



Goldsboro Downtown Lions 2020 Peace Poster Winners

*Article & Photos by Lion Gene Goetz
Goldsboro Downtown Lions Club*

We are especially proud of our students who did not let COVID-19 stop them from performing their best in these trying times. Artwork was completed by middle school students, age 11 to 13, in various Wayne County Public Schools. This year's peace poster theme was "Peace Through Service". Only one poster from a Lions Club can progress to district competition but The Goldsboro Downtown Lions decided to honor a second and third place winner. Each student was presented with a plaque and a monetary award at our lunch meeting on December 3rd .

The Goldsboro Downtown Lions would like to thank the following people who made this contest possible:



District Governor
DeAngelo Jackson



1st Vice Dist. Governor
Robert Block



2nd Vice Dist. Governor
Mayra McCloud

- Children and teachers of Wayne County who put their hearts into their work.
- Our judges Ms. Georgia Dees, Mr. Jimmie Ford, and Ms. Angie Waller for donating their time.
- The Arts Council of Wayne County for displaying the posters and hosting the judging.
- Ms. Christy White who coordinated the contest with various Wayne County Schools
- Members of Goldsboro Downtown Lions for sponsoring the contest.

Lions International Peace Poster Contest is an international contest that encourages children, ages 11 through 13 to creatively express what peace means to them. This contest allows students to share their unique images of peace with others, so that we may all have greater tolerance and international understanding.



First Place: Zoey Thompson. Second Place: Taylor Theriac. Third Place: Josephine Simmons

WELCOME OUR NEW LION MEMBERS FOR JANUARY

Lion Joanne Beltran - Anderson Creek Lions Club

Lion Johnye Merkerson - Fayetteville Community Lions Club - Sponsor Lion Sandy North

Lion Eric Doggett - Pikeville Lions Club - Sponsor Lion Lenwood Edwards

Lion Catherine Gutierrez - Selma Lions Club - Lion Dina Flowers

Lion Cheryl Oliver - Selma Lions Club. - Lion Dina Flowers



District Governor's Message

DeAngelo Jackson

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that participated in our Mid-Winter Convention. I believe it was an excellent success. Thank you for all those that participated in setting it up and teaching classes. Lion Carlie Metts play a instrumental part and not only setting up the convention for our district but also setting it up for the rest of the state. Thank you again.

Early part of February we had a tornado that hit the Brunswick County. But thanks to the lions in that area, those that were devastated were met with loving arms from their local Lions Club. It feels good to be part of the organization that reaches out to others.

We are now in the month of March and getting ready to set our clocks forward, let us begin to think about our next year's club officers. I would like to take this time to congratulate our District Governor Elect Robert Block Jr; our First Vice District Governor Elect Mayra McCloud; and Second Vice District Governor Elect Carlie Metts. Let us show our support to these Lions as they move forward into next year.

District Governor DeAngelo Jackson
Walking By Faith



District Governor Elect's Message

Robert Block

Fellow Lions,

Let me start by thanking all that attended the District Convention in February! The convention ran well, very few issues for being our first virtual convention, and everything seemed to flow just right! Our speakers were absolutely amazing, informative, and passionate about Lionism!

Finally, Marie, the boys, and I would like to thank all of you for your trust in us and your vote of confidence in electing us as the District Governor for 2021-2022 year. We are honored and blessed with so many friends throughout our district reaching out to congratulate us. We would like to extend a special thank you to PDG Irwin Sieglwax for such a wonderful nomination speech and for expressing his believe in us and to PDG Jim Micmillon for seconding the nomination and remarking in his trust, admiration and belief that we will succeed.

As we continue on through the year, we are seeing improvements in our clubs as we can begin getting back together and having meetings and I encourage everyone to focus on our district goals, support brighter visions, and most importantly, find the people in your local community who need help the most. They are there, they are looking for us, and when we find them we will fulfill our mission while filling our hearts.

Sincerely,

Lion Robert C Block Jr and family
District 31N - District Governor Elect
New Bern Lions Club



1st VDG Elect's Message

Mayra McCloud

Greetings, fellow Lions!

