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APRIL 1 - APRIL 30 2021

NC VIP Fishing Tournament Auction

Article by Council Chair Michael Schwartz
NC Lions MD 31

An on-line auction to support the NC Lions VIP Fishing Tournament will kick off on Thursday, April 1. The 30-day auction features more than 90 items. Visit www.ncvipfishing.org to register and see all the items offered. The value of items being auctioned is more than \$32,000.

The money from this auction will go to support the blind and visually impaired community. Lions support community needs, but also has an emphasis on the hearing impaired and diabetes.

This will be a month-long auction starting April 1 and ending at 5 p.m. on April 30. We are especially thankful for the generous donations and support of our sponsors, donors, and volunteers who have made this auction possible. We hope you bidders will now support us by bidding high and bidding often. All sales are final.

First, register. Click on the "Online Registration" tab at the top of this page and enter your information. Then click the "Catalog" tab and start bidding. You can also choose to make a donation by using the "Donate" tab.



District Governor

DeAngelo Jackson



1st Vice Dist. Governor

Robert Block



2nd Vice Dist. Governor

Mayra McCloud

Purchased items can be picked up from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, May 3 through Saturday, May 8 at First Flight Lions Club, 2706 N. Croatan Hwy, Kill Devil Hills NC 27948. Shipping within the United States, if necessary, is the responsibility of the purchaser. For information about purchases, email us at ncvipfishing@gmail.com.

We are a 501(c)3.

WELCOME OUR NEW LION MEMBERS FOR MARCH

Lion Rebecca Lynch - Anderson Creek Lions Club - Sponsor Lion Rae Harris

Lion Zachary Lynch - Anderson Creek Lions Club - Sponsor Lion Scott Harris

Lion Jennifer Ryan - Aurora Lions Club - Sponsor Lion Catherine Revels

Lion Aaron Rubio - Goldsboro Host Lions Club - Sponsor Lion Danielle Best

Lion Judy Moore - Kinston Host Lions Club - Sponsor Lion Dorothy Whaley

Lions Bryan & Sara McAllister - Selma Lions Club. - Sponsor Lion Dina Flowers

Lion Scott Hagan - Western Harnett Lions Club - Sponsor Lion Joe Poth



The 2021 NC Lions VIP Fishing Tournament has been cancelled due to public health concerns related to COVID-19. The tournament's governing board made the difficult decision in the interest of protecting its vulnerable participants and volunteers. If you have already submitted for application and paid for your registration, you will receive a refund. After consultation with officials at the Dare County Health Department, along with social service workers, group leaders, and Lions throughout the state, the board expressed its concern that the safety of our participants and volunteers could not be guaranteed due to the large number of people who typically attend the event. The tournament was scheduled for Oct. 18-20. "To host an event of this magnitude takes months of planning, preparation and fund raising," said Gwen White, executive director. "While we are deeply disappointed with the decision to cancel the event for a second year in a row, we must keep the health of everyone involved foremost in our concerns." Billed as the world's largest fishing tournament for the blind and visually impaired, the event typically attracts more than 900 from across North Carolina, along with visually impaired participants from seven other states and Canada.



District Governor's Message

DeAngelo Jackson

Happy spring time.

Let us all find a way to get out and enjoy the springtime weather, while at the same time being social distance. I will continue to ask that we all take this COVID-19 virus serious to the end.

During my time in the military, with over 100 training exercises or deployments we have had more injuries at the end of a training exercise or redeployment. Towards the end of the exercise people tend to let their guard down and that's when tragedy strikes the most. So I will continue to ask for patience from Lions Members that as we've been blessed with this virus going away, either through vaccination or with social distancing, let us keep our guard up all the way through the end.

It appears that we will have VIP camp at Camp Dogwood and there's an effort to have the VIP fishing tournament. Keep your prayers going forward.

Club presidents and secretaries this is the time to start looking at your officers for next year, let's make next year a wonderful recovery year.

DG DeAngelo Jackson
Walking By Faith



District Governor Elect's Message

Robert Block

Fellow Lions,

Time is flying by so quickly. All of our clubs have been affected drastically this year due to COVID 19 with our meetings and fundraising. So let us all try to finish this year strong.

I want to call all Lions and clubs to make sure that we give to Brighter Visions, Camp Dogwood Raffle Tickets and do not forget our raffle tickets for the Bob Timberlake print that helps the district with Brighter Visions.

I encourage all of you to do your best.

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!

