

**North Carolina Council of Governors
Meeting Minutes, Multiple District 31
9:AM, Saturday, November 12, 2016
Holiday Inn, Wilmington, NC**

The North Carolina Lions Council of Governors, Multiple District 31, met Saturday, November 12, 2016, 9:AM at the Holiday Inn in Wilmington, NC. Governors attending were: Max Bumgardner, Butch Conrad, Laraine Dupree, Irwin Siegelwax and Barbara Beltran. Council Chair Tim Williams presided and Council Secretary/Treasurer Rhett White participated.

(For the record a Council of Governors called meeting was held during the VIP Fishing Tournament, October 19, 2016, and a Friday night work session was held on November 11, 2016, 7:30 PM)

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order and asked Governor Dupree to lead the Pledge to the Flag, followed by the invocation by Governor Conrad. Governor Conrad reported that Barbara Ernst was hospitalized during the night and asked for prayers for her recovery.

Chairman Williams welcomed all of the attendees. He recognized and invited remarks from the International Family – PIP Sid Scruggs and PID Harvey Whitley.

PIP Scruggs summarized highlights of the last International Board Meeting, announced that two resolutions will be on the ballot at the International; Convention in Chicago, reported that there will be revised election procedures with certification of delegates and voting occurring at the same time, announced that redistricting has been approved for Virginia, South Carolina and Kentucky. He reminded the Governors that the veteran's waiver of membership fee has been extended through June of 2018. He reported that Diabetes has been approved for the fifth Centennial service area

PID Whitley reported on membership which is positive for MD-31 through November 6th. He said many districts have not chartered a new Lions Club in years, challenging the five North Carolina districts to organize Lions Clubs in underserved areas. He also said there is concern for the clubs numbering 20 or less members.

He announced that the Kids Sight effort in partnership with Georgia Lions and the Peach Bowl screened 85 children with five referrals for eye exams. He said the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation will provide glasses if needed. PID Whitley emphasized that it was wonderful to get the Lions message out to the public at the football venue, thanking PDG Sandy Scarlett for coordinating the North Carolina part of the service effort.

He expressed appreciation for the North Carolina Lions that helped with the very successful USA/Canada Forum Store. He said future forums will be in Portland, Columbus, Spokane and Louisville while encouraging lions to participate.

PID Lacy Presnell, not in attendance, sent his best wishes.

District Reports from the Governors followed. District 31-L Governor Bumgardner reported on the chartering of the new Greater Morganton Lions Club with 41 members and thanked PDG George Suggs for getting supplies donated to coastal hurricane victims to those areas. He noted that the emphasis has shifted to his district with the western forest fires that threaten homes and businesses. attachment # 1

District 31-I Governor Conrad reported on a successful fall Convention. He said the district has 59 clubs without a loss in membership. He announced a new Leo Club and expressed disappointment at being turned down for a spot in the Novant Health Thanksgiving Day Parade in Charlotte. attachment # 2

District 31-O Governor Dupree said it is a struggle to get report information from some individual Lions Clubs. She said a \$10,000 disaster grant will result in unused dollars returned to LCIF. She said work is underway to organize a new Lions Club in Hoke County which is without a Lions Club. attachment # 3

District 31-N Governor Siegelwax praised 1st VDG James Kiser who passed away and announced that Lion Don Eggert will serve as 1st VDG with Lion Ray Shomari serving as 2nd VDG. He reported that nine counties in the district were severely impacted by hurricane Matthew, noting that he continues to seek grant funds to aid affected individuals. attachment # 4

District 31- S governor Beltran reported on the new Lions Club organized in Ahoskie, the Ahoskie Centennial Lions Club. She thanked PDG Suggs and the Lions of 31-L for their donations following Hurricane Matthew. attachment # 5

Upon motion of Governor Bumgardner, second by Governor Conrad, the District Reports were unanimously accepted.

Upon motion of Governor Conrad with second by Governor Siegelwax, the Agenda was approved as presented. attachment # 6

Chairman Williams appointed PDG Garry Steele to serve as Parliamentarian.

Upon motion of Governor Dupree with second by Governor Bumgardner, the Minutes of the August 13, 2016 Council of Governors Meeting were approved unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Rhett White presented the three month financial report ending October 31, 2016. He noted that receipts have totaled \$22,924.06 with expenditures of \$4,980.45; total Council assets are \$68,484.58. He noted that the new savings account has been established to handle receipts for the Lions Leadership School hosted by North Carolina early next year as required by LCI.

Upon motion of Governor Siegelwax, second by Governor Bumgardner, the Financial Report was unanimously accepted. attachment # 7

PDGs Paulette and Larry Gasperson were not present to report on the Centennial Youth Exchange Camp Project.

Council Chair Williams described the State Council project and event planned during the 2017 State Convention. He noted that the Strides-like project will be free and that sponsorships for a t-shirt are being sought. He said participants are encouraged to walk blindfolded and that all proceeds will go to the DAPS program. Questions followed.

Under new business, PDG Ron Kelly reported on proposed changes to the NC Lions Hall of Fame Procedures. He proposed adding "North Carolina" service to the requirements and he also proposed adding International Officers and their spouses being automatically inducted at the end of their service. After discussion, **Governor Dupree with second by Governor Bumgardner, made a motion to accept the new wording and send it to the Constitution and By-laws Committee for second consideration at the February Council Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.** attachment # 8

Chairman Williams reported that questions have been raised about the readability of the web site by VIPs. After discussion, including encouraging individual clubs to use a VIP friendly format, **motion was made by Governor Siegelwax with second by Governor Beltran, to authorize Information and Technology Chairman George Culp to move forward with the most readable color contrasts and formats most friendly to VIPs. The motion passed unanimously.**

A short break was announced by Chairman Williams.

Lion Harriett Walton, State Convention Chair, indicated that three preliminary proposals have been received for the 2018 State Convention – Lake Junaluska, Greensboro and Greenville. She said site visits are planned. attachment # 9

State Convention Host Chair, PDG Ron Beltran reported on plans for the 2017 Convention in Raleigh, April 28-30, at the North Raleigh Hilton. He emphasized that this will be the Governor's Convention and several decisions are needed. He reviewed several details and answered questions.

Upon motion of Governor Siegelwax, second by Governor Bumgardner, the vote was unanimous to provide two exhibit tables free of charge to Leader dogs and LPCCI.

Upon motion of Governor Conrad, second by Governor Beltran, the vote was unanimous to charge \$100 per table for non-Lions vendors.

Upon motion of Governor Beltran and second by Governor Siegelwax, the vote was unanimous to accept the schedule of advertising prices as presented by the host committee.

Upon motion of Governor Bumgardner, second by Governor Siegelwax, the vote was unanimous to approve the registration form changes as presented by the host committee and to approve the financial report as presented.

Upon motion of Governor Conrad, second by Governor Dupree, the vote was unanimous authorizing PDG Beltran to coordinate and publicize with DAPS Chair, Lion Judy Jackson, the details for the Strides Walk.

PDG Beltran said he needs information on who will preside at each session, suggestions for entertainment and Lions named to the various Convention Committees. He emphasized that those appointed should attend the convention. attachment # 10

PDG Charles Holleman, provided an update on North Carolina Lions, Inc., reporting that 692 VIPs attended camp during the summer. He thanked the 50 Lions and others that volunteered during the camping season. He said campers still face challenges in securing transportation to and from Camp Dogwood.

