

NORTH CAROLINA LIONS FOUNDATION, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting

Camp Dogwood

February 9, 2025
9:00 PM

Call to Order

Wayne Faber, President

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Wayne Faber.

Invocation

Allen Swaim, First Vice President

The Invocation was given by First Vice President Allen Swaim.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lorraine Dixon, Second Vice President

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Second Vice President Lorraine Dixon.

Opening Remarks

Wayne Faber, President

President Wayne Faber welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Introductions

Wayne Faber, President

Introductions welcoming PID Harvey Whitley and PID Lacy Presnell were by President Wayne Faber.

Reading & Approval of Minutes

Anne Metts, Secretary

The minutes were published online and have been reviewed by the Board of Directors.

MOTION was made to accept the minutes as published by District Governor Ana Elliott and second by Board Representative First VDGE Jody Proctor. Motion carried by voice vote.

Roll Call

Anne Metts, Secretary

Officers and Board Members Present: President Wayne Faber, First Vice President Allen Swaim, Second Vice President Lorraine Dupree, Immediate Past President Steve McLaurin, Secretary Anne Metts, Treasurer Curtis Erickson, Council Chair George Suggs, Board Representative DGE Juanita Brown, Board Representative First VDGE Jody Proctor, District Governor Dawson Hart, District Governor Mike Edwards, District Governor Judy Keck, District Governor Ana Elliott, District Governor Jim Tobolski, First VDG Eileen Artavia, DGE Steve Cline, DGE Dwayne Turner, Second VDG Richard Wilcox, First VDGE Sandy Fraser-Thomas, First VDGE Jarius Garner, First VDGE Eddie Chase, At Large Board of Director C. Neal Alexander, Jr., At Large Board of Director Allen Reinhardt, At Large Board of Director Larry Gasperson, Executive Director Carlton Metts

Not Present: District Governor Elect Gene Goetz

Quorum is present.

Appointment of Parliamentarian

Wayne Faber, President

President Wayne Faber appointed PID Harvey Whitley to be Parliamentarian.

Remarks by State Council Chairperson

George Suggs, Council Chair

Council Chair Report

Four Months later we are still seeing and feeling the effects of Hurricane Helene. The death toll to date is more than 232 people. 105 of these were in North Carolina. We had 1 in Ashe County, 5 in Avery County, 43 in Buncombe County, 1 in Burke County, 1 in Catawba county, 2 in Cleveland County, 1 in Gaston County, 5 in Haywood county, 11 in Henderson county, 2 in Macon County, 4 in Madison County, 1 in Mcdowel county, 3 in Mecklenburg county, 2 in Mitchell county, 1 in Polk County, 1 in Rowan county, 4 in Rutherford county, 1 in Wake county, 2 in Watauga county, 1 in Wilkes county, 1 in Yadkin county, and 11 in Yancey County. All search committees are in Recovery mode currently.

We have basically handed out supplies to all areas affected and will continue to do so on a as needed basis. We are in rebuilding mode now. With building materials being the most in demand. We acquired a \$100,000 Grant from Lions Clubs International and are going to be using these funds for Food, Clothing and Building material. This committee has been meeting monthly to evaluate the situation and overlook this grant.

The Governors have been meeting with clubs and are continuing to put together your North Carolina Lions State Convention. They are challenging all past councils to install an ad for this year's convention.

PDG Paul Bledsoe has gotten out Marketing Campaign up and running and asking all to help spread the good news about Lions. Hopefully this will help to attract potential new Lions. Our membership has declined. We are not looking good as far as our 1.5 mission goes. We are down 141 Members from the beginning of the year. District L is Even, District I is down 25 members, District O is down 50 members, District N is 7 members down, District S is down 59 members. Our total state wide is down 141 members from the beginning of the year. Our membership now stands at 4,331 as of 02/04/25.

While each international president brings their unique passion and perspective to Lions Clubs International, there has and always will be a single constant that unites all lions: and that is Service. With this each president is committed to helping clubs increase their service, and as a result, their impact on our local and global communities grow and provide service to those less fortunate. President Fabricio Oliveira "Make Your Mark" He says that Bound by Kindness and driven by the desire to create a better world, Lions club members are making their mark in communities everywhere. And fellow Lions I have been very impressed with the lions' clubs across the globe that have reached out to us to help in our time of need.

