

# **District 31-N Newsletter**

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### **Newsletter**

Please help me complete the District 31-N Newsletter on time by submitting information in Microsoft Word format and prior to the deadline. I appreciate your support and help in this new endeavor. Please send me an email if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

Lion Brandon Shingleton



#### **September Newsletter** Deadline

Items for the September Newsletter should be submitted to district31n.news@gmail.com by August 25, 2020.

#### **Message from District Governor DeAngelo Jackson**



"Embellish Your Path"

Currently District 31-N has 1,043 dedicated Lions in 56 clubs. We have lost one club and 11 members. The good news is that we have 8 new Lions.

We have completed virtual officers training prior to July 2020. Upon request more training can be offered.

Cabinet and committee chairs were installed by PIP Sid Scruggs with the assistance of CC Michael Schwartz on July 19th to the theme of The Wizard of Oz. We are ready to assist as needed, so please put us

to work.

We have conducted our first cabinet meeting, July 25th, which was face-to-face and online. This was held in Kinston, NC at the Lions Industries for the Blind. Thank you to the host club, Kinston Lions Club.

Our Brighter Visions kickoff is scheduled for August 15, 2020 at noon at Copper Cricket Restaurant in Sanford, NC. I am asking for a representative from each club to be present. The district directory will be available and handed out at this event. Club Presidents and Secretaries can get their DG lapel pin at this time.

Our Mid-Winter Convention is scheduled for January 16, 2021 at the Boys and Girls Home, Lake Waccamaw, NC. Our guest speaker will be ID Robert Block. Please see the information sheet in this Newsletter!

My first quarter goals are as follows:

1. Grow membership

2. Deter apathy.

3. Assess each club in the district. Strengthen clubs that are not meeting and those with less than 15 members.

4. Start District Governor's club visits aggressively, aiming to have 25 clubs met by end of quarter.

5. Start to canvas new club area.

6. Establish committee for children cancer grant. Please contact me if interested.

DG DeAngelo Jackson

#### Message from 1st Vice District Governor Bob Block, Jr.



To the Lions of District 31N, first I must take the opportunity to once again thank you for the trust in myself and my family to help lead our district. It's a privilege to walk beside so many great Lions leaders current, past, and future.

As I reflect on the current situations we are facing in our personal lives, our professional lives, and our Lions lives, I want to say like so many others that these are unprecedented times, that we are facing obstacles like never before...but then I reflect on ALL that Lions around the world have and

will go through. We battle hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes; we fight to cure diseases known and unknown; we step up to battle hunger and poverty in our communities; and we live by a motto that where there is a need there IS a Lion.

Yes, we must work swiftly and strategically to be creative in how we communicate and organize our efforts in the need of social distancing and respecting the orders put in place by state leadership. The challenge is not how we serve, the challenge is how we get creative to fulfill the work we know must be done in our local communities.

Like so many other wonderful Lions, I'm ready to serve, I'm ready to be your voice for change, I'm ready stand by your side and get creative so that we as Lions can thrive and fulfill our mission.

As our District Governor says, let us walk in faith...faith that we CAN succeed in our district initiatives and grow membership while changing the lives of our fellow neighbors.

Sincerely,

Lion Robert C Block Jr, Lion Marie Block, and Cubs, Nathan, Brennan and Logan

District 31N - 1st Vice District Governor New Bern Lions Club



#### Message from 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Mayra McCloud





#### Message from Immediate Past District Governor David Cox







## Mid-Winter Convention

January 16, 2021 Boys & Girls Homes of North Carolina Lake Waccamaw, NC

A day of Fun, Food and Service

We will be joined by Lions Clubs International Director Bob & Brenda Block



Also Retired Major General Gale Pollock

Also Fort Bragg Jazz Ensemble And Lions of District 31N

Registration and more information to follow.

#### Knowing Your District Governor DeAngelo Jackson

He started his adulthood by joining the Army and dedicating 23 years of his life to our country. He earned the rank of Master Sergeant and retired as the chief NCOIC of the Department of Nursing at the Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg while managing 12 inpatient wards and indirectly supervising over 20 outpatient clinics. He served in four deployments earning the Combat Medical Badge and the Cavalry's Golden Spurs. His last deployment was with the Forward Surgical Team in Iraqi.