NCLI President Holleman announced that Hanna Earnhardt has been employed to serve as Development Officer for NCLI and the search committee is getting ready to hire a new Executive Director to replace the retiring Steve Walker when he leaves January 31, 2017.

PDG Chris Headley stood in for Lion Judy Headley, presenting the Boys and Girls Home Report. attachment # 11

Lion Liz Steele, chairperson, presented the Campus and Leo Clubs Report. She reported 32 Alpha and one Omega Club, then reviewed activities and accomplishments of the Leo Clubs. attachment # 12

Celebrate Liberty Chair, PDG Michael Schwartz, e-mailed his report, emphasizing that the Celebrate Liberty Essay contest will be held in February. attachment # 13

There were no reports from the Constitution and By-laws Committee, the Diabetes Awareness Education Committee and the DAPs Committee.

Information and Technology Committee Chair, VDG George Culp, was absent but sent a written report. attachment # 14

PDG Ron Beltran, Historian, asked the Governors to direct NCLI to move the "Hall of Fame" plaque to the lodge building at Camp Dogwood with \$250 allocated for the header board. **Upon motion of Governor Siegelwax, second by Governor Dupree, the vote to make and fund the request passed unanimously.** attachment # 15

Nominations Committee Chair, PDG Carlton Metts, submitted the Nominations Committee report. He announced that selection of the 2017-2018 Council Chair will be held during December at Camp Dogwood. He reported that PDG Rhett White has been selected to serve as 2017-2018 Council Secretary/Treasurer, the fifth and final year that he will be eligible to serve in that role. attachment # 16

Kids Sight Chair, PDG Dianne Whitley, asked for information from the Governors on the number of SPOT and similar vision screening units for children that are being used throughout the state. She explained that some clubs are using grants from NCLF to help purchase the units for use in their communities, urging clubs to secure the equipment and reach out to serve their communities. It was noted that schools in some counties will not allow Lions to enter the schools to conduct screenings, but that other school systems are enthusiastic about the new technology.

Lion Tom Snively reported on Guide Dogs. He said many VIPs do not get good service from their Social Workers for the Blind, thanking lions for getting the word out about the availability of Leader Dogs. Governor Dupree asked if programs presented to clubs include the several sources of guide dogs in addition to Leader Dogs. He answered yes while pointing out that Leader Dogs is one of Lions International's oldest projects. PIP Scruggs who raised a puppy for Leader Dog also urged caution in making sure folks know there are several sources for companion/helping animals.

PDG Allen Reinhardt announced that a VIP in District 31-I applied for a Leader Dog and complimented the organization for its review and training process. attachment # 17

PDG John Owens, GLT Coordinator, announced the Leadership Institute planned for Camp Dogwood in March. He said participants are limited to 30 Lions. He announced other 1st and 2nd VDG training and encouraged lions to take advantage of the training offered by LCI. attachment # 18

PDG Vince Schimmoller, GMT Coordinator, reported that MD-31 is up 14 members as of November 10th. He reminded the Governors that eight new clubs were

promised but only two are underway.

attachment # 19

There was no report from the LCIF Coordinator due to illness.

MD-31 Centennial Coordinator, PDG Gwen White, asked Governors to identify district projects that can be a Centennial project and apply for the \$1,500 per district that is available from Lions International. Districts 31-L and 31-S indicated they were prepared to submit grant applications.

attachment # 20

Lions Services for Children Chair, VDG Susie Dailey was absent with no report.

Promotions Chair, PDG Allen Reinhardt, said he will report during the Promotions Committee Meeting at 1:30 PM.

Upon motion of Governor Conrad, second by Governor Dupree, the motion to accept the Committee reports was unanimously approved.

Chairman Williams announced that the next meeting will be February 3-4, 2017 in Raleigh at the North Raleigh Hilton.

Governor Conrad presented the benediction and Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 12:40 PM.

This the 12th day of November, 2016.

Rhett B. White
Council Secretary/Treasurer

Tim Williams
Council Chair

When we last met in August, I told you that we were going to do some things that would, hopefully, Change The Game for us in District 31 L. Let me give you an update of where we are.

First, we did have a bus from the western portion of the District that carried VIPs to the Fishing Tournament. We did have 10 VIPs that were first timers because the bus was available. The bus and the driver were hits with the VIPs—so much so that the bus has already been booked for next year with the same driver. As an additional outcome, the bus driver is probably going to become a Lion.

I had mentioned that we were going to attempt to build a club in Morganton, NC the week of August 21st. We undertook that mission, and finished the week with a new club in Morganton, the Greater Morganton Lions Club—who will have their Charter Night next week on November 17th. We had good participation from the District, but Ronnie Martin's help was invaluable. I learned so much from him during that week and in subsequent conversations after that week. So, what were my learnings? You will most likely not have the majority of your new members show up at the organizational meeting. One thing of particular importance that I learned was not to be upset or discouraged if you lose charter members during the first 6 months, after the excitement of chartering a new club wears off. He quoted examples where new clubs have lost as many as 50% of the charter members. However, his counsel is for the members that are going to be the nucleus of the club is to pick the direction for the club and stick to it. So, what is next in membership? Through October, we were +56. As of today, we are +55 as we have had 2 deaths so far this month. We also have 1 club that is in financial suspension and we will most likely lose this club---it is unfortunate because there are 3 PDGs in that club—but they just do not seem to be interested in helping themselves as a club. We are going to do another club building session the week of January 23rd in Asheville, once again with Ronnie Martin. Yes, we have several clubs in Asheville/Buncombe County. However, several of those clubs are rather long in the tooth, and we feel that we need a larger service presence in Asheville. Hickory is next in our sights as the Mayor has indicated to us that he would like to see another Lions Club there. We had to postpone our Campus Club organizing effort due to conflicts with fraternity/sorority rush and just all of the "things" going on in the fall on the campus of Western Carolina. We are going to have another go at this in January also. In addition, a new member that I inducted into the Shelby club this week wants us to look at the possibility of a Campus Club at Gardner Webb.

Our District Day of Service will be on April 8th. This will be our first attempt to get all clubs to perform a service activity on the same day. If you look at our service hours that are reported through LCI, it does not look as though we are doing much service. I know that we are doing more than is being reported, but it is like pulling teeth to get clubs to report this.

The Balsam Range Concert to benefit Brighter Visions will be held on April 1st as I mentioned in August. I do have tickets with me, and I think that there is a ticket with each person in this room's name on it. So see me later about that.

Things are progressing nicely for the Pisgah Band's trip to the International Convention in Chicago next June. Transportation has been secured and 50 of the students have parents that are going to cover the cost of the trip if enough funds are not raised. The band has just completed one of the greatest marching band seasons in the history of Pisgah High School with 17 first places, 3 class championships, and 1 grand champion trophy. They currently are selling citrus, giving the students a chance to help fund the trip with the profits. If you want to pass that on to Lions so that they can help, they can go the website www.Pisgahband.org and order---credit cards are accepted. The Canton club will be having another fund raiser for them on February 2, 2017. As you would expect, as the date for the trip gets closer, the excitement is growing!