Submitted 02/04/25
CC George Suggs

Motion was made to approve report by At Large Board Member C. Neal Alexander, Jr. and seconded by Immediate Past President Steve McLaurin. Motion carried by voice vote.

Camp Director's Report

Tammy Thomas, Camp and Retreat Director

It sounds like things at Camp Dogwood are really heating up in preparation for a fun and vibrant summer!

Camper applications have been mailed. Sessions are beginning to fill. Our theme this year is Santa's Summer Workshop. The theme will bring a festive creative spirit to the camp. The VIPs will be decorating and have the opportunity to participate in an Ugly T-Shirt Contest. Many of the art and craft projects will be centered around items that the campers can use for Christmas gifts and decorations for the upcoming holiday season. Summer Camp is a time of fellowship and making new friends. This year we will be offering many of the same activities with a few new ones coming into the lineup. Stay tuned for more information.

The movie night with Hot Cocoa sounds like the perfect cozy touch. The Polar Express would definitely be a crowd-pleaser, but there are so many great options to fit that festive theme. Bring your pajamas and let's relax and enjoy the movie.

Let's not forget the Monday night tradition - BINGO night. Each year on Monday nights the Cates Room turns into a Bingo Hall. VIPs have the opportunity to win BINGO BUCKS. The VIPs have the opportunity to spend the Bingo Bucks in the Camp Souvenir Shop or on refreshments at the Camp Store. If you or your club would like to donate or sponsor a night of BINGO please reach out to the Camp Office.

Summer Counselors are being recruited. Currently we have young men and women from the United States as well as the United Kingdom, India, Mexico, Zimbabwe and Australia that have shown an interest in attending and being a part of the Camp Dogwood family.

There are lots of exciting things planned for the campers and staff this year, and it's great that the international community is coming together to make it even more diverse.

Volunteer Week (April 3-9th) is a nice opportunity for Lions to give back to the camp and make sure everything is in top shape for the summer. There are many projects being added to the project list weekly. Reach out to the Camp Office for a registration form or more information. If you have a specific question concerning the projects themselves reach out to Mike Hall, State Volunteer Chair.

Respectfully submitted:

Tammy MacLean

Motion was made to approve report by DGE Dwayne Turner and seconded by Board Representative First VDGE Jody Proctor. Motion carried by voice vote.

Presentation by Immediate Past President Steve McLaurin

Immediate Past President Steve McLaurin presented a Sid L. Scruggs Beacon of Hope Letter, Plaque, and 5th Level Beacon of Hope Pin to Past District Governor Susan Fernandez for her extraordinary work in last year's Brighter Vision Campaign. Susan was unable to attend the Awards Banquet in September due to being out of town.

Executive Director's Report

Carlton Metts, Executive Director

Executive Director's Report was presented by Carlton Metts who briefly spoke on Cash Flow. Funding for Activities has improved. Investments are doing good. Stated he will let Committee Chairs give updates on their programs.

Motion was made to approve report by DGE Dwayne Turner and seconded by Board Representative First VDGE Jody Proctor. Motion carried by voice vote.

Old Business

None.

New Business

1. Communications – None

2. Treasurer's Report

NCLF Board Meeting 2/9/25

NCLF Treasurer Report 2/9/25

PDG Curtis Erickson NCLF Treasurer

To NCLF Board/Ex. Committee: YTD numbers

Revenue:

Unrestricted Revenue:

Brighter Visions; \$249304, -\$110,195

Camp; \$203979, +\$12,063

Line 3285-Misc. Income; +\$9072, Line 3205- Camper Fees; +\$30,433, Line 3210-use of camp -21,846

Other; \$199,106, +\$122,508

Line 3300-Interest income -1249, Line 3304-Interest Investments; +\$145,806, Line 3348-

