wirfs
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Tours to WRAL Gardens or Capitol/Museums	
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	NCLF Board of Directors Meeting	
	Presiding	FDG James Walker, President
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Hospitality Room Open.....	
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Certification of Convention Delegates and Alternates.....	

Saturday, May 2, 2009

7:00 PM – Until

	District Governors Banquet	
	Presiding	FDG Gary Greene, Council Chair
	Pledge of Allegiance	
	National Anthem of USA	FDG Herbert Justice
	National Anthem of Germany	FDG Herbert Justice
	Invocation	
	Introduction of Head Tables, Candidates for 2 nd Vice District Governors, NCLF Officers and other guests	FDG Ronald F. Kelly, State Secretary/Treasurer
	Dinner	
	Dinner Music by	
	Special Presentations	DG'S
	Hall of Fame Induction	
	Introduction of Honored Guest	PID Sid Scruggs III, 2 nd Vice President, LCI
	Address	PID Eberhard Wirfs, 1 st Vice President, LCI
	Presentations	FDG Gary Greene, Council Chair
	Announcements	FDG Herbert Justice, Convention Chair
	Benediction	

Sunday, May 3, 2009

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

	Certification of Convention Delegates and Alternates	
	Necrology Service (Service of Remembrance)	
	Presiding	DG Gordon McAdams
	Announcements	FDG Herbert Justice
	Certification of NCLF Delegates and Alternates	

Sunday, May 3, 2009

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

District Cabinet Meetings

- 31-A
- 31-B
- 31-D
- 31-E
- 31-F
- 31-G
- 31-H
- 31-J

10:30 AM – 11:50 AM

- General Session #2.....
- PresidingFDG Gary Greene, CC
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation
- Introduction of Head Table
- Peace Poster Winner
- Environmental Photo Contest Winner ...
- 2nd Presiding Officer
- Report of Election CommitteeFDG Carlton Metts
- Report of Resolutions Committee
- 3rd Presiding Officer
- Report of Attendance Committee
- Final Report of Credentials Committee
- Report of Constitution & By-Laws CommitteePCC Dave Butler
- 4th Presiding OfficerFDG Gary Greene, CC
- Approval of Reports,FDG Gary Greene, CC
- Invitation to the 2010 State Convention
- Presentation of 2009-2010 District Governors- Elect and Spouses, 1st Vice District
- Governors- Elect and Spouses and 2nd Vice District Governors-Elect and Spouses
-FDG Gary Greene, CC
- Presentation of 2009 – 2010 Council ChairpersonFDG Gary Greene, CC
- Camp Dogwood DrawingFDG Carlton Metts
- Presentation of Flag to LCI 1st Vice President Eberhard Wirfs FDG Gary Greene, CC
- AnnouncementsFDG Herbert Justice
- Benediction
- Adjournment of 2009 NC Lions State Convention

Sunday, May3, 2009

12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM

Annual Meeting of NCLF and Election of NCLF Officers for 2009 – 2010

 PresidingFDG James Walker, President

1:00 PM -

District Governors-Elect and Vice District Governors-Elect Receiving Line ...

All Lions, Lionesses, Leos and guests are welcome

Schedule of Events
For the combined
2009 NC Lions State Convention and
North Carolina Lions Foundation Annual Meeting
April 30, May 1 - 3, 2009

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009

1:00 pm - until	Open Press Room
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Registration
1:00 - 4:30 pm	NCLF Executive Committee Meeting
7:00 - 9:00 pm	International Family Dinner (By Invitation only)
9:00 pm	Council of Governors Caucus

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2009

7:00 am- until	Press Room
8:00 am- 7:00 pm	Registration
8:15 am - until	Golf Tournament -RGA
1:00 - 2:50 pm	Council of Governors Meeting
1:00 - 5:00 pm	Hospitality Room
1:00 - 4:30 pm	Pin Trading
3:00 - 4:00 pm	Promotions Committee
4:00 - 5:00 pm	NCLF Caucus (Budget)
6:30 - 10:00 pm	Fun Night

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2009

7:00 am - until	Press Room
6:00 am -7:00 pm	Registration
7:00 - 9:00 am	Tail Twisters Breakfast
9:15 - 11:45 am	General Session #1
12:00 - 1:00 pm	FDG (Former District Governors') Luncheon
1:10 - 2:00 pm	Town Hall Meeting
1:00 - 4:30 pm	Tours
2:00 - 5:00 pm	NCLF Board of Directors Meeting
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Certification of Convention Delegates
3:30 - 5:00 pm	Hospitality Room
7:00 pm - until	Banquet

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2009

7:00 am - until	Press Room
7:00 am -12:00 noon	Registration
8:00 - 9:15 am	Certification of Convention Delegates
8:00 - 9:00 am	Necrology Service (Service of Remembrance)
9:00 - 12:00 noon	Certification of NCLF Delegates
9:15 - 10:15 am	District Cabinet Meetings
10:30 - 11:50 am	General Session #2
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Annual Meeting of NCLF and Election of Officers
1:00 pm	District Governors-Elect & Vice District Governors-Elect Reception

