

**NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES
MULTIPLE DISTRICT – 31
SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017, 9:AM
MARRIOTT AIRPORT, GREENSBORO, NC**

The North Carolina Lions MD-31 Council of Governors met Saturday, May 6, 2017, at the Marriott Airport Hotel in Greensboro, NC. Governors attending were: Max Bumgardner, Butch Conrad, Laraine Dupree, Irwin Siegelwax and Barbara Beltran. Council Chair Tim Williams presided.

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order. Governor Siegelwax led the Pledge to the American Flag and Governor Conrad offered the Invocation.

Chairman Williams welcomed those Lions and guests attending and recognized the International Family, inviting them to make comments.

PIP Sid Scruggs congratulated the Governors on a successful convention and asked that State Convention attendance be encouraged. He announced that then Immediate Past International President Bob Corlew will be the speaker next year. He provided information from the LCI Board, including about the new Global Service Team

PID Harvey Whitley echoed the sentiments about a successful convention, including excellent entertainment. He noted that five new clubs have been chartered and that South Carolina and Florida are also in the positive column. He said new clubs are essential to membership growth. He said this is the last year of the 3-year appointments for the Global Leadership and Membership Coordinators.

PID Lacey Presnell complimented the Governors for their efforts.

District Governor Reports followed.

District 31-L Governor Bumgardner said his district is up 18 members and the district is looking for another bus to transport VIP's to the coast in October. attachment # 1

District 31-I Governor Conrad said his district has added 96 new Lions, but has lost 126. He said 31 clubs have inducted at least one new member this year. attachment # 2

District 31-O Governor Dupree reported that she is working to organize a new club at Raeford. She said district membership is down 27 members at this time. attachment # 3

District 31-N Governor Siegelwax reported new Lions, Campus and Leo clubs. He said 1,036 persons were helped by a \$26,109.11 LCIF Grant following Hurricane Matthew. attachment # 4

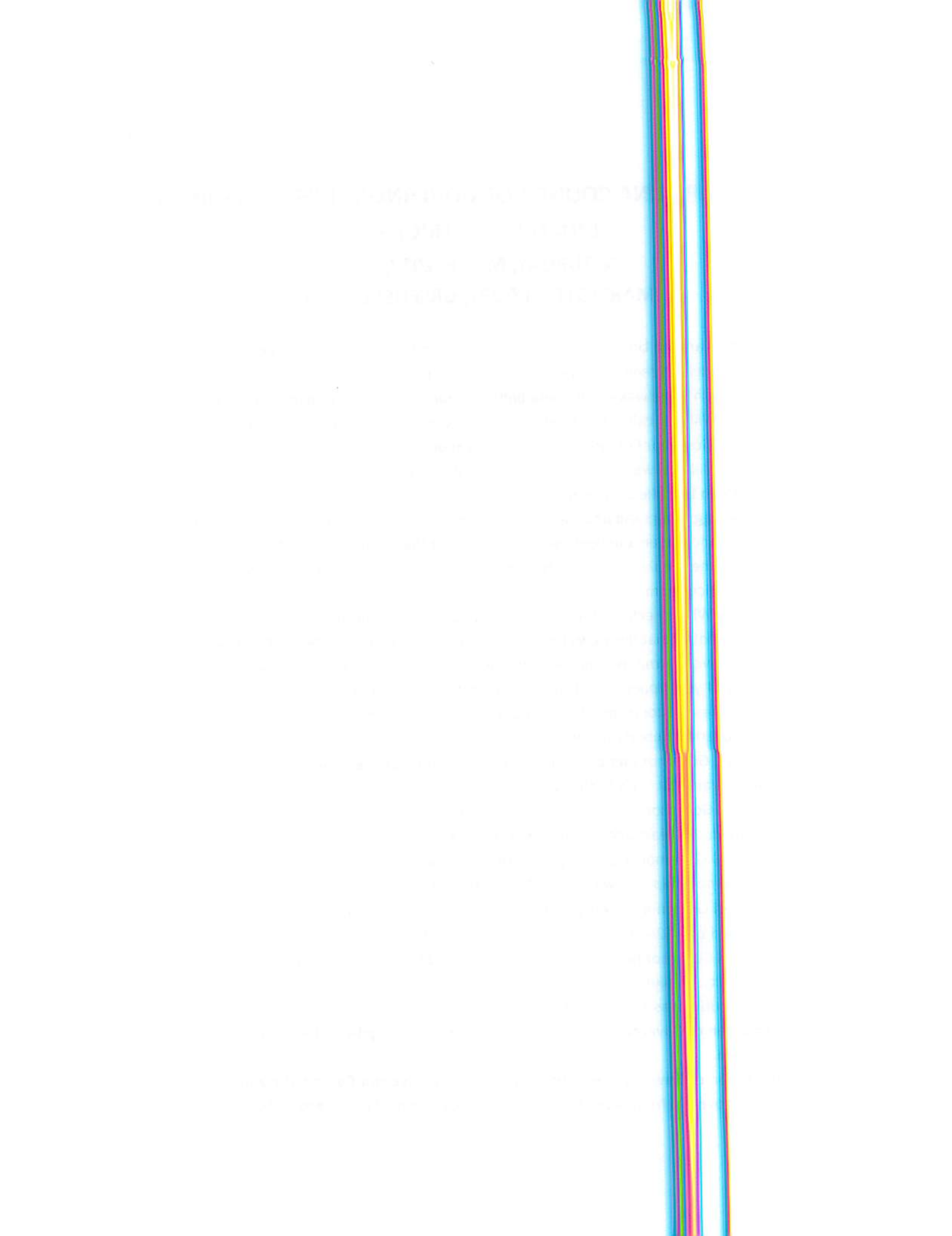
District 31-S Governor Beltran reported two new clubs. She said 40 members were lost due to death but the district is at plus 26. attachment # 5

PDG Dave Butler was appointed Parliamentarian.

Upon motion of Governor Laraine, second by Governor Siegelwax, the vote was unanimous to approve the agenda. attachment # 6

Upon motion of Governor Siegelwax and second by Governor Conrad, the vote was unanimous to approve the Minutes of the February 4, 2017 Council of Governors Meeting.

attachment # 7



PDG Rhett White, Secretary/Treasurer, presented the Financial Report through April 30, 2017. He noted that revenues are up due to membership growth in the first half of the year. **Upon motion of Governor Beltran, second by Governor Bumgardner, the motion was unanimous to accept the Financial Report.** attachment # 8

PDGs Paulette and Larry Gasperson reported on arrangements for the Centennial Youth Exchange Camp. They noted eight international youth will participate in activities across the state. **Upon motion of Governor Dupree with second by Governor Conrad, the vote was unanimous to transfer \$6,384.62 from reserves to the Gaspersons for the Youth Exchange Camp.** attachment # 9

PDG Ron Beltran said an accurate report on the 94th NC Lions State Convention had not been compiled since the Conventions was held last weekend. He said a thorough report will be made at the August Council meeting.

He said the advances from the Council were used to support meals and that ad sales fell \$10,000 short. He said golf registrations were refunded due to heavy rainfall. Recommend changes include guaranteeing fewer rooms because the Convention is losing money with penalties and reduced attendance. He asked if district meetings are needed during the convention and urged the next Council to consider these and other problems.

PDG Ron Staley presented two resolutions for consideration. They were in memorial of PDG Roland Heath and in appreciation to DGE Stephen McLaurin for assisting with transportation and providing banners used at conventions. **Upon motion of Governor Siegelwax, second by Governor Dupree, the vote to adopt the resolutions was unanimous.** attachments # 10 & 11

PDG Gary Steele reported on the calendar fundraising project of the 2017-2018 Council of Governors. He asked for photographs and urged Lions present to purchase a calendar, then asked for a \$4,000 advance to support the project. **Upon motion of Governor Beltran, second by Governor Siegelwax, the advance was unanimously approved.**

North Carolina Lions, Inc., President Charles Holleman, reported on Camp Dogwood improvements and the Brighter Visions and Camp Dogwood ticket sale projects. He asked Governors to get their Brighter Visions and Camp Dogwood Chairs to contact their clubs. He reminded Lions of the Frank Brooks Waterfront Dedication and that the camp's 50th Anniversary will take place in July with all Lions invited all to attend.

He announced the NCLI Budget Caucus and General Membership Meeting.

Following a break, Committee reports were presented.