Simultaneously at the start of his adulthood, he met his beautiful wife, Marilyn.

They have been married 34 years and have traveled the world together. DeAngelo and Marilyn have 3 well accomplished children with 6 wonderful grandchildren.

Since moving to North Carolina, DeAngelo and Marilyn have lived in the beautiful city of Angier, the future capital of North Carolina. They joined the Angier Lions Club together in 2013. DeAngelo has served as Club Secretary, Vice President, and President. At the District level, he has been Zone Chair, First and Second Vice District Governor, and has served in many committee positions. His mother is an 81-year-old Lion and will be serving as our Chair for Childhood Cancer.

His love for the Lord has been the key to his success in life. He accepted the call into the ministry in 1991 and has served in many ministerial positions. Currently, he is serving as an Associate Pastor in Fuquay Varina.

He has earned his Associate's Degree, Bachelor's Degree, and has passed the halfway mark on his Master's Degree.

In Lionism, he has earned both Associate and Bachelor levels with Lions University.

DeAngelo and his wife own and operate an Adult Day Care where he serves as the Health Care Coordinator.

Dear Club Secretaries, Please check myLCI to ensure you have updated all information for all of your club members. Please include as much information about your club members as you can which includes phone numbers and email addresses. You never know when someone may need to contact a member of your club and it is not always convenient to ride to their house to find them. You will also notice that LCI has "Bad Address" recorded for some of our current members. Please update these members too so these Lions will receive their magazines from LCI. Thank you for your help. Lion Betty Shingleton

District 31-N Cabinet Secretary

The world is seeing some interesting times, times like it never has seen before. Our organization is doing the best it can to be aggressive in aiding those who are in need, here in NC and around the world. Both LCIF and Camp Dogwood/Brighter Vision need our continued help!

Here locally, COVID-19 has severely affected employment; therefore, a lot of people have lost some of their household's income and medical insurance. We Can make a difference! We Can assist NC citizens during this pandemic and the recovery.

August 15, 2020, is our Brighter Vision Kickoff at 12:00 noon at Copper Cricket

Restaurant, 98 Amarillo Lane, Sanford, NC 27332. I am asking clubs to give a portion of their contributions at this event.

I am aware that clubs' revenues are lower than normal just as well, and here and now, I say thank you for your continued dedication. If you cannot make it to this event, your Brighter Vision contribution can be mailed to me or I can come by and pick it up.

During the kickoff, I will be giving each club president and secretary my personal District Governor lapel pin, our 2020-2021 directory, and your club's Brighter Vision packet.

Please Support! We must "Embellish The Path" set before us.

DG DeAngelo Jackson

Walking By Faith

#### Retention - Retention - Retention

This is a CRITICAL year for our District! In the last 4 years we have lost over 300 Lions and 7 Clubs. I have accepted the position this year as District Retention Chair – to assist DG Vince and DG DeAngelo !

I am confident that working together new can reverse this trend and retain the members we have.

Contact me at 910-209-6170 or <u>irwin423@atmc.net</u> so that I can schedule a meeting with you and your Club to discuss ways we can retain and excite our membership with Service and Fun activities!

Just remember, 4 years ago when I was District Governor – I was told you couldn't expect to end your year positive in growth. We ended OUR year plus 77 in members and 2 new Clubs!

Please give me two dates that may work for my visit and I will get back to you as soon as I can!

Sincerely

PDG Irwin Siegelwax



**Beaufort Lions Club** Beaufort NC Lions Foundation {501(c)(3)} **BEAUFORT** BRIDGE RUN 5K & I+ MILE DOG STRUT A Fundraiser for Lions Club International Diabetes for Awareness



November 7, 2020 | 8:00 am

Dear Community Friends.

Beaufort Lions Club is conducting our sixth annual timed 5K race, this year to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Beaufort Bridge Run and 1+ Mile Dog Strut on and over the two new bridges in Beaufort! This event has been the first to feature Beaufort's new bridges: the high-rise Gallants Channel Bridge and the Turner Street Bridge.

