

District 31 N



District Governor

Greetings Lions!

I would like to highlight the Erwin Lions Club today...

They had a highway sign dedication recently... They fought for years to get a sign put up for their club... They watched, while other profit-making institutions got signs put up, while their club... who helps their community, was told it couldn't be done.

This was a sign "75 years in the making"!

Their club was chartered in 1948!!! They want to give a special thank you to Senator Jim Burgin, Erwin Mayor Randy Baker, and Town Manager Snow Bowden for helping them to navigate lots of legal obstacles that delayed them for years!



Pictured left to right...

Lion's Eddy Blackman, Snow Bowden, Rusty Brown, Earl House, Mayor Randy Baker and Senator Jim Burgin.

Quite a powerful bunch of folks! I'm telling you their story so you can be inspired to resolve local problems by talking to and getting help from the local representatives and politicians. Heck! Ask them to join your club! You never know...

May you all have a fabulous and precious Easter, and hope to see you at the upcoming Convention!

Thank you ALL for everything you do...

DG Mayra

District Governor Elect



Greetings Lions;

This has been a very busy year with a lot of accomplishments that you and your club has done. I have been able to induct 3 new members for the Greenville Host Lions Club just recently. If your club is struggling do not worry. Lions International has a program that works. The Global Membership Approach. I urge you to contact our Global Membership Chair, DeAngelo Jackson for help. He has resources that can help your club to get back on track.

Next, I want to thank all of the members who have said they would help next year during my term as a chair. It takes a team to reach all of the goals that we set at our goal setting meeting back in March. I believe it was helpful that everyone had input on our goals for 2023-2024. So with that being said I look forward to great things to be accomplish as a District.

As promised back at the Mid-Winter Convention, it is my goal to have the Directories ready by July 15 which will be the Awards & Installation Banquet. So I will need everyone's help by turning in your PU 101's to Lions International. If you need help contact PDG George Holston at sealion2@aol.com. This very important so the book will be correct and on time.

In the next newsletter, I will begin introducing the chairs for next year. I am really excited for the new Lions that have stepped up for the District. We just recently had 2 of our Lions that attended the Regional Lions Leadership Institute at Camp Dogwood back in March. Lions Derrick Mitchell from Fayetteville Community Lions Club and Louise Bongala from the Goldsboro Host Lions Club. Both of them did a great job there and came away learning a lot from the instructors. Our next set of trainings will be within the zones as we will be conducting the Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers training. I encourage all to attend as the new Lion Portal will be starting soon. Look out for great training opportunities next year!

Yours in Lionism,

Carlie Metts

District Governor Elect

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

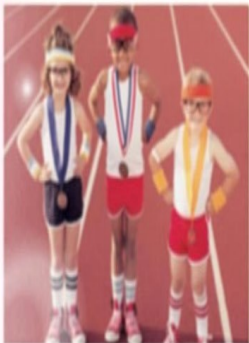
Don't miss out on these exciting
Pediatric Diabetes events coming in 2023!



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.



It Doesn't Get Better Than Camp.

There's nothing we can't accomplish when we're Connected for Life.®

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

Need more info?

Learn more at:

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

99th 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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	Italian/Vegetarian				Chicken/Vegetarian
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<u>Function</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Number Adults</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Family Fun Night	\$15.00	_____	\$_____
Tail Twister Breakfast	\$15.00	_____	\$_____
Governors Banquet	\$30.00	_____	\$_____
		TOTAL COST:	\$_____

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 8th to:

1st VDG Susan O'Brien, 1003 Croyden Ct, Fort Mill SC 29715

203-482-2967

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

State Convention News

This year at our NC Lions State Convention, our service projects revolve around two of our core initiatives, diabetes and pediatric cancer. Under the leadership of Ana Elliott, we will be collecting DIMES FOR DIABETES. She will have a wonderful display in the foyer.

Please visit our book donation area, where we will be collecting children's books that will be shared between two projects, Pediatric Cancer and Lions Love to Read. Noddia Suddreth will be sharing information on Lions Love to Read at one of our Round Table discussion segments on Saturday.

Even our door prizes will support a core initiative, the Environment!