PDG Chris Headley presented the Boys and Girls Home Report for Lion Judy Headley who was absent. He said the Lions cottage needs \$26,900 in furnishings. attachment # 12

Lion Liz Steele reported on Campus and Leo clubs, stating there are 35 Alpha Clubs and that 40 youth attended the Leo State Convention. She said one Leo will attend the Lions International Convention. attachment # 13

Celebrate Liberty Chair, Michael Schwartz, was not present and no report was given.

PDG Dale Dupree, Constitution and By-Laws Chair, reported no action but asked all Lions to review the Constitution and By-Laws for changes that should be made. attachment # 14

There was no report from the Diabetes Awareness Chair, Jan Holleman.

Lion Judy Jackson, Diabetes Awareness/DAPS Chair, reviewed the weekend with International 2nd Vice President Gudrun at the Kinston Industries for the Blind learning about peer support. She noted that next year Diabetes Awareness will be added to the LCI service area and offered to travel to help clubs set up DAPS groups.

Lion Tom Snively reported on guide dogs, urging zone Chairs to use zone meetings for programs on Leader Dogs. He said there are 18 guide dog schools in the United States and Canada with 16 active Leader Dogs in North Carolina with the cost at about \$48,000 per dog including VIP training.

PDG John Owens presented the Leadership report, announcing that the Lions Leadership Institute was a success with 29 participants and that the DGEs and 1st VDGs have completed their training. attachment # 15

There was no Membership Report due to PDG Vince Schimmoller being in Pamlico County to help organize a new Lions Club..

Historian, PDG Ron Beltran, said he is looking into State Convention histories . attachment # 16

DGE George Culp, thanked the Lions for allowing him to serve as Information and Technology Chair for the past four years. attachment # 17

PDG Diane Whitley reported that 11,695 children have been screened with SPOT and OPTICS technology. She said there were 1,506 referred for further action. attachment # 18

VDG Susie Dailey, Lions Services for Children, reported on 40 club programs this year with food and reading action as focus areas. She said LCI provides a long list of service activities for children.

PDG Carlton Weeks was absent but his LCIF report was read by Chairman Williams and submitted in writing. attachment # 19

PDG Carlton Metts reported on the election results and reminded Lions of the offices and fall deadlines for expressing interest in a post. attachment # 20

Promotions Chair, PDG Allen Reinhardt, reminded those attending that the Promotions Committee will meet at 1:PM and will discuss the International Convention.

Lion Harriett Walton, State Convention Chair, supported the call for a task force to look at state Conventions, She suggested that membership from the next three Councils should be included. She said challenges are ahead. She noted that PDG Herb Justice assembled a notebook with time line and other useful information in hosting a convention.

She announced that the 2018 State Convention will be in Greensboro and that Lions from District 31-O are considering a bid for the 2019 Convention.

PDG Gwen White, Centennial Chair, reported that MD-31 has been awarded a \$7,500 Centennial Grant for legacy projects in each district. The districts will match their \$1,500 with \$300 in local funds. She urged the districts to move forward with these projects. attachment # 21

Upon motion Governor Beltran, second by Governor Siegelwax, the Council unanimously authorized a new budget line (# 421) to distribute the Centennial Project funds.

Upon motion of Governor Conrad with second by Governor Dupree, the vote was unanimous to accept the Reports as presented.

Council Vice-Chair Laraine Dupree presented plaques to Council Chair Tim Williams and Council Secretary/Treasurer Rhett White on behalf of the Council, thanking them for their efforts during the year.

Chairman Williams asked Governor Conrad to adjourn the meeting with the Benediction. He then declared the meeting adjourned.

This the 6th day of May, 2017.

PDG Rhett B. White
Council Secretary/Treasurer

PDG Tim Williams
Council Chair

When we used to live in the Cincinnati area, we would listen to the Cincinnati Reds broadcasts with announcers Marty Brennaman and Joe Nuxhall. At the end of the post-game show, Joe, a former Reds pitcher, would always use his signature line saying "we're rounding third and heading for home." Well, that's about where we are in this Lions year. However, as Lee Corso so often says on College Game Day—"not so fast, my friend." Yes, not so fast because we still have work to complete—work that will definitely carry over into next year. I thought that as we approach year end, a brief review of the year might be in order. So, how have we done in District L? We have accomplished a few things and are still working on some others.

So, what are some of our plusses? First, we were able to get the first bus for the VIPs in the western portion of the District to go to the VIP Fishing Tournament; we were able to build 2 new clubs—the first since 2010—our most recent, the West Asheville Centennial Club will have its Charter Night on May 11th and we are really excited about this club. Why—their mantra is "We are not your Grandfather's Lions Club." The club is 65% female—it has good diversity as members come from the African-American community, the Mexican-American community, the Indian-American community, and the Asian-American community—maybe this is how we need our clubs to look—very representative of the communities they serve. But more importantly to me is the average age of the members is 41; we are still in the process of working on a Campus Club at Western Carolina University and we have potential interest at Lenoir-Rhyne University and Mars Hill University; we are still plus on membership, but without the new clubs, that would not be the case; we increased our female membership in the District—not as much as we would have liked, but we are over 36%; our clubs have an increased social media presence thanks to 2nd VDG Alan Lake's idea of a Facebook Challenge contest; we had our first District Day of Service; we were able to introduce the Hope Chest for Women to clubs around the District and gained some additional volunteers for them as well as provide our members with another service opportunity; we held a special Brighter Visions fund raising concert—we didn't make as much as we wanted but we still were able to add a nice chunk of change to our Brighter Visions number; and we have helped raise funds for the Pisgah High School Band that will be leading the North Carolina delegation in Chicago.

So, where are our opportunities? We are at a plus 18 on membership because of the new clubs as I just mentioned. Curtis and Alan were very involved in these efforts and recognize the value that new clubs bring. I would like to specifically mention Alan here—he works the night shift at the Meritor plant in Fletcher. He would get cleaned up and meet us at 9 am as we started making our calls most every day of our club building exercise—even the one on Morganton. I guess you find out just how much an individual values an organization in these types of efforts. We have to keep building new clubs, or we will see sharp declines in our membership. Curtis has already identified the areas

for new clubs for next year. It appears that we may lose 2 clubs at the end of this year—-Lake Junaluska and Robbinsville. These were 2 clubs that have been hanging on for a several years. They were not interested in getting new members nor were they very visible in their communities—two bad signs that we are seeing in some other clubs. We have 47% of our clubs in the District that are less than 15 members, with mostly older members. Not all of those clubs are in decline, some are very strong. However, it has been a few years since most of these clubs have inducted a new member----the interest just does not seem to be there as they are satisfied with who they are. That being the case, those clubs will continue to decline in membership. Just this year alone, 20% of the members that we have lost were due to death—which, for me, is an alarming number. That will most likely accelerate over the next few years. All of that to say that we must continue to develop new clubs to remain relevant as a District. If you were at the State Convention for the Necrology Service on Sunday morning, you know that my fellow Governors have some of the same issues/concerns. We have struggled again with Brighter Visions contributions. Some clubs just don't participate, regardless of how much you try to engage them. Others, because of the increased number of requests for local assistance received over the last 2-3 years, will give but not at the requested level. If membership declines, that participation will decline also. So far, we have had 34% of our clubs that have not participated in Brighter Visions, and most of those have not participated in several years—and yes, you guessed it, most of those are the clubs that haven't added new members. 27% have given at the asked level per member. On Camp Dogwood ticket sales, we are at 56% participation from the clubs in the District. We have got to find ways to improve on that or find a different method of raising these funds that engages the clubs more. I know that Curtis has some ideas for next year on some different ways to do that.

So, we have made strides toward reversing the trend in recent years in the District—to Change the Game, a bit. However, we have to keep at it. I have confidence that Curtis will continue to make positive moves for District L next year.

Butch
Conrad
31-I

**STATE COUNCIL REPORT
SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2012
GREENSBORO**

In July District 31-I started with 59 clubs and 1327 members. We have added 96 members this year but regretfully have lost 126 members for a net loss for the year of 30 members. Thankfully we have only lost 1 member this month! We lost one club early on in the year – Cornelius-Lake Norman. Our average size club is 22 members but 31 clubs have inducted at least one member or more this year. With barely two months left in this Lions year we are hopeful! District 31-I is still trying to start a new Club in Clemmons in Forsyth County. Believe it or not we have not given up. We are still in contact with our LCI Consultant, Paul Baker, and he has suggested various options available to us. One interested member from Clemmons actually emailed me and wanted to get things rolling on a new club. We have been tied up with planning for the State Convention in Raleigh and working with our own planning committee for our convention in November. We refuse to throw in the towel. Pray for us! We have had a request for a Campus Club at UNC Charlotte but our consultant has suggested that we wait until the beginning of school in August. So, I'm leaving that to DGE George Culp and have told him that I would certainly help, if needed. Wouldn't want George to have nothing to do. I am proud to say that club elections have been held and that 46 of the 58 clubs have turned in their PU101 but of course the deadline is May 15 so hopefully those 12 clubs that have not turned theirs in will have by that time.

