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June 2024



From the District Governor

With this Lions year coming to end and I want to thank each Officer, Committee Chair and all of the members of District 31N that have contributed to a successful year. I am so proud to have served as your Governor and could not have done it by myself. This has truly been a team effort.

I look forward to seeing what DGE Ana and her team will and can do. She has formed a great team and I ask you to help next year's team to keep the momentum going.

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23/24

23/24 Council of Governors

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From the District Governor Cont.

We have had membership growth this year adding new members and also a new club recently. The Liberty Lions Club from Spring Lake, NC. We just recently added a new Leo Club, the Smithfield-Selma High School Leo Club and have another one soon to start in the Wilmington area. We have lost members but we had a great growth of membership this year. PDG Vince has done some great articles on membership and I would like to thank him for his help this year. We are currently at 1018 members, including the new Liberty Lions Club. That is a great accomplishment for the year. Last but not least we have had a great year with Brighter Visions and we will exceed our goal, but NCLF still needs our help. If your club has not sent anything in this year, it would help if you sent something. Also, if your club has met its goal, see if you can send in something extra.

Once again thank you for a great year!

DG Carlie Metts

BRIGHTER
north carolina lions
Visions
annual fund drive

\$90,193.00

100% of Goal Raised

NORTH CAROLINA
 Lions Foundation

Camp Dogwood Raffle
\$19,739.95



Camp Dogwood

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From the District Governor Elect

Hola LIONS!

Summer is finally here and with that the end of a great Lions Year. Still have some time to turn in your Brighter Vision and Camp Dogwood raffle tickets! But also, the beginning of the new Lions Year and we get to set up new expectations, adventures, and experiences. Let's start the year strong and committed like we will end it.

We will have our Awards and Installations Ceremony on July 27th, 2024 (See invite Attached) please make sure to RSVP by July 21st, 2024 to our District Treasurer Betty Shingleton (emilysgigi2015@gmail.com) or myself (msgelliottwife@gmail.com). Our special speaker will be PID Gwen White.

Our District GLT, PDG Deangelo Jackson has been working hard on scheduling training sections for the benefits of our district, here is what we have for now:

- Officer Trainings

Club President, Secretary, and Treasurer

- June 22, 2024- 9 AM, Zoom.
- July 13, 2024- 9 AM In person and online - Location TBA



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- 4th Tuesday Monthly Online Training
 - Tuesday June 25, 2024 - 7:00 PM Lion's Portal
 - Tuesday July 23, 2024 - 7:00 PM Reporting Service Projects
 - Tuesday August 27, 2024 - 7:00 PM Effective Communication
 - Tuesday September 24, 2024 - 7:00 PM Conflict Resolution
 - Tuesday October 22, 2024 - 7:00 PM What is a LION?
 - Tuesday November 19, 2024 - 7:00 PM LCIF Grants
 - Tuesday December 17, 2024 - 7:00 PM Mission 1.5
- Please make sure to RSVP to m2djack@yahoo.com if you would like to participate.

Finally, please make sure that you update Lions Portal with your new officers as soon as possible, we need this information to finalize our directory. If you are having troubles with Lion Portal, please send me an email with the information in the meantime.

I am as ready and excited as I could be to start our 2024-2025 Lions Year and I hope you are as well.

Respectfully,

We listen, we process...WE SERVE!

DGE Ana Elliott



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From the 1st VDG Elect

As my first year as second Vice District Governor comes to a close, I feel like I'm knee deep in a fast-flowing stream ready to jump into the lake! Next year at this time I'll be waste deep in the lake ready to jump into the ocean! I'm confident that in my year of district governorship I'll have plenty of help holding my head above water!

I need your help. In the coming months I'll be searching for qualified Lion volunteers to fill positions of leadership in the district. Some positions are easier than others, requiring only a few phone calls, others are more challenging requiring club visits and public speaking. Regardless of the job challenges they will all be rewarding! Always remember, you are working with the friendliest group of people, fearless Lions! So be prepared, I'm coming for you!

Many clubs raise funds locally for their communities, this is fantastic! I commend you on your efforts to make your communities a better place to live for everyone. As in our personal lives we make a priority of taking care of our personal properties, we also need to place a priority on the care of our North Carolina property, Camp Dogwood. As members of NCLF, Inc we have a responsibility to help fund the programs supported by NCLF.



FVDG Gene Goetz

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11st VDGE Cont.

Camp Dogwood; eight weeks of activities for NC visually impaired and blind adults.

- Deaf/Blind retreat.
- Low vision aids.
- White cane distribution.
- Contributions to clinical eye research.
- LEHP – Lions Eye Health Program.
- Matching grants.
- Assistance with eye and tissue donations.
- Recycling glasses.
- KidSight program with six vehicles around the state.
- Mobil screening unit; primarily for adult eye screening
- Administration of the VSP program; aiding applicants to secure glasses.