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 and pick “Program Forms”.

Lion Gene Goetz - District N Brighter Visions Chair

District 31N Service

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

Good Morning Fellow Lions,

We just want to take a moment to say THANK YOU to all that was able to come out this past week and work on various projects around our beautiful Camp Dogwood. The projects this year included painting the exterior of the Putt-putt barn, power washing, painting railing and weeding flower beds. Lions also spent multiple hours sorting the mountain of eyeglasses in storage.

We still have a few projects around camp to complete. This includes outside projects, eye glass sorting (for groups or 4 or less) and indoor projects such as putting together the Brighter Vision Portfolios for this year.

If you or your club would like more information please have them contact Tammy Thomas.

Email is tammy@nclionsinc.org or call 828-478-2135 extension 229.

Once again thank you for all you do for LIONS and Camp Dogwood.

Tammy Thomas,
Camp Director



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



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.

All is welcome!!!!

**Fairfield Park
Lions Shelter
800 Greenbriar Road
Kinston NC 28504**

11:00 AM —2:00 PM

Kinston, NC April 22, 2023



NC Lions 31-N Calculator Project a Success

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

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, (Each graphing calculator is \$139) 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.



Wilmington Lions Club President Carl Danielson, Math Teacher Sean Swoboda, Principal Dr. Cathy Gantz, and PDG George Holston

A BUNDLE OF HOPE: The Waccamaw Bundle

Imagine you are an 11 year old child. You are swept up in the middle of the night by people you do not know, taken to a place you have never been, and greeted by people you have never met.

You have no change of clothes, toiletries, or reminder of home. You are at a loss as to what is happening.

Someone comes to welcome you. At first, you are afraid, angry, and sad. Those greeting you try to help you feel some sense of peace, some way of knowing everything will be all right.

You are inconsolable. But then, they had you a Waccamaw Bundle. What is this? It is a gift of things you need that the caring hands of LIONS across North Carolina have put together for you. Your emotional frenzy begins to subside.

This gift welcomes you and builds a bridge of hope.

When you review this list, you will see some things that may seem small, even trivial. However, to a child in a strange place, it means the world. Other things on the list will seem significant, almost unattainable. We have found that when we work together, we find a way to meet any need. Thank you for joining us in fulfilling the needs of the children at BGHNC and the team serving them.

With heartfelt gratitude,

The BGHNC Team

WACCAMAW WELCOME BUNDLE CONTENTS:

Facemasks

Journal/ ink pens/ pencils/color pencils/ highlighters/ sticky notes Vision board Word Search/ crossword puzzles/ Sudoku

cardboard or plastic puzzles Coloring books/ crayons Playing cards/ Uno

Stuffed Animal

Toothbrush/ toothpaste/ mouth wash
Lotion

Snack packs

LED lights

MP3 Player

Headphones

Radios

PG 13 Movies (No horror)

Sound machines

Teen friendly comforter sets

Teen pajamas (male/female)

Slides (shoes)

Water bottles (large)

Fidget toys

Wrist band coils

Watches

Game boys

Nintendo switch

Beanbag chairs

Febreze air freshener

Please call Joe Kennedy if you have any questions,
You can contact Joe Kennedy at
Joe.kennedy@bghnc.org or at Telephone
910.646.3083 • Fax 910.646.4934.

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



2nd Annual North Carolina Lions Day of Service

September 30, 2023

Your support of our Annual Lions Day of Service, on the last Saturday in September, is appreciated.

Last year for the first time, it was held on Saturday September 23, 2022, the theme was "Feed the Hungry". We collected approximately 35 tons, yes

35 tons of food for the hungry in our State.

This year the theme will be Vision.

In 2024 the theme will be Diabetes.

In 2025 the theme will be Childrens Pediatric Cancer.

I am available to discuss this exciting new annual service project with your Club.

Lets publicize this event in your Community.