Realized gains on sale +\$12836, Line 3349-Unrealized Gains; -\$14,249

Total unrestricted revenue; \$652,301, +\$24,376

Restricted Revenue:

Total unrestricted revenue; \$398,942, Line 3650-Other TR income +\$313,187

Permanently Restricted Revenue; \$2000, -\$4591

Total Revenue: \$1,053,244, +\$335,977

Expense:

Unrestricted Expense; \$830,632, +\$121,423

NCLF/Camp Dogwood Payroll +\$32,770, Line 4143-Misc. Expense +\$34,271, Line 4314-

Audit Fees +\$5160, Line 4315- NCLF insurance +\$3950

Restricted Expense; \$275,135, +\$74,716

Line 4600- AC +9480, Line 4602-Fire safety +\$8278, Line 4614 Waste treatment +\$27,644,

Line 4710 Other TR expense +\$161456

Total Expense: \$1,105,768, + \$321,842
YTD/ +\$14,134
End of Report

Motion by District Governor Mike Edwards to accept Treasurer’s Report and seconded by District Governor Dawson Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. Recommendation from the Executive Committee

None

4. Nominations Report

Candidates for NCLI positions should provide a notice of intent and verification of membership in good standing from your respective club secretary by April 15th, 2025. This election will be held at the 4th NCLF meeting on the weekend of May 3rd, 2025.

I am currently in receipt of nominating credentials for Lion Anne Metts for NCLI Secretary and PDG Curtis Erikson for NCLI Treasurer. I currently do not have a letter of intent or verification of membership in good standing for the positions of Foundation President, 1st or 2nd Vice President.

Results from the three elections held during the November meetings are as follows. Duly elected for 2025-2026 Council Secretary/Treasurer is Gary Steele, 2025-2026 Promotions Chair is Elizabeth Steele and 2026-2027 State Council Chair is Carlton “Carlie” Metts.

Report Respectfully Submitted by PDG Paul Silverman 02/04/2025.

Motion made to accept Nominations Report by At Large Board Member Larry Gasperson and seconded by First VDGE Jody Proctor. Motion carried by voice vote

5. Committee Reports

Clinical Eye Research

I would like to give PDG Lou Creel a big thank you for all he does for Clinical Eye Research. Lou and his son can be seen at the Districts and the State Conventions, selling lion pins and other lion keepsakes treasures, to help raise money for Clinical Eye Research.

So far this year they have made sales totaling \$600, which brings the tote board up to \$173,270.00.

District Governors are starting to reach their goals for Clinical Eye Research.

I am still working on a spring trip to one of our Clinical Eye Research Centers. Information about the trip will be sent to all Districts.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

CCE Chris Headley

See the 21st Century Vision Screening Programs Committee Statewide Chairperson Report, February 9, 2025

Members of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, I'm pleased to provide this report on behalf of the Vision Screening Programs Committee. The vision screening data that I'm providing today will be from July through January.

I believe it's important in these reports to focus on all three vision screening programs operated by NCLF and our local Lions Clubs. These are the: (1) NCLF KidSight Program using the district-based KidSight Units, (2) the NCLF Mobile Screening Program using the MSU, and (3) the KidSight USA vision screening program as conducted by local clubs using their own equipment – their cameras.

- 1) **Screenings using the MSU** are about the same as last year at this time. Since the MSU was pulled from service in 2020, due to Covid and budget restraints, the number of screenings per year has reduced from where we once were.
 - Since July 1, 2024, the MSU has been used to conduct **20** screenings of **482** adults and **106** children, during which we identified **254**, or **43%**, to be in need of complete eye examinations. In addition, **420** hearing screenings were provided. The MSU was off the road for repairs during most of December and January, but it is now back in service.
 - There are currently **11** MSU screenings booked for February through June, but this number is expected to increase during the coming months. During the 2023-2024 Lion's year, the MSU conducted **43** screenings, so the MSU is likely to be used more than that this year.
 - With the MSU usage having not been as active, it has allowed us to focus more attention on the KidSight Program as we are helping Lions become better acquainted with North Carolina KidSight and become KidSight USA Certified Screeners.