As of April 28 District 31-I has turned in \$112,543 to Brighter Visions with a goal of \$220,000. As you are well aware most clubs have major Brighter Visions fundraisers in May and June so we are hoping to meet or exceed this goal. District 31-I has turned in \$19,309 in Camp Dogwood tickets and 11 clubs have met the 3 books per member or more or 1.47 books per member.

District 31-I is pleased to have awarded the State Peace Poster winner, Mahalia Stainback of Concord Middle School and sponsored by the Concord Lions Club.

We are also honored to have inducted two spouses of former Past International Presidents, Jennie Woolard and Jennie Stickley into the Hall of Fame of the North Carolina Lions and privileged to have had two Past International Presidents from District 31-I. Of course we are equally proud of Past International President Sid Scruggs and his lovely wife Judy who was also inducted into the NC Hall of Fame at our State Convention. One has no control over where one is born!

District 31-I has completed our Legacy Project. The project is visual aids and dedicated space for blind and visually impaired in Alleghany County and surrounding communities by means of the Alleghany Public Library. 1st VDG

Elect Carolyn Sprinkle was instrumental in spearheading this Legacy Project. The library expansion has been an ongoing project of the Sparta/Alleghany community for more than 20 years and is a literary, economic, educational and employment enhancing asset for this area. The Alleghany County Public Library underwent a facility expansion that was completed mid-December 2016. Alleghany County is an economically distressed, Tier 1 county located in the northwest mountains of North Carolina and Bob and Carolyn Sprinkle live there.

The library is located on the campus of Alleghany Elementary, Middle and High Schools and is housed with the Alleghany Campus of Wilkes Community College, NC Works and the Blue Ridge Business Development Center and this includes small business and entrepreneurial training, education and technology support.

A plaque will be displayed in the Alleghany County Library recognizing the Lions of MD-31 and District 31-I.

In November 2016, the Sparta Lions Club members donated \$4000 to the library and designated the funds be used to provide visual aids and designated space for use of this equipment by the blind and visually impaired in Alleghany county and the contiguous counties of Ashe, Surry and Wilkes counties in North Carolina as well as Grayson County, VA.

Currently a local support group of blind and/or visually impaired individuals meet once a month at the Alleghany county Library. The availability of expanded and dedicated space and visual aids will provide for them the opportunity to expand their support group and use of visual aids not available to them anywhere else in the area. The success of this program will be the growth of community involvement and recognition of our special needs of our friends and neighbors and allows for a place, technological and other aids to assist them in living their lives to the fullest.

Funds were available from MD-31 and District 31-I from administrative funds budgeted and not used and also from Lions Clubs member donations. Naturally District 31-I is proud to provide these services to individuals in need.

Finally, all clubs in District 31-I have been visited. DGE George Culp has a jump-start on next year and is ready to hit the ground running on July 1. His emphasis will be on service and membership. I have enjoyed my tenure as the District Governor of District 31-I and wish to thank the members of the District for their hard work especially my Zone and Region Chairs and the DG Team. Being the District Governor is by no means a one-person show. It takes team work and my team has done exceedingly well. Thanks to all involved and to the PDG's that I probably pestered continually for advice.

I am confident that DGE George will carry on the tradition of the "Ideal" District.

District 31-O
May 6, 2017

The Lions of District 31-O continue to serve in their communities. 13 clubs have reported service in the 4 areas of the Centennial Service Challenge with 5 more reporting service in 3 areas.

14 Lions participated in the recruitment process in Raeford. 19 new Lions joined the Raeford-Hoke Centennial Lions Club. We should be signing up the 20th member in the next week. 4 Lions have completed the on-line training to become certified guiding Lions; 2 of these will be assigned to the Raeford-Hoke Club.

District O has 2 new Leo Clubs: The Southern Middle School Leo Club sponsored by the Aberdeen Lions Club and The Wingate University Omega Leo Club sponsored by the Wingate Lions Club.

8 clubs in the district have positive membership growth this year. Our membership currently stands at -27; but that does not include our new club.

We stand at 62.95% of our Brighter Visions goal having donated \$88,754.28. 74% of clubs have participated. 15 clubs have matched or exceeded their donation of last year. Donations will increase as many clubs are holding major fundraisers during May and June.

9 clubs have sold 3 books of Camp Dogwood Raffle tickets per member. The district's average is 1.45 books per member with 65% of our clubs participating to date.

Our district GLT is scheduling officer training in 3 various locations on 3 different dates to make training more accessible.

This has been a good year for District 31-O. We still have time to make this a great year.

I welcome the incoming leadership team, DGE Karl Ernst, 1st VDGE Susie Dailey, and 2nd VDGE Paul Silverman and wish them a successful year of growth and service.

DG Laraine Dupree

State of District 31N May 2017

Goals for the year:

- **Make a difference – Our year**
- **Everyone in the District /State know that the N stands for “Not second to any other District”**
- **Positive membership at end of year**
- **Add 1 new Club**
- **Change culture**

Year at a glance:

- **We lost the Ocean Isle-Sunset Beach Club – had been on life support for a while with 3 members**
- **Death of Lion James Kiser – established Lion James Kiser Membership Awards**
- **Hurricane Matthew – 9 of our counties impacted. Justified rare 2nd Grant for Hurricane Relief – We helped 1,036 people with \$26,109.11 in aid for Food, Water, Clothing, Blankets, Cleaning and medical supplies.**
- **End of October, new Leo Club at Greene Central High School in Snow Hill. Looks like 2 more possible before end of June at Jones County Middle School and Jones County High School .**
- **Chartered on February 22nd new UNC Pembroke Campus Club with 23 members and 3 additional ones in April.**
- **Early May submitting paperwork for Pamlico County Centennial Lions Club. They are having 2 Community Service Projects before having their Charter night.**
- **We are the first District in anyone's memory to hit the trifecta in the same year. Leo Club, Campus Club and Regular Club.**
- **As of May 1 we are plus 27 year to date in membership**

Culture change:

- **Explained why we need to do away with emphasizing perfect attendance and instead recruit by asking people to come to meeting when they can and help our community service projects when then can.**
- **Never sign someone up before meeting with them to discuss club expectations**
- **Immediately get the new member into a committee of their choosing not our choosing**
- **Actively promote District Leadership.. We need to invest more money to educate and train our future leadership**

Summary:

- **With your help, OUR year, had been extremely successful.**
- **Thank you for the opportunity for me to visit between last year and this year 54 of our 62 Clubs and this year 10 of our 12 Zones. It has been an honor to be able to serve the District as your District Governor,**
- **I am confident everyone in our District will give DGE Lion Don Eggert and his**

State of the District Report 31 S May 6, 2017

Members of the International Family, Fellow Governors, Lions Family,

Membership is progressing. We are proud to announce the chartering of our new Wake Southwest Centennial Lions Club (in the Holly Springs area)! They chartered originally with 24 members, and have already added more new members. Welcome to our new Lions there! This is in addition to the Ahoskie Centennial Lions Club chartered earlier this Lions Year. Also this year, we have reinstated 2 of our formerly cancelled clubs.

We are proud to announce that Wake Forest Lions Club has been awarded a Centennial Grant by LCI, to construct benches in the Wake Forest area.

I have enjoyed making Governor visits to over 40 clubs, and others have been visited by DGE, Stephen McLaurin, or 1st VDGE, Nathan Medlin.

We held a Cabinet Meeting on Sunday, April 30th, at the State Convention.

As of April 30th, District 31-S has contributed \$1026.50 to Eye Research, and sold \$14,133 worth of Camp Dogwood tickets, for an average of 1.16 books per member. We are at 60.89% of our goal for Brighter Visions contributions, with a current total of \$68,804.11.

Despite having lost 40 members to death since last April, our Membership has increased by 26 since last July 1st, with 8 more new members to register with Wake Southwest Centennial Lions Club.

