

# DISTRICT 31-N

## BRIGHTER VISIONS NEWS

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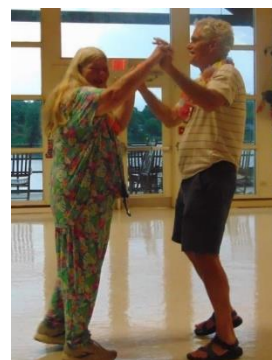
### PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY BRIGHTER VISIONS

Your Brighter Visions contribution supports MORE than Camp Dogwood. Please remember that the Brighter Visions Fund Drive supports ALL the programs supported by North Carolina Lions Inc. Some clubs like to use their dollars to support their immediate community. That's all well and fine. "We appreciate you helping your community". Do you realize there may be many people in your community that benefit from the programs offered by NCLI? In addition to Camp Dogwood your contribution supports: Support and Mobility Canes, VIP Fishing Tournament, Deaf Blind Retreat, Low Vision Aids, Mobile Screening Unit, KidSight Screening Unit, and Educational Grants. In this and upcoming issues I would like to give you detailed information on all of these programs.

### CAMP DOGWOOD HOLDS THE THIRD VIP RETREAT WEEK



Visually impaired people arrived on Sunday, July 10 to find a good time and loving care at Camp Dogwood. On Thursday, June 14 they went home well satisfied. If your interested in activities like dance, fishing, bingo or just plain relaxing Camp Dogwood has it all for you! Volunteering at Camp is a rewarding experience. Meals and lodging are covered so please try not to mis the opportunity!



### BRIGHTER VISIONS

Brighter Visions Kickoffs are just around the corner; District I and O, August 6, District L, August 20, and Districts N and S on August 27. Fund raising for 2021-2022 was well below for all the districts in North Carolina. This is reflective of an economy that has been hard on all of

us. We see it at the gas pump as well as the grocery store. As I read the news, I find that economists feel the situation will continue into 2023.

Regardless of the economy the needs of the blind and services provided by Brighter Visions continues. The two largest contributors for the current year budget for NCLI are; funding through Brighter Visions and dollars earned from Dogwood of Lake Norman. The NCLI budget for the 2022-2023 Lions year is based on the goals established in the same year. Consequently, these goals are important. Your support is needed early in the year so the NCLI board can plan the year. We ask that you consider the future goals but more importantly in this difficult economy follow your heart when considering your contribution to the Brighter Visions fund drive. Please think about supporting NCLI with a check at the August 27<sup>th</sup> kickoff.

## **DID YOU KNOW!**

In 1930, Lion George A. Bonham, President of the Peoria Lions Club (Illinois) introduced the idea of using the white cane with a red band as a means of assisting the blind in independent mobility. The Peoria Lions approved the idea, white canes were made and distributed, and the Peoria City Council adopted an ordinance giving the bearers the right-of-way to cross the street. News of the club's activity spread quickly to other Lions clubs throughout the United States, and their visually handicapped friends experimented with the white canes. Overwhelming acceptance of the white cane idea by the blind and sighted alike quickly gave cane users a unique method of identifying their special need for travel consideration among their sighted counterparts.

At the 1931 international convention in Toronto, Lions heard a detailed presentation on the white cane program and received copies of the Peoria ordinance to bring home. By 1956, with the help of a full-scale awareness and advocacy campaign, every state in the United States had enacted white-cane safety laws.

North Carolina Lions Inc. supply's the blind and visual impaired with white canes. Every two years they can apply for a new cane.

## **KIDSIGHT TRAINING**

Training will cover using PlusOptix equipment, KidSight training (become a certified screener), audiometer training, and MSU/KidSight policies and procedures. In training you will learn everything about this new service opportunity and get all your questions about the program answered.

So please take advantage of this training and RSVP to 828-748-2135 Carlton (ext. 223) or Bryan (ext. 241) or use email [carlton@nclionsinc.org](mailto:carlton@nclionsinc.org) or [bryan@nclionsinc.org](mailto:bryan@nclionsinc.org) Registration is limited to 50 people. Seats are filling up quickly so CALL TODAY!

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