

LIONS NEWSLETTER

DISTRICT 31N

August 2023

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

The money received from Memorials & Honorariums is used to support the administration of the North Carolina Lions Foundation. Memorials & Honorariums can be applied towards a Club's Brighter Vision Goal. Please specify on the Memorials & Honorariums form.

For additional information contact PDG George Fisher at cell: 252-617-9153 or email: GFISHERLION@GMAIL.COM

NOTE: A great way to recognize a club member for performing an outstanding job on a club project is using the Honorarium program.

Ours in Service, PDG George Fisher, Committee Chair

ANNOUNCEMENT !!

Kinston Host Lions Club is having a reverse drawing fundraiser on August 22 at Kings Restaurant in Kinston, NC. A steak dinner will be part of your \$50 ticket price. Please join us for a fun way to assist those in need!

For more information contact Lion Betty Anne Wooten
bettyannwooten@icloud.com



Kinston Host Lions
9th Annual
REVERSE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER
Tuesday, August 22, 2023
Kings Restaurant Hwy 70 E. Kinston, NC
Doors open at 6:00, dinner at 6:30
RIBEYE STEAK DINNER-ONE MEAL PER TICKET-NO CARRYOUT
\$50.00 ea. GRAND PRIZE: \$2500

Name _____
Email _____
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A FEW WORDS FROM OUR

District Governor

Greetings Fellow Lions;

This month has flown by! Lion Dawn and myself have been to Boston for the Lions Clubs International Convention where I was installed as District Governor with the oath given by our new International President, Dr. Patti Hill. It was a time of great celebration and learning. Our time was a great experience and if you ever get a chance to go you need to at least once.



Dr. Patti Hill has given us a challenge to grow our membership so we can grow our service. You will be hearing about this challenge called MISSION 1.5. Everyone knows we have been sitting at 1.4 million members worldwide. So the challenge is to grow our membership to 1.5 million members worldwide till 2027. This is our opportunity to grow our clubs in membership and start new Lions and Leo clubs so we can increase our service to our communities. By doing this we will be “Changing the World” (Dr. Patti Hill’s Presidential Theme). As of today we have added 29 new members since July 1 and have dropped 9 members. We are off to a great start, so let's keep up the trend by adding new members and new clubs. PDG Vince Schimmoller is one of the best in bringing in new members. You will be hearing from him more on membership throughout the year. If you are have trouble give him a call and he will be glad to help.

While we were in Boston, I was hoping to have some news on the new Lions Portal but unfortunately it is not ready to be launched. It looks like it will be September or October. So we will be setting up some training dates for club officers and will revisit trainings for the Lions Portal at a later date.

In this newsletter you will find some pictures of our time in Boston then some pictures from the Awards and Installation Banquet in New Bern. I hope you enjoy the pictures and I hope those that came to the Awards and Installation enjoyed their time.

When I got back, I also did my first club visitation with the Grifton Lions Club. This club has accepted the challenge to grow its membership but also has accepted the goals that were set for Brighter Visions, Camp Dogwood Raffle and the District Governors Monetary Goals. Which is in the directory. While I am writing this, the directory is at the printers going into print.



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So let's talk about these goals. For Brighter Visions we set a goal of \$125 per member. We have come close a few times but I believe our district can reach this goal with everyone's help. Think about it, the money we raise for this fundraiser through our very own foundation, North Carolina Lions Foundation helps with grants, VIP Camps, helps reduce the cost of the MSU unit, white canes, VIP Fishing Tournament grant, and scholarships. What we raise normally is given back to our communities 3 fold.

Even if your club has never given to Brighter Visions. There is so much more we can do if every club helps. Next is Camp Dogwood Raffle tickets. The Camp Dogwood committee has decided to challenge everyone in selling more Camp Dogwood tickets. It has been increased to 5 books per member. This raffle goes to the maintenance of the camp. As you all know it takes money to take care of the maintenance of your own home. So I want you to think of Camp Dogwood as your home as each of us Lions in the state own a part of it. And last is District Governor monetary goals. As a cabinet we decided to keep it \$22.00 per member and the district dues are kept at \$19.50 per member.

Last, you should have seen an advertisement for the Brighter Visions & Camp Dogwood Campaign Kick-off that was emailed to every member on the email list. The date is August 19 at 10 am with the 1st Cabinet meeting following. I look forward to seeing all of the clubs represented and bring your first Brighter Visions check to jump start our Lions Year.

