

In Person Meeting 9:00 am

Council Chair Chris Headley called the meeting to order at 9:00 am with District Governor's Gene Goetz (31-N), Steve Cline (31-I), Juanita Brown (31-O), Dwayne Turner (31-S), and Eileen Artavia (31-L) present. DG Gene Goetz led the Pledge of Allegiance and DG Steve Cline gave the invocation.

Past Council Chair Governor Carlton (Carlie) Metts II agreed to be the parliamentarian. DG Eileen Artavia made a motion that the agenda be approved as presented and DG Steve Cline seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Chair Chris Headley recognized the International Officers that were present (ID Gary Steele and PID Harvey Whitley). PID Harvey indicated that he would reserve their comments until later. ID Gary Steele thanked everyone for being here.

Council Chair Chris gave his quarterly report. (A)

Council Secretary/Treasurer Gary Steele reported that the last minutes from Aug 8 were posted on the State and NCLF websites. DG Eileen Artavia made a motion that the minutes be approved as posted. DG Steve Cline seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Council Secretary/Treasurer Gary Steele presented the financial report. DG Dwayne Turner made a motion that the financial report be approved as presented. DG Eileen Artavia seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. (B)

The Council presented their quarterly reports. (C)

DG Juanita Brown made a motion to approve the quarterly reports. DG Steve Cline seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Secretary/Treasurer Gary Steele reported that the interviews for Council Chairs for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 years will be conducted from 2-4:00 pm this afternoon.

Council Secretary/Treasurer Gary Steele read the Resolution of Endorsement for PID Lion Carl Robert Retby as a Candidate for International 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President. DG Eileen Artavia made a motion to support the endorsement. DG Dwayne Turner seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. (D)

Council Secretary/Treasurer Gary Steele reported on several outstanding grants including the Major Disaster Grant.

PCC Dale Dupree gave a report on Constitution and By-Laws. (E)

PDG Carlton Metts gave a report on Hall of Fame.

PDG Theresa Matthews had no report on History.

PDG Michael Schwartz gave a report on LCIF. (F)

PDG DeAngelo Jackson gave a report on Lions Alert. It was decided that we needed an estimate for the repair of the trailer as was discussed previously. (G)

PCC Tim Williams gave a report on Global Extension. (H)

PID Harvey Whitley and PDG Barbara Thompson gave a report on Global Leadership. (I)

PDG DeAngelo Jackson gave a report on Global Service. (J)

Council Secretary/Treasurer Gary Steele read the Nominations report submitted by Lion Jeffrey Price. (K)

Lion DeAngelo Jackson gave a report on Peace Poster. (L)

Lion Elizabeth Steele indicated that the Promotions report would be given during the Promotions Meeting.

PDG Michael Schwartz had no report on Long Range Planning.

PDG's Laraine Dupree, Barbara Thompson and Susie Dailey gave a report and presented the budget for the State Convention. DG Dwayne Turner made a motion to approve the budget. DG Steve Cline seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Dates are April 17-19, 2026. PID Gary Anderson will be our guest speaker. (M)

PDG Michelle Myers gave a report on Technology for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

PDG Michael Schwartz gave a report on the VIP Fishing Tournament. (N)

Executive Director Carlton (Carlie) Metts II gave a report on NCLF. (O)

DG Dwayne Turner made a motion to approve the committee reports. DG Steve Cline seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Benediction and lunch blessing was given by DG Steve Cline.

DG Juanita Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. DG Steve Cline seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously at 11:28 am.

Respectfully submitted

Gary Steele  
International Director  
MD31 Secretary/Treasurer



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## Council Chairpersons Report

Your Governors have been very busy this first quarter starting New Branch Clubs and working with Lions Clubs to help them grow in membership and service.

Four District Governors and about 30 Lions from North Carolina attended The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum offers 84 different classes of lions education. It was held in Atlantic City New Jersey. Several hundred lions participated in the stride walk as the walk was along the side of the ocean. One of the largest events occurring was the graduation of the students from Lions University. The diplomas were presented to the graduating students by ID Faculty member Gray Steele.

Lions members who received their diplomas were:

Bachelor's Degree:

DG O: Juanita Brown

Lion: Kelli McDowell

PDG: Executive Director Carton Metts II

1st VDG S: Jody Proctor

Master Degree:

1st VP NCLIF: Lorraine Dixon

Bachelor's/Master :

