

# District 31 N



**Mid Winter Convention**

# District Governor

Greetings Lions!

It was great to see everyone at the convention! I had a wonderful time and hope you all did too! I congratulate all of you brave enough to dress up with me on fun night... felt great to be a Pirate Lion, am I right?!? Arrrrrrrrrr!

Well, fun over, and I had to get back to "Lion Work". Last night I hosted the hopefully new beginning of a Charter Club in my area! PDG Vince Schimmloer, Lion President Joe Poth, and Lion Teresa Barbour were in attendance to answer questions and talk about Lionism and all the things we Lions are doing here in 31N.

Which brings me to the point of this article... Recruiting! New Lions are out there! Go out and talk to folks! At the bank... the grocery store, your JOB! Don't be embarrassed! Talk to folks that "click" in your head... that you think would work hard... that you would be proud to work with! What if they say no? Don't feel bad! Concentrate on the next person of interest. Have a small "info party"... Feed them!!! Crab puffs and mini sandwiches go a long way! Contact another Lion to help you... Call Me!

YOU are the main contact between Lions Clubs and the rest of the world... let all reach out to others and show the world how Lions serve... let's give them a chance at an "aha!" moment! Give them a shot at becoming a Lion!

Keep Roaring!

DG Mayra



# District Governor Elect



Greetings Fellow Lions,

I am excited to be your District Governor Elect for the Lions Year 2023-2024. I have spent most of this year in training and will be going to Chicago for a week of training with my fellow District Governor Elect's from around the world. It is amazing how small this world is when you get to talk and visit with fellow Lions that are trying to do the same thing as we are. Trying to make our communities a better place by serving and having fun. As you notice my theme for next year is 2 SERVE AND HAVE FUN. I honestly believe if we all serve our communities and have fun we will accomplish our goals for the year.

With that being said, I have most of my positions filled for next year. I have two zone chair positions and four committee positions to fill. I am looking for someone for Zone 2 (Clarkton, Rowland, Lumberton, Pembroke, Maxton, and St. Paul's) and Zone 7 (Kennansville, Clinton, Faison, Mt. Olive, Goldsboro Downtown, and Goldsboro Host). Then I am looking for History Chair (I would like a PDG for this position), Environment, Properties (NCLI position), and Memorial Honorarium (NCLI Position). If anyone is interested please contact me. Also, for the Zone Chair position you must not have been a District Governor per Lions Clubs International's By-Laws.

In March, I will be sending out a meeting date with all of my chairs as we will meet and develop our district goals for next year. This will help setting a foundation and a buy-in with everyone. I believe if we all serve together we can accomplish whatever our goals we set. I also would like to meet with all of our Leo's as a group one weekend. Leo's are our future with our great organization and we all should be pushing for starting a club in our communities either in the schools or as a community organization. More on that to come.

Once again, I am looking forward to meeting everyone and accomplish great things for our communities.

Yours in Lionism,

Carlton "Carlie" Metts, II  
District Governor Elect



*Pictured: ID Lee Vrieze, Lion Mary Vrieze, Lion Dawn Metts & DGE Carlie Metts*



# 1st Vice District Governor Elect

LIONS!!!

Where has the Time, Seasons, and Year gone? This Lion's year is approaching to be half over. The collecting, giving, and sharing that all the clubs have done this half of the year just bring a big smile to my face and enlarge the Joy in my Heart.

I hope everyone has heard about Dime for Diabetes as they turn in dimes (\$), the date is quickly approaching. We don't have to have the actual bottles on hand at State Convention, pictures would be great, however we can have totals \$ and where your club would like to donate. Remember the focus is on Kids with DIABETES!!!

I am fully aware of CFV Kids with Diabetes Camp and also a camp close to our Kinston Club (see fliers attached). Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if you are in need of more information.

Lastly, thank you, to my District in trusting me to be your 1st Vice District Governor Elected, as I mentioned at the convention...."get ready to work!!!"

Until next month!!

Ana M. Elliott

1st Vice District Governor ELECTED

# Save the Date

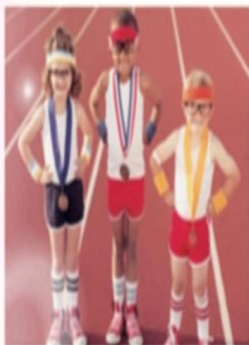
Don't miss out on these exciting  
Pediatric Diabetes events coming in 2023!



Thurs., June 22 – Sun., June 25  
at Camp Rockfish

Any child under 18 with diabetes!  
\$250 per child

Registration is open.



Saturday, Nov. 18  
at Methodist University  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information or to register, visit  
[sweetkidswithdiabetes.com](https://sweetkidswithdiabetes.com).



## It Doesn't Get Better Than Camp.

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ADA Camp Carolina Trails (CCT) Family Weekend

Registration Is Open!

Where: Camp Victory Junction  
(4500 Adam's Way, Randleman, NC 27317)

When: March 24-26, 2023

Cost: \$120 per person  
(please make sure to read COVID policies before  
registration.)

Contact us  
[campsupport@diabetes.org](mailto:campsupport@diabetes.org)

Need more info?