Our GLT, Glenn Day, has scheduled 4 training sessions for incoming club officers at 4 different locations during May and June.

It has been my extreme pleasure and honor to serve with this Council this year. Let me take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of you for your hard work and friendship!

Lion Barbara Beltran DG 31-S

**North Carolina Council of Governors
Council Meeting – Agenda
Saturday, May 6, 2017, 9:AM
Marriott Airport, Greensboro, NC**

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| Call to Order | Council Chair Tim Williams |
| Pledge of Allegiance | Governor Irwin Siegelwax |
| Invocation | Governor Butch Conrad |
| Welcome to Lions and Guests | Chairman Williams |
| Recognition of International Officers | Chairman Williams |
| Remarks | International Officers |
| District Reports/Comments | District Governors |
| Appoint Parliamentarian | Chairman Williams |
| Approve Agenda | District Governors |
| Minutes of February 4, 2017 Council of Governors Meeting | Secretary/Treasurer Rhett White |
| Approval of Minutes | District Governors |
| Financial Reports | Secretary/Treasurer White |
| Accept Financial Report | District Governors |
| Unfinished Business: | |
| 1. Centennial Youth Exchange Camp | PDGs Paulette & Larry Gasperson |
| 2. Preliminary Report on 2017 Sate Convention | PDG Ron Beltran |
| 3. | |

New Business:

- 1.
- 2.

Report from North Carolina Lions, Inc.

President Charles Holleman

Reports/Discussion from State Committees:

- Boys and Girls Home
- Campus Clubs/Leo Clubs
- Celebrate Liberty
- Constitution and By-Laws
- Diabetes Awareness Education
- Diabetes Awareness/DAPS
- Guide Dogs
- Leadership

- Membership

- Historian
- Information/Technology
- Kids Sight USA
- Lions Services for Children
- LCIF

- Nominations
- Promotions
- State Convention
- Lions Clubs International Centennial

Lion Judy Headley, Chair
Lion Liz Steele, Chair
PDG Michael Schwartz, Chair
PDG Dale Dupree, Chair
Lion Jan Holleman, Chair
Lion Judy Jackson, Chair
Lion Tom Snively
PDG John Owens,
GLT MD Coordinator
PDG Vince Schimmoller
GMT MD Coordinator
PDG Ron Beltran, Chair
VDG George Culp, Chair
PDG Diane Whitley, Chair
VDG Susie Dailey, Chair
PDG Carlton Weeks
MD Coordinator
PDG Carlton Metts, Chair
PDG Allen Reinhardt, Chair
Lion Harriett Walton, Chair
PDG Gwen White
MD Coordinator

Other Business:

Announcements

Chairman Williams

Benediction/Adjourn

Governor Conrad

**North Carolina Council of Governors
Meeting Minutes, Multiple District 31
9:AM, Saturday, February 4, 2017
North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC**

The North Carolina MD-31 Council of Governors met Saturday, February 4, 2017, 9:AM at the North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, 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 work session was held on Friday evening, February 3, 2017, 7:30 PM, at the North Raleigh Hilton)

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order and asked Governor Siegelwax to lead the Pledge to the United States Flag. Governor Conrad followed with the Invocation.

Chairman Williams welcomed the Lions and guests that were in attendance. He then recognized the Lions International Family and offered an opportunity for them to make remarks.

PIP Sid Scruggs said North Carolina will have its largest International Convention delegation in years, but he urged Lions to not forget the State Convention and the International Officer who will be a guest in North Carolina. He emphasized membership by recruiting and building clubs, noting that the United States now has only 22% of the worldwide Lions while India has 23%.

PID Harvey Whitley complimented the Governors on good district conventions. He also thanked the Governors for their new club efforts, encouraging the 1st VDGs to start organizing their new clubs at this time. He reported that North Carolina is -36 members as of January 31st, but that Districts L and S are positive due to new clubs that have been organized. He reported that North Carolina is + 81 in women's membership and urged Lions to take advantage of the Veteran's Membership Program.

District Governor Reports followed. Governor Bumgardner reported on membership efforts in District 31-L.

Governor Conrad said District 31-I has added 73 members while losing 103 members including one club. He said new club development is underway. attachment # 2

Governor Dupree reported on a successful District 31-O Convention and said the merger of the Greensboro Host and Greensboro Lions Clubs has been completed. attachment # 3

Governor Siegelwax reported that District 31-N reported on the post Hurricane Matthew disaster relief within that district. He said membership is down 13 members. attachment #4

Governor Beltran reported that membership and new clubs continue to be a focus of District 31-S with new clubs in Ahoskie and Holly Springs. She said disaster relief, including 30,000 pounds of food donated by District 31-L was distributed following Hurricane Matthew. attachment # 5

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

Chairman Williams appointed PDG Carlton Metts as Parliamentarian.

Upon motion of Governor Dupree, second by Governor Conrad, the vote was unanimous to approve the Agenda as presented. Attachment # 6

Upon motion of Governor Siegelwax and second by Governor Bumgardner, the minutes of the November 12, 2016, Council of Governors Meeting were unanimously approved.

attachment # 7

Secretary-Treasurer Rhett White presented the financial report covering the dates from November 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017. He reported that the LCIF Grant for Clinical Eye Research has been closed out. **Upon motion of Governor Dupree, second by Governor Conrad, the Financial Report was unanimously accepted.** Attachment # 8

Secretary-Treasurer White also reviewed the 2015-2016 Council of Governors and Promotions Committee annual audit and tax filings as presented by the CPA firm of Peedin &

Sasser. Upon motion of Governor Bumgardner, second by Governor Siegelwax, the audit report was unanimously accepted. *(The audit report is available for review, upon request)*

PDG Dale Dupree, Constitution and By-Laws Chair, presented changes to the Hall of Fame Policy as the required second reading. With no questions **Governor Dupree made a motion, seconded by Governor Siegelwax, that was unanimously approved to adopt the policy changes.** attachment # 9

PDGs Paulette and Larry Gasperson reported on plans underway for the Centennial Youth Exchange Camp, July 8- August 4, 2017. They provided a travel list and said host families are still needed. attachment # 10

PDG Ron Beltran, host of the 2017 Lions Sate Convention, said he needs feedback from the Governors on the Convention program and help is needed on the proposed Walk-A-Mile in their Shoes for diabetes awareness effort. He said program ads are coming in slowly. Questions followed, many centered on the details of the walk.

The host committee was asked to work with Lion Judy Jackson, DAPS Chair, to organize the walk that will probably be held at the Governor Morehead School for the Blind.

Under New Business, Lion Steve Walker, retiring Executive Director of the NC Lions, Inc., asked the Council to authorize transfer of \$ 604.00 to NCLI for Brighter Visions. He explained the funds were additional Lions History Book sales after earlier sales had been transferred. Upon motion of Governor Dupree and second by Governor Beltran, the vote to transfer the funds was unanimous.

PDG Charles Holleman, President of NCLI, reported on activities at Camp Dogwood and changes at NCLI. He introduced Hillary Brodofsky, new Executive Director of NCLI. He reported that camp volunteer applications have been distributed, reminded Lions of the scheduled April 7-8 Budget Hearings and April 9-12 Volunteer Week, announced that the waterfront improvements will be dedicated to the Late PDG Frank Brooks and that July 19th will be the Camp Dogwood 50th Anniversary Date. He invited all Lions to attend a session to discuss Matching Funds at 2:30 PM later in the day.

Governor Dupree urged special efforts to promote the State Convention so that North Carolina will make a good impression on the International 2nd Vice-president Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir.

After a short break, reports from State Committee Chairs followed. PDG Gary Green read the Boys and Girls Home report for Lion Judy Headley who was absent. attachment #11

Lion Liz Steele, Chair of Campus Clubs/Leo Clubs reported there are 34 Alpha Clubs and one Omega Club. She said North Carolina does not have a Campus Club but work is underway at UNC-Pembroke. She announced the State Leo Convention at Camp Dogwood, February 24-26, thanking the Governors for contributing \$580.00 per district for the Leo Stop Hunger project.

PDG Michael Schwartz, Celebrate Liberty Chair, reported that two essays were submitted for judging. He said there will not be a Celebrate Liberty pin this year.

attachment # 12

PDG Dale Dupree reported there are no proposed changes to the Constitution or By-laws.

Lion Jan Holleman, Diabetes Education Chair was absent and no report was given.