We are seeking DONATIONS for this fun, family event, to benefit these special non-profit organizations:

Camp Needles in the Pines - a week-long camp for Type-I Diabetic children Leader Dog for the Blind - providing guide dogs and training for local blind individuals The Bridge Down East - providing education and opportunities that enhance, enrich and inspire the youth and families in the Down East communities

Local Community Needs (for example: eye exams/vision needs, storm emergencies) Over the last few years, the Beaufort Lions Club race has raised over \$55,000 to aid these and other causes.

Make checks payable to Beaufort NC Lions Foundation. If mailing, please send with completed form to:

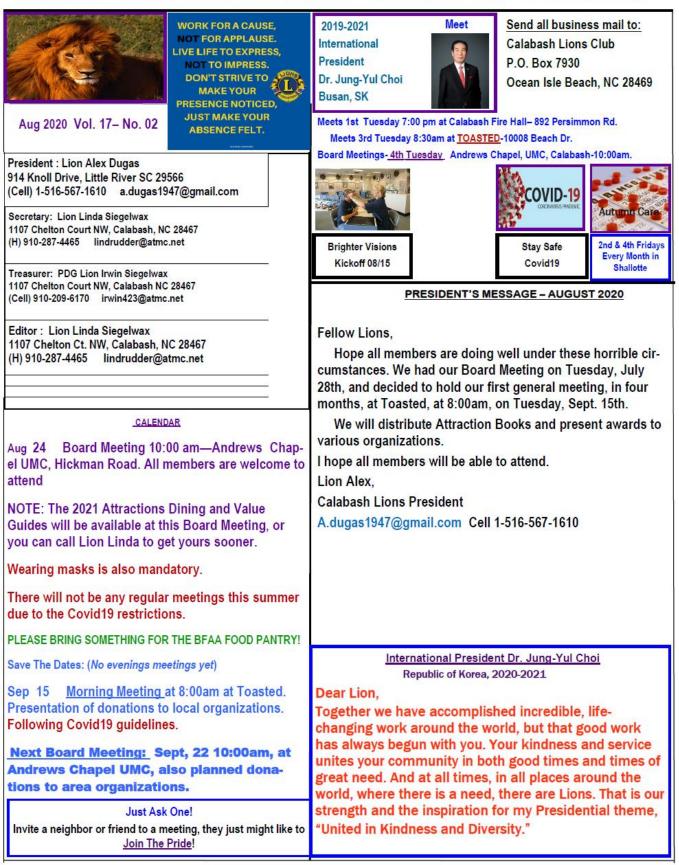
**Beaufort NC Lions Foundation PO Box 876** Beaufort, NC 28516

Beaufort NC Lions Foundation is a 501(c)(3) entity and donations are tax deductible. For tax purposes, please provide your name, address, phone and email here:

#### **Suggested Donation Amounts:** \$25.00 \$100.00 Other \$50.00 \$75.00

YOUR DONATION: Beaufort Lions Club Representative: Fundraising Chairs: Alan and Wanda Pate 919.818.8724 | alandwanda@aol.com

## THE CALABASH LIONS NEWS



## Our Lions Club Functions PHOTO GALLERY

#### Awards & Installation Banquet, 31-N 1st Cabinet Meeting



On July 19th, PDG David Cox thanked all the 2019-2020 Board and Committee chairs at the Awards & Installation Banquet held at the Country Squire Inn.



PIP Sid L. Scruggs installed 2020-2021 DG DeAngelo Jackson's new Board members, Regional Chairs and Zone Chairs +.



PDG Vince Schimmoller, 1st VDG Mayra McCloud, and PDG Irwin Siegelwax were also installed as Committee Chairs.



DG DeAngelo Jackson held his first Cabinet Meeting at Lions Industries for The Blind in Kinston, on July 25th.

Vision Screenings will be postponed until schools and other locations reopen that were closed due to Covid19.



