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Check out the stories on the inside. Great Job Lions!

DISTRICT GOVERNOR GOALS

Here are a few things that I would like to emphasized:

- 1. Membership... We must encourage more folks to join Lions! I will go anywhere to help talk to folks if needed. Everyone, invite one person that will join... or have an "exclusive" membership party, it's very important to get Lions to get excited again enough to share Lionism with others!
- 2. Those that evaluate children's eyesight, whether with spot machines or Vision Van's, please test for color blindness. We can provide free tests for adults or children, paperwork for teachers and parents, and help thru Lions, schools, foundations to help people see color again! Also... a great "aha!" Moment to get folks excited again!
- 3. Turn in Lion hours!!! There are many reasons to do it and will help individual clubs ultimately!

Call if you need me to explain reasons.

- 4. I would like to have a "State Lion day," I am collaborating with other governors to get it done. I want to thank Lions for working thankless hours, it will be a food service day or food drive or other food related service. Every Lions club should be involved, the service should end September 24th. It would be great for marketing, membership, and for letting folks see Lions do things on a grand scale.
- 5. Start Brighter Visions early!
- 6. Let folks know about the "organ Donor" guys and other Chairs for talking about their respective interests.

I am there if needed.

Together We Can!

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Save the Date!"

Greetings Lions! I am so excited to invite you to visit Fayetteville for a great day of installations, awards, games, paddleboating, Hawaiian shirt contest, and award winning BBQ plus more! You will also be helping to do a little "Lion Recruiting" for hopefully a new club!

The date is July 16th, 3pm to ? (Depends on the weather!) With an alternative place to go to in case of rain. An address you can use is 7721 Siple Ave., Fayetteville, NC 28304 for your GPS. It's actually a lake around the corner from my house...

More information and directions to follow in a flier sent directly to your club by 1st Vice District Governor Carlie Metts, so be sure and ask about it!

Please RSVP by July 12th to 931-252-8147, food can be purchased in correct amounts and no one goes hungry!

I am excited about starting this Lion Year with a roar and not a whimper! Hope to see you there!!!

Mayra McCloud

District Governor

1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Lions of District 31N.

First, I want to say what a great honor it has been serving as your 2nd Vice District Governor for FY 21-22. I am looking forward to serving you as your 1st Vice District Governor for FY 22-23. There are some challenges this year within our District and I am ready to collaborate with you on those challenges for our District Governor Mayra McCloud. We need new members to add back to our membership base in our District. We have fallen below one thousand members and need new members. I would like to challenge each member to ask at least one person about visiting their club and to join. If they are only interested in doing a service project let them volunteer. It might help them decide to join.

Our next challenge working in these three areas at NCLI "Camp Dogwood", Brighter Visions Campaign, Camp Dogwood Ra5e, and Clinical Eye Research. I would love to see us meet our goals for Brighter Visions and Camp Dogwood. More on that will come out at the Brighter Visions Campaign Kick-o8 on August 27th at 10am at Lions Industries for the Blind, Inc. in Kinston, NC. And last, is Clinical Eye Research. This is an area where I would like each club to send something in extra to help us improve the monies raised. One of the Governors came up with a wonderful idea that we will be working on an hope to roll it out in August also. The money raised helps provide grants to Wake Forest, Duke, and UNC for research for the Visually Impaired. The money over the years has done a tremendous amount of good in research at the three Universities. North Carolina Lions, Inc. does a lot, but we are all a part of NCLI and need to do our part in help raising the money for Brighter Visions, Camp Dogwood and Clinical Eye Research. Will you pledge with me to do whatever you can do?

Last, for the clubs that I will be visiting on behalf of District Governor Mayra, I will bein contact with you soon with the date that I will be visiting and confirming the Day, Time and Place where your club holds its meetings. Once again, I look forward working with each of your and look forward to visiting soon.

Yours in Lionism, 1st VDG, Carlton "Carlie" & Lion Dawn Metts New Bern Twin Rivers Lions Club

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Hola!!!

I'm very excited on serving my community and most my district as your 2VDG. Also looking forward to meet with you and your club. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Roar!

