



District 31-N Newsletter

November 2021 Vol. VII Issue 3

IT'S THAT TIME DISTRICTS N & S WILL CELEBRATE TOGETHER AGAIN!

2022 Districts 31-N&S Mid-Winter Convention Registration



HILTON GARDEN INN

5353 N. Virginia Dare Trail
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949
Phone: 252-261-1290
January 14-15, 2022



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COMPLETE FORMS INSIDE THIS EDITION



District
Governor
Robert Block



1st Vice
District
Governor
Mayra
McCloud



2nd Vice
District
Governor
Carlie Metts

Thoughts From Our District Governor

Greetings fellow Lions,

As we begin to approach the holidays, our opportunities to serve will continue to increase. Members of our communities will need many things and I would like to list some possible needs that you can look for in your community.

1. Clothing needs: As the weather gets colder, more people will need jackets, gloves, hats, socks, etc.
2. Family Meals - Many families do not always have the means to provide “fancy” meals at Holiday gatherings.
3. Toys for children - While we can assist many children, I encourage clubs to also look at ways they could provide for the children of VIPs or even of kids or grandkids our fellow Lions who might be in need (yes, it is possible and it is present everywhere).
4. Cards - Many will not receive cards this year. Our clubs can make a difference without significant expense or volunteers.



Small acts of kindness, focusing on those who need help but are often overlooked because they fall just out of the parameters, were afraid or humble to speak up, or had a life-altering event that put them in a position of need unexpectedly....these acts make the difference too. This is service from the heart

I challenge each club to lead from their heart and be an example to their community of what it means to serve and to show them how Lions ROAR to the occasion! I continue to be surrounded by impressive Lions on my visits and would love to visit every club. My calendar is filling fast, so please call or email asap to book a visit! Thank you, Lions of 31N for making a difference in my life and the lives of those around you.

Finally, please accept this invitation to bring your family and friends to our Mid-Winter Convention. District N and District S will meet on January 15 and 16th, in Kitty Hawk. Don't forget to bring the kids!

Leading from my heart,
Lion Bob, Lion Marie
Nathan, Brennan, and Logan Block
District Governor - District 31N

From the Desk of Our 1st Vice District Governor

Greetings, Lions!

What an incredible month! Lions are “coming out of the woodwork “ and are roaring back to serve! Pandemics, storms, hunger, diabetes... Lions are right in the center... Helping others that are effected!

As many of you know...and for some that don't know... I am originally from Cuba. I am both thrilled and horrified (though not surprised!) About what Cuba and its people are going thru now. NOTHING can or will be done to help Cuba unless her people win the fight... And it's safe for all concerned... But when that happens they are going to need massive amounts of help, and quickly. I am currently talking to the Lions “Global Action Team” and we are trying to figure out the logistics of helping the Cuban people. The Lion's clubs in Cuba were disbanded by The Castro regime in the early 60's, so this poses a challenge. I would love to start a committee dedicated to this cause if anyone is interested in it. If you are curious, have experience in overseas help, have access to or can store supplies, or just want to help, please contact me. I need smart folks! If. The government falls, you will be helping a nation recover!!! And we will get Lions back in Cuba!



Notes From Our 2nd Vice District Governor

Greetings Lions,

Have you looked at the different programs that Lions Clubs International offers? Has your club been providing service for your community? Well, I would like to spotlight two of our clubs with one of their signature projects. Kinston Host and Kinston Ram Neuse do a Strides Walk that brings awareness and raises valuable dollars for the community for various Diabetic services. I do not want to spoil Kinston Host and Ram Neuse's story, but contact them if you want to know more. Their passion for helping the community with this chronic disease is impressive. They just recently held their 4th Annual Rockin' Walk-a-Thon at the Kinston Community Center Gymnasium. The money raised and information helps individuals with Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes to have a better lifestyle. The proceeds are used to:

- Sponsor campers at Camp Needle in the Pines Juvenile Diabetes Camp
- Helps nurses with the needs for juvenile diabetes patients in schools
- Support local people living with diabetes:
- Pay for medicines, doctors and dental appointments, insulin pumps, pods and other diabetes supplies

The event was filled with fun and fellowship, along with providing awareness for this chronic disease. I appreciate each of these Lions and organizations that helped make this event a success this year. This exemplifies International President Douglas Alexander's theme of “Service from the Heart”.

