

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

Saturday, November 11, 2006
9:00 AM

Park Inn – Gateway Conference Center,
Hickory, NC

Council Chairperson Martha Butler called the meeting to order at 9: 00 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, Nov. 10, 2006. All nine District Governors and Vice District Governors were present at the caucus and at this meeting.

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| 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.

Past International Director Sid Scruggs commented on some of the passed Resolutions of the Boston Convention. Specifically he mentioned the resolution requiring a full complement of 1250 members and 35 Lions clubs to endorse a candidate for Second Vice President. Scruggs Endorsement is official through the Chicago Convention in 2007. He stated that he would withdraw in favor of the endorsed candidate Eberhard J. Wirfs of Germany. Unfortunately, his district 31-F had dropped to 1237 members as of the Boston Convention. However they have recruited 90 new members to give 1334 members for this month.

Scruggs was invited to preside at a seminar at the Europa Forum. He also commented on Sight First II, stating that the USA is falling behind the orient in contributions, of the 43 Lead Gifts of \$100,000 each, only one came from the USA, the rest from Asian countries.

CC Butler requested a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda. DG Roland moved to approve the agenda; seconded by DG Van Vleet. Motion passed.

DG Roland moved to approve the minutes of the August Council meeting; seconded by DG Kelly. Motion passed.

DG Covington moved to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting at the VIP Fishing Tournament in Manteo, NC; seconded by DG Leathers. Motion Passed.

(See Attachment "A")

State Secretary-Treasurer George Ohm presented the Financial Report as of November 9, 2006. All district dues were received, including the reduced dues of D31-C as approved at the August 2006 meeting. Youth Exchange Contributions amounted to \$2000. Due to a rather large balance in the Council checking account, Ohm transferred \$40,000 into a Money Market Account to gain more interest. A \$3760 check was issued to the North Carolina DMV for the Lions State License Plate project. (See Attachment "B")

DG Kelly moved to approve the November Financial Report; seconded by DG Ingle. Motion Passed.

CC Butler announced a new Membership Growth Plan for North Carolina. New member sponsors will be recognized with a "Hammer Pin" and/or Certificate. Butler distributed samples of the pin and Certificates.

DG Roland moved to approve the pins and Certificates; Seconded by DG Van Vleet. Motion passed.

NCLF President Ron Staley reported that a recent survey of Lions in North Carolina indicated that a large number of Lions are relatively new to Lionism. Seventeen Percent have been members less than 2 years while 33% have been lions only 5 years. This indicates a definite need for Committee Chairs to make club visits and inform and educate our Lion members. A total of 767 campers attended camp this summer. Plans for the new Udovich Dormitory are well under way and financing is ahead of schedule. He urged District Committee Chairs to attend as many State Committee meetings as possible. He announced plans for a new teleconferencing system that will increase our communications across the state. (See Attachment "C")

DG Covington moved to establish the Lions Teleconferencing System in North Carolina; seconded by DG O'Malley. Motion Passed.

NCLF Executive Director Steve Walker also commented on the Udovich Dormitory, stating that there are some preliminary problems with utility lines near the Shaw Brown Building which will have to be moved prior to construction. The Foundation is requesting that the Council endorse a request for a grant of \$75,000.00 from Lions Clubs International to help finance the dormitory.

DG Covington made a motion to request a grant of \$75,000.00 from Lions Clubs International to finance the building of the Udovich Dormitory. Motion seconded by DG Van Vleet. Motion Passed.

PDG Joe Silvers reported on the 2007 State Convention to be held in Asheville, NC on June 1-3, 2007. Due to the Convention Committee's efforts, there will be business sponsors for the Fun Night and Tail Twisters Breakfast with no cost to individual Lions. Lions will only have to pay \$25.00 for the District Governor's Banquet on Saturday night. He urged early registration as 108 rooms are already booked. The room rates will also be subsidized from the regular rate of \$99.00 to \$79.00 for the duration of the Convention. (See Attachment "D")

DG Roland moved to accept the 2007 State Convention Report; seconded by DG Kelly. Motion passed.

Silvers requested approval of the planned 2007 Convention Pin, the crossed flags of New York and North Carolina.

DG Van Vleet moved to approve the 2007 Convention Pin, which will be crossed flags of New York and North Carolina, and authorize purchase by the Council of 500 pins. Motion seconded by DG Leathers. Motion Passed.

CC Butler requested suggestions for the distribution of The Tail Twister's Auction and Raffle funds. The subject was tabled until the February meeting.

Lion Gwen White, State Convention Committee Chair, commended the 2007 State Convention Committee for the outstanding progress in planning the 2007 Convention. To make the Convention proceedings more interesting to convention attendees, the Council has decided to limit the meeting reports to those from the Council Chair and The Foundation President. A town Hall type meeting is scheduled instead of Committee Reports.

Studies for the 2008 Convention include two sites; the Greensboro Airport Marriott Hotel and the Embassy Suites in Winston-Salem. Rooms for the Marriott will be \$89.00 per night with free parking while the Embassy Suites will charge \$99.00 per night with an additional \$7.00 for parking. The decision between the two sites was tabled until the February meeting when meal bids will be available.

The committee is looking at either Southern Pines or Concord for the 2009 State Convention.

Past Council Chair Diane Whitley reported that the State License Plate Project is still on going. A \$3760.00 check has been sent to the NC DMV for the first 300 license plate recipients. She is awaiting a proof plate for approval before the first plates can be issued.

CC Butler requested a motion to continue the MD31 Council Endorsement of Past International Director Sid Scruggs, III for the high office of Second Vice-President of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

District 31-F Governor Kelly moved to endorse PID Sid Scruggs for the High Office of Second Vice President of The International Association of Lions Clubs. The motion was seconded by DG Covington. Motion passed unanimously. (See Attachment "E")

Past Council Chair Harvey Whitley reported on campaign Sight First II. He stated that we must communicate the world wide needs to our own Lions. Once they believe, the dollars will come. LCIF has proposed four sources of funds:

- Personal donations or pledges from Lions
- Personal donations or pledges from non-lions
- Solicitation for Corporate donations
- Club pledges from special fund raising projects

DG Holston distributed small jars labeled “For Sight First II” to the Council. He will be using these in his District to encourage Lions to save their change each day for Sight First II.

CC Butler called for a 20 minute recess until 10:30 AM.

After the recess, DG Holston showed a publicity clip, from LCI’s Quarterly Report, featuring Camp Dogwood.

CC Butler requested a motion to proceed with the bid for MD31 to host the 2012 USA/Canada Forum in Raleigh, NC. (See Attachment “ ”)

DG Kelly moved to proceed with the bid for the 2012 USA/Canada Forum for Raleigh, NC; Seconded by DG Holston. Motion passed.

CC Butler read an invitation from Past International President Jim Irvin to join with several South Eastern States in a joint breakfast at the 2007 International Convention in Chicago, IL. (See Attachment “F”)

DG Roland moved to pursue the Joint Breakfast with the Southeastern States at the 2007 International Convention in Chicago, IL; seconded by DG Leathers. Motion Passed.

PDG Paul Bledsoe reported on the Emergency Management proposal endorsed by International President Jimmy Ross. It would consist of training of Lions to Partner with the NC Department of Emergency Management. DG Ingle expressed her concern about working with FEMA and the likelihood of Lions dealing directly with victims may be blamed for problems encountered. (See Attachment “G”)

DG Covington made a motion for the Lions of North Carolina to adopt the concept of participation with the NCDEM. Motion seconded by DG Roland. Motion passed with eight ye and one nay vote.

Council Committee Reports:

Boys and Girls Home – Chair Anne Neroni – With the generous lead gift of \$10,000 from the Lake Lure Lions Club the \$16,000 Van was delivered to Boys and Girls Homes. The Lions cottage still needs a new roof, estimated at \$49,000. New donated windows have already been installed. Lions will be holding a tree trimming party on Dec. 2. (See Attachment “H ”)

Constitution and By-Laws – Chair PCC Dave Butler – The committee plans to review the state Constitution and By-laws to clean up the language and insure all related articles correspond to each other. (See Attachment “I ”)

Diabetes Awareness – Chair Bill Barnwell – Lions participated in a new “Strides” Program at the Boston Convention to promote Diabetes Awareness. International is urging individual clubs or districts to organize their own “Strides” to raise funds and awareness of diabetes. Materials were distributed to each District Governor. (See Attachment “J ”)

MERL Team Reports:

Membership – Gene Everett – The MERL Team has adopted a new statewide membership plan, however the District Governors, Vice District Governors and the Lions of the State must buy into the plan to make it work. He encouraged each club to hold a Membership Night and invite prospective members. We know it works – Just “ASK “ (See Attachment “K”)

Extension – Chair Houston Henderson – D 31-A will host an Extension Workshop in January. He is still “hunting” Lions in North Carolina. He reported on district activities and urged each District Governor to insure the District MERL Team is working.. (See Attachment “L”)

Retention – Chair Frank Brooks – He had attended the MERL team training at The USA/Canada Forum in Columbus. Plans to attend each Fall and Mid-winter Convention to work with District MERL Teams. The MERL Team is dependant on all Districts, Clubs and Lions to support the plan for growth. (See Attachment “M”)

Leadership – Chair Bob Shook – He also had been working to revise the State MERL Booklet along the new guidelines from the Forum. The second Training session for the Vice District Governors/District Governors Elect will be December 1st through the 3rd at Camp Dogwood. (See Attachment “N”)

The new MERL Booklets were distributed to each Governor.