86th Annual 2009 NC Lions State Convention and the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Lions Foundation

April 30, May 1-3, 2009

North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, North Carolina

Registration Form

Friday, May 1, 2009 – 6:30 PM

“Fun Night Celebration”

Featuring the Little German Band and Dancers

\$10.00 per person

Number

\$ Amount

Saturday, May 2, 2009 – 7:00 AM

“Tail Twisters Breakfast”

Featuring the State Tail Twisters

\$10.00 per person

Saturday, May 2, 2009 – 12:00 Noon (FDG’s only)

“FDG Luncheon”

\$17.00 per person

Saturday, May 2, 2009 – 1:00 – 4:30 PM

Tours: #1 – WRAL Gardens or

#2 – State Capitol & Museums

\$5.00 per person

Saturday, May 2, 2009 – 7:00 PM

“District Governors’ Banquet”

Featuring LCI 1st Vice President Eberhard Wirfs from Germany

\$20.00 per person

Instructions: Please include payment with form.

Make checks payable to:

2009 NC Lions State Convention

Mail to:

Lion Glenn Day

2009 NC Lions State Convention Sec/Treasurer

160 Meadow Glen Drive

Wake Forest, NC 27587

Ph: 919-556-1159

Total # attending

Total amount Enclosed

\$ _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 10, 2009

Name Tag Information:

Name of Lion or Guest

Club Name

Circle Ones that Apply

Circle Honors

Tour #

Circle those that apply: PID, PCC, FDG, VDG, LION, NON-LION

Fun Night – TTB – FDGL – DGB MJF – JSF – WLW

Circle those that apply: PID, PCC, FDG, VDG, LION, NON-LION

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HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION:

For room reservations, call the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel at 919-872-2323. Indicate that you are with the **NC Lions State Convention**. **Group Code is NLC**. Address: 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC. **Reservation Deadline is March 15, 2009**. Special Lions Rate: \$92.00 + Tax. Check in: 3:00 PM/ Check out time: 12 Noon.

Global Membership Team Report

November 8, 2008

By: Martha Butler, PCC

State Chairperson

The Global Membership Team start up has been very slow. I have received very little information or materials from International at this time, but I do feel that once we get more info and more to work with, this team will be of great assistance in helping the lions of this state grow our membership and will help us retain the lions we have.

We began the lion's year on July 1, with 8,869 members, at the end of July the Multiple district had 8,816 members. At the end of August we as a Multiple District had 8,774 members. At the end of September the numbers were 8,781. At the end of October, we ended the month with 8,815.

We have gained 2 new clubs, reorganized 1 club, have 6 clubs on status quo, have 63 charter members, 263 new members, we reinstated 7 members and transferred 20 members, for a total of 353 members added. This sound like we are doing really well, doesn't it? I want to congratulate District Governors Gordon Mc Adams and Jerry Day and the Lions of District E, and District G, for doing the hard work necessary to gain 1 new club in each district. Congratulations, also goes to Districts D, E, and H. At the end of October these Districts had a year to date plus in membership.

The bad news is that since July 1 we as a Multiple District dropped/lost 407 members. We have 71 members on status quo for a total of 8,815. These numbers tell us that as a Multiple District we ended the month of October with a statewide loss of 54 member's year to date.

Believe me, I am not saying this to place any blame or to chastise anyone. I am saying this to make every lion in this room aware that, we, as a Multiple District, need to be aware that we have much work to do. I know that Lionism and the services we provide, as lions, is important to all of us. It is too important to us who are Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service, and to those we serve not to try harder. Our District Governors can't do all the work by themselves; they need your help and mine for us to succeed. Please call on the members of your State MERL Team and your district MERL Team to help grow membership, extend the number of clubs in your district, retain your members, and train your district and club leadership. Governors, if you feel that your district MERL Teams need help or training please let me or the members of the state MERL Team know. We are ready, willing and able to assist you and the members of your districts in any way that we can. Don't forget we have all the

great Leaders at LCI there to help as well. Every lion in this room is a leader so let's work together to make our state a shining example and show that once we set our minds to the task there is nothing we can't do.

I do have 3 requests; I do not have directories from District B, D, F, G or J. Also I have received the names of only 2 of your District GMT Chairpersons, please Governors, send that info to me as soon as you have chosen these lions. I would appreciate it very much, if you would add me to your District newsletter email list, if you have not already done so.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH REPORT

“Membership is Not just the Responsibility of a Few, but of ALL LIONS”

PDG Gene Everette, State Membership Chair

Fellow Lions, through September 2008, we have seen a “glimmer” of hope in our MD31 Membership—three Districts D-G-H have shown an increase in membership thus far this Lionistic year. Unfortunately, the overall “Red Ink” for our Multiple is still flowing. Through September 2008, we are at a net loss of 35 Lions. Currently, we have as a Multiple inducted 39 new Lions, but lost 74!

