



Article by Lion Gene Goetz
31N Brighter Visions Chair

Join The Club!

“\$1,033 closer this week for Brighter Visions”

Less than 33 days and counting

As of May 28th, 31-N is at \$67,423.51, an increase of \$1,033 (67% of our goal of \$100,000). We are in **SECOND** place in the state to meet the district governors’ goal for Brighter Visions.

- District L improved from 55% to 56%
- District I stayed at 55%
- District O improved from 70% to 71%
- District N improved from 66% to 67%**
- District S stayed at 62%

Out of 58 clubs we have only 25 reporting 50% or greater toward meeting the district governor’s goal.



District Governor
DeAngelo Jackson



1st Vice Dist. Governor
Robert Block



2nd Vice Dist. Governor
Mayra McCloud

I'm confident we can do better than that!

CONGRATULATIONS!

New members of the Gold club (over 100%): Goldsboro Downtown, New Bern Twin Rivers

New members of the Silver club (over 75%): Hampstead, Jacksonville New River, Pembroke.

New members of the Bronze club (over 50%): Wilmington

This Week:

Gold 100% or greater: Kenansville, Goodwin, Smithfield, Kinston, Lumberton, Pikeville, Saint Pauls, Western Harnett, Kinston Ram Neuse, New Bern, Pine Level, Buies Creek and Dunn Mary Stewart Community, Goldsboro Downtown, New Bern Twin Rivers

Silver 75% or greater: Angier, Clarkton, Clinton, Southport, Shallotte, Hampstead, Jacksonville New River, Pembroke

Bronze 50% or greater: Burgaw, Wilmington

“STEP UP” Join in with the clubs listed above to help support Brighter Visions.

Camp Dogwood Raffle Ticket Sales

Drawing is June 17th

\$50 Puts Calabash at #4

Our district is currently **LAST** in Camp Dogwood Ticket sales at \$12,471.00 with an average of 1.10 books per member.

30 CLUBS HAVE NOT TURNED ANY TICKET FUNDS!

The top 5 clubs are: #1-Lumberton \$3,520 #2-Western Harnett \$1,512 #3-Kinston \$792 #4- Calabash \$660 #5- Goldsboro Downtown \$620.

Tired of seeing the same clubs listed? **TURN IN YOUR TICKETS!**

Bob Timberlake Raffle Sales

This coming Saturday is the last chance to get your tickets in

The Bob Timberlake Raffle has been extended with the drawing being on **June 5, 2021** at the **Awards and Installation Banquet**. You may bring you Raffle money and tickets to the Awards and Installation Banquet to put in the drawing. If you are mailing them, they must be received by June 4, 2021 to be honored.

Please send raffle money and tickets stubs to: Lion Gene Goetz, 312 Glenn Laurel Dr. Pikeville, NC 27863

Statewide we still have a way to go.

Funds raised to date: \$342,408.71 that's 62% of our state Goal of \$550,200.00

Did you know; Councilors and staff at Camp Dogwood have been training for the first week of camp May 30th to June 4th!

You can make a difference!

Thank You for your continued support.

Lion Gene Goetz

Brighter Visions Co-chairperson

WELCOME OUR NEW LION MEMBERS FOR MAY

Lion Helen Forrest / Angier Lions Lion Anne Bejiun / Beaufort Lions

Lion Carolyn McLaurin / Fayetteville Comm. Lions

Lion Jimmy Strickland / Selma Lions

Western Harnett with 5 New Lions!

Lion Aaron Huntington

Lion Sherry Huntington

Lion Katie Patterson

Lion Jack Van Ert

Lion Patti Van Ert

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



District Governor's Message

DeAngelo Jackson

While serving as a District Governor in the middle of the pandemic, District 31N has:

Use the wisdom and knowledge of the Information and Technology chair, we conducted all four cabinet meetings, Brighter-Vision Kickoff, Mid-Winter Convention, and many Sub-committee meetings both virtually and live.

With the help of the Disaster Alert Chair, we formed a hurricane disaster committee and we made a direct impact on three small scale hurricane hit areas.

Coordinated with local YMCA to help start the first ever Juvenile Diabetes summer camp. Teaching juveniles that they do have power over the deadly disease, they just need to roar.