DG N: Gene Goetz

Gray Steele

**NC LIONS STATE COG ACCOUNT #4815**

Council Budget

As of: 11/1/2025

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

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	Budget 25/26	Actual	Budget 26/27
<b>COUNCIL INCOME</b>			
100 Balance forward from 6/30/24	\$39,068.20	\$39,068.20	
105 Council Dues - 4472 @ \$5.50	\$23,243.00	\$9,443.50	
110 District Surety Bond \$64 X 5	\$320.00	\$320.00	
112 Internet Domains & Web Hosting	\$549.83	\$443.80	
115 Interest Earned	\$1,750.00	\$518.04	
120 LEO Clubs Income	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
125 RLLI Income	\$8,400.00	\$3,500.00	
126 ELLI Income	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	
130 Ad from District Governors \$42.86 X 7	\$300.00	\$0.00	
135 Miscellaneous Income	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	
140 LEO Sale of Pins	\$100.00	\$0.00	
145 Refund from State Convention	\$0.00	\$619.96	
150 Disaster Grant	\$0.00	\$3.83	
155 Marketing Grant	\$0.00	\$300.00	
<b>TOTAL COUNCIL INCOME</b>	<b>\$46,662.83</b>	<b>\$15,149.13</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>COUNCIL EXPENSES</b>			
200 Annual Audit	\$500.00	\$0.00	
205 Awards, Plaques & Gifts	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
210 Bank Fees	\$50.00	\$0.00	
215 CC & SST Clothing (2 @ \$130)	\$260.00	\$0.00	
220 CC, SST, 1st & 2nd VDG Crest X 17	\$440.00	\$0.00	
225 2nd VDG Clothing 5 @ @130.00)	\$650.00	\$0.00	
230 NCLF Clerical Service & Rent	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	
235 Forum Travel for CC	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
240 Council Chair Travel Expense	\$2,500.00	\$142.62	
245 S District Officers Surety Bond	\$320.00	\$320.00	
250 Hall of Fame Plaques	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	
255 In Coming CC International Convention	\$3,100.00	\$1,855.98	
260 Internet Domains & Web Hosting	\$600.00	\$119.88	
265 Leo State Convention	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
270 Meeting Space	\$500.00	\$0.00	
275 Office Supplies Sec/Treas	\$100.00	\$0.00	

280 Peace Poster/Essay Contest	\$600.00	\$0.00
285 Postage/Printing Sec/Treas	\$200.00	\$0.00
290 State Sec/Treas Travel Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$161.00
295 State Council Meeting Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00
300 Bond for State Sec/Treas	\$298.00	\$298.00
305 Video Conferencing Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
307 Marketing Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00
310 RLLI Expense	\$8,400.00	\$6,720.38
311 ELLI Expense	\$8,400.00	\$0.00

**COMMITTEE EXPENSES**

315 Boys & Girls Home	\$250.00	\$0.00
316 Constitution & By-Laws	\$250.00	\$0.00
317 Diabetes Awareness	\$250.00	\$0.00
318 E-Sight/Guide Dogs	\$250.00	\$0.00
319 Global Action Team (GAT)	\$250.00	\$0.00
320 Global Leadership Team (GLT)	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
321 Global Membership Team (GMT)	\$250.00	\$0.00
322 Global Service Team (GST)	\$750.00	\$0.00
323 Hall of Fame	\$250.00	\$0.00
324 History	\$250.00	\$0.00
325 Info. Technology/Public Relations	\$500.00	\$0.00
326 Lions Alert	\$250.00	\$0.00
327 LCIF	\$250.00	\$0.00
328 LEO L& Campus Club	\$250.00	\$0.00
329 Nominations	\$250.00	\$0.00
330 State Convention	\$250.00	\$0.00
331 State Convention Host	\$250.00	\$0.00
332 Long Range Planning	\$250.00	\$0.00
333 Hospitality Room COG Meeting	\$500.00	\$0.00
334 Ad for COG State Convention	\$300.00	\$0.00
335 Celebrate Liberty	\$250.00	\$0.00
336 NC Lions Council State Convention	\$0.00	\$0.00
337 Marketing	\$250.00	\$0.00
338 Protocol	\$250.00	\$0.00
339 Global Extension	\$250.00	\$0.00
340 Technology for Blind & VIP's	\$250.00	\$0.00
341 Disaster Grant	\$60,000.00	\$9,449.82

**TOTAL COUNCIL EXPENSES**

\$110,368.00	\$19,067.68	\$0.00
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Multiple District 31  
Financial Report 11/01/2025

	START	CURRENT	
COUNCIL CHECKING ACCOUNT # 4815	\$51,458.63	\$52,951.25	
PROMOTIONS CHECKING ACCOUNT # 4823	\$15,934.09	\$9,186.10	
PROMOTIONS MONEY MARKET # 5714	\$11,399.12	\$11,489.46	
COUNCIL MONEY MARKET # 0757	\$64,952.73	\$65,467.46	\$139,094.27
DIABETES AWARENESS	\$1,495.32	\$1,495.32	
LEO CLUBS	\$507.40	\$507.40	
STATE CONVENTION RESERVE	\$50,647.29	\$50,647.29	
STATE COUNCIL RESERVE	\$3,693.11	\$3,693.11	
LEADERSHIP	\$645.43	\$645.43	
CLELEBRATE LIBERTY	\$7,993.77	\$7,993.77	\$64,982.32
INTEREST EARNED	\$0.00	\$518.04	
Split between the 6 sub accounts			
CATASTROPHE GRANT ACCOUNT #7139	\$61,490.95	\$52,044.96	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$205,265.11	\$191,172.13	



Good morning, International Family, Past District Governors, fellow Governors, and Lions.

