

# District Gazette

November 2025



## District-N

North Carolina Lions



### Dates On the Horizon

**November 7-9**, Council of Governors/NCLF board meet at Camp Dogwood

**November 8**, Fayetteville Bowling Tournament On Line Registration deadline

**November 15**, Fayetteville Bowling Tournament In Person Registration deadline

**November 18**, Training Topic: Where does the money go? 7pm Zoom

**November 22**, KidSight USA Screener Certification Training

**December 31**, Hall of Fame Deadline for submission to District Governor

**January; 3-11**, 2025 Week of Service – Hunger

## 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

Time is flying by. On October 4th the officers and members met in Burgaw for our second cabinet meeting. Along with all the normal business we discussed district goals which are summarized here.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Goal is to have a net growth of 38 members; as of October 4, net growth is -23.

**NEW CLUBS:** Goal is to start 2 new clubs: as of October 4, we have 0 new clubs.

**SEVICE:** Goal is to have 60% of clubs reporting; as of October 4, so far 14% of clubs have reported their service.

**LCIF DONATIONS:** Goal is \$20,000; as of October 4, \$2,200 has been turned in.

I'm printing this information in the Gazette because I want to be transparent with you. As you can see there is lots of room for improvement. These goals were approved by the cabinet early in the year but we need your help to make them reality by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2026.

You may ask "Why do we need these goals"? That's a fair question; we need new members and new clubs to revitalize our district. All this adds service opportunities and will help grow the association. Service reporting is important because it helps measure the impact of the services provided, allowing clubs to see the difference they are making in their communities and it creates transparency by showing how resources and donations are used, which can encourage more support from donors. LCIF donations are needed to help our association keep up with the service and disaster grant needs.

I've been busy visiting clubs which is the most enjoyable duty of the district governor. Interesting fact; out of 51 clubs, 19 have 10 or less members, 37%. Regardless of the low membership in these clubs are still doing great service for their communities.

Next week I'll be heading to the VIP Fishing Tournament on the Outer banks. I'm looking forward to volunteering to once again making this a memorable and FUN event for the visually impaired. "Brave LIL Steps" will be held on October 25th at Maynard Children's Hospital. I'll be able to comment on both of these events next month.

It's time to start planning a service project for the next two service weeks:

Hunger: January 3-11, 2026

Environment: April 18-26, 2026

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

## From your District 31-N Global Membership Coordinator

In my article this month I will be sharing information about how we as part of Constitutional Area (CA) 1 are doing so far this year. For your information, CA 1 includes the United States, Canada, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. CA 1 is off to a powerful start adding +1,857 members — an 85% increase over this time last year! Even more inspiring, CA 1 welcomed 49 new clubs, a 96% increase from last year.

These are not just numbers — they are new hands, new hearts and new opportunities for service. Every new Lion, every new club represents another community where hope grows stronger, service shines brighter and lives are changed.

How is District N doing you ask. Bring you up to date, on Sunday, Oct 12, DG Gene Goetz held a Zoom meeting with many of the Zone chairs to discuss membership plans for District N. IT was agreed that they would hold monthly Zoom meeting, next one is Nov. 12 at 8 pm, if interested in joining contact DG Gene Goetz. They explored possible new locations for Lions clubs and the rebuilding of existing clubs in which membership has dwindled. Below are some tips that ALL LION MEMBERS can do.

Ask yourself:

- Where can Lions service bring hope that isn't being met right now?
- Are there other clubs near you that need an extra boost to reach their full potential?
- Who in your club and district might be the spark to start something new?

Let's keep expanding our reach — because where there's a need, there must be a Lion.

**Mission: Connection and Care**

Sometimes, the smallest gesture can make the biggest difference.

Pick up the phone. Call a Lion you haven't seen in a while. Check in. Ask how they're doing. Let them know they matter.

That simple act of connection can remind them why they joined — and help them stay engaged and inspired. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE ALL CAN DO

Equally, reach out to clubs in your district. Ask if they need help — with recruitment, service ideas, reporting, or leadership transitions. A supportive call today may be what keeps a club thriving tomorrow.