The District Newsletters indicate a great deal of activity throughout our Multiple in promoting Membership in the various clubs, but we still find that WE are getting the same “OLD” excuses for not joining. It is evident that we must come up with new strategies that will appeal to our prospects. PID Roy Barnett our Global Membership Coordinator has encouraged Multiple Districts to utilize LCI Extension Teams to hold workshops...the personnel are available and ready to assist any District...just call: 1-803-240-5234 for additional information in hosting an Extension Workshop.

Membership is not just the responsibility of a few—it is the responsibility of ALL Lions! Yes, we depend on our appointed Membership Committees to give us direction and encouragement to promote the induction of New Lions, but they cannot do it alone. The “Grass Root” Lion in their respective club...must be motivated to seek new prospects for Lionism...we must ASK. Membership is a “Team Effort”, as well! Clubs must invite and utilize our District MERL Teams and see that their local clubs 3-Member Membership Committee is active.

I hope that each District has followed-up on the names of prospects that I have forwarded to you from time to time, as I received them. Below are the totals of each District at the conclusion of September 2008:

<i>District</i>	<i>Clubs</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>(+/-)</i>
<i>A</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>1,278</i>	<i>-21</i>
<i>B</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>885</i>	<i>- 3</i>
<i>D</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>1,088</i>	<i>+ 5</i>
<i>E</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>1,391</i>	<i>- 7</i>
<i>F</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>1,217</i>	<i>-37</i>
<i>G</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>1,170</i>	<i>+29</i>
<i>H</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>929</i>	<i>+ 5</i>
<i>J</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>823</i>	<i>- 6</i>
<i>Totals: 8</i>	<i>370</i>	<i>8,781</i>	<i>-35</i>



**DOBSON LIONS CLUB
DISTRICT 31-D
DOBSON, NORTH CAROLINA 27017**



PDG Gene Everette, Sec/Treas.
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30 October 2008

To: Lion Gary Greene, Council Chair
Lion Ron Kelly, Council Sec/Treas.

I am enclosing copies of my State Membership Report as I will not be able to attend the State Council Meeting in Fayetteville on November 8th, 2008. I am doing very well with my recoup, but not ready for a long trip and overnight stay. Hopefully, I will be back for the next meeting... my doctor says that I am doing fine and that all appeared A-OK, please convey my sincere thanks to all the Lions for their prayers, calls, cards and visits.

Hopefully, I can be more in contact with all the Districts in the coming months and stay on top of Membership activities throughout our State.

Hope the meeting goes well and that our Membership numbers will look better at the end of the current month of October.

Yours in Lionism,

Gene

Enclosure

EXTENSION CHAIR REPORT
STATE COUNCIL MEETING
NOV.8, 2008

Thank you Council Chair Gary;

I appreciate the opportunity to serve this year as your Statewide Extension Chair.

YTD 2 new clubs have been chartered throughout MD31, 1 in District E with 26 new members and 1 in District G with 35 new members.

You will probably hear from the Membership Chair and the District Governors about the +’s and the –’s of each district and the total MD 31 loss of 54 members. If the status quo clubs throughout the MD fold there will be an additional loss of 36.

2 districts (A&E) are working to upgrade Branch Clubs to full clubs. In district A we are pursuing the possibility of combining 2 Branch Clubs into 1 Full Club.

District J has a couple of communities earmarked for new clubs, Earlier this year, there was some talk about utilizing the LCI Extension team for a workshop in some districts. At this time I know of no district that has a workshop scheduled. If your district schedules a workshop, please let me know. The LCI workshop is an excellent means of gaining new clubs, also the experience and techniques that is gained can be used to rebuild a low club, gain members into existing clubs.

Any questions?

Again, thanks for allowing me to serve in this capacity.

Thanks for all that you do for Lionism.

At the Aug. Council Meeting, I stated that my goal for extension was 2 clubs per district, very different from the D.G.'s

LARRY GASPERSON, PDG
MD31 EXTENSION CHAIR
2008-2009

Retention/Orientation Committee
 Report to the MD 31 Council of Governors
 November 8, 2008

Four months into the Lions year and we have already dropped **407** Lions from our rosters. Here is the summary:

Membership/Retention through October 2008

District	New	Reinstate	Transfers	Drops	Net
A	16	1	4	56	-35
B	24	1	0	35	-10
D	40	0	0	39	1
E	57	2	9	63	5
F	59	3	4	101	-35
G	64	0	0	40	24
H	36	0	2	34	4
J	30	0	1	39	-8
MD	326	7	20	407	-54

We are now at -54 net change in membership versus -88 at the end of September. Thanks to the two new clubs added in October, one in E and one in F, our overall membership numbers have improved since September. G also added a new club in September. **The fact remains, however, that we have still dropped over 400 members, the equivalent of 20 twenty member clubs.**

I recently sent to each District Retention Chairperson copies of the "How are your ratings" questionnaire and administrative guide. Until the clubs evaluate themselves as to how they can become more effective in keeping their members, it is going to be difficult to reverse the drops. I have urged each District Chairperson to work with their Zone Chairpersons in educating our Lions about how to improve their club effectiveness. The key to retention lies at the club level.