So, what are we doing now as a District? First, I want to acknowledge PDG George Suggs for all the work that he did in spearheading the effort to get supplies into the eastern counties of the state that were victims of Hurricane Matthew. Now, on our end of the state, wild fires are an issue that we are monitoring. One of our Lions, Penny Watkins, was evacuated from her home earlier this week due to the fire on Rumbling Bald Mountain. The most current information that I have from her is that those that were evacuated for safety reasons in the Lake Lure area should be back in their homes in the next few days.

Over the next few weeks, many of our clubs will be hosting Christmas parties for the VIPs of their area. We will also have a number of clubs involved in projects related to the holidays, such as shopping with kids that otherwise wouldn't have much of a Christmas. While I know that we Lions do a lot for folks in our District during the holiday season, I have been asking our members to make the extra special effort to seek out more families that need help---and I know they will do that.

Our Fall Convention is next weekend at the Crowne Plaza in Asheville. If you haven't registered, we will still be glad to take your registration. We think that we have a good one planned. This will be our last convention at the Crowne Plaza due to rising room rates. Our 2017 Fall Convention will be held at the Terrace Hotel in Lake Junaluska, NC.

As I have visited clubs over the last 3 months, I have communicated to them that I have an allergy. No, it's not like an allergy to perfume, medicine, or pets. It is that I am allergic to being average----and I don't want our District or our clubs to accept being average either. While I am pleased with our membership numbers, I am not satisfied. While I am pleased with where we are on Brighter Visions and Camp Dogwood Ticket

sales, I am not satisfied. And, I am definitely not satisfied with the service hours that have been reported. The District nor the clubs should be satisfied either. So, as we get ready to go into the holidays and flip the calendar into 2017, we are going to continue to work on those things that will make us much better than average because as a coach friend of mine once said "No one rises to low expectations. you should think within yourself, within your team, you should think you should be good. If other people think you should be good it should be a compliment. But it doesn't really make any difference, you've gotta go out there and perform."

**DISTRICT 31-I REPORT
COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
WILMINGTON, NC/11-11-16**

District I had a very successful District Convention last weekend in Winston-Salem at the Hawthorne Inn. The convention registered ____ Lions who attend Fun Night on Friday with Karaoke and various other entertainment from those who were brave enough to hit center stage. Even our visiting ID from Arizona, Alan Lundgren, participated in the mayhem with Lions bingo to follow. Saturday was a busy day with the Tail Twisters Auction, Town Hall meeting with ID Alan, New member orientation, cabinet meeting, mini Sessions o various Lions topics (Very Popular!) Then last but certainly not least, the District Governor's Banquet. The hospitality room had enough food to feed Forsyth County! Everyone worked as a team and due to this hard work by the Convention Committee we had one of the best Conventions yet. As District Governor, I am very proud of our "Ideal" District!

At the present time District I has 59 clubs. We have not lost any clubs thus far and don't plan to! We began the year with 1311 members and now stand, as of November 10 at 1296. We have gained 50 new members but have dropped 65 members thus far. In November we are only down 3 but for the year we are down 15. As District Governor I will strive to turn this around. I have placed in our District Directory a membership plan, one that was used several years ago and is the brainchild of PDG Allen Thompson. It works if carried out properly. I have challenged each club that I have visited to induct at least one new member this Lions year.

So far 14 of our 59 clubs are currently in a plus position. That's great but certainly room for more. My congratulations go to Taylorsville, Plus 2, Huntersville, Plus 3, Mooresville, Plus 3, Rockwell, Plus 3 and Charlotte South Park is up by 4. Many other clubs that I have visited have assured me that they have people that have committed to joining their club. All the clubs that I have visited since July 1 are very enthusiastic about Lionism and are interested in gaining more knowledge about Lionism. As mentioned in August many clubs have asked for a refresher course on Lionism and what it means to be a Lion. Just last night I visited a club in Stokes County that would like a refresher course in Lionism. Lions are eager to learn more about how they can serve.

We currently have 14 Leo Clubs in District I and a new Leo Club has been formed and is in the process of setting a charter night. This new club is at North Davidson High School.

I am sad to say that we were turned down for the Charlotte Thanksgiving Day Parade but it appears that the Lions of North Carolina will be well represented in the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena.

We had our Brighter Visions Kickoff at Mayflower Seafood in Rural Hall in Forsyth County which was very well attended. I am proud to report that we collected over \$40,000 for Brighter Visions on that night. We currently stand at

The Lions of District 31-0 are working hard in their communities, with 32 clubs having reported 9200 hours of service through MyLCI. 373 activities have served over 85,500 people. Additionally, approximately 39 Lions from our district served at the VIP Fishing Tournament. Lions have raised over \$9,000.00 through Strides Walks during October. 6 clubs have already reported service in all 4 areas of the Centennial Service Challenge for 2016 – 2017.

District 31-0 received a \$10,000.00 Emergency Disaster Relief Grant from LCIF to be used in the Moore County area around Vass where families in low-lying areas were displaced due to flooding. We had anticipated much more flooding due to a possible dam breach at Woodlake that did not occur. Only a few families have needed our help thus far and the majority of the money will be returned to LCIF.

The Vass Lions Club recently dedicated its Centennial Legacy Project at the Vass Lakeview Elementary School. Lions in conjunction with school staff and students, community leaders, and Cub Den 810 built, cared for, and harvested crops in the garden located on school grounds. In addition to providing food for the school students, over 100 pounds of vegetables were donated to the local food bank. Another club in our area will soon be announcing the opening of an eye clinic for the underserved as its legacy project.

Declining membership is a continuing challenge. The district sits at 1254 members. We have added 21 Lions this year so far but have lost 45. Almost every club we have visited reports new prospects. Efforts are underway to form new clubs in the Seven Lakes/Foxfire area and in Chatham County. A new club consultant from LCI is being invited to help form a club in the Raeford area.

Several new Leo Clubs are being formed throughout the district.

Several Lions Clubs are either sponsoring or participating in community Christmas parades, putting the Lions emblem in the spotlight. All zones are sponsoring holiday activities, food, and gift donations for the local VIPs and others in need in the communities.

The 2nd Annual District 31-0 Mid-Winter Convention is scheduled for January 27-28, 2017 at the Greensboro/High Point Airport Marriott. Our guest ID is Lion Bruce Beck. A corrected registration form will soon be available. We invite each of you to join us.

The Lions of District 31-0 are “knitted together for service.”

State of District 31N as of November 2016 Council Meeting

We suffered a huge loss with the passing of Lion James Kiser, my First Vice District Governor. The vacant position was filled with the election of Lion Don Eggert of the Shallotte Lions Club, who had been my Second Vice District Governor. Then the vacant Second Vice District Governor position was filled by the election of Lion Ray Shomari of the Jacksonville New River Lions Club,

Our District had 9 counties severely impacted as a result of Hurricane Matthew, Two days before the Hurricane, I was in Lumberton to present a 40 year Chevron to Lion Charles Ivey for 40 years of service. Unfortunately, he was one of 26 people who drowned in the flooding. I was able to get an Emergency Disaster Grant from LCIF within 24 hours of applying for it. In addition some Lions Clubs (including Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Wisconsin) have sent money directly into areas such as Lumberton or our District. In a few days, I will have the balance of the receipts in on our District spending the entire \$10,000. I will be requesting an additional \$10,000 to help those whose names and contact information we have, but could not help with the first \$10,000 Grant.

