

LIONS NEWSLETTER

DISTRICT 31N
July 2023



District-N



North Carolina Lions

Our Leos continue to be an important part of the impact we have on communities they serve. Leos often think outside of the box, get creative (due to less financial support), and help to reenergize the people around them (including Lions) because of the excitement and fun they have. Lion clubs that are fortunate enough to have a Leo program in their community know exactly what I am talking about.

Starting a Leo club is a process, it takes an idea, tenacity, a "must succeed" attitude, and a vision of leadership that is clearly planned. We have many Lions in this District that hold one or more of these traits and it is up to us to work to find individuals that are like minded and want to see Leos near them for the club to be able to form a Leo Club. Think outside the schools and think about community clubs like the YMCA, Boys and Girl's Home, After School Programs, etc. Forming a club through a community group allows for 12 months a year work and longer term engagement from the youth since it isn't just "when school is in".

Multiple Lions clubs in an area can work together for a county wide Leo Club and everyone can support that Leo Club. The biggest obstacle that we as Lions face when it comes to Leo Clubs is not finding the youth to be in the club...it's finding the Lions to be the advocates for the kids to lobby parents and community members to support the youth and start the club. Once it is started youth will come because of friends, because of what we do, because of the character development they will gain, because of the love they will feel from making a person's life better. Be the reason youth succeed and start forming a plan for a Leo Club with your local leaders now! Don't wait for August when school starts because we will then wait till the next best time, and then the next best time, and then the next best time, until we just decide we "can't" do it.

CAMP DOGWOOD RAFFLE WINNER



CONGRATULATIONS to the Southport Lions Club for being the **Grand Prize Winner \$15,000 Cash Giveaway.**

DRAWING HELD JUNE 15, 2023

2nd place \$500, Pat KoKo

3rd place \$400, Randy Floyd of Lumberton

4th Place \$300, Ben Vanhoy of Rockwell

5th Place \$200, Brooks and Jane Barnhardt of Oakboro

Thank you all for all you do for Camp Dogwood!

Congrats!

NEW LIONS YEAR

Begin your Service Journey today. It's the start of a new Lions Year!

[Service Journey Lions Video](#)

Leading and Serving from our hearts,
Lion Robert, Lion Marie, Nathan, Brennan, and Logan



A FEW WORDS FROM OUR

District Governor

Greetings Fellow Lions,

First, I want to thank IPDG Mayra McCloud for her hard work this past year as District Governor. She has been a ball of energy this past year and I appreciate what she has done.

Dawn and myself will be leaving July 6th for the Lions Club International Convention in Boston where I will be installed as District Governor. When we return from Boston, we will be celebrating the past year and installing the new officers on the 15th of July in New Bern. IPDG Mayra and myself look forward to everyone coming to celebrate with us.

I am looking forward to serving you this new lion year for 2023-2024 as your District Governor. These past few months our team has been meeting and planning for this new year. The Lions of the District have helped me put together our goals and action plans. I could not have done it without them. Thank you to my NCLF, LCIF, District, Zone and Region chairs in the formation of our plans.

The goals are lofty but we believe it can be accomplished with hard work and having fun while we are serving our communities. I want to challenge each of you to do your best serving your communities. I believe that if we serve and have fun we can accomplish the goals that have been set.

We want to continue improving our service, leadership and membership in our district. The GST, GLT and GMT coordinators are excited about this upcoming year on improving what has been built.

Next is the Brighter Visions Campaign. Our goal for the year will be \$125.00 per member. I would love it if we have 100% participation from each club. Some of you say that you would rather keep the money in your community. But did you know that by giving to Brighter Visions your county normally gets back at least 3 times what your club has given. So let's really dig deep and work hard for this goal.

Next is Camp Dogwood Raffle Tickets. Southport Lions Club just won the grand prize of \$15,000 as a club. Guess what, they are in our district! The goal is 5 books or more per member.

Leo's are our future. This year I plan to have a Leo Liaison to be a part of the cabinet and also I am inviting the Leo's to our cabinet meetings.

