

# District 31 N



June's Newsletter

# District Governor

Greetings, Lions!

As a Governor this past year (now outgoing!)... I seemed to always be asking for money. And you Lions have stepped up for me over and over again! I have been humbled and honored by your positive responses! You have all done an amazing job this year, and I thank you!

Well... I have approximately 1 month left. I'm going to ask for one final thing of you... but I can guarantee that you can have your "revenge" on me!

As most of us know, "Brighter Visions" is running behind as far as donations are concerned. (Check LCI for the most updated numbers...) I know that this is the time that most donations come in to Brighter Visions, but I'm going to give you a challenge! If the District meets or surpasses the goal of \$90K for our district... I will dye my hair to whatever wild color you all vote for! Purple, green, hot pink... it's up to you all! And you can come to the Banquet in New Bern on July 15th (Check out the invite in the newsletter!) and witness my "humiliation"! (Grin!)

I am looking forward to see if y'all take up the challenge! For more possible info, or votes on hair color, feel free to give me a call! Looking forward to hearing from you!

DG Mayra McCloud

District 31 N

931-252-8147

P.S.

As you all know, I have been letting my hair "go grey". So it should take and hold on to color REALLY WELL! Have a great day in Lionism...

# District Governor Elect



Greetings Fellow Lions!

It has been a wild ride this year. I commend each of you working hard in your respective clubs. Lions Clubs is truly the best organization going. We have accomplished so much from helping our neighbors in Kentucky and Florida. Then we turned around when disaster happened in Turkey and many of you donated to LCIF. Then top it off you were able to support your community with Vision Screenings, Kidsight and other community projects. I thank you for your hard work.

Next month Dawn and myself will be heading to Boston where I will be installed as your District Governor. We are looking forward to serving our district for 2023-2024. With that being said I need your help with reporting of your officers for next year. Please email me your officers if you have not done so already. I have a goal to have to next years directory ready at the Award and Installation Banquet on July 15, 2023. In this newsletter is the registration for the Banquet. Past International President Sid Scruggs will be the speaker and an installing the officers for the district.

Next, is our next newsletter will be ready by July 1st. One of our Leo's Emma Poth will be taking over as newsletter editor. PDG DeAngelo Jackson has done a great job of doing the newsletter this year. So send in your articles by the 20th of June to [district31n.news@gmail.com](mailto:district31n.news@gmail.com) for Leo Emma.

Last but not least, I look forward to going our membership among our clubs but also going our Leo's. We have some plans in place for growth and working on new clubs. Also, when you come to our cabinet meetings next year you will see something new. Leo's will be invited to also report on what they are doing. We need to get behind our youth as they serve our communities with us.

Lets remember to when we are serving to also have fun!

Yours in Lionism,

DGE Carlie Metts

# 1st Vice District Governor Elect

Lions,

Hope this month's newsletter finds you all well and in great spirits. If you missed our State Convention, you missed the event of the year!!!! My daughter Analice is still talking about it!!!!

We closed our new campaign Dime for Diabetes and I have to say that I am static with the support!!!! Here is the breakdown and special thanks:

- 1- Massey Hill LC (D&S Logistic) \$539.00
  - 2-Julian LC \$354.50
  - 3-Joe Doe Lions Clubs \$207.76
  - 4-MT Pleasant LC \$164.00
  - 5-Broadway LC \$145.21
  - 6-Kinston LC \$136.52
  - 7-Goldsboro Host \$100.00
  - 8-Lillington LC \$100.00
  - 9-Western Harnett \$500.00 (Sponsoring 2 kids)
  - 10-Mount Olive LC \$277.00
  - 11-District L - Sponsoring 3 kids \$750.00
- Grand total of \$2,005.28

I cannot THANK YOU all enough, you will make a difference on a diabetic kid and I will make sure to capture the smiles during camp from June 22-26, 2023. Let the campaign continue 2023-2024.

Reminder! Don't forget to submit your PU101, and let me know if you would like to schedule a Club visit, would love to hear you brag about your club!

Until then, stay hydrated and safe during the summer!!!

Ana M. Elliott, PhD  
1VDG Elect 31N  
Diabetes Chairperson

# Dime for Diabetes



# Save the Date

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

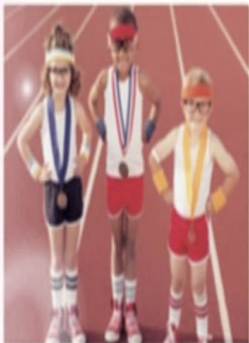


*Pediatric*  
DIABETES CAMP

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.



## 2023 Awards & Installation Banquet

2023 Awards and Installation will be held July 15, 2023 at the First Baptist Church, 239 Middle Street, New Bern, NC 28560 at 1:00pm.

Cost is \$35.00 per person.

Name	Cost
<b>Total</b>	

Registration deadline is June 30, 2023. Please mail to Cabinet Treasurer Betty Shingleton.

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

## 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	<b>Canceled</b>
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



## 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"

1<sup>st</sup> 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



**1<sup>st</sup> 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)



**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize  
\$500**

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$250  
4<sup>th</sup> 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Gene Goetz: 414-640-5953**



## 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

# Smithfield-Selma High School Leo's



**Induction of the Leo Club**



**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](mailto:carlton@nclionsinc.org)  
Executive Director  
NC Lions, Inc.

Rod Poole  
Email: [chilkootrod@yahoo.com](mailto:chilkootrod@yahoo.com)  
Fundraising Chairperson  
Governor Morehead Foundation

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Good morning Fellow Lions,

As many of you know the VSP Vouchers have been and continue to be a valuable asset for Lions Clubs and our communities. As we see more Lions Clubs using the VSP Vouchers, it requires more time to process and mail the vouchers. Currently NCLI is experiencing staffing shortages, just as many other places. As we continue to work to meet the needs with the VSP Program, we need your assistance.