Until then,

Ana Elliott

2nd Vice District Governor

Moving A Mountain,

The Marquette Lions envisioned a simple three-hour event to collect and recycle empty, refundable aluminum cans.

But they ended up moving a mountain — a mountain of 81,501 empty

beverage cans worth 10 cents apiece, and it earned them more than US\$8,100 for children battling cancer in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Club Vice President Mary Rule initiated the event as a way for her club to make some money at a time when five of their fundraising events had been canceled due to COVID-19.



Community members had just come out of a long snowy winter when the pandemic "stay at home" orders were announced. To top it off, COVID-19 had put a stop to stores accepting recycled cans, and so people in Michigan who had paid the usual 10-cent deposit on a can had no way to return them and get their deposit back until restrictions were lifted. They were stockpiling them. And like Rule, growing frustrated not only with having to stay home, but staying home with all these cans.

For hours on end, Lions in gloves and masks, with adherence to social distancing guidelines, gave curbside service by going to vehicles for bags, boxes, and often entire truck beds full of cans.

As one donor said, "Who doesn't support sick kids?"

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dates to Remember

August 20th Club Officer Training; Time & Location TBA

August 27th Brighter Vision Kickoff 10 am Lions Industry of The Blind

Kinston, NC

August 27th 1st Cabinet Meeting; following Brighter Vision Kickoff

October 15th 2nd Cabinet Meeting; Time & Location TBA

January 14th 3rd Cabinet Meeting; during Mid-Winter Convention

April 22nd 4th Cabinet Meeting; during State Convention

2022-2023 GLT PDG Ray





Lions Club International President's Theme:

"Together We Can"

It's so simple, so fundamental, and so true.

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

Dates to Remember

September 7th—10th Sorting Glasses; Camp Dogwood

September 2022 NC Lions Day Food Drive

October—December Lions Toys Drive

January—March 31N Service with Boy and Girl Home
March Camp Dogwood Volunteer Week

April 2023 Earth Day Events

2022-2023 GST Lion Patricia Jackson

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM

Dates to Remember

July 16th Membership Drive Fayetteville, NC

December New Members Competition

June New Members Competition

2022-2023 GMT PDG DeAngelo Jackson



BRIGHTER VISIONS KICK-OFF AND BASKET RAFFLE

The Brighter Visions Kickoff will be held on Saturday August 27th, 10am at Lions Industries for the Blind (LIB) in Kinston.

The program will start at 10am and will end around 12. There will be a group of Lions officers in attendance such as: Carlton Metts (executive director), Tammy Thomas (camp and retreat director), Eileen Artavia (Brighter VIsions state chair), and Chris Headley (camp dogwood state chair).

The reason for this meeting is to show our support for the programs offered by our own North Carolina Lions, Inc. (NCLI). There are many ways we can show our support but two primary ways are through volunteering and donations. This meeting is your clubs' opportunity to show support through your donation. So, please try to submit a donation. For many clubs' budgets are tight, we ask that you "**Do what you can**" to show your club's support.

LET'S ALSO HAVE SOME FUN!

The **BIG BASKET RAFFLE** is new for this year.

The District Governor is asking your club to put together a basket for raffle at the meeting. Here's how it'll work:

Bring your basket made up of goodies, try to follow a theme, make it interesting!

Raffle tickets will be sold for \$5 each, buy as many as you want. Suggestion: Why not get donations from club members to help buy tickets, win a basket, then raffle the basket at a club meeting!

There will be one winner for each basket.

Tickets submitted for each basket will be counted and the value of the tickets collected for each basket will be credited as a donation to Brighter Visions from that club.

Lion Gene Goetz

District 31-N Brighter Visions Chairperson

LEADER DOG

Hello Lions,

Please follow this link to the latest Leader Dog- Lions Newsletter article. Please share it with your club and district newsletter editors and members.

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Additionally, copies of newsletters may be found online: https://www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/resources/. Scroll to the "Newsletter" button to access.

Also, share <u>this video</u> to thank Lions for the important role they play on the Leader Dog team!

