

# District Gazette



## District-N

North Carolina Lions



August 2025



### Dates On the Horizon

**August 8, 9, and 10**, Council of Governors and NCLI Board meetings at Camp Dogwood.

**August 16**, Brighter Visions Kickoff and first cabinet meeting at Lions Industries for the Blind (LIB), 4126 Berkeley Ave, Kinston, NC 28504 from 11am to 1pm.

**August 16**, Massey Hill Lions "Swinging for Sight" Golf Tournament

**August 16**, Clarkton Lions Club 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**August 19**, Kinston Host Reverse Raffle with dinner at Kings restaurant in Kinston. Tickets available from a Kinston Host Lions Club member.

**August 26**, 7pm Training (zoom) Topic: Reporting Service

**September 13**, New Bern and New Bern Twin Rivers Lions Clubs Charity Golf Tournament

**September 18-20** Lions USA Canada Forum in Atlantic City NJ.

**September 21**, Training Topic: The Lions portal, and part 1 of Club Officer, Leader, Training in person, location TBD

**September 25**, Lillington Lions Club 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

**October 7** Training Topic: Introduction to Lions for new members, 7pm Zoom

**October 19-21** VIP Fishing Tournament, Outer Banks.

**October 25**, Brave LIL Steps run for Childhood Cancer in Greenville.

## Your District Team

District Governor Gene Goetz  
First Vice District Governor Eddie Chase  
Second Vice District Governor Earl House  
GET Coordinator PDG Mayra McCloud  
GLT Coordinator PDG DeAngelo Jackson  
GMT Coordinator PDG Vince Schimmoller  
GST Coordinator PDG Bob Block Jr.  
Secretary PDG George Holston  
Treasurer Betty Shingleton

Zone 1 Chairperson Kevin Toman  
Zone 2 Chairperson Dr. Derrick Mitchell  
Zone 3 Chairperson Scott Stevenson  
Zone 4 Chairperson Sherman McCutcheon  
Zone 5 Chairperson Mike McCaskill  
Zone 6 Chairperson Carl Danielson  
Zone 7 Chairperson Jerry Williams  
Zone 8 Chairperson Anne (Nan) Bejian  
Zone 9 Chairperson Catherine Revel

## From your District Governor

**Welcome to the first issue** of the newly formatted Gazette. With a new fresh format, I feel a new name is appropriate. Information sharing is important to the clubs in District 31-N. I encourage all of you to submit articles on your club events to this Gazette. You can send articles to [district31n.news@gmail.com](mailto:district31n.news@gmail.com). Or to [ggoetz00@gmail.com](mailto:ggoetz00@gmail.com). We need to hear from all of you! Whether your article is about a service project, fundraiser, or an editorial on something your club does that really works. Please consider sharing it in the Gazette. In order to publish get the Gazette on time every month I'm asking that you send your article in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for the next month's issue. If your article comes in after the 20<sup>th</sup> it will be published in the next month's issue.

Our intent with the Gazette is not only to give it a new face but to make it more friendly to our VIP's. You'll find all flyers with text at the end of the Gazette. That text is also printed in the body of the Gazette.

If you have questions, need help, or have suggestions for me that will improve my performance as your district governor or district please contact me.

Lion Gene Goetz      District Governor      414-640-5953      [ggoetz00@gmail.com](mailto:ggoetz00@gmail.com)

## From your First Vice District Governor

Lions of District 31-N;

As we begin a new Lions year, thank you for the opportunity to serve as 1VDG for District 31-N. I am looking forward to visiting the clubs and meeting as many Lions from District 31-N as possible. Please contact me if I can help in any way. We have a great District with many dedicated Lions. As a District, we do very well in supporting our communities in North Carolina. Becoming a Lion has brought me great joy and satisfaction.

Serving alongside other Lions has shown me the importance of serving others every day.

Listen to words from Mahatma Gandhi.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service to others."

Lions continue the great work, continue to grow membership, and new Clubs. The more we grow, the more we can serve.

As I continue my journey to District Governor, I will strive to continue the great service we can provide for our communities and for Lionism.

I leave you with these words from Albert Schwertzer.

“The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others.”

“To Live is to Serve”

1VDG Lion Eddie Chase

## From your Second Vice District Governor

### “THE DAY I BECAME A LION”

Before I explain the heading, I would like to thank all of you in District31n for encouraging me to start my journey on the path to District Governor. I am honored to have been elected by you as your SVDG and I pledge to serve with respect, honor and hopefully a little humor.

Now to the heading: The day you became a Lion is probably not the day you joined a lions club but at some event or random act of kindness the lights all turned on and you realized you are truly a Lion.

For me that day was not until I was President of my home club.