Disaster preparation committee using its foresight of North Carolina's disasters, we prepared documentation for LCIF grant for a disaster preparation trailer. The grant was approved for \$10,000.

Although still in the midst of the pandemic Lions services did not stop, we continued to give electronic and non-electronic aids to the visually impaired, continued with eye screening of children, even though they were not in school, we met the child wherever the location. We continued with eyeglasses donation and paying for eye exams and eyeglasses.

We understand hunger continues doing the pandemic, we still provided help with food drives throughout the year.

With the help of the Brighter Vision chair we have raised over \$68,000 for our camp, Camp Dogwood.

With the awesome coordination from our Leo Chair, we have started two Leo's clubs this year.

District Governor DeAngelo Jackson

"Embellish Your Path"

Walking By Faith



District Governor Elect's Message

Robert Block

Fellow Lions,

As we near the end of this Lions year it is time to look back at all that we have accomplished and overcame. Take time to celebrate your personal successes, share with your fellow lions, and know that lions everywhere are rejoicing for your achievements.

Our clubs should take time this month to look back at what went well and celebrate for all that they were able to achieve in the midst of the pandemic. Share your success with other clubs so that they can celebrate with you.

As for our district, it is time to reflect on all that our District Governor has achieved, to celebrate his leadership during this pandemic, and to applaud his can for attitude when so much tried to keep us down.

Thank you District Governor DeAngelo for being the leader you are, for always pushing to find a way instead of succumbing to the pressures the pandemic put on us, for believing that lions can and will thrive at all times, and most of all, for being my friend.

As we look to July, I believe that through service and engaging youth we can grow our lion clubs. It is important that we find ways to serve our community and create reasons for others to want to join. If we struggle with the bodies to staff an event call neighboring clubs to help, and together we can serve and grow all at the same time.

I'm excited to be your next District Governor and will consistently look to each of you to

guide our way. Together we will make lions better than ever.

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



1st VDG Elect's Message

Mayra McCloud



Fayetteville Community Lions had their first fund raiser of the year. They had a bowling tournament at "Lafayette Lanes" on the 16th of May that everyone had a blast at. Our Governor and his family even graced F.C.L. with their presence, and he got a respectably good score! Among all the different winners that day, one of our V.I.P's, Ron Douglas, took first place in his category and took home a very nice trophy! Everyone yelled and stomped every time He rolled that ball down the lane. He quickly became a favorite of the tournament! He was very

ably assisted by Dewey Spence... One of our local Soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division. Although he was in the tournament also, he volunteered to assist Ron and be his eyes...and Ron listened! And became a winner! Lionism is perfectly illustrated in their impromptu relationship... Dewey, a stranger, volunteered... And helped... Ron trusted him and become a winner! Let's all help others become winners... Because if you stop to think about it... That makes us winners too!

Mayra McCloud

2nd Vice District Governor...



2nd VDG Elect's Message

Carlie Metts

Greetings Lions of 31N;

As this Lion year is closing out, I reflect back on all of the accomplishments that have been made in our district but also in the state. Without missing a beat the Lions found a way to conduct business by utilizing online meeting platforms like ZOOM. Then as time went by we were able to have a Mid-Winter and State Conventions virtually. This took some coordinating but as my counterparts in the other districts and Lion Tammy Thomas at NCLI, we were able to meet the needs of the District Governors. For that, I thank each and everyone of them. Lions clubs in the district still were able to help with eye exams, glasses, eye screenings, mobile devices, disasters and anything else that needed to be done for our communities. And we did because we did not want the recognition but to just

serve. For that I am very proud of what has been accomplished in such a tough year. With that, we are now beginning to position ourselves better by receiving the Disaster Preparedness Grant from LCI. I look forward to seeing the trailer in use but at the same time no one wants to see a disaster.

As my time being a Region Chair is coming to an end. I am looking forward to my journey to becoming your Governor in 2023-2024. On a side note as everyone that I have talked to, tell me that they are glad that I have followed in my Dad's footsteps. Well, I really followed in his footsteps. When he was District Governor his Council had its first female District Governor. Well you guessed it! My Council have its first, I will be a part of the first Council of Governors that will be female except me. How about that for a first!