## The Lions Roar

#### Monthly Newsletter of Lumberton Lions Club

Serving The Blind and Visually Handicapped of Lumberton Since 1945

Published Monthly by the Lumberton Lions Club Meetings - 7pm 1st and 3rd Thursdays 1985 Carthage Road, Lumberton, NC

August 1, 2020



#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Lions:

A little over 3,672 hours or 153 days or 5 months or March 5th. That's how long it has been since the Lumberton Lions Club has met in the Den since the COVID-19 began. This Thursday August 6th we will meet again IN THE DEN.

Social Distancing has been arranged. We will have a 'snack' meal.

We can begin to plan our 2020-2021 Lions year at this meeting.

You should have your Birthday Calendar packets by now. Don't wait! Begin now contacting renewals and sell (list) new customers. This is a great fundraiser and tradition for our club. List your families first, then friends and neighbors. If you don't ask, you don't sell. Let's all work hard and surpass our previous years sales. Calendars make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers. It's a great way to share your Lions story as well.

Thanks to all of your for accepting committee assignments. Some of you are on new committees. This is how we grow individually and how we grow as a club. If you have questions please ask me or a member of your committee. Sometimes we are asked to "step up to step out."

The annual Brighter Visions Kick Off will be Saturday, August 15th in Sanford. If you've never been to a District meeting it will be a learning experience for you to see Lions at work all over Southeastern NC.

A special word of thanks to those members who continued to work in the background while the club was inactive. You continued to sell brooms, flags, calendars and communicate with Lumberton Lion members, Lions International, NCLI offices and the district offices while we were waiting to resume our regular activities

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you in the Den on Thursday, August 6th.

Finally, a quote from Helen Keller -- I would rather walk with a friend in the dark than alone in the light! Will you be a friend?

Remember We first Serve because We Care.

It's Great to be a Lion

Channing



## ATTENTION

#### **COMING EVENTS**

Aug 6 - 1st meeting of new year Meal - Channing Jones Aug 15 - Brighter Visions Kick Off Aug 20 - Business Meeting in the Den Meal - TBA Sept 3 - Program in Den Meal - George Lawson Sept 17 - Business Meeting in Den Meal - Sammy Cox

Sept 24 - Calendar Deadline



#### BIRTHDAYS

- Aug 4 Lion Esmeralda Munoz Aug 10 - Lion Onita Cox
- Aug 11 Lion Kenny Morgret
- Aug 19 Lioness Lucille Morgret
- Aug 21 Lioness Linda Martin
- Aug 22 Lioness Pauline Taylor
- Aug 28 Lion Kenny Cox

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 26 - M/M Sammy Cox Aug 28 - M/M Mitchell Taylor

> IN MEMORY LION GIBSON H. GRAY, Ph.D. 10/26/1922 -4/23/2020

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Lions are men and women who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes. Founded in 1917, the association's motto is "We Serve."

#### MISSION STATEMENT OF LIONS INTERNATIONAL

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs and to be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

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Lion Karen Brown, Zone II Chairman & Lion Jeanette Massengill - Screening at Powhatan Elementary School in front of their school mascot which happened to be Lions

6 Lions representing all 5 Lions Clubs in Zone 11 -Lion Karen Brown (Smithfield), Lion Hal Medlin (Benson), Lion DeLane Tart (Princeton), Lion Carlyle Woodard (Princeton), Lion Dicky Parrish (Selma), and Lion Danny Avery (Pine Level) - Micro Elementary School





I Lion and student - Lion Danny Avery with Wyatt Moore (student at Pine Level Elementary School). Wyatt's father and grandfather are members of Pine Level Lions Club; both great grandfathers were also Lions members. Potential Lion Wyatt is in training for vision screening.

## LIONS KINDERGARTEN WORKSHOP



School? No School? With COVID-19 on the rise and uncertainty whether schools would reopen in the fall, Lion Cindy Rutkowski, one of our newest Lions, had an idea. Why not conduct a workshop to prepare incoming kindergarteners with essential literacy skills? She teamed up with Lion Linda Aberg, and together they recruited 10 other Lions. Coordination with the principal and kindergarten teacher from the Highland Elementary School led to a program designed to give children a basic knowledge

of the alphabet; the ability to recognize and print their name; an introduction to and appreciation for books; and listening/comprehension skills.

