

District 31 N



# District Governor

Greetings, Lions!

I would like to invite you all personally to come to the 31N/S convention! By now you should have gotten, forms and reminders to sign up. We are going to have a lot of fun! Plus... we will have a lot of interesting speakers that we can learn from and get questions answered!

International Director Vriez will be speaking to the club presidents attending. Presidents are not the only ones that should come! Leo's and Lions can get a lot out of the rest of the speakers that we have, from answering questions about "Color blindness screening" for school children, to anything "Kidsight Vehicles" related, will be covered. Last but not least, the latest on Camp Dogwood!

The Peace Poster winner will be announced, and the "Friday Fun Night" will be "pirate" themed! Costumes encouraged! Encourage maximum participation... it's gonna be a blast!

DG Mayra McCloud

District 31N

# 1st Vice-District Governor

Happy New Years Fellow Lions,

Well we are halfway through the year. As a district we have accomplished a lot but we still have a lot to do. We have some clubs that are what I call All-Stars right now, doing some great things in their communities. It is great to always hear how our clubs are progressing through out the year.

With that being said it is time for our annual Mid-Winter Convention with District S in Greenville. The committee has been planning to bring you a great convention. North Carolina has a rich history with Pirates and we have decided to have some fun with the theme of Pirates. Friday's Family Fun Night will be a great time with music and getting reacquainted with our Lion Friends. And of course you can dress up as a Pirate that night. Sometimes we forget to have the fun in what we do as Lions, so live it up a little and show us your inner child! We will have a Townhall with the International Director Lee Vrieze and he will have a meeting with the Club Presidents following the Townhall. We encourage all presidents to attend this meeting. Last but not least is the seminars on Kidsight, Camp Dogwood and Color Blindness. So you can see there is a lot for everyone for the weekend of January 20-21, 2023.

Also, we will be having our 3rd cabinet meeting which we will be electing our next year officers.

Registration for meals and for the room rate for the Hotel has been extended. The new form and information is in the newsletter.

Also, Club Secretaries do not forget to send in your delegate form to the Cabinet Secretary. That form is also in the newsletter.

I am looking forward to seeing the great services our clubs continue to do. With being said I would for us to remember why we became a Lion. Lets review what Helen Keller asked the Lions to do at the 1925 Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio. "Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lion, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves knights of the blind in this crusade against darkness?"

As Lions we have taken on that mission and have grown worldwide by our simple motto "We Serve". I ask each of you, will you stand with me to continue our fight for helping those in need.

Yours in Lionism,

1<sup>st</sup> 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  
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FINAL COLLECTION AT APRIL 2023 STATE CONVENTION



*Together We Can!*

CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT DIABETES CHAIRPERSON OR EMAIL

**[msgelliottwife@gmail.com](mailto:msgelliottwife@gmail.com)**

# Mid-Winter Convention



**That is right, Districts 31N&S are back in Greenville, NC January 20-21, 2023.  
Room Rates have been extended through January 11, 2023 \$104.00 plus tax.  
Call the Holiday Inn at 252-355-8300. Let them know this is for the Lions  
Convention.**

***Rooms are limited!***



## 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 – 7:30 AM 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Deadline – ~~January 8, 2023~~ Extended thru January 11, 2023**

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

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### 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

**Extended thru January 11, 2023**

**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)

# **Come and Meet International Director Lee Vrieze**



## **DISTRICT N&S MID-WINTER CONVENTION**

**Room Rates  
Deadline Extended!**

**New Deadline Date  
January 11, 2023**



Meet  
International  
Director  
Lee Vrieze

Scan the QR Code to download the  
updated Registration Form



Townhall Meeting with ID Lee Vrieze on Saturday  
Club Presidents are invited to a meeting with the  
International Director after the Townhall



# GIFT BAKSETS W A N T E D !



WE ARE ASKING FOR CLUBS/ZONES OR REGIONS TO MAKE UP SOME  
KIND OF GIFT BASKET TO BE USED FOR AUCTION AT THE DISTRICT N &  
S MIDWINTER CONVENTION JANUARY 20TH AND 21ST ☺ WE ALSO  
ARE TAKING ANY NEW ITEMS TO AUCTION AS WELL  
ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT PDG WAYNE FABER 919-780-8819

**WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA'S HISTORY WITH PIRATES,  
THIS WILL BE OUR THEME, PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD !!**





# 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  
Delegate form on the next page.

# 2023 District 31-N Mid-Winter Convention

## Delegate/Alternate Assignment Form

January 20 and 21, 2023, Greenville, NC

Please fill out this delegate form and return it to Lion DeAngelo Jackson, District 31-N Cabinet Secretary 2015 Hollwood Drive, Fuquay Varina, NC 27526 or by email to m5djack@yahoo.com to ensure the correct members of your club will receive their delegate cards at the District Mid-Winter Convention. This form should be received by the Cabinet Secretary no later than January 19, 2022. According to our International, State, and District Lions constitution your club is entitled to one voting delegate and one alternate for each ten members or major fraction of your club that have been members for a year and a day. Once the delegates have been certified, the delegates will be given access to the delegate virtual classroom. If any club has a disagreement about who was given access to the delegate virtual classroom, the club members will have to settle it internally within the club. Past District Governors do not count towards your delegate count. Please list your club's PDGs on this form so they can be certified quicker.