(2) Now to the **NCLF KidSight Program**, which means results using the District-based KidSight Units. The first quarter was slow, but things picked up in the second quarter (except for the continued damper that Hurricane Helene has placed on District L). January has shown a continued uptick in some districts. Through January, clubs used the KidSight Units and Operators **88** times and screened **12,169** children with **2,025 (17%)** referred for follow-up care. These results are detailed on the attached pages.

(3) Next are **KidSight USA screenings** conducted by clubs using their own equipment/cameras (and often using their own procedures and forms). The results are detailed on the attached pages. Based on the reports submitted by those clubs¹, statewide there have been an additional **303** screening events conducted by those clubs. They reported screening **26,094** children and referring **4,145 (16%)** for follow-up care.

In summary, 38,369 children were screened through January, with 6,190 referrals (16%). During the same period last year there were 38,994 screened and 5,823 (15%) referred.

4) The overall takeaways from these numbers are:

- District I: Screenings are down. Too many clubs that screened before haven't done so this year. Perhaps the new District Chair can determine the causes and implement solutions.

¹ We continue to believe there are Clubs that conduct screenings using their own equipment/cameras but are not reporting them to their District Chairs appointed by the District Governors.

- District O: Screenings are down a little, and the number of clubs involved is close to last year.
- District N increased its screenings from last year by 289% and added four screening clubs.
- District S increased its screenings from last year by 212%.
- The number of “screening clubs”, which is 59 of 215 (27%) is of great concern.

5) KidSight Programs Accomplishments:

- Developed a new three-part KidSight Training Curriculum and a roll-out plan. The pilot class for the longest part of four hours is scheduled for March 1st in District I. All Districts will schedule at least one such class this Lions year.
- Improved the Vision Screening Section of the NCLF website by adding additional helpful documents and guidance.
- Substantially revised the KidSight Screening Manual and several program forms.
- Exhibited and presented seminars at the Mid-Winter Conventions.
- Increased the number of KidSight Operators.
- Formed a cohesive and effective Statewide Committee, with regular and structured methods of collaboration.
- Recruited and are developing two new District Chairpersons to replace Gene Goetz and me – Nan Bejian for N and Cathy Critz for I.
- Several initiatives are underway to equip and encourage clubs to meet with more nurses and other school officials.
- The Committee has approved a proposal from Bryan Hoover (with concurrence from Exec. Dir. Carlton) to reward clubs that use the KidSight Unit by not charging them for every fifth screening they conduct during the Lions year.

The Committee is making progress on other program goals, albeit not as rapidly as we would like. We believe the KidSight Training will result in significant increases in the number of participating clubs and provide opportunities for existing “screening clubs” to advance their screenings. The other top priority for the rest of this year is Marketing KidSight in new and advanced ways.

Attachments:

1. Vision Screening Program Challenges & Goals
2. Year by Year Comparison in Number of Screenings Conducted
3. Year by Year Comparisons in Number of Involved Clubs
4. Statewide Club Screening Report, Jul 1, 2024 – Jan 31, 2025
5. Statewide Screening Events Report (District-specific), Jul 1, 2024 – Jan 31, 2025

Respectfully submitted by State Chair, Jon Snellings, February 9, 2025

Statewide Vision Screening Program Challenges & Goals (as presented in Sep and Nov 2024)

KidSight Program challenges:

- Insufficient number of clubs that are “screening clubs”, and clubs not collaborating to screen
- Lack of training sessions, both in-person and via Zoom
- Program guidance on specific screening topics has been lacking
- Substantial deficit in using KidSight Units; Increasing tendency of clubs to purchase cameras
- Insufficient number of KidSight Certified Screeners and KidSight Unit Operators
- Lack of effective follow-up about “referred” children and the reporting thereof
- Lack of an organized, well-planned approach to secure approval from school systems

Primary Goals for this year were:

