

# District 31 N



# District Governor

Greetings Lions!

First off... I want to thank Lions that are actively recruiting. It's time for us to "get out there" and bring in folks that you know will make great Lions! YOU can make a difference by sharing the gift of Lionism. Do you remember YOUR first "aha!" moment with Lions? That incredible feeling is what you will be sharing with others!

Also, I personally want to invite you all to the State Convention! Be on the lookout for information coming up, and join us for the whole thing, or choose to come out for only a part of it. If it's your first time there, then find me, and tell me! You will be a part of another happy Lion "aha!" moment for ME! I'll put a pic of you on my FB page!

Third and lastly... I have been watching closely the events happening in the Ohio train derailment in East Palestine. I have even contacted the District Governor closest to the area, to ask what type of help was needed. I will share a response she sent me back later in this article.

The folks there are getting help of bottled water, cleaning supplies, etc. from local sources... and are o.k. for now, just worried about the future. But all there believe this will be a long-term issue. For once, I am cautioning clubs on waiting on sending money to folks there as even LCIF is having a hard time labeling what type of disaster this is...

This is the email (next page) I got from DG Carol Snyder... I do have her permission to share with you all...

# District Governor

## A letter sent to our District Governor:

*It's been a crazy time trying to organize the best way for our Lions to help the East Palestine residents. (Definitely not part of my DG training!) We certainly appreciate you contacting me so quickly about needs.*

*So far I don't have stories to share other than that today the gift cards distribution mentioned below ran out very quickly, and more will go out next week. I wasn't able to attend, but I will gather info from those Lions who participated.*

*East Palestine at one time had a Lions Club, but it disbanded a number of years ago. It's a small community, depressed and far from affluent. Of course lots of "good folks" still reside there. The closest active club is New Waterford.*

*Our district 13OH4 is collecting items to take to the area for distribution (non-bleach cleaning supplies, personal hygiene supplies, and later non-perishable foodstuffs.) We will distribute those through local food banks or charitable centers. I know there have been some large donations of bottled water sent by a few different entities. (With the help of our district Lions, Our Ohio Lions Foundation has also handed out \$5,000 of gift cards today, with another batch going out next week.) LCIF is not weighing in at this time.*

*We have determined that any cash donations made to us will go to our District treasurer, earmarked for East Palestine.*

*These may be used for gift cards to distribute or possibly donations to local first responders. Details are still being put together as we get input about specific needs.*

*If that works for you, her address is: Lion Priscilla Allcorn 515 Royal Oaks Circle, Sebring OH 44672*

*Thank you again. Any questions can come to me by email, phone or text.*

*DG Carol Snyder*

## Back to me again...

She also mentioned the need of "thank you" cards for first responders there... if any club is interested in doing this as a project, contact me for DG Snyders email address so she can send a list of folks that should get "Thank you's". She will let us know more about local needs soon...

Thank you ALL for everything you do...  
DG Mayra

# District Governor Elect



Greetings Lions;

Time is flying by so quickly. February has been a busy month with the FVDG/DGE Seminar in Chicago. I had a blast and learned a lot with my time there. We even got to visit Lions Club International headquarters. It is amazing what they do there with only around 300 employees that serves all of the Lions around the world. During our time of learning we also got chance to meet other Lions from around the world by participating in a game for the week. We had to get out of our comfort zone and meet new people and learn about their language. Within the newsletter I have posted some of the pictures of my time there.

Next, we had an inspiring message from 1<sup>st</sup> VP Dr. Patti Hill. She renewed us with a great message on Lions in general and the work that LCIF had done when Turkey was hit with, the earthquake. To hear it first hand from the DGE's from Turkey of what they were able to do in a short amount of time from receiving \$200,000 emergency grant from LCIF. I am asking you to consider to give to LCIF to help Turkey. There is a lot work that has to be done.

Next, is when I flew back into North Carolina, I had to go to the Council of Governors and NCLI Board Meeting in Greensboro. Talk about no rest. I am still recovering. A lot of decisions were made on the upcoming State Convention. I encourage you to register for the convention as our International speaker is Immediate Past President Douglas Alexander. It will be fun along with a great message from our speaker.

Then the great news was that I was privileged to induct 9 new members at the Grifton Lions Club. The first time I visited them I got to induct 4 new members as a surprise to me. They are now at 18 members strong. If you do the math that means that they started the year off with 5 members. The energy that was there that night was one of energy. We had their Zone Chair PDG Glenn Bunch and Region Chair PDG David Boyd along with 2 members from the Greenville Host Club Tim Byrd and Robert Frye. I see a great partnership with those two clubs. That is what it is all about, fellowship and serving our communities.

