

# Monthly newsletter

DISTRICT 31-N



August 2024



## Message from your District Governor Ana M. Elliott

I just wanted to start by saying thank you to everyone who came to our Awards and Installation Ceremony. PID Gwen White speech was inspiring and cheerful, I am forever grateful.

**Western Harnett Lions Club, YOU ARE AWESOME!!!!!!!**

Lions, your newly installed cabinet is ready to roar, their commitment and dedication will help you succeed this year.

We will continue with monthly training, be present, there is always something to learn. Our next event is our BV Kick off August 24th, flyer attached and right after that it will be our 1st Cabinet meeting. I hope to see you all there!

ROAR

Until then,

*AElliott*



In this newsletter you can expect:

DG, 1VDG & 2VDG updates

Global Team updates

Region & Zone chairs updates

Important dates

Brighter Vision & Camp Dogwood

Training Dates



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## 1VLDG Gene Goetz

With my first year on my journey to be District Governor for MD31-N I'm ready and excited to assume the duties of First Vice DG. This last year has been a "Warm up" time for me, the thinking stage of the three-year process. Thinking of who to ask to fill positions, thinking of goals for the future, and thinking of things I would like to accomplish. This year I'll be putting all these things together, formulating plans and implementing actions for the future.

My top priority this year is to get to better know the members of MD31-N. You can help me out by letting me know your concerns and/or improvements you would recommend for the future.

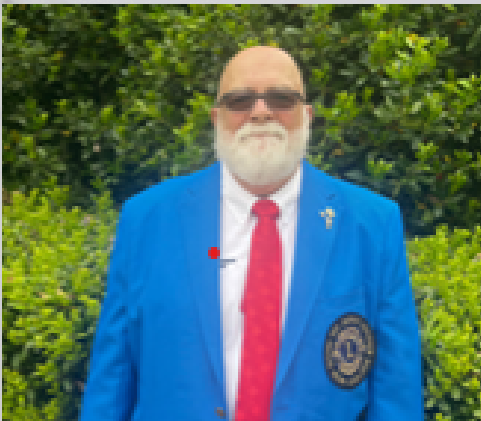
We have a great district leadership team set up for this coming year. Ana, Eddie and Myself are all ready to hear from you.

Clubs in MD31-N have done a great job on community service projects in the last year. I ask that you continue to serve your community and to please remember that supporting NCLF and Camp Dogwood by volunteering or with donations also helps people in your own community.

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

Lion Gene Goetz

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2VLDG Eddie Chase

Hello Lions;

Things are moving quickly as we begin our first month of the Lion's year. We are looking forward to a great year in Lionism. I recently had the honor and privilege to serve as a volunteer at Camp Dogwood July 7th-11th.

Each day was a day of rich rewards, I met so many new friends and enjoyed the opportunity to serve our VIPs.

I would strongly recommend all Lions to become Camp Dogwood volunteers.

I was also a guest at the Lions Industry for the Blind family night at the Lions Water Park in Kinston. This was a great evening of fun, food, and fellowship to continue to say thank you to the employees for the great job they do. A great time was had by all.

Looking forward to seeing you soon. As always please call or e-mail if I can assist you or your Clubs.

Sincerely,

Lion Eddie Chase

2VLDG District 31-N

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"To live is to Serve"





**“See the 21st Century Screening Program”**

**From the your KIDSIGHT district chair**

**The Mobile Screening Programs Committee under the direction of our new state chair Lion Jon Snellings has been working hard putting together a revised Kidsight training manual. The new manual is easily accessed at <https://nclf.org/> by picking Program Forms then scroll down to “See the 21st Century Screening Program” pick on KidSight Screening Manual 6.19.24 and you’ll have it!**

**Regardless if your club is using your own camera, Welch Allan Spot or PlusOptix, or you plan on using the KidSight vehicle we welcome you to use this new training manual or attend training. You may have been screening kids for many years but “Who knows”, you may find some information that helps at your screenings.**

**After 4 training sessions, 65 members went through a 5-hour training session since September of 2023. There were 13 Lions at the last training in Spring Lake. A big thank you to the Liberty Lions Club and the Fayetteville Massey Hill Lions Club for sponsoring this training. Our next training session will be sponsored by the Lake Waccamaw Lions Club on September 28, at 506 Lake Shore Dr. in Lake Waccamaw. More information will be sent out on this training opportunity.**

**All clubs, please report your screenings to:  
Gene Goetz at [ggoetz00@gmail.com](mailto:ggoetz00@gmail.com)**

**This information is used to report to state agencies, public school systems, and LCI. We also want benefactors of North Carolina Lions Foundations that we’re doing our part to screen the vision of our most important resource, our children!**

**District MD31-N has screened 6408 children, 724 children were referred to an optometrist for further evaluation in the last year.**