- Marketing and Communications (with support from Lion Bledsoe’s committee)
- Training: in-person and via Zoom, including at conventions and cabinet meetings
 - o KidSight USA Screener Certification & how to properly use the cameras
 - o How to organize and conduct contacts with potential screening facilities & schools
 - o How to Plan and Conduct Screenings in various venues/facilities
- Recruitment and development of additional KSU Operators
- Adding new “screening clubs” in all districts.
- Putting in place procedures for conducting follow-up for “referred” children
- Conducting “pilot” initiatives in the KidSight screening program area across districts

Attachment 1

| SCREENINGS - YEARLY COMPARISONS | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| DISTRICT | 2023-24 | | | 2024-25 | | |
| | Screened | Referred | | Screened | Referred | SCREENINGS CHANGE |
| L | 10,553 | 1,355 | | 3,520 | 475 | Down |
| I | 13,996 | 2,380 | | 10,454 | 1,672 | -25% |
| O | 8,442 | 1,102 | | 8,112 | 1,145 | -4% |
| N | 4,825 | 671 | | 13,937 | 2,333 | 289% |
| S | 1,178 | 35 | | 2,499 | 565 | 212% |
| Total: | 38,994 | 5,823 | | 38,522 | 6,190 | -1% |
| Note: Districts I, O, N, & S Totals 28,441 and 35,002 for increase of 23%. | | | | | | |

Attachment 2

| INVOLVED CLUBS - YEARLY COMPARE | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| DISTRICT | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | |
| | Clubs | Clubs | Change |
| L | 18 | 10 | -8 |
| I | 19 | 11 | -8 |
| O | 16 | 14 | -2 |
| N | 12 | 16 | 4 |
| S | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| Total: | 73 | 59 | -14 |
| <i>Note: Dist. I, O, N, & S Totals 55 and 49,</i> | | | |
| <i>for decrease of 6 involved clubs.</i> | | | |

Attachment 3

Camp Dogwood Report

Well House

Well house needs a new roof. We have material just waiting on time to do this in house.

Asphalt Drive

Done

Landscape

The landscape around the property needs some work. The fence line around the waterfront needs to be worked on. The fence closer to the gas pumps is really in need of some work. The fabric to stop the weed growth has seen its better days and need to be reworked. The weeds have overtaken this area. Good place for varmints. Also need gravel on the walking trail. Rocks at the piers need to be applied to keep erosion down. Steps going down to sewer need to be built for safety issues. Also, it is being sound proofed this week. This will be a Josh labor only for there is enough material there to do the job.

Duplexes

Had all the doors Custom Built and installed. Each of the doors are a different size. Will need to be painted. Not stock doors. All porches have been redone and are complete. Waiting on the screen doors for units.

Other Buildings

The screens on the Lobby porch have been damaged by the storms and will need replacing. Also need to plan on replacing Udovich and Lineberger porch screens. Heavy duty screen has been back ordered.

Bus

The bus needs a roof over it. We recommend building a 20x 40 Building next to the maintenance Building to accommodate the Bus and the Boats. To get them out of the weather. The sun and weather will damage these vehicles. New Building fund? Have quotes. Waiting to see Future plans for the million dollar plan. Budget and Finance approved \$15,000 to get this project done.

The Grease trap has been cleaning and coated

The manhole also needs to be cleaned and coated but not as important As the Grease pit. We have a quote for this of \$13,810.00.

New items for November

Need to look at installing electronic Gates at entrance for safety reasons. Asking for quotes.

Need to look at possibly a generator for Power outages again for safety reasons.

New items for February

Would like to suggest to the State that we look more into the state disaster plan and install a building to house items for the future use.

The below items are being looked at by Long Range Planning but will keep on report until resolved.

Dock at Water

Will need to be replaced with in the next few years due to getting weathered.

Roofs on Buildings

The roofs will have to be replaced on

- Duplex 1-2—30.66 Squares total cost \$9,044.70
- Duplex 3-4--- 31.00 Squares total cost \$9,145.00
- White Building--- 87.33 Squares total cost of \$25,762.35
- Udovich---102 Squares total cost \$30,090.00
- Lineberger--- 96 Squares total cost of \$28,320.00
- Main Office--- \$65,513.00
- Total roof repair _____\$167,875.05

Submitted 02/04/25

PDG George Suggs Properties Chair



Public Information Chair Report – 2/9/25

Prepared by: PDG Paul R. Bledsoe, Past President NCLF

Greetings, I apologize for not being able to join you today due to the COVID-19 virus.