History Committee – Chair Diane Whitley – Working with PDG Paul Bledsoe to develop a flier to be sent to all clubs showing information needed for the History book.

Liberty Day – Chair Jim Edmunds – The committee is intent on increasing Lions participation in Liberty Day by 10% each year. District Chairs are asked to visit at least 5 clubs this year. NC will observe Liberty Day on Friday, March 30, 2007 in Elizabeth City. This is the site of the largest Coast Guard Base on the east coast. (See attachment “O”)

LCIF Committee – Chair Harvey Whitley – Worldwide Sight First II has met only 1/3 of its goal. Disaster funds of \$910,000 were sent to Pakistan, for homes and rebuilding water supplies. Closer to home, D31-A received a \$75,000 grant for the McCune Center. (See Attachment “P”)

Nominations – Chair Allen Deaton – Deaton reported that Districts A, D & F are able to elect District Governors this year. The remaining Districts cannot directly elect District Governors without the approval of LCI. All Districts have Vice District Governors who are in line for governorships in 2007-08. (See Attachment “Q”)

Promotions – Chair Michael Allman – Has replenished inventories of shirts. Allman asked to be invited to Zone and cabinet meeting to show the promotional sales items. He is working on a catalogue of Logo items for the Governors.

Information Technologies – Chair Michael Schwartz – working with Past President Bennie Pugh to set up a new web site for both the Council and the Foundation. Schwartz requested \$350 to set-up a super web-site, plus \$300 for yearly charges to maintain. (See Attachment “R”)

DG Holston moved to approve the super web-site and the maintenance charges; seconded by DG Roland. Motion passed.

Research and Long Range Planning – Chair John O’Malley presented a preliminary Redistricting Plan for 6 districts. All districts would be affected resulting in districts of nearly equal membership and similar geographical size. Maps showing the new districts were presented to each Governor. DG Holston presented a power point program of the Redistricting plan.

The Council decided to table the proposal so that it could be studied and discussed at greater depth. (See Attachment “S”)

Women’s Leadership – Chair Janet Daub – The Women’s Leadership Committee was to meet at 1 PM this afternoon. Several topics were discussed including those clubs who restrict women. It was felt that seeing more women in leadership positions may change attitudes of those club members.. Many suggestions were made to increase women’s participation. The Committee plans to hold an event at the State Convention. (See Attachment “T”)

Youth Exchange – Chair Karen Littlefield – There are two outbound students from North Carolina. Littlefield is in process of preparing packages for the students. She has asked for trading pins for the students to give to their hosts. (See Attachment “U”)

DG Kelly moved to approve the Council Committee Reports: seconded by DG Leathers. Motion Passed.

The next meeting will be at the site of the State Convention, the Renaissance Hotel in Asheville NC on February 10, 2007.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Ohm
State Secretary-Treasurer

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

Minutes of a Special Called Meeting of the Council of Governors while attending the VIP Fishing Tournament in Manteo, NC.

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Martha Butler at 9:20 AM.

Lions in attendance were:

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| Governor Sue Ingle, D31-B | Governor Mike Flora, D31-J |
| Governor Dolores O'Malley, D31-C | Council Chair Martha Butler |
| Governor Larry Covington, D31-D | NCLF President Ron Staley |
| Governor Sherman Leathers, D31-G | State Secretary George Ohm |
| Governor George Holston, D31-H | |

(CC Butler will contact each absent Governor to explain the decisions reached.)

1. The first topic of discussion was the revision of the statewide MERL Team Handbook. The MERL Team recommended that the Council reprint the Booklet. If the council approves revising the booklet they will be using some of the material in the booklet that they received during their training in Columbus, Ohio. PDG Gene Everette secured a quote of \$600.00 for 600 copies of the 50 page booklet.

Covington made a motion to publish 600 copies of the MERL Team Handbook, to be paid equally from budgeted MERL Team funds. The motion was seconded by Flora. Motion passed.

2. The second topic was to select some sort of statewide recognition of new member sponsors. LCI has discontinued the Bronze – Silver – Gold Certificates previously used to honor sponsors. District Governor Morris Van Vleet, D31-E, has adopted a small "Hammer" pin (from his church's recognition of Church Builders) to signify a Membership Builder for Lionism in District 31-E. He will secure quotes for statewide recognition pins for the November meeting. Governors in attendance were asked to consider alternate certificates or pins for the November Meeting.

3. The MERL Team asked for permission to approach each District Convention Committee for time to meet with District MERL Team Members at each Convention. Butler suggested that they contact each District Convention Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Ohm
State Secretary-Treasurer

North Carolina Lions State Council
 2006-07 Council Financial Statement
 January 2, 2007

Attachment "B"

| INCOME: | 06-07 Budget | 06-07 Actual | (over) / under | Line Item |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| BAL FWD | 55314.34 | 55314.34 | - | 100 |
| State Dues (.Est 9400 X \$3.50 for 05-06) | 32,312.00 | 16117.50 | 16,194.50 | 110 |
| Interest Received (Currently 1%) | 550.00 | 242.75 | 307.25 | 120 |
| District Cabinet Secretary- Treasurer Bonds | 417.50 | 417.51 | (0.01) | 130 |
| State Convention Tail Twister's ticket sales and auction | 2,500.00 | 0.00 | 2,500.00 | 140 |
| State Convention Income | 10,000.00 | 0.00 | | 150 |
| Youth Exchange (\$500 per District) | 4,500.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,500.00 | 160 |
| Liberty Day | 1,000.00 | - | 1,000.00 | 170 |
| LCIF Grant for Wake Forest Univ. Eye Care Center | | 75,000.00 | | 180 |
| Misc. Income not Budgeted | - | 44.00 | (44.00) | 190 |
| Total Income | 106,593.84 | 149,136.10 | (42,542.26) | |
| EXPENSES: | | | | |
| Financial Audit | 700.00 | 0.00 | 700.00 | 200 |
| Treasurer's Bond | 520.50 | 520.50 | - | 210 |
| Clerical Services - NCLF | 600.00 | 0.00 | 600.00 | 220 |
| Office Supplies (Secretary / Treasurer) | 350.00 | 175.42 | 174.58 | 230 |
| Printing (NCLF and Secretary / Treasurer) | 600.00 | 169.83 | 430.17 | 240 |
| Postage (NCLF and Secretary / Treasurer) | 400.00 | 48.13 | 351.87 | 250 |
| Telephone (Secretary / Treasurer) | 150.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | 260 |
| Plaques and Gifts | 1500.00 | 0.00 | 1,500.00 | 270 |
| State Council Meetings | 400.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 | 280 |
| Expenses - State Secretary / Treasurer | 3500.00 | 1339.08 | 2,160.92 | 290 |
| Expenses - State Council Chair | 5600.00 | 0.00 | 5,600.00 | 300 |
| State Convention - cash advance | 6000.00 | 0.00 | 6,000.00 | 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 | 463.58 | 536.42 | 340 |
| Leadership Committee | 3400.00 | 258.70 | 3,141.30 | 350 |
| State Council Committee Expenses | 9000.00 | 1534.61 | 7,465.39 | 360 |
| Sight First Committee | 1000.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 370 |
| Liberty Day | 2000.00 | 1032.00 | 968.00 | 380 |
| Leo Clubs Expenses | 1000.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 390 |
| Youth Exchange | 6000.00 | 201.57 | 5,798.43 | 400 |
| Information Technology/ Public Relations | 1500.00 | 0.00 | 1,500.00 | 410 |
| LCIF Grant for Wake Forest Univ. Eye Care Center | | 75000.00 | | 420 |
| Misc Expenses not budgeted | 5000.00 | 43881.65 | (38,881.65) | 430 |
| Total Expenses | 52,220.50 | 124,625.07 | (72,404.57) | |
| Contingency | 54,373.34 | 24,511.03 | 29,862.31 | |
| Total | 106,593.84 | 149,136.10 | (42,542.26) | |

Assets:

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| Money Market Account | 40,069.92 |
| Checking | 24,511.03 |
| Total | 64,580.95 |

October 10, 2006

NCLF Presidents Report to the Council of Governors

November 12, 2006

Council Chair Martha, Governors, Vice Governors, Lions and guests:

I am pleased to report that we are having another exciting year. Our White Cane and Camp Dogwood programs were well received at all of the workshops held in your Districts and I thank you for giving Lions Jerry Austin and Jim Sasser the opportunity to make their presentations. At the meetings I saw a lot of energy and excitement by the leaders you have selected. I hope they will take these programs to the clubs in your district. The foundation receives a report from international that gives the names and addresses of all the Lions in NC. One of the nice features of this report is that it also gives the dates they became Lions. As of October, 17% of our members had been Lions less than 2 years. 33% of our Lions had been members less than 5 years. At the end of this report are the details and a breakdown by District. When you consider these demographics, it is imperative that our committee chairs visit all our clubs and inform and educate our Lion members.