**To avoid any problems, please take a minute to fill out and return this form. Form also attached as a PDF.**

(To calculate the number of delegates your club is entitled, see the chart below)

**CLUB NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Delegate's Names (Include PDGs)

### Alternate's Names


**Use back if needed, or attached additional pages**

Officer Signatures

Club President: \_\_\_\_\_ or Club Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name Here: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name Here: \_\_\_\_\_

**In absence of Club President or Secretary, the Cabinet Secretary will sign on behalf of the District Governor.**

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Members in Club/ Delegates Entitled 1 to 14 = 1 Delegate 15 to 24 = 2 Delegates 25 to 34 = 3 Delegates 35 to 44 = 4 Delegates 45 to 54 = 5 Delegates 55 to 64 = 6 Delegates 65 to 74 = 7 Delegates 75 to 84 = 8 Delegates 85 to 94 = 9 Delegates 95 to 104 = 10 Delegates 105 to 114 = 11 Delegates 115 to 124 = 12 Delegates

## ***DIFFERENT WAYS TO SUPPORT BRIGHTER VISIONS***

**VOLUNTEER FOR “WORK WEEK” March 30th to April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Help get our camp up and running.**

In 2017, my first year as a Lion, I wanted to learn more about the organization I signed up to serve with. So, I attended “Work Week” at Camp Dogwood. For me learning about Lions really started that week. I met some fantastic people who are still teaching me about Lions. You really can, “Teach an old dog new tricks”.

Volunteering is a great way to share your enthusiasm, skills and ideas while having fun and meeting like-minded people. By volunteering for the North Carolina Lions, Inc. you will be making a positive contribution to the Visually Impaired Community in North Carolina. Volunteers are vital to our work.

Almost 50% of NCLI’s budget comes from money received through Brighter Visions. When you volunteer at Camp Dogwood your efforts reduce the expense to have these jobs done by contractors. Some jobs are more physical than others but there is something for everyone. Whether it is:

Sorting eyeglasses	Spreading mulch	Planting flowers
Pressure washing	Painting	Washing windows
Washing chairs	Installing Fixtures	Fixing broken stuff
Light office work		

Rest assured we’ll find a job suited to your abilities.

### **VOLUNTEER TO HELP THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED DURING THEIR STAY AT CAMP.**

Volunteering at camp during a VIP camper week will give you a chance to help others and it will expose you to their difficulties and helps you realize how good life is.

Help a blind man shoot hoops. See how proud a person can be after catching their 35<sup>th</sup> fish or shoot darts in the recreation hall, or buckets on the basketball court. Have a blind person take your arm to lead him to the cafeteria. “This is by far the most rewarding job you’ve ever had”.

### **MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS:**

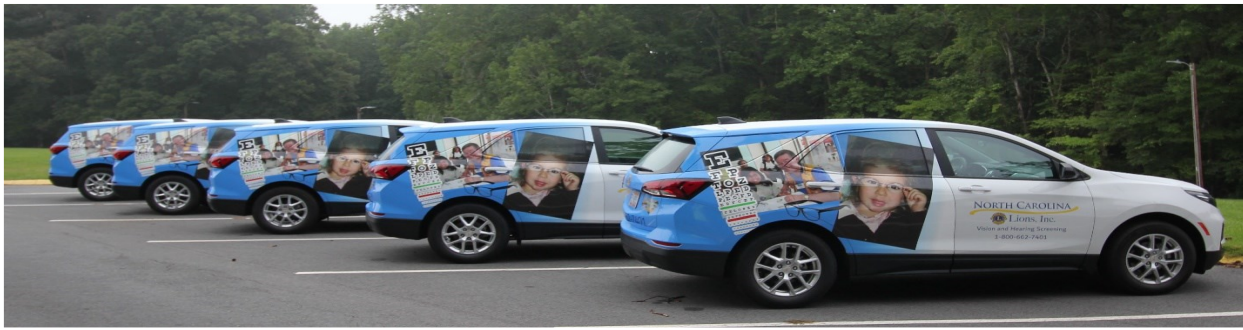
Consider helping Brighter Visions by contributing through the memorials and honorariums program. Go to [nclionsinc.org](http://nclionsinc.org) and pick “Program Forms”

***“Visually Impaired People are looking to us for help”.***

Lion Gene Goetz  
District N Brighter Visions Chair



**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](https://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



# Leader Dog's

Leader Dog's mission would not be possible without your commitment to our organization. To sustain our efforts for years to come, it is important for more people to know about Leader Dog. Our goal is for everyone who encounters us to understand:

- ♦ Our mission
- ♦ What we stand for
- ♦ Why we matter
- ♦ How we do what we do better than anyone

Together, we need to communicate a consistent message to family, friends and the surrounding communities. The kind of message that sparks a conversation, ignites passion and motivates people to take action.

As a result, Leader Dog will be able to continue to impact the lives of people who are blind or visually impaired, extend our outreach to new areas and build a bigger community of supporters.

## Resources - Leader Dogs for the Blind

website link: <https://www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/resources/>



# Calabash Lions Club



**Now looking forward to our Annual Signature English Tea scheduled for February 04, 2023 at the Calabash VFW Post.**



# News from...

# Lumberton Lions Club



The Lumberton (NC) Lions Club has resumed SPOT Vision Screenings in the Public Schools of Robeson county.

In November and December club members screened 831 students in kindergarten, grades 2 and 4 in 9 elementary schools  
Of those screened, 125 were referred to an eye care specialist.



## District Training

February 4, 2023

Location and Time To Be Announced

New Members

How To Do Successful Service Project

Organ Donation

Officer Communication

## 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





## **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.

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 LCIF 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 LCIF this year. As a district, since December 19th, we have contributed \$4000.00 dollars to LCIF. I personally thank the clubs and individuals that have donated this year.

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 mottoes 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

# *Shuck'n For Sight*



**MASSEY HILL  
LIONS CLUB**



## **50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST**

**Saturday, January 28, 2023**

**11:00am – 4:00pm**

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