

DISTRICT 31-N

BRIGHTER VISIONS NEWS

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CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

During the district N & S Mid-Winter convention on January 20, 21 we were given a certificate of membership of North Carolina Lions Inc. So, what does this certificate mean? Some feel it's useless, a waste of money, some just shrug their shoulders and pass it to the side.

I look at it as a symbol, a reminder, of our privilege of membership. Each one of us is a part of the association that provides services and joy to the visually impaired in North Carolina. As a member of a Lions Club, you also a member of NCLI and Camp Dogwood. This gives you the right to avail yourself of all the benefits Camp Dogwood has to offer. The camp is a resource that we all can benefit from. Spend a weekend there with your family, volunteer as a helper during VIP week, or attend the annual work week. Why not take advantage of the privilege to enjoy this beautiful resource.

KIDSIGHT SCREENING UNIT

The KidSight vehicles have arrived! There is one in every district in North Carolina. For district 31-N the vehicle is housed in the Goldsboro area and is ready for dispatch to your community.

On December 6, 7, 8, and 9 there were KidSight screenings with the Clinton club, there were no problems and all went well. We screened children at 8 elementary schools in samson county. A total of 641 kids were screened with 171 referrals, a 27% referral rate.

A cheer goes out to Lion Kay West and the Clinton Lions Club, their preparation with the schools was excellent! For a club of 15 members to organize and run a screening this large was quite a task. But the Clinton Lions Club made it look easy by making use of community volunteers. Kay mentioned to me at the Mid-Winter convention that there were 2 or 3 people who expressed interest in joining their club after the screenings. A great example of how a club can increase membership by using community volunteers for a service project.

KIDSIGHT TRAINING

District training sessions will start soon. Because the Beaufort Lions Club expressed interest, I'm looking at that general area for the first training session in the district. Tentatively the first training session is planned for March. I'll get information to you on the time and location. Future training sessions will be held in other areas within the district.

You can become certified by going to www.lionskidsightusa.org then click on the "Get Certified" tab. Access the Training Manual and take the test. You'll need the following information:

Username "**3Inc**"

Password "**KidUSA**"

Your Lions **member number**.

DISTRICT 31-N CLUB SCREENING

Clubs with their own cameras either Welch Allen Spot or PlusOptix are doing a great job. Here are the statistics from December through January.

Western Harnett LC	screened 1,240 with 111 referrals	8.9%
Wilmington LC	screened 171 with 25 referrals	14.6%

During the holidays screening numbers are expected to be lower. I know there are more clubs with cameras so I'm hoping the numbers will increase as we approach the new school year. Please remember to let your district KidSight Chairperson Gene Goetz know how many kids you screen, their ages, number of referral's, location of screening, and your club's name. ggoetz00@gmail.com

Clubs with Welch Allyn Spot screeners should be aware that their devices may be getting close to the end of your 5-year service agreement. Beware that out of warranty maintenance could be expensive. Welch Allen recommends that your battery be replaced after 2.5 years, the battery is covered under the service agreement. A new battery alone will cost \$144 and basic service is \$268 if your device is passed the 5-year agreement.

Call Welch Allyn customer service at 800-535-6663 please call to confirm that your covered under a service agreement.

ACTIVITIES FOR VIP'S AT CAMP DOGWOOD

Camp for VIP's is in full swing this year!

Session 1	May 28-June 1	Session 4	June 25-June 2
Session 2	June 4-June 8	Session 5	July 2-July 6
Session 3	June 11-June 15	Session 6	July 9-July 13
Session 7	July 23-July 27 for Teens 13 – 17 years only		
Session 8	July 30-August 3 - Family Camp (Parents & VIP Youths only)		

If you're interested in volunteering at camp contact Tammy at 828-478-2135 or email at tammy@nclionsinc.org

VOLUNTEER WEEK

Volunteer work week is March 30 thru April 3rd. Help get camp facilities cleaned up VIP's! Lodging and meals are paid for so come and meet some other Lions.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE

Follow your heart when considering your contribution to the Brighter Visions fund drive. Please think about supporting NCLI, your support is needed early in the year so the NCLI board can plan the year.

HERE ARE THE UPDATES AROUND THE STATE AS OF JAN 27:

District	Goal	Received	Difference	% of goal
L	\$75,000	\$27,909	\$47,091	37
I	\$125,000	\$65,085	\$59,915	52
O	\$120,000	\$63,033	\$56,967	53
N	\$90,000	\$42,908	\$47,092	48
S	\$93,100	\$44,865	\$48,235	48

DID YOU KNOW!

You can help your clubs' Brighter Visions fund drive by contributing a small amount every month. If you register your credit information with NCLI you can have a predetermined amount donated to Brighter Visions.

To learn more about the activities of NCLI go to www.nclionsinc.org then click on "In the Community" then click on Brighter Visions Newsletter to assess the new Digest publication.

It is our hope that you enjoy the content of this newsletter and find it useful. Comments on content and/or requests for articles to include in future issues of this newsletter can be sent to ggoetz00@gmail.com. Your comments **positive or negative** are appreciated!