Yours in Lionism,
Carlton "Carlie" Metts
District Governor

Pictured left to right
District Governors Susan O'Brien, Kathy Porrier, Carlie
Metts, Lorriane Dixon, Susan Fernandez



FROM OUR 1VDG ANA ELLIOT

Happy August LIONS!!!!

Hope all your new Board members installations are completed and you have submitted and/or updated on myLCI. Did you already set up your club's goals for this Lion year? How about your fundraisers? Let us know how we can help.

For now I would like to focus on our Brighter vision kickoff, SHOW UP and show off!!!!

August 19th, 2023

10AM

Lions Industries of the Blind

Can't wait to see you all there!

Ana M. Elliott, PhD

254.415.2751



**BRIGHTER
VISIONS
DISTRICT
31N**

**KICK
OFF**

AUGUST 19TH AT 10AM

**LIONS INDUSTRIES FOR THE BLIND
416 BERKLEY AVE
KINSTON NC 28504**

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!!**

FROM OUR...

2nd Vice District Governor

2VDG Gene Goetz

Last week I had the opportunity to attend the 105 th Lions Club International Convention in Boston. What a fantastic experience! I was impressed on Saturday as I attended the Parade of Nations. Every club walked in the parade, our group of North Carolina Lions was number 99, my guess is there were at least 20 groups behind us, impressive. I had a great time talking to other “Like minded Lions”, and took in a few helpful seminars. Oh, the food in Boston was GREAT.

Our new International President, Dr. Patty Hill, has set a goal to increase membership from 1.4 million to 1.5 million by 2027. Last week I visited the Dunn Mary Stewart Community Lions Club and inducted two new Lions. “Congratulations to Dunn Mary Stewart”! only 99,998 to go! That’s a start, let’s see if we can all do our part in recruiting new members. Our new president’s theme is “Changing the World”.

Watch your email for details on a KidSight training session planed for September 9 th at Lions Industries for the Blind in Kinston. Whether you use the KidSight vehicle (KSU) or you are fortunate enough to have your own club’s equipment, now is the time to contact schools and get screenings scheduled. Details on training will be sent out in the coming week.

Gene Goetz 2VDG
“Life is Good”

2VDG Gene Goetz at the Lions
International Convention



FROM OUR PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Greetings fellow Lions! Have been busier than ever as a PDG... recently several clubs helped to sponsor a health fair! A combination of 3 Lions clubs, Western Harnett, Fayetteville Community, and volunteers from a new club being started in Fayetteville went in and worked together and manned approximately 9 tables with free info or testing. Between checking blood pressure, children's eyes, hearing, color blindness (deficiency), showing off Tech for V.I.P's and hearing impaired! We also had Children's Diabetes and Lupus information tables and a Lions info table!

All Lions worked and played really hard together... and got alot of interest in Lions and Lionism. I am so proud of everyone that helped and of the many folks that were helped that day. Please consider going in and working with other Lions to help beef up membership. Remember... we are a "pride" of Lions...

PDG Mayra McCloud



How to Gain New Members in your Club



I am a firm believer of the strategy to JUST ASK. Over my 20 years as a Lion, I have probably sponsored at least 50 members into my club, the Western Harnett Lions club. Not a single one of these new members came up to me and asked can I join your club. You need to take the initiative and start a conversation with a neighbor, friend, or co-worker and find out a little about the person and some of his/her interests and then suggest that the Lions may be able to help fulfill your interests by some of the club's projects. Be positive, let them know that you are proud to be a Lion. Invite the person to a club sponsored service to get the enjoyment of serving others. Sure, you will get folks that will tell you that the Lions are not for them. Do not take it as a personal affront, tell them thank you for their time and move on to another prospective Lion. Believe me there are people out there that want to serve others, it is our job to go out and find them. I encourage (challenge) each lion to ask a least one person during the month of August to join the greatest service organization in the world.

DG Carlie Metts brought back some interesting information from the International Convention about a new Membership Program titled Mission 1.5. I will talk about some of this in my next month's article.

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS- DISTRICT N

7/1/2023	7/20/2023	GAIN/LOSS
963	983	+20

Lion Vince Schimmoller
MD-31 Membership chair
vschimmoller@gmail.com



A few photos from DG Carlie Metts and Lion Dawn Metts' trip to the USS Constitution.



