

The NCLF Board of Directors meeting called to order by presiding officer President Lorraine Dixon at 9:09am.

1st VP Tim Williams led the invocation and 2nd VP Susan Fernandez led the invocation.

President Lorraine reviewed a busy Saturday of meetings, luncheon honoring PID Lacy Presnell, and installation banquet. The year will hold new opportunities for service and fund raising. The 50/50 raffle funds will be equally distributed to each district governor to buy school supplies for families in need in their districts.

Motion to accept the President's remarks was made by Curtis Erickson and seconded by DG Sandy Fraser-Thomas. Motion carried.

Secretary Laraine Dupree reported over 90 per cent of officers and committee chairs are present either in person or via zoom, representing a quorum. All officers were present; four committee chairs were absent: State Vision Screening (sent report), Volunteers, Sherry Johnson(sent report), and Nominations.

PID Harvey Whitley was appointed as parliamentarian.

Report from CC Kathy Poirier:

Summary: The District Governors have been working as a unit since January 2027, preparing for their service year. All District Governors and the Council Chair attended the International Convention in Hong Kong. On their return they have been busy planning the coming Lions year. At the quarterly meeting of the council, the governors approved the application for a \$15,000.00 LCI grant for marketing; they also met to discuss requirements for the NC Lions Hall of Fame and the LCI Presidential awards for 2026-2027.

Motion made by At-Large Director PDG Neal Alexander, seconded by DG Jody Proctor to accept the Council Chair's report. Motion carried.

Report from NCLF Executive Director, Carlie Metts:

- a. Addressed the good response from Lions in contributing to the outstanding year for Brighter Visions Annual Fund. The \$550,481.00 donated exceeded the statewide goal by \$17, 779. By far, this was the best year in recent history.
- b. Addressed the other fundraising programs.
 - a. Camp Dogwood raffle generated 126,457 in ticket sales, an increase of \$16,222 over previous year.
 - b. Memorials and Honorariums and the Fellowship and Partners programs added significantly.
- c. Reviewed the successful Summer Camping season under new Camp Dogwood Director Lee Jones.
- d. Reviewed the progress of the South Iredell Facility Improvement Projects.
- e. Reviewed the activities of the vision screening programs.

Motion to accept Executive Director's report by Steve McLaurin, seconded by 2nd VDG William Whitley. Motion passed.

No Old Business. None

New Business:

1. Communications – none
2. Treasurer's report summary
 - a. The foundation's income exceeds expectations due to investment gains, while expenses remain controlled.
 - b. Revenue sources are diverse, including unrestricted, restricted, and permanently restricted funds.
 - c. Cost management in programs and operations supports financial stability amid fluctuating investment returns.

Motion made by 2nd VDG Jason Foster, seconded by DG Jody Proctor to accept the treasurer's and investment reports. Motion carried.

President Lorraine reviewed a request to the Executive Committee for a fundraising opportunity, a Vision Ball, in 2027 or 2028. More information about the gala will be addressed later. Details regarding the funding are being handled.

President Lorraine announced the formation of a fund-raising ad hoc committee. Members will be Allen Swaim, Bill Whitley, Steve McLaurin, Wayne Faber, and Steve Cline.

Committee Reports

Committees operating under 2nd VP Susan Fernandez:

1. Clinical Eye Research (PCC Paulette Gasperson)
 - a. Review of the matching funds request for Wake Forest.
 - b. Visit to Duke Eye Center with a tour of the Basic Science Research lab.
2. State Vision Screening Program (submitted by Lion Jon Snellings)
 - a. Reviewed the activities for the 2025-2026 Lions year.
 - i. MSU conducted 29 screenings with a 29% referral rate for vision.
 - ii. KSU and local clubs screened 51,925 children with a 35% referral rate.
 - b. Provided KidSight training with 129 Lions representing all districts.
3. Properties (PCC George Suggs)
 - a. Reviewed progress of ongoing properties needs.
 - b. Cited the need for new quotes on roof repairs.
 - c. Complete report is attached.
4. Public Information/Education (PDG Paul Bledsoe)
 - a. Printed materials are being updated.
 - b. Reported new posters and self-standing banners available for KSU.
 - c. Shared the thank you first-draft video from Precision Ocular Network which will be made available upon finalization.
5. NCLF Sight & Hearing Conservation (Lion Glenda Grant)

- a. Attended ribbon cutting and toured new Precision Ocular Network facility, Clemmons, NC.
 - b. Cited need to promote the education grant available and not currently being accessed.
 - c. Reviewed the activities of each district.
- 6. Volunteers (Lion Nathan Medlin, Jr.) no report submitted.
- 7. By-Laws: PCC Terry Cauble
 - a. No report at this time.
 - b. Will be communicating with district chairs for further discussion.