**Mission Possible Action Steps**

Spot opportunities – Identify one community where a new club or new service project could make a difference. Take the steps to bring service to that community.

Celebrate and share – Recognize those who are driving growth and service. Their stories fuel momentum for everyone. Together, We Serve — Together, We Grow

Thanks to Pat Vannetti, Global Action Team Chair for CA 1 for many of these ideas

Lion Vince Schimmoller

District N Membership Chair

919-935-9937

Mission Possible: Let's keep the momentum moving forward!

## From your District 31-N Marketing Coordinator

Success Stories Discussing Effective Marketing Strategy's

Our Shallotte Lions Club is leading the way –

In October they had a very effective 3-page color article published with picture of members of their Club and also District leaders in our free South Brunswick Magazine.

Keep in mind in your town or County there are numerous free publications that would love to have Community Events/Programs.

Also, IN October they are helping with a nearby local town event – “Pushups for Parkinsons”. There is a synergism with partnering with other non-profits for local events.

I am sure there are many success stories of new marketing ideas you have taken recently, please send them to me at [irwin423@atmc.net](mailto:irwin423@atmc.net).

I am available to talk at any Zone meeting to give you further ideas

See you soon

PDG Irwin Siegelwax

District 31-N Marketing Coordinator

2025-2026

## Lions International News and Events

### Weeks of Service

This initiative unites Lions and Leos worldwide to address the critical issues of mental health and well-being, hunger, and the environment. By participating, you'll be part of three impactful weeks dedicated to creating positive change and making a difference in communities around the globe — together. So, get involved and help drive collective action for a better future!

Hunger January; 3-11, 2025

Environment April; 18-26, 2026

## NCLF News and Events

### **VIP Fishing Tournament Golf Ball Drop**

Buy one of the Lions Club's charity golf balls for \$25 and if your numbered ball drops into the cup or is closest to the hole you will win up to \$10,000 in cash. See the registration form at the end of this month's Gazette.

### **COG and NCLF meetings**

On November 7-9 the Council of Governors (COG) and North Carolina Lions Foundation, Inc. (NCLF) Board will hold their second meeting of 2025-2026. These meetings are held 4 times a year in August, November, February and May at camp Dogwood. If you are new to Lions or just want to learn more about the association please consider attending at least a part of these meetings. Contact Tammy [tammy@nclf.org](mailto:tammy@nclf.org) 828-478-2135 ext. 229 to register.

### **Hall of Fame Award**

The mission of the North Carolina Lions Hall of Fame is: "to recognize and honor the State's most outstanding Lions for their extraordinary accomplishments on the Club, District, State, and/or, the NC Lions Foundation levels.

Criteria: Nominees may be living or deceased. The nominee must have had at least ten (10) years of service in North Carolina if living, or deceased for at least five (5) years, unless death occurs in the year the candidate was being considered for a living Hall of Fame Award. See the recommendation form at the end of this month's Gazette

## District News and Events

### **Lions Industries for the Blind, Inc.**

Fellow 31-N Lions:

I'm pleased to report Lions Industries for the Blind, Inc. is thriving. We have increased employees by about 60% over the past 18 months. We've increased sales over these same months by 46%. We started a new project about 2 years ago and it is flourishing along with our normal orders. It was a win-win situation. We are subcontracting with another NC NPA under National Industries for the Blind. The project went right along with our production in Military Embroidery Department. It is name and service tapes for US Army, US Air Force, US Navy and US Marines. We have hired an additional 50% blind, deaf-blind workers. We've been able to maintain at least 40%. We need blind and deaf-blind workers. We will help with relocation expenses if they must relocate. If you know of anyone, that's the best way you can help us right now through referrals. Thank you to District 31-N for your continued support of Lions Industries. We appreciate each of you and are looking forward to many more years of service to our Blind Community.