All of these programs have the potential to help people from your local community.

Don't miss the upcoming KidSight training sessions on Saturday, July 13 th at Fayetteville Massey Hill club or on September 28 th at Lake Waccamaw. Notices on the details of these training dates will go out soon.

Lion Gene Goetz

FVDGE District 31-N



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Leo Club News

This year has been the year of the Leos. First, let's start off with the great news that we have a new Leo Club. Let's welcome the Smithfield-Selma High School Leo Club. The Selma LC has been working hard to get this club chartered. Great job to Lion Sara McCallister for starting the club. We look forward to seeing the club excel.

Next is the Triton High School Leo Club. Lion TJ Morris has a group of Leos led by Anna Joyner. This has helped with projects with the Erwin Lions Club all year, along with their own projects. The club also had 3 scholarship recipients from the Erwin Lions Club. We also saw a Charter Member to join the Erwin LC this year.

Last but not least is the Awaiting Leo Club. This club has impressed me how they got out to help a new chartering club with their hunger project along with their own projects throughout the year.

I could not be more proud of our youth giving back to their community.

Hopefully soon, the district will see another club form in Wilmington. The Leo's are our future Lions and we need to encourage them.



Leo Anna Joyner & Triton Leos
Being honored

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Membership News

Our membership goal is to be a plus 20 at the end of the year. Here is a glimpse of our current status as of June 2, 2024.

Beginning Membership - 963

Current Membership - 1021

Dropped Membership - 112

New Membership - 170

Net Gain - 58

Membership Growth - 5.68%

New Club Chartered - 1

New Leo Club Chartered - 1



We need to keep this momentum going with new members with a mindset of service. I am so proud of each and everyone of you for bringing in new members. If your club is struggling, let us know so we can setup a Club Rebuilding Program. We have members willing to help with this program.

Remember ***more members = more service***



New Member Lion Sarah
Bartlett Inducted by
ID Joanne Ogden

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Boys and Girls Home

The Lions of 31-N have been busy providing resources and attention to the Lions Cottage and residents in 2023-2024.

Now there is more work to be done at the home for the boys. The cottage is in need of renovation. Lion Scott Stephenson is the project manager for this project. The goal of the project is to have the cottage look like a home. The bids have come in and a Capital Campaign is in its beginning stages. We have already raised over \$40,000.00 just by word of mouth. The project is broken up in 2 stages. One being the remodel of the Kitchen and 2nd stage the living areas. This will be a massive undertaking but as Lions we can do this. So, let's get behind this project to help give these kids something that every kid deserves. More information on the Capital Campaign is coming out in the future.

PLEASE communicate and coordinate with Lion Scott Stephenson who will serve as BGHNC chair and will coordinate this project. We need to avoid duplications and provide items that are needed.

Lion Scott Stephenson
Fayetteville Massey Hill Lions (Currently Club President)
Co-Chair Boys and Girls Home of NC for 31-N Lions
smstep@aol.com
C 910 494-0809



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YOU ARE INVITED

*Charter
Night*

LIBERTY LIONS CLUB

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024

AT 6:00PM

12254 NC 210
SPRING LAKE, NC 28390

Monetary Gifts Accepted

Contact PDG Mayra McCloud
931-252-8147

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BRIGHTER VISION KICKOFF

Bring your BASKET!


Show your support for the programs offered by our own North Carolina Lions, Inc. (NCLF). There are many ways we can show our support but two primary ways are through volunteering and donations. This meeting is your clubs' opportunity to show support through your donation. So, please try to submit a donation. For many clubs' budgets are tight, we ask that you "Do what you can" to show your club's support.

HELP US WITH

- Donate a Basket for raffle
- Raffle tickets \$5
- \$125.00 per member
- Initial contribution


JOIN OUR EVENT

 **AUGUST 24, 2024**
11 am - 2 pm

 LIB Lions Industries for the Blind, Kinston

For More Information:

PDG Carlie Metts
252.259.4827

 **cmetts22@gmail.com**
coxdada@yahoo.com

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27
JULY
2024
2PM

District Governor

Ana M. Elliott

REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR
COMPANY FOR OUR

*District 31-N
Awards and Installation
Ceremony*

Special Speaker: PID Gwen White

Carolina Lakes Clubhouse
GATED COMMUNITY
91 Club House Drive,
Sanford, NC 27332

RSVP BY JULY 21ST, 2024 TO
MSGELLIOTTWIFE@GMAIL.COM



Betty Shingleton- District Treasurer
emilysgigi2015@gmail.com

Mail your payment of \$30.00 p/p to:
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Kinston, NC 28504.

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