Contact me and I will be glad to meet with your Club,

In Lionism,

PDG Irwin Siegelwax

2016-2017

Irwin423@atmc.net

Cell 910-209-6170



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

Goldsboro Downtown Lions "GET-A-WAY"

1st Prize ****YOU CHOOSE**** ONE OF TWO OPTIONS



2 BEDROOM CONDO
FOR 1 WEEK!
(Upon Availability)
PLUS \$500

CONDO INCLUDES:
KITCHEN LAUNDRY
EXERCISE ROOM POOL
GIFT SHOP MUCH MORE

YOUR CHOICE OF 5
LOCATIONS



**1st PRIZE
OPTION # 1**

Your choice...1 of 5 Locations ANY week of the year!!!
(UPON AVAILABILITY)
***must be 21+ and have a valid credit card to check in to win OPTION #1
(CREDIT CARD IS FOR DAMAGES OR CHARGES TO THE ROOM)



**2nd Prize
\$500**

**3rd Prize \$250
4th Prize \$250**

Tickets - \$20 each or 6 tickets for \$100

Drawing will be held on Thurs. 6/22/23

If you are interested, please contact the Goldsboro Downtown Lions Club

[Facebook.com/goldsborodowntownlions](https://www.facebook.com/goldsborodowntownlions)

Call: 2nd VDGE Gene Goetz: 414-640-5953

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 19th 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



WE SERVE

BBQ DINNER



WE SERVE

**SPONSORED BY
THE CANTON LIONS CLUB**

**Canton Lions will be holding a
BBQ Dinner Fundraiser
for Scholarships for Pisgah Students.**

**It will be at Black Bear Café,
162 Pisgah Drive, Canton, NC
from 11:00—2:00 pm on Sunday, May 7,
2023.**

DRIVE UP, PAY, RECEIVE BBQ DINNER

**Please come and support our
Canton NC Lions Club!**

\$10.00 a plate



**The Governor
Morehead Foundation**

For the Governor Morehead School for the Blind

Fellow North Carolina Lions,

I am forwarding this request to all Lions Clubs in the State of North Carolina. Governor Morehead School for the Blind is in the process of raising funds to build a new playground fully accessible to GMS students. The facility is being designed by a great group of students of the School of Design at NC State University. I have attached a breakout that will give you pictures and some of the information of the goals for this new special featured project.

Double Click the yellow box below to view a news report WTVD ABC Channel 11

[Governor Morehead School to gain new outdoor learning center designed by NC State Students - ABC11 Raleigh-Durham](#) **Please use link below**

**The project is \$120,000, raised to-date \$58,000
and in need of \$62,000 for completion.**

**Point your Smart Phone to center of QR Code
for GoFundMe.**



GOFUNDME

If you feel uncomfortable about GoFundMe, please use old method of sending checks.

Make payable to: Governor Morehead School Foundation
Mail to: 7413 Six Forks Rd, P. O Box 207, Raleigh NC. 27615
Designate Funds: GMS Playground Project.

Thank You In Advance

Carlton Metts
Email: carlton@nclionsinc.org
Executive Director
NC Lions, Inc.

Rod Poole
Email: chilkootrod@yahoo.com>
Fundraising Chairperson
Governor Morehead Foundation

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[Governor Morehead School to gain new outdoor learning center designed by NC State Students - ABC11 Raleigh-Durham](#)

VOLUNTEER WEEK

2024

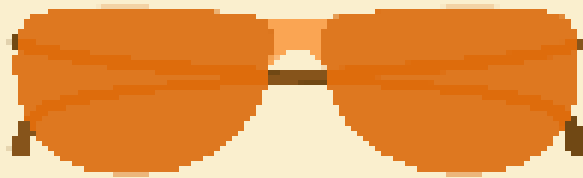
**April 4th @ 3pm until
April 10th @ 10am**



**CONTACT TAMMY
FOR MORE INFO
AND TO RESERVE
A ROOM**

**Tammy@nclionsinc.org
828-478-2135 EXT 229**

EYE GLASS SORTING



August 31st @ 3PM
until September 6th @
10am



CALL OR EMAIL TAMMY FOR
MORE INFO AND TO
RESERVE A ROOM

TAMMY@NCLIONSINC.ORG
828-478-2135 EXT 229

Lions Clubs International Convention

Southeastern Breakfast



Sunday July 9th 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



LEADER DOGS
FOR THE BLIND



Meeting My Match: A Leader Dog Diary

Excerpts from Joey J.'s blog post on
LeaderDog.org

Day 1: We had our first “Juno” walk, which is a human holding the harness while I give her the directions. Kind of “practice” before handling my actual dog. Then we broke for lunch and had some free time. We headed downtown for another “Juno” walk, this time a couple city blocks around the other [Leader Dog] facility. Once back we had a fire drill and GPS training, as they give you GPS units that help with traveling by yourself. It’s a

\$900 device that they provide for free. Pretty cool stuff.

