LIONS NEWSLETTER

THE TONS

DISTRICT 31N November 2023

TRITON HIGH SCHOOL LEOS HONORED AT ERWIN COUNCIL MEETING

On November 2, 2024 the Triton High School Leo's received a Proclamation from North Carolina Legislature for the many great work and leaders they are building. Also the Town of Erwin presented a proclamation to their president Leo Anna Joyner for being appointed to District 31N Cabinet as the Leo Liaison.







Shuck'n For Sight



MASSEY HILL LIONS CLUB



51ST ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST

Saturday, January 27, 2024 11:00am – 4:00pm

1613 Camden Rd • Fayetteville, NC

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Dine In ONLY . No To-Go Containers

\$50 Per Person

Presale Tickets ONLY until 1/17/24 No Ticket Sales at the Door

Contact Scott 910-494-0809
Denny 910-303-6205
Or any Lions Club Member for tickets

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR

Greetings Fellow Lions!,

District Governor

I first want to say you guys ROCK! As a whole this district is getting out there doing some great service. It is feeding into our fundraisers, membership and just the enthusiasm in the clubs. It is building from 1 club to another club. We are our own greatest supporters. So if a club needs help that is close by lend a helping hand. With that being said this month was not as great with membership growth. So far as of October 29th we are +19 in membership but for the first time we had a negative growth in membership. I know we are going to see some ups and downs in membership, but I really believe with how we started this year we can actually get back to the 1000 mark by the end of the year. You ask how do we do that? Well I am glad you asked. And the simple answer is "Just Ask". If we are going to continue to help our communities with the ever growing need, we will need more members. MORE MEMBERS = MORE SERVICE. I am so proud of the clubs that are growing and we can take notice on how they are doing this.

And now we come to Brighter Visions. You keep surprising me with how well we are doing with Brighter Visions. As of October 27th we have raised \$42,861.00. I can not thank you for how you are supporting Brighter Visions and the many programs that it supports for Visually Impaired Persons in our communities. I know PDG David Cox and 1st VDG Ana Elliott are excited how this is going. So let's see if we make it \$50,000 before the end of November. I know we can.

All clubs should have their Camp Dogwood tickets. If you have not gotten yours or need more. Please contact Camp Dogwood and they will send you more. Remember, we asking cubs to sell more tickets this year. It has gone from 3 books per member to 5 books per member.

Now let's talk about NC VIP Fishing
Tournament. Well it was the 40th anniversary
for the tournament this year and it did not
disappoint. All of the participants and
volunteers had a great time. Our district
sponsored the speaker with Past International
President Douglas Alexander. We also had 10
Past International Directors that came to
support him and volunteer at the tournament.



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t was great seeing them volunteer right along side of us as we worked with our VIP's. I always say this, if you have never been, your should. It will change you for the better.

Next we have two competitions that are coming up. First is the Peace Poster contest. The district has some kits. Please contact Lion Jamie Burney if you need a kit. In this newsletter is information on the contest. Next, is another contest for 9th-12th grade through the Celebrate Liberty. More information on this contest will be made available soon. Your Celebrate Liberty Chairs will be contacting your club for a visitation soon.

And since, we are now into November the Mid-Winter Convention is around the corner. It will be in Greenville again the weekend of January 19-20, 2024. District Governor Lorraine Dixon of District S and myself have been working on some the events for the convention along with our committee chair. Our speaker will be International Director Joanne Odgen from Ontario, Canada. And with the convention come the time to elect next years District Governor, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor. If you plan to run for an office you will need to have your letter of intent and your clubs endorsement to the Nominations Chair PDG Carlton Metts at carltonvmetts@gmail.com by December 15, 2023.

Last, we held our 2nd Cabinet Meeting at the Boys and Girls Home in Lake Waccamaw. We had a very productive meeting along being informed of on how Boys and Girls Home is doing and what they are working on. There will be more to come on a Lions work day at the home but the first thing that is needed is the help that is needed for the replacement of the HVAC system at the Lions Cottage. The unit has been put, but



we as Lions pledge to help with the cost and we still need to help with the cost of the unit. So let's roll up our sleeves and help!