I have planned a Retention/Orientation Workshop for January 31, 2009 at Camp Dogwood from 10:00am-3:30pm. This will be primarily for **current** District Retention Chairpersons as well as those who will be **incoming** District Retention Chairpersons for 2009-2010.

Harvey F. Whitley, PCC
 State Retention/Orientation Chairperson, 2008-2009

BOYS AND GIRLS HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA **QUARTERLY REPORT – NOVEMBER 8, 2008**

WOW!!! The renovation of our Lions Cottage is complete and the boys have moved back “Home”. The new bathrooms look great with new showers, new fixtures, new tile walls and floors, what a change. The bedrooms have been redone with new tile floors and new paint on the walls in soothing pastel colors. The teaching parent’s apartment has had some minor improvements and we are getting ready to replace their old drafty windows, no I am not asking for more money, the funds are available to make the purchase of the windows and the Sandhills Cyberspace Lions Club will handle the installation. If you are traveling near BGH, make sure you stop and check out our cottage.

Last month when we held the “Lions Day Open House” the weather worked against us, so we had a small, but very enthusiastic group of Lions in attendance and we had a campus tour, then topping the day of wind and rain, we all enjoyed our hot dogs and burgers with the children. The next group project will be our annual “Lions Spring Work Day” be sure to set aside Saturday, March 7, 2009 as our major clean-up, spruce-up and an opportunity to plant new Spring flowers around the Lions Cottage. We look forward to having a large group of Lions and friends in their work clothes delivering all the needed materials to make our cottage shine.

As the finances become more difficult to obtain, I hope the Lions of North Carolina will continue their huge financial support of our “boys” during the coming Christmas Season. Historically the Lions have been the largest contributor for support of the children on campus.

Sadly, we always have a group of boys with no place to go between Christmas and New Years day; last year a basketball team was put together to play in the “Beach Ball Classic” in Myrtle Beach. Financially they could only play for 2 days. The boys presented themselves well and played even better on the court, this year the Classic extended a full weeks invitation, but this also entails a cost of about \$3,000. I have asked other civic clubs to help by contributing to this fund; will the Lions be able to raise \$1,000 or more to give these boys something special during the holidays?

Along the financial line figures have just been released breaking down the costs of operating a “Civic Club Cottage”. Today it costs \$171,851 to operate our cottage per year compared with \$137,100 in 2004; that is \$1,716 per child per month. No telling how much the cost will rise over the next year.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the children in need.

Brad

W. Brad Logsdon, PCC



State Campus Club Report for Aug, Sept, and Oct

Thursday, November 6, 2008 6:50 AM

From: "Lion Penny Rummel" <lionpenny31gnc@yahoo.com>

To: "Ron Kelly State Sec/Tres" <rfkelly@mindspring.com>, "Mike Covell 2008 DG A" <dg31a@bellsouth.net>, "Jerry Mertz 2008 DG B" <gemkd1@yahoo.com>, "Mike Swartz 2008 DG C" <mikehschwartz@carolina.rr.com>, "Paul Gilgo 2008 DG D" <pgilgo@triad.rr.com>, "Gordon Mc Adams 2008 DG E" <kate1104@aol.com>, "Dave Martin 2008 DG F" <ldmarti@aol.com>, "Jerry Day 2008 DG G" <jsandjb@juno.com>, "Carlton Weeks 2008 DG H" <cweeks@coastalnet.com>, "Alex Thannikkary 2008 DG J" <athannikkary@hotmail.com>, "Ron Kelly State Sec/Tres" <rfkelly@mindspring.com>, "Gary Green 2008 AA Campus Club" <liongary31f@yahoo.com>, "Andy Maginn Campus Club Chair A" <awmaginn1@catamount.wcu.edu>, "Patricia Carroll Campus Club Chair E" <pscarroll@bchfamily.org>, "Rusty Godwin Campus Club Chair F" <hrgodwincpa@yahoo.com>, "Pam Brule Campus Club Chair G" <teganfun10@yahoo.com>, "Alan King Campus Club Chair H" <aking1983@ec.rr.com>, "David Boyd Campus Club Chair H" <mayor.vos@suddenlinkmail.com>, "Mike Flora Campus Club Chair J" <mwflora@embarqmail.com>, lionpenny31gnc@yahoo.com

State Campus Club Report for Aug, Sept, and Oct. Due to work commitments I will not be attending the Council of Governors meeting on Nov 8th.