Day 3: Well, to state the obvious, today was issue day. Man, is Tucker full of energy! After I received Tucker, we spent a little time together in the room and then practiced “heeling” in the hallway. Then, we had our very first walk in harness, and let me tell y’all, this is where he shined. Very fast walker, stopped at every curb like a champ, maneuvered around a tree branch for me. Just spectacular!

Day 5: This morning we had three scheduled “traffic checks” where [Leader Dog instructors] pulled out in front of us while Tucker was guiding me. He nailed it every time. This pup isn’t gonna let me walk out in front of a car.

Day 19: Celebration Day. We had a wonderful catered lunch, a few speeches with some tears mixed in. Then we took some great pics. To say this has been the experience of a lifetime is an understatement. All that is left is to pack our suitcases and try and get some sleep

tonight. Because me and Tucker... are going home tomorrow! Officially a Leader Dog Guide Team.

March Match Campaign Heading to Your Club's Mailbox!

This year's match campaign will be hitting club mailboxes in March. Help us keep our programs 100% free for our clients by helping to match the Lexington (KY) Lions Club gift of \$15,000!

In 2022, Lions and Leader Dog In 2022, celebrated 20 years of life-changing orientation and mobility (white cane) training!

Total clients served: 16,976

Served veterans from all branches of the U.S. military

Youngest clients served: 16

Oldest clients served: 90

Active guide dog teams: 1,263

Served guide dog clients from 50 states and all Canadian provinces

Your partnership with Leader Dog makes this possible. THANK YOU!



BE OF SERVICE

LeaderDog.org/Lions

FOLLOW THE LEADER





Sept. 21-23,
2023

THE RENO REVIEW



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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL CHAIR

JAMA WAHL



Sharing our knowledge and expertise with other Lions allows growth and enhances the potential for bigger and better service, as well as an engaged membership. This is true at the club, district, multiple district or international level.

A vital part of every Forum that involves this sharing of knowledge is our seminars. Each year the Forum Seminars Team determines:

- the number of seminars to be presented, based on the space available
- the topics of these seminars
- who the facilitators will be
- who the moderators will be
- when and where each seminar will be held
- what activities will be planned to support facilitators and moderators

Essentially, they plan the seminar experience for attendees. The goal is to have something for every Lion.

The Forum is a learning opportunity for every Lion. So, whether you are a new Lion or a seasoned Lion, the Education Team promises seminars to engage, enlighten, enthuse and excite. Why not come to Forum and bring a friend?

We want to see you Reno!

Up and Away with Leadership
Jama

LEADERSHIP IS LEARNING

MARK MANSELL, EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR

“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”

– John F. Kennedy

At the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, almost everything is focused on learning. From the general session speakers to exhibition booths, from talking with other Lions from across North America to all the seminars being offered; the Forum is about helping you learn and thereby helping you become an even better leader.

With seminars, you will get the opportunity to hear from the leaders of our association including our International President. Want to learn about the new Lions Portal? We've got you covered! Learn how to start new clubs, initiate new and innovative service projects, or get the latest news about our Foundation. It will all be waiting for you in Reno.

We will be offering 10 different learning sessions starting Thursday afternoon and running through Saturday afternoon. Each session will offer nine unique seminars so you can create a customized learning experience that meets your learning needs. Want to learn even more? Bring your Lion friends and work as a team to cover even more topics and then share what you learned.

Learning is at the foundation of being a leader! The Forum is an exciting opportunity to stay current, embrace change, and learn new ways to serve as a Lion leader. We are confident there is no more powerful learning experience for Lion Leaders in such a short period of time than by attending the USA/Canada Lions Leadership (Learning) Forum! See you in Reno!

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