I know each club and Lion has a great story to tell of a service project being done. I would like to know more about what each of you is doing. Let me know when you are having an event. I want to put together a story this year of all of the great things Lions are doing. Keep up the great work, Lions!

Service from the Heart

Carlton V. Metts, II

2nd Vice District Governor



Vision Screener Certification

Fellow Lions:

Vision Screener Certification

Lions KidSight USA strongly encourages Lions to become certified vision screeners, so they obtain a comprehensive understanding of the screening process and then begin organizing events at Schools, Daycare Centers and Preschools. The knowledge gained will really help explain the program to parents, school officials and community members. The login information is below, so scroll down! Lion Dr. Edward Cordes, O.D. is holding a Vision Screener Certification Training on Zoom on November 13, 2021, from 10 AM Eastern Time until about Noon. Lion Edward is Chairman of KidSightUSA and a PID.

I need for you to register for the training. It will really help you pass the certification test and prepare you to discuss the Kid's Sight program with others. Please respond with your registration by Wednesday, November 10, 2021. This is open for all Lions in NC. [Certification | Lions KidSight USA Foundation](#)

Please send me your information or questions to sealion2@aol.com

PDG George Holston

Cabinet Secretary

District 31-N

News from Lumberton (NC) Lions Club

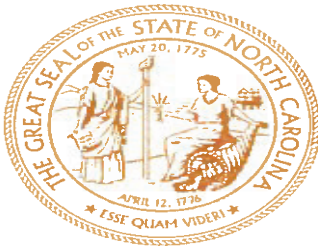
The Lumberton Lions Club has resumed regular meetings under the COVID-19 guidelines established by the CDC. It's good to be back in the den.

The UNC-Southeastern Hospital asked the Lumberton Lions Club to partner with the hospital to perform SPOT Vision Screenings at six COVID Vaccination Sites across Robeson County. Three screenings were conducted.

PDG Lion Woody Huggins passed away on July 19th. Lion Woody was the longest serving member of the Lumberton Lions. He had a 57 year membership. Lion Woody served as President of the Lumberton Lions four terms. He served on the Board of Directors of Boys and Girls Homes of NC for 25 years. Lion Woody served as President of NCLI 1997-1998. He was named a Jack Stickley Fellow, a William L Woolard Partner in Service and was a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In August the club met and had an interesting program at the newly constructed and opened Lumberton (NC) International Airport. The Lumberton (NC) city manager and deputy city manager conducted a program of interest showing the damage, reconstruction and direction of the city following two major floods. Members also toured the newly opened airport facility.

The club has paid the District Governor's goals and \$2,200 toward the Brighter Vision campaign. The Lumberton Lions have just completed the Annual Lions Birthday Calendar Project and are now selling Camp Dogwood Raffle Tickets.



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

2021

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the white cane has become a symbol of mobility and independence for people who are blind or have low vision; and

WHEREAS, the white cane is an extension of its user and provides the assurance that the path is clear and safe, permitting greater mobility and independence; and

WHEREAS, for those with sight, the white cane serves as a reminder of their responsibility to help protect the safety of individuals who are blind or visually impaired and of their importance of observing the pedestrian's right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the white cane has become nationally recognized as an important instrument to the independence and safety of persons who are blind or visually impaired;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 14, 2021, as "WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.

Western Harnett Lions Club Continues The Fight Against Litter

By Lion Joe Poth



For the last fifteen (15) years, the Western Harnett Lions Club has been in a never-ending fight. Since 2006, as part of the North Carolina Adopt a Highway program, the club has been picking up trash on a two-mile stretch of a busy road in western Harnett County. Regardless of the weather, lions willingly give up a part of their weekend to help the environment and our community as long as it is determined to be safe. Lions show up early in the morning, month after month and year after year, to clean the same stretch of road. Every time, we pick up 16-21 bags of trash. It can certainly be a frustrating project. It often seems like a losing battle. The job never gets any easier and it never seems to end.

For the last few months, our LEO club has been assisting us. They are participating in a year-long project on promoting recycling, and they are an essential part of cleaning the road and helping our community.

It takes about 1½ hours to complete the task. Once finished, we usually meet at a local coffee shop to talk about our most interesting “trash finds.” Recently, in appreciation of our efforts, one of the restaurants in our area invited the Lion and LEO “Trash Crews” to the restaurant for a complimentary breakfast.