Today's report focuses on our stability and continued success as a medium-sized nonprofit like our NC Lions Foundation. The five primary keys to continued success lie in the following:

- 1- Diversifying funding stream**
- 2- Strengthening leadership & governance**
- 3- Leveraging technology for efficiency**
- 4- Expanding community engagement**
- 5- Proving measurable impact**

Numbers (2) and (3) are being addressed by the current NCLF Long Range Planning Committee. Regarding number (1), we must continue to address receiving heavier funding from outside sources. We have seen tremendous giving for various physical property improvements, but we need to key into developing relationships with smaller nongovernment organizations that can use this facility. Expanding our awareness and appeal can only help us relieve the continued pressure for success in overcoming inflation pricing for goods and services needed for the property.

At this point, will we see an ever-increasing rise in Lions Club membership? Doubtful, so it is time to address this issue, as the lifeblood of revenue from Lions statewide keeps dwindling. How do we do this? We must expand our community engagement, which begins with every member of a local Lions Club. We all have to communicate better and speak with everyone we know about what we do as Lions and our successes.

You have a toolbox of information, including brochures, flyers, videos, layouts, and information sheets, to help you tell your story within your community, town, or city.

A new NCLF/Brighter Visions Rack Card has been printed, so get your rack cards from the office. This handy pocket-size card defines our programs and services and gives a brief history of how the foundation began.

New and old files are available for download on our NCLF Google Drive site. Keep this address handy; it's great for club use.

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1MgqkCb194knkVLG1u9VUKYqG IKiDo1G?usp=share link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1MgqkCb194knkVLG1u9VUKYqG IKiDo1G?usp=share_link)

Right now, a new NC Lions Council of Governors marketing campaign has begun. This campaign is a mix of connected TV, streaming, and digital marketing. The 4-month campaign is an awareness and definition of what being a Lion is all about. The campaign stresses the importance of not taking a lot of time out of a family schedule, but by being a Lion, members make a tremendous difference/impact in their community.

We have available a Lions Club Marketing Package that includes an information guide, printed material, videos, social media layouts, and more. This package will communicate our work as Lions Club members around the state in a unified approach.

Here is the link to the new **NC Lions Marketing 2025 Google Drive address:** <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rHNEb7YYSGkhqh9yG7PucxXC4VZ8hkYl>

Thank you, PDG Paul Bledsoe, PP NCLF / Public Information Chair

NC State Lions Sight & Hearing Conservation Report – February 9, 2025

Nothing has really changed since my last report in November, so I have nothing new to report at this time.

Lion Glenda Grant

VOLUNTEERS REPORT

Soon it will be time for Camp Dogwood April 3-9th for Volunteer Week/Spring Cleanup.

Room and meals will be provided. Space is limited so roommates may be required to share a room. Roommate preference is encouraged.

Arrival is on April 3rd and the first meal to be served will be dinner.

April 9th, Wednesday morning, the breakfast meal will be our final meal. All rooms will be vacated at 9:00 AM.

As NCLF Volunteer Chairman, I look forward to working with volunteers on Camp projects and getting Camp Dogwood ready for summer camp.

Lion Tammy provided a list of projects to be completed:

- Eye glass sorting
- Minor housekeeping/ kitchen work
- Window washing
- Repair/refinishing of rockers
- Painting
- Minor carpentry & electrical - craftsmen needed
- Pressure washing sidewalks
- Cleaning vans/ bus
- Canoe cleaning
- Setup fishing poles & hooks
- Clean fences, grounds and garden work

This is the initial project list.

Volunteers need to complete and return the Spring Maintenance Form with job preference and return to Camp Dogwood as soon as possible.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring tools, equipment and personal protective gear for projects.

Faithfully submitted 31 Jan-25
 Lion Mike Hall
 Camp Volunteer Chair

Constitution and By-Laws Committee Report

February 8 and 9, 2025

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee is slightly behind schedule of reviewing the present District 31 Constitution and making sure that the changes from LCI are incorporated in the necessary places.