I look forward in meeting with your club this year and will be in contact soon.

Yours in Lionsism,

Carlie Metts
District Governor

FROM OUR IVDG ANA ELLIOT

Hola Lions

It's that time of the year when we focus on being thankful and grateful. What are you thankful for this year? I will start; I am grateful for my family, but that includes you as well. Being a Lion is not only being part of such a wonderful organization is also the expansion of a family not only in your club but in your district and around the world. It's a very special month for me and my family as well as we celebrate Diabetes Awareness day on november 14th. Wear blue and is you don't mind share your picture at msgelliottwife@gmail.com

Thanks for ALL you do!
Please continue doing what you do
best, SERVE your community and don't
forget that I am just a phone call or text
away.

PS: My address on the directory is incorrect, please reach out if you are in need of it.

Ana M. Elliott, PhD 1VDG 31N



LUMBERTON NC LIONS NEW MEMBERS

At a regular meeting of the Lumberton (NC) Lions Club held on November 2nd,

five (5) new Lions were installed.

Installing officer was Past District Governor George Holston Wilmington (NC) Lions Club.

Pictured left to right:

PDG George Holston, Amber B. Ferrell, Linda Britt, Blake Dodd, Garrett Robinson, "AJ" Shahbaz and Lumberton Lions Club President and sponsor David A Cox.



FROM OUR... 2nd Vice District Governor

This was my first trip to The VIP Fishing Tournament on October 16-18 th and I must say "I'm Impressed". I'm most impressed with the work the LEO's put in on the pier. Many of my pictures include LEO's paying

attention to the VIP's, not only baiting their hooks but talking and laughing with them. "Great Job LEO's". It was a terrific event that took many hours of planning and work from all the Lion volunteers, I'll let the pictures speak for themselves.

Gene Goetz





Fall Festival/New Members Training November 4, 2023. 10:00 AM

Open to all members. Bingo and Trivial pursuit, Bouncy House. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, drinks.

> Lions Gazebo, Erwin Park, Erwin, NC 810 S 16th St, Erwin, NC 28339

> > RSVP By October 31, 2023 PDG DeAngelo Jackson m5djack@yahoo.com or 910-747-5808



FROM OUR PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Fellow Lions... the past few months have been very hectic but exciting! Several eSights have been purchased for folks, and at least 1 WeWalk has been purchased, with 26 more on the way for the Vision Resource Center in Fayetteville at the end of the month.

I have been helping several clubs in my district, such as Massey Hill, Angier, Western Harnett, Erwin and others in eye tests and color blind testing...

As far as Enchroma CB glasses, let me bring up few stories that made major impacts recently on the clubs and myself...

Like the story of the lady that saw the ad in the paper about the CB testing and "dragged" her husband to the event, as she had been telling him for years that he was CB... when they tested him, he came out with perfect vision, then he challenged HER to take the test... guess who the CB person was! She isn't any more!

And the low vision lady who was also CB... everything she saw was blurry, and colors were off. Well, she put on the Enchroma glasses, and not only did it help her color vision, but it also helped align the color cones in her eyes, so that they helped her with seeing everything more clearly! She now wears the glasses ALL THE TIME!

Lots of other stories about folks seeing the color purple for the first time... being able to see details in artwork that they purchased and had never seen before... a military gentleman seeing a red/green traffic light for the first time! Especially after they said, "there isn't much difference in what I'm seeing"! Within minutes, the glasses "kicked in" and he can see color... he has glasses now, too! And vision is hugely improved!

Those stories are inscribed in my head and heart... along with many other Lions! Please feel free to call me and share more stories! I hope you continue to purchase CB glasses, as the prices are comparable to regular glasses, and make just as huge an impact on the lives of the folks and children effected with CB.

