



Lumberton Lions Club honor Member

Lumberton Lion member Mitchell Taylor was awarded 40 year membership chevron on November 19th. Lion Mitchell is with President Channing Jones and Past District Governor David Cox.

It is these great Lions that have dedicated years of service that makes being a Lion great! If you have a Lion that has done a something great or has been a Lion for a long time send a picture along with information on their achievement to district31n.news@gmail.com.



Any Cabinet Officer, Region Chair, Zone Chair or Committee Chairs that need to do a Zoom meeting please email nclion31n@gmail.com to schedule a meeting.



District Governor
DeAngelo Jackson



1st Vice Dist. Governor
Robert Block



2nd Vice Dist. Governor
Mayra McCloud

VIP CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX-DECEMBER 2020

Have you heard of the Operation Christmas Child by Sumaritan's Purse. Well, New Bern and Twin Rivers Lions Club are joining forces to provide a Christmas Shoe Box of goodies for our VIP's in Craven and Pamlico Counties.

Our VIP's have lost a lot by losing summer camp at Camp Dogwood and the VIP Fishing Tournament. So our Clubs thought it would be nice gesture to provide a bit of sunshine during this Christmas Season for the VIP's. We are working with the Blind Social worker to give ideas for the box. — Lion Carlie Metts



District Governor's Message

DeAngelo Jackson

Happy Holiday Season!

We are approaching the midpoint of our year. Let us stay encouraged and keep a Loud Roar. It is true, there are many in the need of help in our community and if we are not making an impact or a difference in our community there will be many that will suffer; is your club Roar being heard?

As we continue to strive for more members remember that in your service projects, activities, or day to day operation, remember those non-members as well. Here is some news from Lions Clubs International. "Nepal, the fastest growing multiple district in the world, has chartered more than 140 clubs as of October 13, 2020, the highest number across all MDs. Even the coronavirus (COVID-19)

pandemic has not slowed its growth. In fact, over the last decade, this country has consistently been increasing its membership. "We know how to connect our service to the masses," said PID Sanjay Khetan when asked about the role of social media in increasing Lions' visibility. He added that the Lions of Nepal have organized public events to recognize and honor the remarkable achievements of their citizens. During one such event, the Lions honored 100 achievers from various fields (all non-Lions). This event, attended by about 10,000 people, proved to be very effective in enhancing the brand image of Lions clubs."

As we go into the second half of the year, let us push forward with ideas that we had in late June or early July but include non-members.

Again Happy Holidays,

DG DeAngelo Jackson
Walking By Faith

1st Vice District Governor's Message

Robert Block



November is a month of thanksgiving...

Thank you to all the Lions of District 31N for being a part of this tremendous family. Each one of you bring something special to your club, your community, and this district. Take time to recognize each other for what has been accomplished this year and in the past. Encouragement brings happiness and with happiness comes the strength to persist and continue to grow our Lions clubs. Retention is more important than ever and together we can make the difference to retain and grow our clubs through love and service.

Thank you again for all you do, for letting Marie, the boys, and I serve as the first vice district governor family, and for being a part of our "family".

Sincerely,

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

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



2nd Vice District Governor's Message

Mayra McCloud

Hello fellow Lions!

Well, we have officially reached the Holiday Season for the year, and I send wonderful Thanksgiving Day greetings from my "pride" to yours! If you can take a moment during the hectic madness, please try to remember to reach out to those who will be alone during the current lockdown...



You could make a huge difference in someone's life. God bless you all... and may you have a peaceful, safe, healthy and happy Thanksgiving Day!

Have a "roaring" good time!

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NORTH CAROLINA Lions, Inc.

All clubs should have their Camp Dogwood Tickets by now. If you have not received them please contact District Governor DeAngelo Jackson so some can be given to you. Currently the district has turned in \$2,906.00. You can go to nclionsinc.org for the latest information on Camp Dogwood Raffle.



Brighter Visions Report is available. You can download the latest report at nclionsinc.org to see where your club stands. As of October 14, 2020 our district has raised \$28,254.00. That is only 28% of the Governors goal of \$100,000.00. If your club has not sent anything in yet, we are asking you to send in at least a 1/2 of your goal for the year by the end of December.

CLUB NEWS

Southport Lions Club News

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Southport Lions 75th Anniversary!

Even though our long-planned 75th Anniversary celebration banquet and Family Day & Car Show remain on hold due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we have found safe ways to celebrate. In November, we installed our 75th Anniversary banner for all to see as they drive into Southport!



Lions Recognized for Over 200 Years of Service!

On November 19th, we gathered in the autumn sun at the Southport Waterfront to hand our Lions Club recognitions for 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, and 40 years of service along with Gold Centennial and Diamond Centennial awards. Recognitions for Past President and Lion of the Year were also presented, along with Membership Advancement Key and District 31N Membership Hall of Fame.