I am pleased to report District G Governor Jerry Day/District Chair Lion Pam Brule, District E Governor Gordon Mc Adams/District Chair Lion Patricia Carroll and District J Governor Alex Thannikkary/District Chair Lion Mike Flora have all realized the urgency to increase membership throughout our state and are taking an active leadership role in forming Campus Clubs in their districts. I have and will continue to work closely with Districts G and E providing any assistance I can to insure the District Governors Goals for membership increases are achieved.

However, due to a lack of interest from other districts throughout our state, it is with regret that I must retract my original expectations for 2 Campus Clubs per district throughout our state for this year.

For the remainder of this Lions year I will continue to improve the Campus Club Plan as submitted, work with Districts G and E and J.

District Reports as of Nov 3, 2008

My Request for Reports Dated Oct 24, 2008

Campus Club Chairs...

Just a reminder that your monthly Campus Club report is due to me on or before Oct 31 ... I will be giving the Council of Governors a Report on Each District in the State... on Nov 8 ... Please contact me even if you have no report ... Thanks and Looking forward to hearing from you
Lion Penny Rummel ~ State Campus Clubs Chairperson

RESPONSES TO MY REQUEST:

District A: No Response

District B: i got it thanks jerry

District D: No Response

District E: I have not been able to get anything done on the Campus Clubs. After I get everything ready for my audit I am going to get things going. I have all my letters written and I am going to have my club secretary to order my brochures. I hope all is well with you. I will be in touch with you in a few weeks.

District F: No Response

District G: From Pam Brule District G Campus Club Chairperson: October Report

Phase 3 of the 4 phase program is still were I remain. October 8th during a Hispanic Heritage Celebration at Vance-Granville Community College 4 new members were signed up for the club. There were 36 names acquired of potential members. Lion Wayne and Peggy McGohen were present to promote the Campus Club. They are the Guiding Lions for this newly forming club. Informational meeting to be held soon. While at VGCC, I was approached about forming a Leo club at the VGCC high school attached to the college.

Lion Ken Bucher has since taken on this task. I have not received a response back from Lion Charles Andrews, The President of the Durham Lions Club on the status of what that club has decided in reference to being a host club for a campus club or clubs in Durham.

Two calls have not been responded to at this time. I also have not received any form sheets, which are to be used as leads, from my September mailings to the clubs in District G. A power point presentation was given to the Raleigh Host Lions Club October 20th.

October 27th the Lake Gaston Club will receive my power point presentation. If anyone has any questions please call me at 919-250-9982.

District H: NO REPORT . DAVID C. BOYD, JR

District J: District 31-J is still working on a club @ Halifax Community College at this time. Nothing is firm. Thanks, Mike Flora District 31-J Campus Club Chair.

DUE TO "LOST" OR NOT RECEIVED
PLEASE REPLY WITH AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT
THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS EMAIL...

Lion Penny Rummel ~
State Campus Clubs Chairperson



Report of the Celebrate Liberty Committee

Tuesday, November 4, 2008 12:48 PM

From: "Harriett Edmunds" <edmundsgroup@charter.net>
To: liongary31f@yahoo.com

Hi Lion Gary: I am sorry that I won't be able to attend the meeting in Fayetteville on Saturday, but as you know I have a Meeting and Event Planning Business and my biggest client is having their convention starting tomorrow and ending at 2 pm on Saturday in Richmond, VA.

I have asked Lion Peggy McGohan (Liberty Chair, District G) to make this report. I'll let you know what she says. If she cannot do it, please read the report to the Council.

Thanks.

Lion Harriett

My short report follows;

Celebrate Liberty Committee

I have worked with the Public Relations office of the National Guard in Raleigh obtained official permission to use their logo on our 2008-09 Liberty Pin. The pins are in production at this time and should be delivered to North Carolina before December 1. I appreciate the support of the Governors in voting to approve the design and expenditure of funds to order 600 pins, as we did last year.

The National Guard Public Relations Office has agreed to supply a speaker for our statewide program, which we hope to hold in Raleigh in March. Plans are underway to make this happen.

District A has already had several programs, and other districts are planning programs. The Committee Chairs were notified that booklets are available through Steve Walker at the NC Lions Foundation Office. Unfortunately, there are not as many booklets left as we would like to have for this year. I am in the process of finding out how many booklets each returning committee member has, and will make plans to get these distributed to those who have need for more than have been allotted to each district chair. We will be without booklets at the end of this Lions year, and should plan accordingly to have more printed for the next term.

When the pins arrive, I will let the Council Chair know. In the meantime, I am taking orders. My address and email are in the Directory. I would be happy to take your order for pins.

