



Join The Club!

Article by Lion Gene Goetz
31N Brighter Visions Chair

Fantastic news:

District N has moved 8 percentage points from last place to second place in the district for meeting the district governors’ goal for Brighter Visions.

District L improved from 50% to 51%

District I improved from 50% to 51%

District O stayed at 63%

District N improved from 46% to 54%

District S improved from 49% to 52%

As you can see the other districts are nipping at our heels, so let’s **keep the trend going**. My hope is that we can be the first to achieve 100% As of Monday April 26, there are 65 days left in the Lions year. A big cheer goes out to Kenansville, Goodwin, and Smithfield Lions Clubs who this past week joined the clubs contributing over 100% to the Brighter Visions campaign. Angier Lions Club jumped from to Bronze (50%) to Silver (75%), way to go Angier!



District Governor
DeAngelo Jackson



1st Vice Dist. Governor
Robert Block



2nd Vice Dist. Governor
Mayra McCloud

By way; The Angier club members have been saving coins at home, when they empty their pockets each day the loose change goes to Brighter Visions, this month it amounted to \$108!

This Week:

Gold 100% or greater: Kenansville, Goodwin, Smithfield, Kinston, Lumberton, Pikeville, Saint Pauls, and Western Harnett

Silver 75% or greater: Angier, Clarkton, Clinton, New Bern, New Bern Twin Rivers, Southport, and Shallotte

Bronze 50% or greater: Burgaw, and Goldsboro Downtown

We still have a way to go. Out of 58 clubs we have only 17 reporting 50% or greater. Remember that Brighter Visions supplies 49% of the funds supporting NCLI programs. Let's do the best we can to maintain the programs our communities need.

Thank You for your continued support.

Lion Gene Goetz

Brighter Visions Co-chairperson

WELCOME OUR NEW LION MEMBERS FOR APRIL

Lion Bridget Carroll - Wilmington Lions Club

- Sponsor PDG George Holston

Keep bringing in new members! All you have to do is **ASK!**



The 97th NC Lions State Convention

The 97th NC Lions State Convention was held April 24th virtually. Our organization has endured a lot this past year. District L did an excellent job of hosting the event. International VP Brain Sheehan was the speaker. He held a great Town Hall event during the General Session in the morning. That evening he was the Keynote Speaker and gave a great motivational speech. If you

have not met or heard VP Brian Sheehan I highly suggest you do.

The general session in the morning was informative on Brighter Visions, Camp Dogwood, NCLI, Council of Governors, LCIF and the Centennial Committee (Lions in NC are turning 100!). A report on the Election was presented for the Districts in NC for the District Governor Elects, 1st Vice District Governor Elects and 2nd Vice District Governor Elects.

Awards were presented during the Virtual District Governors Banquet. Our very own Lion Ana Elliot received the Lions Club International Leadership Award for her work in the District. 2nd Vice District Governor Elect received the Lions Club International Leadership Award from the Council of

Governors and International Family for his work with the Council of Governors for his leadership with the Information Technology through out the state. And last PDG Vince Schimmoller inducted into the Hall of Fame.



District Governor's Message

DeAngelo Jackson

Within the last 45 days I have attended the District Convention of my fellow District Governors and also the North Carolina State Convention, what a wonderful organization that we are in and just to hear all the accolades of the accomplishment that State Lions members have accomplished this year even during a pandemic. You are awesome and bring out the true meaning of "We Serve" Jesus Christ was given account to John the Baptist of the evidence of Him being the one and He said "The blind sees, The limb walks ... The hard of hearing hears ... and good news is being spread"; we are showing that our work is for the greater good and not of selfish ambition. Remember "Kindness Matters".

During our State Convention several of our Lions were recognized and rewarded, so if you see CC Michael Schwartz, PDG Vince Schimmoller, Lion Carlie Metts, or Lion Ana Elliott please congratulate them.

Let's get prepared for a excellent run for our next year, clubs please select your officers for next year and post them on the LCI website. District Governor Elect Robert Block will be a excellent leader for next year.