We had an excellent Camping Season at Camp Dogwood this summer. The feedback I received from the campers and volunteers has been very positive. Sandy reported that we had 767 campers this year. Like any program, however, we continue to look for ways to improve. I am also happy to report we are making progress on the new Udovich Dormitory and we have already begun receiving contributions. There also appears to be a lot of interest in the banner patches and pins we are offering to clubs and individuals who meet sales goals for our raffle tickets. Other committees are also very busy and are actively involved in working on tasks to keep the Lions Visions alive. You will hear details of these activities from the State Committee Chairs at the Board meeting tomorrow.

Again I want to encourage each of you to remind your District Committee Chairs to attend state committee meetings. The committees are very busy and have a lot they want to accomplish this year. Since our last board meeting we have taken steps to make it easier for district committee members to participate in statewide meetings. We have installed and are testing a telephone conferencing system for our Foundation Committee State Chairs. This new tool will make it easier for your Committee Chairs to participate in meetings and eliminate the time and cost of traveling across the NC to be at a 1-2 hour meeting. We hope this will improve attendance and participation. Our committees need input from all Districts to be effective. The Clinical Eye Research and Memorials and Honorariums committees will be holding meetings today and have invited members unable to be here to use the teleconferencing system. The system uses a toll free number and is extremely simple to set up and use. The only charge is the minutes we use the phone line. The cost of a one hour meeting for 10 participants is approximately \$75.00; much less than the cost of traveling across the state. After researching teleconferencing providers, I

was pleased to discover the company we selected was the same used by man^ large corporations and Lions Clubs International.

Sallie and I have had the opportunity to attend 3 District Fall conventions. We appreciate your hospitality and I want to commend you on the excellent conventions. We have thoroughly enjoyed meeting with Lions in your districts and hearing more about what each district is doing. I found the new format for District 31-F's fall convention especially interesting. From the turnout, the changes were well received by the Lions in that District. I was really pleased to finally meet Tom Jones and Elvis.

Steve Walker and Jerry Austin have given presentations on the programs and funding of NCLF at a couple of the fall conventions. Their presentations are very informative and have generated a lot of interest. I know they would be happy to do the same at the remaining conventions if you need their help.

I thank you again for your support. It is great having this opportunity to serve with you. With your leadership and the help of our Lions Clubs we look forward to meeting the needs of those we serve.

Lion Ron Staley, NCLF President

| | MD-31 | | 31-A | | 31-B | | 31-C | | 31-D | |
|-------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| Service | Members | % | Members | % | Members | % | Members | % | Members | % |
| 50Yrs + | 323 | 3.5% | 45 | 4.2% | 36 | 3.9% | 31 | 4.5% | 44 | 3.8% |
| 25-49.9 Yrs | 1,769 | 19.3% | 175 | 16.3% | 157 | 16.9% | 140 | 20.5% | 235 | 20.2% |
| 10-24.9 Yrs | 2,342 | 25.6% | 290 | 27.0% | 227 | 24.4% | 174 | 25.5% | 332 | 28.6% |
| 5-9.9 Yrs | 1,675 | 18.3% | 182 | 16.9% | 198 | 21.3% | 127 | 18.6% | 206 | 17.7% |
| 3-4.9 Yrs | 1,528 | 16.7% | 171 | 15.9% | 156 | 16.8% | 118 | 17.3% | 152 | 13.1% |
| 0-1.9 Yrs | 1,517 | 16.6% | 212 | 19.7% | 155 | 16.7% | 93 | 13.6% | 192 | 16.5% |
| Total | 9,154 | 100.0% | 1,075 | 100.0% | 929 | 100.0% | 683 | 100.0% | 1,161 | 100.0% |
| Average Yrs | 15.0 | | 14.2 | | 14.5 | | 15.9 | | 16.1 | |
| | 31-E | | 31-F | | 31-G | | 31-H | | 31-J | |
| Service | Members | % | Members | % | Members | % | Members | % | Members | % |
| 50Yrs + | 29 | 2.9% | 42 | 3.3% | 41 | 3.4% | 21 | 2.3% | 34 | 3.8% |
| 25-49.9 Yrs | 215 | 21.1% | 225 | 17.5% | 246 | 20.7% | 180 | 19.7% | 196 | 21.9% |
| 10.24.9Yrs | 285 | 28.0% | 266 | 20.7% | 289 | 24.3% | 236 | 25.8% | 243 | 27.2% |
| 5-9.9 Yrs | 201 | 19.8% | 192 | 15.0% | 233 | 19.6% | 185 | 20.2% | 151 | 16.9% |
| 3-4.9 Yrs | 152 | 14.9% | 234 | 18.2% | 225 | 18.9% | 148 | 16.2% | 171 | 19.1% |
| 0-1.9 Yrs | 135 | 13.3% | 325 | 25.3% | 156 | 13.1% | 144 | 15.8% | 98 | 11.0% |
| Total | 1,017 | 100.0% | 1,284 | 100.0% | 1,190 | 100.0% | 914 | 100.0% | 893 | 100.0% |
| Average Yrs | 15.7 | | 13.4 | | 15.1 | | 14-5 | | 16.2 | |

November 11, 2006

To: Lion Martha Butler, Council of Governors Chair

From: Joe Silvers, 2007 Lions State Convention Chair

Subject: Quarterly Report #2, 2007 Lions State Convention

Your 2007 State Convention Committee is working to make the convention in Asheville on June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd one of the best ever. The committee has planned several tours to enhance the Lions' visit to Western North Carolina. The Thomas Wolfe House is adjacent to our headquarters hotel. There you learn about a famous American author.

The Grove Arcade, downtown, has been restored to its original commercial ambience. It contains many unique shops. For those interested in crafts, the Folk Art Center is only a few miles away. Here local artists display their works in all types of materials. The focal point of a visit to Asheville will be the Biltmore Estate. The Lions can walk through the halls of this turn of the century castle. At least on half day should be allowed to see this marvelous attraction. For those Lions who feel lucky, there will be tours to Harrah's Cherokee Casino. This fun and rewarding adventure is located in the heart of the Cherokee Reservation. Again, one half-day trip is necessary to this location. For the shoppers in our convention, there are three great malls in Asheville. The Asheville Mall has over 80 stores. The Biltmore Square Mall has many unique shops including Belk's. The River Ridge Outlet Center has many discount retailers. Tours will be available if requested. There are numerous other highlights to enjoy while in the Asheville area. The Chamber of Commerce will provide information at the convention. Plan to take home some special memories of Asheville 2007.

We have already set the menus. As you know, the three meals—Friday Fun Night, Tail Twisters Breakfast and the Banquet is just \$25.00 combined. The Past District Governors Luncheon will only seat 125, so there will be limited space.

Exhibit 2: Financial Report. We will need to secure more ads for the Convention. Since we are subsidizing the room rate, we have set a tremendous budget. Help us raise the money to fulfill the needs to make this successful.

The entertainment is about set, we should have a report at the next meeting. The registration forms are here today for council approval.

For the Service of Remembrance, we need to know how you plan to do the service and what we need to do.

In regards to the booths, we will need to now in advance so we can set up the tables. In the literature we were given, only the Camp Dogwood tickets and promo is free. I suggest that the Clinical Eye Research pin sales be given 2 tables. If we have room, we will give more. The rest of the exhibitors will pay for their tables.