We want to remind everyone of the requested changes to the NCLF By-Laws, Article IV, Officers and Directors and Article V, Meetings, which have been sent to the clubs and will be voted on at the state convention.

Respectfully submitted.
 Dale Dupree

MOTION was made to accept all reports under Second Vice President Lorraine Dixon by District Governor Mike Edwards and seconded by District Governor Elect Steve Cline. Motion carried by voice vote.

Brighter Visions Committee Report
 PDG Bill Mathers

No report due to illness.

Camp Dogwood State Chairs Report

Camp Dogwood Report (NCLF)
 February 9, 2025

The Camp Dogwood Raffle totals are encouraging at this time. We have raised \$42,583 as of Jan 30 with 35.3% of our clubs participating. At this time last year, we were at \$56,370 a difference of \$13,787.

Last year the raffle raised \$128,515. I'm confident we can equal or even top last year's total, only \$85,932 to go.

| DISTRICT | TOTAL CLUBS | MEMBERS | 1/8/2025 | PARTICIPATING CLUBS AS OF 01-08-2025 | 1/30/2025 | PARTICIPATING CLUBS AS OF 01-30-2025 |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| L | 45 | 688 | \$3,525 | 10 | \$3,945 | 12 |
| I | 45 | 883 | \$5,398 | 16 | \$5,878 | 17 |
| O | 50 | 1065 | \$2,190 | 13 | \$11,939 | 22 |
| N | 50 | 968 | \$1,815 | 7 | \$9,225 | 11 |
| S | 47 | 883 | \$6,541 | 16 | \$11,521 | 22 |
| State | | | \$ 75 | | \$ 75 | |
| TOTAL | 238 | 4487 | \$19,544 | 62 | \$42,583 | 84 |
| | | | | PRECENT CLUBS PARTICIPATING | 26.1% | 35.3% |

Raffle ticket sales are the primary fund to support maintenance needs of Camp Dogwood. 100% of the ticket sales goes to maintain the camp. We encourage you to send in your funds early because this money is used during the year as it is available.

This year we made some changes to the raffle to solve some of the problems that existed in the past. These changes were made based on information we received from you. So, if you have any suggestions, you would like considered, please let us know.

Funds to support the camp are important but without our volunteerism the camp would not exist!

Please consider helping with camp improvements and maintenance at volunteer week, April 3rd through the 8th, or any other time you can spare to donate your time, just call Tammy, I'm sure she'll put you to work!

Better yet, if you can get time off consider helping during one of the VIP weeks. Believe me the return on your investment of time will be well worth it!

Remember, the quality and quantity of services we offer to the visually impaired is directly related to our volunteer hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lion Gene Goetz District Governor Elect
Camp Dogwood State Co-Chairperson,
Districts N, S

PDG Laraine Dupree
Camp Dogwood State Co-Chairperson,
Districts L, I, O

Fellowships and Partners

Report

February 9, 2025

Good morning, Everyone!

I am reporting on our Fellowships and Partners contributions.

The five district totals through January 31, 2025 are:

District L 0-NCLF Ambassador, 1-Sid L. Scruggs BOH, 3-WLW Partner in Service, 0-Jack Stickley Fellows for a total contribution of \$500.00.

District I 3-NCLF Ambassador, 6-Sid L Scruggs BOH at the Lighthouse level, 8-WLW at Partner-in-Service at different levels and 0-Jack Stickley Fellows for a total contribution of \$3,800.00.

District O 2-NCLF Ambassador, 3-Sid L Scruggs BOH, 1-WLW Partner-in-Service and 0-Jack Stickley Fellows for a total contribution of \$1,900.00.

District N 0-NCLF Ambassador, 2-Sid L Scruggs BOH, 2 WLW Partner-in-Service at the Founder Level, and 1-Jack Stickley Fellows for a total contribution of \$1,100.00.

District S 2-NCLF Ambassador, 15-Sid L Scruggs BOH, 3-WLW Partner-in-Service at the Founder level and 0-Jack Stickley Fellows at different levels for a total contribution of \$4,300.00.