The event I am speaking of was 12 years in the making starting with Lions giving a free eye exam and glasses plus treatments to a young girl just starting school to seeing that same little Girl graduating High School and my club giving her a scholarship. Her mother spoke to us and said how can I ever begin to repay you.

PAID IN FULL !

I would like to see your Stories in this spot under the heading the day I became a Lion throughout the year in our Monthly Gazette. That special day that you truly became a Lion.

Lion Earl House SVDG

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“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even be touched- they must be felt with the heart” Helen Keller

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## Lions International News and Events

The **International Convention in Orlando** was a success, once you got passed the heat and humidity. There were plenty of classes and people to meet. Inspirational speeches were given by our new president A. P. Singh. Micheal Phelps also told his story relating to mental health. All new officers were installed, so it's official, you now have me as your District Governor.

Don't miss the Lions USA Canada Forum in September. This is the next major event. (See the back pages at the end of this newsletter for a graphic ad on the Forum.

## ID Gary Steele ELECTED!



Congratulations Gary Steele! The newly elected International Director for the International Association of Lions Clubs. Your North Carolina Lions family is honored and so proud of this accomplishment! “Good Luck” to Gary Steele for his election as a two-year International Director.

## NCLF News and Events

### Kidsight Screenings

From 01 Jul 2024 To 30 Jun 2025

District	Screened	Refer	Doc Visit
L	6513	848	146
I	13138	2084	0
O	9980	1534	0
N	15881	2633	1
S	3928	867	0
MD 31	49440	7966	147

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CLINTON	567	111	0
LAKE WACCAMAW	240	53	0
LUMBERTON	2309	367	0
GOLDSBORO DOWNTOWN	484	66	1
GREENVILLE HOST	69	2	0
GRIFTON	389	82	0
JACKSONVILLE HOST	18	0	0
KINSTON	2460	826	0
NEW BERN	157	27	0
SHALLOTTE	719	104	0
SOUTHPORT	1199	208	0
WILMINGTON	3323	263	0
AURORA	52	15	0
BATH	82	3	0
NEW BERN TWIN RIVERS	89	3	0
WESTERN HARNETT	1677	257	0
BEAUFORT	2040	243	0
Liberty	7	3	0

## Brighter Visions

### District 31 - N Brighter Visions Kickoff

August 16, 2025, 11:00 AM, Lions Industries for the Blind, 4126 Berkley Ave., Kinston, NC

You are invited to attend our annual Brighter Visions Kickoff for District 31-N. Take this opportunity to meet with old friends and make new friends as you come together as a District to continue our historic service as Lions.

Brighter Visions is making an impact. The new materials that are provided allow the message of service to be spread across the state. We share with the members of your community what you do as Lions. With cutbacks in State and Federal programs, increasing the need for help, there is much left to be done. We will continue to strive to help those in need.

Come to the kickoff and learn from those we serve how we have made a difference in their lives. Learn how you have made this possible. We will share with you our Vision of a Brighter Future for those that we serve.

This event is open to any of your Club members. We encourage your officers and leadership to attend. Please be sure that your Club is represented.

BV Kickoff starts at 11:00 AM followed by Cabinet Meeting.

Bring a sandwich for your lunch; only snacks will be available during meetings.

**DO NOT BRING EYEGASSES TO BV KICKOFF!!! NO TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE!!!**

### District News and Events

The Awards and Installation Banquet on July 26 was a fantastic success. Thanks to all who attended and to the presenters, especially our guest speaker PID Harvey Whitley who gave an inspirational speech on leadership. Congratulations to the following Lions who were presented with awards from IPDG Ana Elliot:

**Tim Byrd**, Greenville LC, Presidential Certificate of Appreciation

**Snow Hill Lions Club**, Wallace I. West Humanitarian Award for the greatest increase in contributions (544%) to Brighter Visions, received by PDG Glenn Bunch Jr.

**Kenansville Lions Club**, Wallace I. West Humanitarian Award for the most contributions per member (\$474 per member), received by Club President Lion James Costin.

**PID Skippy Jackson**, officially presented with the Hall of Fame award

**Lion Anne Metts**, New Bern Twin Rivers Lions Club, NCLF Ambassador Award.

**Lion Michael McCaskill**, Fayetteville Massey Hill Lions Club, William L. Woolard Award,

**Lion Marilyn Jackson**, Angier Lions Club, William L. Woolard Award.

**Lion Betty Shingleton**, Kinston Lions Club, William L. Woolard Award.

**SVDG Earl House**, Erwin Lions Club, Sid L. Scruggs III, Beacon of Hope.

**PDG DeAngelo Jackson**, Angier Lions Club, Jack Stickley Fellowship Award.

**Lion Jerry Williams**, Grifton Lions Club, Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

## Brave LIL Steps

“Brave LIL Steps” fun run will take place in Greenville on October 25, 2025. Save that date, we are asking for your help.

