



Western Harnett Lions Successfully Conduct Two Blood Drives in Three Months!

*By Lion Joe Poth
Western Harnett Lions Club*

In response to the global pandemic and the need to increase the local blood supply, the Western Harnett Lions Club was once again pressed into service and asked by the American Red Cross to coordinate another blood drive. Our latest drive was conducted on Martin Luther King Jr Day. How appropriate that on this National Day of Service, Lions came together to coordinate a blood drive to help give the gift of life. This was our second blood drive since October. We were able to accomplish this because of the outstanding partnership of the Lions, the American Red Cross and the Western Harnett community. Lion Ginny Barney, our long time Blood Drive Coordinator as well as our Club President, on short notice, put together another successful drive for our club and community. Lion Ginny said “Truly there is no “I” in the word Team when it comes to the Western Harnett Lions . . .we will work to make it happen”. We



District Governor
DeAngelo Jackson



1st Vice Dist. Governor
Robert Block



2nd Vice Dist. Governor
Mayra McCloud

were provided a quota of 30 pints. We once again exceeded our quota and coordinated 33 donor pints! Lion Ginny said "I am so proud that our club continues to find ways to help our community, especially during this terrible pandemic. We will always find ways to serve." Way to go WH Lions!

WELCOME OUR NEW LION MEMBERS FOR JANUARY

Lion Tim C. Morris - Erwin Lions Club - Sponsor Lion Paul Blackman

Lion Tim C. Morris, Jr. - Erwin Lions club - Sponsor Lion Paul Blackman

Way to go Lion Paul for bringing in two new members!



District Governor's Message

DeAngelo Jackson

Did Punxsutawney or Sir Charles see their shadow? Would this be a shortened or longer winter? Does it matter? Every day plan accordingly and dress according to the situation.

Is this not the same with COVID-19? How effective is the vaccine, will it work or not? Does it matter? Every day plan accordingly and dress according to the situation. Wear your mask, keep proper distance, and wash your hands often. Let us be wise in our

activities and keep viruses and germs away.

Although we are in a pandemic the need to help others has not decreased, but according to media sources they have in some cases tripled. It is easy to sit back and wait for clearance, but let us find ways in which we can be safe and still serve others.

Here are the ways that we are still being active in our district: Eye exams and eye glasses are still being allocated out of our clubs. Eye screening for the youth are still being conducted. Food pantries and food programs are still being distributed. Reaching out and calling others to find out how they and their love ones are doing. The Dunn Lions Club dropped off 250 used glasses to my office for recycling. Some fundraising project has continued. Packing Valentine's Day gift bags for Boys and Girls Home of North Carolina. Yes, our Roar is

still being heard, brainstorm within your club to see what other impacts can we accomplish.

Let us all come out on Zoom, February 6, 2021 for our virtual Mid-Winter Convention. Our guest from the Lions Club International family will be International Director Robert Block Sr and his spouse Lion Brenda Block. They will tag team that Saturday and give us their words of wisdom.

Be safe and Carpe Diem

District Governor DeAngelo Jackson
Walking By Faith



1st Vice District Governor's Message

Robert Block

As our District Convention nears, Marie, the boys, and I are excited to have time coming up that we will share with our Lions family. It is unfortunate that we will not get to be together in person, but this virtual convention will be a success because of each of you supporting our efforts as a District Team to help our Governor be successful!

It is my hope that you will support me, and vote for me, to be your District Governor Elect and lead our District into the 100th year of Lionism in North Carolina. This will be a historic year for all of us, and I invite

anyone interested in being a part of the district team of 2021-2022 to reach out to me.

Lion Robert Block Jr and family New Bern Lions Club



2nd Vice District Governor's Message

Mayra McCloud

Greetings, Lions!