If they can do it, then we all should be able to get new members. So yes, February has been exciting and I am looking forward to introducing you to my team next month. Enjoy the pictures!

Yours in Lionism,

*Carlie Metts*

District Governor Elect

# District Governor Elect

Visit to Lions Club International in Oak Brook, Ill.



Look who I found hanging around! (Sorry I walked past Jack Stickly)

# District Governor Elect

Looks like Grifton Lions Club and our DGE Carlie has been busy



# 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 DIA-BETES!!!

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!

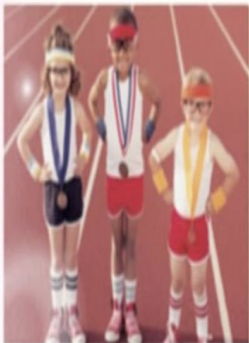


*Pediatric*  
DIABETES CAMP

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

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

Registration is open.



 diabetes  
games

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

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



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## 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](http://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**

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

### **VOLUNTEER FOR “WORK WEEK” March 30th to April 3rd**

**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.

#### **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 35th 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”.

#### 2023 Camp Dogwood Summer Schedule

- Session 1 May 28-June 1
- Session 2 June 4-June 8
- Session 3 June 11-June 15
- Session 4 June 25-June 29
- Session 5 July 2-July 6
- 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)

#### **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”.

Lion Gene Goetz - District N Brighter Visions Chair

# Wanted”

## KidSight Operators



Join a group of motivated drivers within District MD31-N to assume driving and possibly custodial responsibilities for the KidSight screening unit (KSU) and the onboard equipment. We would like to expand availability of the KidSight screening program to all areas of the district. As the need ramps up, we must have more people interested in being an operator.

### Operator Qualifications:

Be KidSight Certified.

Submit a copy of your valid NC driver’s license to NCLI.

Pass a background check.

View a presentation on child abuse.

### Operator Duties:

Drive the KSU to the screening location.

Oversee the screening event, ensure all equipment is properly stored.

Willingness to be available during the week for school screenings.

At this time the KSU is located in Goldsboro. For the current time this location is satisfactory but location changes are possible in the future.

Lion Gene Goetz -

District N KidSight Chair



# District Training

**Training included New Club Projects, Organ/Tissue Donation, New Members, and Effective Communication**



# World Induction Day



**Our District Governor would like to Induct new members and welcome any new members to our district on Saturday, April 22, 2023 with a picnic. This event is open to all 31N members and would like to recognize any new members and sponsors that has joined or transferred since July 2022.**

**This event is still being planned but here is some information:**

**Location & Date**

**Kinston, NC April 22, 2023**





*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

Hello

We're always looking for new ways to share the amazing impact you as Lions have on Leader Dog's mission, and I just found a great one to share with you! In a local Rhode Island radio interview, one of Leader Dog's clients, Lori, talks about her journey to receive her Leader Dog Dakota. She shares how instrumental Lions are in that journey. Her father even joins in to discuss the effect it has had on the family.

Listen past the advertisement for a mention of Leader Dog Wink. LD Wink, whose breeding host is a Lion in Michigan, was raised by a Lion puppy raiser from Missouri! It takes a village of Lions to make this happen.

Here's Lori in her Leader Dog ID photo with the gorgeous Leader Dog Dakota:



You can [listen to Lori's interview here](#). Hope you enjoy this story!

Lion Beth Slade  
Director of Lions Engagement  
Leader Dogs for the Blind  
[beth.slade@leaderdog.org](mailto:beth.slade@leaderdog.org)

## 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

# Carolina Mudcats

You are invited to attend  
**Lions Club Night**

*Come enjoy the beautiful spring weather with your local Lions Club members and an evening of exciting Mudcats Baseball at Five County Stadium!*

**TUESDAY, May 23rd @ 7:00**

Carolina Mudcats vs. Down east Wood Ducks

**Lions Club Tickets only \$10.00**

**Before the game, join us at the Pilot Lions Den for a free Picnic Supper at 5:00 p.m.** Please have your ticket money and dinner reservations turned into PDG Wayne Faber by

**(MAY 19<sup>th</sup> 2023)**

\* Tickets are box seats. Discount is not available at the gate. Regular gate price is \$12.00 per ticket.

(CHECKS MADE OUT TO DISTRICT 31-S)

Mail to:

**Wayne Faber**

**1105 Maple Ave**

**Apex Nc 27502**

**919-780-8819**

**Wfaber100@hotmail.com**



## 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 Clubs International Convention

## Southeastern Breakfast



**Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 -8:30 am**

Omni Boston Seaport (Momentum Ballroom A,B,C)

\$65 per person (Includes tip and service charges)

Check needs to be mailed to:

PCC Gary Steele (Promotions Chair)

2252 Baker Mill Road

Cleveland, NC 27013

Checks made payable to NC Lions Promotions must be received by June 15, 2023.