Our final Cabinet Meeting will be Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 10 o'clock; it will be virtual. I'm asking that Zone chairs please contact your clubs and give report to your Regional chairs. Thank you.

The last push for Brighter Vision has been awesome, thank you for your support, for those clubs that have not given yet, please consider helping out Brighter Vision.

Lastly, Monday, May 31, 2021 is Memorial Day. Let us remember those that gave their all, for the most part we focus on the military, but let us also remember our first responders just as well. "We are one nation under God indivisible"

District Governor DeAngelo Jackson "Embellish Your Path"
Walking By Faith



District Governor Elect's Message

Robert Block

Fellow Lions,

The Awards and Installation Banquet is just around the corner. The Banquet is June 5th at the Country Squire Kitchen. More information is available in the newsletter.

With that our officers training will be June 152 with a time and place announced at a later date.

If you are interested in serving the district in any way and if have not spoken with me please contact me.

I look forward serving you as your District Governor for the 2021-2022 year.

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



We Serve

2021-2022 Mid-Winter Convention

Lions of District 31N,

I want to take a moment to address the District in regards to the 2021-2022 Mid-Winter Convention. Since 2019, when I was encouraged to help lead our district by running for the office of 2nd Vice District Governor, I have operated and carried myself to hold true to my beliefs, my core values, and what I know in Lionism. I believe in transparency, I believe in communication, I believe in respect, I believe in trust, and I believe in family.

Each and every Lion is family to me, whether we have met or not, because we share a common goal of serving others and providing an opportunity to make a difference in another person's life, including each others. I have many Lions that I look up to for guidance, for feedback, for their leadership, their passion, and most of all their trust in me. I was challenged to bring ideas of the new "younger" Lions forward and to help bridge the gap and to help encourage and be an example of how Lions can have a family, work full-time, and still serve at a district level. Let me tell you, while fun, this hasn't been easy! Even in a world that has become more virtual.

As most Lions in our District and Multiple District know, my father, Lion Bob Block Sr., is a current sitting international director. I bring this up because he has been a Lion since 1974. My father is one of the "seasoned" Lions that understands the traditions of Lions and what Lions stands for. He also understands the need for finding new ways to involve families, to incorporate technology, to bridge the old and the new, just as our Lions logo looks to the past and to our future.

This year, District Governor DeAngelo attempted to bring forth new, creative, cost efficient ways to hold a district convention and I still stand behind him and support his creative thinking. If not for COVID I feel that he would have had a successful convention. I also have heard from many Lions that they appreciated and loved the "traditional" conventions. So, I am tasked with understanding and bringing forth the Lions way of looking to our past while keeping our eyes on the future, with following in my father's footsteps while also carving my own path, with understanding and thinking for myself, while respecting what is best for Lions in whole.

District S Governor Elect, Randy Oxendine, myself, and both of our district convention chairpersons met on the evening of 4/27/2021 to discuss the possibility of bringing the mid winter conventions of District N and S back together. We discussed as a group what would need to be in place for this to occur, how we could work together to respect our past traditions but incorporate ideas of the future and create an atmosphere that embraces all Lions, to ensure that communication was a primary focus and to respect what ALL past and current district governors have sought to do for Lions of North Carolina.

Type to enter textDGE Randy and myself have agreed to bring the two districts back together for the 2021-2022 mid-winter convention. This will be held the 3rd weekend of January, 2022, on Saturday the 15th. We will share more details as our committees work together to plan the events, but I assure you that we will have components of our traditional conventions while bringing in fun, creative, service oriented and family friendly ideas of the future. We will work to ensure we are being financially responsible for our Districts and most of all we will work TOGETHER, as one family, to serve each of you, because together we can accomplish so much more.

I hope that you will join us, attend the convention, and support Randy and myself, because with your continued trust and support, we will accomplish great things.

Serving by your side,

Robert C. Block Jr

DGE for District 31N and proud Lion of the New Bern Lions Club.