Harriett K. Edmunds
The Edmunds Group
Complete Meeting and Event Planning and Management
105 Sheddars Walk
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948
Business Phone: 252.480.2248
Business Fax: 252.480.2273

MD-31 Constitution and By-Laws Report (November 8, 2008)
By: Lion Dave Butler, PCC

Council Chairperson Gary, State Council Members, fellow Lions and guests. Through legal at Lions Clubs International, I requested and finally received a hard copy of the revised International, Standard Multiple District, Standard District, and Standard Club Constitutions and By-Laws in late September. I have studied these booklets to get myself grounded on all the changes that were approved by the delegates at the International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand. I have reviewed our State Constitution and By-Laws and found between 35 and 40 changes required to bring our Constitution and By-Laws into compliance. These are primarily housekeeping changes (words and reference indications to Articles and Sections of the International Constitution and By-Laws). I will communicate with my committee to document the proposed changes, and we will present these to the State Council for approval to present to the State Convention delegates for their approval.

Per your request, we will also prepare a proposed change to Article VIII, Section I of the State Constitution to extend the \$2.00 International Officer Tax to June 30, 2012, versus June 30, 2011. Second Vice President Sid Scruggs will not complete his year as Immediate Past President until June 30, 2012.

As approved at your August Council meeting, we will also prepare a proposed change to Article I, Section 7 of the State By-Laws that resumes for Council Chairperson will go to the State Nominating Chairperson instead of the State Secretary/Treasurer. Also, we will prepare a proposed change to Article III, Section 9 of the State By-Laws, concerning duties of the Nominating Committee, to send Council Chairperson resumes to the State Nominating Chairperson instead of the State Secretary/Treasurer.

Thank You

November 08, 2008

Council of Governors
Multiple District- 31

Dear Council of Governors,

As of October 2008, the unofficial cash pledges total amount raised by the Lions of MD-31, Sector 1-3-A NC for Campaign SightFirst II is; \$719,028.00 or 65 % of our stated goal of \$1,108,480.00.

We offer our thanks and gratitude to those Club Co-ordinators, Group Co-ordinators, District Co-ordinators and District Governors for all of their guidance and assistance in pursuit of achieving our stated goal. We thank also, those Model Clubs who pledged \$400.00 dollars or more per member to make this endeavor a success. A special thank you to all the grassroots Lions for their dedication and commitment to once again offer their support to the Visually Impaired Community.

However, with only 66% of the Clubs in MD-31 participating, we must meet the challenge of involving those remaining Clubs in this effort to succeed. I attended the Mid-Winter Convention in District B in October and I am scheduled to attend the Mid-Winter Convention in District A this month to further promote the inclusion of those Clubs not involved. I also plan to attend the Mid-Winter Conventions of District D, Districts G, H, and J in January, 2009 to assist with this effort as needed.

In closing, many, many thanks to all the Lions of MD-31 for all that you continue to do in the name and spirit of Lionism.

Respectfully Submitted,

I. Frank Brooks, Jr. FDG
LCIF \SIGHTFIRST Committee Chairman

MD-31 STATE COUNCIL MEETING
STATE LEO REPORT

11-08-08

I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT I HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CALLS AND E-MAILS CONCERNING PROSPECTIVE LEO CLUBS IN THE STATE. DISTRICT E REPORTS THE POSSIBILITY OF FOUR NEW LEO CLUBS AROUND THE MECKLENBURG, GASTON, AND UNION COUNTY AREAS, SOME ALREADY HAVE FACULTY ADVISORS AND SPONSORING LIONS CLUBS, THEY ARE WAITING FOR THE TOTAL FOR MEMBERSHIP TO CHARTER, DISTRICT G LEO CHAIRPERSON HAS EMAILED ME THAT HE HAS THE PROSPECT FOR TWO NEW LEO CLUBS IN THAT AREA. DISTRICT F GOVERNOR IS WORKING WITH HIS LEO CHAIRPERSON TO ALSO CHARTER A NEW LEO CLUB IN THEIR AREA. DISTRICT J REPORTED THIS MORNING.

I HAVE ALSO BEEN BUSY WITH INSTALLATION CEREMONIES AND INDUCTIONS, THE PIEDMONT LEO CLUB IN DISTRICT E HAS INDUCTED 38 NEW LEO MEMBERS INTO THEIR CLUB AND THE MOUNT PLEASANT CLUB HAS ALSO RECENTLY INSTALLED OFFICERS.

I AM HAVING A MEETING OF THE STATE LEO OFFICERS TO DISCUSS THE LEO STATE CONVENTION TO BE HELD THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 20, 2009 AT CAMP DOGWOOD. THE REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE COMING OUT SOON AND I WILL BE E-MAILING THEM TO ALL DISTRICT ^{LEO} CHAIRPERSONS, DISTRICT GOVERNORS, VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS, AND OTHERS. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT,

LION TERRY J. CAUBLE
STATE LEO CHAIRPERSON

LIONS QUEST REPORT

At the prior meeting, I said that my goals for the district chairs were easy to meet. I asked all the chairs to just make three contacts. This contact could be letting a teacher, principal or school board member read the information I provided them.

