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NCLF President 2023-2024

A Mission to Care, Support and Help Our North Carolina Citizens

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Letter from the President

May is beginning to show wonderful weather for the club's fundraisers. We just completed a successful and well-attended NC Lions State Convention and the final North Carolina Lions Foundation Board Meeting the following weekend. The mood was positive coming out of both events. The incoming NCLF Officers was elected at the NCLF Board Meeting as we closed the NCLF Board Meeting and opened the General Membership Meeting. The office of NCLF President will be now First Vice-President Wayne Faber. PDG, and now Second Vice-President moving PDG Allen Swaim moving up to the office of NCLF First Vice President. Anne Metts will be the 2024-25 NCLF Board Secretary, and Past NCLF President Curtis Erikson, PDG as NCLF Treasurer. Each of the Lions faced no opposition or competition for their respective positions this year. The office of NCLF Second Vice-President was contested as we had two highly respected Lions vying for the position. DG Lorraine Dixon was elected as the Second Vice President. We are fortunate quite often to have two qualified Lions seeking this position. During the membership meeting all Lions who gained proper credentials representing their club were certified to vote. The good news is we had two qualified Lions seeking the position and either would have served the board well. The not so good news is only one candidate can win the position from this election. I recall I lost this election my first attempt, but I wished to serve in this position and submitted my name the following year and won. I served with my former opponent and considered this service as an honor and privilege. Each of us serves to provide a better life for those less fortunate.

We now have a mere two months (or six weeks by the time you receive this correspondence) to meet our goals and the budget. While I am extremely proud of the clubs who have submitted their Brighter Visions Annual Fund Drive so we can provide the twelve services for statewide Blind and Visually Impaired Citizens; and proud of the clubs who have submitted their Camp Dogwood Tickets for Camp Dogwood Maintenance, we have some clubs who have not responded to these needs. It is imperative for all clubs to address their participation at some level so we can remove the zero from the line items linked to these clubs. It is amazing what we can accomplish when we all pitch in and TAKE THE BIG STEP of 100% participation.

We have much to be proud of this year. We are on the cusp of making major contributions to Clinical Eye Research to four (4) distinguished institutions focused on this pursuit. Camp Dogwood has been able to be well maintained due to your volunteer efforts and contributions. This facility is nationally recognized as a major success and a tribute to the Lions of North Carolina.

As I approach the end of my tenure as your NCLF President, I cannot express the honor it has been to serve you. The Lions of North Carolina are human jewels working to make this world a better place for those less fortunate. Thank you for your confidence and support.

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NCLF Executive Director News & Notes



Where has this year gone... Reminder the Camp Dogwood Raffle Drawing will be at 7 PM Thursday June 13, 2024 here at Camp Dogwood. We are sitting at approximately 65% of the goal but I have confidence that we will get there. Keep selling to the end. Thank you Lions, I know you are doing your best and we appreciate you. The report below is as of April 29, 2024 and will get the updated report out as soon as the convention receipts are totaled.

As the year is coming to a close, be thinking about those awards for your club Lions. Please call us and we can help you decide. The Jack Stickley

Fellowship is available up to 10 progressive levels, the William L. Woolard Partner in Service has seven levels beginning \$100, \$200, \$200, \$250, \$250, \$250, and \$250 with the seventh step to reach the full Partner in Service. The Sid L. Scruggs Beacon of Hope has five levels at \$250 each. The newest award is the NC Lions Ambassador at \$500 each with five progressive levels. Awesome choices for the best Lions around. Keep these in mind and we can assist with your decision making. Visit nclf.org under Program Forms to get the applications and the specifics on all awards.

Brighter Visions Sustaining Member Club

A Brighter Visions Sustaining Members Pin will be presented to individual Lions in recognition of their efforts in raising funds for the Brighter Visions Annual Fund Drive. Pins will be awarded when the accumulative total reaches the following amounts:

\$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, \$2,000, \$3,000, \$4,000, \$5,000, \$7,500 \$10,000, \$12,500, \$15,000 and in increments of \$5,000 thereafter.

At the end of the Brighter Visions Annual Fund Drive the club secretary or designated club member will submit a Brighter Visions Sustaining Member report. This is available as a paper form or an Excel Worksheet. The pins will be mailed to the Club for presentation. It is up to each Club to determine how to allocate the funds to individual members.

2024-2025 NCLF Officers Elected

The Annual NCLF General Membership Meeting was held Sunday, May 5th at Camp Dogwood. New NCLF officers were elected for the new Lions year, 2024-2025. Our incoming officers include President Wayne Faber, Apex Lions Club; First Vice President Allen Swaim, Wendell Lions Club; Second Vice President Lorraine Dixon, Wendell Lions Club; Secretary Anne Metts, New Bern Twin Rivers Lions Club; Treasurer Curtis Erickson, Mills River Lions Club, and Immediate Past President Steve McLaurin, Raleigh Host Lions Club.