To begin with the challenges: As we approach the midpoint of the second quarter on November 7th, 2025, we have achieved only 20% of our Brighter Visions goals, corresponding to \$13,296 or \$20.94 per member. Our District currently faces a shortfall of \$54,704 compared to our committed target. I would like to recognize the Brevard Davidson River, Long View, Pisgah Forest, and Rutherford College Clubs for meeting or exceeding their respective goals. Additionally, the Etowah Club has reached 95% of its target, while Hendersonville stands at 81%. Camp Dogwood sales remain low at \$345; however, with our convention scheduled for next weekend, we are optimistic about an increase.

On a positive note, we welcome the establishment of the Forest City VIP Club Branch, hosted by the Lake Lure Lions Club. Founded on October 28, this new branch currently comprises seven members. The initiative was successfully led by Past District Governor Marilyn Wunderler and Lion Wayne Smith, whose efforts aimed to reestablish a Lions presence in Forest City.

Membership has recorded a net increase of two, bringing our total to 637 members. Our commitment to community service continues through various initiatives, including vision screenings, eyeglass collections and referrals, recycling of plastics and aluminum cans, contributions to disaster relief following Hurricane Helene, support for diverse causes, and hunger alleviation projects. I would like to highlight two particularly impressive service projects:

1. The Laundry Service Project from Zone Five, recipient of the Kindness Matters Award for our District. Following Hurricane Helene, laundry was transported from the Marjorie McCune Center in Black Mountain to the VIP Coin Laundry for washing, drying, and folding from October to February. The project expanded to include pilots delivering supplies to the mountains and a veterans' group without power and water.

2. The Vision After Helene events were held on September 13th in Hot Springs and September 20th in Boone, spearheaded by 2nd Vice District Governor Wayne Houser of the Long View Lions and Volunteer Coordinator Connie Monday. On September 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, approximately 40 volunteers from 14 clubs across two districts participated. During those weekends, 65 individuals were screened in total, with 44 people receiving glasses at no charge to them. A special thank you to the 4 external agencies for their donations and participation with us!

It remains a privilege to serve as a Lion in District 31L.

Respectfully submitted,

Elleen Artavia, Governor, District 31L



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## District 31 I

Our District is continuing to have a great year. I have visited 22 of my 44 Clubs with 8 more visits this month. Some of our service projects are helping food banks at this crucial time, putting readers in public libraries, VIP fishing tournament had over 40 from 31 I Clubs, buying socks and underwear for kindergarten children that still have accidents and many others. Sponsoring little league football teams.

I want to tell you about a service project at Taylorsville Lions Club. They partner with a hunting club and take handicap children hunting.

Fundraisers include steak dinner raffles, fish fries, Bar BQ dinners, chicken dinners, gun raffles, turkey shoots, golf tournaments, Peanut sales, food booths at ball games, flag displays and of course broom sales.

BV we have collected over \$63,000 to date, or around 43% of our goal of \$150,000.

Kidsight first – 5550 children and adults have been screened in the last 4 months with a 15% referral rate. Cathy Critz is doing an outstanding job.

Our membership is at plus 7 as of November 4. Our goal is 3 new

members per Club.

We have one branch club, Wallburg, and are in the final stages of chartering a new club in Charlotte. We have 25 members. We hope to have a charter night in the next few weeks.

Our Camp Dogwood ticket sales are slow, but I'm sure they will pick up.

We have at least one candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> VD Governor for next year and maybe two,

## District 31-O Council of governors Report



### What's Happening

- **+40 in membership growth** across the district — a strong sign of revitalized engagement and teamwork.
- **1 new Lions Club chartered in Person County**, expanding our reach and service capacity. *New Leo Club In Waxhaw*
- **Mental Health & Well-Being Week** (October 4–11, 2025) held successfully, drawing participation from multiple clubs and community partners.
- **Food Drives & Winter Clothing Drive** continuing — collecting food to assist food pantries and families in need and collecting coats, gloves, and blankets for neighbors in need. *Fundraising across district*
- **Cabinet Meeting: Saturday, November 22, 2025 at 10 AM in Greensboro**; RSVPs due by **November 15**.

### Mid-Winter District Convention

**January 23–24, 2026** at the High Point Greensboro Marriott

**Theme: “Finding Our Rhythm Together — Bold Notes, New Beats... One Sound.”**

This year's Mid-Winter Convention celebrates unity, adaptability, and collaboration.

As Lions, we are encouraged to **listen, adapt, and play in harmony** — blending our unique strengths into one powerful district voice.

The weekend will feature leadership workshops, service highlights, and fellowship designed to help every club find its rhythm within the larger symphony of service.

### Summary

- District 31-O continues to grow stronger through service, compassion, and teamwork.
- The **new Person County club** marks another milestone in expanding Lions' presence and impact.
- The **Mid-Winter Convention** will set the tone for the rest of the Lions year — focusing on connection, creativity, and collaboration.

Juanita Brown, District Governor of District 31-O

11/08/2025



## DISTRICT MD31-N

District Governor  
Gene Goetz

Secretary  
PDG George  
Holston Jr

Treasurer  
Lion Betty  
Shingleton

GET  
PDG Mayra  
McCloud

GMT  
PDG Vince  
Schimmoller

GLT  
PDG DeAngelo  
Jackson

GST  
PDG Bob Block  
Jr.