Contact me if you haven't already gotten involved in the CB testing. You get a free test, get it verified by an eye doctor, but if you already have a pair or 2 of tester glasses, you will know if they will work before you even spend any money. There is a very small chance (15 ish %) that the glasses won't help. There might even be local doctors that carry the glasses!

Thank you for your time...
PDG Mayra McCloud
(Please feel free to call me with any questions! 931-252-8147)

Beufort NC Lions Club

Lions Funded NaviLens Interactive Experience Project Opens to the Public at the Beaufort NC Maritime Museum

On Wednesday October 18th, the NaviLens Interactive Experience was opened to the Public, at the Beaufort NC Maritime Museum. This project was funded by the Beaufort NC Lions Club, to make the Maritime Museum accessible to Blind and Low-Vision visitors. This project was developed with adherence to the "Blind Perspective Philosophy", providing access to all visual acuities; Totally Blind to Fully Sighted.

NaviLens is an application that allows the users phone camera to capture posted NaviLens codes upon contact, thus removing the obstructional requirements of previous locational knowledge of posted codes and the physical capturing via the taking of a photo to initiate interaction. Upon capture of a posted code, announcement of the identifier name will occur automatically, and then with a shake of the phone associated code information will be announced. The opening of this project, allows anyone visiting the Beaufort Nc Maritime Museum, the ability to listen or read associated detail descriptions and stories of coded Exhibits and displayed artifacts, not previously presented to the visiting public. These posted codes also provide unique Mobility promptin, allowing a new level of accurate mobility, with the provision of audible and/or tactile promts, allowing Blind and Lo-Vision visitors to be guided accurately to within one foot of a captured posted code. This level of Blind Mobility Prompting is unique to NaviLens, along with Information-Transfer properties,

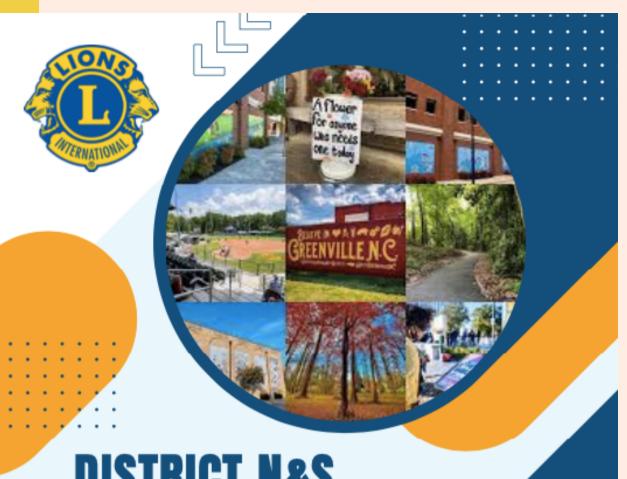
additional features, bringing a new powerful tool to the Blind. NaviLens applied usage, allows the Blind and Low- Vision, to achieve a new level of enhanced independence at home or at a NaviLens active venue, not previously attainable. The Beaufort Nc Lions Club invites all to visit the Beaufort NC Maritime Museum. To experience NaviLens!

For more information contact the Beaufort NC Llons Club via email:

beaufortnclionsclub@gmail.org or Blind Lion Peter Crumley via email:

peter.crumley@yahoo.com

and many



DISTRICT N&S MID-WINTER

Convention

JANUARY 19-20, 2024

Discover our top pick of topics and speakers. Something for everyone. Something for you.



Guest speaker
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR
JOANNE OGDEN

Beaufort NC Lions Club Fall Social

The Beaufort Lions Club held our Fall social onboard the LookOut catamaran: five new members were inducted during the evening cruise. This was a fun event for all and the Club woke up the Beaufort waterfront singing along to the music as we sailed along Taylors Creek.



Campbell University Men's Basketball

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Leadership Symposium December 2, 2023; 11:00-1:30

Audience: Current Leaders & Potential future District Governors.

\$10 which will include a meal and ticket to the game. We can also collect old glasses at the game.

