

Look What The District Is Doing



District Governor

Greetings Lions!

Hope you are well and survived Halloween, and are now happily prepared to gain the standard 7 pounds for Thanksgiving and Christmas... I know I got a good head start on it by eating "good candy" all night long during the Halloween festivities.

Every year some of our Lions and volunteers get together to enhance the "H day" experience for the kids... we all dress up and join them in "photo ops", and all they have to do is donate food or coats to our Lions to help others... below are a few pics to make your day a little brighter!



District Governor Halloween



1st Vice-District Governor

Greetings Fellow Lions,

What a great time to be a Lion! With my visits I have been impressed with each club's service and fundraiser projects this year. Some clubs growing is great to see. With my journey to being District Governor, I have been impressed how each club is different in their approach of Lionism and I love it. Here is a snapshot of what of some of the best of what I have seen.

Lion Peter Crumley working to make life easier for the Visually Impaired at the Maritime Museum with technology. His club the Beaufort Lions Club backing this project. I won't still his thunder on the project as he continues working on the project and I want him to tell the story. Everyone will be impressed what this Lion and his club has done with this project.

Grifton Lions Club has taken on growing their club in membership but has looked to the future that it is their responsibility to grow by extension to other communities. This has come from one Lions vision of growth. It will take time, but I believe that they can do this.

Kinston Host keeps going strong with their love for helping their community, district and other areas.

Goldsboro Host seems to be the club of PDG's. And if you have not heard from the last Cabinet meeting Lion Gene Geotz announced his intention to run for 2nd Vice District Governor. I have gotten to know Lion Gene over the years as our Brighter Visions Chair. He has done a great job. With that being said he jump right into being our MSU/Kidsight Chair for the district. Two very important positions and I look forward to other great things from him and his club.

Pikeville Lions keep moving forward for their community. This club loves it's community as they work with beautification of the community, scholarships for it graduating students from CB Aycock and vision projects.

Goldsboro Downtown club has a great young president and secretary that are eager to grow as Lions. I look forward to seeing what they become.

Mount Olive has a great group of Lions that work well with each other. I am planning to attend one day of their Turkey Shoot which is one of their signature fundraisers. They have also done great work with the vision needs in the community.

Farmville is another club that keeps being consistent with their projects. I am looking for great things from this club in the future.

Aurora does a great job in their community as these Lions love to help out in their community. If you have not visited their facebook site you should. They work hard for their community and I have always been impressed with Lion Catherine Revels with her love of her club, community and Lions in general.

Jones County is like the little engine that could. This club keeps going and going for their community. They may be small but they are mighty.

And last Jacksonville New River keeps on being consistent with bright new ideas for growth.

I have seen great ideas, potential growth and consistency of Lions being seen by their communities. With that being said let's take on the mentality of our International President Brian Sheehan on thinking outside of the box. Lions Club International made a video on this. If you have not seen it I encourage you to watch it. The easiest way is go to youtube and type in International President Brian Sheehan and the video will be in the list that has been created with him.

Last is don't forget we are hosting the District 31 N&S Mid-Winter Convention in Greenville this year January 20-21, 2023. Registration information and Ad Forms will be out soon. Our Convention Chairs have been working hard this year to make it a great time of fellowship, learning and celebrating being a Lion in District 31 N&S.

As always looking for great things,

1st VDG Carlie Metts



2nd Vice-District Governor

Hola Lions!!!

November is Diabetes awareness month; World Diabetes Day is November 14th, first created in 1991 by the International Diabetes Foundation and the World Health Department. Diabetes is a chronic disease where the pancreas doesn't produce enough insulin, if any at all. This year theme is **EDUCATION TO PROTECT TOMORROW**. There are 7 types of diabetes or also called diabetes mellitus; the most known are Type 1, Type 2, and Gestetional. Wear blue, learn the symptoms and talk about it. I am looking forward and extremely excited to witness your hard work and commitment to this cause; ie collecting Dimes for Diabetes. As mentioned before, diabetes is dear to my heart and illness that touches my familiy.

Feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, ideas, or projects that you have in mind!!

Until next time!!