LCIF  
Lion Keith Toman

## QUARTLY REPORT

November 8, 2025



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Currently our membership numbers need help! Currently we have 925 members. There were 54 drops in the fiscal year and we added 22 resulting in a net growth of negative 32 or 3.46% negative growth. Good news is that our clubs are searching out new members, 22 new members were inducted by 10 clubs. Our goal is to have a fiscal year end of +38 members with 2 new clubs. First District Governor Eddie is acting as guiding Lion to rebuild one of our clubs.

With the help of my GET coordinator Mayra McCloud we have begun to put together a team to search out new clubs in District 31-N. Our goal is to start 2 new clubs. On October 12<sup>th</sup> Eight of us we met to discuss new club possibilities in Eastover, Washington, Leland and Sweet Valley Ranch near Fayetteville. I plan on holding monthly zoom meetings, our next meeting will be November 12<sup>th</sup>. My goal is to initiate a GET team that will stay together and function into the next couple years.

District 31-N LCIF goal is \$20,000. Our LCIF coordinator is actively visiting clubs to encourage donations. To date we have raised \$4,000

Our GLT coordinator is holding monthly zoom and in-person training sessions to meet our goal of 100% of training zone chairs and 80% of Club Officers. Zone Chairs are doing a great job at active organizing zone meetings, visiting clubs and training clubs on using the portal.

Service reporting is an area that we need to work harder at. Our clubs are out there doing service projects but we show only 35% of clubs are reporting. Our goal is to get that up to 60%.

The KidSight screening program in 31-N is alive and well. To date we have screened 9,412 kids with 1,471 referrals, 15.6% rate. Of those screenings 6,223 were done with clubs with their own cameras and 3,198 were done with the KidSight program.

Our 5K run to raise funds for Childhood Cancer went very well. We only had 22 runners but the weather was great and we raised enough funds to get within \$500 of the required \$10,000 in matching funds. The grant agreement has been signed and sent to LCIF. Next step is to send LCIF our childhood cancer account balance sheet.

I would like to thank the committee members of the 5K fun run; DG Dwyne Turner, PDG DeAngelo and Marilyn Jackson, Lions Ed and Becky Burt, Joe Poth, and Betty Shingleton for their help. Thanks also go out to the major sponsors, Raleigh Host, Beaufort and Greenville Lions Clubs and all Lions who have purchased donor pins.

Our Brighter Visions Goal is \$125.00 / member or (\$95,000). We have raised \$35,463, 37% of our goal. Currently we are on track to meet our goal for the 3<sup>rd</sup> sequential year.

Respectfully Submitted  
DG Gene Goetz

District 31 Report  
Nov 8th 2025

We have one new club. It is the Eastern North Carolina Cyber Club with 25 members. This gives our district a +20 for the year.

2nd VDG Kayla Swaim is working on a second club, was going to start as a cyber but may be a in person. Hope to have that club going by the first of the year.

38% of the clubs have reported a service thus far, it is only 6% behind the total for all of last year. We have a lot of clubs performing services that we need to get reported.

2nd VDG Kayla has us leading the Camp Dogwood ticket sales with \$3,625 dollars in. We are leading the other districts by less than \$200.00. We still have a lot of time left to reach our goal of \$30,000 this year.

1st VDG Jody has our district in second place with \$44,916 dollars in. He has stated to visit more club with ideas of what they can do to increase donations.

We are a little behind on our LCIF donation but I was reassured by my chairperson they are on it and starting to set his calendar with club visits.

I have started to fill my calendar with club visits and made a few zone meetings as well. It has been a fast 3 months with the VIP Fishing Tournament then the Childhood Cancer 5K run/walk and a vision screening event the same week.

Just in the month of October Wake Forest, Cary, Wendell, Lake Gaston, Elizabeth City/Twin Rivers, Warrenton and Louisburg have completed 1556 screenings. We are off to a strong start and I know we will keep it up.

This is a number I like to see we have conducted over 211 service activities with 35,620 people served and 5717 volunteer hours so far this year.

We have the opportunity to host screenings in District O and District Governor Juanita has helped out in our district while we were doing the Bright Vision Kick Off. This partnership between our districts speaks volumes to the clubs in our districts. I have asked my clubs to reach out to each other to do projects together. All of us have clubs with less than 10 members. I want them to feel as important as the clubs with 20+ members. We are going to accomplish a lot in a few years.





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## Resolution of Endorsement

**Whereas**, Lion Carl Robert Rettby, Past International Director, of Neuchatel, Switzerland has been endorsed by the Lions of Multiple District 102, for the office of International Third Vice President of Lions Clubs International, and

**Whereas**, Past International Director Robert Rettby is an outstanding Lion leader and has demonstrated those qualities befitting of the high office of International Third Vice President; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the Council of Governors of Multiple District 31 – North Carolina and the Lions of North Carolina, assembled on November 8, 2025, hereby endorse and express their support for Past International Director Rettby, and encourage the Lions of the world to support and vote for him for International Third Vice President at the 108<sup>th</sup> International Convention July 2026 in Hong Kong China.

Chris Headley, PDG  
Council Chair 2025-26  
Multiple District 31  
North Carolina

Sid L. Scruggs, III  
Int'l President 2010-11  
Multiple District 31  
North Carolina

Gary Steele, ID  
Secretary Treasurer, 2025-26  
Multiple District 31  
North Carolina



Constitution and By-Laws report for November 8 and 9, 2025.