Sharon W. Axelberg  
Executive Director  
Lions Industries for the Blind, Inc.  
Telephone: 252-523-1019  
Facsimile: 252-523-7090

## **Strides for Diabetes**

Hi fellow Lions:

I want to reach out and let you know I'm the Strides Chair for District 31-N. I would love to help you get involved in the Strides initiative to help diabetes patients, contribute to research, and many other ways. Please contact me at 252-560-6451 or 252-523-1019. You may email me at [sharon@lionsindustries.org](mailto:sharon@lionsindustries.org)

I would love to come to your club and speak to you about Strides events, help you to plan an event and show up for support.

Lion Sharon Axelberg  
District 31-N Strides Chair

## **Wear It Wednesday**

One small thing we can all do to promote Lions is to wear the Lions logo. Sometimes people will comment and you can tell them more about what Lions do and the positive impact we have on your community. Whether they comment or not let's get visible and join in on "Wear it Wednesday".



## **Peace Poster Contest**

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

The district is out of kits but clubs can order peace poster kits as a digital version on the Lions International Web Site.

Digital kit: \$11.95 each kit contains:

- Downloadable Official Club Contest Guide and Rules
- Downloadable Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules
- Downloadable participant flyer to print and give to participating students to take home
- Downloadable sticker to place on back of winning poster
- Digital certificates to print for contest winner and school or youth group

### **Peace Poster Contest Deadlines**

- ✓ **January 15:** Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- ✓ **May 31:** Deadline for District 31N bulk order.
- ✓ **October 1:** Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- ✓ **November 15:** Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.
- ✓ **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.
- ✓ **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- ✓ **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- ✓ **December 15:** Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- ✓ **February 1:** International winners notified on or before this date.

For further information contact Marilyn Jackson [md5jack@yahoo.com](mailto:md5jack@yahoo.com)

### **Boys and Girls Home**

Join the challenge “Keys to the Vans” Help us raise money for a Lions cottage van. Raise \$500 and get a Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina (BGHNC) banner patch for your Lions Club.

See the flyer at the end of this month’s Gazette

Contact Scott Stephenson [lionstephenson@gmail.com](mailto:lionstephenson@gmail.com) phone: 910-494-0809 for more information.

### **KidSight USA Screener Certification Training – Districts 31 N & S**

The Lions of Districts 31 N and S are invited to participate in a KidSight USA Screener Certification Training session on Saturday, November 22, at the Williamston Lions Club Building, located at 117 S. Smithwick Street, Williamston, NC.

Participants should arrive by 8:15 a.m. for registration and refreshments. The training will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is limited to 30 attendees.

The agenda includes an overview of KidSight USA’s certification process, training manual review, instructional videos from Dr. Edward Cordes, test preparation, and hands-on instruction with

PlusOptix and SPOT photorefractive cameras. The session will conclude with information on how to get involved in local Lions vision screenings, followed by an optional online certification test submission.

Please RSVP by November 8 to reserve your spot:

- District 31N: Lion Nan Bejian – 703-786-2985
- District 31S: Lion Danny Hall – 919-607-1204

Join us for this important opportunity to make a difference in children's vision health across North Carolina! See the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

## **Fall 2025 Communiqué — Spotlight on Foster Care**

The latest edition of our Communiqué is now available, and we're proud to showcase the vital work happening within our foster-care programs.

Inside, you'll find inspiring stories of resilience and transformation — children and families courageously navigating the fostering journey, dedicated staff providing care and advocacy, and community partners stepping up in meaningful ways.

As we observe National Kinship Care Month, we also highlight how kinship placements are making a difference — offering stability, support and love where it's needed most. We invite you to read the full flipbook version to explore:

- How our foster-care program is evolving to meet changing needs
  - Personal voices of foster youth and families
  - Ways you can get involved or support this work
- Join us in celebrating the heroes behind every placement, and in continuing the mission of hope, healing and home.

Read the full newsletter online and please share with others in your network.