“Big Yellow Mailbox” Keeps Filling!

One safe outdoor service activity has continued through the pandemic: the collection and refurbishing of used eyeglasses and hearing aids. Ever since we installed our “Big Yellow Mailbox” in downtown Southport, it keeps filling up thanks to the generosity of residents and visitors. Combined with our other collection sites, we are packing and shipping hundreds of pairs of glasses and dozens of hearing aids every month.

Angier Lions Club Celebrates 10 Year Anniverarsy



Tuesday, November 10, Angier Lions Club celebrated its 10th year anniversary at Ron's

Barn. The guest speaker was Past International Director, Lacy M. Presnell, Jr. who has been a North Carolina Lion for 70 years. He was introduced by Past International President Sid Scruggs, III. Angier's own District Governor, DeAngelo Jackson, was emcee for the evening encouraging the club to strive to continue serving and giving the gift of sight to our neighbors who are in need.

Western Harnett Lions Club Continues Tradition of “Feeding the Hungry”

A sign in the Breadbasket of Sanford reads “Be Nice to Each Other and Eat Until You Are Full”. This summarizes the mission of the breadbasket. The breadbasket is a non-profit organization dedicated to feeding the needy. It provides a hot meal to those individuals who cannot afford one, and may otherwise go hungry, and serves anyone who comes through the doors, no questions asked. In spite of the terrible impact of the corona virus, the Western Harnett Lions Club has continued its long tradition of preparing meals for the hungry at the breadbasket. For nearly twelve (12) years, WH Lions have supported the breadbasket 1-3 days every month. The meal typically consists of a meat, vegetable, salad, beverage and desert. Lions prepare the fully-cooked meal, serve those in need, and clean up the kitchen and dining room areas. We currently serve about 130 persons each day. Though the virus has certainly impacted the operation, it has not deterred our commitment to our community and to those in need. Persons can no longer sit, eat, and socialize in the facility, so meals are prepared and packaged as “to go” orders. Regardless of the difficulties, Lions do what is necessary to help the needy of the community. As long-time coordinator for our club, Lion Allen Truhan said, “I am proud that the Lions provide a good meal to those in need. It gives

me great and instant gratification to know that our hard work keeps an individual from going hungry. I am not sure that there is anything more important that we could do for another person, and I am happy to be a part of it.” Thanks to Lion Allen, his co-chair, Lion Sherry Powell and to all those Western Harnett Lions who help to feed the hungry of our community . . .We Serve!



Lions Russ & Moni with their granddaughter prepare to distribute meals



Lion Allen Truhan (far right) and his team of WH Lions



WH Lions Allen, Carl & Sherry “do the dishes” after a meal

2ND VDG Mayra McCloud visits Shallotte Lions Club



District 31N 2nd Vice Governor Mayra McCloud stopped by the Shallotte Lions Club this morning to share her insights on eSight and other apps to assist the visually impaired. Thanks for the visit and all of the great information!!!

Wilmington Lions Club working hard!





are recycled for scrap, with the earnings benefitting local Lions and Leos projects.

4. At the mission site, eye care professionals and trained Lion and Leo volunteers perform vision screenings and dispense the appropriate recycled glasses, free of charge, to children and adults in need.

The Lions Recycle Program does not benefit people in the US directly. The Wilmington Lions Club supplies a limited number of vouchers for eyeglasses and/or eye exams for needy residents in the Greater Wilmington Area. All intake for aid goes through the New Hanover

So far this year the Wilmington Lions Club has collected and recycled over 3000 pairs of glasses and sunglasses.

Why Recycle Glasses?

An estimated 120 million people (according to the World Health Organization) are visually impaired because of uncorrected refractive errors (far and near sightedness). Almost all cases can be corrected, and normal vision can be restored with eyeglasses, contact lenses or refractive surgery.

The lack of eyeglasses denies children and adults opportunities for education, employment, and a better quality of life.

The Journey of Recycled Glasses

1. Lions and Leos collect used eyeglasses at various community locations.
2. The glasses are shipped to the nearest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center where trained volunteers' sort, clean and determine the prescription strengths of the glasses.
3. Volunteers at the recycling center carefully package the prepared glasses and store them until they are required for eyeglass dispensing missions. Glasses that are not suitable for reuse

Department of Social Services or the New Hanover County Dept. of Services for the Blind. 100% of public donations to Lions clubs are used for charitable causes – none go for administrative expenses. Donations to aid local residents to obtain vision exams and eyeglasses can be sent to the Wilmington NC Lions Foundation, P. O. Box 7825, Wilmington, NC 28406. The Wilmington NC Lions Foundation is a 501 c (3).





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



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And Lions of District 31N

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