

# Monthly newsletter

DISTRICT 31-N

July 2024



## Message from your District Governor Ana M. Elliott

The day has come to begin this journey  
as your District Governor and I hope  
you are all as excited as I am.

As IPDG Carlie Metts has ended his year  
strong, let's keep that momentum going  
for the good of the causes we support as  
well as our District.

I have a dedicated and committed  
Cabinet in placed to assist you and your  
Club in any way necessary to have a  
successful Lions year.

ROAR

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In this newsletter  
you can expect:

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DG, IVDG &  
2VDG updates

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Global Team  
updates

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Region & Zone  
chairs updates

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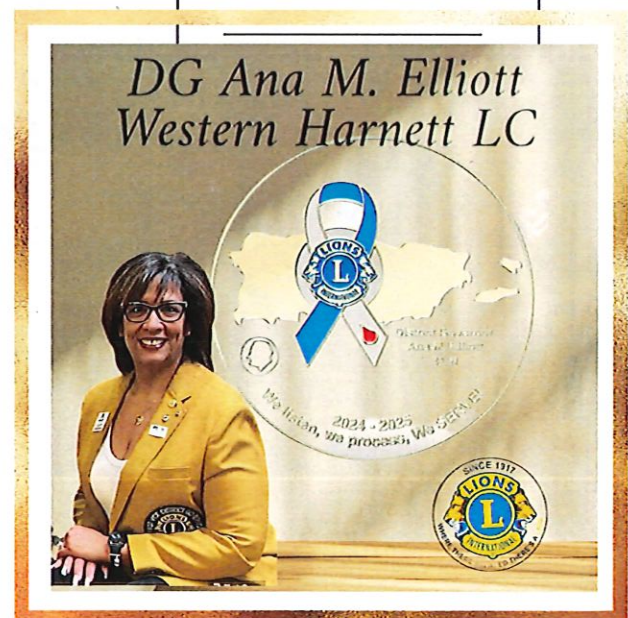
Important dates

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Brighter Vision &  
Camp Dogwood

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Training Dates





## 1VDG Gene Goetz

By the time this newsletter is issued we will be starting a new Lion's year. Congratulations to all of you for a fine job collecting funds to support Brighter Visions and the Camp Dogwood Raffle.

We ended the year not only meeting but exceeding our goals!

The Brighter Visions Campaign is not completed at this time but district 31-N contributed \$91,283 surpassing our goal of \$90,000.

For the Camp Dogwood Raffle all our districts exceeded the amount raised the previous year.

I'm ready and excited to assume the reins of First Vice District Governor. In addition, I will also be district 31-N chair for Kidsight and state co-chair for Camp Dogwood sharing this position with PDG Laraine Dupree from the Wingate Lions Club in district O.

Regardless of the jobs that I'm responsible for be sure that you and the clubs of 31-N will be my top priority.

If you have questions or need help, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Lion Gene Goetz**  
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**312 Glenn Laurel Dr.**  
**Pikeville NC, 27863**



## 2VDG Eddie Chase

HELLO FELLOW LIONS;  
AS WE CLOSE OUT ANOTHER GREAT YEAR IN  
LIONISM AND  
BEGIN A NEW YEAR, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK  
YOU FOR  
ALLOWING ME TO SERVE OUR DISTRICT AS 2VDG  
FOR THE  
UPCOMING YEAR. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO  
SERVING  
ALONGSIDE OTHER LIONS THROUGHOUT OUR  
DISTRICT.  
WE HAVE AWESOME LIONS IN OUR DISTRICT  
THAT ALWAYS PUT  
FORWARD THE UTMOST EFFORT IN ALL THEY DO.  
WE SERVE OUR  
COMMUNITIES WITH GREAT PRIDE AND HONOR. I  
WILL DO ALL I  
CAN TO ASSIST YOU IN YOUR CLUBS AND  
THROUGHOUT THE  
DISTRICT TO FURTHER THE GOOD OF LIONISM.  
AS WE BEGIN THIS JOURNEY TOGETHER I LOOK  
FORWARD TO  
VISITING YOU AND YOUR CLUBS.

SINCERELY;  
2VDG EDDIE CHASE  
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EDDIE.CHASE1953@GMAIL.COM





# Message from out IPDG Carlie Metts

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Greetings Fellow Lions!

Well we have done a lot of great things this past year and it was done through your great service as Lions. We did not complete every goal but we sure did meet most of them.

We exceeded our Brighter Visions Goal for the year. As of June 21, we have raised \$91,283.00

with more projected to come in. This is the first time in a long time that we met the goal. We increased our Camp Dogwood Raffle Sales by \$4,801.95 from last year totaling \$22,800.95. We have taken on the lead for a huge fundraiser for renovation project for our Lions Cottage that will total somewhere around \$300,000.00. Lion Scott Stephenson has been hard at work

where we have raised around \$55,000.00 in less than 4 months without really getting started on

the campaign because Lions care when they heard what was needed. I really believe we are about to hear some really great news about this project and this district will be blown away as Lions, we can do when, we have a passion about something. It gets done in record fashion.