Learn more at:

[diabetes.org/campcarolinatrails](https://diabetes.org/campcarolinatrails)

\*If you are in need of financial assistance, please select "Apply for Financial Assistance". Need-based financial assistance is available for qualifying families, as a reduction of the standard fee; income verification required.

# Next Cabinet Meeting



**April 29, 2023**

Cabinet meeting will be held in Greensboro, NC  
during our 99th Annual NC Lions State Convention



*Save the date*



*North Carolina Lions*  
**99th STATE CONVENTION**

TOGETHER TOWARDS TOMORROW

CONVENTION SPEAKER

**DOUGLAS ALEXANDER**

PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

*Friday Fun Night: Masquerade Party*

**APRIL 28-30, 2023**

**GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT MARRIOTT AIRPORT**

# 99<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA LIONS STATE CONVENTION

## Together Towards Tomorrow!



April 28-30, 2023  
Greensboro/High Point Airport Marriott  
Greensboro, North Carolina



**CLUB:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DISTRICT:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) (PRINT first and last name, Lion or Guest)

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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<u>Function</u>		<u>Number Adults</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Family Fun Night	\$15.00	_____	\$_____
Tail Twister Breakfast	\$15.00	_____	\$_____
Governors Banquet	\$30.00	_____	\$_____
<b>TOTAL COST:</b>			<b>\$_____</b>

Please indicate any food allergies or special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

*See Page 2 for payment instructions and hotel reservation information  
along with information for the weekend*



# Together Towards Tomorrow!

Make Check for meals payable to.....2023 NC LIONS STATE CONVENTION or

Add your debit or credit card information below:

Debit or Credit card number/Expiration date/Security Code/Zip Code

Mail this form with check or debit/credit card information by April 8<sup>th</sup> to:

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Susan O'Brien, 1003 Croyden Ct, Fort Mill SC 29715

203-482-2967

[obriensu777@gmail.com](mailto:obriensu777@gmail.com)

**Phone Registration only after April 8, 2023 No Refunds after April 8, 2023**

## Room Reservations at

### Greensboro-High Point Marriott

One Marriott Drive, Greensboro NC

**Lions Room rate is \$119.00 until April 13, 2023**

Make room reservation with the link below

[Book your group rate for North Carolina Lions State Convention](#)

Or call:

Call (336) 852-6450 (local) or 1-888-236-2427

### Friday, April 28:

Friday Fun Night - Masquerade Party!

6:30 pm – 10:00 pm

### Saturday, April 29:

Tail Twister Breakfast with Live Auction

7:30 am – 9:30 am

Governors Banquet

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

### Sunday, April 30:

General Session

8:30 am

District Cabinet Meetings

## ***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”.

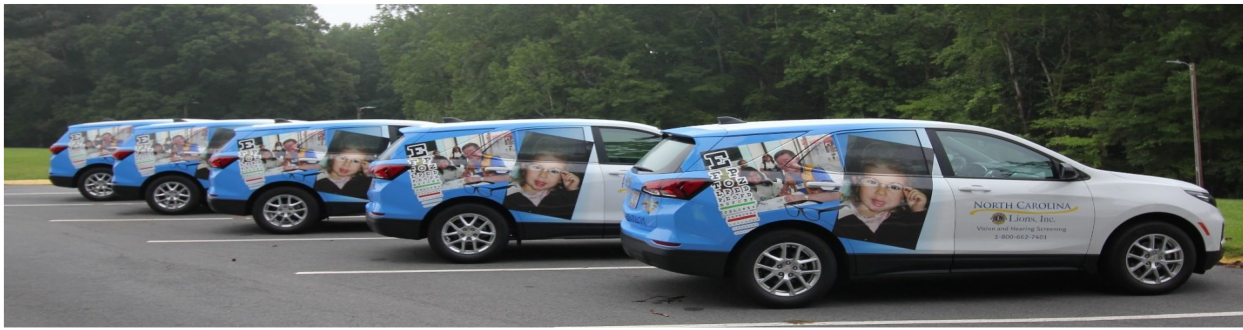
### **MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS:**

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







*Hampstead Lions Club*

*6th Annual*

*Spring Cleaning*

*Yard Sale*

**Location::** Ball field & Annex building parking lot

**Address::** 15060 Hwy 17, Hampstead

**When:** Saturday, March 25, 2023

**Time:** 8:00 am-12:00 noon

**Rain Date:** Saturday, April 1, 2023

For more information, visit the Hampstead NC Lions Club face book page, or call Val 910-231-2474

Rent a spot on the field for \$15

Registration form can be picked up at: ExpressTech Shipping, The Library, and Darcy's Hair Salon

# *Hampstead Lions Club 6th Annual*

## *Spring Cleaning Yard Sale*

### *Registration Form*

Saturday March 25, 2023 (rain date Saturday April 1, 2023)

8:00 AM TO NOON

Would like to rent #spaces \_\_\_\_\_

@ \$15.00 per space

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL

Please bring your own tables

Make checks payable to Lions Club of Hampstead NC

Mail the completed registration form and payment to:

