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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

October Newsletter Deadline

Items for the October Newsletter should be submitted to

district31n.news@gmail.com by

September 25, 2020.



Message from District Governor DeAngelo Jackson



District 31-N,

We are off to a wonderful start. We conducted our first cabinet meeting July 25th at Lions Industries for the Blind in Kinston; it was held in person and also online. We got our budget approved and set our compass at the correct azimuth. We later had our Brighter Visions Kickoff August 15th, at Lions Tom and Andrea Cole's restaurant, Copper Cricket Restaurant, in Sanford. We started our campaign off by collecting over \$14,700. Thank you for your support.

Our next cabinet meeting will be October 3rd at 11:00 AM at Isabella Restaurant, Fayetteville, NC. It will be hosted by the Fayetteville Community Lions Club.

I am currently working on two grant proposals to submit to LCIF. One is for disaster preparation - this grant will provide the district with materials that will be used in the event of a disaster in our district. We have a fired-up committee working on this proposal.

The second grant request is a matching funds grant. It is for a gazebo for the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) that serves families with children with illnesses (children cancer, juvenile diabetes, and the like). The RMH in Greenville offers families a hotel-type room and meals at no cost to the family. The one gazebo that they currently have is outdated and ready to be torn down. RMH has been asking for donations from visiting families since 2018, if not earlier, to help collect the \$20,000 needed to build this new gazebo. The Ronald McDonald House has collected only \$2,500. Grant requests must be submitted by October 15, 2020 along with at least \$5,000 of the \$10,000. If any clubs are interested donating, please give me a call.

Thank You for what you do for your community, our district, and our state.

DG DeAngelo Jackson
Walking By Faith

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



We are now 60 days in to our year, time sure flies! In the midst of many clubs not being able to meet in person, we were able to come together to have yet another successful Brighter Visions Kickoff!

I've had the pleasure of visiting clubs both virtually and in person, and I will tell you, that it is nothing short of fantastic how each and every Lion continues to find ways to take care of their community.

It has been made clear to me that our Lions are committed to pushing through this pandemic, that clubs are looking to this learning to see how we can evolve our future. That's what we do, we draw on our past and seek to be better in the future.

It is time for each club to begin putting focus on the kids in the community. Many continue to struggle with virtual learning, some are thriving, and some we just don't know...as a society we are increasing stress on the eyes through this virtual world we are living in and Lions need to find ways to screen these children. Get creative, remember social distancing guidelines, and get community leaders involved. Through that I believe we can grow Lions, while serving our community, and reaching the children of our future.

Thank you for those clubs who have invited me out and I look forward to spending time with many more clubs this year!

Sincerely,

Lion Robert C Block Jr and Family
District 31N - 1st Vice District Governor
New Bern Lions Club



Message from 2nd Vice District Governor Mayra McCloud



Fellow Lions...

It's official! I am now 2nd VDG and am so excited about the upcoming year... I know that Governor Jackson and 1st VDG Block are as excited as I am, and we are all determined to assist and support all of 31N during this challenging time.

I hope you are all well and healthy... It's very hard to find things to do to help others, when we are trying hard to help our own families get through the pandemic, home school our kids, there are many without jobs, or working from home. A lot of clubs are either not meeting, or doing ZOOM meetings... Some are just sending out status emails every once in a while! But we will get through this and come out on "the other side" stronger than before for having to beat this.

I can certainly attest that it's hard to keep Lions in "captivity"! We Lions need to be free to make a difference in our communities...

Can I ask you all a favor? Maybe we can help each other! You can certainly help ME by keeping me from going nuts from inactivity... and I would love to help your club come up with ideas for recruitment, fundraisers, or tell you about the newest tech for the visually impaired. Maybe even give you ideas about things you can do to help your community from home!!! Everything is starting to open up again, and when you are ready to have "visitors", I would love to come and visit, meet you, and or sit in on a ZOOM meeting. I would love to be involved with any special events you will be hosting. I know the Governor and the 1st VDG would love to hear from you too!

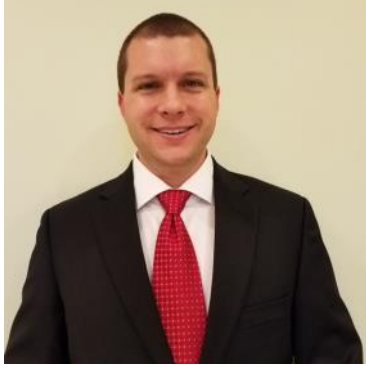
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Keep Roaring!

Lion Mayra

Oh! Almost forgot! eSight glasses, Gen 4 is out! I should be getting a pair soon and will be ready to test the legally blind with them soon. I can still test with Gen 3 if anyone is interested...