Motion to accept reports from committees operating under 2nd VP Susan Fernandez made by 1st VDG Kayla Swaim, seconded by DG Jody Proctor. Motion carried unanimously.

Committees Operating under 1st VP Tim Williams

- 1. Brighter Visions (PDG Steve Cline)
 - a. Reviewed last year's success and encouraged all Lions to work for equal or greater success this year.
 - b. Encouraged District Governors to promote the fund drive at all club and district meetings, challenging members to exceed donations over previous years.
- 2. Camp Dogwood: PDG Gene Goetz
 - a. Recognized the increase of \$16,222.00 in raffle sales from previous year.
 - b. Announced goal for current year of \$150,000.00 in ticket sales.
 - c. Reported that Camp Dogwood is the only camp for visually impaired adults in the surrounding states.
- 3. NCLF Leadership & Development (PDG Juanita Brown)
 - a. Reviewed the purpose of the committee to prepare Lions to lead effectively.
 - b. Reported that the first session of training was completed on Saturday, August 8, 2026
- 4. Fellowships & Partners (Lion Sherry Johnson)
 - a. Reminded Lions that detailed report is available on NCLF website under the "Members Area" tab.
 - b. Payments can be made through Zeffy on the website.
- 5. NCLF Long Range Planning (PDG Neal Alexander)
 - a. The committee met on Saturday, August 8, 2026, at Camp Dogwood with eight members of the committee present.
 - b. The committee reviewed the status of the actions and discussed those needing attention.
 - c. The committee is planning a working day in October of 2026. In this meeting the committee will focus on the possibility of two new objectives.
- 6. South Iredell Lions Club Ad-Hoc (PDG Neal Alexander)
 - a. Reviewed the approved projects status of completion.
 - b. Reviewed new projects to be discussed for funding from donation and old items which are still under consideration.
 - c. Complete report is attached.

7. Budget & Finance: Lion Betty Shingleton via zoom, no report at this time.

8. Pin Sales: (Lion Sherman McCutcheon)

- a. Pins have been obtained from PCC Lou Creel. Current sales equal \$174,000.00.
- b. Will be promoting pin sales at each district's conventions to benefit clinical eye research.
- c. Presented information about the LITPC's scholarship for graduating high school seniors. Asking DGs to include LEO chairs in communications regarding the scholarship.

9. Lions for Veterans (Lion Michael Hall) (Complete report is attached.)

- a. Reviewed goals.
- b. Presented contact information for Veterans to investigate available benefits.

Motion to accept committee reports operating under 1st VP made by 1st VDG Kayla Swaim, seconded by PDG Neal Alexander. Motion carried.

First VDGs selected 1stVDG Chris Beck and Second VDGs selected 2nd VDG Eddie Garmon to serve on the Executive Committee for the current year.

All officers and committee chairs were reminded to turn in the signed conflict of interest form. Before the drawing for 50/50 raffle was held, DGs were asked to submit receipts for the school supplies purchased for record keeping purposes. Winner was 1st VDG Chris Beck.

Announcements:

- Everyone was invited to attend Camp Dogwood Open House on Sunday, September 13, 2026.
- The next Council and NCLF Board of Directors meetings will be held November 6-8, 2026, at Camp Dogwood, Sherrills Ford, NC.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:04am.

Complete reports follow.

2026-2027 Council Chair Report

August 8-9, 2026

Although the year has just begun for the 2026-2027 Council of Governors, we have been working together to prepare the District Governors for their year. We have been meeting either by Zoom or in person since January. The District Governors had the opportunity in March to meet with State Convention Committee Chairs PDG Susie Dailey and PDG Barbara Thompson to go over the logistics for the April 2026 State Convention. In April, PIP Sid Scruggs presented a Leadership Development program to the incoming Governors by Zoom. May brought PID Harvey Whitley as a guest speaker

for the District Governors. The DGs heard words of wisdom from PID Harvey and had an interesting Q and A session with him.

Before we knew it, it was the end of June and time for all of us to head to Hong Kong. The 108th Lions International Convention was full of wonderful experiences which culminated with being part of the swearing in of our International President Mark Lyon. As the convention came to an end, our MD31 District Governors were officially sworn in by IP Mark.

After returning to North Carolina, our District Governors began the work of promoting IP Mark's theme, "Rooted in Service" as well as implementing the plans for the final year of Mission 1.5. They met with our Statewide Global Service Team Coordinator, PDG Irwin Siegelwax, to work on implementing his proposed suggestions for service this year. They also met by Zoom with PDG Susie Dailey and PDG Barbara Thompson to learn more about what is being planned for the 2027 State Convention. Before the month ended, we attended by Zoom the first monthly MD31 Global Action Team review with PID Tom Matney, GAT Area Leader CA 1-H.