Ana Elliot
2nd Vice District Governor

Next Cabinet Meeting



January 21, 2023

Cabinet meeting will be held in Greenville, NC
during Mid-Winter Convention

2023— 2024 District election will be held also

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





District Training

February 4, 2023

Location and Time To Be Announced

New Members

How To Do Successful Service Project

Organ Donation

Officer Communication

Mid-Winter Convention



That is right, Districts 31N&S will be back in Greenville, NC January 20-21, 2023. Registration Form and Ad Form are on the following pages. The speaker will be International Director Lee Vrieze.



Club Recognition/Ad Form

Help Support a Lions Tradition



The International Association of Lions Clubs District 31-N&S Mid-Winter Convention

January 20-21, 2023

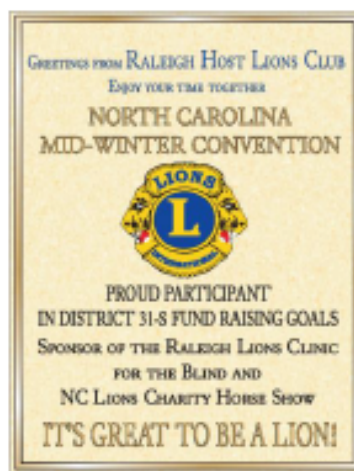
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Contact PDG Carlton Metts!!!

Make Check Payable to:

Districts 31-N&S Midwinter Convention

Mail Check & Form to:

(Enclose copy of Ad)

Lion Anne Metts, Convention Treasurer
2001 Williamson Drive
New Bern, NC 28562

***** AD DEADLINE – January 01, 2023 *****

Club Name _____

Business Ad Name _____

Contact Name _____

Contact Phone No. _____

Ad Size _____ Amount \$ _____

Revised 10/01/22

2023 Districts 31-N&S Mid-Winter Convention Registration



HOLIDAY INN
203 SW Greenville Blvd.
Greenville, NC 27834
Phone: 252-355-8300
January 20-21, 2023



	Cost	Late Registration (after 12/20/2022)	# Attending	Amount
Friday, Jan. 20, 2023 – 6:30 PM Fun Night – Italian Lasagna Buffet	\$30.00	\$33.00	_____	\$_____
Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023 – 7:30AM Tail Twister's Breakfast - Country Style - Buffet	\$25.00	\$28.00	_____	\$_____
Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023 – 12:00 PM Lunch – Soup & Deli Sandwich Buffet	\$25.00	\$28.00	_____	\$_____
Saturday, January 21, 2023 – 6:30 PM District Governors Banquet - Chicken Marsala Plated Dinner	\$35.00	\$38.00	_____	\$_____

(NOTE: Children's menu will be available upon request.)

Total: \$_____

Meal Registration Deadline – January 8, 2023

Make Check Payable to: _____ **Mail To:** Lion Joelle Lynde (Ph: 919-219-1724)
 1003 River Dee Court
 Districts 31-N&S Lions Mid-Winter Convention Apex, NC 27502-4153

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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Hotel Information: Call – Holiday Inn, 203 SW Greenville Blvd., Greenville, NC 27834 at PH: 252-355-8300 to make reservation. Room rate is \$104.00+tax for Queen or King

Make Room Reservations by December 19, 2022 for Lion's Rate . - 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)

Imagine walking into a room. In the corner is a young girl. Curled in a fetal position, screaming from all the years of abuse she has suffered. She is inconsolable. No one can seem to help her.

In walks the embodiment of unconditional love. This friend walks across the room and lays her fuzzy snout on the little girl's lap. Peace. The little girl becomes calm. This account details a therapy dog at work.

One young person at the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina put it like this, "Y'all can talk. Y'all talk and talk and talk, and meanwhile, I am having an anxiety attack. But Zara! When Zara enters the room, without speaking, she says everything I need to hear."

We recently lost Zara and Kiawah, another therapy dog, in a tragic fire that also took our CEO, Ricky Creech.

As a memorial to Zara, Kiawah, and Ricky, would you please donate to help us get two new therapy dogs?

Lions District Goal: \$4,000

Make your check out to BGHNC.

Memo: DISTRICT NAME, RICKY CREECH MEMORIAL FUND FOR THERAPY DOGS

Private giving or individuals may make above and beyond donations on behalf of the district. BGHNC is a 501c3 non-profit, and the EIN is 58-1387871. You will receive a tax-deductible donation letter from BGHNC.

Send to: BGHNC MEMORIAL FUND c/o Marie Kelly
PO BOX 127
LAKE WACCAMAW, NC 28540



We have reached our goal!! Congratulations on all your efforts... they are paid off!!