The Constitution and By-Laws committee is continuing the process of reviewing the present District 31 constitution and making sure that the changes from LCI are incorporated into the necessary places.

Once again, we ask anyone that may have a question or suggestion please write it down and send it to a member of the committee.

Thank you, that concludes our report.

Dale Dupree, chair



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## MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS

Following our training session in Atlanta, all five district coordinators were informed of their respective fundraising goals, along with the statewide target of \$143,461. As of this report, Lions clubs across Multiple District 31 have collectively raised \$15,943, representing 11.1% of our statewide goal.

While I am disappointed in the total amount raised thus far, historical giving patterns suggest that many clubs within our multiple district traditionally wait until the second half of the Lions year to make their contributions to LCIF. This trend offers cautious optimism as we move forward.

Based on membership in the multiple district as of July 1, our district goals are as follows:

District 31-L	\$21,521
District 31-I	\$28,570
District 31-O	\$34,264
District 31-N	\$32,332
District 31-S	\$26,774

Notably, Districts 31-I (23.99%), 31-O (12.5%), and 31-N (10.82%) have already achieved double-digit percentages toward their goals, demonstrating early commitment and momentum. In contrast, Districts 31-L (3.85%) and 31-S (1.77%)—which includes my own district—remain below their quarterly benchmarks and will require renewed focus and engagement to meet expectations.

As we enter the critical months ahead, I have urged all Lions clubs to prioritize LCIF support, recognizing the profound impact our Foundation has on humanitarian efforts both locally and globally. My early goal of reaching \$71,730 or 50% of our state target by December 31 is possible, but it will require a strong effort by district coordinators to encourage early contributions by clubs.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS & EDUCATION

Multiple District 31 has taken deliberate and coordinated steps to strengthen public relations and increase awareness of the Lions Clubs International Foundation across North Carolina. Through the dedicated efforts of our five district coordinators, we have ensured that LCIF-related content is consistently featured in each of our district newsletters, reinforcing the Foundation's mission and impact among our membership.

To further unify and streamline our messaging, I initiated the creation of a MD-31 LCIF newsletter, which will be distributed quarterly to each district governor for inclusion in their respective district communications. This approach was selected as the most effective means of reaching our statewide membership, given that mailing lists are maintained independently by each district.

In addition to regular newsletter content, LCIF financial reports are shared with district officers and the Multiple District Council Chairperson, providing transparency and keeping leadership informed of our fundraising progress and contributions.

I am pleased to report that district governors throughout North Carolina have actively supported these efforts by speaking about LCIF during their club visits, reinforcing the importance of our Foundation at the grassroots level. As state LCIF coordinator, I have also been added to the agenda for Council of Governors' meetings, where I provide updates and guidance on fundraising strategies.

Multiple District 31 remains committed to elevating LCIF's visibility and impact through consistent communication, leadership engagement, and grassroots outreach.

## CONVENTION ENGAGEMENT & VISIBILITY

In an effort to elevate awareness and support for the Lions Clubs International Foundation across North Carolina, district coordinators have committed to attending all district conventions as well as the state convention.

Lions Clubs International Foundation

300 W. 22nd Street  
Oak Brook, IL 60521



These events present valuable opportunities to engage directly with Lions members, share LCIF's mission, and encourage contributions.

To ensure a consistent and visible presence, booths have been reserved at each convention. These booths will serve as hubs for distributing LCIF materials, answering member questions, and raising funds through creative initiatives such as gift basket raffles and other localized fundraising methods.

The convention schedule is as follows:

- District 31-L: November 14–15
- District 31-I: January 9–10
- Districts 31-N & 31-S: January 16–17
- District 31-O: January 23–24
- State Convention: April 17–19

In addition to these engagements, the LCIF committee has approved the purchase of portable display units that will visually highlight the impact LCIF has had on North Carolina Lions. These displays will be featured at each convention booth, reinforcing the Foundation's role in disaster relief, community development, and humanitarian service throughout the state.

This coordinated effort reflects our commitment to increasing LCIF visibility, strengthening member education, and driving fundraising momentum across Multiple District 31. We look forward to building on this foundation in the months ahead.

Yours in Lionism,

*PCC Michael H. Schwartz*

MD-31 LCIF Coordinator



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# **Lions Club International**

## **MD 31**

### **Alert Chair Goals**

It is an honor to be selected to serve as MD 31 Alert Chair. I think as a team more can be accomplished. This year I would like to focus on three goals: Be Alert, Distribution, and Disaster Trailer.

1. Be Alert. With all the technology we have today we need to be alert to any disastrous situation that's going on throughout North Carolina or surrounding area. As your District Chair you have to stay in tune to potentially hazardous conditions and communicate.
2. Distribution. When a situation does arise, we need to be able to distribute the needed materials to the area in need. Communication would be key here.
3. Disaster Trailer. Trailer upgrades for 31N and revive trailer at Camp Dogwood.