As we close out the year, let's be first! Be the first to serve. Not because we have to, but because we want to.

Yours in Lionism,

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



Raffle Tickets



LEOs with their certificates and pins

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

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

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

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 June 26, 2021



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

A graphic for the Fayetteville Community Lions Club Horseshoes tournament. It features a large yellow horseshoe on a grassy field. The text includes '10AM Start', '\$25 Entry Fee', 'FAYETTEVILLE COMMUNITY LIONS CLUB HORSESHOES', '50/50 Raffle | Music | Food | Trophies', and 'Smith Lake Recreational Area'. The word 'TOTAL' is written vertically on the right side.

10AM Start
\$25 Entry Fee

FAYETTEVILLE COMMUNITY LIONS CLUB
HORSESHOES

50/50 Raffle | Music | Food | Trophies
Smith Lake Recreational Area

<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

A poster for the Fayetteville Community Lions Club Golf Tournament. It features a photograph of a golf club on a green. The text includes 'FCLC', 'GOLF TOURNAMENT', 'Four Person Teams', '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', and 'Call Derrick Mitchell | 913-433-6280 | lci31n@gmail.com'.

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

Please submit any questions to: lci31n@gmail.com

Go to [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) to register to participate in tournament events

Lumberton Lions Club

SIX LIONS CLUB MEMBERS RECOGNIZED FOR 180 YEARS OF SERVICE

At a recent Lumberton Lions Club meeting six members were recognized for having given a combined one hundred eighty years' service to Lumberton and Robeson County.



Membership Milestone Chevron Awards were presented Lions Randal Patterson - 10 years, Josh Whitley - 15 years, James Martin, Jr. - 30 years, Gordon Dove and Kenny Morgret - 35 years, and Jim Kirkland - 55 years.

Marking the presentation was Lions Past District Governor David A. Cox.

The main thrust of the work of the Lumberton Lions is the in school vision screenings performed for Kindergarten, Second and Fourth grade students in Robeson County. In addition, the club provides scholarships to visually impaired persons to attend Camp Dogwood in Sherrill's Ford, NC. Camp Dogwood is owned and operated by the Lions of NC to provide recreational opportunities for the Blind and Visually Impaired persons of NC. The club also provides scholarships for the Blind and visually Impaired persons of NC to attend the annual VIP Fishing Tournament held each October at the Outer Banks of NC.

The Lumberton Lions Club was begun in 1945, and has 29 members. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization numbering more than 1.40 million members in over 210 countries and geographic areas.

Club News from Facebook

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



Shallotte Lions Club

·Lion Regina, Lion Rod, Lion Mike, Lion Tannis, and Lion Kevin helping the great folks at We-Walk to shoot a promotional video for their product.



As this Memorial Day has come to a close lets continue to remember the men and women that paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Lets also remember the veterans and current military for their service. **Thank you for your service!**

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 June

Lion Sadie Hardison Lion Jay Allen Lion Jana Peedin Lion Ronald Nickson
Lion Eugene Pavone Lion Virginia Barney Lion Robby Evans Lion Gerald Poznick
Lion Jennifer Bryant Lion Robert Barney Lion Russel Dersch Lion Cailee Poth
Lion James McMillion Lion James Shaver Lion Updike Lion Lillian Tacket
Lion Patricia Jackson Lion Richard Perkins Lion C Peedin Lion Douglas Doubleday
Lion Nyquan Wilson Lion C. Lindsay Boone Lion Karen Zornes Lion Alfred Cedeno
Lion Samuel Cox Lion Wade Hall Lion Hal Medlin Lion John Swan
Lion Kimberly Carroll Lion DaShaunti Waters Lion Glenn Ivasco

Please send birthdays to district31n.news@gmail.com



We Serve

2021-2022 Mid-Winter Convention

Lions of District 31 N&S,

Just a brief update on the 2021-2022 Mid-Winter Convention. Both districts met last week to begin the planning process of bringing the District's Mid-Winter Convention together again. Led by PID Gwen White the members began to fill in the positions that is needed to run a successful convention.