Here is the breakdown by district to date:

District L \$150

District I \$300

District O \$3,400

District N \$2,500

District S \$4,000

The Lions Club State total is \$10,650 to date and I know of one club in district O that has sent \$1,000, but that is not included in this total to date. The other civic organizations have sent the remaining \$10,725 for a total of \$21,375. The amounts received above the goal will go into a fund to provide for the dogs, food, vet bills and other expenses.

Thank you all for an outstanding job in putting this high on your priority list!! Y'all are the best!!

Looking forward to continuing with you in service!

With sincere gratitude,

Lion Mary Lockhart

State Chair BGHNC

THE CALABASH LIONS CLUB

TOGETHER WE CAN!

One person may look at all that needs to be done in this world and feel overwhelmed. But when you are a Lion, you are never just one person. You have a whole team of Lions behind you!



Volunteers receive instructions and job assignments before the VIP Fishing Tournament 10/16- 10/20/22, on the Outer Banks



Tables are set and ready for the over 300 VIPs and their family member(s) or other assistant, to be served



Setting up for Calabash Oktoberfest: Lions Tina, Drue, Howard, and Aggie on 10/22/22.



Lions Drue, Howard and Aggie making sales of Brooms, Camp Dogwood tickets and Grand Strand

OH NO! My club has too many members! Let me tell you how we created this problem....

NOVEMBER 14, 2022 | 7:00-8:00PM CST

Please join us for the next installment of our Global Action Team Webinar Series. Our host, GAT Constitutional Area I Leader, PID Jerome Thompson, will be joined by four of our area leaders from across the USA as we explore strategies and resources you can use to revitalize membership in your club.

Full link address: https://lionsclubs-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Mfsf4iFOR8Sc5aXUvqZB9Q

Please invite members of your team to attend this informative webinar!

Lion Jacqui



District is seeking Officers for 2023-2024

District 31-N is seeking officers the 2023-2024 Lions year. The Nominating Committee Chair has asked all interested candidates to submit a letter of intent, club endorsement, and qualifications to PDG Carlton Metts by email by December 1, 2022 for the following positions;

District Governor

Qualifications - Candidate is an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in Good Standing* in his/her single or sub-district. Candidate endorsed by his/her Lions Club or a majority of the Lions Clubs in the District. Candidate is currently serving as the first vice district governor within this district.

First Vice District Governor

Qualifications - Candidate is an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in Good Standing* in his/her single or sub-district. Candidate endorsed by his/her Lions Club or a majority of the Lions Clubs in the District. Candidate is currently serving as the second vice district governor within this district, Has not completed a full term, or majority portion thereof, as district governor
*This amendment took effect on July 1, 2022.

Second Vice District Governor

Qualifications - Candidate is an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in Good Standing* in his/her single or sub-district. Candidate endorsed by his/her Lions Club or a majority of the Lions Clubs in the District. Has served as Club President, Club Board of Directors Two (2) Years, Served on the District Cabinet as Zone or Region Chairperson or has served as Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer. With none of the above being accomplished concurrently. Has not completed a full term, or majority portion thereof, as district governor. *This amendment took effect on July 1, 2022.

Please email to PDG Carlton Metts at carltonvmetts@gmail.com

Yours in Lionism

PDG Carlton Metts

Nominations Chair

Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screener

WARRANTY ALERT

To all clubs using Welch Allyn Spot vision screener.

There have been a few reports from clubs in district 31-N with units that have run out of warranty. Out of warranty repairs can be costly!

Many of the units in district 31-N were covered by a 5-year warranty which includes battery replacement. Out of warranty battery replacement will cost approx. \$200

Welch Allyn recommends that the unit's battery be replaced every 2.5 years.

WE RECOMMEND:

- 1) Review the paperwork supplied with the unit to determine if it is still within the warranty period and/or call Welch Allyn (800-535-6663) to get warranty clarification.
- 2) Have the serial number ready when if call Welch Allyn. This number will lead them to your warranty contract number.
- 3) If your unit is still covered under warranty but is over 2.5 years old you may want to send it in for battery replacement. Welch Allyn will send you a "Return Materials Authorization" and a loner unit. Use the box containing your loner unit to send your unit to Welch Allyn. Repair may take 3 weeks.

The above information applies to the Welch Allyn vision screener. The same situation may apply to the PlusOptix unit.