PDG DeAngelo Jackson  
MD 31 Alert Chair  
Walking By Faith

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## COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Camp Dogwood  
November 8, 2025

### MD 31 Global Extension Team Report:

We are prioritize extension. Remember that, if your districts do not charter at least two new clubs this year, they will show a net loss of members this year. We need to charter more clubs!

An MD 31 GET meeting was held via ZOOM on November 2, 2025. Three GET Coordinators and two District Governors were in attendance. Topics discussed included:

- District Extension Progress Reports
- The effective use of social media (Facebook), incorporating graphic images and proven texts.
- District Extension Reporting to the MD GLT. (District O's report was used as an example.)

All Districts have extension efforts underway.

- District L has started one Branch.
- District I has one Branch Club and three recruiting efforts underway. The Lions Club of Greater Charlotte is on hold, waiting for more (required) information from the club organizer.
- District O chartered a Club in May and has now chartered the Person County Lions Club. Charter night will be November 17. They also have two branch clubs, six potential clubs in the "Initial Planning" stage, and have identified thirty-one towns in District 31-O that do not have a Lions Club.
- District N has formed and unleashed their team. They are working on identifying and assigning locations and are hoping to form an Eastover Lions Club.
- District S is starting a cyber club.

All of our Districts have accepted the challenge. We must grow! And we will!

Respectfully submitted,  
PCC Tim Williams  
MD 31 GET Coordinator



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MD 31 GLT Report

November 8, 2025

So where do we stand with leadership training?

PID Harvey and I just completed training for the Vice District Governors and had a great weekend of fellowship, sessions, a scavenger hunt and all-around great meeting! We also had the opportunity for a quick service project "sorting" glass – we had fun!

We took away several areas that the VDGs would like to learn more about and will be conducting zoom sessions as they prepare to move into District Governor roles.

We also have RLLI/ELLI coming up at the end of March 2026. We originally planned to have a separate ELLI (Emerging Lions Leadership Institute) for Lions that haven't been a President yet but would like to gain more leadership skills; and RLLI (Regional Lions Leadership Institute) for Lions who have been President/zone chair who are ready for the next level of leadership.

LCI only allows one of these sessions per year, but we are able to combine the 2 institutes and conduct training the same weekend for both levels of leadership.

Our thoughts are that each District can send 5 Lions - 2 for ELLI and 3 for RLLI..... Look for details and registration forms to come your way in the next week or two.

Also, we plan to meet with all District GLT chairs and work on developing consistent training for zone chairs, committee chairs and officers with space for District add-ons.

And.....we want to know what's on your mind for training around leadership at the club level and up..... would love to hear from you all!

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Barbara Thompson and PID Harvey Whitely, GLT Co-Chairs





**Lions Clubs International  
MD 31 Global Service Team  
November 9, 2025**

1. Our service numbers for this FY compared to the end of third QTR last FY year.

	% of Clubs Reporting	Service Activities	People Served
District 31 L	34%/34%	642/285	105,641/16,095
District 31 I	38%/30%	505/133	42,876/11,058
District 31 O	65%/52%	706/319	126,178/54,711
District 31 N	42%/35%	491/247	114,605/81,346
District 31 S	45%/38%	536/222	99,660/37,527
Total	38%	1207	200,792

2. Kindness Matter Service Award (KMSA) went well this year. Had four of the five districts participated.

3. District 31N&S completed their Childhood Cancer challenge I would love to know what the other District are doing for Childhood Cancer.

4. Rebuild Yancey County

PDG DeAngelo Jackson  
MD31 GST  
Walking By Faith



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November 7, 2025

To: NC Lions State Council  
From: Jeff Price, NC Lions Nominations and Elections Chairperson  
Subject: Report for State Council Meeting

Greetings Fellow Lions!

I continue to appreciate the opportunity to serve the Lions of North Carolina as the State Nominations and Elections Chairperson for 2025-2026. It is an opportunity to work in partnership with other Lions serving at the state level during the coming year, and with individual Lions and Lions Clubs around the State to ensure that, as NC Lions, we proudly reflect our motto that, "We Serve!"

I reported in August that I was in receipt of Lion Carlie Metts' resignation as incoming State Council Chair for 2026-2027, a position to which he had previously been elected to serve. I reported then that Lion Carlie had accepted a position with NC Lions that would place him in conflict with the position of State Council Chair, and that he had submitted his resignation from that position.

I also reported that I was in receipt of a declaration of candidacy from Lion DeAngelo Jackson of Dunn, NC, announcing his intent to seek the position of State Council Chair for 2027-2028. Lion DeAngelo has submitted the requisite documents, including a letter of endorsement from his Lions Club in Angier. Copies of these documents are attached.



I am also now in receipt of a declaration of candidacy for State Council Chair for 2026-2027 from Lion Kathleen Poirier. Lion Kathleen has submitted the requisite documents and copies of these documents are attached, including the letter of endorsement from her Lions Club in Concord, NC.

I am also now in receipt of a declaration of candidacy for State Council Chair for 2026-2027 from Lion James Maitland. Lion James has submitted the requisite documents except for a letter of endorsement from his home club. I have advised him that this is needed, and I expect to receive such a letter soon from the Hamilton Lakes Lions Club. Other documents submitted by Lion James are attached.