We plan to have the Hospitality Room open Friday 1-5 and Saturday 1-5. It will be in the same room as the vendors. It will be sponsored by VDG Paulette Gasperson and the Sand Hill Lions Club. We did this for two reasons: (one), the Hospitality Room was too little and (two), we wanted to keep all the functions we could on the first level. It will be in the Windsor Ball Room. In regards to the District Governor-Elect Reception on Sunday, it will be held in the foyer in front of the Grand Ballroom. At this time we are planning a receiving line only, unless the D.G. Elects prefer something else. We are asking the clubs to secure items for the Tail Twister Breakfast and the Silent Auction as well, and we need some good items for both auctions. Please help.

We have ordered the Convention Trading Pins and will take your orders this weekend. We have the design and quote for the Convention Pin that the Council needs to approve this weekend.

We need your help in securing ads and making sure that your key people get their reservations in, as we are limited to 425 for the Banquet, Breakfast, and Fun Night.

Thanks for allowing Larry and me to serve you this year. If you have any questions, we will be glad to take them at this time.

Submitted by Joe Silvers, Convention Chair.

| 2007 STATE CONVENTION FINANCIAL STATEMENT | | | | |
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| | | FINANCIAL STATEMENT | | |
| | | November 8, 2006 | | |
| Beginning Checkbook Balance for 2007 Convention | | | | 0. |
| Income: | | Convention Ads | 8800.00 | |
| | | Misc. | 13389.00 | |
| | | Room Rebate | 8000.00 | |
| | | TailTwisters Breakfast | 6000.00 | |
| | | NC Mtn.State Fair | 8817.10 | |
| | | Convention Pin Sales | 201.00 | |
| | | Total Income | 45,207.10 | |
| Balance Forward | | | | 45,207. |
| Expenses | | Bank Charges | 86.82 | |
| | | NC Mtn.State Fair Booth | 610.00 | |
| | | Renaissance Hotel | 1,213.12 | |
| | | Total Expenses | 1,909.94 | |
| Bank Balance | | | | 43,297 |

**The International Association of Lions Clubs
Multiple District 31, North Carolina**

RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT

For the High Office of 2nd Vice President of Lions Clubs International


Whereas, Lion Sid L. Scruggs, III of the Vass Lions Club has served the Lions of North Carolina and the world in an outstanding manner as an International Director during the years 2000 to 2002; and

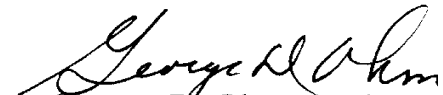
Whereas, Past International Director Scruggs has demonstrated that he has the leadership, talent, time, attitude, skills, and knowledge to be an effective and outstanding Executive Officer for the International Association of Lions Clubs: and

Whereas, Lion Scruggs has the support of his wife, **Lion Judy**, and they both have dedicated their lives to serving mankind through Lionism; and

Whereas, We the Council of Governors of Multiple District 31, North Carolina, express our continuing support of the candidacy of **Lion Scruggs** for the High Office of Second Vice President; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the **Council of Governors of Multiple District 31, North Carolina**, in conference assembled at Hickory, North Carolina this 11th day of November 2006, do hereby unanimously and wholeheartedly endorse **Lion Sid L. Scruggs, III** for the High Office of Second Vice President of the International Association of Lions Clubs.


Martha Butler, PDG
Council Chairperson
MD31 – North Carolina


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State Secretary-Treasurer
MD31 – North Carolina

MD31 Council Of Governors Meeting
Hickory, North Carolina
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Report to MD 31 Council of Governors
November 11, 2006
Hickory, NC

PCC Harvey Whitley, Sector Coordinator

Sixteen years ago, the Lions of the world made a commitment to begin a program known as SightFirst. The main objective of the program was to give assistance to those who have preventable or avoidable blindness. Since that time, SightFirst has saved more than 100 million people from blindness and prevented vision loss in another 27 million people. In fact, through the efforts of SightFirst, Lions have accomplished more in the last 16 years than we accomplished in our previous 65 years of existence.

In about four years, the money already raised plus interest—about \$200 million—will be gone. There is still much to be done in the area of preventable and avoidable blindness. If we stop now, the world's blind population will almost double from 37 million to 74 million by the year 2020. That is why we started the Campaign SightFirst II program last year.

I recently sent you a report dated October 20, 2006, which showed our progress with the new SightFirst II campaign. A copy is attached to this report. Participation has been minimal as only 35 clubs of our 388 clubs in North Carolina have made a commitment to participate this year.

Let's go back and review where this program has been and it may help explain why we are seeing such low participation at this time:

1. Last year, each District Governor was asked to appoint a District Coordinator who would serve a three year term and coordinate efforts in the district.
2. Each district was sub-divided into Groups of 5-8 clubs, roughly along existing zone designations.
3. The District Governor was asked to appoint a Group Coordinator for each Group who would serve a three year term. The primary job of the Group Coordinator was to make a club visit and present the program. Educate, motivate, and follow-up.
4. All these appointments were to be completed by December 31, 2005. They were completed three months late.
5. All District Coordinators, Group Coordinators, District Governors, and Vice District Governors were invited to attend one of three separate training sessions held in March. Attendance was very, very poor.
6. Club visits began for some districts who attended training.

7. A make-up training session was held in July for those who had not attended a prior session. Only one District Coordinator and no Group Coordinators were in attendance.
8. Since July, we have had resignations of 5 of our 9 District Coordinators. All have been replaced except for one district which has been vacant since August.
9. Numerous Group Coordinators have resigned, many of them saying they did not want a three year commitment or that they were never formally asked to serve.

I do not believe I need to explain to you any further the problem we are having in getting participation by the clubs.

Some of you have suggested to me various ways to raise money for Campaign SightFirst II. While that is ultimately important, **our objective right now is to EDUCATE and MOTIVATE clubs and/or individuals to participate. Our communication system for getting this done is broken because we do not have enough committed and trained persons in place as Group Coordinators.**

I have been told by some that “charity begins at home” and that the clubs are stretched to the limit. Certainly, our primary job as Lions is to serve our local communities. However, even if a club is not interested in participating in SightFirst II, there may be individuals in that club who would like to participate on a **PERSONAL PLEDGE** basis. That is why each club needs to be contacted even if they are not interested in participating as a club. Every Lion deserves the opportunity to hear about the program and make up their own mind about their personal participation.

Here are some suggestions as well as what I would like for you to help me accomplish:

1. Work with me to evaluate the effectiveness of the SightFirst leaders in your district. If you have persons who need to be appointed, appoint them. If you have persons who are not working out, appoint someone else. I am requesting that our time frame for getting this finished is no later than December 31, 2006.
2. Work with me to get your leaders trained. Tell me what you need, when and where, and we will work to get it done. As a side note, in my update to you of October 20, I offered the dates of November 15, 16, 20, and 21 to you for training. So far only one district has asked to be scheduled.
3. Even if your Group Coordinator does not make a club visit, the District Governor does. I hope each and every one of you is including Campaign SightFirst II in your club visits.
4. The monthly District Governor newsletter can be a great source of information about Campaign SightFirst II. Since I do not get most of your newsletters, I do not know if you are including it or not.
5. Your District Coordinator can set up a display about Campaign SightFirst II at your District Convention.
6. A Campaign SightFirst II program can be presented at your District Convention. It could be presented by your District Coordinator. If I or my Assistant Sector Coordinator, PDG Frank Brooks, is available we will do the program for you.

7. A Campaign SightFirst II program should be a significant part of our State Convention in Asheville.
8. Campaign SightFirst II programs can be presented at Zone or Cabinet meetings. Group Coordinators should be attending them anyway in order to give a report and/or schedule programs.
9. Have District Coordinators make a report at your cabinet meeting just like any other district chairperson.

I will be traveling to Oakbrook on December 9, 2006, to present the status of our participation in North Carolina to the International Committee. What will my report have to say about what we are doing in North Carolina?



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Dear Council Chairs and Lions Leaders:

It was a pleasure for PIP Jim Ervin, members of our Council and me to meet with some of you at the recent USA/Canada Forum to discuss the possibility of having a Southeastern Breakfast and Caucus during the International Convention.

We, the Lions of Georgia, would be happy to coordinate the first Breakfast/Caucus at the International Convention in Chicago. Past International President Jim has already spoken with the International Convention Chairman and Lions Clubs International Staff about some of the issues which would be involved.

We would appreciate it if you would discuss this proposal with your Council of Governors and send notification back to me as soon as possible, so that we may begin arrangements necessary to make this a reality. If there is anyone on your Council we should communicate with directly, please supply us with this information.