I am proud to report that our District, as of the November 8th report, is second in percent of goal at 29.17% with donations so far almost \$34,000. Camp Dogwood ticket sales are progressing.

At the end of October, we lost the Ocean Isle-Sunset Beach Lions Club which was down to 3 members, and had been on life support the last few years.

However, since July 1 thru the end of October we were at plus 8 year to date. As of today we are plus 12 year to date.

I am happy to report that:

1) On September 27th we chartered the Greene County High School Leo Club

2) I met with UNC/Pembroke and we will be signing up students on January 19th for a Campus Club. Lion Ray

Shomari has twin boys that are sophomores and Lion Albert (Pete) Locklear from the Pembroke Club has a daughter also a sophomore there.

- 3) We expect to have a Leo Club at New Bern High School chartered by the end of November.**
- 4) We are working on Leo Clubs at Ephimay Academy, also in New Bern and Highland Middle School in Harnett County. In Jones County, the Club Secretary has PTO ties to 3 of the 6 potential schools.**
- 5) The Western Carteret Branch Club (Swansboro area) is only a few members away from being chartered. It took a while for our Beaufort Club to get chartered and it is now the 3rd largest Club in the District.**
- 6) We will be working on rebuilding the LaGrange Lions Club in Lenoir County.**
- 7) We have a meeting scheduled Tuesday November 29th with the Director of Economic Development in Pamlico County, to start a Lions Club there.**

I have renamed the two Club membership contests we have to the Lion James Kiser Club Membership Awards. These awards recognize Clubs that have added the most new members for the first 6 months and the 2nd 6 months of the year. I will also have an Award at the end of the year for the Lion who sponsors the most members.

We are on our way to a very successful year.

**Respectfully submitted,
DG Lion Irwin Siegelwax
District 31N 2016-2017
cell 910-209-6170**

State of the District Report 31 S

Nov. 12, 2016

Members of the International Family, Fellow Governors, Lions Family, Membership is progressing. We are proud to announce the formation of our new Ahoskie Centennial Lions Club! Welcome to our new Lions there! We are also excited that one of our previously cancelled clubs has been reinstated, and another is in the process of reinstatement.

A huge thank you to George Suggs and the Lions of District L, who spent extra time and effort transporting 30,000 pounds of food and water to the Outer Banks to help with disaster relief in that area! We have also been approved for a disaster relief grant from Lions Clubs International to assist in areas that suffered from Hurricane Matthew and the subsequent flooding. Our hearts and prayers are with the victims of the storm, and we are anxious to help where we can. The Tarboro Lions Club is working on purchasing and distributing needed items for the Princeville area. Wanchese LC is assisting in Dare County, Windsor LC in the Windsor area, and Wilson Luncheon Club in the Wilson area. Other clubs in our district expressed a desire to also help the victims of the flooding, and are planning with their clubs how they can help.

I have enjoyed making Governor visits to 27 clubs, and several others have been visited by 1st VDG, Stephen McLaurin, or 2nd VDG, Nathan Medlin. Other clubs are scheduled for future visits.

Despite Hurricane Matthew leaving a footprint, the VIP Fishing Tournament was held in the Outer Banks, and was a great experience for all! Hats off to the VIP Fishing Tournament Board for all of their year-long hard work to make this a success, and to the many volunteers across the state, and even from some other states, who worked at the tournament to help make it successful! It was an honor to be there with our VIPS, who always impress me with their greatness, dedication, and courage. I am always so inspired by their positive attitudes and humor! And, boy can they "shake a leg" on the dance floor, (wish I could move like that!)

We held a Cabinet Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 6th, at 2:00 PM, at the Lake Gaston Lions Club building. Also, our MidWinter Convention is coming up in Greenville, Jan. 20-21st. We hope to see you all there!

Lion Barbara Beltran

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**North Carolina Council of Governors
Holiday Inn, Wilmington, NC
Saturday, November 12, 2016, 9:00 AM
Agenda**

attachment # 6

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| Call to Order | Council Chair, Tim Williams |
| Pledge of Allegiance | District Governor, Laraine Dupree |
| Invocation | District Governor, Butch Conrad |
| Welcome to Lions and Guests | Council Chair, Tim Williams |
| Recognition & Comments from International Officers | Council Chair, Tim Williams |
| District Reports | District Governors |
| Approval of Agenda | Council Chair, Tim Williams |
| Appointment of Parliamentarian | Council Chair, Tim Williams |
| Reading and approval of Aug. 13, 2016 Minutes | Council Secretary/Treasurer, Rhett White |
| Presentation and acceptance of Fiscal Report | Council Secretary/Treasurer, Rhett White |
| <u>Unfinished Business:</u> | |
| 1. Centennial Youth Exchange Camp | PDGs Paulette & Larry Gasperson |
| 2. Signature State Project, "Walk a mile in their shoes" | Council Chair, Tim Williams |

New Business:

Other Business:

Announcements:

➤ Next meeting of the State Council

Benediction

District Governor, Butch Conrad

Adjournment

Council Chair, Tim Williams

Notes:

NORTH CAROLINA LIONS STATE COUNCIL
2016-2017 Council Budget
July 1, 2016 – October 31, 2016
Financial Report

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Line</u>
Balance Forward	\$ 5,344.05	\$ 5,344.05	100
State Dues (6,038 average x \$5.50)	33,209.00	17,338.75	110
Interest	3.00	.92	120
District Secretary/Treasurer Bonds	318.00	254.40	130
State Convention Income*	5,000.00	5,329.99	150
Youth Exchange (from Money Mkt. Reserve)*	6,384.08		160
Celebrate Liberty*	850.00		170
LCIF Grant (NCLI Clinical Eye Research)	54,580.00		180
LCI Leadership Institute Grant & Tuition	8,541.00		183
LCI GLT Training Grant	600.00		185
LCI Centennial Funds	1,850.00		187
Leo Clubs Income	5,000.00		190
Leo Clubs Project	2,900.00		191
Appropriations from Money Market	0.00		192
Miscellaneous Income	0.00		195
Total Income:	\$ 124,579.13	\$ 22,924.06	
 EXPENSES			
Annual Audit	\$ 600.00	\$	200
District Cabinet Secretary Treasurer Bonds	318.00	318.00	210
State Secretary/Treasurer Bond	103.00	103.00	215
Clerical Services – NCLI	600.00	600.00	220
Office Supplies (Secretary/Treasurer)	75.00		230
Printing (NCLI & Secretary Treasurer)	100.00		240
Postage (NCLI & Secretary Treasurer)	100.00		250
Telephone (Secretary/Treasurer)	0.00		260
Awards, Plaques & Gifts	1,500.00		270
State Council Conference Calls	00.00		280
Expenses – State Secretary/Treasurer	3,000.00		290
Expenses – State Council Chair	4,000.00	346.32	300
Incoming CC Intl' Convention Expenses	3,500.00		305
State Convention Cash Advance	10,000.00		310
State Convention Committee	200.00		315
Membership/Global Membership Team	1,100.00		320
District Extension Workshops/Matching Funds	0.00		325
History Committee	200.00		335