I have received a declaration of candidacy from Lion Ana Elliott who is seeking the position of State Council Secretary for 2027-2028. She has submitted the required documents, including endorsement of the Western Harnett Lions Club. A copy of this endorsement letter is attached.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Jeff Price

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**North Carolina Lions Club  
Peace Poster Report  
November 8, 2025**

The Peace Poster initiative is progressing smoothly this year. Numerous contacts have been established, and two District Peace Posters have already been received. Appreciation is extended to the District Governors for their support.

Eligibility requirements remain consistent: students aged 11, 12, or 13 as of November 15 may participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Please note that entries failing to meet the specified deadlines will be disqualified.

A notable update is that clubs now have the option to order peace poster kits in either physical or digital formats.

**Upcoming Deadlines: Peace Poster Contest**

**November 15:**

**December 1:** Postmark deadline for district governors to forward one winning district poster to the multiple district council chairperson.

**December 1:** Postmark deadline for district governors not affiliated with a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.

**December 1:** Postmark deadline for clubs not belonging to a district to submit one winning entry to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.

**December 15:** Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.

**February 1:** International winners will be notified on or before this date.

Lion Marilyn Jackson  
World Peace





## 2026 NC Lions State Convention Report

Fellow Lions,

With the theme of "WELCOME TO THE CHANGE" you can only imagine how excited your state convention committee is this year. From the registration process, to the time you leave the convention, you will experience a fun, fabulous and funky time. Barbara and I are thrilled to be working with an outstanding team, who share the vision of change. We are so thankful to this Council for their support and encouragement.

We have accomplished a lot already!

1. The council has copies of the preliminary budget to review. We have a profit from last year's convention of \$13,966.65 which means all that money goes to reduce the cost of meals for our Lions. Friday Fun Night will be \$15, Saturday breakfast will be \$15, Saturday lunch will be free, Banquet will be \$38 and Sunday grab and go breakfast is free thanks to the PDG Organization. Five meals for \$68. This is only possible because of the revenue from the state convention program ad sales. We just want you to realize the importance of the ads.
2. The registration forms will be done shortly with the option of doing an online registration via a QR code. Lion Riley Proctor is working with PDG Susan O'Brien on that. We have a new bank that allows for free mobile banking and easy access. The ad forms are available with the only increase being the cost of the inside front and inside back cover to \$1,250. Personally, I had a huge sigh of relief when the incredible Lion Tony Angel agreed to do the program again this year.
3. Friday Fun Night's theme is FUN FABULOUS AND FUNKY. Watch for more details on that outrageous event! Can you imagine how to dress? Don't even think about asking what the entertainment will be!
4. We have prepared a preliminary agenda for the weekend that we would like to review with the council later today. We also need your convention committee members today so you can vote on the chairs. We already have DGs Eileen and Gene so thank you.
5. We will have the live auction on Saturday morning but pretty much all the other events you are used to will have an added twist. One of the most exciting aspects for Barbara and I are all Lions that have volunteered, and so many new faces. You won't see the same faces in the same places and that is always fun.
6. Several new events have been added, like an event on Friday night to support our PDG Organization. Barbara will explain this mystery surprise in a few minutes. Also, Lions who have sponsored new members since July 1, 2025 will be acknowledged. Surprises and treats will be around every corner. It is indeed, a time of change!

7. We have moved on from some things that were done in the past, with the support of the Council and brought in new ideas from our committee. You will LOVE them. So just come, ready to have a weekend of fun and fellowship with our Lions family. Welcome to the Change = Change Has Arrived Now Get Energized.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you all, again!

Respectfully submitted,  
PDG Susie Dailey  
November 8, 2025



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# NC Lions 2026 State Convention Admin Account

Line	Income	2024		2025		2026 proposed	
		2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	2026 Actual
100	\$1.00 per member fee from state dues	\$ 4,520.00	\$ 4,520.00	\$ 4,472.00	\$ 4,472.00	\$ 4,226.00	\$ 4,226.00
105	Carryover from 2024 Convention				\$ 350.85	\$ -	
110							
115							
120							
125							
130							
135							
140							
145							
150							
155							
Total Income:		\$ 4,520.00	\$ 4,520.00	\$ 4,472.00	\$ 4,822.85	\$ 4,226.00	\$ 4,226.00
Line	Expenses	2024		2025		2026 proposed	
		2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	2026 Actual
300	Bond Fee	\$ 250.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00	
305	Bank Fees - Square	\$ 150.00	\$ 174.48	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	
310	Registration Materials	\$ 200.00	\$ 129.92	\$ 200.00	\$ 116.42	\$ 150.00	
315							
320							
325	Return of Unused Funds to State Council				\$ 619.96		
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365	Postage	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 12.60	\$ 24.00	
370	Ad Book Printing Expense	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,366.80	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,596.29	\$ 3,500.00	
375	Printing (Badges, Other)				\$ 115.88	\$ 110.00	
380							
385							
390							
395	Supplies - office	\$ 500.00	\$ 177.95	\$ 500.00	\$ 58.70	\$ 60.00	
400	Bank Fees (not Square related)		\$ 63.00		\$ 46.00	\$ -	
405	Articles of Incorporation					\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
Total Expense:		\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,169.15	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 4,822.85	\$ 4,226.00	\$ 125.00
Net Income or (Expense)		\$ 120.00	\$ 350.85	\$ (278.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,101.00

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## **NC Lions VIP Fishing Tournament**

The North Carolina Lions Visually Impaired Fishing Tournament once again proved to be a resounding success, bringing joy, camaraderie, and unforgettable experiences to more than 300 blind and visually impaired participants. Held on the scenic shores of the Outer Banks, this cherished annual event continues to exemplify the Lions' commitment to service, inclusion, and community.

