

Look What The District Is Doing



District-N



North Carolina Lions



District Governor

Greetings, Lions of 31N,

I want to write a story about the horrible and heart-rending images I've been seeing due to Hurricane Ian. Please... let me know if anyone needs help here in 31N area... but from what I'm hearing, I think we all got off pretty lucky! Just recently, with the help of just a few clubs in 31N, we managed to raise over 9 thousand dollars in about 3 weeks to send to Kentucky to help Lions that had major flooding in their area. They helped us when we went thru the same thing a couple of years ago. I am so proud of the clubs involved! Thank you!

But please... take a moment and think about the devastation in Florida right now. A few clubs, a district, or even an individual state won't be able to help enough. But... LCIF can! Please use this example to show your local Lions why we should be donating... money from Lions all over the world will go to help them. The goal we (31N) have been given is just under \$25k. I would like to make it a District goal for us to reach \$30k. I will come if you need me for a fundraiser, and get stories and updates for you of Lions in Florida... Let's reach this goal together!!!

I get it... some of our clubs are just coming out from under the pandemic, are hurting for members, and

"just want to help locally"... Remember though... the "world" is a lot smaller now. There is a lot of craziness out there! Our families, our military, Americans are all over the world! Flori-

1st Vice-District Governor

Greetings Fellow Lions!

I know everyone has been watching and listening about one disaster after another one that seems to be happening around the world. Our very own Lions Club International Foundation has been working very closely with the District Governors whenever a disaster happens. I would like to take a moment and talk about Lions Club International Foundation better known as LCIF. The foundation's mission is to empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.

At the International Convention it the Campaign 100 figures were announced at \$324 million exceeding the goal that was set. It is because of Lions like you that we are able to raise the funds that will help those in need. Past International President Douglas Alexander is the chairperson this year and is looking forward to what accomplishment will happen this year. With that being said your LCIF Coordinator is PDG Robert Block and is willing to meet your club. Remember LCIF has done a lot for our district with disaster relief grants, a grant for our disaster relief trailer and a grant for diabetes in the past few years. So we have received more from LCIF that what we have given.

I know a lot of you are wondering what we can do. One is you can donate to LCIF for Hurricane Ian.

Along with receiving more that what we give to LCIF is also Brighter Visions. Did you know that your county receives at least double the amount that your club donates to the Brighter Visions Campaign. As Lions we should get behind this program to help out our citizens in the state. Our Brighter Visions Campaign Kick-off is August 27th at 10 am at the Lions Industries for the Blind, Inc. in Kinston. We need every club there represented as our NCLI representatives will be there presenting the campaign along with information on the Camp Dogwood raffle. As all of you have seen, Lion Gene has been busy with his newsletters. I also know he is beginning to set up visitations to clubs. District Governor Mayra has a goal of \$90,000 this year. I would love to see our district to reach the Governors goal.

Last, I have set up most of my club visitation schedule and I am looking forward to my visits. I am also planning to make as many Zone meetings as I possibly can. I would like to leave you with this - 2 Serve and Have Fun!

Yours in Lionism,

1st VDG Carlie & Lion Dawn Metts
New Bern Twin Rivers Lions Club

2nd Vice-District Governor

The Fraser Valley Lions Club is one of the 2021 Kindness Matters Service Award winners.

Like much of the United States, Grand County residents have been facing a growing diabetes epidemic. The Mountain Family Center (MFC) in Granby has been trying to meet the needs of those facing food insecurity since 1979, and Fraser Valley Lions figured they would be precisely the right folks to partner with to tackle diabetes in their community.

While the Fraser Valley Lions have been supporting MFC for a long time, recent plans to renovate a newly acquired building prompted the director to reach out to the club for help.

“As part of their renovations, they wanted to build a teaching kitchen where they could show people with diabetes how to prepare more healthy meals,” says club chairperson Greg Orzech. The club was eager to help. It fit two of Lions main causes – hunger and diabetes, and they had the resources to help make it happen.