I am so excited about the coming year... Freedom of movement is coming back, and I and my committee are looking forward to sharing exciting news with you of all the new high-speed tech out there for the blind and visually impaired... As a matter of fact, let me introduce you to Lion Regina from the Shallotte Lions Club. She is the latest recipient of a WeWalk white cane in NC. Her club decided to "gift" her with it after I spoke with them, and her life has dramatically changed! She is becoming progressively more independent as she trains with WeWalk, and familiarizes herself with the cane and assorted helpful apps.

Lion Regina writes..."Today I went out with the WeWALK white cane and had a great experience using it in Mulberry Park in Shallotte, NC. Walking with the cane let me know what was around me... I also tried the "BlindSquare" app. I would put in certain locations like the waterfall, the flags, the benches and the restrooms in the app and enjoyed using that too! I then went to Walmart and used the "Aira" app. The young lady that worked there helped me shop and pick out all of my groceries and find my way around in Walmart. All visually impaired and blind people need to learn to use technology... Technology rocks!"

As you can see, Lion Regina. (I am withholding her last name for privacy) is excited about her new and growing independence. Contact Shallotte Lions to find out how they made such a huge difference in someone's life. Or, contact me to have someone from our committee come and speak as travel restrictions lessen. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Lion Mayra McCloud,
District 31N - 1st VDG Elect



2nd VDG Elect's

Message

Carlie Metts

Greetings Lions of 31N;

Wow! This definitely has been a year to remember. COVID 19, Natural Disasters, ZOOM meetings, Virtual Conventions, deciding to run and being elected for 2nd Vice District Governor. Who would have thought that this year, I would be busier than ever as Information Technology Chair, but also as a Lion.

Even though we all had to adjust to this so called new norm. As Lions, we our work has not stopped. Lets keep working hard, check on your members, VIP's, family and most of all let's get out there and make a difference.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Carlie Metts,
District 31N - 2nd VDG Elect
New Bern Twin Rivers Lions Club



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.



As of March 26, our district has contributed \$44,961.51 to the Brighter Visions campaign. This puts us at 45% of our goal of \$100,000, the lowest of all districts.

District L 50%

District I 50%

District O 60%

District N 45%

District S 47%

I don't like being the lowest in anything, so I'm asking for your help! Please remember that the Brighter Visions campaign is responsible for 49% of income needed to support NCLI. Times

are tough for everyone, many of you have not been meeting and your fund raiser projects are suffering, but without financial support from Brighter Visions some of the programs that NCLI offers may have to be reduced.

We're asking you to "Do your Best" to get us off the bottom of the list.

Brighter Visions supports: Camp Dogwood, Support and Mobility Canes, Mobil Screening unit, Matching Grants, Recycling, Lions Eye Health Program, Organ and Tissue Replacement, Educational Grants, Low vision Aids, Deaf Blind Retreat and others.

Lion Gene Goetz; Co-chair for the Brighter Visions Campaign

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.



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.

Club News

Goldsboro Downtown Lions donates 20 pounds (over 20,000) of pull tabs for Ronald McDonald house.

It's easy just a "Twist of the wrist" and a container on your kitchen counter can make a difference to families. Ronald McDonald House has grown from its original location in Philadelphia in 1974 to a multi-national network of 365 locations, serving more than seven million children and families annually.

The mission of Ronald McDonald House is to keep families with sick children together and near the care and resources they need. Parents will be better rested and less stressed, and the children would have the comfort of knowing their parents were nearby.

There are two houses in Greenville North Carolina to offer temporary, safe, home-like setting for parents to live. All proceeds go directly to our house! According to the price of aluminum, the recycling center gives us a check. This check goes back into the House for general operating expenses. Also, volunteers use colored pop tabs to make unique bracelets. Pop Tab bracelets are sold for \$8 each.

So, why not start collecting? It's easy just a "Twist of the wrist" and a container. Every little pop tab helps!





Ronald and PDG Barbara Mayes



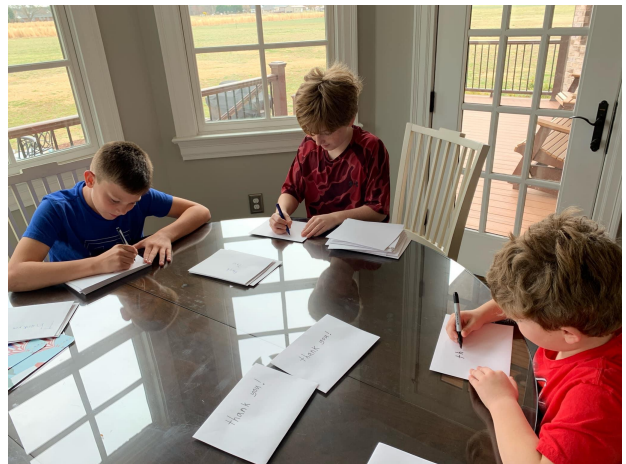
Left to Right: Lion Susan Durham, PDG Barb Mayes and Lion DaShaunti Waters