Message from Immediate Past District Governor David Cox



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GROW YOUR LIONS CLUB

With COVID 19 shutting many things down, now is the time to be looking for a service project that your club can do and still remain safe. Our club has held a very successful community wide food drive to benefit our local food pantry. We also held a community wide “Stuff the Bus” (collecting school supplies) for the local elementary schools in our area. Both of these events are excellent places to meet the folks in your community and to extend to them an opportunity to SERVE the needy. You get a chance to visit one-on-one with neighbors about the good things that the Lions do. I recommend that you develop a brochure that provides information about the Lions organization and explains the things that your club does to benefit your community and area. Remember that the only way you are going to increase your membership is by ASKING others to join and showing them firsthand what activities you are involved with.

Our club has been very successful in attracting new members. The latest 2 members that were inducted lowered our average age of the members by 2 years as we brought in 2 young ladies ages 21 and 24 and they have begun an effort to build up our social media presence. Who better to do this than the experts? This is something they grew up with.

NEW MEMBER KITS- if you need one let me know and I will send you one

Membership Program-When we get back to holding face-to-face meetings and want to have a membership program, let me know and I will be glad to meet with your club.

**Lion Vince Schimmoller
District 31-N Membership Chair**

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District 31N 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.



CLUB NEWS

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 Iraq.

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.

CLUB NEWS

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 and all correspondence from LCI. Thank you for your help!

Lion Betty Shingleton
District 31-N Cabinet Secretary

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\*Please make the following correction to the District 31-N Directory: Calabash Lions Club Secretary's home number is 910-287-4465 and cell phone number is 910-398-1992.  
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Good Morning Fellow Lions,
I just wanted to let you know of a correction to make in the State Directory.

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Please remove Don Eggert
Add: Gene Goetz
Goldsboro Downtown Lions Club
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Pikeville NC 27863

Home 414-640-5953
email: ggoetz00@gmail.com

Thanks for all you do

Tammy Thomas

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Beaufort Lions Club
Beaufort NC Lions Foundation {501(c)(3)}
BEAUFORT BRIDGE RUN 5K & 1+ 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 **2nd 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 \$50.00 \$75.00 \$100.00 Other

YOUR DONATION:

Beaufort Lions Club Representative:

Fundraising Chairs: Alan and Wanda Pate 919.818.8724 | alandwanda@aol.com

CLUB NEWS

Our Lions Club Functions PHOTO GALLERY

Brighter Visions Kickoff, Donations to Local Organizations, Food Pantry



Lion Cathy Delaney attended the District 31-N Brighter Visions Kickoff on August 15th. The Calabash Lions Club gave \$500 to start.

On 8/25/20, the Club made a donation to the Calabash Fire Department. Fire Chief Randy Bork accepted the check.



Commander Bill Hertline accepted a check for the Calabash VFW Post 7288.



Pastor John Bracey accepted a check for Andrews Chapel UMC in Calabash.

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



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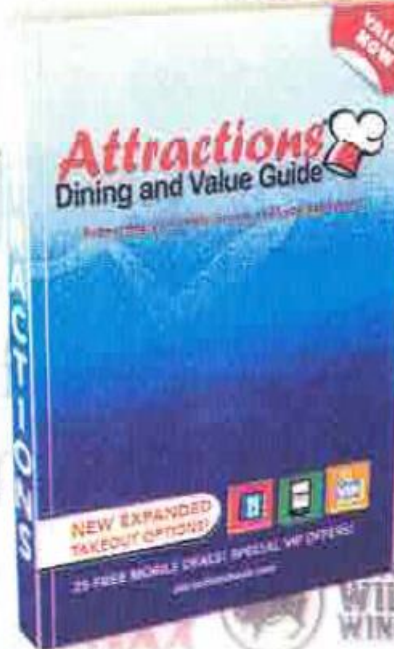
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CLUB NEWS

08/24/20

Fellow Lions:

Kinston Host Lions are back on schedule for the year. We held our first meeting since March on July 30th. We installed all our new officers for upcoming year and also inducted four new members. State representative Skippy Jackson was our guest for this meeting.

We have had several Kinston Host Lions attending several district functions. Brighter Visions kick off and also district 31N first cabinet meeting.

We also met on August 13th where we had an open discussion on the different committees and there functions that we are working on for the up coming year. We are working very hard to continue to go forward with all that we do as Lions. Due to the Covid 19 restrictions this causes us to look at new and safe ways to continue what we do best. To serve others !! looking Forward to a great year in Lionism.

KHLC

President Eddie Chase

CLUB NEWS

Lumberton Lions Club installs new officers

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Sanderson



Jones

Outgoing Lumberton Lions Club President Sammy Cox, left, presents Lion George Lawson with a plaque in recognition of Lawson being named a Melvin Jones Fellow by the Lumberton Lions Club during the club's annual awards night on Aug. 20. Becoming a Melvin Jones Fellow is the highest honor bestowed upon a Lions member for their service and dedication to others.