If you email a VSP request, please email it to [vsp@nclionsinc.org](mailto:vsp@nclionsinc.org), this will help keep all of the requests located at the same email address. Of course, you may still mail requests to: North Carolina Lions Inc, P.O. Box 39, Sherrills Ford, NC 28673 or fax them to 828-478-4419.

We are also changing how often we mail out vouchers. Going forward VSP Vouchers will be mailed on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of each month. If the 15<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> falls on the weekend, the vouchers will mail out on the following business day. Please continue to send your requests as you get them throughout the month. If everyone waits to send their VSP requests until right before the mailing date, it will not be possible to process all of the requests and could result in being delayed till the next mailing.

Currently since March 1, 2023 we have processed 242 vouchers and we continue to see more requests daily.

If you have any testimonies from VSP Voucher recipients, please let us know! When we request additional vouchers, it is always great to share success stories with VSP.

Thank you for your assistance in making the VSP Voucher Program such a blessing to so many in our communities!

Yours in Lionism,

Bryan Hoover

# VOLUNTEER WEEK

## 2024

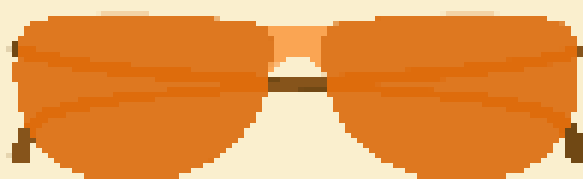
**April 4th @ 3pm until  
April 10th @ 10am**



**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 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

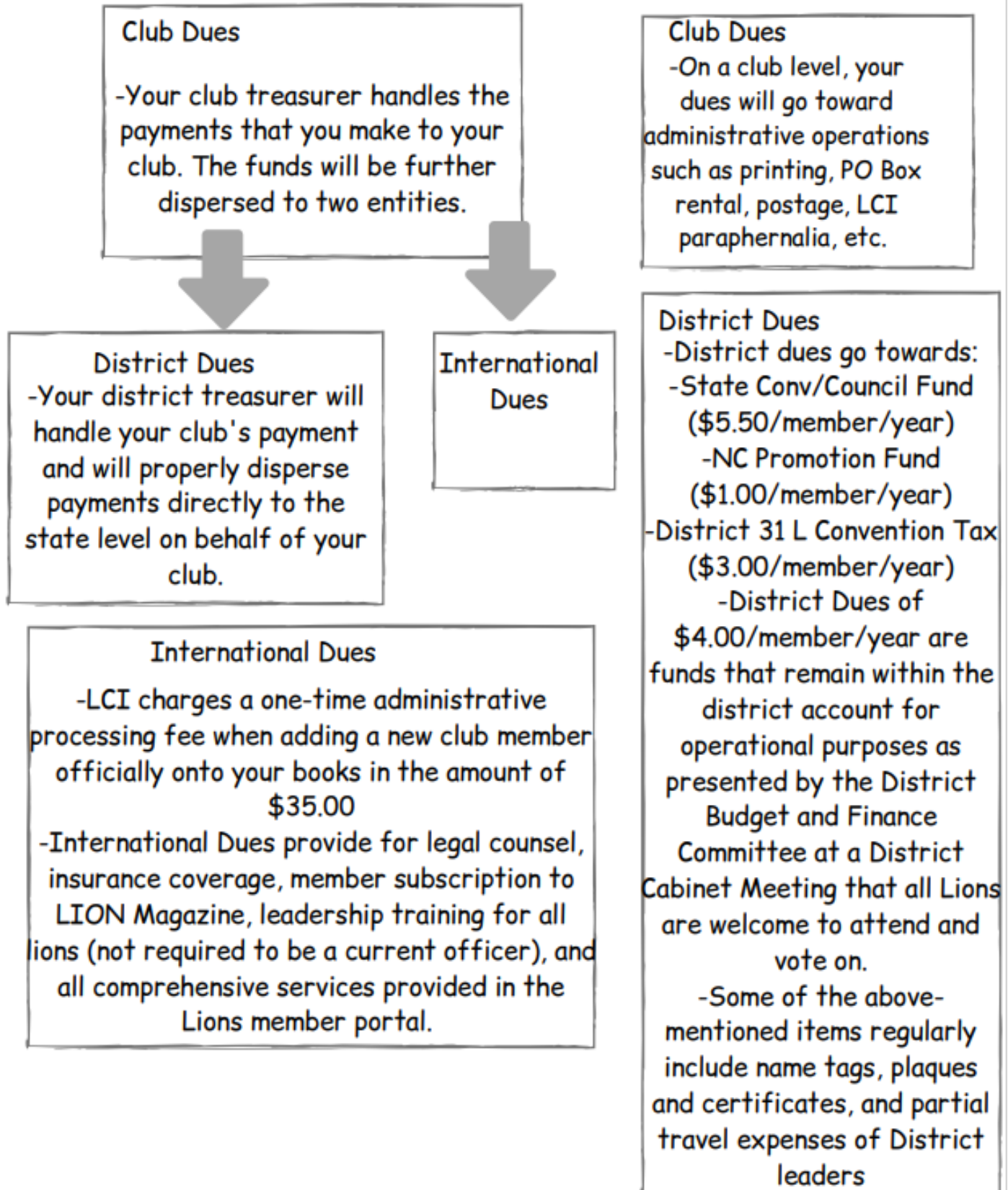
Cleveland, NC 27013

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

**NO EXCEPTIONS**

# Where do my Lions Club dues go?

Your dues support administration and operational functions and do not contribute to any charitable funds





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.



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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