And last is LCIF. The goal for giving to LCIF as a district is to improve by 25% for individuals and by 60% of clubs giving to LCIF. This should be a no brainer as how LCIF has given back for disasters by grants for our district. Also, giving to LCIF you or your club can honor someone by giving them a Melvin Jones Fellowship. There will be more on how you or your club can honor someone throughout the year.

Once again, I look forward to representing my Lion friends of District 31N for the year 2023-2024.

Yours in Lionism,
Carlton "Carlie" Metts, II



AWARDS & INSTALLATION BANQUET

DISTRICT 31N
AWARDS AND
INSTALLATION

**COME JOIN
US AND
CELEBRATE**

**JULY
15
2023**

First Baptist Church
239 Middle St
New Bern, NC 28560
1:00pm



Please mail your registration form to Cabinet Treasurer Betty Shingleton to the address on the form. Make your check payable to District 31N. The deadline is extended to July 10th.

!!! DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO JULY 10 !!



Hola Lions!

Welcome to a new Lion year! Are you ready for this adventure? I am excited and confident that this year will be full of fun, commitments and achievements. As my year is expected to be full of training and learning experiences, I am also looking forward to meeting you and assisting in all aspects for your club and our district to be successful. Do not hesitate to contact me with your questions, or concerns. Also, let's stay focused on our goals as a District, Membership, Brighter Vision and Dimes for Diabetes to mention some of them. Together we can achieve anything. If there is one thing you could change about last Lion year, what would that be? Looking forward to hearing from you!

Ana M. Elliott, PhD
1VDG 31N

We listen, we process, we go....WE SERVE!!!!



2023 Awards & Installation Banquet

2023 Awards and Installation will be held July 15, 2023 at the First Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall, 239 Middle Street, New Bern, NC 28560 at 1:00pm. (Parking Lot is in the back of the church off of Hancock Street)

Menu: Salad, Chicken Piccata, Penne in Vodka Sauce, Tortellini with Lemon Cream Sauce topped with Bacon & Peas, Fresh Carrots and Green Beans, and Cheese Cake Bites.

Speaker will be Past International President Sid Scruggs

Cost is \$35.00 per person.

Name	Cost
Total	

Registration deadline is extended to July 10, 2023. Contact Lion Betty Shingleton at 252-939-5259 or by email emiliysgigi2015@gmail.com

Make Check out to District 31N

Please mail to Cabinet Treasurer Betty Shingleton.

Cabinet Treasurer Betty Shingleton
214 Jessie T. Bryan Rd
Kinston, NC 28504

FROM OUR...

2nd Vice District Governor

I'm truly excited about serving as your 2nd Vice District Governor. I'm looking forward to my three-year journey and working closely with the 31N cabinet this year.

Many of you know me but for those of you who don't here's some background information. After retiring my wife, Jacqueline, and I moved to Goldsboro from Waukesha WI in 2016, escaping the vicious winters and high taxes. We purchased a home next to my step son and his family in Pikeville and have been very happy with our decision to move South. So, yes, I'm one of those "Yankees" that came down but will not go back up.

Soon after moving here, I joined the Goldsboro Downtown Lions and that also was a good decision. I'll tell you more about my background and experiences with Lions when I visit your club. But I promise my visits will not be about me, they will be about you! I'm looking forward to meeting all of you, hearing about your service projects, and experiences with Lions. Whether your comments are good or bad (constructive criticism) let them be known. We can't fix a problem if we don't know about it. I will be calling to set up visit dates with your club soon.

As all of you, I'm proud to be a Lion.

Gene Goetz 2VDG

"Life is Good"



Car Show & Boat Raffle



Southport Lions Labor Day Car Show & Boat Raffle Drawing

Open to **ALL** cars, trucks and motorcycles



Sponsored by

The Southport Lions Club

Proceeds to benefit Southport Lions Vision Programs,
Community Programs and Youth Programs.

Saturday, September 2, 2023

Rain Date: Saturday, September 9, 2023

Car Show: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Downtown Southport

DJ Dave will be turning good old ROCK and ROLL



Registration \$25 • 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Voting 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Awards at 3:00 p.m.
Boat Raffle Drawing at 3:00 p.m.