Thanks to all of you for considering this opportunity to join together for a Southeastern Breakfast and Caucus during the International Convention. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours in Lions Service,

Jerry J. Kaiser
Council Chairman
Lions of Georgia, Inc.
Multiple District 18

ATTACH. "9"

Lions of North Carolina Disaster Recovery Assistance and Outreach Program with the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management

Prepared by Paul R. Bledsoe, PDG 31-D, NCLF Public Information & Education Chair

Objective

Lions of North Carolina offers its members the opportunity to offer assistance with "Recovery Services", education, and statewide information guided by the NCDEM team. NC Lions will offer services and personal help needed with the goal of building a long term relationship with NCDEM.

With geographic locales of clubs throughout the 100 counties of NC, NC Lions are a part of each community for which they live and work. Therefore, the people power of care and assistance is readily available. With a background of giving support and help to those in need every day, the NC Lions will become an integral part of assistance, education and outreach for the NCDEM.

Overview of Lions Clubs International in North Carolina

Lions of North Carolina are made up of men and women from all across the state. From small communities, small towns to the major metro areas.

- North Carolina Lions consists of 9 districts.
- The districts are titled as: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H & J.
- Total membership in the state approx. 9,599
- Each district has a District Governor, Vice District Governor and Cabinet Secretary & Treasurer.
- The District Governor leads each district by providing information from Lions Clubs International as the liaison for the International President. The District Governor also is a part of the NC Council of Governors. The nine Governors plan and present programs and services as a statewide nature. The Governors also work with the NCLF Board of Directors and serve on the board.
- North Carolina Lions Foundation is made up of every Lion member in the state. Collectively, the foundation as a group offers various programs, support and services throughout the state.



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Needs Expressed by NCDEM

- 1) Individual assistance after disasters. Lions will help as floaters to assist the team with giving individual guidance upon their entrance to Disaster Recovery Centers.

Lions will interview individuals and help with exit interviews with guidance and training from NCDEM Individual Assistance Manager .
- 2) Lions will offer disaster preparedness education with the VIP's, handicapped and senior citizens throughout the state with information and seminars under the umbrella of various state organizations and councils such as the NC Council of Aging and Adult Services.
- 3) Long Term Recovery Teams to assist the continued support and care of disaster victims with provisions and education training set forth by NCDEM Management Team.
- 4) In smaller natural disasters, Lions would be the link for care provided by the NC Division of Emergency Management. A network of Lions in locations throughout the state will contact and assist in the care of victims under the supervision of the NCDEM.
- 5) Lions will assist disaster victims in the education, and at Disaster Recovery Centers help victims with the filling out of forms necessary for relief benefits for individual victims. Lions will be certified in the form of assisting individuals with SBA applications and certification with FEMA guidelines for ICS.



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Method of Implementation

- 1) Upon approval from the NC Lions Council of Governors and/or the NCLF. A state wide announcement will be made to solidify the beginning of a long term relationship with the NCDEM.
- 2) Under the direction of NCDEM management team. The Individual Assistance Manager along with an appointed "NC Lions Recovery Assistance Director" and team will develop an outline, guidelines and education meetings to implement the new program throughout the state.
 - A) NCDEM will offer training and guidelines for each district in NC.
 - B) NC Lions will promote the new endeavor to membership in the state.
 - C) NC Lions will under the direction of a "district coordinator" will compile a list of clubs, locales, member names and addresses for education and training.
 - D) NC Lions will offer facilities for training of its membership with announced dates of training sessions, (ex. NC Lions Camp Dogwood facilities.)
 - E) NCDEM will offer printed materials for training.
 - F) NC Lions will provide printed materials and/or visual communications informing NC citizens of its relationship with NCDEM.

3) Outreach and Education...

Under the direction and approval of programs, Lions will offer disaster preparedness education with the VIP's, handicapped and senior citizens throughout the state with information and seminars under the umbrella of various state organizations and councils such as the NC Council of Aging and Adult Services.

- A) Lions statewide will canvass communities with education materials and emergency preparedness kits and/or printed material both furnished by Lions and NCDEM.
- B) NC Divisions of Human Resources and NCDEM will offer connections for partnerships in the education of emergency preparedness and assistance after disasters.



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- C) Lions will be trained and work with CERT Managers at time of need and develop relationships for education and training in response of emergencies statewide.
- D) Lions in association with the NCDDEM will offer study courses & classes to those Lions who want to be certified in ICS700, ICS100, ICS200, FEMA guidelines and SBA applications.
- E) In all counties of the state, Lions will work with local Community Emergency Management Teams conducting outreach and education. Lions Partners will be deployed to assist individuals in disaster affected areas.

***Notes**

ICS 100, 200 & 700 classes are offered free of charge; FEMA Certification is required for Lions membership for Individual Assistance and National Incidence & Management Compliance. NCDDEM and Bledsoe will offer Lions information and classes with requirements needed for training.

I would also recommend the VDG of each district offer their services as District EM Coordinator.



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**Boys and Girls Home(s) of North Carolina
Today's date: November 11, 2006**

Our Lions Cottage at the Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw admitted the first boys in 1960. Many boys since have had the privilege of living in our cottage.

While we send our boys along bright and shiny with renewed spirit, we cannot say the same for our cottage. It is badly in need of repairs. Lion Wayne Wood from the Troy Lions Club is making a donation of 16 new energy efficient windows....including the INSTALLATION. Still needed: Bathroom renovations; paint; carpeting; commercial dishwasher; refrigerator, blinds; drapes; furniture; towels; bedding; computers, etc. MOST OF ALL....A NEW ROOF IS NEEDED.

I had asked that each Club send \$200 to the Boys and Girls Home for the Renovation Fund by Thanksgiving. I ask the District Governors to make our needs known for the Boys and Girls Home Lions Cottage to each of their Clubs.

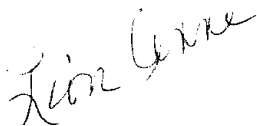
Congratulations are in order...Lion Garry Elliott Of the Seaboard Lions reports the new(used) Van Was delivered this week to the Lions Cottage. \$16,000 was paid in full for the new 12 seater Van.

We will be able to see the Van at the Trim the Tree Party on Saturday, December 2, 2006.

We have scheduled a Musicale in the Chapel at Boys and Girls Home on the same day.

\$10 per ticket/free will donation for renovation fund. 3-4 Musicale; 4-6 Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall/Trim the Tree Party at Lions Cottage. (Please bring one new ornament, Poinsettia for Chapel, and cookies or finger sandwiches if you can)

**Thanks so much for all of your help.
Lion Anne Neroni/State Chair 2006-2007**



Constitution and By-Laws Report (November 2006)

By: Lion Dave Butler, PCC

My committee and I will be doing a review of our State Constitution and By-Laws as specified in the duties for this committee. Any recommendations will be reported back to the Council of Governors for consideration.

Should any redistricting plan for MD-31 be approved by the Council for presentation to the State Convention delegates, be aware that MD-31 constitution changes will have to be presented at the same time. Thirty day minimum notice must be sent to all state Lions of any proposed Constitution and By-Law change. Any sub-district with a minimum of 1250 members and 35 clubs must approve the redistricting proposal, at a District Convention; as-well-as the delegates at the Multiple District Convention before any proposal could be sent to Lions International.

The Long Range Planning Chairperson and I have had one short meeting concerning a MD-31 Lions Policy Manual, as requested by the Council of Governors. We will meet again today before we get the full committees involved. Any recommendations will be presented at a future Council meeting.

- Any Questions? Thank You

ATTACH "J"

DIABETES AWARENESS

District Governors, Council Chair, Other Lions Officers, and Lions

In 1984 , Lions International adapted Diabetes Awareness as an official program, due to the blindness caused by diabetic retinopathy. In 2006, at the International Convention in Boston, a new program for diabetes awareness was unveiled "STRIDES".

A brief introduction was presented in the October issue of "The Lion" magazine, telling about the seminar and the materials available. I have available for you "The Strides" information packet which contains an activity guide, ten tips for organizing, suggested event day timeline, sample press release and public service announcement. Your district chairperson will also receive these materials.. Some additional materials are available at this web site.

This is a new approach similar to what District C , D and some others have been doing for JDRF program. Both District C and D have had excellent fund raisers for diabetes research.

Just a remainder, we, in the US, identify 4,000 new case of diabetes every day.

Thank You.

William Y. Barnwell



Lions "Stride" Through Convention for Diabetes Awareness

"This is the first Strides: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness seminar and walk to occur at a Lions International convention," said diabetes seminar moderator, International Director Samuel A. Milliken of Pennsylvania, seminar moderator.