Thank you for your kindness, Executive Director Carlton Metts

Camp Dogwood

Summer Season Approaches

As I write this article I realize we are less than 6 short weeks from the start of the 2024 Summer Camp Program. As we move forward over the next few weeks final preparations are beginning to be checked off. Equipment is being pulled out of storage and set up all around the campus. Fishing poles have been restrung and inspected and are ready for worms. All outdoor sports equipment is presently being inspected and put into place. Kayaks and life preservers are receiving their inspections. It's full steam ahead as we put on the final preparations. Counselors will begin to arrive starting May 8. This year we have 5 returning from previous years. This is great news as almost half of our team will already be familiar with Camp Policies and procedures.

We keep traveling across the state meeting with Lions everywhere. Recent programs were hosted by the following clubs; Lake Lure, Rockwell, Erwin, Konnoak Hills, McCleansville and Clinton. Approximately 100 Lions were in attendance for these presentations. Many more are scheduled and we will be traveling more over the next few weeks.

Lions Volunteers showed up to assist in eyeglass sorting and other projects around Camp. Preparing flower beds, hanging screen, painting rails and much more. This year 167 volunteers representing 32 clubs worked a total of 1,785 hours. Thank you everyone.

Respectfully submitted:

Tammy Thomas, Camp Director

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North Carolina Lions

Camp Dogwood State Chair Report (NCLF-Cof G)
May 4, 2024

We have a "gorgeous" facility located on beautiful Lake Norman for the visually impaired. The camp is the BEST in the southeast. Camp Dogwood is the "Life Blood" of North Carolina Lions and we should all be proud of this facility.

The porches are all newly screened and have a fresh coat of paint. The gutters have all been repaired. There are benches around the firepit. New mulch is in place and all the landscaping is in tip top shape. The new rocking chairs will be well received by our visitors.

Many Lions worked hard to eliminate the piles of glasses that had to be sorted. All of this is due to the dedicated workers at volunteer week, many Thanks to Robert Carroll's leadership.

I would like to thank the district camp dogwood chairs Marti Henry and Eileen Artavia from district L, Theresa Munion from district I, Jacob Steagall from district O, and Dwayne Turner from district S. We will be meeting this weekend to recap this year and plan for 2024-2025.

Raffle ticket sales are the primary fund to support maintenance needs of Camp Dogwood. 100% of the ticket sales goes to maintain the camp. Last year the raffle brought in just over \$80,000 after expenses BUT expenses were over \$200,000, causing us to dip into the Joyce endowment fund.

This year's Goal is \$112,000.

Ticket Sales as of May 1, 2024:

District	Members	Raffle Sales Jan 2024	Raffle Sales May 2024	Difference
L	727	\$ 6,268.00	\$11,614.71	\$ 5,346.71
I	890	\$10,181.00	\$14,999.00	\$ 4,818.00
O	1,045	\$ 4,572.00	\$21,438.00	\$ 16,866.00
N	963	\$ 3,340.00	\$13,974.00	\$ 10,634.00
S	920	\$ 7,899.00	\$17,341.00	\$ 9,442.00
Totals	4,545	\$32,260.00	\$79,366.71	\$47,106.71

Highest giving clubs:

				Books
Sherrills Ford	L	16	\$1,625.71	10.16
Salisbury	I	39	\$2,000.00	5.13
Vass	O	46	\$1,430.00	3.11
Lumberton	N	17	\$2,500.00	14.71
Edenton	S	38	\$2,195.00	5.78

The tickets for 2024-2025 will be simpler, printing costs have been significantly reduced and a new QR code will be printed on each ticket. The QR code will direct the user to a website where an order can be placed and payment can be made.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Lion Gene Goetz
 1st Vice District Governor Elect
 Camp Dogwood State Chairperson

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**YOU
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE

KINDNESS
MATTERS**

NCLF Fundraising Totals as of April 29, 2024

Brighter Visions	C D Raffle	Mom & Honor
31-L \$38,090	\$10,054	\$1,860
31-I \$112,141	\$14,494	\$4,370
31-O \$82,131	\$18,282	\$3,300
31-N \$75,151	\$11,182	\$1,549
31-S \$70,852	\$16,021	\$1,250
Statewide \$387,232	\$70,232	\$14,239
62 % YTD	Avg 1.55 Books (62%)	48% YTD
LYTD \$337,467	LYTD \$60,147	LYTD \$15,671

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Introducing a New Way to Spread the Word About Our Foundation

Use your hand held device to scan the code and then go directly to the nclf.org website, donate now. The NCLF QR Code is instant, secure, flexible, and easily printed on a range of media, it's the perfect way to get citizens to learn about our foundation and encourage donations, now!



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