Trophies awarded:

- Top 25 Participants' Choice
- Mayor's Choice
- Southport Lions' Choice
- Spectators' Choice
- Southport Chief of Police Choice
- Southport Director of Community Services Choice
- Best Corvette
- Best Mopar



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SECOND PRIZE

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We Serve

Drawing

September 2, 2023
At 3:00 p.m. at Southport
Lions Car Show
Need not be present to win

**TICKETS SOLD
HERE!**

★★TICKETS★★

1 for \$5
3 for \$10
10 for \$20
40 for \$50
100 for \$100

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

MARKETING CHAIR

Hello! My name is Louise Bongala. I am the Secretary of Goldsboro Host Lions Club and your Marketing Chair for the district. I am currently a junior at North Carolina State University pursuing Aerospace Engineering.

I have also completed my Associate in Arts and was working towards Graphic Design. I used to run the marketing side for a few family and friend's businesses, such as Baboy Bakery, a quarantine bakery project of both my sister and I, as well as Keiki Orchids, a delivery-based flower shop alongside my business partner.

I am thrilled to be the Marketing Chair for our district. I thoroughly enjoyed the industry of advertising and I am eager to give my absolute best and become an asset for this reputable organization. For the clubs and district, I will be developing marketing plans/campaigns to use for future service projects and recruiting of members. I will make use of social media to shed light on what we do and what our mission is. I will reach out within the community and join forces if necessary to create a bigger impact of service, everything in a timely manner. Thank you and I look forward to helping your club reach your community for your service and fundraiser activities.

Lion Louse Bongala
Marketing Chair



MEMBERSHIP- GOALS

As President of your club, you need to set a goal to increase your club membership. It is just like your New Year's resolution; I want to lose weight. But to make it an effective goal it should be specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and timely. Something like I want to lose 10lbs (from my 150 to 140) over the next 2 months. This is specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and timely. DG Carlie Metts has set a membership goal for Dist. N to increase District membership by maintaining our existing membership for the next Lion's year, and adding 20 new members by forming a new club by June 30, 2024. This goal meets the five criteria listed above. As District Membership Chair, I wish to challenge each President to set a goal to increase your membership by (1-?) whatever you believe is realistic for the upcoming Lion calendar year. Make this a big part of each of your meetings to keep your members engaged and on target to bring in new members. For your information below is the Goal Statement which DG Carlie has set for District N. Next month I will have an article on WHO TO CONTACT

Goal Statement:

By the end of the 2023-2024 Lion year, our district will achieve a positive membership growth (meet or exceed last year's membership numbers).

- Our team will charter 1 new clubs with 20 charter members.
- Our clubs will induct 77 new members into existing clubs.
- Our district will not surpass 77 dropped members.

Lion Vince Schimmoller
District N Membership Chair
919-935-9937



CHECK THIS OUT!!



Quarterly Board of Directors and Council Meetings Coming August 11-13, 2023

North Carolina Lions Foundation Executive Committee Meeting 2 PM Friday August 11, 2023
Multiple District 31 Council of Governors Meeting Friday and Saturday, August 11 & 12, 2023
Installation of Officers and Banquet Saturday Evening August 12, 2023

(Registration Forms for the Banquet will be coming soon!)

North Carolina Lions Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Sunday 13, 2023
At Greensboro-High Point Marriott Airport Hotel, 1 Marriott Drive, Greensboro, NC
Reservation 336-852-6450 or click the link below

Here's your reservation link your guests can use to make reservations:



Double Click Here

[Book your group rate for NC Lions Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting and Installation](#)

You will find the information for your online reservation link below. If you have questions or need help with the link, please do not hesitate to ask. We appreciate your business and look forward to a successful event.

Event Summary:

Quarterly Board of Directors, Council of Governor's Meetings and Installation of Officers and Banquet

Start Date: Friday, August 11, 2023

End Date: Sunday, August 13, 2023

Last Day to Book: Friday, July 21, 2023

Hotel(s) offering your special group rate:

- Greensboro-High Point Marriott Airport for \$119 USD per night
 - Includes standard WIFI

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