### **Tournament Highlights**

- Over 300 visually impaired participants enjoyed three days of fishing, fellowship, and festivities.
- Despite logistical challenges, the event ran smoothly thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and organizers.
- Participants expressed heartfelt appreciation for the opportunity to connect, compete, and celebrate in a welcoming environment.

### **Leadership Transition**

A significant moment in our organization's history was marked during this year's tournament. Past International Director Gwen White, who has served as our Executive Director for more than 30 years, announced her retirement effective December 31. Gwen cited personal health concerns and a desire to spend more time with her husband, Past District Governor Rhett White, who is recovering from a heart attack and requires ongoing care.

Gwen's legacy is immeasurable—her tireless leadership has shaped the tournament into a nationally recognized event. In recognition of her service, the Board of Directors has appointed Owen White as the incoming Executive Director. Owen, a lifelong volunteer who began helping at the tournament as a teenager, has spent the past year working closely with his mother to prepare for this role. He will officially assume his duties on January 1, 2026.

### **Volunteer Shortage**

While the tournament was successful, we faced a notable challenge: a decline in volunteer participation. This year, only 167 volunteers assisted with fishing activities and gymnasium operations—down from our usual 250. The reduced presence of Leos and Lions was especially felt.

To ensure the continued success of future tournaments, we will be launching a year-long volunteer recruitment campaign. We encourage all Lions Clubs, Leos, and community members to consider joining us in 2026 to support this life-changing event.

### **Upcoming Fundraiser: Golf Ball Drop**

Our annual "Golf Ball Drop" fundraiser is scheduled for **Monday, November 24**. Participants have a chance to win a **\$10,000 cash prize**. We are still seeking supporters to purchase golf balls and help fund next year's tournament. If you would like to participate, please contact me directly—I have the necessary forms and would be happy to assist.



**Executive Director's Report**  
**North Carolina Lions Foundation (NCLF)**  
**Presented to MD 31 Council of Governors**  
**Date: 11.08.2025**

Dear Council Members,

It is my privilege to present this report on the current state of the North Carolina Lions Foundation. As we continue our mission to serve the citizens of North Carolina through vision services, outreach programs, and Camp Dogwood, I'm pleased to share both our progress and our opportunities for growth.

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### **Organizational Health**

- **Staffing:** Our team remains strong and committed. We've welcomed new staff members in key roles and continue to provide training and support to ensure excellence in service delivery. We are actively searching for Administrative Assistant and will soon be advertising for a new Camp and Retreat Director to replace Tammy since she has moved to her new position of Director of Operations. It is our goal to have that person hired by January.

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### **Financial Overview**

- **Brighter Visions Campaign:** We are seeing encouraging momentum thanks to the generosity of our Lions clubs and individual donors. Monthly giving initiatives — including our Zeffy platform — have helped stabilize and grow our donor base. I am pleased to say that 4 of the 5 Districts are meeting their Governors goals. L is at 20%, I is at 42%, O is at 31%, N is at 37% and S is at 49%. Which puts at 39% of the goal statewide.
  - **Budget & Sustainability:** Our financial position remains stable. We are closely monitoring expenses and seeking new grant opportunities to supplement fundraising efforts along with new fundraising ideas.
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## **Program Impact**

- **Vision Services:** We have been busy with MSU Screenings and KSU Screenings.
  - **Camp Dogwood:** We have begun planning for 2026 season.
  - **Community Outreach:** Lions across the state continue to “See the Need – Take the Lead,” as President Allen Swaim has championed. Clubs are actively identifying local needs and responding with compassion and creativity.
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## **Technology & Communication**

We are improving our digital infrastructure to better serve our Lions community and supporters. This includes:

- We have explored the many options that Zeffy has to offer and will be implementing them in the very near future. This will be in addition to what we are doing with Zeffy.
- Looking at improving and expanding email and social media outreach
- Researching on upgrades with our internal systems.
- Continue improvements to the newsletter. Governors – I need a quick article from you each month by the 20<sup>th</sup>. 700 words or less. Spotlight a club or better yet spotlight a Lion. Provide a picture along with who took the picture and who is in the picture.

These efforts are designed to improve communications, marketing and efficiency

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## **Gratitude & Call to Action**

I want to thank each of you for your leadership, your advocacy, and your unwavering support of NCLF. Your commitment ensures that we continue to serve with integrity and compassion. I encourage you to promote monthly giving in your districts and to share the stories of lives changed through Brighter Visions.

Together, we are building a brighter future for North Carolina — one act of service at a time.

Respectfully submitted,  
PDG Carlie Metts  
Executive Director  
North Carolina Lions Foundation