The Strides Lions Walk began at the second floor diabetes awareness seminar room and ended on the first floor of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center during the 89th Annual Lions International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts.

Complete with a Strides parade banner, balloons, and noisemakers, the cheering participants of the inaugural event helped raise awareness of diabetes.

Dedicated to Diabetes Awareness

Diabetes Awareness became an official program of Lions Clubs International in 1984. Today, the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that 171 million people have diabetes, a chronic disease in which the body fails to produce or properly use insulin, the hormone needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy for daily life.

Genetics, obesity and a lack of exercise influence the development of diabetes, and the incidence of diabetes is increasing. Medical studies indicate that physical activity, an average body weight and a healthy diet can reduce the risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

One of the many serious complications of diabetes is diabetic retinopathy. If left untreated, damaged blood vessels in the retina of the eye can cause blindness. Kidney failure, heart disease, foot disease, and amputations are other complications of diabetes.

Knowledge of basic diabetes management can help minimize complications. For example, WHO estimates that up to 80 percent of all diabetic foot amputations can be prevented with proper management of diabetes.

Great Exercise

Regular exercise is important for everyone. Walking is an easy, universal form of exercise. A Strides Lions Walk can demonstrate how regular exercise can benefit people who have diabetes as well as those who are at risk of developing the disease. Walking improves blood circulation, reduces stress and can result in weight loss. For people with diabetes, walking can help lower blood glucose (sugar) levels and prevent or delay heart disease.

Your Lions club can organize a Strides walk. A two to three mile walk will demonstrate your club's commitment to increasing community awareness of diabetes and its complications.

Invite fellow Lions, Leos, family members, friends, neighbors, people with diabetes and healthcare professionals to participate in the Strides Lions Walk. At the end of the walk, present every participant with a Lions "We Stride" lapel pin.

"This is the first Strides: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness seminar and walk to occur at a Lions International convention,"

Consider the organization of a health fair at the end of your Strides Lions Walk. Ask health departments, hospitals, pharmacies, diabetes-related companies, nutritionists, fitness facilities and athletic equipment manufacturers to provide diabetes-related information. Healthcare professionals may be able to provide free diabetes tests, blood pressure tests or vision screenings. Nutritionists may be willing to provide food selection advice. Shoe manufacturers can suggest proper footwear choices.

Your Strides Lions Walk can become a diabetes awareness fundraiser. Simply request an entrance fee from walkers or encourage walkers to obtain funds from sponsors. An on-site raffle is another method of raising funds. Proceeds from the day's events can be donated to a financially needy resident who has diabetes or to a diabetes organization.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT
PDG Gene Everette, Membership State Chair
N. C. Lions State Council Meeting
Hickory, N. C. – November 10 – 12, 2006

Fellow Lions, we know where we are with MEMBERSHIP IN MD-31 and we know that we have been trying the past several years to put a stop to the large number of Lions dropping out every year. Yes, we have said “We don’t have a Membership Problem, We have a Retention Problem”; however, it all adds up to the same numbers...we continue to LOSE Lions.

Yes, WE ALL have been TALKING THE TALK, BUT WE HAVE NOT STARTED WALKING THE WALK. The time has come that WE must get down to the “ROOTS” of MEMBERSHIP. Fellow Lions, the “ROOTS” begin with every INDIVIDUAL CLUB ... the DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIR ... the individual CLUBS MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (3-Key Members) ... and the Multiple District Chair ... all must work in tandem.

Our Multiple District 31 MERL TEAM has revised our former “Blue Print for Growth” Manual/Guidebook and each Member of the MERL Team has taken their respective area and updated it with new ideas and concepts....it is titled “MERL: TEAMWORK FOR GROWTH. The Council of Governors endorsed the idea of a new guidebook and we have (600) copies to be distributed throughout MD-31. However, when you receive your copy and you place it on the shelf it too will be the same “Fate” as the previous one. Therefore, please take the time to utilize the many suggestions and the information provided in the new guidebook.

Fellow Lions, we have the infrastructure, we have the incentives and now we must see that our individual Clubs put into action our MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES in all of our Lions Clubs. PROGRESS begins at HOME!

Each District has their own MERL TEAM to assist the clubs within their respective District in promoting Membership, providing Orientation Programs, providing impressive Induction Ceremonies and creating better Public Relations throughout their local community.

I encourage every Club this year to have a “Special Membership Night” and invite prospective members. As one Lion in our District stated at our last Cabinet Meeting...You Know, it really works, just utilize that three letter word

"ASK" ...our Club has inducted two new members and have four more waiting for induction.

*Lions International has provided us with the "Tools" to bring in new members, we just have to utilize them. LCI is pushing the "Baby Boomers" this year...as they have always been in the forefront of change; however, we have many other strong areas to focus on, as well: Our Spouses – Our Senior Citizens – and our Young Adults...the fields are "Fertile", but we must do some **TILLING.***

Start Digging!



*PDG Gene Everette
State Membership Chair*

NORTH CAROLINA STATEWIDE EXTENSION REPORT
LION HOUSTON HENDERSON, STATEWIDE EXTENSION CHAIRPERSON
Hickory, North Carolina-----November 11, 2006

Council Chair Martha, District Governors, Past International Officers, fellow Lions and guests. Thank you for listening to me again.

Fellow lions, we are still on safari, we're still hunting LIONS. Some districts are really working, some are working and planning, some are looking and talking and then there are others.

District A has plans for a LCI team along with the MERL team, the District Extension Chair, the Vice District Governor and others to hold an extension workshop in January. MERL teams and other interested lions will be invited from nearby districts to participate.

District B is looking to re-activate one club and is looking to form at least two club branches.

District C is looking to form a new club in the Ballentine area and the Matthew area of Charlotte and working on a "Latino" club in the Charlotte area. This might be an area where the LCI team could be effective if the district leadership is interested.

District D- Did not receive a report. Unable to reach for verbal report.

District E- Did not receive a report. Unable to reach for verbal report.

District F appears to be forming new clubs, getting new members and continuing to work on forming more new clubs. They have several in various stages of development. They are really growing their total membership.

District G is working on new club development in at least four areas. They are in various stages of development, from development prospect lists to having committed sponsoring clubs to having informational meetings. Things are looking good with at least two additional areas on the list for the summer of 2007.

District H- not much reported action, but some interest in a Hispanic club and two regular clubs; maybe one in Burgaw and one in Beaufort.

District J- Did not receive a report. Unable to secure a verbal report.

District Governors, I hope you will get your MERL teams organized and meeting regularly if they are not active already. A new "Guide" is coming out this weekend, and I hope this will generate some interest and some action on the part of the Lion leaders, interested lions and followers in the coming weeks.

Please District Governors, we must have your support on this LION SAFARI. We must motivate our MERL teams, the other leaders and interested lions if we are going to be successful in hunting lions, getting members and forming new clubs.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Houston Henderson,

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November 11, 2006

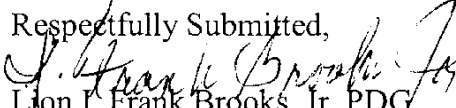
MD 31 Statewide Retention Committee Report
I. Frank Brooks, Jr. PDG
Committee Chairperson

Dear Council of Governors,

The statewide MERL Team Members were invited and attended a 3 – day Training Seminar held after the USA/Canadian Forum in Columbus, Ohio late September. Our classes were attended by other MERL Teams from the USA and Canada. This seminar offered much information gathering and sharing. We were asked to create vision and mission statements and present them on the final day to the entire class. **Our MERL Team** found it to be both challenging and fulfilling in that this exercise solidified us as a **Team**. We developed a renewed purpose, intent on sharing all that we had learned in Columbus with the Districts MERL Teams once we returned to our Multiple District.

We are hopeful that our sharing of this information with our District MERL Teams will encourage club presidents and help form additional MERL Teams on club levels. We continue to stress development and structure of the three person membership committee to help clubs make membership growth, retention, and leadership development activities a priority by putting in place a strong unified Team to lead the club's efforts in these areas. We are asking our Region and Zone chairs to be proactive in organizing their scheduled meetings to be more in depth in the areas of membership retention and extension.

We have traveled to District 'B' and District 'C' mid-winter conferences sharing our visions and will continue to attend upcoming District mid-winters until all know how important it is to make a difference, but only if we try smarter. Thanks for allowing me to serve as your statewide retention component of MD 31 MERL Team and for your continuing support.

Respectfully Submitted,

I. Frank Brooks, Jr. PDG
MD 31 Statewide Retention Chairperson

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT REPORT

November 11, 2006

Our second District Governor Elect training session has been scheduled for December 1-3, 2006 at Camp Dogwood. We will begin with dinner at 6:00 PM on Friday followed by our first session at 7:00 PM. We will meet all day on Saturday and will conclude with lunch on Sunday. Our final training session will be in February.