Lion Judy Jackson, DAPS Chair, reported on several changes including an effort to work with Lumberton Lions to secure services for Robeson County as an under-served area. She said the Walk-A-Mile in their Shoes event at the State Convention would take place from noon to 2:PM at the Governor Morehead School. She said enrollment forms will be available and that music, vendors and Leo involvement should be encouraged with proceeds to the DAPS program. She said a t-shirt is planned for participants.

Chairman Williams invited VIPs to walk in the STRIDES-like walk. He suggested that the local media be contacted to help get the word out on this the biggest project of the year.

Lion Judy noted that Diabetes is a new initiative of Lions International as the 5th area of service. She encouraged Lions to use social media to promote this effort.

Lion Tom Snively, Guide Dog Chair, was absent and no report was available.

PDG John Owens, MD-31 Global Leadership Team Coordinator, indicated that District Governor-Elect training continues. He also indicated that registration is underway for the March 23-26 Lions Leadership Institute at Camp Dogwood at a cost of \$142.35 per participant.

attachment # 13

PDG Vince Schimmoller, General Membership MD-31 Coordinator, urged Lions to not take no for an answer and to tell our story to secure new members and to grow our clubs. He said the state is down 36 members since July 1st and that only about 170 of the 300 clubs in the state report any activity. He reported that LCI has awarded three of the five District GMT Chairs \$250.00 each for membership related expenses.

Historian, PDG Ron Beltran, encouraged Lions to write down their memories and to record club activity.

attachment # 14

VDG George Culp reported on Information Technology, thanking the Governors for the work of the district web masters. He encouraged the use of Go-to Meeting conferencing to cut down on long drives for committee meetings. He said technology that is suitable for VIPs is being researched.

attachment # 15

PDG Diane Whitley reported on the Kids Sight initiative, thanking the districts for forwarding reports on their child vision screening efforts. She said that one pediatrician that opposes screening at an early age has been provided journal articles for review.

Lions Services for Children Chair, VDG Susie Daily, said she has presented 17 programs with another nine scheduled. She provided examples of several Lions Clubs that are providing services for children and suggested that clubs partner with businesses to aid children.

PDG Carlton Weeks, MD-31 LCIF Chair had to leave early and left a written report.

attachment # 16

Nominations Chair, PDG Carlton Metts, reported on the mid-year District Conventions and elections of officers. He noted that all positions will be filled.

PDG Allen Reinhardt indicated his report will be given during the 1:PM Promotions Committee Meeting.

Lion Harriett Walton, State Convention Chair reported that she has considered three possibilities for the 2018 State Convention – Greenville, Greensboro and Lake Junaluska.

She said Greenville is inadequate and that Lake Junaluska is an unknown that will use multiple buildings. After much discussion, the Council by consent decided on the Greensboro Airport Marriott. They directed that the hotel be asked to match the lowest room rate available regardless of whether the room is booked at the desk, by phone, internet or otherwise; also regardless of how a registration is made, Lions staying at the hotel should be in the total room count of the convention.

PDG Gwen White, MD-31 Centennial Coordinator, reported that the earlier district grant requests are being consolidated at the request of LCI. She urged clubs to report their Centennial projects to LCI. attachment # 17

Upon motion of Governor Bumgardner, second By Governor Siegelwax, the motion to accept the reports was unanimously passed.

Chairman Williams thanked everyone for attending and asked Governor Conrad to offer the Benediction. Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting.

This the 4th day of February, 2017.

Rhett B. White
Council Secretary-Treasurer

Tim Williams
Council Chair

NORTH CAROLINA LIONS STATE COUNCIL
2016-2017 Council Budget
February 1, 2017 – April 30, 2017
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 | 34,578.50 | 110 |
| Interest | 3.00 | 2.81 | 120 |
| District Secretary/Treasurer Bonds | 318.00 | 318.00 | 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 | 54,580.00 | 180 |
| LCI Leadership Institute Grant & Tuition | 8,541.00 | 6,131.15 | 183 |
| LCI GLT Training Grant | 600.00 | | 185 |
| LCI Centennial Funds | 1,850.00 | 7,500.00 | 187 |
| Leo Clubs Income | 5,000.00 | 4,588.18 | 190 |
| Leo Clubs Project | 2,900.00 | 2,900.00 | 191 |
| Appropriations from Money Market | 0.00 | | 192 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 0.00 | 932.72 | 195 |
| Total Income: | \$ 124,579.13 | \$122,203.40 | |

EXPENSES

| | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----|
| Annual Audit | \$ 600.00 | \$ 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 | 134.32 | 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 | 2,024.40 | 300 |
| Incoming CC Intl' Convention Expenses | 3,500.00 | 669.90 | 305 |
| State Convention Cash Advance | 10,000.00 | 20,000.00 | 310 |
| State Convention Committee | 200.00 | | 315 |
| Membership/Global Membership Team | 1,100.00 | 480.54 | 320 |
| District Extension Workshops/Matching Funds | 0.00 | | 325 |
| History Committee | 200.00 | | 335 |

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|--|-----------------|---------------|------------|
| Leadership Training/Global Team | 5,000.00 | 3,229.76 | 350 |
| Leadership Institute | 8,541.00 | | 355 |
| State Council Committee Expenses | 4,000.00 | 3,397.83 | 360 |
| Hall of Fame Expenses | 1,000.00 | | 370 |
| Celebrate Liberty* | 1,000.00 | 350.81 | 380 |
| Leo Clubs Chair Expenses | 1,000.00 | 610.10 | 390 |
| Leo Clubs Expenses | 5,000.00 | 5,526.52 | 395 |
| Leo Clubs Project | 2,900.00 | 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 | 78.01 | 415 |
| Lions Services for Children Committee | 200.00 | | 417 |
| LCIF Grant | 54,580.00 | 54,580.00 | 420 |
| Peace Poster/Essay, Environmental Photo Contests | 1,000.00 | 1,712.49 | 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 | 130.00 | 431 |
| CC, SST, DGE, 1 st & 2 nd VDG Crests (17@\$25.59) | 435.00 | 79.85 | 435 |
| Contingency Expense | 0.00 | 500.00 | 440 |
| Transfer to Money Market* | <u>3,983.05</u> | | <u>442</u> |
| | \$124,579.13 | \$ 100,205.53 | |

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Checking Balance on Hand – April 30, 2017 | \$ 27,777.87 |
| *Money Market Balance – April 30, 2017 | <u>44,684.98</u> |
| Total Council Assets | \$ 72,462.85 |

YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT & HOST FAMILY

| COUNTRY | NAME STUDENT | HOST FAMILY | DISTRECT |
|----------------|-------------------|---|----------|
| BOYS | | | |
| ISRAEL | ALON DAHAN | MICHAEL SCHWARTZ | 31-L |
| GERMANY | LAURENZ FLASHAR | PAUL & BOBBI SILVERMAN | 31-S |
| TURKEY | GORKEM TOZMAN | PAUL & BOBBI SILVERMAN | 31-S |
| FRANCE | AURELIEN GLEVILLE | BRUCE & SHARON ASHE | 31-L |
| GIRLS | | | |
| DENMARK | ANNA DAHLQUIST | PETER & JoANNE SUMMERS | 31-N |
| CZECH REPUBLIC | ANNA SMEKALOVA | PETER & JoANNE SUMMERS | 31-N |
| BRAZIL | LUANA ROSSINI | WESLEY & MELISSA HILL & (LEO RAIN HILL) | 31-0 |
| HUNGARY | ZSOFIA KOMAROMI | JUAN & SUSAN FERNANDEZ | 31-L |

Youth Exchange Travels

July 22: Meet at PDG Randal Clapp Farm for Meal (2:00)310 Clapp Farm Road Greensboro, NC

**Stay at Hampton Inn 903 Knox Rd. McLeansville,NC 336-544-3333 3 rooms@\$84.55 82965912
(\$253.65 plus tax)**

July 23: Tubing Eat @ Pisgah Forest Lions Club 6:00 Stay @ Hampton Inn Pisgah Forest

83512440 \$132.05 per room 3 rooms 828-883-4800 (\$396plus tax)

July 24: Sliding Rock Sandwiches for lunch Canton Lions Club at 5:00

July 25: Sparta Stay in House Visit Horne Farm 308 Horne Creek Farm Rd.

Pinnacle,NC 336-325-2298 (2:00PM?) Pizza at CC's ?