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.



1st VDG Elect's Message

Mayra McCloud

Wow! 50 years... 50 YEARS!!! That's half a century! For a person, (me!) That's when I started feeling old... For Lion's Industries For The Blind... and their staff and support folks, that's when they can show that they can do anything AND HAVE BEEN for the past 50 years! I was invited to their celebration luncheon on April 14, which, by the way, was the exact day they began in 1971! What a treat! And extremely educational... I had been to their building several times for conferences or meetings, but had never been on a tour or met the folks in "the back". If you go there and have time... Please check the facility out and say "hello" to everyone in a tour... By the way... In case you didn't know... They are Lions too!

I was impressed by everyone I met and the technology I saw. The staff are sticklers for perfection, and very proud of the work they do. Everything from t-shirts to embroidered items, etc. If I worked there I would be fired quickly as I would probably sew at least three fingers together working the complex equipment back there! Meeting everyone in the back, learning the history, (and the lemon square I had for desert! SOOOOO GOOD!) Was the highlight of my trip. There were several speakers to include Chairman Landis and Social Worker for the Blind, MS Wilkerson. But my favorite part was the tour... The folks that do the REAL work! I hope to come back and see you all soon and ask many questions. You are all amazing! Thank you for the hospitality, history lesson, and insight into what you do to help others... God bless!

Mayra McCloud
2nd Vice District Governor...



2nd VDG Elect's Message

Carlie Metts

Greetings Lions of 31N;

Time has flown by this year. As I get ready for my year as 2nd Vice District Governor, I am encouraged by Lions in our district that go the extra mile. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed and I encourage all lions in our district to follow their example in getting new members, retain members, helping our VIP's and those in our communities that need our help. I have always heard it takes a village to raise a child. Well, it also takes a village to help those in need in our communities.

So with this year finishing up lets keep pushing forward helping our communities with our efforts with Brighter Vision, Camp Dogwood raffle, and helping those in our communities!

Yours in Lionism,

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



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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 June 5, 2021 the winner will be determined at the District Awards and Installation Banquet. 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

Induction of the Aviator LEO Club

By Lion Joe Poth

The Western Harnett Lions Club is proud to announce the formation of the newest LEO Club in the district! The Aviator LEO Club was recently chartered and an Induction Ceremony took place last fall. Past International President Sid Scruggs officiated the ceremony. PIP Lion Sid explained that LEO clubs were started in 1957 by Jim Graver, a local Lion and baseball coach at Abington High School in Pennsylvania. He explained that Graver not only got all fifteen (15) boys on the baseball team to join, but he was also able to get all seven (7) cheerleaders to join the first LEO club as well!

It was a privilege to not only have a past international president conduct the ceremony, but someone who is such a true friend to Western Harnett Lions. PIP Scruggs inducted the Western Harnett Lions as a club in 1998. He has always supported our activities and he has remained a good friend and close advisor for our club. It was special to have him return twenty-two years later for the induction of our LEOs. As expected, Lion Sid conducted a really nice and personal ceremony, presenting certificates and pins to each LEO. It was a fun and memorable night for Lions, parents and most importantly, our LEOs.

Lion Keith Carroll, advisor to the LEOs, was given an award from the International President for his efforts at getting our LEO club started,

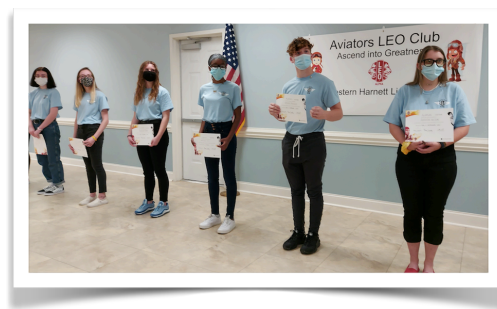
and presented Lion Sid with a certificate of appreciation.