> Symposium from 11:00 – 1:30 Buies Creek Fire Department 112 Marshbanks St, Lillington, NC 27546

Topics: Brighter Vision/Camp Dogwood, Leadership in Lionism & Guiding Lion, How to get and maintain Lion Members, Conflict resolution.

Campbell University versus Southern Virginia game time 2 PM John W. Pope Jr. Convocation Center

RSVP By November 27, 2023 PDG DeAngelo Jackson m5djack@yahoo.com or 910-747-5808





!! MARK YOUR CALENDERS !!

BOYS & GIRLS HOME

I have attached the document entitled The Bundle of Hope and a needs list for the Lake Cottage as suggestions for gifts to the Home. Keep in mind though your cash donations are most needed to care for the kids. The new Director for Civic Engagement for Boys and Girls Home of NC is Tom Lamont. Tom's email is **Tom.Lamont@bghnc.org** His phone is **910-646-308**3 extension 284. Please call Tom to visit your club or zone meetings. The Lions Cottage is still scheduling visits, just call Tom.

The Wilmington Lions Club plans to participate in a Trunk or Treat at the Boys and Girls Home Campus for the residents and children of staff members on October 30th.

The most recent development is that the HVAC units in the Lions Cottage are not working. There is a need for replacement units. It may run as much as \$30,000. This will be a state-wide project, and I am sure we can get this done.

It is for OUR LIONS COTTAGE. So far \$13,925 has been collected. Our district has donated over \$6500 so far. A form for donations is attached. Finally, the Hanover Lions Club assisted by the Wilmington Lions Club are sponsoring a benefit concert for NC Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw on November 11, 2023, in Wilmington, NC. A flyer is attached.



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 gave 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

WAGCAMAM, WELCOME BUNDLE CONTENTS:

- journal, writing utensils, sticky notes
- word search, crossword puzzles, sudoku
- cardboard/plastic puzzles, coloring books, playing cards, stuffed animal
- toothbrush, toothpaste, mouth wash
- lotion
- snack pack
- LED lights
- MP3 player
- headphones
- radios

continued below

- PG 13 movies (no horror)
- sound machines
- teen friendly comforter sets
- teen pajamas (male/female)
- slides (shoes)
- large waterbottles
- fidget toys
- wrist band coils
- watches
- game boys
- nintendo switch
- beanbag chairs
- febreeze air freshener

Anything is appreciated. THANK YOU!!

LAKE HOUSE 1, 2, & 3 NEEDS LIST

- Pampers sizes: newborn, 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5
- Pull-Ups
- Baby bottle brushes
- Detergent (Dref or other baby kind)
- Wipes
- Baby wash/Shampoo
- Baby Lotion
- Baby sippy cups
- Baby bottles (4oz. & 8oz.)
- Burping Cloths
- Baby bags
- Baby monitors
- Baby clothing (size 0-24 months)
- Towels & wash cloths
- Crib sheets

fellow Lions

The Air Conditioning/heating units in the Lions Cottage at Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina are non-operable and need to be replaced, The units are old and repairs are not really worth the money or effort. There are eight fine young men who are no longer able to live in the Lions Cottage, OUR Cottage. They are being housed in other units at this time. Replacement units will be more cost effective and over time save money on energy costs. The goal is to raise \$30,000 to cover the replacement units, minor repairs as needed for installation of new units, and some funds for additional maintenance items.

The Lions Cottage was the second cottage built at Lake Waccamaw in 1960 and has housed hundreds of young people over the years. Let's get our kids back in the Lions Cottage!

Individuals may also send donations on behalf of the district. BGHNC is a 501c3 non-profit, and the EIN is 58-1387871. You can receive a tax deductible donation letter from BGHNC. Clubs in all districts ae urged to help with this project.

Checks should be made out to Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina (or BGHNC) with Lions Cottage AC and Maintenance on the for/ memo line.