Leader Dogs for the Blind 1039 S. Rochester Rd. • Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115 Direct Toll Free (888) 777-5332

To learn more about our programs and services visit <u>LeaderDog.org</u>

Visit our virtual learning resources at <u>leaderdog.org/</u>
<u>resources/virtual-learning</u>

We are always in need of volunteers to raise our puppies.

Learn more at <u>LeaderDog.org/puppy</u>

Our mission is to empower people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel.











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Diabetes Family Retreats

Our quest is to help you reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve your quality of life for you and your family affected with this rampant growing disease in our state.

Our Diabetes Family Retreats are designed to help you cope with Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes in your family with a helpful and fun learning experience.

This program will offer recommendations such as exercise, changing eating habits and understanding the disease. By working together, we will offer a strategic vision on reducing and managing diabetes within your family circle.

What we will achieve with our Diabetes Family Retreats...

- 1) Provide a safe and a fun experience for your family with diabetes to connect and learn.
- 2) This one and a half day retreat will give you an opportunity to work closely with Certified Diabetes Educators with educational, recreational and dietary recommendations for a healthy lifestyle with no distractions.
- 3) You will learn that it is possible to live well with and successfully manage diabetes.

Our Diabetes Family Retreats will be held at the NC Lions Dogwood on the Lake, a 56 acre state-of-the-art meeting and retreat center on the banks of Lake Norman. This facility is also the home of Camp Dogwood for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Camp Dogwood is a summer destination for the blind and visually impaired with waterfront and recreational activities.

Dogwood on Lake Norman has three lodges to accommodate overnight guests. Each lodge has a lounge with TV and DVD, and a screened porch with rocking chairs. Attractive, comfortable guestrooms feature two double beds, individual temperature control, and private baths. Rooms with handicapped accessible baths are available (including roll-in showers). Each lodge is ground floor accessible.



Registration Form

2022 Retreat Weekends: (please check preference)

Friday/Saturday - May 6th and 7th Friday/Saturday - September 9th and 1 0th Friday/Saturday - September 23-24th

Check-In time for each Diabetes Retreat is from 4:00pm - 5:30pm on each Friday. Departure Saturday after 5:00pm. After receiving completed registration, you will be called by Tammy Thomas, Camp Dogwood and Dogwood on the Lake Administrator to complete the reservation and you will be given further information. Tammy Thomas Direct Line: 800.662.7401, Ext. 229

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You may mail this completed form to: Email Form: tammy@nclionsinc.org Fax Form to: 828.478.4419 Tammy Thomas, Camp Dogwood Administrator NC Lions, Inc / Camp Dogwood PO Box 39

Sherrills Ford, NC 28673

BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB NEWS

Beaufort Lions Club Navilens Project

Beaufort NC Lions Club funds Navilens Informational-Transfer/Mobility Project for the Blind at the Beaufort NC Maritime Museum.

The Beaufort NC Lions Club is proud to announce a donation, in the amount of \$4200, to the Friends of the NC Maritime Museum. This donation will directly fund the installation of a Navilens Informational-Transfer/Mobility package within the Beaufort NC Maritime Museum, capable of providing self-guided personal tours, with access to the many hidden stories associated to displayed coded artifacts. This action represents the first step towards establishment of "Interactive Experiences" for the Blind, a core component of the planned all-inclusive "Beaufort Blind Project"; an ac-



cessibility package being developed with adherence to "Blind Perspective Philosophical Principals", thus providing accessibility to all visual acuities, Totally Blind to Fully Sighted. Navilens is an application developed in Spain. It uses color codes that, when captured by a smart phone camera, either

iPhone or Droid, will provide access to associated content. Navilens codes have often been referred to as "QR codes on Steroids". While this statement is true, in actuality they are so much more! Navilens codes differ dramatically in

comparison to QR codes, as Navilens codes ,do not require prior knowledge of posted code location, or requires the user to take a picture of the

code to access associated information. When the Navilens app is opened, and a scanning of the space is made, using the phone's rear camera, will allow for automatic capture of posted Navilens

codes, granting access to associated information.