Respectfully submitted,

CC Kathy Poirier

Rooted in Service

During the COG meeting on Saturday, August 8, 2026, the council approved the application for a marketing grant for publicity for \$.

DGs met with PID Sid regarding international president's award criteria; as well as PDG Carlton Metts regarding criteria for Hall of Fame nominees.

NCLF BOD Treasurer report 8-26

NCLF income and balance sheets 6-30-26

Income Statement:

North Carolina Lions Foundation, detailing income, expenses, and variances for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

Income Summary

- Total income exceeds budget by approximately \$358,000, driven mainly by unrealized gains on investments and realized gains.
- Unrestricted revenue includes contributions from Brighter Visions, memorials, and camp-related activities.
- Restricted revenue comprises camp raffle proceeds, eye research funding, and sponsorships, totaling over \$314,000.
- Permanently restricted funds come from fellowships and partner-in-service donations.
- Investment income significantly surpasses budget, notably unrealized gains on stocks.

Expenses Overview

- Total expenses are under budget by about \$33,000, with notable savings in camp supplies, utilities, and miscellaneous costs.
- Camp expenses include payroll for staff, medical supplies, utilities, and program costs, totaling over \$734,000.
- Vision Van costs cover vehicle expenses, supplies, and driver expenses, with some variances from budget.
- Program expenses also include grants, walking canes, and fishing tournaments, with some overspending in specific areas.

- Matching funds and public information expenses are modest, with some under budget.

Operational Highlights

- Income from investments and asset sales contributed heavily to overall revenue.
- Expenses are managed carefully, with some areas under budget, indicating effective cost control.
- The foundation's financial position shows strong investment gains, offsetting lower-than-expected program and operational expenses.
- Variances highlight areas for potential focus, such as camp expenses and investment income fluctuations.

Summary

- The foundation's income exceeds expectations mainly due to investment gains, while expenses remain controlled.
- Revenue sources are diverse, including unrestricted, restricted, and permanently restricted funds.
- Cost management in programs and operations supports financial stability amid fluctuating investment returns.

Balance Sheet:

The North Carolina Lions Foundation's June 2026 balance sheet shows total assets of over \$6.8 million, including unrestricted, restricted, and permanently restricted funds. Key assets include property, equipment, investments, and cash. Liabilities are minimal at \$145,000, with net assets totaling approximately \$6.6 million, reflecting strong financial health and diverse fund allocations for programs and property.

PDG Curtis Erickson

NCLF Treasurer 26/27

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North Carolina Lions Foundation Inc.

Portfolio Overview and Valuation

- The portfolio's beginning value was approximately \$2.47 million, decreasing to about \$2.40 million by July 31, 2026.
- The total change in value for the period was a decline of roughly \$52,349, mainly due to market fluctuations and activity.

Realized Gains and Losses o The portfolio realized a short-term gain of \$59,691.25 and a long-term gain of

\$90,839.96.

- There were minor losses, including a short-term loss of \$1,071.86 and a long-term loss of \$369.60.

Account Activity and Transactions

- The account experienced net withdrawals of \$7,300, mainly through EFT payments.

Fees, Expenses, and Corporate Actions

- Total fees and expenses for the period amounted to approximately \$6,218.25.

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North Carolina Lions Foundation Inc., covering portfolio performance, holdings, and financial activity for July 2026.

Portfolio Overview and Performance

- The portfolio's beginning value was \$307,242.75, ending at \$300,305.23 for July 2026.
- The total change in value for the period was a decrease of \$6,491.32, with a year-to-date gain of \$33,190.56.

Realized Gains and Losses

- No short-term or long-term gains or losses were realized during the period.
- Year-to-date short-term gains totaled \$8,281.05, with minor losses of \$21.44.

Fees and Expenses

- Management fees and other expenses totaled \$774.42 for the period, reducing the portfolio value.
- These fees are associated with account management and advisory services.

Raymond James 7-31 report

The account balance is approximately \$1.43 million, with a year-to-date decrease of about \$46,000 mainly due to withdrawals. Income of \$4,444 offset minimal change in value. Linked accounts total over \$1.4 million, generating estimated annual income of \$429. Key activity involves deposits, withdrawals, and income, with no expenses reported.