**NO EXECPTIONS**



Camp Dogwood is looking for Clubs to Sponsor Bingo this year. If you or your club would like to be a sponsor please reply to this email with questions or call the office at 828-478-2135 ext.229

Thanks in advance for your support!

Tammy





Sept. 21-23,  
2023

# THE RENO REVIEW



MARCH 2023

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

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL CHAIR

JAMA WAHL



The goal of every Lions Club is to serve its community. To do that to the best of our abilities as Lions, we need to be informed and knowledgeable. The USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum grew out of this purpose to prepare and educate Lions.

To see a history of the past 46 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums, please go to [www.lionsforum.org](http://www.lionsforum.org). Click on About and scroll down to History. This walk down memory lane will give you a sense of our past even as we look to our future.

Thank you to all of the Lions who served on the Planning or Host Committees. And, thank you to those Lions who attended these Forums. Your attendance and participation make the Forum a success!

At this year's Forum in Reno, we are adding a new twist to Thursday morning's activities. It is Lions Speed Learning.

It is not enough to know what your community needs. Lions need to know the resources available to be the strongest clubs, that then can provide the most relevant and meaningful service.

Speed Learning will give participants a chance to gain insight on numerous topics in a very short time. If a topic is of special interest, then the Lion can scope out the seminar schedule to be sure to attend the full-blown seminar during Forum week. Our Forum Education Team promises Lions Speed Learning to be a fast, fun new event for the Forum.

We want to see you Reno!

*Up and Away with Leadership*

*Jama*

## SPEED LEARNING OFFERS TASTE OF FORUM SEMINARS

MARK MANSELL, EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR

From wine to beer, chocolates to cheese... everyone loves samplers! What beverage or food samplers do for your palate; we want to do for your mind. We thought providing a sampler for your mind would be a great way to let Forum participants whet their learning appetite!

Welcome to Lions Speed Learning! This Forum kickoff experience will offer a dozen different topics from some of our nearly 90 seminar facilitators. With topics such as marketing, social media, member recognition ideas, and meeting energizers; there will be something for everyone.

Using 10-minute learning sessions, participants will get to "sample" an array of learning topics. Throughout this two-hour Lions Speed Learning experience, you will be able to move from topic table to topic table and let your mind partake in a wide array of learning offerings that align with sessions we will be offering as full seminars during the Forum.

But as they say in the infomercials, "**Wait, there's more!**" To boost the fun even further, Lions Speed Learning participants will receive a LEARNING PASSPORT to collect stamps at each topic table they attend. Those who collect six or more stamps can enter into a drawing for one of 10 \$25 gift certificates to the Forum store. Winners will be announced at Thursday night's dinner.

**LEARNING and FUN...** what a combination! Lions Speed Learning is going to be a blast so be sure to arrive Thursday morning and let your mind get a jump start to the amazing learning experience that will be the Reno USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum!





**Lions Making Strides 2 Fight Diabetes, with our partners, Kinston Host Lions Club,  
Food Farm, Kinston Community Center, Lions Industries for the Blind, Inc.,  
UNC Lenoir Healthcare, and West Without Borders**

**host the 5th Annual Rockin' Walk-A-Thon**

**Kinston Community Center Gymnasium**

**March 25th, 2023 --- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

Kinston, NC - On March 25, 2023, Lions Making Strides 2 Fight Diabetes, along with our partners, Kinston Host Lions Club, Food Farm, Kinston Community Center, Lions Industries for the Blind, Inc., UNC Lenoir Healthcare and West Without Borders, our community, friends and families, will rock and walk in our 5th Annual "STRIDES": Lions for Diabetes Awareness Rockin' Walk-A-Thon.

The event will be from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM in the Kinston Community Center Gymnasium. We hope everyone will rock at least one hour or walk at least one mile. We want you to set your own personal goal. We expect great participation from our town, surrounding communities, families, churches and civic organizations. For more details, go to our Facebook Page: Strides – Lions for Diabetes Awareness. Medical screenings, diabetes risk assessments, nutrition education and information from corporate sponsors, medical facilities, suppliers and more will be available free to the public during the event. The event will be "Kid Friendly". You may contact Sharon Axelberg, Strides Committee Chair, at [sharon@lionsindustries.org](mailto:sharon@lionsindustries.org) or 252-523-1019 or 252-560-6451.