I have some terrific news! We have a WeWalk white cane for your VIPs to try! It connects to your smartphone... Sends messages... Blue tooth, GPS, Google maps, and more!!! Talk about the possibilities for independence!!! Pictured is the Fayetteville Lions Technology testing group (with WeWalk!). This group also speaks about possible government assistance, eSight testing, VIP friendly "apps", seeing eye dogs, and lots more! Give me a call and tell me what you are interested in hearing about and we will make it happen! Lions Nicole, Sandy, Dorothy, Quince and myself are ready to help YOU help our local VIPs with lots of tech info.



NORTH CAROLINA



Lions, Inc.

All clubs should have there Camp Dogwood 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 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 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.

NORTH CAROLINA



Lions, Inc.

Hello from the 1st Vice District Governors of MD31.

We are pleased to announce that PDG Dale Dupree has been selected as our Council Chair for 2021-2022 Lions Year! And we are excited to continue our journey together serving the

Lions of North Carolina. We encourage all Lions to reach out to us with any suggestions as to how we can serve you in the coming Lions Year!

Happy New Year to you all and we're looking forward to a fabulous year!

Respectfully,

MD 31 1st Vice District Governors

L - Kenneth Beach, I - Wayne Kennerly, O - Babara Thompson, N - Robert Block, S - Randy Oxendine

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 1st 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.

Camp Dogwood News!

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy.

Thank you to everyone that donated to the HVAC Fund. So far Lions have raised \$18,390, which has replaced/repared units in the White Dorm, Duplex 4 and the Rec Building. The Cates Room located in the Lodge is still in need of some TLC. Please continue donating to this fund.

The tentative schedule for the upcoming Summer Camp year will begin on May 30th ending July 30th. Camper applications are scheduled to be emailed out to VIP's, Social Workers and Clubs the middle of February. I want everyone to know that we are continuing to plan Camp; however please remember with Covid no one is sure of what the regulations will be. The safety of our VIP's, Volunteers and Staff are our #1 concern.

Volunteer Week is scheduled March 25-31. During this week Lions from across the State will come together to work on various projects

around the camp. Projects include landscaping, painting, power washing, sorting eye glasses and much more. If you have a power washer and could possibly bring it to use please let either Robert Carroll or Tammy know. If you are interested in participating in Volunteer Week please email or call Tammy at 828-478-2135 ext. 229 or tammy@nclionsinc.org. More info will be sent out at a later date.

If you or your club have raffle tickets you are no longer able to sell please get those to your zone leader or the NCLI Office so they can be redistributed. Please continue to sell!!! Remember the money raised from the Raffle will go toward the maintenance and upkeep of our Camp.

Things have been slow around the Camp since the start of Covid.

Respectfully submitted

Lion Tammy Thomas
Camp/Retreat Administrator



Raffle Tickets

Despite the current COVID -19 crisis, money contributed to North Carolina Lions, Inc (NCLI) through the Brighter Visions Campaign still covers a majority of the costs (over 49%) to support programs for the states Visually

Impaired People (VIP). Residents from all over the state of North Carolina receive some sort of benefit from NCLI funded programs such as: Financial help to obtain eye exams and eyeglasses, vision screening through the Mobil Screening Unit, support and mobility canes, educational grants, operational cost of Camp Dogwood, and many more.

On April 25, 2021 the winner will be determined at the North Carolina Lions State Convention. If you're not in attendance a phone call will be made to the winner.

Tickets are on sale, up until the drawing on April 25. **See your local Lions Club Member for tickets.**

Bob Timberlake print for 2021 "Ray's Porch"

lithograph image: 18" x 12 ^{3/8}" on paper 23 ^{1/4}" x 17 ^{3/8}."





News from your Camp Dogwood Chair

Happy New Year fellow Lions. Lets hope 2021 will be better or on the right track to getting things somewhat back to normal. We still have a camp that needs our attention. If you could help out with a personal or club donation anything would be helpful. Maybe use some of your stimulus check or maybe some of your tax refund if you are up for one. Let's get our camp ready for when we can have activities or events again. Thank you for your continued support of Camp Dogwood.

Blessings,
PDG Wayne Faber
Camp Dogwood Chair

31N Mid-Winter Convention

COVID has played havoc on 2020 and going into 2021. Due to the pandemic our convention is now Virtual. The convention will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2021. Our Brighter Visions Auction will now be at a later date.