Due to many requests from assorted clubs, this article will be a collection of links to sites for visual impairment assistive technology, devices, apps, and ongoing experiments/surgeries for the fast changing field of fighting blindness. If you need clarification, additional options, or want me to actually show you some of these items, such as the WeWalk white cane, eSight Glasses, enlargers, etc., please feel free to contact me at madmayra@gmail.com. Remember... the following examples are just a FEW that are out there now.. We live in incredible times!

www.esighteyewear.com... for low vision or legally blind. Helps 65 to 70% of low vision to see clearly again.

www.wewalk.io... "smart cane"... collapsible version of the standard white cane, with blue tooth, GPS, Google maps, and detection of above ground obstacles. by the way... connects to your smart phone!

www.quintexofasheville.com... assorted assistive tech for the visually impaired

www.orcam.com... "sees" for the visually impaired and describes and remembers faces or products

www.nueyes.com... wearable magnifier

www.lvsmn.com... low vision store! lots of things to assist with independence for the VIP. Catalog available

www.maxiaids.com... same as above. Catalog available

Experimental tech, drugs and surgeries are so exciting and filled with hope! Here are just a few things...

www.umassmed.edu... treatments for visual impairment article to include "Luxterna" drug, CRISPR surgery, and gene editing

www.allaboutvision.com... Bionic eyes, bionic lenses and eye implants

www.apnews.com... Driverless cars for the blind!

I hope you take the time to share this info with others that might need the information. there is tons more info out there... just have to keep digging! See you next month!

Lion Mayra, 1VDGE 31N



2nd VDG Elect's Message

Carlie Metts

I would like to say thank you to everyone that voted for me. I also would like to say a special thank you to PDG's David Cox and Rahim

Shomari for the nomination speech along with their encouragement and friendship.

I look forward to serving District 31N as the 2nd Vice District Governor for 2021-2022. I also look forward working District Governor Elect Robert Block and 1st Vice District Governor Elect Mayra McCloud. With that being said Lion Dawn and I look forward to this journey of the next three years.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Carlie

2nd VDG Elect



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.

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.



Club News

223 Years of Faithful Lionism

Goldsboro Downtown Lions “Incubator of PDG’s”

As always the Goldsboro Downtown Lions got right to work filling bags of treats for the Boys and Girls Home on Valentines day. Names of Lions in the picture are listed below along with each members service years.

We are proud to currently have six active past district governors in our club. Over the years nine district governors have been members of the Goldsboro Downtown Lions Club.

“Hats off” to PDG Barbara Mayes for being the first woman to rise to the position of District Governor of 31-N (formally 31-H) in 2005-2006



North Carolina Lions State Convention

COVID has played havoc on 2020 and going into 2021. Due to the pandemic our state convention is now Virtual. More information will follow as plans are completed.



Left to right: Lion Steve Jordan (33), Lion Susan Durham (7), PDG IK Williamson (55), PDG Richard Sutton (33), PDG Worth McKeel (55), Lion Willie Nelson (1), PDG Richard Durham (39)

Picture taken by PDG Barbara Mayes

Article by Lion Gene Goetz



Valentine's Gifts were delivered to Mason Smith at the Boys & Girls Homes of NC, by Lions Irwin & Linda Siegelwax, that were shopped for by Lions Tina & Howard Deitel. The gifts were: composition books, pens, pencils, erasers, candy, and games (Clue, Scrabble, Stuff Happens, game of Things). Lion Linda took the picture.



Lions Tina & Howard Deitel made up 87 Gift Bags of Candy with Valentine Cards for the resi- dents of Autumn Care of Shallotte; Sunset Beach Food Lion donated a sheet cake decorat- ed for Valentine's Day; and the Purple Onion in Shallotte donated cookies. All of which was de- livered by Lions Howard & Tina to a front office receptionist.

Women in Lions

Hello Fellow Lions.

As we begin Roaring into March lets make sure we remember to stop and recognize International Women's Day on March 8th. International Women's Day is a day marked for celebration and advocacy for women's rights and equality around the world. We as Lions have come a long way and continue to strive and empower women. Let's take a look back at our history.