The state MERL team has been busy since August preparing a state membership development plan. As a result, a new MERL training manual has been developed. Past District Governors Gene Everette, Houston Henderson, Frank Brooks and I put together a manual including all four MERL Team components in the same booklet. These will be available this weekend for distribution. The District Governor, Vice District Governor, MERL teams, Zone and Region Chairs and each club is to be given a booklet. Please make sure all books are properly distributed.

It is extremely important that all District Governors and Vice District Governors claim ownership into the plan to promote membership development.

We have been represented at Fall Conventions in Districts B and C. We hope to be available at future Mid Winter Conventions.

Please call if we can be of service to you.

Thank you for what you will do to help us move membership to the forefront in Multiple 31.

Robert Shook, Chairman

Leadership Development

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NC LIONS STATE COUNCIL MEETING

NC LIONS MD 31 LIBERTY DAY COMMITTEE REPORT

November 11, 2006

Submitted by

Lion Jim Edmunds, PDG \ State Liberty Day Committee Chair

The NC Lions Liberty Day Committee met on August 12, 2006 in Salisbury NC.

The Committee approved a goal of increasing participation in Liberty Day activities by 10% of the Lions Clubs in NC in 2006-7; 20% in 2007-8 and 30% in 2008-9. This translates into 39 clubs the first year; 78 the second and 117 in the third year.

To achieve this goal we need each District Chair to visit 5 clubs this year; 10 clubs next year and 15 clubs in the 3rd year. It would be helpful in achieving this goal if the Council would assign points for Liberty Day participation to clubs as part of their annual Goals and points contests.

The Committee recommends involving the following groups in Liberty Day events:

- Boy Scouts
- Senior Girl Scouts
- Mayors and other elected officials
- Teachers and their pupils
- Lawyers and Judges
- Military personnel

Liberty Day 2007 has been set as Friday March 30 in Elizabeth City, NC. Three Elizabeth City area clubs have been contacted to host the event. Contact with Doris J. Creps, Public Affairs Coordinator for one of the 7 commands at the Coast Guard Base in Elizabeth City indicates that securing a speaker among the seven base commanders should be no problem. Various demonstrations, including a fly-over have been discussed.

I will recommend that the event be planned at an Elizabeth City high school and if the committee approves tomorrow, I will meet with local principal(s) next week in the company of Elizabeth City area Lions Club officers to seek support.

A form for Lions Clubs to report Liberty Day activities to their District Chair was developed and distributed. (Attached)

Lion Renea Bennett, District Chair for 31-D, led a very successful program at the Central Middle School in Dobson, NC on September 19, 2006. About 200 students were involved and presenters included DG Larry Covington, NC House Representative Jim Harrell III. Excellent coverage of the event and a history of Liberty Day appeared in the 31-D newsletter for October.

NORTH CAROLINA LIONS LIBERTY DAY

CLUB ACTIVITY REPORT FORM

DISTRICT _____

DATE SUBMITTED _____

COMPLETE FORM AND SEND TO:

DISTRICT CHAIR

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL _____

CLUB NAME _____

DATE OF EVENT _____

CLUB CHAIR _____

TYPE OF EVENT (Include name of leader or teacher and school where appropriate)

PUBLICITY (IF PICTURES/ARTICLES AVAILABLE, PLEASE ATTACH)

COMMENTS



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

ATTACHMENT P

LCIF/SightFirst Committee
Report to the MD 31 Council of Governors
November 11, 2006
Hickory, NC

PCC Harvey Whitley, State Chairperson

Lions Clubs International Foundation continues to serve the world with grants to financially assist with the funding of large-scale humanitarian projects. Recent highlights have been as follows:

1. Campaign Sightfirst II has raised over \$50 million worldwide so far enroute to the \$150 million goal to fight preventable and avoidable blindness.
2. \$910,000 has been sent for recent Pakistan earthquake victims. These funds will be used primarily for homes as well as infrastructure such as roads and water supply.
3. LCIF has launched a series of public service announcements featuring Former President Jimmy Carter to promote public support for Campaign SightFirst II.
4. 75 LCIF grants totaling almost \$3 million were approved at the October Board meeting. Included in the approval list was a \$75,000 grant to District 31-A for a facility upgrade for an assisted living center.
5. 25 SightFirst grants totaling almost \$3 million were approved at the October Board meeting. Two grants for the country of Niger in West Africa were among those approved. Niger is roughly twice the size of Texas and has a population of 12.5 million people. With one of the highest blindness rates in the world, primarily due to cataracts and trachoma, the grants will address the shortage of trained eye care professionals.

We need to continue to support LCIF as well as SightFirst. The world is depending upon us.

Past International Directors Sid Scruggs, Lacy Presnell, Howard Stallings.
State Council Chairman Martha Butler and
State Secretary/Treasurer George Ohm

ATTACH "Q"

District Governors

District F is out of transition. They elected Lion Tommy Brooks from the Laurinburg Lions Club as District Governor for the year 2007-2008 and for Vice District Governor Lion David R. Martin from the Sanford Lions Club.

Districts A and G are able to elect their District Governors this year, but have not held their conventions yet.

District A will be able to elect Vice District Governor Lion Paulette Gasperson from the Pisgah Forest Lions Club for District Governor for 2007-2008.

District G will be able to elect Vice District Governor Lion Wayne McGohan from the Oxford Lions Club.

Districts that are transitional districts are not allowed to elect their District Governor.

District B has had their convention and has submitted Lion James F (Jimmy) Foster from the North Wilkesboro Lions Club for District Governor 2007-2008 and Lion Gerald E. Mertz from the South Iredell Lions Club was elected to Vice District Governor.

District C has had their convention and has submitted Lion John T. James from the Gastonia Evening Lions Club for District Governor. No Vice District Governor at this time.

District D will submit Lion B.B. "Butch" Oliver from the Asheboro Lions Club for District Governor. No Vice District Governor at this time.

District E will submit Lion Sydney Eudy from the Harrisburg Lions Club for District Governor. No Vice District Governor at this time.

District H will submit Lion George E. Fisher from the New Bern Lions Club for District Governor and will elect Lion Carlton Weeks from the Mt. Olive Lions Club as Vice District Governor.

District J will submit Lion Herman "Bud" Miller from the Rocky Hock Lions Club for District Governor. No Vice District Governor at this time.

PDG Allen Deaton

PDG Allen Deaton,
State Nominations Chairman

Information Technology Committee

North Carolina Lions

"R"

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To: State Council
North Carolina Lions

From: Michael H. Schwartz
Statewide Committee Chairperson

Re: Information Technology Committee Report

Date: 11 November 2006

The Information Technology Committee has not held a formal meeting with all committee members present; however, we have communicated through electronic mail and telephone. I have had an opportunity to speak with committee members concerning proposed changes to our state's web site and the developing partnership with the NCLF's Public Information & Education Committee. I purchased the software required to manage our state web site, at a cost of \$184.99. But I still have not been able to access the site to update its information because of a lack of cooperation with the webmaster.

The committee is in favor of a plan to merge both the State Council and North Carolina Lions Foundation web sites to create one super web site for the entire state. Working with PDG Paul Bledsoe, it is the committee's hope that the site is operational by January 2007.

The Information Technology Committee is proposing a change to the Constitution & Bylaws to provide guidelines for the creation and maintenance of web sites that reflect the logo, names and other trademarked material belonging to International Association of Lions Clubs, the North Carolina Lions and the North Carolina Lions Foundation. One specific proposal (or change) would be that any web site created on behalf of the North Carolina Lions should be under the sole ownership of the State Council or North Carolina Lions Foundation, and not under the administrative control of any webmaster. The committee will work with the Constitution & Bylaws Committee to develop this so it can be reviewed at the State Council's next meeting and ready for a vote at the North Carolina Lions State Convention.

The Information Technology Committee has been contacted by a number of Lions, including some dignitaries from other states, requesting information on the 2007 North Carolina Lions State Convention. A request has been made to place registration forms on the Internet. I have been in contact with the North Carolina Lions Foundation about the possibility of placing our registration forms on their web site until the new site can be developed. However we have not received the registration form.

I have been contacted by the Executive Director of the North Carolina Lions VIP Fishing Tournament concerning the creation of a web site for their organization. One concern that has been expressed by the VIP committee is that a number of Lions' web sites in North Carolina have information about the VIP Fishing Tournament that is outdated or incorrect. It is hoped that once a VIP web site is created local clubs will remove their information about VIP and instead create a hyperlink to the VIP site for information.