At first the well-funded club was going to foot the entire bill themselves, but then decided to try for an LCIF grant. With Lions in neighboring Jackson County on board, they were able to secure a US\$31,875 LCIF Diabetes Grant. The total cost of the project was more than US\$42,000, so the club kicked in the rest. Included in the cost was the training for three MFC staff to learn how to teach cooking for people with diabetes.

The plan is to later begin teaching healthy cooking classes to everyone, not just folks with diabetes. The center, which has grown since its inception in 1979 as the Fraser Valley Women’s Resource Center, aims to help anyone who needs a hand up. “They try to work with people to ensure they can sustain themselves over some period of time,” says Orzech. “The goal is to get them back on their feet.”

The partnership between Lions and the center has enabled Lions to provide real aid to their community without requiring them to be social service experts. Orzech estimates they put about US\$150,000 back into their community each year. But if someone needs rental assistance, MFC is better equipped to help. “They know how to do the screenings and all that. They have all that expertise,” says Orzech. “It’s a great working relationship from that perspective. We can use their resources and put the money back into the community and know it’s going to good use.”

At the root of it all, says Orzech, is kindness. He firmly believes it drives what Lions do. “I think everything the club does up here is really just acts of kindness,” he says. “Trying to help people who are in a tougher spot than you.”

[Cooking Up Kindness – Lion Magazine](#)

Ana Elliot
2nd Vice District Governor

Next Cabinet Meeting



October 22, 2022

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location:

Fayetteville Church of the Nazarene

1844 Rayconda Pl.

Fayetteville, NC 28304

The cabinet meeting will be face-to-face and Online.

The club with the most participants (by percentage) will
win a District Prize

The KidSight Screening Units (KSU) vehicles are here and will soon be ready for deployment to all five districts in North Carolina.



Under a new exciting program each district will be assigned a Chevrolet Equinox SUV, which will be equipped with at least two PlusOptix S12R Vision Screening devices and an Earscan 3 audiometer for hearing screenings. Since some schools require the old fashion method of screening; Snellen eye charts and Ishihara Color Vision Books will be included for back-up. Vehicles are equipped with GM/INSIGHT maintenance monitoring system. Each of these five units will be available to conduct vision and hearing screenings at your local daycare, preschools, schools, and any other location where children may be screened.

Since we have a North Carolina SCIF (State Capital and Infrastructure Funds) Grant we will need to report screening results to the state. Clubs conducting their own screenings and screenings conducted by the KSU will be required to report screenings to the NCLI KidSight state coordinator.

Training held at Camp Dogwood on August 17 and 18 was well attended with more than 40 Lions attending from all 5 districts. After an introduction by Camp Dogwood director Carlton Metts, training on Wednesday was continued by Rene Regnat, CEO of PlusOptix. Rene gave an in-depth description of the PlusOptix screener and all attendees had an opportunity to use the device and ask questions. Later that afternoon a KidSight lecture was presented by Dr. Edward V. Cordes, PID via zoom. Dr. Cordes is chair of Lions KidSight USA Foundation. Training continued that afternoon with a demonstration of the Earscan 3 audiometer. On Thursday morning Carlton Metts and Bryan Hoover gave a description of MSU/KidSight policies and procedures, scheduling process.

KidSight Screening Unit (KSU) Program Details:

For clubs doing your own screenings this program is **not intended to compete or replace your club screening efforts**. Because the KSU will be equipped with three PlusOptix screening devices we will be able to screen larger groups.

The KSU will be available to come to your location for a total fee of \$150. We can screen multiple schools or your club could organize a community screening event.

Each KidSight Unit will need dedicated Lions to help during the screening event. Being a "Certified [KidSight Screener](https://www.lionskidsightusa.org)" will be required. Becoming a certified can be done on line; go to www.lionskidsightusa.org and click on "Get Certified".

Children from 6 months to 12 years old can be screened.

We are looking forward to this new program and are excited to offer eye screening to all children from 6 months to 12 years of age.