The club elected officers, selected their LEO name (Aviators), chose a motto (“Ascend into Greatness”) and picked their shirt design. The club currently has fourteen (14) LEOs and they are off to a fast start. They participated in a “Haunted Drive Thru” for the community at Halloween, helped the WH Lions Club with their annual “Toys For Tots” drive at Christmas, and they collected food and canned goods for a soup kitchen in Coats, NC. This year they will be helping out at the Harnett County Buddy Back Pack and they are considering various projects like planting trees and helping out at the Aloha Zoo.

The Western Harnett Lions Club thanks Lions Club International and the District for helping us start this important organization. We are so proud to have the Aviator LEOs as part of our community. We applaud their dedication, we are impressed with their enthusiasm, and we are thrilled to introduce them to the service of Lionism!



PIP Sid Scruggs inducts the newest LEOs in the district!



LEOs with their certificates and pins

Aviator LEO Club Activities

By LEOs Breauna Seboe & Emma Poth

The Aviator LEO Club sponsored by the Western Harnett Lions Club was formally inducted as the district’s newest LEO club in the fall of 2020. The club was formed from the youth group at Union United Methodist Church in Lillington. We are off to a fast start supporting the community and those in need! Here is one of the projects we have been doing to make a difference:

His Daily Bread Soup Kitchen in Coats provides weekly meals to those in need. They receive support from local catering companies providing food and volunteers to help serve meals. The Union United Methodist Church (UMC) Youth Group was helping serve and clean up for the past four years. The youth group also participated in their annual 5K run to help raise money for the soup kitchen. COVID-19 forced a change and the soup kitchen is now packaging and delivering groceries instead of serving meals. Due to this change, they needed help collecting canned/boxed food instead of serving meals.

In November, LEOs put collection boxes together. They were wrapped in Christmas gift paper for the Holidays and to draw attention. We made signs to go with each box stating our purpose for this food drive and who it was going too. The LEOs coordinated with local businesses (Little Caesars, the YMCA, Beyond Healthy, The Fish Fry, Union UMC) to display the collection boxes. The LEOs collected about 300 pounds of food from our displays with local businesses.

We then teamed up with the Western Harnett Lions Club at their Toys for Tots drive. We collected food during this drive. The event took place in Carolina Lakes in western Harnett County, and so many people were very generous to our cause. The event was very successful as we collected about 200 more

pounds of food. The LEOs had fun and enjoyed working with the Lions Club on a day that included costumes, music, and dancing with Santa.

We were able to deliver over 500 pounds of food to the soup kitchen. The soup kitchen was so happy with our support. The director commented that the food we delivered would last about four months. This was a fun and worthwhile project and we hope to do it again as we continue to support feeding the hungry in our community.

about . . . look for more from the Aviator LEO Club!



This past weekend the LEOs supported the Western Harnett Lions Club in receiving 2,121 pounds of food, hygiene items and paper products for the 5N2 Food Pantry in western Harnett County. We were once again proud to help feed the hungry in our community. The Aviators LEO Club's motto is "Ascend into Greatness" and we think we are off to a super start! We have other great projects in mind that we will be keeping our district informed



District 31N Awards and Installation Banquet

The Awards and Installation Banquet will be June 5, 2021 at The Country Squire Kitchen in Warsaw, NC. There will be Wine Tasting in the Sunken Garden. After that we will have a Town Hall with International Director Robert Block, Sr. Then we will round out the evening with the awards, a great dinner and the installation of the 2021-2022 Cabinet Officers and Committee Chairs. Below is the link to download the registration for the Banquet.

[2021 Awards and Installation Registration Form](#)

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
Lion David Haines Lion Timothy Dixon Lion Joseph Kustron Lion Tina Deitel

Please send birthdays to district31n.news@gmail.com

Fayetteville Community Lions Club

Fellow Lions,

The Fayetteville Community Lions Club is sponsoring an outdoor fundraiser (Cornhole, Horseshoe, and Volleyball Tournaments) at the Smith Lake Recreational Area in Fayetteville, NC. The address is Bldg. Q5144 Smith Lake Road and signs will be posted.