District 31-E has met their goal in this way. Mike Schwartz has had a workshop in his area which counts for one. I have contacted one school principal and one elementary teacher and had them both read the information and fill out a sheet to let me know what they think of the program.

This wasn't anything that required them to sign up for anything and I told them this up front. I also attended the fall convention at District "B" and at the cabinet meeting brought up the following question to the International Director, Lion Ed Lecius. I asked him, "Since the sheriffs around the state are cutting financing for the Dare program, is there any way international could do something about the cost of the program." I also mentioned to him that now would be the best time to get the ball rolling with the Quest program since there are the cuts being made in the sheriff's budgets. He promised he would bring this up at the board meeting to be held in Hawaii.

District "F" has also been using the program in a modified version for quite some time and this counts as contacts. Dedi Weaver has been doing a great job in her efforts.

Important information: North Carolina Lions Quest workshop update. The following workshops have been scheduled in Greensboro. Lions Quest Skills for Adolescence, grades 6-8, November 24-25; Skills for growing, K-5, December 11-12; and Skills for Action, grades 9-12, December 11-12, 2008.

If you know any teachers who are interested in participating in any of these workshops, please call the toll free number, 1-800-446-2700. Also, Lions are welcome to attend the workshops free of charge. It is a great learning opportunity as well as an opportunity to show Lions support to members of the education community.

I have been in contact with Sandy O'Lear, Lions Quest at International and will keep everyone informed.

Morris Van Vleet, PDG
North Carolina Lions Quest Chairperson

Nominating Committee Report
11/8/08
Carlton Metts, Nominating Chairperson

The following is my report per District on endorsements for 2009-2010

District A. endorsements,

Lion Marti Hill, District Governor
Lion George Suggs, 1stVice District Governor
Vacant, 2nd Vice District Governor

District B. after election at Mid-Winter Convention,.

Lion Dot Nickols, District Governor Elect
Lion Bob Sprinkle, 1stVice District Governor Elect
Lion Helen Hudson, 2nd Vice District Governor Elect

District D. endorsements,

Lion Dave Osborne, District Governor
Lion Bill Womack, 1stVice District Governor
Vacant, 2nd Vice District Governor

District E. endorsements,

Lion Theresa Matthews, District Governor
Lion Gary Steele, 1stVice District Governor
Lion Mike Schartz, 2nd Vice District Governor

District F. endorsements,

Lion Dan Boudreaux, District Governor
Lion Dr. Randy Kirby, 1stVice District Governor
Vacant, 2nd Vice District Governor

District G. endorsements,

Lion Don G. Henry, District Governor
Lion John Owens, 1stVice District Governor
Lion Andy Lilliston, 2nd Vice District Governor

District H. endorsements,

Lion Al Greene., District Governor
Lion Tony Camaioni, 1stVice District Governor
Lion Donna Murph-Paris, 2nd Vice District Governor

District J. endorsements,

Lion Bob Walton, District Governor
Lion Gwen White, 1st Vice District Governor
Vacant, 2nd Vice District Governor

Council Chairperson—None

State Secretary, PDG Ron Kelly

NCLF 2nd Vice President endorsement for John (Stewart) Wooten, Asheboro Lion Club

Submitted by
PDG Carlton Metts, Nominating Chairperson

Revised 11/09/08



Council Mtg. Report Women's Leadership

Wednesday, November 5, 2008 10:46 PM

From: "marjan@bellsouth.net" <marjan@bellsouth.net>

To: "Gary Greene" <liogary31f@yahoo.com>

To: Lion Gary Greene, State Council Chair
From: Lion Janet Doub, Women's Leadership Chair
Re: Report to Council
11-5-08

Please accept my apology for being unable to attend this meeting. I had surgery last week and am not well enough to attend.

I have communicated with the district chairs by postal mail and by email. To date only two have responded. those are in Districts B and F. Both report lots of activity as they visit other clubs in several capacities. I have visited several clubs also and take every opportunity to promote women in Lionism.

I would request that District Governors encourage their chairs to communicate with the state chair.

As for the goals I set in August:

1. (Every Lions Club is open to men and women equally) Only district governors would be aware of this status in their district. I am pleased to report that I have visited a club in my district that was closed to women the last time I presented a program there when I was Boys and Girls Home Chair.
2. (Women are actively recruited for leadership roles at every level of activity.) In looking at the state directory it appears that statewide, the number of women in leadership is approximately 20 % which is in line with the percentage of women in North Carolina Lions. This is not true at the distict governor level, but is at the vice district governor level.
3. (Membership growth in North Carolina equals at least 25 % of new members.) There is a report on the International web site which shows this. Unfortunately, the total number of women in North Carolina Lions was down by 10 at the end of September (10 less than the end of July). The elimination of District C and not knowing which district those members were absorbed into makes it hard to track the change in some areas. In my own district, D, women's membership was up by three an the end of September.