Navilens has unique identification and navigational properties, when made available for use by the Blind, which will dramatically improve independence. Navilens codes can be identified from long distances, as the size of the posted Navilens code increases so does the distance from which the code may be captured. A quarter-page size posted code may be captured from up to a distance of 30 feet and then will accurately guide the Blind user, via audible 3D prompting to within one foot of the posted code. Truly amazing in comparison to the unacceptable accuracy errors, forced upon the Blind by GPS! Navilens is also available as free downloadable codes for personal use by the Blind, and represents a perfect example of how smart phone applications, provided at no cost to the enduser, can improve quality of life for the Blind, without the necessity for purchase of additional costly stand alone adaptive technology devices.

For more information contact Blind Lion Peter Crumley peter.crumley@yahoo.com

An innovative example of how the Beaufort NC Lions serve as

LUMBERTON LIONS CLUB NEWS



Teacher of the Week

Jamie Burney is in his fifth year of teaching at the school. He teaches eighth-grade English.

However, during his 21 years of employment in the Public Schools of Robeson County school district, he has also taught Math and Social Studies in grades 5-8.

"Teaching children requires patience and at times sacrifice," he said in a statement to The Robesonian.

"We have to meet students where they are and give them help and supports to help them achieve their best potential. We can't coddle them from the struggles of the real world, but we can give them the tools to be successful and be there to help them and guide them as they make both good and bad decisions," Burney said.

Burney also said helping students gain confidence in themselves is a priority.

"Building achievement starts with building confidence in our students," he said. "Your classroom should be a place where they can try different strategies and be okay with not always being right."

When Burney isn't teaching, the Lumberton resident can be found watching TV and movies, reading, and spending time with his family members and friends. Burney also works with the Junior Beta Club and the Lumberton Lions Club.

This article is for The Robesonian paper

Link:

https://www.robesonian.com/news/235768/english-educator-strives-to-help-students-become-their-best

Membership Challenge



KINSTON HOST

Dates to Remember

Hello Everyone.

As we end up the finish of our 2021-22 Lion's year, I am pleased and very proud to say Kinston Host Lions finished very well. We accomplished many projects and served our community very well this year. I feel we represented Lionism very well in our community. *We* are looking forward to 2022-23 to be as strong if not better.

As we begin the new year, we are ready and eager to begin work. Also, we would like to welcome the former members of the Kinston Ram Neuse Club as we merge on July 1st.

With their added wisdom and leadership, we can only go forward.

Also, I would like to congratulate Lion Sharon Axelberg for receiving the President's award recently and Lion Betty *W*ooten for receiving the Sid Scruggs Beacon Of Hope award. These ladies are a great asset to our Club and to Lionism.

We are preparing for our Reverse Drawing coming up on August 22nd at King's restaurant. Tickets will be on sale soon, tickets are \$50.00 ea. This is a great evening to support what we are as Lions and to continue helping our community. Please contact any Kinston Host Member for tickets.

Our club is looking forward to the new year with great things ahead. Let's keep up all the awesome work we all do as Lion's to help others every day.

Sincerely.

Lion Eddie Chase

Kinston Host President





Kinston Host Lions 8th Annual Reverse Drawing Fundraiser

Monday, August 22, 2022 King's Restaurant - Hwy 70 E. - Kinston, NC

6:30 P.M. Social – 7:00 P.M. Dinner (Ribeye Steak Dinner)

One (1) Meal per Ticket, No Carryouts

GRAND PRIZE: \$2,500 \$50.00 ea. TICKETS \$50.00 ea.



Tickets can also be purchased by calling 252-523-1019 or visiting Lions Industries for the Blind, 4126 Berkeley Ave., Kinston

To Purchase Tickets Contact Club Secretary:
Betty Ann Wooten blorah@lionsindustries.org
or any club member.

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PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MEETING

Calling All PDGs

Our first meeting for this FY will be Friday, July 8 at Rib Eyes Steakhouse in Nashville. They have a good selection on their menu, as well as a nice salad bar.