**I’m pleased to announce that we now have 6 District 31-N Kidsight Unit Operators: Gene Goetz, Eddie Chase, Carlie Metts, Nan Bejian, Robert Block, and Betty Shingleton. Four of these operators must still complete two screenings with another operator. With this amount of help we are sure we can dispatch the Kidsight vehicle from it’s parking spot at LIB in Kinston most any date.**

**Contact your community childcare centers and school systems then schedule a KidSight screening, help me get this vehicle moving!**

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## Camp Dogwood and Brighter Vision Updates

**We had a great Camp Dogwood Raffle fund drive raising \$22,800 in district MD31-N and \$128,773 statewide.**

### **THANK YOU!**

**There will be changes for the 2024-2025 raffle.**

- Ticket prices will be \$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.**

**Mark your calendar for August 24th at 11am for the Brighter Visions kickoff at Lions Industries for the Blind in Kinston.**

**“Your effort to have someone from your club at the Brighter Visions kickoff to pick up tickets will be appreciated”!**

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# Brighter Vision



## 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
- **Bring your lunch**

### 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**

***The Boys & Girls Home*  
*Needs your HELP!***

**As you all know, we have been working on the remodel project at the Lions Cottage, Boys & Girls Home, Lake Waccamaw, NC.**

**Well, that remodel project is scheduled to start on Monday, August 19th and take 4-6 weeks to complete !**

**We are going to need assistance on Saturday, August 17th starting at 10AM to take everything out of the cottage and place it in a storage container beside the cottage. So, we need manpower. If any of your clubs would be willing to help empty out the Lions Cottage. Please contact**

***Lion Scott Stephenson at  
910-494-0809 or lionsstephenson@gmail.com***

**We need to know how many people are going to be there so we can staff accordingly. The entire clean out should only take 3-5 hours depending on how many people show up to assist, so please come help if you can.**

**Thomas Academy  
Baseball Night**

**Wednesday, September 4th 6:35 PM**

The Thomas Academy is the school located on the Boys & Girls Home campus at Lake Waccamaw. All of the kids staying at the home along with other at risk children in the community attend school here. We have received a request from the Boys & Girls Home to help sponsor a field trip to the Fayetteville Woodpeckers Baseball game on Wednesday, September 4th . There are approximately 50 kids and staff that will be attending the game. D31N PDG Myra McCloud has negotiated a group rate and the Massey Hill Lions have agreed to provide food for the kids & staff. If your club would like to sponsor a child / staff member, the cost is \$9 per ticket.

Please contact Lion Scott Stephenson at  
910-494-0809 or lionsstephenson@gmail.com

Checks should be made out to:

Massey Hill Lions, 1613 Camden Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28306

Please put Thomas Academy Baseball on the memo line.

We would also like to invite your club to come and enjoy the game with the kids and other area Lions. We can secure additional Tickets in the same section at the same price if we know in advance who is coming. You can also come in at General Admission price.

**BOYS & GIRLS  
HOMES**  
of North Carolina





**We Serve**

**Dick Rudin G If Tournament WesternHarnett Lions Club**

**Saturday, September 7, 2024  
Carolina Lakes Golf Course**

**Two Person/ Captain's Choice/Shotgun  
(Flighted)**

**Couples Flight with a Minimum of 10 couples**

**Start: 8:30 AM**

**\$65 per person (\$130 per team)**

**Includes: Golf, Lunch, Range balls, 2 Mulligans and Prizes**

**Checks Payable to: Western Harnett Lions Club**

**ZELLE and VENMO Accepted**

**Entries returned to: CarolinaLakes Golf Course**

**Phone# 919-499-5421**

**Or**

**Western Harnett Lions Club**

**P.O. Box 248, Olivia, NC 28368**

**TWO MEMBER TEAM/ Circle for couples flight:**

**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HANDICAP: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_**

**Sponsor: (PleaseCircle) Yes or No**

**This event is the major charity fund raiser for our club. Please play in the tournament and show your support forourclub and effortsto assist local charities, organizations, serviceand civic events.We sincerely thank you for your help and participation in our efforts to raise funds for charity.**

**If you wish to be paired with another twosome please indicate below:**

**NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_**



# DATES

# Important

DGE 31-N ANA M. ELLIOTT IS INVITING YOU TO A SCHEDULED ZOOM MEETING.

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/87985312508?PWD=PC5NI1XU9DXN8ZA0BGBNCRZLOFVBVE1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87985312508?pwd=PC5NI1XU9DXN8ZA0BGBNCRZLOFVBVE1)

MEETING ID: 879 8531 2508

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.

*Thank you for reading!*

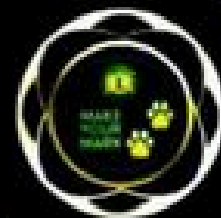


## **MAKE YOUR MARK**

*As a leader, make it a  
priority to appreciate your  
team and, most  
importantly, thank them  
for their excellent  
service.*

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