The work we do is not exciting. It is certainly not glamorous. But it is important work, and it needs to be done. As our long-time Coordinator, Lion Mike Williams, reminds us, “The litterbugs never quit, but neither do the lions.” Our community can be assured . . . as long as there is work to be done, the Western Harnett Lions will be there every month continually battling the litter, instilling pride in our community, and helping to make our environment just a little cleaner.



**Western Harnett Lions Club “Adopt a Highway” Coordinator
Lion Mike Williams shows us how it’s done!**



Lions & LEOs gather for the job

Fayetteville Community Golf Tournament

FCLC

Four Person
Teams

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Benefits the visually impaired in our community

Closest to Pin
Longest Drive

NOV 06, 2021 Hole in One Contest
Shotgun Start 9am
Rain Date: To Be Determined

AT KINGS GRANT GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

347 Shawcroft Rd., Fayetteville, NC

Entry Fee: \$70 per person / \$280 per team
Includes: Green Fees & Cart, and Meal
Register online at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)
Deadline to sign-up is October 30, 2021

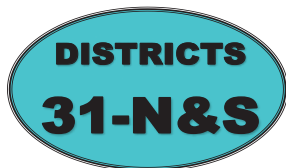


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Lunch – Baked Potato & Salad Bar Buffet	\$18.50	\$20.50	_____	\$ _____
Saturday, January 15, 2022 – 6:30 PM				
District Governors Banquet - Hickory Rubbed Pork Loin with a Bourbon Glaze (Plated)	\$33.00	\$35.00	_____	\$ _____
NOTE: Children's menu will be available upon request.			Total:	\$ _____

Meal Registration Deadline – January 1, 2022

Make Check Payable to:

Districts 31-N&S Lions Mid-Winter Convention

Mail To:

PDG Rhett White (Ph: 252-202-2330)
P. O. Box 140
Columbia, NC 27925

Name Tag Registration Information:

<u>Lion / Guest Name</u>	<u>Club Name / District</u>	<u>Circle Ones that Apply</u>	<u>Circle Honors**</u>
_____	_____	Fun Night-Breakfast-Lunch-DGB	MJF-JSF-WLW-SLS-HOF -NCLI Amb-VIP Amb
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Host Hotel Information: Call - Hilton Garden Inn, 5353 N. Virginia Dare Trail, Kitty Hawk, NC 27834 at 252-261-1290 (Room rate: \$89.00+tax "Side Ocean View" D or K) (Room Rate: \$119+tax Queen Ocean Front)

Overflow Hotel Information: Call – Shutters on the Banks, 405 S. Virginia Dare Trail, Kill Devil Hills, NC at 252-441-5581. Room Rate: \$89.00+tax.

Make Room Reservations by December 15, 2021 for Lion's Rate. Limited number of rooms - Call Early!

**** Honors:** Melvin Jones Fellow (MJF) / Jack Stickley Fellow (JSF) / William L. Woolard Partner-in-Service (WLW) / Sid L. Scruggs Beacon of Hope (SLS) / NC Hall of Fame (HOF) / NCLI Ambassador (NCLI Amb) / VIP Ambassador (VIP Amb)

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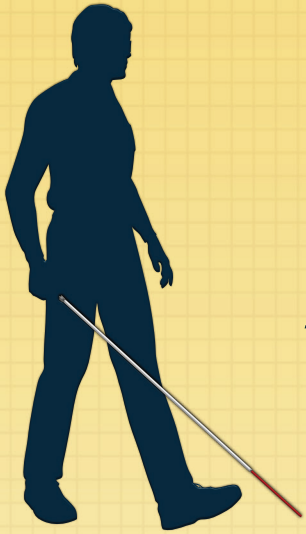
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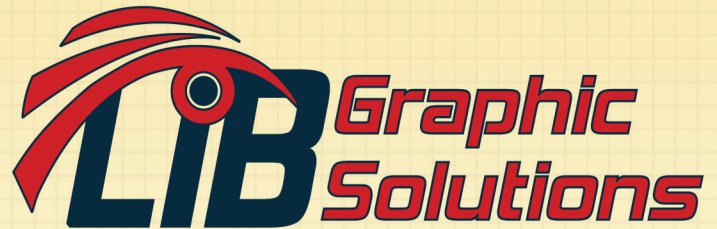
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