Linked Account Summary - Primary Account# 5352T963			
Value This Statement		This Statement	Year to Date
\$1,430,283.81		\$1,476,009.21	\$1,508,486.96
Beginning Balance			
Deposits <		\$0.00	\$0.00
Income		\$4,444.04	\$21,961.97
Withdrawals <		\$(50,164.00)	\$(100,164.00)
Expenses		\$0.00	\$0.00
Change in Value		\$(5.44)	\$(1.12)
Ending Balance		\$1,430,283.81	\$1,430,283.81
Last Statement	Prior Year-End		
\$1,476,009.21	\$1,508,486.96		

< Figures reflect a summary of activity in all linked accounts, including internal transfers between accounts.

Linked Accounts

Account	Current Value	Estimated Annual Income	Page
5352T963 NC Lions Foundation, Inc. Inv	\$1,028,283.79	\$308.48	2
845KT858 NC Lions Foundation, Inc. 2	\$117,463.90	\$35.23	5
827J0195 NC Lions Foundation, Inc. 3	\$284,536.12	\$85.36	7
Total Relationship Value	\$1,430,283.81	\$429.07	

PDG Curtis Erickson

NCLF Treasurer 26/27

CLINICAL EYE RESEARCH

AUGUST 9, 2026

PCC PAULETTE GASPERSON

LCIF currently has the matching grant request for Wake Forest under review. We expect to hear back this month regarding approval. NCLF is beginning the process for a grant for Duke.

A group of six went to Duke and done a tour of the Duke Eye Center. I would like to thank PDG Steve McLaurin for helping with setting up the tour. We were greeted by Ari Gauss, Senior Director of Development, the one who made the tour possible. First, we met Dr. Sharon Freedman, professor of ophthalmology she was there when we sent the first endowment, which she said was a blessing they are getting 30,000 to 50,000 per year from it. She had taken time out of her busy schedule to talk to us; she wanted us to know how much the Lions mean to them.

Then we went to the Basic Science research lab, Clinical research lab in each lab they explained what their duty was.

We met the Scientists and Professors in each lab, and they explained what they were working on. In one lab one of the professors set down in a chair and explained how the machine could look at the eye even if he was moving, so for children and people with Parkison who move a lot they can still check their eyes with this machine.

We were all amazed at how the machine worked. I have been on a lot of tours, but this one was the best, it was well planned and every minute we saw something new, we toured for two hours.

Any questions.

PCC Paulette Gasperson Clinical Eye Research Chair

See the 21st Century Vision Screening Programs Committee

Previous Statewide Chairperson Report, August 9, 2026

Members of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, I'm pleased to provide this report on behalf of the Statewide Vision Screening Programs Committee that served during Lions year 2025-2026. They were Gordon Gilomen (L), Cathy Critz (I), Jim Maitland (O), Anne Bejian (N), Danny Hall (S), and Glenda Grant (S). The Committee received outstanding support and participation from NCLF's Bryan Hoover.

Mobile Screening Unit (MSU) Screenings: July

- There were **29** MSU screenings during the year. This compares to **33** during the previous year.

SCREENING TYPE	ADULTS SCREENED	REFERRAL PERCENT	CHILDREN SCREENED	REFERRAL PERCENT
Vision	759	42%	107	29%
Hearing	653	44%	N/A	N/A

KidSight Training - July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026: Conducted classroom training for 129 Lions, representing all Districts.

1	Conducted Screener Certification Training at Camp Dogwood for 19 Lions from Districts L and I
2	Conducted a Screener Certification Class for District S with 24 Lions attending.
3	Conducted a Screener Certification Class for District L with 19 Lions attending.
4	Conducted a KidSight Program Development & Management Class (updated course) as a Pre-State Convention offering, training 35 Lions. All Districts were represented in the class.
5	Presented a KidSight Overview Seminar for 19 Lions during the State Convention.
6	Conducted a Screener Certification Class for District N with 13 Lions attending.
-	Scheduled a Screener Certification Class on August 15 th with District O.
-	District N scheduled, and will lead, a Screener Certification Class on September 19 th

Vision Screening Programs (MSU and KidSight) Accomplishments, July 1 – June 30

1	Received a grant from the Foundation for the Healthy Carolinas, parts of which enabled NCLF to expand KidSight Training. It also enabled the creation of a KidSight Matching Funds program to reimburse clubs for a portion of the costs when assisting with exams & eyeglasses for children 18 and older.
2	Some districts have increased the number of clubs involved in KidSight screening. However, 85 clubs are still only 35% of our clubs.
3	NCLF KidSight was represented with a staffed exhibit table at all Mid-Winter Conventions and the State Convention.
4	We successfully generated many “leads” at the NC School Nurses Association Conference.
5	In collaboration with PDG Paul Bledsoe, three professional marketing videos were created.
6	Clubs screened 5% more children than last year. (The referrals percentage remained steady at 16.5%.)
7	Clubs used the NCLF KidSight Units & Operators 12% more than last year, up from 136 to 154 screenings.
8	The number of screening events decreased from 540 to 500, or 8% less than last year!
9	Substantially improved the Vision Screening Programs portion of the NCLF website, and updated program manuals/guidance and forms.