Lion Mary Lockhart NC MD 31 Lions State Chair, Boys and Girls Homes 336 337-7449 marylockhar2@gmail.com

Donate to NC Lions Cottage AC Replacement and Maintenance Fund Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina

Our Lions MD 31 Goal is \$30,000. Please Make your check out to BGHNC with Lions Cottage AC and Maintenance on the for or memo line. Send to: Lions Cottage AC Replacement and Maintenance, BGHNC, c/o Marie Kelly, PO BOX

127 LAKE WACCAMAW, NC 28450

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127 LAKE WACCAMAW, NC 28450

DONATION FORM:

Name of club or individual making donation	:
District if applicable:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
If you wish to receive a tax-deductible dona	tion letter from BGHN check here
Is this an Honorarium? or Memori If so, please send donation announcement to Name(s):	.0
Address:	
City State 7in Code:	AUROPA

WELCOME TO THE AURORA LIONS
CLUB NYKOLETTE AND JONATHAN!
WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE YOU IN OUR
SERVICE ORGANIZATION!!



MEMBERSHIP ARTICLE

This month I am going to be discussing WHEN you should be recruiting new members. You need to be hooked on being a member of the Lions. To me, recruiting new members is whenever I meet someone new. It is a passion with me and I find great pleasure in talking about the Lions and what they do to help those less fortunate. In an earlier article I mentioned that there are different ways in which to ask people to join. But you need to engage the person in a discussion about the good things Lions do and how he/she might be able to do the same. You may wish to bring up the idea without any push for them to join and then when you see the person again a month later you can ask did you have a chance to think about the Lions and how you might be able to serve.

I have found that a good time is at a relaxed or casual event such as a party or having a beer or wine with the guys or gals. You can then share the good times that you have at your meetings, fundraisers or service projects. As President, I ask you to engage your members to go out and recruit new members to your club.

Any questions or if you wish to discuss further, give me a call or send email.

REMEMBER THE SECRET TO NEW MEMBES IS JUST ASKING!!!!

Membership totals 07/01/2023 10/20/2023 Gain/Loss 963 985 +22

Lion Vince Schimmoller District Membership Chair vschimmoller@gmail.com 919-935-9937



HUGS FROM HARRISON TOY DRIVE

Harrison Turner was a little boy with a giving

heart as big as the world! He passed away at the age of 8 due to brain cancer. His giving heart continues through this toy drive for the children James & Connie Maynard Children's Hospital in Greenville, NC.If any Club or Lion would like to donate an unopened toy and help Harrison's legacy live on!

You may bring your donation to Lions Industries for the Blind, Inc. in Kinston, NC or Contact District Governor Carlie Metts for pick up. Deadline is December 4, 2023. Merry Christmas!!

KIDSIGHT REPORTS

If you're using a club camera or the KSU vehicle with a PlusOptix camera it is my job as the district KidSight chair to report all of the screening data to the state Kidsight chair and NCLF. The information is used by Lions Kidsight USA to evaluate the KidSight program and to help make future decisions on managing the program. NCLF uses the information to verify that the grant money is appropriately used. The information is important but for it to be useful it must be accurate and complete.

Community Eye Screening For Children

Therefore, I'm asking you to send the following information to:

Gene Goetz via mail; 312 Glenn Laurel Dr. Pikeville NC 27863

Email; ggoetz00@gmail.com

Text: 414-640-5953

5-6_____

6+____

Name of Lions Club:	
Date of screening:	
Name of facility where the screening was done: _	
Camera used; Spot or PlusOptix	
Number of Children screened in the following age	e ranges:
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2-3	
3-4	
4-5	
5-6	M 9
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Number of Children referred in the	
following age ranges:	
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2-3	
3-4	70
4-5	1 COUR

KIDSIGHT REPORTS

Along with sending the report up the chain I'm also going to start reporting the information back to you on a monthly basis. The following information was reported from mid-September to mid-October.