COMING UP...
Golf Tournaments

NEW BERN & TWIN RIVERS
 LIONS CLUBS

Invite Individuals or Teams to play in their

12TH  ANNUAL

CHARITY GOLF
First 72 Spots Guaranteed
TOURNAMENT

FOUR PERSON SUPER BALL

Benefits the visually impaired in our community

September 16, 2023

Rain Date: To Be Determined

Tee Time: 1:00 p.m.

ENTRY FEE: \$75 per person/\$300 per team
 Includes: Green Fee & Cart, Meal
 Prizes & Refreshment Cart
 Call George Fisher, 252-617-9153
 Carlie Metts, 252-259-4827
 Deadline for Sign-up is September 9, 2023
twinriverslionsclub@gmail.com,
 252-259-4827



We Serve



2023 Massey Hill Lions Club
Annual Golf Tournament



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

CYPRESS LAKES GOLF COURSE, FAYETTEVILLE
 8:30AM • SHOTGUN START • CASH PRIZES 1ST - 3RD!
 ADDITIONAL \$10/PLAYER FOR CALCUTTA - 100% PAYBACK

Registration Includes

- Green & Cart Fees
- 1 Red Tee
- 1 Mulligan Per Side
- Longest Drive
- Closest to Pin
- Breakfast & Lunch

\$90
per player

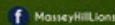
Drawing for Teams:

Friday, September 8th, 7pm
 Massey Hill Lions Club
 1613 Camden Rd

Hole Sponsors Available
 Deadline to Register: September 7th

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Handicap: _____
(Mandatory)

Contact:
 Jerry Scott 910-977-0885 • Denny Arnett 910-303-6205 • Barry Hawkes 910-308-0720



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**CAMP DOGWOOD TICKET ALLOCATION PER MEMBER
 INCREASED TO 5 BOOKS!!**

You may be surprised to find more tickets in your club's allotment when you attend the Brighter

Visions kickoff on August 19 th . All districts have increased to 5 books per member.

The average books sold across the state was 2.21 but over 30% of the clubs in the state sold 3 or more books. The Camp Dogwood Committee felt if we get more tickets in the hands of Lions it will help to raise more funds to support the maintenance needs of the facility. Also, with the extra books of tickets we are hoping clubs will sell more of them to the general public.

Gene Goetz
 Camp Dogwood State Chairperson



DISTRICT AWARDS AND INSTALLATION



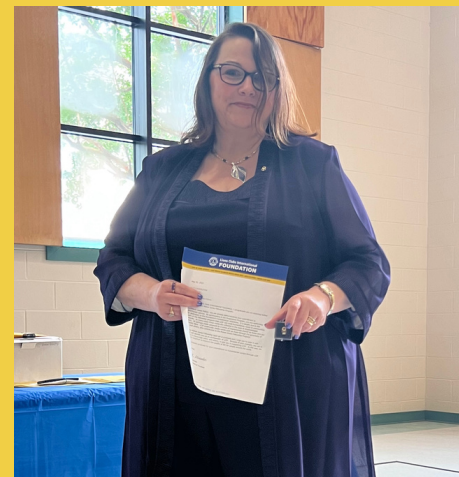
IPDG Maya McCloud with 1st VDG Ana Elliott receiving Melvin Jones Fellow



Lion Joe Poth receiving the Presidential Leadership Award



Past International President Sid Scruggs



(left to right)

PIP Sidd Scruggs, Lion Sandy North (Received Beacon of Hope at Lighthouse Level), DG Carlie Metts (Received Beacon of Hope at Lamp Lighter Level), & PDG Irwin Siegelwax (Received Beacon of Hope at Lighthouse Level)

Betty Shingleton received Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow

KIDSIGHT TRAINING

AT Lions Industries for the Blind
4126 Berkley Ave. Kinston, NC 28504
Saturday, September 9 10am-3pm



Training is available for those who want to help with the KidSight vehicle or to help with your club's Vision Screening Program.

The training will include:

- Video Presentation (by PID Dr. Ed Cordes, Lions KidSight USA, Chairman)
- Update on the KidSight Program in NC (by Bryan Hoover and Gene Goetz)
- Detailed Review of the KidSight Certification Test.

Lunch will be offered at this event for only \$10, but you are welcome to bring your own meal if you choose to.