Please help us as we "Stride" to help people living with Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes (PWD's), children and adults, have better lifestyles. 100% of your contributions will be used to sponsor campers at Camp Needles in the Pines Juvenile Diabetes Camp, purchase insulin pumps, pods, medicine, and supplies, build low boxes for school children with diabetes so they will have a snack when their blood sugar is low and supply funds for school nurses to purchase supplies needed for PWD's. We need individuals, teams, and corporate sponsorships.

We ask you to get as many sponsors as you can. We have attached t-shirt order forms with details. The deadline to order T-shirts is March 2nd. Check out our facebook page, [Strides – Lions for Diabetes Awareness](#) for additional information. Please make all checks payable to Lions Making Strides 2 Fight Diabetes or LMS2FD

Please join us in our efforts on March 25, 2023 to "Stride" for heightened diabetes awareness and to raise money to help people living with diabetes in our local area.

To date, we have raised over \$70,000. We have funded over 50 juvenile diabetes patients to Camp Needles in the Pines in Beaufort County, NC and we granted medical scholarships to over 150 PWD's in our community to help with medical supplies, medications, and pump/pod purchases. We also fund school nurses to aid in purchasing diabetes supplies for their students. If you get involved, I promise you will want to stay involved. This is a great event and a perfect opportunity to give back right here at home. (Over)



**Lions Making Strides 2 Fight Diabetes with our partners**  
**Kinston Host Lions Club, Food Farm, Kinston Community Center,**  
**Lions Industries for the Blind, Inc.,**  
**UNC Lenoir Healthcare, and West Without Borders,**  
**host the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rockin' Walk-A-Thon**  
**Kinston Community Center Gymnasium**

Sponsor Name	Telephone #	Amount	Check #/Cash
<b>Make Checks Payable to: Lions Making Strides 2 Fight Diabetes (LMS2FD)</b>		<b>\$</b>	
<b>For additional information contact: Sharon Axelberg 252-523-1019 or <a href="mailto:sharon@lionsindustries.org">sharon@lionsindustries.org</a></b>			



**Lions Making Strides 2 Fight Diabetes & Partners, Kinston Host Lions Club,  
Food Farm, Kinston Community Center, Lions Industries for the Blind, Inc.,**

**UNC Lenoir Healthcare, and West Without Borders**

**host the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rockin' Walk-A-Thon for Diabetes Awareness**

**Kinston Community Center Gymnasium**

**March 25th, 2023 – 11:00 PM – 1:00 PM**

Corporate friends of Lions:

We have attached a request for corporate sponsorship for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions Making Strides 2 Fight Diabetes event on March 25, 2023. We are funding scholarships for children who attend Camp Needles in the Pines Diabetes Camp, assisting people with diabetes who are unable to obtain insulin, pumps, medicine, or supplies, building low boxes for school children with diabetes, so they will have a snack when their blood sugar is low, and assisting our school nurses by supplying them with the funds to purchase supplies for their students with diabetes.

There are several levels of sponsorship. We ask that you consider one of these to heighten diabetes awareness in our area. Lions and our partners are emphasizing diabetes awareness because diabetes is the leading cause of blindness today. Preventing or controlling diabetes can also prevent blindness. We hope to raise a substantial amount of money to aid people with diabetes in our communities.

We are also asking people to form teams to rock and walk in our event. If your company, church, civic organization or just a group of friends are interested in having a team, or you would like to share this with your employees in case any of them would like to create a team in honor or memory of a loved one or friend who has been affected by diabetes, please let me know. You may contact me by email at [sharon@lionsindustries.org](mailto:sharon@lionsindustries.org) or by phone at

252-523-1019 (work) or 252-560-6451 (cell).

Our goal is to make a difference in the lives of people living with diabetes. Hopefully, our efforts will make at least one life easier, longer, and fuller. We can make a tremendous impact on our communities with your help. 100% of your sponsorship and contributions will go to help people living with diabetes. Thank you in advance for what you will do to make this event a success. Please "STRIDE" to change lives along with Lions Making Strides to Fight Diabetes and their partners Kinston Host Lions Club, Food Farm, Kinston Community Center, Lions Industries for the Blind, Inc., UNC Lenoir Healthcare and West Without Borders,

Sincerely,

*Lion Sharon*



**Lions Making Strides 2 Fight Diabetes & Partners, Kinston Host Lions Club,  
Food Farm, Kinston Community Center, Lions Industries for the Blind, Inc.,  
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host the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rockin' Walk-A-Thon for Diabetes Awareness**

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**Make check payable to Lions Making Strides 2 Fight Diabetes, return form & payment c/o: Sharon Axelberg, PO Box 2001, Kinston, NC 28502-2001 (email: [sharon@lionsindustries.org](mailto:sharon@lionsindustries.org) or fax: 252-523-7090) For further information please call Sharon or Betty Ann at 252-523-1019.**

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