



**District Governor**  
DeAngelo Jackson



**1st Vice Dist. Governor**  
Robert Block



**2nd Vice Dist. Governor**  
Mayra McCloud

## Mid-Winter Convention Has Gone Virtual

We are ready to try something new? Do you want to meet many of your Lions friends and still be Covid safe?

The Mid-Winter Convention Committee has voted December 6, that in the best interest of our health, and staying within the published restrictions it would be best not to host a face-to-face convention this year. Our convention will be virtual on Zoom on Saturday, February 6, 2021. We will also have a live virtual auction on Sunday, February 7, 2021.

Since we will not be able to meet in person, our election for our District Governor and First and Second Vice-District Governor will be held online. More information about the election will soon be published.

The delegate form will be emailed to the Club Secretaries this week.

## WELCOME OUR NEW LION MEMBERS FOR DECEMBER

Lion Rae Jean Harris - Anderson Creek

Lion Nancy Rae Casteel - Goldsboro Downtown

Lion Wilhelmina J. Nelson - Goldsboro Downtown

Lion David E. Conner - Lumberton

Lion Wade Hall, Jr. - Lumberton

Lion April Grady - Mount Olive

Lion Emilie Caroline Metts - New Bern Twin Rivers

Lion Patricia Thomas - Western Harnett

Lion Paul W. Thomas - Western Harnett



### District Governor's Message

DeAngelo Jackson

Happy New Year!

We have approached 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 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*

Greetings Lions and a Happy New Year to you all!

It's amazing to look back at 2020, reflect on the pandemic, reflect on the impacts it has had on everyone and everything around but to see that Lions all over our district are seeking ways to continue to be involved, to give back, to help others, and to do what we do best...Lead by Example. Many Lions clubs have adapted and become familiar with online platforms like Zoom, FaceTime, Facebook Live and so much more.

We are at the ½ way mark of our Lions year and things aren't getting easier. If you find yourself or your club struggling to embrace technology or struggling to find covid

friendly ways to volunteer, I urge you to reach out to a neighboring club. Together we can move mountains but we must have the courage to reach out and say "help me".

I've seen clubs continuing to find ways to provide eye exams, spot vision screening, and even providing to the food shelter. I have heard of clubs working with other organizations to do clothing drives and coat drives, I have seen clubs put together care packages for their VIPs and do some "Christmas" shopping for the less fortunate. We are an amazing group of people, we are filled with love and compassion, and we know that we need to help others. We can, and we will, continue to evolve through these changes and 2021 will be a fantastic year!

I hope to see many of you at our virtual mid-winter convention and I hope that you all will continue to invite me to visit with your club. If I haven't been to your club in person or virtually, give me a call, 252.229.5099 and lets get it on the calendar for 2021!

God Bless and Happy New Year!

**Lion Robert Block Jr and family**  
**New Bern Lions Club**

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**2nd Vice  
District  
Governor's  
Message**

*Mayra McCloud*

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Hello fellow Lions!

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Well, we have officially reached the Holiday Season for the year. 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 New Year!

Have a "roaring" good time!  
2 VDG Mayra McCloud



Retention News!

We ended 2020 with just a few losses – Lets start 2021 with a positive in retaining our existing members

Happy and Healthy New Years to all!

I am sure we are all relieved that 2020 is over and we can look forward to returning, at some point in 2021 to "normal"!

As District 31N Retention Chair– I have had the opportunity to meet with a few Clubs via Zoom to discuss ideas to liven up our Club meetings and also to present ideas for Service projects we can do – even during this Pandemic.

Please contact me to schedule a Club/Zone/Region meeting.

On behalf of Lion Linda, Trevor and myself – we would like to wish you a sweet and safe 2021!

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All clubs should have there Camp Dogwood



Santa came just a little bit early this year as Jessica Clemmons and her family were presented with a new Braille Writer and Paper

# BRIGHTER Visions

north carolina lions

annual fund drive  
 Tickets by now. If you have not received them please contact District Governor DeAngelo Jackson so some can be given to you. Our District as of December 14th has turned in \$4,559.00 raffle sales. You can go to [nclionsinc.org](http://nclionsinc.org) for the latest information on Camp Dogwood Raffle.



from the Shallotte Lions Club. Lions Regina Evans, Mike Causey, and Club President Rod Davis visited the family earlier this week to make the presentation. Congratulations Jessica and Merry Christmas from all of us at the Shallotte Lions Club!!!!

Brighter Visions Report is available. You can download the latest report at [nclionsinc.org](http://nclionsinc.org) to see where your club stands. As of December 14, 2020 our district has raised \$29500.00. The Governors goal is \$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.