Leadership Training/Global Team	5,000.00		350
Leadership Institute	8,541.00		355
State Council Committee Expenses	4,000.00	999.76	360
Hall of Fame Expenses	1,000.00		370
Celebrate Liberty*	1,000.00		380
Leo Clubs Chair Expenses	1,000.00		390
Leo Clubs Expenses	5,000.00	433.35	395
Leo Clubs Project	2,900.00		397
Youth Exchange*	6,384.08		400
Boys & Girls Home Committee	200.00		405
Information Technology/Public Relations	1,000.00	750.00	410
Guide Dogs Committee	200.00		415
Lions Services for Children Committee	200.00		417
LCIF Grant	54,580.00		420
Peace Poster/Essay, Environmental Photo Contests	1,000.00		425
Diabetes Awareness	1,200.00		428
Campus Clubs	0.00		429
2 nd & 1 st VDG Clothing Allowance (5 each @\$130)	1,300.00	1,430.00	430
CC & SST Clothing Allowance (2@\$130)	260.00		431
CC, SST, DGE, 1 st & 2 nd VDG Crests (17@\$25.59)	435.00		435
Contingency Expense	0.00		440
Transfer to Money Market*	<u>3,983.05</u>		<u>442</u>
	\$124,579.13	\$ 4,980.45	

Checking Balance on Hand – October 31, 2016	\$ 23,821.72
*Money Market Balance – October 31, 2016	<u>44,662.86</u>
Total Council Assets	\$ 68,484.58

Accounts

 Business Ess Plus XXXXXX4815	Available Balance \$23,821.72
 Business Ess Plus XXXXXX4823	Available Balance \$16,593.20
 Money Market (Business) XXXXXX0757	Available Balance \$44,662.86
 Money Market (Business) XXXXXX5714	Available Balance \$9,314.91
 FIRST SAVINGS (BUS) XXXXXX1798	Available Balance \$300.04

Page 3 of the MD-31 Policy & Procedures Manual states that any changes to the Policy & Procedures Manual will be presented at an official “open” State Council Meeting for understanding and/or revision.

Accordingly, I will read paragraph 2, page 11, of the MD-31 Lion’s Policy & Procedures Manual, North Carolina Lions Hall of Fame, entitled Criteria, as it is presently worded, followed by the suggested rewording of that paragraph.

**Second Paragraph
Currently reads:**

Criteria: Nominees may be living or deceased. The nominee must have had at least ten (10) years of service if living, or deceased at least five (5) years, unless death occurs in the year the candidate was being considered for a living Hall of Fame Award.

Suggested wording:

Nominees may be living or deceased. The nominee must have had at least ten (10) year of service in North Carolina, if living, or deceased for at least five (5) years, unless death occurs in the year the candidate was being considered for a living Hall of Fame Award. International Officers and their spouses will automatically be inducted when their active term in office is completed.

Conferred
Video

Chapel for Sunday

attachment # 9

Report of the State Convention Chair

November 12, 2016

Harriett K. Walton

Good Morning Council Chair, Council Secretary/Treasurer and Governors:

As of this date, I have received preliminary proposals for the NC Lions State Convention in 2018 from three venues:

Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center located near Asheville;

Marriott Hotel Greensboro located at the Greensboro Airport;

Holiday Inn Hotel Greenville located in suburban Greenville.

I have been in touch with all three, and there are factors in favor of each venue, as well as factors that should be taken into consideration in each case. I have been assured that there are Lions in all three districts who will be ready and willing to take on the responsibilities of local State Conference Committee Chair.

I will be making a site visit to each one of these locations to give you my opinion of the location that is the best fit for our 2018 convention. That report will feature a comparison of room rates, food and beverage costs, guarantees, meeting space as well as all other needs for a successful convention experience for our members and guests. Considerations that the venues are willing to make in order to be the successful bidder will also play a part in my recommendation.

You and I are familiar with two of these locations, the Greensboro hotel and the Greenville hotel. However, I am not familiar with the Junaluska Conference Center. The reason that I will be making site visits to all three locations is so that I can compare apples to apples, so to speak.

Stay tuned for more information.

Thanks.

November Council Meeting

Convention Progress Report

Request Price for Vendor Tables and who to handle (Council or Committee)

I have a request for a shared table from Leader Dog & LPCCI (Lions Project for Canine Companion for Independence)

Last year we had requests from: NC Pin Traders (2 tables), Boys & Girls Home (1 Table), NCLI (2 tables), NCLI Promotions (3 Tables), and VIP Fishing (2 tables), UNC (1 table), PlusOptix (1 Table), and Welch Allen (1 Table), which will bring no charge tables requested to a total of 13 and our contract requires us to pay \$35 per table. Will Duke Lions Pediatrics Eye Clinic and Wake Forest Lions Eye Clinic be returning this year? I assume the lady who sometimes attends with clothing for sale will be our only vendor that will require a fee? Previously that fee has been \$100, and unless otherwise advised, will continue to publicize that amount.

Present AD Form: see attached.

Request State Committee Chairs & Committee Members, if not in District Directories (Reference Lion _____ in proposed program). Wherever you see a blank line, I will need a DG designated, or a committee Chairman AND his Committee (1 from each District).

Present Draft of Schedule of Events & request any events to be added by Council: see Attached registration form with schedule. Also 5 page proposed program attached.

Is there a proposed Program Cover Design? - I do not yet have any preconceived ideas. Perhaps something in 100 year old pics?

**2017 North Carolina Lions State Convention, April 28-30, 2017
North Raleigh Hilton Downtown, Raleigh, North Carolina**

Program Book Ad Form



We Serve



We Serve

Indicate How many of each

Item	Size	cost
[A] Back Outside Cover (4 color) (full bleed if desired)	7.5 x 10	\$1500.00
[B] Back Inside Cover	7.5 x 10	\$1000.00
[C] FrontInside Cover	7.5X 10	\$1000.00
[D] Center Event Pages (2 available)	7.5 X 10	\$1000.00
[E] Full Page	7.5 X 10	\$300.00
[F] Half Page	7.5 X4.75	\$200.00
[G] Quarter Page	3.5 x 4.75	\$125.00
[H] Eighth Page	3.5 X 2.5	\$75.00

Advertisement instructions

- Please use our ad from last year-with no change
- Please use our ad from last year with changes as shown (please include markup)
- Payment included with copy of ad or e-mail to (preferred) LionRon31G@Yahoo.com

Name _____ Business/Club _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Mailing Address _____

Amount Included _____ Payment Type [cash] or [check] CK # _____

Make payable to: 2017 NC Lions State Convention

Mail Check and this form to: Lion Ron Beltran 7014 Wexford Woods Trail, Raleigh, NC 27613

Contact information Lion Ron Beltran, Phone 919-957-2131, email LionRon31G@yahoo.com

Ad Circle all that apply: A-Back Cover Color, B - inside back, C-Inside Front Cover, D-Center,
E - Full, F - Half, G - Quarter, H- Eighth

North Carolina Lions State Convention Ad for 2017

Payment method Cash Amount _____ Check Amount _____ Check # _____

Who collected the money: _____ Date: _____



94th Annual NC Lions State Convention



North Raleigh Hilton Downtown, Raleigh, NC - April 28, 29, 30, 2017

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 17, 2015

Friday, April 24, 2015

- 9:00 AM - Golf Tournament \$45.00
- 1:00-3:00 PM Lions Strides Walk at GovernorMorhead School \$10.00
- 6:30 PM - Fun Night \$35.00