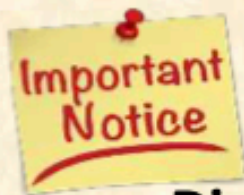
This year the convention will be in Kitty Hawk, NC at the Hilton Garden Inn, January 14-15, 2022. More information on meals will be coming out soon, but the room rate has been secured at \$89.00 plus tax per night and ocean front is \$119.00 plus tax. Those prices are also good for 3 days before the convention and 3 days after for those Lions that would like to make it a mini-vacation. That makes it a great deal to spend extra time with Lions from both districts!

Ad Sale Form is going out in this newsletter and will be posted on the website. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Mid-Winter Convention for Districts 31 N&S.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Carlie Metts
2nd VDG Elect 31N



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.



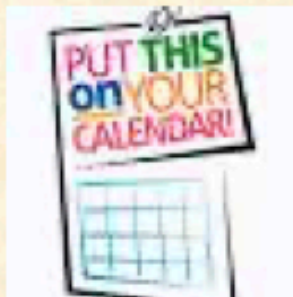
District 31-N



District and Club Officers Training



Lions Industries for the Blind



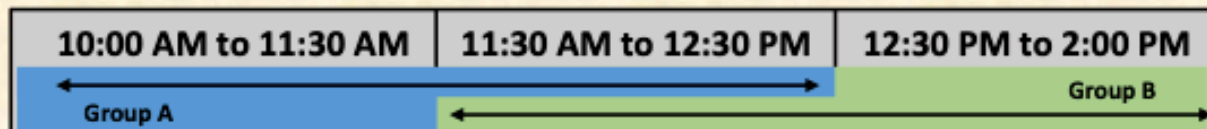
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Kinston. NC 28504

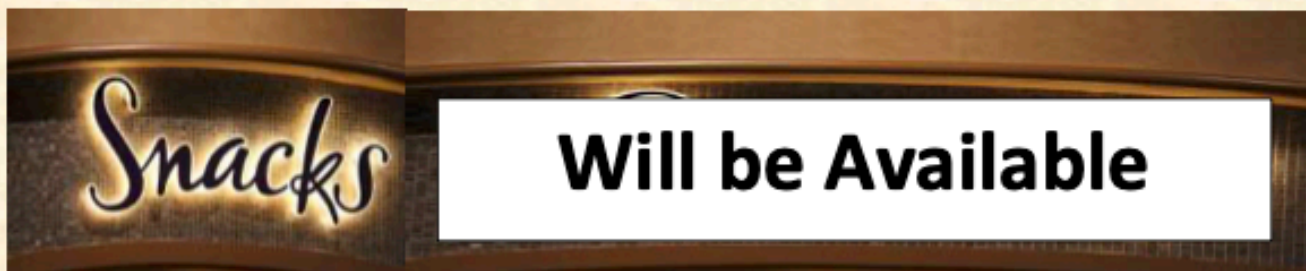
June 12, 2021



**Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Treasurers,
Region Chairs, Zone Chairs and District Chairs**



Group A	Group A&B	Group A&B	Group B
Class Room Training	Break	Joint Meeting with DG Elect	Class Room Training
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	11:30 AM to 12:00 PM	12:00 PM to 12:30 PM	12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
Club Presidents Club Secretaries Club Treasurers	BREAK	Club Presidents Region Chairs Club Secretaries Zone Chairs Club Treasurers District Chairs	Region Chairs Zone Chairs District Chairs



31N Virtual Installation
Tuesday June 29, 2021
6:30 PM

For all interested clubs, there will be a
District Wide Virtual Installation

Host by our 2021 - 2022 DGE Robert Block Jr.

Please RSVP NLT Friday, June 25, 2021 with
projected officers names

To: DG DeAngelo
Jackson m5djack@yahoo.com





Club Recognition/Ad Form
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 District 31-N&S Mid-Winter Convention**

January 14-15, 2022

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Districts 31-N&S Midwinter Convention

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(Enclose copy of Ad)

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 Business Ad Name _____
 Contact Name _____
 Contact Phone No. _____
 Ad Size _____ Amount \$ _____

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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
Element F18, Center
Console with T-Top,
90 Horsepower
Outboard Motor and
Trailer**



Second Prize

**One Year Membership to
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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