Lion Gene Goetz
MSU/Kidsight district chairperson



Goldsboro Downtown Lions Club

Aluminum can collection



During the Lions year Goldsboro Downtown Lions Club collects aluminum cans and pull tabs. Cans are crushed and pull tabs are removed by Joe Batkoski with assistance from his wife Sharon. Joe's family helped him out this year by replacing his manual crusher with a pneumatic system. After removing the pull tabs and crushing the cans Lion Joe takes them in to the recycling facility to turn them in to "Cold cash". Joe uses the money raised from the cans to buy Camp Dogwood Raffle tickets which supports maintenance of the Camp Dogwood facilities. Lion Barbara Mayes takes the pull tabs to Ronald McDonald house in Greenville. We are all very proud of Lions Joe, Sharon and Barbara



Mid-Winter Convention



That is right, Districts 31N&S will be back in Greenville, NC January 20-21, 2023. Be on the lookout for more information about the convention in the coming months.



Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**

Lions of District 31N,

Our District knows all too well the need of our Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and how they come to the aid of areas after major disasters. I know that much of our District has our eyes on Hurricane Ian that is quickly approaching Florida. It is likely that they will need assistance through financial, supplies, and emotionally. It isn't too early to start thinking about how YOUR club and even you individually can help. I know that our District Disaster Relief team is vigorously working on preparing for the potential worst to our area as Hurricane Ian leaves Florida and starts working its way North.

Making a donation to LCIF in general can help with disasters all over the world. If there is a particular disaster, I.E. when we were hit by Hurricane Florence, you can dedicate the donated LIF funds to the specific disaster. Contributions to LIF can also be a great way to recognize long time members, community members who support the Lions (Melvin Jones Fellows do not have to be Lions), or even can make a beautiful gift for special occasions like birthdays, holidays, etc.

As your District LCIF Coordinator, I ask that your club, or even yourself individually, discuss how you will contribute to LIF this year. As a district, since July 1st, we have contributed ZERO dollars to LIF and are well behind all of the Southeast Region (Districts 12, 18, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 51, and 60) and in fact, are the ONLY Sub District that has zero contribution to LIF. I know I personally will be speaking to my club about making a difference, who's with me?

Leading and Serving from our hearts

Lion Robert, Lion Marie,

Nathan, Brennan, and Logan

Past District Governor – District 31N

District Leo Chair and LIF Coordinator

State Leo Chairperson

New Bern Lions Club

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Goldsboro Downtown Lions Club ATTACKS HUNGER

The Goldsboro Downtown Lions Club observed Lions service day by donating over 250lbs of food and a check for \$300 to the Community Soup Kitchen of Goldsboro. [Doricia Benton](#), director of the kitchen for 30 years happily accepted our donation. Our sincere "Thank You" to Doricia for her years of service to the community.

Picture on the left: Lion Carolyn Kirkland, Doricia Benton, and Lion Gene Goetz



Picture on the right: from right to left Lions Willie Nelson, Richard Durham, Susan Durham, Barbara Mayes, Sharon Batkoski, IK Williamson, and Joe Batkoski.



Article submitted by Lion Gene Goetz, Secretary Goldsboro Downtown Lions.

Angier Lions Club Day of Service



Angier Lion Club donated \$200 to the local food bank in participation of Day Of Service. Angier food bank services approximately 80 families per month.

Angier Lions Club Bike Raffle



Angier Lion Club secretary Lion Janice B. pose with winner of Annual Bike Raffle

Childhood Cancer

Providing Comfort To Parents In Need



Ronald McDonald House, Greenville, collects pop top tabs to recycle for additional funds to assist families with room and meals while their child is receiving medical care. District 31N has been participating with the Ronald McDonald for the past 3 years collecting and donating pop top tabs. Here is a photo of our last drop-off.

If you would like to participate please email PDG DeAngelo Jackson at m5djack@yahoo.com

31N Assist Hurricane Ian Victim



Where there is a need;
there is a Lion

Within one week our district held a “Needs Drive” for Hurricane Ian Victims, we collected over 15 pallets of needed items and assisted in the delivery of the items.



Roar!!



Hampstead Lions Club Raffle



\$500.00 Gift Card

Only 500 tickets will be sold!!

Tickets: \$5ea or 3/\$10.00

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Drawing will be held: Saturday, November 19th 2022

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