

Look What The District Is Doing



District Governor

Greetings Lions!

Well, the Holiday Season is here, Christmas is right around the corner! Also, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and several other holidays... ending the season with New Year's! It's a time of joy, laughter, gifts, and fun... but with this economy, there are some that need a little help for themselves and their families.

If your club is not already collecting toys or food to help others during this time, and you have a little time and some extra resources, consider personally sponsoring a needy family or a child. Contact a local military base (Public Affairs Office) and see about sending cards or cookies, etc. to military away from home! Get your family involved with helping at a Food Bank! Smile at folks and wish them a Merry Christmas"! A smile doesn't cost a thing!

This is what Lions do best... find opportunities to make life a little better for others! We are all "warriors in service".

What Is my Christmas wish? That you and yours are happy and blessed this holiday season and are all kept safe from harm!

Happy Holidays!

1st Vice-District Governor

Merry Christmas Lions

What a great time to be a Lion! I have been impressed with each of you with your heart for serving. I can honestly say that we have one of the best districts around. With that being said let's not lose our focus on our mission of serving those in need.

Next is make sure that you plan to attend the Mid-Winter Convention in Greenville, NC. DG Mayra and DG Allan Swaim have a theme for this convention as Pirates. No this does not mean the ECU Pirates. DG Mayra is a history buff as it comes to Pirates. Friday is Family Fun Night where you can come dressed as a Pirate or come casual. There will be music, food, dancing and time to reconnect with our Lion friends. Saturday we will have our next cabinet meeting where we will be holding elections. Information on the candidate of officers will be sent out at a later date. Townhall Luncheon with the International Family followed by a Townhall from International Director Lee Vrieze. Club Presidents you are invited to a Presidents Townhall with ID Lee on Saturday. Workshops will be available. More on them to come as we are finalizing them. So let's come out and support the Mid-Winter Convention.

Last is I am finalizing my team for next year. If I have not contacted you and you would like to do something in the district, contact me at cmetts22@gmail.com.



1st VDG Carlie Metts



2 Serve & Have Fun

2nd Vice-District Governor



DIMES FOR DIABETES



DIABETES

**One 16.9oz. water bottle can hold close
to \$100.00 in dimes!!**

I challenge your club to collect at least
one water bottle of dimes.

**SPONSORING DIABETES KIDS TO SUMMER CAMPS IN
2023 WITH YOUR COLLECTIONS!**

FINAL COLLECTION AT APRIL 2023 STATE CONVENTION



Together We Can!

CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT DIABETES CHAIRPERSON OR EMAIL

msgelliottwife@gmail.com

DG Mayra visit with an Adult Daycare with Reyna



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. Be on the lookout for more information about the convention in the coming months.

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
Apex, NC 27502-4153

Districts 31-N&S Lions Mid-Winter Convention

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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_____	_____	Fun Night-Breakfast-Lunch-DGB	MJF-JSF-WLW-SLS-HOF -NCLI Amb-VIP Amb

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)



Club Recognition/Ad Form

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January 20-21, 2023

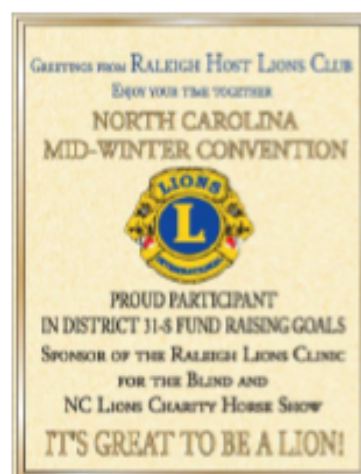
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carltonvmetts@gmail.com or call: 252-259-4140

NEED HELP WITH DESIGN IDEAS?
Contact PDG Carlton Metts!!!

Make Check Payable to: Districts 31-N&S Midwinter Convention

Mail Check & Form to: Lion Anne Metts, Convention Treasurer
(Enclose copy of Ad) 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



Lions Clubs International

MEET OUR SPEAKER

LEE VRIEZE **INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**



Lee Vrieze from Jim Falls, Wisconsin, USA was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 104th International Convention, June 24 through June 28, 2022.

Director Vrieze works professionally as an information technology infrastructure manager and has obtained multiple computer certifications, including CISSP, VCP, CCNA and CMNA. His over 40 years of information technology experience has included over 11 years of information technology consulting, technical designs and implementations, project management, and personnel management.

He has been an active member of the Jim Falls Lions Club since 2001 and has held multiple offices within the association including district governor, vice council chairperson, multiple district global membership champion, multiple district resolutions constitution and bylaws chairperson, and multiple district technology chairperson.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the International President's Award, the International President's Leadership Award, multiple International President's Certificates of Appreciation, and the GAT Chairperson's Award. Director Vrieze is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Vrieze has been active in numerous professional and community organizations, including Information Systems Security Association, Moose International and Knights of Columbus. He is an active member of his church and serves as cantor and parish council member.