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/615668624/>

## **Tour to Miracles in Sight - May 1st, 2026**

Don't miss this opportunity

The Sight and Hearing Conservation committee has scheduled a tour of Miracles in Sight in Clemmons NC for May 1st, 2026. Any Lions wishing to join us in visiting this facility should contact me for further details. We would like to get a group of Lions from each district to attend. Miracles In Sight is a nonprofit organization that focuses on the restoration of sight through corneal transplantation and related medical therapy and research. The organization is a global leader in eye banking, helping to restore vision to thousands of people worldwide. It is driven by the generosity of eye and organ donors, who provide tissue for research and further advancements in sight restoring treatment and technology. Miracles In Sight also offers reliable tissue preparations and other products to make surgical processes and treatment easier. As a nonprofit, financial contributions allow them to help more people in need of life-changing corneal transplants.

## 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.

## District Leaders - On the Road

Zone 1 chair and LCIF coordinator Kevin Toman will visit:

- ❖ Pembroke Lions Club; November 18th

## New Clubs

### Club News and Events

## Welcome New Members

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

We would like to welcome the following new Lions:

SHARON HENRY	Beaufort LC	Joined 8/26/2025
EMILIO GARCIA	Erwin LC	Joined 7/15/2025
ADDIE ADAMITIS KEIM	Fayetteville Massey Hill LC	Joined 9/11/2025
ROBERT LUCAS	Fayetteville Massey Hill LC	Joined 7/10/2025
RYAN J. MYRICK	Fayetteville Massey Hill LC	Joined 7/24/0/2025
JAMES SHECKELS	Fayetteville Massey Hill LC	Joined 7/10/2025
CHRISTOPHER SCOTT EAST	Greenville Host LC	Joined 7/22/2025
WILLIAM BOONE	Jacksonville Host	Joined 8/21/2025
KATRINA A LOWDERMILK	Jacksonville Host	Joined 9/18/2025
MICHAEL M LOWDERMILK	Jacksonville Host	Joined 9/18/2025
HANS MILLER	Jacksonville Host	Joined 8/21/2025
GAMIR D ROBINSON	Lumberton	Joined 9/4/2025
EARLE HOYT	Southport LC	Joined 8/15/2025
MICHELE HOJNACKI	Wilmington LC	Joined 7/7/2025



## **2026 District N & S Mid-Winter Convention – January 16–17, 2026**

**Location:** Holiday Inn,  
Greenville, NC

Lions from across Districts N and S are invited to gather for the **2026 District N & S Mid-Winter Convention**, a two-day celebration of service, leadership, fellowship and FUN. This year's event features a powerful lineup of programming,

including a carnival atmosphere on Friday evening, updates from the **District Governors' Corner**, highlights from our **Open House**, and inspiring stories of **Lions helping Veterans**.

We're honored to welcome **International Director David Woodworth** as our featured speaker. He will provide an important update on **Lions International and LCIF**, host a **Town Hall session**, meet with **Club Presidents**, and serve as the **Keynote Speaker at the District Governor's Banquet**.

Additional highlights include messages from the **NCLF President**, our **new Executive Director**, and a special farewell from our **retired Executive Director**. You'll also hear exciting news about the **Clinical Eye Research Grant awarded to Miracle in Sight**, and get the latest from **Camp Dogwood**, including updates on **KidSight and Adult Vision Screenings**.

**Early registration ends December 20, 2025**

**Late registration closes January 7, 2026**

### **Hotel Information:**

Call the **Holiday Inn**, 203 SW Greenville Blvd., Greenville, NC 27834 at **252-355-8300** to make your reservation by **December 19, 2024**.

Room rate: **\$110.00 + tax** for Queen or King — **Call early to secure your room!**

Join us as we reflect, reconnect, and recommit to the mission of Lionism in North Carolina. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **District N PDG Association Meeting**

The District N Past District Governors (PDG) Association will hold its next meeting on **Saturday, November 1, 2025**, at **Lions Industries for the Blind in Kinston, North Carolina**. All Past District Governors residing in District N are warmly invited to attend this important gathering of leadership and fellowship.