The Lions organization was founded in 1917 and for a long period of time, only men were allowed to be members. As membership grew, the spouses began forming auxiliary clubs embracing the mission of service. The auxiliary clubs became so successful that the Lioness program was developed in 1975. It wasn't until 1987 that the Lions Club constitution was finally amended and allowed both men and women to admit membership. We most recently celebrated by having our first ever woman International President who created district level positions like mine to empower women and families to join serve with our organization.

We need to continue the evolution of our membership. Take a look at your club and

your community. Are you serving in places that women, families, young adults, or any other under represented population are in need? In order to continue our future and continue growing our membership we need to reach out to areas we may not have looked before and brainstorm together to create service projects that offer a diverse outlook for participation. If you or your club are in need of help in these areas please let me know. I am willing to speak at a meeting, meet by zoom, or we can work one on one to help your club.

Here are some ways you and your club can celebrate International Women's Day:

1. Check out the New Voices website for resources to celebrate women in Lions.
2. Post a selfie on Facebook in support of women everywhere on March 8.
3. Share a story of an incredible woman in your club on social media.

Lion Marie Block
Women and Family Specialist
New Bern Lions

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

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 – 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!

**PDG Irwin
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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.

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Summer Camp 2021 Update:

Summer Camp is just around the corner. The first week of Camp will May 30,2021; and the last week will begin July 25,2021. Applications will be available starting March 8th. Applications will be emailed to Clubs and Social Workers. Applications will be mailed to individuals upon request.

Camp Dogwood will have a Covid protocol in place and will follow all CDC Guidelines.

If you have any questions please give us a call .



Thank you, Vince and Donna Schimmoller, for delivering Valentines goodies for all B&GH residents, Foster Care families, and Thomas Academy students on behalf of NC Lions District 31-N as part of their mid winter convention service project. Such a great partnership!

BOYS & GIRLS HOME
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
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FRIDAY - MARCH 19TH 2021
📍 **THE CAROLINA TRACE COUNTRY CLUB**
IN SANFORD, NC

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Garry Elliott NC Lions MD-31

If you're itching to play golf and support our work among children and youth...you can do both thanks to Ricky Benton II, Blacks Tire Service and their entire staff team!



We are excited about the efforts thus far in our “STRIDES” Rockin’ Walk A-thon has made in raising awareness for diabetes. Over the 3 years we’ve had the event, plus the sponsorships from 2020, we’ve raised in excess of \$50,000. We’ve sent kids to diabetes camp, helped with low boxes for all Lenoir County Schools diabetes patients, given debit cards to Lenoir County School nurses to help with supplies for diabetes kids and given thousands of dollars in medical scholarships to help children and adults with medicines and other medical needs. We also sponsor individuals who are diabetes patients that need eye exams through the scholarships.

We hope your club can start an event. We’d love for you to join ours and learn more about what we

The annual “STRIDES” event for Kinston Host and Kinston Ram Neuse Clubs and our partners will not be held as scheduled on March 27, 2021. The only option to hold it in March was all virtual.

In the committee’s opinion, the knowledge gained from the hands on experiences at the event cannot be gained through virtual participation. Our goal is to raise awareness for diabetes.

Therefore, we, as a committee, decided to postpone and hope to do the event in the fall of 2021.

do. We will get back with you on when it will be and where as we get closer to the event date.

Thanks,
Lion Sharon

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Prayer List

Lion Sammy Cox PDG Woody Huggins Lion Jeanette Oxendine Lion Randall Patterson
Lion Bobbi Fisher

Please send prayer request to district31n.news@gmail.com

Lions Birthdays for March

Lion Hank Larsen Lion Thomas Mattison PDG Vince Schimmoller Lion John Stephens
Lion Frank Jones Lion Janice Boone Lion Tom Batey Lion Bruce Armstrong
Lion Carol Painter Lion Alan Pate Lion Henry Stewart Lion Aubrey Posey
Lion Jody Edwards Lion John Rutkowski Lion Larry Baggwell Lion Judi Mattison
Lion Robert Harris Lion Darrell Schimmoller Lion Rae Harris Lion Kenneth Merkle
Lion Wade Hall Lion Channing Jones Lion Josh Whitley

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