Statistics are well and good, but the main thing that needs to be addressed is that -the inclusion of women in all clubs and at every level of leadership needs to be promoted by all district governors. The opportunites to serve need to be offered. The needs that must be addressed in our communities are so great that we can not afford to be passing up anyone, regardless of gender, for service in our Lions clubs.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Janet T. Doub, State Women's Leadership Chair

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To: Council of Governors
From: Rhett B. White, Youth Exchange Chair
Re: Youth Exchange Report
Date: November 7-8, 2008

The North Carolina Lions Youth Exchange report is brief.

There has been communication with several of the District Chairs since August and we are developing a list of Lions who are interested in serving as host families to any incoming international youth that may chose North Carolina as their destination. These host families are primarily in the Ashville and Lake Gaston areas, but some interest has been expressed by Lions in other parts of the state.

We are following up with three potential incoming youth, one from Poland and two from Russia.

Although we are focusing our efforts on getting our young people interested in taking a trip abroad under the Lions International Youth Exchange program, I know of only one* young lady that is interested traveling this year. She is a Leo Club member at the First Flight High School Leo Club in Kill Devil Hills. We encourage clubs that sponsor Leo Clubs to make this opportunity know to their Leos. Lions should also be talking to their children, grandchildren and youngsters in their churches about the Lions Youth Exchange opportunity.

The age for the program is 15-21. Our District Chairs are available to do programs in your clubs and at non-Lions functions in your communities. Just ask.

* Lion Dianne Whitley, 31-E, informed me during this meeting that there is another young lady at one of the Mecklenburg County Schools who may also be interested in traveling abroad, this year.

Lions Youth Exchange Host Family Application

The host family and the host Lions club should complete this form.
Please attach:

- a recent photograph
- a letter of introduction describing the family's home and community life

If more than one family is involved in hosting, each needs to complete a separate application. Forward the application to the Lions multiple district/district youth exchange chairman. Please type or clearly print all information on this form.

I. Host Family Data

Names of husband and wife _____ City _____
Address _____ Postal Code _____

State/province _____ Country _____ E-mail _____
Home Telephone _____ Fax _____

Husband's occupation _____ Husband's business phone _____
Wife's occupation _____ Wife's business phone _____

National origin: husband _____ wife _____
Is husband a Lion? yes no club name _____ district number _____

Is wife a Lion? yes no club name _____ district number _____

Name, age and sex of children living at home _____

Languages spoken in family _____
Religious affiliation/preference _____

Family interests, pastimes _____
Is home located in an urban area rural area small city other _____

Population of town/city _____ Usual temperature _____
Pets in the home _____ Is there smoking in the home? yes no

Previous hosting experience (include details) _____

II. Host Family Preferences

We would prefer: a girl; a boy; either smoker non-smoker Age _____

Nationality and/or other preferences _____
Complete if requesting a specific youth: Name _____

Address _____ State/province _____ Country _____
City _____

Sponsoring Lions Club _____
Length of time we can host _____ Latest departure date ____/____/____

Earliest date of arrival ____/____/____
Airport preferred for arrival/departure _____

We confirm that a parent or other responsible adult will remain at home during the visitor's stay. In fairness to the youth and other host family(ies) involved, we understand we must relinquish contact with the youth while he or she is visiting with another host family.
Signature of host family parent(s) _____ Date _____

III. Lions Club Data

Club _____ District _____
City _____ State/province _____ Country _____
Name of Lion coordinating hosting arrangements _____
Address _____
City _____ State/province _____ Country _____
Home telephone _____ Business telephone _____
Fax no. _____ E-mail _____

I have personally interviewed the above named host family and have reviewed their application. I certify that they have been fully informed of the program's requirements and procedures and are qualified to serve as a host family.

Signature of Lions club president or YE chairman _____ Date _____

IV. To Be Completed By The Host YE Chairman

Youth assigned to: (family name) _____
Address _____
City _____ State/province _____ Country _____
Home telephone _____ Business telephone _____
Fax no. _____ E-mail _____
Insurance certification _____
Indemnity form _____
Emergency medical authorization _____
Passport number _____
Travel arrangements—arrival flight no. _____
departure flight no. _____
connections _____
YE chairman responsible for youth _____
Address _____
City _____ State/province _____ Country _____
Home telephone _____ Business telephone _____
Fax no. _____ E-mail _____
Second host family _____
Date host family information was reported to sponsoring district/MD _____

NOTE: The following persons must receive copies of this application:

1. Multiple district YE chairman—sponsoring country (if applicable)
2. District YE chairman—sponsoring country
3. Sponsoring Lions club
4. Multiple District YE chairman—host country (if applicable)
5. District YE chairman—host country
6. Host Lions club