Past International Director Sid Scruggs has a new web site. It can be located at www.sidscruggs.com and will be operational within the next week.



RESEARCH AND LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

TO

N.C. LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

NOVEMBER 11, 2006

DISTRICT GOVERNORS, VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS, FELLOW LIONS

Our committee, which is comprised of the following members:

**A-Larry Gasperson, PDG B-Allen W. Deaton, PDG C-John J. O'Malley, PDG
D-Ralph Holmes, PDG E-Fred Plummer, PDG F-Charles D. Smith, PDG
G-James Valsame, PDG H-George Holston, DG J-John T. Miller, PDG**

Our committee has been charged by the current Council of Governors to come up with a Redistricting Plan for their consideration.

Our committee has done so. In putting our plan together we agreed on the following criteria:

- 1) All new districts should be within 100 members of each other, to be as fair to all districts as possible.**
- 2) We would not attempt to split counties if possible, as too many programs are run on a county basis.**
- 3) We agreed that 6 districts would be ideal at this time.**

The Lions of NC have studied redistricting for approximately 15 years and to date no council has approved any of them. It is our hope that this council will seriously consider these recommendations.

None of these changes will affect the local club Lion, most Lions are not that interested in District or State matters.

Your options are to A) Endorse as is. B) Adjust to your satisfaction then approve C) Reject. D) Approve to send to the State Convention with or without your endorsement.

Lion John J. O'Malley, PDG -- State Chair, Research & Long Range Planning



| <u>DISTRICT 1</u> | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| <u>COUNTY</u> | <u>MEMBERS</u> |
| Cherokee | 50 |
| Graham | 24 |
| Clay | 35 |
| Macon | 43 |
| Swain | 31 |
| Jackson | 24 |
| Haywood | 178 |
| Transylvania | 89 |
| Madison | 50 |
| Buncombe | 372 |
| Henderson | 181 |
| Yancey | 0 |
| Mitchell | 83 |
| McDowell | 23 |
| Polk | 25 |
| Rutherfordton | 118 |
| Burke | 77 |
| Avery | 20 |
| Watuaga | 20 |
| Caldwell | 57 |
| Total | <u>1500</u> |

| <u>DISTRICT 2</u> | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| <u>COUNTY</u> | <u>MEMBERS</u> |
| Ashe | 53 |
| Wilkes | 73 |
| Alexander | 47 |
| Catawba | 269 |
| Lincoln | 37 |
| Alleghany | 46 |
| Iredell | 184 |
| Surry | 139 |
| Stokes | 81 |
| Rockingham | 134 |
| Forsyth | 209 |
| Yadkin | 34 |
| Davie | 33 |
| Rowan | <u>157</u> |
| Total | <u>1496</u> |

| <u>DISTRICT 3</u> | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| <u>COUNTY</u> | <u>MEMBERS</u> |
| Cleveland | 90 |
| Gaston | 142 |
| Mecklenburg | 295 |
| Cabarrus | 138 |
| Union | 137 |
| Stanly | 119 |
| Anson | 4 |
| Montgomery | 112 |
| Richmond | 136 |
| Moore | 203 |
| Lee | 123 |
| Hoke | 0 |
| Scotland | <u>67</u> |
| Total | <u>1566</u> |

| <u>DISTRICT 4</u> | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| <u>COUNTY</u> | <u>MEMBERS</u> |
| Caswell | 0 |
| Davidson | 460 |
| Randolph | 145 |
| Guilford | 390 |
| Person | 20 |
| Alamance | 47 |
| Orange | 12 |
| Chatham | 90 |
| Durham | 70 |
| Granville | 79 |
| Warren | 172 |
| Vance | <u>75</u> |
| Total | <u>1560</u> |



| <u>DISTRICT 5</u> | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| <u>COUNTY</u> | <u>MEMBERS</u> |
| Jones | 9 |
| Onslow | 61 |
| Harnett | 201 |
| Cumberland | 121 |
| Robeson | 79 |
| Columbus | 78 |
| Bladen | 62 |
| Sampson | 62 |
| Johnston | 159 |
| Brunswick | 159 |
| Pender | 75 |
| Duplin | 47 |
| Lenoir | 60 |
| Wayne | 74 |
| Greene | 15 |
| Beaufort | 63 |
| Craven | 65 |
| New Hanover | 97 |
| Carteret | 23 |
| Total | <u>1510</u> |

| <u>DISTRICT 6</u> | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| <u>COUNTY</u> | <u>MEMBERS</u> |
| Wake | 522 |
| Franklin | 116 |
| Halifax | 102 |
| Nash | 90 |
| Wilson | 58 |
| Pamlico | 0 |
| Edgecombe | 72 |
| Northampton | 89 |
| Hertford | 32 |
| Gates | 10 |
| Bertie | 17 |
| Martin | 19 |
| Washington | 20 |
| Tyrrell | 11 |
| Currituck | 29 |
| Camden | 13 |
| Chowan | 72 |
| Perquimmins | 13 |
| Pasquotank | 101 |
| Dare | 94 |
| Hyde | 12 |
| Pitt | 65 |
| Total | <u>1557</u> |

GRAND TOTAL

9189

Subject: Women's leadership Mtg. Nov. 11

Attachment "T"

To: Women's Leadership chairs, Multiple District 31
From: Lion Janet Doub, state chair
Re: Minutes of November 11 meeting.
11-14-06

The Women's Leadership chairs met at 1 PM, Saturday, November 11, in Hickory, NC at the Park Inn Conference Center. In attendance were the chairmen from Districts: A- Lion Marcia Henderson, C- Lion Renee Ebalarosa, D- Lion Janet Doub, F- Lion Diane Westerbeek, G- Lion Hazel Box, PDG. It was great to have so many districts represented.

The time was spent very productively; reviewing what each member is doing in her own club or district and especially discussing the promotion of Women's Leadership. We agreed that there are still many clubs that have erected a barrier as far as women are concerned. We also agreed that seeing women in leadership positions in clubs and the district has a great impact on those reluctant to accept women.

We looked at the membership numbers for the state and discussed how the net gains in membership in the last three years have all been in the growth of the number of women. Women still make up only about 20 % of the membership. There is definitely much work to do. Diane shared with us that LCIF has set a goal of 50,000 more women worldwide by 2007-2008.

Some suggestions by those present, for the future were:

Try to recruit whole families. If there are young children, provide baby sitting or homework help during the program session.

Try to begin a day time club of young mothers, staying home with children. Bringing the children not in school would be an option.

Work on publicity promoting membership, while making sure to follow Lions guidelines.

Continue to invite women to participate in projects with the Lions to get them involved and hopefully influence them to join.

Be seen at community fundraisers, wearing Lions hats, vests, etc. to make others see women.

Have pocket size applications available.

Lion Marcia showed us a publication on Women's Leadership that the chair will order from Lions International. She received it at a seminar at the International Convention in 2006.

The group agreed to try to sponsor an event at the 2007 State Convention in Asheville. This event would be on Sat. afternoon and would be for all women attending the convention. Lion Marcia knows a motivational speaker who is visually impaired, a Lion and a former OB/GYN doctor. We also discussed having refreshments and door prizes. Janet is responsible for discussing this with the Council Chair and getting permission from the Convention Committee to have this event.

Future communication will be by email and if necessary, conference calls.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Doub

YOUTH EXCHANGE 2006-2007
www.YENorthCarolinaUSA.com

STATE CHAIR GOALS:

1. Communicate with ALL District Chairs
2. Explain “ins and outs” of YE
3. Set goals with District Chairs
 - a. At least ONE YE Student Outbound in each district
 - b. Two 10 Day Host Families from each district
4. Increase awareness through visibility and participation
 - a. Presentations to clubs
 - b. District conventions
 - c. District newsletters
 - d. Links to district web-pages
5. Re-vamp Hosting and Camp Schedules
 - a. 7-10 day Hosting BEFORE and AFTER 10 Day Camp
6. Emily Butler from District H, Morehead City Lions Club: will attend Camp in New Zealand during Christmas Break.

Camp as listed at www.lionsclubs.org YOUTH CAMPS

MD31-North Carolina, USA

Creatures of the Seas Camp 2007

June 30-July 28, 2007

Males and Females; ages 17-20

7-10 day family hosting

10 day camp at beautiful NC Beaches

Visit state aquarium, marine corps base, Kitty Hawk, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, go fishing, shrimping, boating, surfing and swimming. See dolphins and wild horses. Visit area Lions Clubs

7-10 day family hosting. No smoking, drugs or alcohol permitted

No camp fee Official Language: English

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