Saturday, April 25, 2015

- 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM - Registration
- 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM - Tail Twister Breakfast and Auction \$25.00
- 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM - (Tours & Instructional Health Fair)
- 12:00 Noon - Past District Governor Luncheon \$27.00
- 6:30 PM - District Governor Banquet \$42.00

Badges must be worn at all meal functions (including Fun Night)

N. Raleigh Hilton
3415 Wake Forest Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27609

Lions Room Rate:
\$99.00 plus tax

Reservations after March 28, 2017 will be provided on a space available basis and at the prevailing room rate. Make your room reservations directly with the hotel. Call (866-460-7454) and give them the Group Code XXX or ... 1- 1-800- HILTONS Online, go to: www.northraleighhilton.com Enter arrival & departure dates and group code XXX

Make check for meals payable to:
NC Lions 2017 State Convention

Mail check with bottom portion of this form to:
Tammy Deppe
226 Michigan Avenue
Cary, NC 27519
Email: Tammymaydeppe@aol.com

Do not mail after Thursday, April 20, 2017

Return this part of the form with your check - Copy as needed

Club: _____ District: _____

Check all that apply

Names: <i>(PRINT first and last names, and circle title)</i>	Stickley Woolard Scruggs				Golf	Fun IT PDG			DG Banquet Meal		
	Fellow	Fellow	Partner	Fellow		Night	Breakfast	Lunch	Steak	Salmon	Vege.
PIP, ID, PID, CC, PCC, DG, PDG, 1" VDG, 2" VDG, Lion, Leo, Guest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Attention, Golfers
No Teams Needed.
Teams will be formed via a Blind Draw based on handicap.

Function	Cost	Number	Total
Golf Tournament	\$50.00	_____	_____
Strides	\$10.00	_____	_____
Fun Night Celebration	\$35.00	_____	_____
Tail Twister Breakfast	\$25.00	_____	_____
PDG Luncheon	\$27.00	_____	_____
District Governor Banquet	\$42.00	_____	_____
Total Cost		_____	_____

There is a lot of projects and activities going on at the Boys and Girls Homes campus. There are a total of 56 students on campus.

1. **Anthony J. Brill Middle School:** The doors opened in August with 100 students enrolled.
2. **Founders fitness trail:** Which honors founder A.D. Peacock
Offers employee fitness, youth fitness, and includes multiple distance fitness stations and instruction boards for the various exercises.
3. **Jaycee Cottage: Culinary Arts Program**
Where they learned to prepare healthy meals.
Have raised garden beds outside where they grew herbs, tomatoes, squash, peppers, and sunflower seeds this summer.
4. **Eagle Project: Greenhouse project** by local Eagle Scout Winston Sherman.
He repaired plastic on greenhouses and 32' raised bed for planting flowers and vegetables.
5. **Equestrian Project:** Restarted this summer.
Therapy for helping troubled children work thru their trauma of the past.
Amanda Thompson, a Professional Horse trainer will be making that special connection between horses and children.
6. **Playground Equipment:** Two separate areas in progress.
One for youth and one for toddlers at the Lakehouses.
7. **Lions Cottage:** 9 Boys in the Transitional Program. Needs list.
8. **LakeHouses 1&2:** 6 mothers and babies in each house. Needs list.
9. **District Projects:**
 - L- Buying Christmas gifts for the boys in the Lions Cottage.
 - I- 1200lbs food collected at Mid-Winter Convention. Plus many new and used books.

O- Monthly Baby shower by several clubs. Collection of #10 cans for Lions Cottage.

N/S-Collecting of #10 cans for Lions Cottage at Mid-Winter Convention in January.

I hope the Governors have been listening to District I's total weight of food that was collected at their Mid-Winter Convention. I am SHOUTING out a challenge to other districts to equal or exceed the 1200lbs that was collected. LETS GO DISTRICTS...We can do it !!!!

Thanks for all you do for the Boys and Girls Homes. It is truly a blessing to be chairperson for this campus .

Serving with heart

Judy Headley

State Chairperson



attachment # 12

11/12/2016 10:00 AM

11/12/2016 10:00 AM

11/12/2016 10:00 AM

November 12, 2016

We currently have 32 Alpha and 1 Omega LEO clubs. L-4, I-12, O-8, N-2, S-7

I know of at least 3 clubs in the works for the '16-17 year. 19 clubs have reported their officers for the 2016-2017 year. I request assistance from all Governors and Vice Governors to promote the focus of the Leo program. I would also like to encourage all existing Lions clubs that sponsor a Leo club to be more active with their Leo club. Encourage your Leo's to be involved with their sponsoring Lions club.

The Leo Convention will take place at Camp Dogwood the last full weekend of February. (Friday afternoon February 24 through Sunday morning February 26). We will offer the project "Stop Hunger Now" again this Lions year. Chad Tyson may be available on Saturday for a program as he is helping to start a new club at his college. Please mark your calendar now so you will be available to attend. A formal invitation will be forthcoming.

I would like to thank each Governor for their support the Leo Convention with at least \$580 to help pay for the service project at the convention. Our reserve funds are depleted so any and all funds are welcome and appreciated.

The 2016-2017 LEO officers include President Samantha Kodikara (Piedmont), Vice-President Dalton Wheelless (Union Pines), Secretary Alex Smith (Piedmont), Treasurer Destiny Sarno (Piedmont), Historian Tucker Guignard (Piedmont), and Middle School Rep David Isaiah King (Concord Middle).

Lion Liz Steele
State Leo Chairperson



North Carolina attachment # 13 1S
Multiple District 31/Celebrate Liberty Committee
1678-C Robins Nest Court
Gastonia, NC 28054
(704) 854-5315
Schwartz5483@gmail.com

To: N.C. State Council of Governors
Multiple District 31

From: PDG Michael H. Schwartz
State Chairperson, Celebrate Liberty Committee

Re: Quarterly Report

Date: 12 November 2016

The district chairpersons on the Celebrate Liberty Committee have been busy presenting programs in their respective districts. As of Nov. 9, a total of 14 programs have been presented so far in Multiple District 31. The state chairperson has presented four programs, including serving as a guest lecturer at Piedmont Charter High School with 180 students attending and Ashbrook High School with 212 students attending. Both schools are located in Gastonia (District 31-L).

In an attempt to further the mission of Celebrate Liberty, I have created a new program called "The History of Democracy in the United States," which is a two-hour civics program that can be presented to middle school and high school students. Starting with Colonial Rule, the program discusses the history of government in the United States. It includes a PowerPoint to help illustrate. It is my plan to put the program on the Celebrate Liberty Facebook Group Page and make copies available to district chairpersons on compact disc.

A number of Lions have requested a copy of the brochure for the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest, which can be found on our Facebook page. However, not everyone uses social media so I have been emailing copies of the brochure when requested. The deadline for the essay contest is February.

I am pleased to announce that we will be using the same judges this year that judged our contest in 2015-2016. They are: Dr. Farrell W. O'Gorman, the chairperson of the English Department at Belmont Abbey College; Dr. Justin B. Litke, an assistant professor of Government at Belmont Abbey College; Dr. Eugene F. Thuot, professor of Government and Political Philosophy at Belmont Abbey College; and Dr. Joan F. Lorden, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

The judges will receive a copy of each essay and they will be asked to evaluate the student's writing to determine which essay best conveys the theme of this year's contest. After consultation and a winner determined, the chairperson of the Celebrate Liberty Committee will publish the name of the winner on our Facebook Group Page and by email to the Council of Governors and members of the committee.