The program was announced to the community by email and within minutes there were 19 responses. One child dropped out, and thus the program was designed for 18 kids. Three separate sessions were planned with 6 kids per session. Each child received 4 hours of instruction-very similar to what they would receive in school. At the end of the workshop, each child received a bag with supplies which he/she could use to help reinforce learned skills.

The Lions Club received very favorable comments from the parents. Hopefully, next year we can expand the program for all incoming kindergarteners to our local school.

Submitted by Western Harnett Lions Club



The Western Harnett Lions Club held a food drive for the Five-N-Two Food Pantry on June 13, 2020 at Carolina Lakes. We collected 548 pounds of food and \$565 in donations. The first photo shows Lion Joe Poth, Lion Dave Berkebile, manager of the Five-N-Two food Pantry and Lion Brian Hinsley. The 2nd photo shows the 548 pounds of food that was donated.



Thanks to all the residents of Carolina Lakes who helped to ensure that we had a successful food drive. Once again, the Western Harnett Lions has reached out to help those most in need in our community!

#### Lions and Power Bars

The staff in the Medical Intensive Care Unit at New Hanover Regional Medical Center are working 8-12 hours days with few or no breaks taking care of Covid-19 and other intensive care patients. Once a staff member is prepared for work with mask, face shield and full personal protective equipment they wear it for their entire shift. The medical staff needed protein bars and other snacks for quick nutritious breaks.

The Wilmington Lions Club donated 32 boxes (12 bars in each box) of power bars, protein bars and other healthy snacks for the Medical Intensive Care Staff at NHRMC.

The doctors, nurses and medical intensive care staff thanked the Wilmington Lions for providing \$500 worth of food items. The staff said, "We appreciate having food to eat during our very short breaks so we can return to caring for our patients." An additional \$250 worth of supplies will be sent in a few weeks.

Lion Fred Strong is the chair for this project. He stated, "The Wilmington Lions Club is proud to help our medical heroes during this crisis."

The Wilmington Lions Club is part of Lions Clubs International.

Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world. Its 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs are serving communities in 207 countries and geographical areas around the globe. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired, championed youth initiatives and strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit lionsclubs.org.

More information on the Wilmington Lions Club can be found at <u>https://www.facebook.com/Wilmington-Lions-Club-124727710913215/</u><u>http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/wilmingtonnclionsclub/</u>



Lion Fred Strong with donations for Medical Intensive Care Unit at NHRMC

Medical Staff in NHRMC all equipped with PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)





Staff at the New Hanover Regional Medical Center Medical Intensive Care looking over snacks provided by the Wilmington Lions Club

## **Prayer Concerns**

Angier Lions Club • Lion Lindsey Boone Calabash Lions Club • Lion Cathy Delaney • Lion Catherine Newman • Lion Fran Caserma • Lion Lois Ruth Clinton Lions Club • Lion Pam McGuirt Faison Lions Club • Lion Bill Fesperman Goldsboro Downtown Lions Club • PDG Sam Jernigan • Jason Camaioni (PDG Tony and Sue Camaioni's son) Jacksonville Host Lions Club . Lion Nancy Manning Jacksonville New River Lions Club • Lion Curtis Erickson • Lion Bertha Erickson Kenly Lions Club • Lion Wanda McPherson • Lion Ray McPherson Kinston Host Lions Club • Lion Harrison Smith • Lion Chris Axelberg Kinston Ram Neuse Lions Club • Lion Joe Burks Lumberton Lions Club • Lion Gibson Gray, PhD • Lion Wayne Mensinger • Lion Terry Stewart • Lion Mitchell Taylor New Bern Twin Rivers Lions Club • Lion Anne Metts Pikeville Lions Club • PDG Billy Herring Shallotte Lions Club • Lion Paul Swartz Snow Hill Lions Club • Lion Ronald Shingleton Please Update Your Club's List



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