## CLUB NEWS

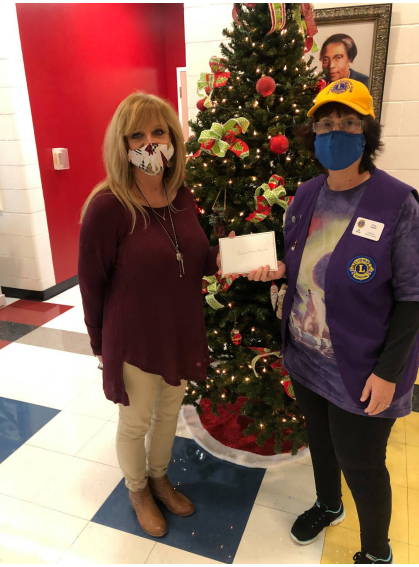
### Shallotte Lions Club

### Three Lions Clubs Providing Christmas Cheer!

**Aurora, New Bern & Twin Rivers Lions Clubs** helped spread some Christmas cheer to our area VIP's this season. The three clubs provided gifts to the local VIP's in Aurora, Craven County and Pamlico County.

The **Wilmington Lions Club** helped the Salvation Army at Hanover Center ring those Bells on Saturday, December 19th. Many thanks to all who donated and helped to make Christmas a little brighter for many people.

## Calabash Lions Club



Calabash Lion Tina Deitel presented 10 Food Lion Gift Cards to Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary School Parent Facilitator, Sharyn Morrison, for families in need of food for the Christmas holidays, and Lion Howard Deitel presented

5 Food Lion Gift Cards to Waccamaw Elementary School Secretary, Robin Beane.

## Beaufort Lions Club



The Race to the North Pole happened in Beaufort on Saturday, December 12, 2020. Our community gathered to celebrate the Christmas season, and gave hundreds of bicycles to Toys For Tots. This annual event is sponsored by Holland Shepard Group and Keller Williams Realty

Beaufort Lions Club helped with generous support, giving so we could buy 11 bikes so some boys and girls will find a new shiny bicycle under their Christmas tree! We ended up with a total of \$950 contributed to buy bikes, \$650 in donations and \$300 from our budget approved by club members.



Members across Multiple District 31 have reported that their personal email accounts have been hacked and are being used by criminals to solicit money and gift cards. This email scam appears to be primarily affecting members of the North Carolina Lions. If you receive an email from another member asking for you to send them cash or gift cards, disregard the message. Typically, the scam involves two emails - one asking that you contact the member only by email. If you respond, a second email is received asking for you to send money and promising reimbursement. If you are a victim of this scam, please report it to law enforcement. If you are a victim of hacking, it is recommended that you change your email address and password for your email account.

**Slate of District Officers for 2021-2022 to be elected at the Mid-Winter Convention**



**For District Governor -1st Vice District Governor Robert Block**



Lion Robert became a member of the New Bern Lions in 2014 and has met all qualifications necessary to be eligible for the office of District Governor. Lion Robert is our current 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor and sits on the board of the NCLI for our District. Lion Robert serves with his wife, Lion Marie, and boys, Nathan, Brennan, and Logan, by his side. Lion Robert holds a Bachelor of Science in Management from Franklin Pierce University and also is a part of the Lions University committee.

In serving as District Governor, Lion Robert seeks to continue to progress the goals of our District and looks to help our District grow membership through innovative thinking, a focus on families, and continuing to bridge the ideas of the future with the traditions of past. Lion Robert believes it is important that we see both sides and work as one, following the vision of Lionism and what the Lions emblem stands for.



**For 1st Vice District Governor - 2nd Vice District Governor Mayra McCloud**

Lion Mayra has been a member since 2013 first with the Vas's Lions Club before transferring to the Fayetteville Community Lions Club. Lion Mayra has held positions in the district as 2nd Vice District Governor, Region, Zone and Public Relations Chair.



**For 2nd Vice District Governor - Region Chair Carlie Metts**

Lion Carlie Metts has been a member of the New Bern Twin Rivers Lions Club since 1999. Lion Carlie Metts has held numerous position in the District as Information Technology, Hunger, Public Relations, Brighter Visions, Zone & Region Chairs. Lion Carlie Metts is currently the Region, Information Technology Chairs for the District and State Information Technology Chair. Lion Carlie serves with his wife, Lion Dawn Metts with their oldest daughter Lion Emilie Metts. Lions Carlie and Dawn are proud Navy Parents as both Daughters Emilie and Hannah Metts serve. Lion Carlie holds a Bachelor of Arts in Parks and Recreation Management from University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

In serving as 2nd Vice District Governor, Lion Carlie seeks to continue providing leadership for the district to grow membership, education, technology, and families with our eyes on the future while staying grounded with our past.