See attached flyers for the Fayetteville Community Lions Club upcoming events and follow us on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). Please share with as many people as you know. Below are the links to our upcoming events.

KEY OBJECTIVES:

1. Raise funds the Lions Club will use to help people who are visually impaired, have diabetes, and have Lupus (Fundraising goal is: \$50,000).
2. Increase community awareness of the Fayetteville Community Lions

Club and what we do to help others.

3. Provide a teambuilding activity to help club members get to know each other better and have fun while serving the community.

Come out and support us as we continue to be global leaders in the community. We also have other upcoming events planned to take place soon. See links below:

Fayetteville Community Lions Club

Links for Events May 1, 2021



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/charity-volleyball-tournament-tickets-148481027751>





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Smith Lake Recreational Area
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Fayetteville, NC

Register at:
www.Eventbrite.com

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/charity-horseshoe-tournament-tickets-148482102967>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/charity-cornhole-tournament-tickets-148500040619>

Links for Events May 16, 2021



**BOWLING
TOURNAMENT**

Register at www.Eventbrite.com

**2PM
START**

**\$25
PER ENTRY**

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

Fayetteville Community Lions Club
Fundraiser

AT LAFAYETTE BOWLING LANES
3313 RAEFORD RD., FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28303

BOWL FOR BLINDNESS, DIABETES, AND LUPUS

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/charity-bowling-tournament-tickets-148653668123>

Links for Events June 26, 2021

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/charity-volleyball-tournament-tickets-149368833201>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/charity-horseshoe-tournament-tickets-149370762973>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/charity-cornhole-tournament-tickets-149371278515>

Links for Events July 31, 2021

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/charity-golf-tournament-tickets-148698638631>



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**GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

Benefits the visual impaired in our community

7/31
9am-2pm
Rain Date: To Be Determined

**AT CAROLINA LAKES
GOLF CLUB**
53 CAROLINA LAKES RD., SANFORD, NC

Entry Fee: \$70 per person / \$270 per team
Includes: Green Fees & Cart, Meal, Prizes, and Refreshment Cart
Register online at Eventbrite.com
Deadline to sign-up is July 24, 2021

Call Derrick Mitchell | 913-433-6280 | lci31n@gmail.com

[tournament-tickets-148698638631](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/charity-golf-tournament-tickets-148698638631)

Please submit any questions
to: lci31n@gmail.com

Date Time: May 1, 2021 09:00 AM Eastern
Time (US and Canada)

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Description: This is an event you don't want
to miss! Prepare for a day of fun games,
music, and food. Proceeds from this event
will support the Greater Fayetteville
Community Lions Club community
programs. In advance, we thank you for
your support and attendance!

Derrick C. Mitchell
President
Fayetteville Community Lions Club



Club News from Facebook

News comes from Club newsfeeds or posting on the District 31N site



Twin Rivers Lions Club is 😊 feeling happy with **Carlton Metts** and **Carlie Metts**.

April 8, 2021

Lion Emilie Metts was officially installed tonight by her grandfather PDG **Carlton Metts** along with her sponsor 2nd VDG Elect **Carlie Metts**. 3 generation of Lions!



Shalotte Lions Club

April 17, 2021

Past President Lion Regina Evans presenting to the club about the work of her committee for visually impaired technology.



Twin Rivers Lions Club

April 10, 2021

Thank you Mitchell Hardware for hosting our Broom Sale today.





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)

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September 18, 2021

Rain Date: To Be Determined

Tee Time: 1:00 p.m.



ENTRY FEE: \$65 per person/\$260 per team

Includes: Green Fee & Cart, Meal

Prizes & Refreshment Cart

Call Robert Block, 252-259-5099

Carlie Metts, 252-259-4827

Deadline for Sign-up is September 11, 2021

twinriverslionsclub@gmail.com,

252-259-4140



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Southport Lions Club



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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
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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