KidSight Future: Primary Program Challenges

1	KidSight Operators: There remains a critical shortage in every District. A training course and delivery method for Operators is also essential.
2	Referral Follow-Up for determining whether referred children are receiving comprehensive eye exams by eye doctors is completely ineffective.
3	Increasing the number of events at which children under 5 years old are screened.
4	Continuing to increase the number of screening events for which the NCLF KidSight Units are used.

Multiple District 31 Screening Report July 2025- June 2026				
	Screened	Referred	Refer %%	Events
Total of MD 31	51,945	8,581	16.5%	500
District 31 L	6,826	912	13.4%	77
District 31 I	15,837	2,621	16.5%	145
District 31 O	7,973	1,486	18.6%	76
District 31 N	16,562	2,633	15.9%	133
District 31 S	4,747	929	19.6%	69
Multiple District 31 Screening Report July 2025- June 2026				
SCREENED	2025 2026	2024 2025	Change	Change %%
Screened	51,945	49,440	2,505	5.0%
L	6,826	6,513	313	5%
I	15,837	13,138	2,699	21%
O	7,973	9,980	-2,007	-20%
N	16,562	15,881	681	4%
S	4,747	3,928	819	21%
KidSight Children's Screening Results July 2025 - June 2026				

District	KidSight Screening Clubs	# Clubs-Dist	% of Dist Clubs 25-26	% of Dist Clubs 24-25
L	19	43	44%	33%
I	18	45	40%	31%
O	19	51	37%	41%
N	16	51	31%	35%
S	13	43	30%	33%
TOTALS:	85	233	36%	35%

KidSight Involved Clubs - Yearly Comparisons

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Three Years
DISTRICT	Clubs	Clubs	Clubs	Change
L	18	14	19	1
I	19	14	18	-1
O	16	21	19	3
N	12	18	16	4
S	8	14	13	5
Total:	73	81	85	12

Public Information/Education Chair Report - 8/9/26

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

Moving into the new Lions' year quickly, August already!

Congratulations to the new leadership this year; I know this year will be special. As we get settled and drive to success into the new year, I have some brief updates.

We are constantly refreshing our printed materials. We just completed an updated brochure for the Mobile Screening Unit and updated the NCLF Pledge Card. We are upgrading our Memorials and Honorariums printed self-mailer envelopes.

For the KidSight Screening Events, you have available through Bryan personalized posters and self-standing banners. These self-standing banners are a great marketing tool to display throughout the year.

We are upgrading text for our new Brighter Visions brochure and folder.

Look for our first edition of the NCLF Newsletter later this month.

I recently had a meeting with Allison Broulette, Executive Director of Donate Life North Carolina. Organ and Tissue donations are down in NC, especially with younger adults. It seems some bad press and stories have been circulating around, and in our state and creating confusion. In fact, organ and

tissue donation sign-ups are being overlooked, and or forgotten about at some offices. So, when she asked me what some marketing solutions would be, I told her, NC Lions have been very involved through the years with eye and tissue donations. And it's an ongoing program with our North Carolina Foundation. We are here to help. Soon, the foundation will be receiving new brochures and information. We understand the value of eye and tissue donation means to restoring sight. So, let's make an effort to drive new tissue and eye donations in our state.

Now, I have something special for you to see today, it's a special thank you video to Lions everywhere from Precision Ocular Network. This is the first draft of the video, you get a sneak peek! (play video) As your Public Information and Education Chair for NCLF and the Council of Governors Marketing Chair, I continue to create resources that support our future success.

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

NCLF Sight & Hearing Conservation Committee Report **August 2026**

The highlight of this past year was the May 15 tour of the new Precision Ocular Network facility in Clemmons, NC. Lions from at least 14 clubs were present at the event. Raleigh Host Lions donated \$25,000 to the refurbishing of the parking lot and the day began with the parking lot dedication. PID Lion Lacy Presnell was on hand to help with the ribbon cutting. A luncheon was next on our agenda followed by a tour of the facility. Donations totaling around \$400 were made to the facility by attendees of the event. Because of the popularity of the tour, perhaps an annual or biennial tour can be arranged for the future.

Our committee met on a quarterly basis via ZOOM. The purpose of the meetings was to set our goals for the coming year, evaluate our goals, support each other, and brainstorm ideas to enhance the work of our committee. At our final meeting for the year, everyone agreed that these meetings were helpful and we plan to continue these this year. All committee members remain the same apart from Lion Shari Tyszkiewicz replacing Lion Glenda Grant for District S.