Coordinating with the district chairperson; the winner, along with their parent/guardian, will be invited to attend the 2017 N.C. Lions State Convention in Raleigh where they will be presented a check for \$250 and asked to read their essay during the 2nd General Business Session. As is tradition, the State Council will pay for one night's accommodation, mileage and a per diem to cover meals if the winner chooses to attend.

...and the Council of Governors will continue to work with technology

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GOALS COMMUNICATION SHARING WHAT LIONS DO

... "everyone's primary duty is to communicate effectively and efficiently to every Lion member in our state and tell our story in a way that defines the people we serve."

Paul Bledsoe NC Lions, Inc President 2015-16

2016-17 Goals

Enhance communication within NCLions and the ability to reduce time and travel for meetings through the use of online collaboration tools.

Support NCLions Districts and Clubs efforts in Social Media

Respond sensibly and timely to the request of the NC Lions Council of Governors.

Issues _ None

All websites are being maintained by the individual districts.

Current Activity

Maintaining Websites within each District.

We have been requested to make the state's six websites more **Low Vision Friendly** both for those of us with declining vision and for those with severe vision loss. The district website's use of low contrast text and small text size creates a problem which, for an organization supporting the visually impaired should not be an issue. The use of light colored text (light blue) on a white background is difficult for anyone to read, but nearly impossible for an individual with low vision, who needs large, high contract text for best visibility.

Committee members are using tools to rate our websites for accessibility and are testing and offering solutions. We should reach a consensus soon and will suggest that each district webmaster implement the changes. This will lead to all six websites in compliance with our goal of uniformity within the sites.

GOTO Meeting

GOTO Meeting is available for use by anyone in our state. Please feel free to contact your district Information Chair to schedule an online meeting.

Future Activity: Continue working on email solutions.

Request updated email list from each District for state database.

Current Activity

Insights to Brighter Vision Published monthly

***The Advocate* –**

Future Activity: Due to budget restrictions, Past President Paul Bledsoe, Development Director Hannah Earnhardt and I will examine the production of digital issues of The Advocate.

Newsletter – The monthly Newsletter is being published monthly on or around the 15th of each month.

I have met with Development Director Hannah Earnhardt regarding Public Information and Education for NC Lions Inc. Hannah has already requested some modifications to the monthly newsletter. We were able to get them in the November issue, including a link to "Donate" to Brighter Vision. I look forward to working with Hannah on future issues.

She and I will continue to review our social media that is in place and discuss improvements. Past President Paul Bledsoe will continue to take an active role with our efforts

The newsletter is being emailed using a new database of NC Lions. See below **Email Services**.

Education Our committee has been asked to focus on providing more education to both Lions and the general public about the benefits of supporting our program of Brighter Visions. New efforts will be discussed with Hannah and Paul.

Communication

Email services – We continue to monitor the statistics of the number of email being opened and read.

Online meetings and seminars **GoToMeeting** - Is available to NCLI.

Respectively submitted:

Lion George Culp

November Council Report

History Committee

This year emphasis should be on relating our individual Lions Club publicity and service projects to the Lions Centennial. We should also be in the research and planning stages of declaring our Lions State Centennial (1922-2022). Clubs should provide a report with pictures of your current Lions Centennial service projects to District History Chairmen for future publicity and inclusion in a future NC Lions History book.

I have received an offer from an anonymous PDG of his Lions Vest with relevant district pins, for display at Camp Dogwood. Perhaps with the approval of NCLI officers, this could be part of a combined display (perhaps in the exercise room) of a series of vests, 1 for each District, A-J, and L-S. With relevant new pins being added as they are issued by each district.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Ron Beltran

MD 31 History Committee

Hall of Fame Plaques request move to Lodge
 & approve a new Header Board to match decor
 at lodge. Request Funding by council to pay for
 new Header Board as approved by ~~Council~~ Steve Walker to match
 decor, not to Exceed \$ 250⁰⁰.

Nominations Report 11.12.15
Submitted by PDG Carlton Metts
Statewide Nominations Chair
Revised 11.13.16

attachment # 16

The list that I have been notified running for office at the Mid-Winter Conventions are listed below:

District L:

DG Curtis Erickson, Mill River Lions Club	Endorsement and Intent to Run
1 st VDG Alan Lake, Black Mountain Lions Club	Endorsement and Intent to Run
2 ^d VDG Leon Pryor, Hendersonville Lions Club	Endorsement and Intent to Run

District I:

DG Elect George Culp, Concord Lions Club	Elected at Mid-Winter Conv.
1 st VDG Elect Carolyn Sprinkle	Elected at Mid-Winter Conv.
2 nd VDG Elect Lion Jimmie Myers	Elected at Mid-Winter Conv.

District O:

DG Karl Ernst, Siler City Lions Club	Endorsement and Intent to Run
1 st Susie Dailey	Endorsement and Intent to Run
2 ^d VDG ----	----

District N:

DG Don Eggert, Shallotte Lions Club	Endorsement and Intent to Run
1 st VDG Rahim Shomari, Jacksonville New River Lions Club	Endorsement and Intent to Run
2 nd VDG David Cox, Lumberton Lions Club	Endorsement and Intent to Run

District S:

DG Steve McLarin, Raleigh Host Lions Club	Endorsement and Intent to Run
1 st VDG Nathan Medlin, Warrenton Lions Club	Endorsement and Intent to Run
2 nd VDG Mark Bateman, Lake Gaston	Endorsement and Intent to Run

NCLI Officers:

President NCLI George Suggs	Endorsement and Intent to Run
1 st VP NCLI Sandy Scarlett	Endorsement and Intent to Run
2 nd VP NCLI Chris Headley	Endorsement and Intent to Run
Treasurer Skippy Jackson	Endorsement and Intent to Run

NCLI Board of Directors:

District L:

DG	DG Curtis Erickson, Mill River Lions Club	Automatic
1 year	1 st VDG Alan Lake, Black Mountain Lions Club	Elected (2018)
2 year	2 nd VDG Leon Pryor, Hendersonville	Intent to Run

District I:

DG	DG George Culp, Concord Lions Club	Automatic
1 year	1 st VDG Carolyn Sprinkle, Sparta Lions Club	Elected (2018)
2 year	Vacant	

District O:

DG	DG Karl Ernst, Siler City Lions Club	Automatic
1 year	1 st VDG Susie Dailey	Elected (2018)
2 year	Vacant	

District N:

DG	DG Don Eggert, Shallotte Lions Club	Automatic
1 year	1 st VDG Rahim Shomari, Jacksonville New River Lions Club	Elected (2018)
2 year	2 nd VDG David Cox, Lumberton Lions Club (Still open to the floor at the Mid-Winter Convention)	Intent to Run

District S:

DG	DG Steve McLarin, Raleigh Host Lions Club	Automatic
1 year	PDG Wayne Faber, Apex Lions Club	Elected (2018)
2 year	1 st VDG Nathan Medlin, Warrenton Lions Club	Intent to Run

2017-2018 Council Chair Candidates are: Interviews are scheduled December 10, 2016 at Camp Dogwood.