Please RSVP by September 7

by email: ggoetz00@gmail.com

by text/voice message: (414)-640-5935

FUNDRAISER FOR LIONS CLUB OF HAMPSTEAD !!



Lions Club of Hampstead



Make your car look pristine while you benefit the Hampstead Lions Club and your community. *Hampstead Lions Club is working with Tidal Wave Auto Spa (2821 NC Hwy 210 E., Hampstead-Next to Publics). Act fast before all the tickets sell out!*

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Hampstead Lions, PO Box 231, Hampstead, NC 28443 or call

Mark at 201-704-5603, Elaine at 201-704-5604

Thank you for your support!

VISION DAY: Saturday, September 30

Seeing Clearly Means
Living Fully



Your vision directly influences how you experience the world around you. Imagine reading your favorite book, enjoying a stunning landscape, or simply recognizing the faces of your loved ones with ease and clarity.

Regular eye exams help ensure that your eyes are healthy, your vision is optimized, and you can fully engage in every aspect of life. Don't take your eyesight for granted.

Join us for our Lions Club's special event designed for maintaining lifelong eye health.

Protect Your Child's Academic Performance
and Potential Through Regular Eye Exams.



Undiagnosed vision problems can significantly impact your child's learning abilities, reading comprehension, and overall academic performance.

Don't let their potential go unnoticed. Regular eye exams can identify issues such as refractive errors, amblyopia, or strabismus, allowing for early intervention and treatment to help your child reach their full potential.

Remember, regular eye exams are an essential part of your child's healthcare routine, even in the absence of noticeable symptoms.

Join Us for a Special Vision Day Event

Protect Your Vision for the Long Run



Just as you prioritize regular health check-ups for your body, regular eye exams are essential for maintaining lifelong eye health.

Eye exams not only evaluate your vision but also screen for underlying conditions like glaucoma, cataracts, and macular degeneration, which can lead to vision loss if left untreated. Don't take your eyesight for granted—schedule regular eye exams to safeguard your vision for the future.

Join us for our Lions Club's special event designed for maintaining lifelong eye health.

Make a Positive Difference
in the Lives
of People Who
Lack Access to
Vision Correction.
Donate Your Used
Eyeglasses.



Accessibility to vision correction: Many people around the world lack access to proper eye care and cannot afford eyeglasses. By donating used eyeglasses, you provide individuals with the opportunity to improve their vision and quality of life. This is particularly significant in developing countries where access to eye care services may be limited.

Empowering individuals and communities: Improved vision has a transformative effect on people's lives. It enables individuals to engage in activities such as education, work, and daily tasks with greater ease and efficiency. By donating used eyeglasses, you empower individuals and communities by giving them the tools to pursue their goals and lead more fulfilling lives.

Join us for our Lions Club's Special Recycling Event

VIP Fishing Tournament

AD FORM

2023 NORTH CAROLINA LIONS VIP FISHING TOURNAMENT
40TH ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIR PROGRAM
OCT.16-18, 2023



AD DEADLINE: SEPT. 15, 2023

NAME OF CLUB, BUSINESS OR INDIVIDUAL: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

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PLEASE CHECK BOX INDICATING THE AD SIZE

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QUARTER PAGE	\$125	<input type="checkbox"/>
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
NC LIONS VIP FISHING TOURNAMENT, INC.

IF APPLICABLE, E-MAIL AD FILE TO
WHITEINK1@EARTHLINK.NET

MAIL FORM, PAYMENT & AD COPY TO
NC LIONS VIP FISHING TOURNAMENT, INC.
PO BOX 140
COLUMBIA, NC 27925



FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT LION MICHAEL H. SCHWARTZ
704-854-5315 OR SCHWARTZ5483@GMAIL.COM

Support the 2023 VIP Fishing
Tournament on October 16-18.

[Click here](#) to download this
form!!

Any Questions?
Contact Lion Michael H. Schwartz
at (704)-854-5315 or
schwartz54832gmail.com

Lions Club International Convention

DG Carlie Metts & Partner in Service Dawn Metts



(Left to right)

Council Chair Rahim Shamori, District Governors Susan O'Brien, Kathy Porrier, Carlie Metts, Lorriane Dixon, Susan Fernandez



Lion Derrick Mitchell

Council Chair Rahim Shamori



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