Hampstead NC Lions Club; PO Box 231; Yard Sale Committee;  
Hampstead, NC 28443

# Welcome New Members

## October 2022 - January 2023

### **BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB**

DAVID (DAVE) T. HOFFMAN  
RACHEL N. JOHNSON  
MARY JANE MCCrackEN  
JONATHAN W PARKER  
PHYLLIS S. RENFROW

### **CLARKTON LIONS CLUB**

SONNY JONES

### **CLINTON LIONS CLUB**

TRAVIS B. JOYNER  
SARA TEW PLEASANT

### **COATS LIONS CLUB**

DARRIN LEONARD

### **ERWIN LIONS CLUB**

JASON DUKE

### **GODWIN LIONS CLUB**

DEBORAH L. GODWIN  
BRENDA P HOLT  
KAMAL WATKINS

### **GRIFTON LIONS CLUB**

SCOTTI CLEMENTS  
BEVERLY CRAFT  
BETTIE JONES  
CLAUDE KENNEDY  
KATHERINE WILSON

### **HAMPSTEAD LIONS CLUB**

BRIGITTE K. HORWATH  
RAYMOND L. HORWATH

### **KENANSVILLE LIONS CLUB**

GARY BARRETT  
AMY BRINSON  
BECKY COOK  
GARY COOK  
MILTON JAMES COSTIN  
JEFFREY TODD HARRELL

### **KINSTON LIONS CLUB**

SUSAN C. BAKER

### **PRINCETON LIONS CLUB**

BRADY E JONES  
HELEN M JONES  
CODY MARKS

### **WESTERN HARNETT LIONS CLUB**

ALLAN KAPLAN  
EDWARD PACE  
THUAN PACE

### **WILMINGTON LIONS CLUB**

LINDA FREZZA



# 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/>





## District Training

February 25, 2023

1107 Erwin Road, Dunn NC 28334

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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





## 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

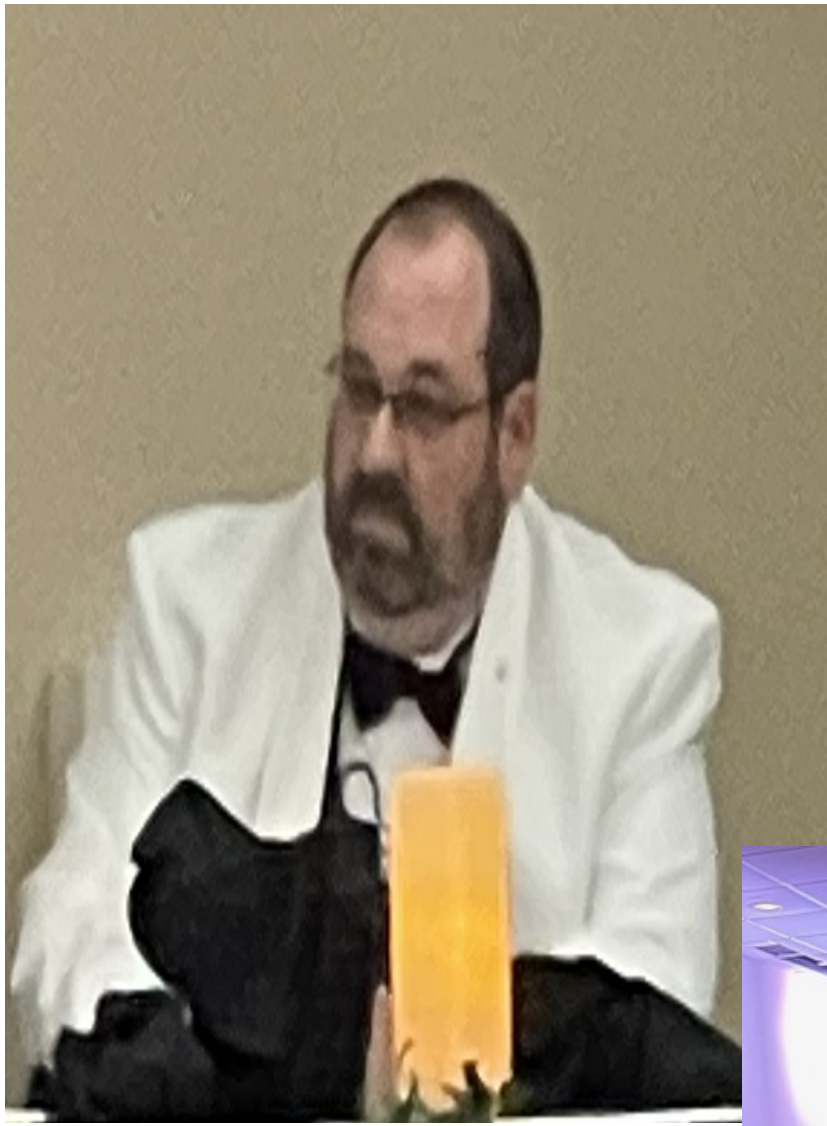
Cell:252.229.5099

# Goodtimes at Our Convention



# Greenville, NC





There was some business



There was some fun





## 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

# Lions Industries for the Blind, Inc.

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