At the start/finish line there will be tables set up for clubs to promote their activities to the general public. A great place to market your club and hopefully to gain new members. Along with that we are asking you to give out “Treats to the Runners” it is close to Halloween. We suggest: energy bars, hard candy, small candy bars, bags of potato chips, corn chips, and etc.

We are also looking for community sponsors. More on that closer to the event.

Funds raised from the run will be used to augment a \$20,000 grant from Lions International Foundation to The James and Connie Children’s hospital in Greenville.

The grant will allow the hospital to add diversion equipment to various locations throughout the hospital. This diversion equipment and software will ensure all patients, no matter the age, have something to distract them during procedures.

## District Training

A tentative district training schedule has been developed for 2025-2026 year. I cannot over stress the importance of these training sessions. They will make your job as a Lion easier because you will be more confident performing your job and in turn will improve the performance of our clubs. Please try to attend as many as you can. Dates will be printed in the “On the Horizon” section of this Gazette.

## New Clubs

PDG Mayra McCloud your Global extension Coordinator (GET) is working on forming new clubs. She is presently working with Sweet Valley Ranch in Fayetteville and a group of interested people in Eastover. Jerry Williams is working with a few people in Aden

## Welcome New Members

Lion John Smith; Beaufort LC  
Lion Robert Lucas; Fayetteville Massey Hill  
Lion Jim Sheckels; Fayetteville Massey Hill  
Lion Ryan Myrick; Fayetteville Massey Hill

If you have new members that I may have missed or have recently been inducted please send me their names so they can be recognized here [ggoetz00@gmail.com](mailto:ggoetz00@gmail.com)

## Club News and Events

### **Lillington Lions Club 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament.**

We provide assistance to the blind and visually impaired citizens of our community. Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup> at Chicora Golf Club. 9:00am Shotgun start, check in at 8:00am Four-man Superball flighted by handicaps. Steak meal served to all participants afterward, door prizes, two or three flights depending on number of players. Entry Fee \$75 per person or \$300 per team of 4. Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each flight.

1<sup>st</sup> place each flight - \$200,  
2<sup>nd</sup>, place each flight - \$150,

3<sup>rd</sup> place each flight -\$100.

\$100 Hole Sponsor.

If interested, contact: Freddy West at 910-893-5875 or any other Lillington Lions Club Member.

### **Massey Hill Lions “Swinging for Sight” Golf Tournament**

“Swinging for Sight” Golf Tournament to be held in August 16th at Cypress Lakes Golf Course. Lions from across North Carolina are invited to play in the tournament. Entry fee of \$90 includes greens and cart fees, breakfast and lunch, cash prizes, beverages during the tournament, door prizes and more! JOIN US FOR THIS EVENT.

### **Clarkton Lions Club 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

The Clarkton Lions invite you to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM. Clarkton Presbyterian church fellowship hall. 10433 North College St, (US 701 Business) Clarkton, NC 28433.

Please RSVP To Rusty Marsh by August 10<sup>th</sup> (910) 625-6658. [williammarch6658@gmail.com](mailto:williammarch6658@gmail.com)

### **New Bern and New Bern Twin Rivers Lions Clubs Charity Golf Tournament**

Golf Tournament will be held at The Emerald Golf Club 5000 Clubhouse Drive New Bern, NC 28562, 252-633-4440 Ext 228 on Saturday, September 13, 2025. (Rain Date TBD)

Check in 11:45 – 12:30 PM Tournament format will be Four Person Superball, modified by team handicap. Mulligans and Pot-of-Gold available at check-in. Entry fees \$75 per person - \$300 per team, includes: entry fees, green fees, cart fees, meal, awards & prizes.

Make checks payable to Twin Rivers Lions Club. Please mail check and form to Lion Anne Metts 2001 Williamson Dr. New Bern, NC 28562. Deadline September 6, 2025

For more information Call Lion Alan Yoder 603-494-9356 or Carlton Metts 252-259-4140 email [newbernlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:newbernlionsclub@gmail.com)

**For a Registration Forms and Flyers on the above events  
see the links at the end of this newsletter.**

## Lillington Lions Club Golf Flyer below



Lillington Lions Club Golf Tournament 7-6-2025.pdf



Golf Tournament\_Entry Form (2).pdf

## Fayetteville Massey Hill Golf Flyer below



Massey Hill Golf.jpeg

## Clarkton 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flyer below



Lions Club 75th Anniversary Invitation 2025 by amm.pdf

## New Bern Golf Flyers below



New Bern 2025 Golf Tournament Registration Form - Revised 6-30-25.pdf (Command Line)



New Bern Lions Golf Flyer 2025.JPG



Lions Golf Sponsor Solicitation Letter 2025.pdf

# International Convention

## Photos