Lion Gene Goetz

District 31-N Kidsight Chairperson



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

Cell:252.229.5099



MEMBERSHIP

HOW TO ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations to those clubs that have gained members over the past 4 months whatever you are doing, keep it up. And share your secrets with neighboring clubs so that all can share the benefits of new members.

I have been asked many times, how are you able to get new members into your club. I will share a few thoughts but I do not have a corner on the market of good ideas. I am a true believer and advocate of the secret of getting new members is to JUST ASK. I have yet to have someone come up to me and say I want to join the Lions, but most if not everyone that I have talked to about the Lions were active listeners. Recruiting new members is the job of all club members. As a club you should formulate a plan on how you wish to go about this. Form a small committee and brain storm on what you think would work best for your club. I have found that getting potential new members to a service project is perhaps the best way. From doing service for others, you experience the enjoyment and reward that you get from helping others which ties perfectly to our motto WE SERVE.

A couple of ideas that your club may consider is partnering with other agencies or groups. For example, if the Fire Dept. or another community group is hosting a pancake breakfast or blood drive, ask if you can volunteer to help with the breakfast or work the canteen for the blood donors. Assign one of your people friendly members to do nothing but visit with the diners or blood donors and promote the activities of the club. Find out what their interests are and zero in on anything that is about service to others and tell them that you would be a perfect match for the Lions. Suggest that you develop a brochure about your club to share with interested members. Make sure you have a membership application with you for the person that is anxious to join. Good Luck!!!!

Lion Vince Schimmoller
MD-31 Membership Chair

Welcome Our 1st QTR New Members

ANGIER LIONS CLUB

NANCY ANN LANE

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CHRISTINE VASKO

Sponsor: MALIA BAGDY

BENSON LIONS CLUB

HENRY RUSS MCLAMB

TREY AUSTIN PLEASANT

Sponsor: WILLIAM NEIGHBORS

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JOEY M MCCLAIN

Sponsor: CHAR LYNN ROBINSON

CALABASH LIONS CLUB

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TERRY KARLSON

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DENNIS R. CEASE

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PRISCILLA MCKINNEY

Sponsor: KIM HINSLEY

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THE RENO REVIEW



OCTOBER 2022

The Latest News & Information for the Reno 2023 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

UNIFORM PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS FOR YOUR CONVENTIONS

DEBBIE DOTY, MARKETING

In an effort to help Lions and LEOs share the excitement of the 2023 Reno Forum, the Marketing Committee has designed some downloadable promotional materials. These items are meant to help spread a consistent message with matching text and graphics.

We have created two designs. One is designed to be printed in two large 24"x36" sections and mounted to a 48"x36" tri-fold board. It would need to be sent to a professional shop to be printed on a wide-carriage printer. The other is designed with elements laid out on standard letter size to be printed on a home printer or color copier before arranging on a tri-fold board.

Both documents can be found in PDF format under the Promotions tab at LionsForum.org.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL CHAIR JAMA WAHL



Lions and LEOs, Let me introduce myself, I am Lion Jama Wahl. I have the privilege and honor of being the General Chairperson for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Reno, Nevada, September 21-23, 2023.

Before I share information regarding Reno, we want to thank PID Randy Heitmann, General Chair for the Calgary Forum, and his Planning Committee as well as PCC Tyler Bray, Host Committee Chair, and his Host Committee for bringing such a fun-filled forum to Lions and LEOs. The smiles were

infectious. I am sure every attendee took home many ideas that could be used immediately to enhance leadership, membership and service.

So, what is in store for our attendees in Reno 2023? The Reno Forum promises to continue the great tradition of providing leadership and learning opportunities for Lions and LEOs. We want attendees to leave feeling energized and ready to serve! This year's theme is Up and Away with Leadership. Just like the balloons soar at the Great Balloon Race each fall in Reno, Lions and LEOs will soar, too.

In each monthly newsletter, a different aspect of the Forum will be featured. This month, we want to share a new marketing concept. Besides our newsletters and social media posts, a media package for the Reno Forum will be available on the website, www.lionsforum.org. Lions and LEOs are encouraged to use the media package to promote the forum at your club, zone, district and multiple district events. All Lions and LEOs are welcome at our annual Forum. Some just need to know more details about this exciting event! Please use the media package to share these details.

And, if you didn't register in Calgary, registration is open at, www.lionsforum.org.

It is time to soar Lions!
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