31-N Mid-Winter Convention February 6th, 2021

- 9:00 – 11:00 Cabinet Meeting
Peace Poster Award
Nominations
Explanation of Election
- 11:00 – 11:10 Break
- 11:10 – 11:20 Lion Brenda Block, Spouse of ID Bob Block, Sr.
- 11:20 – 12:00 Townhall with ID Bob Block, Sr.
- 12:00 – 12:30 Lunch (On your own)
- 12:30 – 12:55 MG (Ret) Gale Pollock
- 12:55 – 1:00 Break
- 1:00 – 1:25 Knights for the Blind
- 1:25 – 1:30 Break
- 1:30 – 1:55 Why We Serve
- 1:55 – 2:00 Break
- 2:00 – 2:25 Updates on Electronic Aids for the Visually Impaired
- 2:25 – 2:30 Break
- 2:30 – 2:55 Election Results and Comments
- 2:55 – 3:00 Break
- 3:00 – 3:15 Awards
- 3:15 – 3:20 Break
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Club News

Western Harnett Lions Club



Lions Mary Gibson and Calie Poth and friend helps pack lunches at Buddy Back Pack

Buddy Back Pack. Today Lion Joe Poth and 5 other Lions helped pack 374 lunch packs for students attending schools in the Western half of Harnett County



Wilmington Lions Club



50 Years of Service



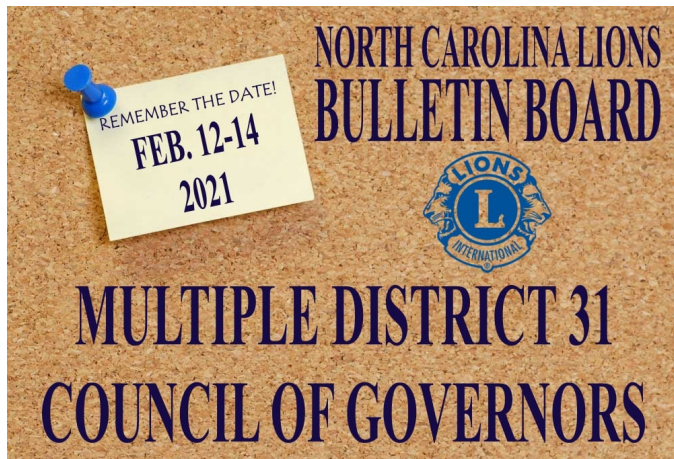
The Wilmington Lions Club announces that Lion Richard B. "Dick" Gerrish is eligible for the 50 Year Perfect Attendance Pin. Lion Richard joined the Wilmington Lions Club in November of 1970.

The pin not only recognizes his excellent attendance, but it also recognizes his service to the Greater Wilmington Community.

Lion Richard has served multiple terms as President, Secretary, Treasurer, and other offices in the Club. He is currently the Zone 5 Chair for District 31-N. He has served as the Golf Tournament Chair, the largest fundraising project for the club for several years.



Council of Governors & NCLI Board Meeting



MD-31 Council Chairperson Michael H. Schwartz has announced that due to COVID-19 and state health mandates, the quarterly meeting of the Council of Governors, scheduled for Feb. 12-13, 2021, will be virtual and not an in-person event. The quarterly NCLI Board of Directors' meeting, scheduled for Feb. 14, will also be virtual. A schedule of meetings will be announced soon.

We serve to help those affected by
childhood cancer survive and thrive.

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Lions Clubs International





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An Email will be sent to registered delegates, alternates, Past District Governors and any registered Lions of the Mid-Winter Convention by Friday, February 5, 2021.

Dogwood on Lake Norman

Spring is just around the corner at Dogwood on Lake Norman despite what the Ground Hog may say. We have limited availability for Spring Retreats. Make your Reservation today. 828-478-2135.



Dogwood on Lake Norman is waiting on you. We have 2 weekends available for the summer waterfront wedding you have been dreaming of.