Our biggest disappointment was going another year without a recipient for our NCLF Education Grant. We did have one applicant, but they did not meet the criteria for inclusion. We plan to re-evaluate the grant requirements and the visibility of the grant for the coming year.

Enchroma is promoting Color Awareness Month for September. This is an excellent way to raise awareness of how color vision deficiencies affect 1 in 12 men and 1 in 200 women. By going to the Enchroma website," enchroma.com," clubs can learn more about Color Blindness and register to be a part of September Color Blindness Awareness programs. Clubs can sign up at "": <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CBAM2026>. Clubs can also request 2 FREE pair of color vision glasses to be given away at an event, such as a community vision screening or health fair.

- District L – Lion Connie Monday

The Lake Lure Lions Club will be participating in the Helene Recovery Health & Vision Fair on August 8, at Lake Lure, NC.

The Unifour Lions Club has recently purchased a used vision trailer from Industries for the Blind. The trailer had been rarely used, and a good purchase price was agreed upon. The trailer comes equipped with vision equipment but some of these have been upgraded. Lion Connie states that the club hopes to better serve their community eye needs with more frequent community vision screening & hearing

events. They are hoping to partner with Graystone Ophthalmology Assoc. so a doctor can be present when these events are held.

- District I – Lion Betsy Anderson : April- June report

ZONE #1

1. Bethlehem Lions Club: Vision screenings - 4/26/2026, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (day care), and 6/27/2026, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church (day care).

2. Boone Area Lions Club:

April Dist. 31-I Newsletter: Lion Betsy wrote articles about S&H Conservation and had the full-page ad encouraging Lions to sign up for the tour of the new Precision Ocular Network facility in Clemmons.

4/7/2026-We donated \$1,200 to Brighter Visions

4/7/2026-Donated \$500 to High Country VIP Support Group to their “Helping Hands” fund that’s used for their projects and activities.

4/15/2026-spent \$1,000 on eye injections & surgeries.

4/29/2026-\$70 for an exam & eyeglasses from Essilor

4/18/2026-Hosted All-You-Can-Eat Country Breakfast: had several tables set up with information regarding Leader Dog Programs, Camps, Training; our local VIP group, Brighter Visions; Camp Dogwood. And a table was set up for the High-Country VIP Support Group to explain what they do to help visually impaired people.

Worked with Social Services Rep. to find help in painting the curbs at one of the local elementary schools. This Fall, a visually impaired student will be enrolling in the school and needs to determine where the curbs are at the drop-off, pick-up area.

4/22/2026-Using our Club’s PlusOptix camera, we held a vision screening at Appalachian State Univ. Child Development Ctr. and screened 81 children.

4/29/2026-spent \$70 for an exam & glasses from Essilor client. May Dist. 31-I Newsletter: Lion Betsy wrote 2 articles about S&H Conservation and had another full-page ad encouraging Lions to sign up for the tour of the new Precision Ocular Network facility in Clemmons. Lion Betsy also had a full-page article about April being Women’s Eye Health & Safety Month.

5/14/2026- spent \$70 for an exam & eyeglasses from Essilor for a client.

5/15/2026-spent \$441.70 on eyecare surgery ctr. for charges for a person.

we’re working with.

5/15/2026-spent \$727.96 for an eye injection & surgery for person we’re working with.

June Dist. 31-I Newsletter: 2 articles about S&H Conservation and a half page article about the May 15th tour of the Precision Ocular Network facility in Clemmons. There were about 8 attendees representing Dist. 31-I, but only 6 were able to stay long enough for a picture for the article. 2 more pictures were included – one regarding the lab, the other of the ribbon cutting that had Lions Lacy Presnell & PDG Paul Bledsoe in the picture.

6/12/2026-spent \$204 for an eye exam & progressive lenses for a person.

6/24/2026-Paid \$70 for eye exam for person who is now scheduled for surgery in August.

In April, Sent \$350 to Camp Dogwood for C.D. Raffle Tickets

3. N. Wilkesboro Lions Club: Paid \$750 for 3 VIPs to attend Camp Dogwood this summer.

ZONE #2

1. Dobson Lions Club: Sent \$500 to Brighter Visions
2. King Lions Club: Did a Kid Sight this Spring, but the secretary did not remember the date.
3. Walnut Cove Lions Club: Helped and performed Youth Vision Screening at the Stokes Little Folks Festival. They hope to donate proceeds to the Danbury Library Book Mobile for Audio and Large print books.