July 26: Sparta Stay in House New River Kayaking (10:00am) 10725US Hwy 221

Scottville, NC (N. Jefferson) 800-982-9190 2-4 hours \$210 State Park for

Lunch sandwiches Cook Out at PDG Bob and 1st Vice G Carolyn Sprinkle

July 27: Unionville 3:00 PM Stay in Homes PDG Chris Headley(704-289-5718) DG Laraine Dupree

July 28: Sanford (Pottery) PDG Vince & Lion Donna Schimmoller (Spend Night)

July 29: Smithfield PDG Keith & PDG Jana Peedin Spend Night (10 AM)

July 30: New Bern PDG Carlton & Lion Anne Metts (Spend Night)

July 31: Outer Banks Wrights Brother Museum, Dinner with Wanchese Lions, Lost Colony(Spend Night)

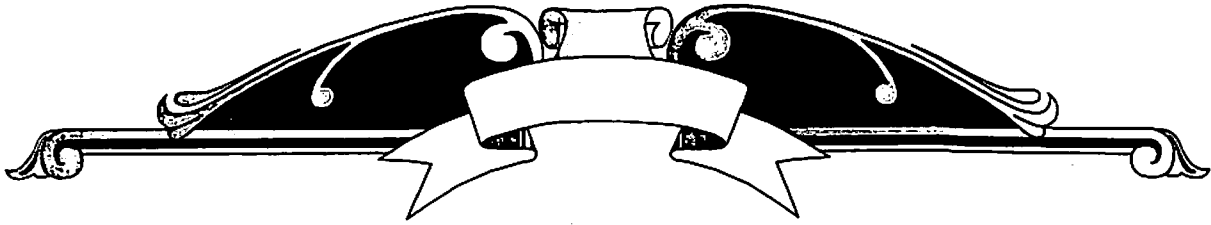
August 1: Fishing with Manto & First Flight Leos, Bingo with First Flight Lions Club (Spend Night)

August 2: Arrive at Lake Gaston at 1:00 PM (Spend Night)

August 3:Arrive in Winston Salem at 1:00 PM Spend time with Lions(Fred Frances336-784-9727)

(Spend Night)

August 4: Go to Piedmont Triad Airport for Students to depart for home.



Whereas, The Supreme Being in His infinite wisdom, saw fit to call to his eternal reward during the past year,

***District Governor
Lion Roland Heath
District 31-N;***

Whereas, District Governor Roland Heath served with outstanding ability as a District Governor of Lions International; and

Whereas, through his dedication and loyal service in Lionism, he encouraged aid to the afflicted, the less fortunate and the handicapped; and

Whereas, he enriched the lives of his associates in service in Lionism and inspired others to strive for greater goals by exemplifying the ideals of the International Association of Lions Clubs; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Lions of Multiple District 31, North Carolina in the convention assembled in Raleigh, North Carolina this 30th day of April, 2017, do hereby express their sorrow in the passing of this distinguished Lion leader, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to his immediate family, to his home club and be entered into the minutes of this 2017 convention.

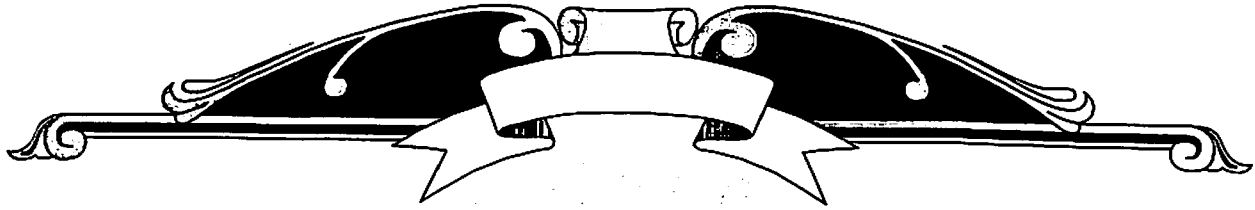
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***Ron Staley, PCC
Chairman, Resolutions Committee
Multiple District 31
North Carolina***

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***Tim Williams, PDG
Chairman, Council of Governors
Multiple District 31
North Carolina***





WHEREAS, District Governor Elect Stephen McLaurin of the Raleigh Host Lions Club, Multiple District 31 North Carolina helped ensure the comfort and convenience of International Second Vice President Lion Gudrun Yngvadottir by providing transportation for her while she attended this 2017 North Carolina Lions State Convention in Raleigh, North Carolina;

WHEREAS, District Governor Elect McLaurin helped make International Second Vice President Gudrun's stay in Raleigh a most pleasant one indeed by displaying welcoming banners to show our gratitude, and enabling each Lion to show our appreciation for her attendance at our great convention; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Lions of Multiple District 31, North Carolina, in Convention assembled at Raleigh, North Carolina this 30th day of April, 2017 do hereby express their heartfelt and sincere appreciation to the District Governor Elect McLaurin; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to District Governor Elect Stephen McLaurin, to his home club, to his district and be entered into the minutes of this convention.

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**Ron Staley, PDG
Chairman, Resolutions Committee
Multiple District 31
North Carolina**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Williams".

**Tim Williams, PDG
Chairman, Council of Governors
Multiple District 31
North Carolina**



Spring is here at the Boys and Girls Homes in Lake Waccamaw. Ray Cockrill VP of Resource Development said it best;

“The children in our care need hope in a better life and a better way. Spring is a representation of that hope. Our children have suffered thru the harsh winter of their lives and the Boys and Girls Homes are providing the hope of spring. Spring does not promise that there will not be another winter, or that things will not be beautiful again, but it does promise that if we work hard and trust there are beautiful days ahead”

What a beautiful way to think of spring at the campus and what we can accomplish together for the children.

Transitional Living:

- 1. 4 students working off campus jobs.**
- 2. 2 students accepted to universities.**
- 3. 2 students are joining the military.**
- 4. 2 students are going back home.**

Lions Cottage:

Please continue your support of the “Love of Kids” campaign for the cottage furniture. We have reached 50% of the \$26,900 goal.

Lions across NC please continue to give donations to this worthwhile cause for the 9 boys and staff at the Lions Cottage, Governors please continue to inform your clubs of the need for this campaign,

One young man at the cottage has joined the Lake Waccamaw Fire Department. What an accomplishment for him!

The Lions contribution to the cottage as of ytd has been \$59,819.00, that’s up 46% from last year!! Thank you Lions! You can make a difference and it shows!!

Jaycee Cottage: Culinary classes are going well. There are 5 girls working to become culinary certified. They are helping with culinary luncheons with a local hospital and our library.

Lakehouse 1 and 2: has 5 teen moms and babies. One recently born in April. It's a girl's world there, no boys at present.

A: One mother is graduating from Thomas Academy plus attending a community college. She passed the written exam for CNA and is awaiting the state exam.

B: One mother is getting her GED from the community college.

As we embrace the hope and beauty that spring brings, I hope we'll continue to support the Lakehouses 1 and 2 with donations of diapers, wipes, etc. Thank you for all you do for these teen moms and babies. The girls and staff are humbled at the generosity of the lions across NC.

If you have any questions, donations or monetary gifts please call me @704-242-1696 or email me @nursebabe49@aol.com. I am always available to help in any way I can

Serving with Heart

Judy Headley

State Chairperson

Boys and Girls Home of NC

Constitution and By-Laws

MAY 6 AND 7

To date we have nothing to report.

I am requesting the members of this committee to review the NCLI constitution, By-laws and Policies and procedures to ensure that everyone is on the same page and to I make any notes as to questions and possible changes or corrections.

I also want to remind all those going to the International Convention and planning on being a delegate for you club that you need to register on line using MyLCI and doing so by June 28, 2017. If not registering on line then carry your Club Delegate form filled out and signed, along with your government issued photo I.D. to the convention site. Voting is being done differently this year and this will move things along faster for everyone. Also, be aware of the number of delegates each club is permitted.

MD-31 Council of Governors

May 5, 2017

From the perspective of history, everything is relative. I am in the process of assembling a comparative history of recent state conventions with an overview of activities, attendance and costs. This may help future councils to compare bids, and make determinations as to how to structure their conventions.

I have spent a short time talking with Virginia Woolard, and after hearing some conversations with 2nd International Vice President Gudrun Yngvadattir relative to her influence on whether or not Gudrun should join Lions, believe that those thoughts should be included in articles relative to the influence of women on Lionism. This is a topic that Lions International is currently pushing, and many published articles are now available for inclusion in such a potential discussion.