Stay tune for more updates on the Boys and Girls Home's Lion Cottage Project. I hope we get to make the next big announcement at the Awards and Installation on July 27th. So stay tune.

What can I say about membership growth. We took on the Mission 1.5 campaign that we can do more service by adding new members and we continue to do that. We have added members, a club and 2 Leo clubs to district. I have not seen this much excitement in a while.

So I would like to thank each of you for doing what we do best "WE SERVE".

Even as my year is coming to an end. My service to this district and to the state will not end. I will be leading a newly formed committee for NC Lions Foundation. Leadership Development

Committee, this committee is made up of my council. We will be training the NCLF committee

chairs on everything about the foundation so they can give you up-to-date information on your

Foundation and the needs of the camp. I also am going for the nomination to be the incoming

2nd VDG's Council Chair.

I look forward to continue to serve with the best District.

*Carlie Metts*

Immediate Past District Governor



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What does it mean to Make Your Mark? It means stepping up in our clubs and our communities and changing lives. It means amplifying the voices that may go unheard. It means showing the world that Lions care and we are here to stay.

Fabrício Oliveira

2024-2025  
Lions International  
President



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YOUR  
MARK



We Serve

Make Your Mark

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# Global Team Updates

PDG Robert “Bob” Block  
GST

Fellow Lions,

It is my pleasure to serve our district as the GST for the 2024-25 fiscal year. First, I want to thank our District Governor, Lion Ana Elliott, for choosing me to help lead this ever important position in our District. I feel that it is important for everyone to understand the role of the GST and what that “stands for”, you know us Lions love our acronyms! “The Global Service Team (GST) helps clubs identify resources and use best practices to improve their projects and, by extension, their impact. Quality service projects increase member satisfaction and help attract new members who are looking to serve. The GST champions the service programs, resources, and grants of Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), empowering Lions and Leos around the world to maximize their service impact.” [www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/gst-toolbox](http://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/gst-toolbox)

So, in a nutshell, it’ll be my goal this year to help each club celebrate the service they are already doing and get recognition for inputting their service projects to the Lions Portal. I will assist club leaders with the “how” when it comes to reporting questions, I will share ideas and challenge each club to think outside the box and take action because after all, WE SERVE! I look forward to working with the clubs of our district and hope that many of you will reach out to me over the course of this year. Together, we can make a difference, and together we WILL grow our district with more Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services (LIONS) through service!

Serving each other, PDG Lion Bob Block

Cell: 252.229.5099





# REGION AND ZONES CHAIRS

## Region 1 (Zones 1,2,3,4,5)

Lion Joe Poth

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### Zone 1 Chair

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### Zone 3 Chair

Janice Boone

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### Zone 4 Chair

Lion Brian Hinsley (Kim)

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### Zone 1 Clubs

Colabash (Rebuild)

Lake Waccamaw  
Oak Island  
Shalotte  
Southeastern NC Eye Care  
Southport

### Zone 2 Clubs

Clarkton

Lumberton

Marion

Pembroke

Roland

St Pauls

### Zone 3 Clubs

Anderson Creek

Lillington

Western Hamett

### Zone 4 Clubs

Dunn

Dunn Mary Stewart

Erwin

Fayetteville Community

Fayetteville Massey Hill

Godwin

### Zone 5 Clubs

Angier

Benson

Pine Level

Princeton

Selma

Smithfield

Coats

Buy Creek

### Zone 6 Chair

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### Zone 7 Chair

Vacant

### Zone 8 Chair

Lion Jerry Williams

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### Zone 9 Chair

Lion Catherine Revels

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### Zone 6 Clubs

Burgaw

Hamstead

Hamover

Jacksonville Host

Jacksonville New River

Wilmington

### Zone 7 Clubs

Clinton

Faison

Goldston Downtown

Goldston Host

Mt Olive

Pikeville

### Zone 8 Clubs

Beaufort

Jones County

Kinston

New Bam

New Bam Twin Rivers

### Zone 9 Clubs

Aurora

Both

Farmville

Grifton

Greenville Host

Snow Hill





## Camp Dogwood and Brighter Vision Updates

From the Camp Dogwood District 31-N Chair

The Camp Dogwood Raffle this year ended up doing GREAT with all districts showing an increase.

"Thank You" for a job Well Done!

For next year I look forward to Co-chairing this position with PDG Laraine Dupree. Laraine is a member of the Wingate Lions Club in district O and has filled many district and state positions. Your Camp Dogwood Raffle will change for 2024-2025.

- Ticket prices will change to \$5 per ticket, \$10 for 3 tickets, and \$20 for 7 tickets.
- No staple binding the books together and no extra cover sheets.
- Addition of a QR code on each ticket.

These changes will save a large amount of money in ticket printing charges and will simplify the collating process for clubs sending in a large quantity of tickets. The QR code will allow clubs to easily process payments on the web.

Please have a representative of your club at the Brighter Visions Kickoff

"Your effort to have someone from your club at the kickoff to pick up tickets will be appreciated".