- Sept. 12, Wilmington screened 56, referred 7
- Sept. 16, Western Harnett screened 245, referred 47
- Sept. 16, New Bern Vision Clinic screened 243, referred 27.
- Sept. 18, Goldsboro downtown screened 39, referred 4
- Sept. 30, Anderson Creek community event screened 6, referred 1
- Oct. 5, Clinton various elementary schools screened 933, referred 231
- Oct. 7, Erwin Community Building screened 6, referred 1
- Oct. 9, Goldsboro downtown screened 24, referred 3
- Oct. 11, 2023 Goldsboro downtown screened 28, referred 14
- Oct. 18, 2023 Hamstead screened 56, referred 4

Since Sept. 1, 2023 we screened 1636 and referred 339

If you feel I missed a screening done by your club, send me the data and I'll submit it

next month.

KIDSIGHT KSU DRIVERS

The plan is to move the KSU vehicle Kinston but I'm waiting to make that decision until after I have a sufficient number of qualified drivers in the district. So, if you're interested in becoming a qualified KSU driver contact me and I'll send you the requirements.



KIDSIGHT TRAINING

Kidsight training session was conducted at LIB in Kinston on September 9th. The training went well with 15 Lions attending, from the following clubs, Kinston, Erwin, Snow Hill, New Bern TR, Faison, Grifton, Burgaw, Greenville Host, and Fayetteville Community. After you are certified please contact me so I can add you to a list of proud screeners in district 31-N.

My goal is to have 4 members (212 members) in every club in our district certified by the end of this year. You can help me achieve this goal by hosting a training session in your area. All I need is a location with tables and chairs that will accommodate 20 people for a 5-hour session. I will take care of the other arrangements. Call me to arrange a date.

Gene Goetz 2VDG



LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

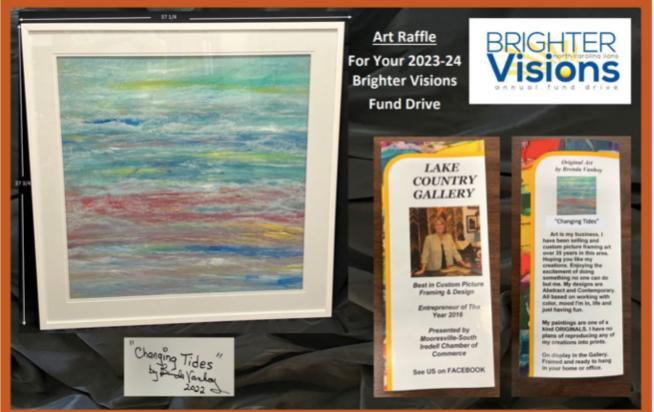
PEACE POSTER

Clubs that would like to enter an entry in the Peace Poster Competition, should send entries to Jamie Burney

PO Box 923 Lumberton, NC 28359.

Entries should be postmarked no later than November 15, 2023. Entries will be judged and sent to District Governor Carlie Metts by December 1, 2023.

If you would like to deliver in person, please email me at james.burney@robeson.k12.nc.us for directions and to arrange a time to meet.





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\$5 or 3 /\$10 or 7/\$20	June 13th, 2024	Drawing	Frame Print by Brenda Vanhoy	North Carolina Lions Brighter Visions Raffi

Art Raffle Tickets coming to your District Brighter Vision Chair

This donation for the 2023-2024 Brighter Vision's Art Raffle is from our local Artist, Brenda Vanhoy of Mooresville, NC. Brenda is also a talented framer and frames all the art work for the North Carolina Lions Foundation. She was so impressed with the purpose of NC Lions Brighter Vision Fund Drive she donated one of her own pieces of Art. Good Luck to the Winner on June 13, 2024. Donations can be added to your club BV total. **Send stubs, money and instructions to NCLF, PO Box 39, Sherrills Ford, NC 28673**

Tickets: 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10 and 7 for \$20 Drawing June 13, 2024 at the same time as the Camp Dogwood Raffle

FROM THE NOMINATIONS CHAIR

Nominations for 2024-2025 Officers (District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor and 2nd Vice District Governor) are due to the Nominations Chair PDG Carlton Metts by December 15, 2023.

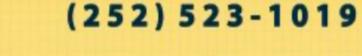
Please email your Resume and Club Endorsement to

carltonvmetts@gmail.com.



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