Director Vrieze and his wife, Mary, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have been married for over 43 years and have two children, two grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Both Director Vrieze and Lion Mary have been recognized at the multiple district level as Progressive Birch-Sturm Fellows and have served as Presidents of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation.

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 16, 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

“HAM IT UP GUYS”



Pictured left to right: Lions Steve Jordan, PDG Barbara Mayes, Sharon Batkoski, Joe Batkoski, and Carolyn Kirkland

Once again Goldsboro Downtown Lions come through in a time of need.

Recently an out-of-pocket donation was raised by 13 of our clubs Lions to buy hams for the [Goldsboro Soup Kitchen](#). We raised \$380 and purchased 18 hams for people who otherwise cannot afford this luxury for their Thanksgiving dinner.

15 of the hams went to the Soup Kitchen and 3 went to the [Fordham House](#) in Goldsboro. Our thanks go out to Mr. Steve Brown at Carlie-C's for selling us the hams at a greatly reduced price.

Goldsboro Soup Kitchen provides nutritional meals to area residents of Goldsboro and Wayne County, who are in need of assistance.

Fordham House is a shelter for the homeless.

Article by:
Lion Gene Goetz
Goldsboro Downtown Lions Club

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

NC Lions 31-N Calculator Project a Success

**by George Holston, PDG
NC 31-N Boys and Girls Home of NC Chair**

Columbus County received massive damage due to the storms related to Hurricane Florence in 2018 and Hurricane Matthews in 2016. The area still had not fully recovered.

It is now time to go back to school, and our kids have ongoing needs at NC Boys and Girls Home and the community students who attend Thomas Academy on the NC Boys and Girls Home Campus. It is essential to understand that almost all the students are eligible for free lunch and do not have the academic opportunities that kids have in other areas of North Carolina.

The most pressing need was for graphing calculators to help teach high school, math classes. It is necessary to provide these kids with the same opportunities as those attending more elite schools. Students use these calculators for SAT and ACT college entrance exams.

Each graphing calculator is \$139. This expense is quite a bit to ask from parents who may be recovering from storm damage, relocation, and loss of work.

The Lions of 31-N, individual Lions across North Carolina, and donors stepped up. 31-N Lions have raised enough funds to purchase a classroom set of 21 calculators, a device to charge ten calculators simultaneously, and additional funds. The school will use the additional funds to purchase other needed school supplies and to restock the food pantry for kids who come to school hungry.

Thomas Academy is a North Carolina Public Charter School that educates middle and high school students. Located on the Lake Waccamaw campus of Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, the academy provides a tailored academic experience to students who frequently need a more specialized, integrated curriculum. Thomas Academy was founded on personalization in education, unique offerings, and education through purposeful design. Enrollment is



Sight & Hearing



Have you done eye sight screenings this Lions' Year? I would like to know the number you have screened and the number referred. Also, I would like to know these numbers for the rest of this Lions' Year. In addition, has your club conducted any hearing screening and if so the number and number referred. You can send these to me by e-mail at geb11051947@gmail.com or call me at 252- 320-3592. I need these to make a report to the District and State Committees.

In advance thank you.

Lion Glenn Bunch, PDG

Sight & Hearing Conservation



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

Smithfield Lions Club



Celebrating 99th birthday for Lion Shirley Black!

Seated: Shirley Black, Kathy Gurley.

Second row:

Jana Peedin, Jeanette Massengill, Karen Brown. Back row: Jayne Hafer, Inger Gerbasi, Grant Truesdale, Keith Peedin, Sonya Wilson, and Kevin Wilson.



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



The District Governors of North Carolina are requesting Lions recommendations of outstanding Lions to be considered for induction into the North Carolina Lions Hall of Fame.

Purpose: The mission of the North Carolina Lions hall of Fame is: “to recognize and honor the State’s most outstanding Lions for his/her extraordinary accomplishment on the Club, District, State, and/or the NC Lions Inc. levels.

Criteria: Recommendations may be living or deceased. The person must have had at least ten (10) years of service in North Carolina, if living, or deceased for at least five (5) years unless their death occurred in the year the candidate was being considered for a living Hall of Fame Award.

Instructions: *(Any Lion can recommend. Only a District Governor can nominate for the Hall of Fame).*

Complete the following in its entirety and submit to your District Governor.

Deadline for Submission: December 31, 2022.

1. Name of Recommendation: _____
2. Club: _____ Club Position(s) Held: _____
3. Join date _____ and, when applicable, date of death _____
4. Attach biographical information of recommendation. Include years of service, leadership positions held, honors and awards, and special interests.
5. Attach a list of major accomplishments and/or contributions.
6. Attach your assessment of the person’s value and/or significant impact to the objectives of Lionism in North Carolina. Describe his/her contributions to their community at large. Include hobbies, special interests, military service, etc.

Nomination submitted by: Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email: _____



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!
Up and Away with Leadership

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