ZONE #3

1. South Iredell Lions Club: Tommy Johnston; I attended a meeting at Camp Dogwood re: South Iredell LC building fund AD- HOC committee in May 3rd.2026. We started in November 2025 helping a couple in the community. The wife has cancer and needs to take treatments. They live in an apartment & they have no car and the man walks to work. Our Lion's Club has started buying them Food Lion food cards and giving them every week. They are good people just down on their luck.
2. West Iredell Lions Club: Paid \$998.00 toward an individual's eye surgery, \$900 to Brighter Visions, collected and recycled 900 pairs of glasses & 20 reading glasses.

ZONE #4

1. DAVIDSON COUNTY LIONS COUNCIL – Mobile Screening Unit:
The Davidson County Lions Council (31-I Zone 4) sponsored the NC Lions Mobile Screening Unit at Davidson-Davie Community College on April 30, 2026. Sixteen Lions from 8 different clubs volunteered at this event, donating a total of 107.5 hours. Eight clubs were represented at the event.

ZONE #5

1. Salisbury Lions Club: 1. Working with 1 individual on eye exam and glasses, 2. Helped with VIP picnic, 3. Sponsoring 5 individuals to attend Camp Dogwood.

ZONE #7

1. Charlotte Southern Lions Club:
 - a. \$ 1,250 for Brighter Visions on 06/26/2026.
 - b. \$ 100 Mental Health Week - Lions International
 - c. \$ 75 Site First - Camp Dogwood
 - d. \$ 250 Blind Braille Walk - Lions Services
 - e. \$ 300 - Lions International Annual Gift
 - f. \$330 - Camp Dogwood Lottery tickets
1. April 24 - Sponsored a camper to attend a week at Camp Dogwood this summer.
2. May 16 - Pineville Arts in the Park - A family-friendly event that allowed us to set up a booth and bring awareness about our club. We sold brooms and lottery tickets for Camp Dogwood.
3. May 30 - VIP Spring Fling – We participated as volunteers assisting VIPs
Play games and activities, educational seminars, vision resources and information on local organizations that serve the VIP community.

ZONE #8

1. Kernersville Lions Club: Our focus during the 4th quarter was the Car Raffle benefit dinner event (our largest fund raiser of the year). Most of our vision and hearing work is completed during the late summer/early fall of the year.
2. Winston-Salem Twin City Host Lions Club: April 2026: Donated in response to a request for hearing aid assistance, covered eye exams, and glasses. Donation of reading glasses for City with Dwellings,

Winston-Salem, a homeless support. Continuing support for eye research with an annual donation to Precision Ocular Network.

May 2026: NC Lions Mobile Screening Unit Eye Screening, May 16th, Hispanic Health Fair, Winston-Salem, over 45 adults and children screened. Annual support for Blind Power Co., a social network for the blind and visually impaired, for the enhancement of their quality of life.

June 2026: KidSight Screening, June 6th, Kernersville. Hispanic Health Fair.

Supported the National Federation for the Blind Winston-Salem Chapter and their "Second Chance Prom."

District O– Lion Mike O'Brien

No report for this quarter. The MSU is scheduled for August 20 & 21 for community events, and a September 11 event.

Lions clubs in District O participated in the Oxford Bee Fest on June 27, and staffed Louisburg's Vision Trailer to provide free vision screening to children.

- District N – Lion Kevin Toma

The Shallotte Lions Club is planning a Blind Golf Invitational in partnership with the Triangle Blind Golf Association soon. They hope this can be an annual event. More information will be made available.

- District S – Lion Glenda Grant reporting for Lion Shari Tyszkiewicz, new chairman for 2026-2027)

Louisburg Lions hosted free children's vision screenings at the Louisburg AirFest on June 26.

Raleigh Southeast Lions Club hosted their 25th Annual Health Fair at Tarboro Road Community Center in Raleigh, on July 11. The MSU was present to provide vision and hearing screening for adults. North Raleigh Lions assisted the MSU along with Raleigh SE Lions. Wake Forest Lions and Raleigh Host Lions were on hand to provide free children's vision screening as well as free reading glasses for adults. Although the event was poorly attended by the public, it was a great time to network with other Lions and the other vendors present.

The Manteo Lions Club is searching for an optometric practice that will agree to the price for an eye exam and glasses that Dr. Adams did. They will keep searching providers in Elizabeth City.

Wake Forest Lions will provide free vision screening and free reading glasses at the Hope House Back to School Event on August 15.

Wake Forest will also host Louisburg's Vision Trailer for free children's vision screening on September 16.

Respectfully submitted by Lion Glenda Grant

Camp Dogwood State Chair Report

We had a great year:

Our camp Dogwood Raffle did very well this year, raising \$126,457 an increase of \$16,222.