Because of the limited display space, and so many potential displays, I have been talking with IT people about scanning these type references into a data base that will be accessible through NC Lions, or at least housed there. For example the "Lions through the 1st 100 years" program that Vice Governor Susie Dailey assembled, and has made available to me through a power point presentation. It might be feasible to have a dedicated computer screen to play selected programs at the selection and interest of the viewer, rather than take up physical space with ever changing displays. I have been offered various vests, badges, pins, etc. that all require physical space to display, and are definitely worth displaying, however, as Steve Walker once told me... "You find me the space, and it will be fine with Camp Dogwood, as long as you maintain the displays... "

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Lion Ron Beltran, PDG



MD-31 State Council Committee Chair History

NC Lions Council of Governors – Information and Technology

Lion George Culp, Chair May 6-7, 2017

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

NCCOG Report

Final Report as Chair

As the NC Lions State Information Technology Chair for the last four years, I would like to express my gratitude for allowing me to serve in this position. The ability to provide technology and information could not be made possible without the excellent team of District Webmasters who are innovative, technically focused, and foremost, Lions who care.

As I leave my post, the transition to your next chair is underway. PDG David Shimborg has graciously agreed to serve in this capacity. Lion David is a member of the Charlotte Southpark Lions and is Zone Chair for Zone 10 311. Lion Dave has been a Lion since 1978 and retired in December 2015 from CIT Group, where he served as the Disaster Recovery Manager for the Information Technology Division

Lion Dave and I are scheduling a committee meeting prior to the end of this Lions year to discuss the transition and expectations. Each individual district is maintaining their district website and sharing updates when necessary. This will continue. Now it is time to look to the future and how NC Lions can provide technology to our VIPs.

Just recently, Lion Peter Crumley, a member of the Beaufort Lions and a retired Physical Scientist whose blindness was first diagnosed in 1988. presented us several documents. One document entitled: *Technology to Aid the Visually Impaired to Achieve an Independent Lifestyle in the 21st Century*. In the article he challenges us with: *“A change in prioritizing the types of assistance provided to the visually impaired and blind communities must occur to properly address the changing needs of those who are members of these communities which Lions have historically assisted. A gap exists between the low-vision, severely visually impaired and blind communities as to the diversity of products provided by the Lions to assist those transitioning through the defined visual communities from useful sight to blindness.”* He continues with reminding us that it is time to move forward with mobile technology and provide training in its uses.

Peter hopes through this effort, fellow Lions will obtain knowledge of current technologies available to the Blind so all Lions may gain the ability to properly guide our Blind clients when they are considering future technology options. His documents are a means for passing forward some of the knowledge that Peter has gained while making the journey down the path to the world of darkness a little easier for those who are destined to follow by enlightening them to some of the amazing tools now available to the Blind.

With this information in hand, I am recommending that Lion Peter become a member of the IT Committee.

My thanks to the four Council of Governors that have supported the efforts of this committee. As the new 2017-2018 Council is installed, I am certain that this committee has the ability to take our organization into the 21st Century as we continue our goals of serving others.

NCLI Report

As the NC Lions Public Education Chair for the last four years, I would like to express my gratitude for allowing me to serve in this position. My time working with my mentor, PDG Paul Bledsoe has been a delightful journey and the time spent with *The Advocate* was a difficult job with great rewards by highlighting what Lions are doing in our state to make lives better. Perhaps someday a similar publication will become a reality.

My thanks to the Board and members for allowing me to serve in this capacity.

Lion George Culp

North Carolina Council of Governors
Council Meeting
Saturday, May 6, 2017
Marriott Airport, Greensboro, NC

KidSight Committee Report

All Districts have had a great year. Some have completed screenings for this Lions' year. Others are still screening. Both Spot and Plusoptix screeners are in use.

Screenings have been held at day cares, preschools, libraries, churches, health fairs, community mission centers and, of course, in schools.

Ages of children screened range from six (6) months to thirteen (13) years.

I haven't received data from all clubs within each district, but data I do have indicates that 11,695 students have been screened with 1,596 referrals, a rate of 13.6%.

I didn't receive data on the number of volunteers and hours worked except for one district: eighteen (18) volunteers worked seven hundred eighty-three (783) hours.

All districts are concerned about the follow-up; HIPA prevents access to data and schools say they don't have time. One district is considering paying a school nurse a couple of hours per month to follow-up and collect the data. Only three requests have been made to Lions for assistance.

Districts continue to plan school screenings. Many plan to branch out of the school system and move into the private preschools and daycares. This is a growing project.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as KidSight Chair.

Diane Whitley, PCC
State Chairman, KidSight Committee

LCIF Report 5-6-17

Greensboro NC

Lions Club Foundation that is who we are.

Diabetes Treatment

Opening Eyes

Sight

Childhood Blindness

Sightfirst China Action

Sight for Kids

River Blindness

Lions Quest

Disaster Relief

Measles Initiative

The aim of every individual is to be happy. The whole power of the mind is directed towards planning and working to make experiences that will be satisfying, pleasurable and happy. Any experience that does not bring happiness and satisfaction will seldom be repeated. When we help someone we discover that wholesome fellowship in all experiences brings the happiest state of mind. Therefore we can find our highest goals, our search for happiness by helping others. So please keep giving to LCIF.

I would like to thank all governors in the past several years for allowing me to be our LCIF State chair. This is a job that I will surely miss.

There are handouts that each governor has, Each districts status of installments and 2016-2017 goal report. Please take a look at each report that is your District that is your goal. Once again thanks for the fun that we have had.