August 24, 2024, 11AM at Lions Industries for the  
Blind, 4126 Berkeley Avenue, Kinston, NC

<i>DISTRICT</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>DIFFERENCE</i>	<i>% INCREASE</i>
L	17,844.70	<b>22,196.65</b>	4,351.95	<b>24.39</b>
I	18,837.00	<b>21,179.00</b>	2,342.00	<b>12.43</b>
O	25,374.00	<b>30,740.00</b>	5,366.00	<b>21.15</b>
N	17,999.00	<b>22,800.95</b>	4,801.95	<b>26.68</b>
S	23,281.00	<b>31,277.00</b>	7,996.00	<b>34.35</b>
TOTALS	103,335.70	<b>128,193.60</b>	24,857.90	<b>24.06</b>





#### NEW KIDSIGHT SCREENING MANUAL NOW AVAILABLE

THE STATE COORDINATOR OF THE MOBILE SCREENING PROGRAMS AND THE SEE THE 21ST CENTURY MOBILE SCREENING PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE AVAILABILITY OF AN UPDATED AND EXPANDED KIDSIGHT SCREENING MANUAL.

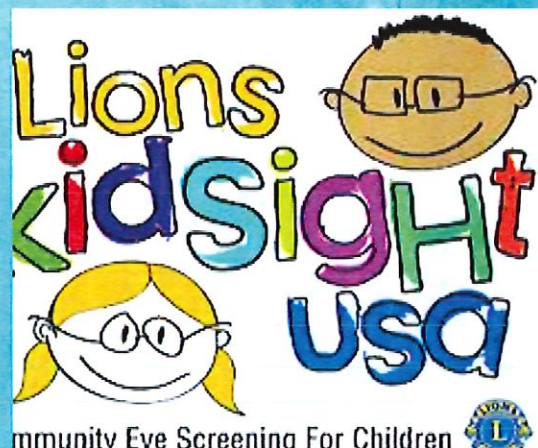
THIS MANUAL PROVIDES A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN GUIDANCE FOR CLUBS THAT MIGHT CONSIDER ADDING CHILDRENS' VISION SCREENING TO THE SERVICES PROVIDED IN YOUR COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS FOR CLUBS THAT ARE ALREADY CONDUCTING KIDSIGHT SCREENINGS. THERE IS A HEAVY "HOW TO" EMPHASIS IN THE REVISION, INCLUDING MORE ABOUT "PLANNING SCREENINGS" AND A NEW SECTION ENTITLED "SCREENED FACILITY REQUIREMENTS". THE IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOW-UP FOR THE CHILDREN WHO ARE "REFERRED" FOR COMPLETE EYE EXAMINATIONS IS STRESSED, AND NCLF'S POSITION ON SCREENING OF ADULTS WITH THE PHOTOREFRACTIVE CAMERAS DURING KIDSIGHT SCREENINGS IS COVERED. THE TWO KEY FORMS USED DURING SCREENINGS HAVE BEEN UPDATED, AND A NEW FORM/TEMPLATE HAS BEEN ADDED TO GIVE TO PARENTS OF "REFERRED" CHILDREN. ANOTHER ADDITION IS AN EXPANDED SECTION ABOUT GUIDELINES FOR VOLUNTEERS AND A NEW CODE OF ETHICS THAT WILL BE COVERED WITH ALL VOLUNTEERS PRIOR TO EVERY SCREENING USING THE NCLF KIDSIGHT UNITS, AND WHICH WE HOPE WILL BE USED BY ALL CLUBS DOING KIDSIGHT SCREENINGS.

THE NEW MANUAL CAN EASILY BE ACCESSED ON THE HOME - NORTH CAROLINA LIONS FOUNDATION (NCLF.ORG) WEBSITE AND THEN ACCESS PROGRAM FORMS. ONCE IN THE DROPDOWN FOR PROGRAM FORMS, LOOK ON THE LEFT SIDE UNDER "SEE THE 21ST CENTURY SCREENING PROGRAMS. HERE YOU WILL FIND THE MSU/KSU BOOKING GUIDELINES, ALONG WITH THE MSU SCREENING MANUAL AND THE KIDSIGHT SCREENING MANUAL.

PLEASE CONTACT THE STATE COORDINATOR, BRYAN HOOVER, AT [BRYAN@NCLF.ORG](mailto:BRYAN@NCLF.ORG) OR CALL 1-800-662-7401 EXT. 241, WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SERVING TOGETHER IN YOUR COMMUNITIES!  
YOURS IN SERVICE,

JON SNELLINGS, INCOMING STATE CHAIR OF THE SEE THE 21ST CENTURY SCREENING PROGRAMS AND  
BRYAN HOOVER, STATE COORDINATOR OF THE SEE THE 21ST CENTURY SCREENING PROGRAMS



Community Eye Screening For Children





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:*

*214 Jessie T. Bryan Rd*

*Kinston, NC 28504.*





# 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:**

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PASSCODE: 2751

FIND YOUR LOCAL NUMBER: [HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/U/KTEILYOS2](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87985312508)

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 [M5DJACK@YAHOO.COM](mailto:M5DJACK@YAHOO.COM) IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE.

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