PDG Johnny Berry, 31L

DG Irwin Siegelwax, 31-N

PDG Marti Henry Hill, 31-L

PDG Gary Steele, 31-I

DG Max Bumgardner

2107-2018 State Secretary Treasurer Candidate,

PDG Rhett White, 31-S was approved by the 2018 Council to serve 2017-2018,
Which will be his final year.

PDG Carlton Metts, State Nominating Chair
carltonmetts@embarqmail.com

attachment # 17

NORTH CAROLINA LIONS, INC. COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

November 11-13, 2016 GUIDE DOG COMMITTEE REPORT.

DISTRICT LEADER DOG CHAIRS

**DISTRICT L HEATHER EDGAR
I ANTHA REID
O BILL WOMACK PDG
N TOM SNIVELY
S BILL GRAHAM**

We serve as an ambassador for Leader Dog. Our position serves as the liaison between Leader Dog and the Multiple District, and council of Governors, Leader Dog Chairs and Lions Clubs, thereby creating stronger education, communication, understanding and charitable giving between Lions within the Multiple District and Leader Dog

We have been asked to Educate Lions about the mission, importance and success of Leader Dog. Also assist with all aspects of Leader Dog funding in the Multiple District.

Leader Dog programs, including Guide Dog Training, Deaf-Blind, Accelerated Orientation and Mobility Training ("white cane" training), GPS Technology, and Summer Experience Camp for teens.

The Leader Dog Difference for the Blind is innovative, inclusive and dedicated to providing high-quality service to its clients in a respectful and empowering environment. Clients who are turned down elsewhere come to Leader Dog for the personalized training. Unlike many programs, Leader Dog has no upper age limit and accommodates clients with multiple disabilities or health challenges.

Leader Dog for the Blind empowers people who are blind, visually impaired or Deaf-Blind with skills for a lifetime of independents travel, and open doors that may seem to have closed with the loss of sight.

Contact your Leader Dog Chairs and take advantage of the information and material they have to educate the Lions in your District Clubs.

As of this date we have had put on over twenty five club programs, five zone meeting and one convention. Also along the way we have picked up contributions from Lions Clubs of \$ 4,4953.39 dollars during our visits. We need to encourage Lions Clubs to give to Leader Dog annual to achieve 100 % support.

Tom Snively, NC State Guide Dog Chair

Report to Council of Governors

November, 2016

The next major event in leadership will be the training sessions for both District Governors-Elect and Second Vice District Governors at Camp Dogwood December 9-11. The DGEs have recently received their first assignments from LCI. They are currently working on those and plan to complete them by the December 31 deadline. I have been in touch with LCI this week about those assignments for DGE Don Eggert, and he should receive those right away.

DGEs will have just this week received details about their LCI training in Atlanta on January 7 & 8. They will have their regularly scheduled training sessions at Camp Dogwood on February 17-19.

Plans have been finalized for the Regional Lions Leadership Institute at Camp Dogwood on March 23-26. Registration forms have been distributed, and each governor is receiving 100 of those forms for further distribution.

On August 20, several Lions from across the state attended the presenters workshop in Kinston. Lead by Lions Joe Pitts and Gwen White, the workshop helped participants to improve their public speaking skills.

All of us Lions are reminded of the excellent programs which LCI offers on the Lions Learning Center. The 22 on-line courses will enable each of us to enhance our leadership skill. Each course is an opportune way to spend 30-60 minutes. I challenge each one of us to complete at least one course before our February meeting. Likewise the Lions University has high quality programs for self-development.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the council.

Respectfully Submitted

Lion John Owens

MD-31 GMT REPORT

As of Nov. ¹⁰ we have added one new club in District L, Morganton Greater Lions Club with 41 new Lions. District N added 24 new members to the Beaufort Lions Club (of which 16 belong to the West Carteret Lions Branch Club). As of November 10, we have 6,319 Lions in NC. We have added 300 Lions and have dropped 286 for a net gain of 14 members from July 1, 2016. District L and N have a positive growth while the other 3 Districts have a loss in members

As the District Governors have reported we have possibilities of several traditional and Campus clubs soon. At the beginning of the year the District Governors set a goal of starting 3 new clubs before the end of December. So far one club has been chartered and there is a possibility of chartering ^{one or two} another in December *or Jan.*

Harvey - GMT reports

The GMTs for the District met by conference call on Nov. 9 to discuss how things were going in the various Districts and sharing ideas. LCI has offered an opportunity to the GMTs to take 3 courses on line and if successful, LCI will give each District \$250 and \$350 for the MD-GMT for travel and training efforts in support of new membership. As of today I and one other GMT have successfully completed the courses and will receive a check from LCI.

The GMTs receive emails from LCI advising them of individuals that replied to LCI that they were interested in becoming a Lion. We discussed how best to reach out to these people. We are going to try to call the person and then ask the club or clubs in the area to call the person to invite him/her to come to a meeting or attend a service project. As mentioned at the last Cabinet meeting, if my schedule is open, I am available to help with your recruitment effort in starting a new club

Several of the GMTs are planning to host a seminar at the mid-winter convention on recruitment and/or retention of members.

Thanks for allowing me to serve as your MD GMT

Lion Vince Schimmoller

MULTIPLE DISTRICT-31 CENTENNIAL COORDINATOR Saturday, November 12, 2016

Two Centennial Lions Clubs have been organized with three to come. New clubs will soon celebrate their charter programs in Morganton (District 31-L) and in Ahoskie (District 31-S). One club even carries the name of the Centennial – The Ahoskie Centennial Lions Club.

We should challenge ourselves to organize three new Lions Clubs in each district over the 100th Anniversary years, 2016-2018. That means that the districts that do not organize a new club during 2016 really need to work to catch up. Please, do not leave the next District Governors with the challenge of organizing three new clubs during their year.

Remember that every new Lion is a Centennial Lion and receives a lapel pin noting that distinction. Remember also that the new member sponsor also receives a special pin in recognition of having sponsored a Centennial Lion. (How many Centennial sponsors are here today?)

In District 31-I the Thomasville, Dobson and Konnoak Hill Lions Clubs reported completion of their Legacy Projects. The Thomasville Lions Club has already started a new project for 2017-2018. PDG Allen Reinhardt deserves a special thank you for his monthly newsletter column, “A Centennial Moment”. His stories remind us of the rich and sometimes wacky past of the North Carolina Lions. Thank you, Allen.

In District 31-N the Burgaw Lions Club donated two benches, made by prisoners at the Pender County Correctional Center, to the Town of Burgaw. The Anderson Creek Lions Club built and assembled a sandbox for a local pre-school. These projects are examples of projects that Lions Clubs of any size and even with limited budgets can undertake as a Centennial project.

The Kinston Host Lions Club completed their Centennial project by sponsoring a wooden bench in the Kinston Teens Vision Garden. That club also committed ongoing support to Kinston Teens in their efforts toward “Empowering youth through community service, leadership and civic engagement.”

I remind you again that each single district is eligible for a \$1,500 matching grant for a Legacy Project (as long as funds last). This can be a club sponsored, zone sponsored or district sponsored project. We do not want to miss out on this opportunity to promote 100 years of Lionism while providing something of value to our communities. We are half-way through the three-year Centennial celebration so time is running out. Act now.

It should be our goal that every Lions Club in North Carolina report at least one Centennial project by the end of 2018. Working together we can make it happen.

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