In conclusion, year-to-date numbers are the following for each:

| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| NCLF Ambassador | \$ 3,500.00 |
| Sid L Scruggs BOH | \$ 5,600.00 |
| William L Woolard | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Jack Stickley Fellow | <u>\$ 500.00</u> |
| | \$ 11,600.00 |

In comparison to where we were at year end June 2024, 30% has been contributed thus far for the first 7 months of this fiscal year. Not much activity has occurred this past quarter. We expect more activity towards the end of the year. Please feel free to contact me or any of the district chairs for additional information or to schedule a presentation at your club. Our information is listed in the new directory on page 18. This concludes my report. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Johnson
State Chairperson

Leadership & Development Committee Report

February 9, 2025

Greetings fellow Lions,

The Leadership & Development Committee are currently working on training materials for the State Chairs and the local district chairs. We have completed our first training with the Executive Director for the Officers, Board and State Chairs. I anticipate to have them completed to do training for the upcoming Lions Year.

Training dates will be published later this year with the State Chairs training being conducted first.

Respectfully Submitted,

IPDG Carlie Metts

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Leadership & Development Chair

**North Carolina Lions Foundation
February 9, 2025
Camp Dogwood
Board Meeting
Long Range Planning Committee Report**

Good morning! It's good to see everyone today.

The Long Range Planning Committee met by Zoom on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, with all members in attendance.

The meeting was called to order and a prayer offered for Western NC.

The LRP was reviewed in detail and confirmed the plan dates. Work plans need to be developed for action steps to ensure progress to the completion dates.

There was discussion on additional objectives around crisis management and coordination of outreach to NC. Good ideas were shared, and further discussion will take place at our next meeting in the spring.

Questions?

Thank you very much.

C. Neal Alexander, Jr. PDG

PDG Neal Alexander, Jr. made the announcement that Executive Director Carlton Metts plans to retire June 30, 2025. This comes under the newly formed Search Committee. PDG Neal Alexander, Jr. was appointed the Search Committee Chair. A meeting was held on Friday, February 7th.

Pin Recycle Program—Over \$ 173,200.00!!

By: Lion Dave Butler, PCC for Lion Lou Creel, PDG

President Wayne, fellow Lions and guests. I am making this report for NCLF Past President Lou Creel. Since my last report in November for Lion Creel, he has had a \$255.00 personal sale, and \$584.00 in sales at the Districts 31-N&S mid-winter convention. Also, on January 24th Lion Creel had a \$16.00 personal sale. At 91 years old, he continues to amaze me with his success with this program.

Again, all donations should be sent to Lion Creel! He continues to do a superb job with this program for our foundation.

Thanks, again, to everyone who has played a part in the phenomenal success of this project, for our North Carolina Lions Foundation Eye Research Programs.

REMEMBER! IF IT WASN'T FOR EYE RESEARCH, MANY OF US WOULD BE BLIND TODAY AND MOST OF US WOULD BE FACING A LIFE OF BLINDNESS IN THE FUTURE.

YES, THE TOTE BOARD HAS CHANGED AGAIN!!!!

Amount raised to date is: \$ 173,270.39

Thank You!

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT

Budget & Finance Report was given with the Treasurer’s Report and approved.

MOTION made to accept Committee Reports under First Vice President Allen Swaim made by District Governor Dawson Hart and seconded by District Governor Ana Elliott. Motion carried by voice vote.

Other Business:

President Wayne Faber announced that PDG Bill Mathers will not be able to continue as Brighter Visions Statewide Chairperson due to his health for the rest of the Lions year. PDG Susan Fernandez has graciously agreed to accept the position and complete the year for us. We welcome Lion Susan as Brighter Visions Statewide Chairperson.

The next meetings for the Council of Governors, NCLF Board Meetings and the General Membership Meeting are scheduled to be held at Camp Dogwood on May 2-4, 2025.

Reservations can be made by calling 828-478-2135 Ext. 250, Wendy White. Call early to reserve!

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Metts
Executive Secretary