Pine Level Lions Club

Article by Lion Barry Godwin

Due to the Current Covid 19 Restrictions, the Pine Level Lions Club was unable to hold our Annual Pine Level Elementary School Faculty Night Banquet to recognize the Teachers and Staff at Pine Level Elementary School. In lieu of the banquet, the lions club gave Grocery Vouchers and a Lions Club Broom made by the Industries for the Blind in Greensboro, to each of the teachers. Hinson's Printing donated the

printed teacher's letters, gift vouchers and envelopes. Several students at the school assisted with addressing envelopes for the teacher's gifts. Shown in the photo is Lion President Scott Moore presenting the gifts to Pine Level Elementary School Principal Allen Sasser, and several students addressing envelopes.



ATTENTION ALL LIONS



Thank you for those that helped get the other units done in our other buildings however the biggest & most dire need is the cates room which is where are meetings and dances etc are held down at camp dogwood. They are hanging in there but need replacing. We are asking clubs, districts and for personal donations. Nothing is too big and nothing is too small ☺

WE HAVE ABOUT \$9,000 TOWARDS THE ROUGHLY \$24,000 NEEDED FOR THE PROJECT TO REMOVE THE 5 TON UNIT AND REPLACE WITH 10 TON, INSTALL IN STORAGE ROOM, NEW DUCTWORK, LINESET, CONNECT TO EXISTING GRILLS, AND ADDITIONAL ELECTRICAL WORK.

PLEASE MAIL CHECK TO CAMP DOGWOOD 7050 camp dogwood dr sherrils ford nc 28673 (AND MARK check FOR HVAC UNIT PROJECT)

QUESTIONS: CONTACT PDG WAYNE FABER 919-780-8819 OR EMAIL WFABER100@HOTMAIL.COM THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (WE SERVE)



You are invited to attend **Lions Club Night**

Come enjoy the beautiful spring weather with your local Lions Club members and an evening of exciting Mudcats Baseball at Five County Stadium!

**TUESDAY, May 25th @ 7:00
p.m.**

Carolina Mudcats vs. Kannapolis Cannon Ballers

Lions Club Tickets only \$8.00*

Before the game, join us at the Pilot Lions Den for a free Picnic Supper at 5:00 p.m.

Please have your ticket money and dinner reservations turned into PDG Wayne Faber by
(MAY 21st 2021)

* Tickets are box seats. Discount is not available at the gate. Regular gate price is \$12.00 per ticket.

(CHECKS MADE OUT TO DISTRICT 31-S)

Mail to:

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We Serve

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 April

Lion Richard Klein Lion Kay Cox LaDonna Schimmoller Lion Jackie Everett
Lion Tim Morris Lion Vincent North Lion Wayne Mensinger Lion Marlen Mapes
Lion Brad Vande Hei Lion Eric Doggett Lion Tyler Douglas Lion Danielle Best
Lion Adam Marlowe Lion Jody Dean Lion Anne Metts Lion James Wade
Lion Diane Toman Lion Marie Block DG DeAngelo Jackson PDG Irwin Siegelwax
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Southport Lions Club Boat Raffle: **A Fun Fundraising Opportunity for YOU and YOUR LIONS CLUB!**

Every year since 1987, the Southport Lions Club has raffled off a boat to raise money for our vision programs, community programs, and youth programs... until the pandemic. We've all lost out on fundraising opportunities, but here's a way that YOUR District 31N Lions Club can share in the profits by incorporating the boat raffle into your 2021 fundraising plans.

Grand Prize
2020 Bayliner
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Trailer

Second Prize
One Year Membership to
Freedom Boat Club of the
Grand Strand



**Southport Lions Boat Raffle - a "Win-Win-Win" for
Your Club, Our Club, and the District!**

Here's How YOUR LIONS CLUB Can Participate

- Your District 31N club can sell tickets and keep a share of the proceeds
- Brighter Visions will get a share of the proceeds from all tickets sold
- Tickets will be available before June 1st; the drawing will be on September 25th
- Interested? E-mail southportlionsclub@gmail.com to learn more

We will respect state and local pandemic policies