We will start gathering around 5:30. I know this may be early for some who may still be working or have a distance to travel. We will order around 6:00 and begin the meeting as soon as all have ordered. Once meals start coming we will break for the meal then resume once most have finished eating. We hope to be out by 8:00, hopefully sooner.

I will try to get an agenda out mid-week.

Please reply to this email if you plan on attending.

I hope to see many of you there.

Rib Eyes Steakhouse

104 W Nashville Dr, Nashville, NC 27856

PDG Gene English ggenglish@nc.rr.com

NEW BERN LIONS CLUB

Held a drawing at the Piggly Wiggly in New Bern on June 3, 2022.



L - R, GEORGE FISHER, PIGGLY WIGGLY MANAGER DANNY CREEL, BOB ARMENTROUT

WESTERN HARNETT LIONS CLUB—KEEPING A PIECE OF AMERICA BEAUTIFUL

By Lion Michael Williams, 1VP, Western Harnett Lions Club

The Western Harnett Lions Club is now in its 18th year of picking up trash along a busy two-mile stretch of road in western Harnett County. The club joined the North Carolina Adopt-a-Highway program in February 2004 with past District Governor Vince Schimmoller serving as our Project Coordinator. Since joining the Adopt-a-Highway Program the club's Lions have gathered once a month early on a Saturday morning to clean up our designated section of road. For the last two years our LEO club has been assisting us. Their help is greatly appreciated and has been instrumental in reducing the amount of time it takes to finish our cleanup from an hour and a half to about an hour. The club's efforts over the last 12 months have yielded 237 bags of trash along with car bumpers, pieces of furniture, and an occasional empty barrel or other large container.

While at times it can feel frustrating when you drive by the day after we completed a trash pickup and see new trash on the side of the road, it is also very rewarding seeing the before and after of the road after the cleanup knowing we are still helping to keep our neighborhood a little nicer. Additionally, the participants' efforts continue to enhance the Lion Club's reputation in our community, as evidenced by the positive feedback we receive from residents, business owners, and even drivers passing by while we work.

Besides a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment, a side benefit of participating in one or more of the monthly pickups is the chance to gather with our fellow Lions outside the setting of a meeting. Once finished, we usually meet at a local coffee shop for a little fellowship and to compare notes on our most interesting "trash finds" of the morning.



Lion Crystal Seboe & LEO Kylie Hayward show off a





Lions Spencer Walker & Vince Schimmoller "in the trenches" keeping the highway clean!

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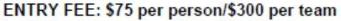
FOUR PERSON SUPER BALL

Benefits the visually impaired in our community

September 17, 2022

Rain Date: To Be Determined

Tee Time: 1:00 p.m.



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 10, 2022

twinriverslionsclub@amail.com.

252-259-4827





We Serve

Tournament Registration

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DEADLINE

September 10, 2022

Townament Information

The Emerald Golf Club 5000 Clubhouse Drive 252-633-4440 ext 228 New Bern, NC 28562 LOCATION

September 17, 2022 DATE

11:45 AM - 12:30 PM CHECK IN

Awards and Prizes Includes Meal

MODIFIED BY TEAM HANDICAP FORMAT: Four Person Superball

MULLIGANS & POT-of-GOLD

For Sale at Check-In

\$75.00 per person / \$300.00 per team ENTRY FEES

Indudes: Entry Fee, Green Fees, Cart Fees and Meal

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Twin Rivers Lions Club MAIL CHECK/FORM TO: 2001 Williamson Drive New Bern, NC 28562 Anne Metts

NEW BERN & TWIN RIVERS off Townament Charity LIONS CLUBS

SATURDAY, September 17, 2022

Rain Date: To Be Determined

1:00 PM SHOTGUN TEE OFF

HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZE

\$14,000

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benefit the needy and visually impaired

The funds raised at this event will

residents of New Bern and nearby

communities.

Mobile Eye Screening

In School KidSight Vision Screening

Diabetes Awareness

President, Twin Rivers Lions Club

Melanie A. Rust

President, New Bern Lions Club

Beth Nelson

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