LUMBERTON — The Lumberton Lions Club recently installed new officers to serve during fiscal year 2020-2021.

The induction ceremony took place Aug. 20 at the Lumberton Lions Club Den on Carthage Road.

Past District Governor of N.C. Lions District 31-N Lion David Cox, a member of Lumberton Lions Club, installed Channing Jones as club president. Other officers installed were Secretary Jim Kirkland, Treasurer Tami B. George, Lion Tamer Luther Sanderson, Tail Twister Sammy Cox and Chaplain Brooks Baxley. Installed as directors were Linda Carter, Derek Jackson, Esmeralda Munoz and Luther Sanderson.

In addition to the installation of the officers, outgoing President Sammy Cox recognized the past year's officers and committee chairman.

Cox also recognized George Lawson as a Melvin Jones Fellow, the Lions Club International's highest honor. And Luther Sanderson was named a North Carolina Lions Ambassador.

Installing officer David Cox also presented the club with several awards in recognition of its work in the community, most notably the vision screening of nearly 2,500 children in the Public Schools of Robeson County, an effort cut short by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization, numbering more than 1.4 million members in more than 207 countries and geographic areas. The Lumberton Lions Club supports many local charitable activities, with its focus being serving people who are blind or visually impaired.

Founded in 1945, the Lumberton Lions Club has 32 members who meet bi-weekly in the Lions Club Building on Carthage Road.

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CLUB NEWS

“Stuffing the Bus” with the Western Harnett Lions!

On Saturday, August 8th, the Western Harnett Lions Club conducted our annual “Stuff the Bus” event. This has been a Lion tradition in our community for many years. Regardless of the global pandemic and the uncertainty of the school year, the Lions never hesitated in conducting the event. As President Ginny Barney explained, “Children in our community are still in need of supplies, perhaps even more so this year.” Lions put out new signs in the neighborhood, advertised on social media and even got a school bus for the event! Between school supplies and cash donations, the Western Harnett Lions Club was able to provide three (3) local elementary schools with about \$500 of school supplies for each school. The generous donations from the community helped ensure that our children started the school year off right! Special congrats to Lions Brian & Kim Hinsley for coordinating another successful Western Harnett Lions event.



WH Lions collect supplies in the Carolina Lakes neighborhood



Lion Brian delivering supplies to Johnsonville Elementary School

CLUB NEWS

For Whom the Bell Tolls

“We Serve” what does that mean – one way it is defined is: “To furnish or supply with something needed or desired”.

Once again, the Western Harnett Lions Club did just that!! A local agency had been working with several other agencies to find permanent shelter for Ms. Tina, a 31 one-year old single mom of 2-year-old Rosie. Ms. Tina and Rosie had been living from pillar to post for 2 years doing whatever was necessary to stay together. Finally, the light at the end of the tunnel was nearing-the host agency found an apartment. Other agencies were able to pay the deposits for rent, lights, water and electric. Day Care was going to be facilitated and the host agency would work with Ms. Tina, who has limited work skills, to try and get a job. So what was missing? We had the shell but nothing to put inside. A seed was planted in a conversation at a meeting of a few members of the WH Lions Club and the flood gates opened. Ms. Tina moved into her apartment with the clothes she had for her and her daughter. Two days later our club pulled up with trucks of furniture, linens, dishes, small appliances and yes, even toys for Rosie.

As a mentor of mine once told me . . . “when the bell tolls ask not for whom the bell tolls it tolls for you”. This is how our club responds to the needs that are brought forth whenever and wherever we can!

Ginny Barney
President WH Lions Club



Lions helping a new family get settled into the community

CLUB NEWS

Snacks for Heroes

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 to date a total of \$750 for boxes of power bars, protein bars, and other healthy snacks for the Medical Intensive Care Staff at NHRMC. An additional \$250 worth of supplies was donated by Seashore Drugs and Davie Waggett.

The doctors, nurses and medical intensive care staff thanked the Wilmington Lions for providing \$750 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.”

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.”



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

CLUB NEWS



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

Prayer Concerns

Angier Lions Club • Lion Lindsey Boone
Calabash Lions Club • Lion Cathy Delaney • Lion Woody French • Lion Edie Gause • 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 • 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
Lumberton Lions Club • Lion Terry Stewart • Lion Mitchell Taylor
New Bern Twin Rivers Lions Club • Lion Anne Metts
Pikeville Lions Club • PDG Billy Herring
Shalotte Lions Club • Lion Paul Swartz
Snow Hill Lions Club • Lion Ronald Shingleton

Please Update Your Club's List

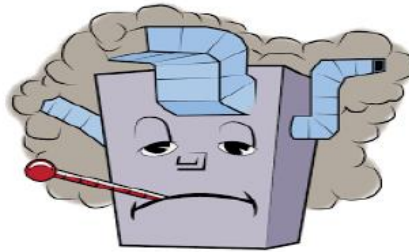


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