PCC Carlton Weeks State LCIF Chair



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

District Coordinator Mar - 2017 Goal Report

Run Date: 4/6/2017 12:18:29PM

| CA | MD | District | LCIF District Coordinator | Total Funds Raised FY : 2015-16 | Mar - 2016 Total Funds Raised (YTD) | Mar - 2017 Total Funds Raised (YTD) | Increase/Decrease | Monthly Increase | | | Goal | Goal % |
|--------------------------|----|----------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| | | | | | | | | Jan - 2017 Total Funds Raised | Feb - 2017 Total Funds Raised | Mar - 2017 Total Funds Raised | | |
| I | 31 | 31 L | Fred Huscher | \$5,992.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$5,065.00 | \$2,565.00 | \$575.00 | \$100.00 | \$1,300.00 | \$26,000.00 | 19.48 % |
| I | 31 | 31 I | JIMMY MYERS | \$10,565.00 | \$315.00 | \$4,250.00 | \$3,935.00 | \$350.00 | \$0.00 | \$350.00 | \$26,120.00 | 16.27 % |
| I | 31 | 31 O | CHRIS HEADLEY | \$11,531.10 | \$8,946.10 | \$8,070.00 | (\$876.10) | \$660.00 | \$2,200.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$25,140.00 | 32.10 % |
| I | 31 | 31 N | Richard Sutton | \$9,976.00 | \$3,658.00 | \$5,048.10 | \$1,390.10 | \$350.00 | \$433.00 | \$790.00 | \$25,040.00 | 20.16 % |
| I | 31 | 31 S | F Boehm | \$3,845.00 | \$845.00 | \$845.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$220.00 | \$24,000.00 | 3.52 % |
| MD 31— Sub Total: | | | | \$41,909.10 | \$16,264.10 | \$23,278.10 | \$7,014.00 | \$1,935.00 | \$2,833.00 | \$4,660.00 | | |
| I | 32 | 32 A | CAROLYN JONES | \$15,475.00 | \$8,350.00 | \$11,350.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$1,450.00 | \$1,550.00 | \$0.00 | \$17,022.00 | 66.67 % |
| I | 32 | 32 B | Jane Thomas | \$11,148.95 | \$3,778.95 | \$8,661.65 | \$4,882.70 | \$100.00 | \$2,150.00 | \$3,475.00 | \$12,263.00 | 70.63 % |
| I | 32 | 32 C | Calvin Parker | \$8,855.38 | \$6,940.00 | \$8,285.00 | \$1,345.00 | \$410.00 | \$2,200.00 | \$100.00 | \$9,724.00 | 85.20 % |
| I | 32 | 32 D | PAT ABERCROMBIE | \$13,345.00 | \$8,145.00 | \$11,044.07 | \$2,899.07 | \$2,240.00 | \$1,720.00 | \$424.07 | \$14,679.00 | 75.23 % |
| MD 32— Sub Total: | | | | \$48,824.33 | \$27,213.95 | \$39,340.72 | \$12,126.77 | \$4,200.00 | \$7,620.00 | \$3,999.07 | | |
| I | 33 | 33 Y | Roger Jones | \$18,545.00 | \$12,875.00 | \$13,235.00 | \$360.00 | \$1,260.00 | \$9,600.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$20,399.00 | 64.88 % |
| I | 33 | 33 A | Richard Braks | \$20,625.00 | \$4,900.00 | \$7,075.00 | \$2,175.00 | \$300.00 | \$2,250.00 | \$600.00 | \$25,000.00 | 28.30 % |
| I | 33 | 33 A | Roger Jones | \$20,625.00 | \$4,900.00 | \$7,075.00 | \$2,175.00 | \$300.00 | \$2,250.00 | \$600.00 | \$25,000.00 | 28.30 % |
| I | 33 | 33 N | Jane Fanjoy | \$23,506.00 | \$7,705.00 | \$17,610.00 | \$9,905.00 | \$1,745.00 | \$3,500.00 | \$4,050.00 | \$26,000.00 | 67.73 % |
| I | 33 | 33 K | Matthew Richardson | \$28,005.00 | \$10,204.00 | \$19,155.00 | \$8,951.00 | \$9,615.00 | \$1,150.00 | \$1,120.00 | \$33,000.00 | 58.04 % |
| I | 33 | 33 S | FRANCIS GENDREAU | \$27,645.75 | \$18,105.75 | \$20,045.00 | \$1,939.25 | \$2,950.00 | \$195.00 | \$7,710.00 | \$37,000.00 | 54.17 % |
| MD 33— Sub Total: | | | | \$118,326.75 | \$53,789.75 | \$77,120.00 | \$23,330.25 | \$15,870.00 | \$16,695.00 | \$14,480.00 | | |
| I | 34 | 34 A | Don Moore | \$19,256.00 | \$10,200.00 | \$7,730.00 | (\$2,470.00) | \$1,100.00 | \$300.00 | \$930.00 | | |
| I | 34 | 34 B | George Head | \$8,450.00 | \$4,150.00 | \$4,631.00 | \$481.00 | \$2,900.00 | \$1,031.00 | \$0.00 | | |
| I | 34 | 34 C | Clyde Elmore | \$36,715.00 | \$10,050.00 | \$12,040.00 | \$1,990.00 | \$1,150.00 | \$700.00 | \$500.00 | | |
| MD 34— Sub Total: | | | | \$64,421.00 | \$24,400.00 | \$24,401.00 | \$1.00 | \$5,150.00 | \$2,031.00 | \$1,430.00 | | |
| I | 35 | 35 L | ROBERT MELNICK | \$27,305.56 | \$20,056.08 | \$14,500.00 | (\$5,556.06) | \$300.00 | \$3,475.00 | \$3,715.00 | | |
| I | 35 | 35 I | Dean Hess | \$26,787.00 | \$16,862.00 | \$21,035.00 | \$4,173.00 | \$3,910.00 | \$1,250.00 | \$3,955.00 | | |
| I | 35 | 35 I | Lois Malecky | \$26,787.00 | \$16,862.00 | \$21,035.00 | \$4,173.00 | \$3,910.00 | \$1,250.00 | \$3,955.00 | | |
| I | 35 | 35 O | Roger Vonland | \$22,579.00 | \$12,729.00 | \$15,610.00 | \$2,881.00 | \$645.00 | \$2,695.00 | \$4,010.00 | | |
| I | 35 | 35 N | LINO DE LA HERA SR | \$30,805.00 | \$16,735.00 | \$18,285.00 | \$1,560.00 | \$598.95 | (\$173.95) | \$3,770.00 | | |
| MD 35— Sub Total: | | | | \$107,476.56 | \$66,382.06 | \$69,440.00 | \$3,057.94 | \$5,453.95 | \$7,246.05 | \$15,450.00 | | |

Council of Governors Nominations Report

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Date 05.06.2017

**Submitted by PDG Carlton Metts
Statewide Nominations Chair**

The list below are the Election results at the five Mid-Winter Conventions:

District L:

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| DG Elect Curtis Erickson, Mills River Lions Club | Elected at Mid-Winter Conv. |
| 1 st VDG Elect Alan Lake, Black Mountain Lions Club | Elected at Mid-Winter Conv. |
| 2 nd VDG Elect Leon Pryor, Hendersonville Lions Club | Elected at Mid-Winter Conv. |

District I:

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

District O:

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| DG Elect Karl Ernst, Siler City Lions Club | Elected at Mid-Winter Conv. |
| 1 st VDG Elect Susan Dailey, McLeansville Lions Club | Elected at Mid-Winter Conv. |
| 2 nd VDG Elect Paul Silverman, Durham Lions Club | Elected at Mid-Winter Conv. |

District N:

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| DG Elect Don Eggert, Shallotte Lions Club | Elected at Mid-Winter Conv. |
| 1 st VDG Elect Rahim Shomari, Jacksonville New River Lions Club | Elected at Mid-Winter Conv. |
| 2 nd VDG Elect David Cox, Lumberton Lions Club | Elected at Mid-Winter Conv. |

District S:

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| DG Elect Steve McLaurin, Raleigh Host Lions Club | Elected at Mid-Winter Conv. |
| 1 st VDG Elect Nathan Medlin, Warrenton Lions Club | Elected at Mid-Winter Conv. |
| 2 nd VDG Elect Mark Bateman, Lake Gaston Lion Club | Elected at Mid-Winter Conv. |

2017-2018 Council Chair Elect Gary Steele, Cleveland Lions Club, District 31-I

2017-2018 State Secretary Treasurer Elect PDG Rhett White, Columbia Lions Club, 31-S (final year)

- Received one letter of intent to run as Candidate for Council Chair 2018-19 from PDG Terry Cauble.
- Council Secretary/Treasurer position will be open beginning 2018-19 and currently accepting letter/resumes from candidates.

These two positions are open until September 30, 2017

PDG Carlton Metts, State Nominating Chair,
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MD-31 LCI CENTENNIAL COORDINATOR

Saturday, May 6, 2017

MD-31, North Carolina Lions, has been awarded a Lions Clubs International Centennial Grant in the amount of \$7,500. This means that each district will receive \$1,500 to put toward a district Centennial Project that will when completed represent the state's Centennial effort. Each district will be required to match the grant with at least \$300 (20%) in cash.

Each district has an approved project under the umbrella of a State-wide project.

The grant funds have been deposited with the State Council Treasurer, as required by Lions Clubs International. Districts should provide copies of invoices indicating how the full \$1,500 per district (plus \$300 match) has been spent and that the project has been completed (*detailed financial accounting*).

Please use your District Centennial Coordinators to help facilitate a successful project.

A final report is required. It should include a short narrative describing the project, the number of Lions or volunteers that participated in work on the project and the anticipated number of individuals that will be served during the first 12-months of the project (*results and impact of the project*). Provide three photos of the project including one that pictures the plaque or other recognition as a "Lions Clubs Centennial Project." Include copies of newspaper or other publicity and media coverage, including positive comments from the user public or local officials (*detailed evaluation of the project*).

The report must be signed by the District Governor (2016-17).

Thanks to the District Centennial Chairs for their efforts to spread the news about our 100th Anniversary Celebration. I urge the incoming District Governors to include Centennial Training in your District Officer Training sessions. Our clubs need to know how to receive credit for their Centennial efforts.

Gwen A. White

MD GMT Report-May 6, 2017

Lion Rhett,

District Governors and Fellow Lions,

I am sorry but I will not be able to attend the Council meeting this Saturday. I will be assisting the new Pamlico Lions club that we hope to get chartered yet this year. I will be doing Vision Screening for them at their first Service project.

I am sure that the DGs gave a report on the status of the membership in each of their Districts so I will not repeat that information. I am happy to say that for the MC, we are a + 27 members with at least one or two clubs to hopefully be chartered before June 30. I would like to commend the District GMTs for their efforts in assisting with the new club recruiting efforts and making presentations to clubs about increasing membership. Also a big thank you goes out to the DGs for the extra effort they have given to adding new clubs. It would not happen without your attention and commitment to increasing membership.

With your continued effort and support, MD 31 will end the year with a plus membership, which has not happened in many, many years. I am asking each DG to send out a message to all club presidents asking them to make a special effort to bring on ONE new member. If they accept the challenge, we are sure to end the year in the black.

Thanks for allowing me to serve as your MD GMT for this year.

Lion Vince