All 5 districts increased from the previous year by an average of 17%.

For 2026-2027 I would like to see us exceed \$150,000

Many times, I find that clubs are buying the tickets or selling to other Lions. We appreciate Lions purchasing tickets, but we would like you to sell to the community. Take them to your fundraising events and sell them to your friends and neighbors.

Not only does the raffle help Camp Dogwood financially it is a good marketing tool. Our hope is that the five winners will tell their friends. DG's, please talk to your clubs about selling the tickets as an outreach to your communities.

We need to raise funds to maintain the grounds of Camp Dogwood but just as important is for members to volunteer. Having our grounds in pristine shape is an important marketing tool.

Come as an individual or as a club group. Just let Carlie's staff know and they'll find a project for you. Why not do yourself a favor and spend 5 days at camp as a volunteer. Helping VIPs overcome their disability and enjoying camp is a humbling experience. I know you have jobs and family responsibilities, but I ask you to come to camp for YOURSELF!

You will not regret the experience.

A time of change:

I'm excited about the coming year. We have some new players in camp management jobs, welcome Lee Jones and Jessica Laney.

This year I would like to see my position as Camp Dogwood chair along with the district chairs to change to include more responsibilities outside of raising funds. I look forward to working closer with Carlie, and his staff to promote the camp to others around the state.

Other camps in the Southeast:

Did you realize that we provide a service to visually impaired people that is unmatched in the Southeast. There are No camps in Vagina, South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky and only one in Georgia.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Gene Goetz PDG

Camp Dogwood State Chairperson

Purpose of Leadership and Development with the North Carolina Lions Foundation

The purpose of **Leadership and Development with the North Carolina Lions Foundation (NCLF)** is to develop confident, knowledgeable, and committed Lions who are prepared to lead the Foundation and support its mission.

Key purposes include:

- **Develop future leaders** within the North Carolina Lions Foundation.
- **Strengthen leadership skills** through education, training, and hands-on experience.
- **Increase understanding** of the Foundation's mission, programs, policies, and responsibilities.
- **Prepare Lions to serve effectively** on committees, boards, and in leadership positions.
- **Encourage teamwork and collaboration** among Lions throughout North Carolina.
- **Promote accountability and good governance** in carrying out the Foundation's work.
- **Build continuity** by preparing new leaders to follow those who have served before them.
- **Encourage innovative thinking** and new ideas to meet the changing needs of those served by the Foundation.
- **Strengthen the future of the NCLF** by developing Lions who are ready and willing to accept leadership responsibilities.

Leadership development is about preparing Lions to lead with knowledge, integrity, compassion, and a commitment to the Foundation's mission of serving others.

PDG Juanita Brown

Fellowships and Partners Report

August 9, 2026

Good Morning Everyone! The Fellowship and Partners report is online under the "Members Area" of the NCLF website updated with the period ending 6/30/26.

The five district totals through June 2026 are:

District	Members	Ambassador	Stickley	Woolards	Scruggs	Totals
L	635	\$ 500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,700	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,700
I	840	\$ 5,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,650	\$ 4,800	\$ 13,450
O	981	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,800	\$ 9,500
N	954	\$ 500	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,600	\$ 2,000	\$ 7,100
S	792	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,600	\$ 11,500
State						
Totals	4,202	\$ 12,500	\$ 11,000	\$ 8,550	\$ 15,200	\$ 47,250

EOM July 2026 is not posted yet but will be soon.

As a reminder, Fellowships and Partners is now online with an option to pay through Zeffy on the NCLF website. First, fill out the online application under the website tab "Program Forms." Once your form is filled out fully, you can go to the NCLF homepage and click "Donate Today" and you will be directed to payment through Zeffy. 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. This concludes my report. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Johnson

State Chairperson

NC Lions Pin Sales Report 8/9/2026

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I picked up most of the pins from Lou Creel in July and after spending some time sorting, we are ready to attend all of the district and state conventions. I ask all of the District Governors to email me their convention chairman so that we can attend their conventions. I need two tables and we will sell donated pins at the tables, adding to the \$174,080 for eye research. Bring any unneeded pins and donate them at the conventions. I will also bring the pins to various pin trading events around the country.

Additionally, the Lions International Trading Pin Club gives out ten \$5,000 scholarships. These scholarships for graduating seniors are open to Leo members or children/grandchildren of Lion members. Last year Leo Andy McIntosh from Wilmington won a scholarship. We only had 29 applications, so the odds are very good. The applications will be available in September on the LITPC.org website. I ask the District Governors to include their Leo chairman contact information in their email, and I will send out the rules and applications. North Carolina can submit four applications each year and the winners will be notified in June.