This meeting provides a meaningful opportunity for PDGs to reconnect, share insights, and continue shaping the future of Lionism in North Carolina. The agenda will include updates on district initiatives, planning for upcoming events—including the **2026 District N & S Mid-Winter Convention**—and discussions on how PDGs can support clubs and emerging leaders across the district.

For those unable to attend in person, **Zoom access will be available** to ensure full participation and engagement.

**Refreshments will be served**, and camaraderie is guaranteed. Whether you're newly retired from district leadership or a seasoned PDG, your experience and voice are valued.

- **Date:** Saturday, November 1, 2025
- **Location:** Lions Industries for the Blind, Kinston, NC
- **Time:** 10:00 AM
- **Zoom Access:** Available upon request
- **RSVP by:** October 31, 2025
- **Contact:**
  - PDG Carlie Metts – cmetts22@gmail.com
  - PDG DeAngelo Jackson – m5djack@yahoo.com

Let's come together to celebrate our shared legacy and continue building a brighter future for Lionism in District N.

## **History of Lumberton Lions Club Neighborhood Flag Project**

In 2023 the Lumberton Lions Club was looking for a new fund-raising project that every club member could and would participate if able.

After seeing the success of other nonprofit organization's neighborhood flag project, it was decided to concentrate on a heavily populated local neighborhood in Lumberton known as "Highland Park." Lumberton's Highland Park has a high concentration of homes in a relatively small area.

The project consisted of placing 3x5 US flags in customer's yards on national holidays four times a year for that day. Flags were mounted on PVC pipes and placed in the yards early in the morning and removed at dusk by club members who were grouped in teams of 3 or 4 members.

In the project first-year of 2024, club members knocked on doors to presell the project. Of the contacts made the club obtained 130 customers.

In early 2025, club members obtained addresses for 60 homes that were not customers from the previous year. Letters were sent to these homes and of those contacted nearly all responded positively and in 2025 the club had 190 customers.

The first-year profits were around 4,000 dollars. The second-year profits grew substantially as the startup costs were absorbed in the first year. In 2025, the estimated net profits will be \$6,800. The price structure is an annual fee of \$40 to place flags in the homeowner's yard on 4 national holidays.

In 2026 the club will add a "QR" code to the advertising flyer allowing the customers to utilize a Zeffy app to order and pay for the service.

If your club would like information, contact Lumberton (NC) Lions Club Secretary Jim Kirkland.



## Lions Make a Lasting Impact at Faith In Action Free Vision Clinic in New Bern, North Carolina by

PDG Carlie Metts

The Faith In Action Free Vision Clinic, held at Garber Methodist Church in New Bern, North Carolina, recently delivered life-changing care to hundreds of individuals—and thanks to the dedication of **11 Lion volunteers**, the event was a tremendous success. Representing the Beaufort Lions, New Bern Lions, New Bern Twin Rivers Lions, Aurora Lions, and Kinston Host Lions, these volunteers assisted with KidSight screenings and served as runners, helping guide patients through the clinic process.

Dr. Ridgeway, Clinic Chair, praised the Lions' involvement, stating, "It was a very successful clinic, and you all were a major part of it." That success was reflected in the numbers: **350 patients** received care, **305 pairs of glasses** were ordered, and **21 individuals** were referred for further evaluation due to undiagnosed ocular diseases or surgical needs.

One especially meaningful moment came thanks to the Lions' KidSight screening efforts. Dr. Cathy Doty shared that, through the Lions' help, a child who was not registered for the clinic—but whose parents were—was identified as needing glasses. Because of the screening, that child was able to receive assistance that might have otherwise been missed. It was a powerful reminder of how early detection and community outreach can change lives.

The KidSight program, a cornerstone of Lions vision initiatives, focuses on screening young children for vision issues that could affect learning and development. At the Faith In Action Free Vision Clinic, Lions used specialized equipment to quickly and effectively assess children's eyesight, referring those in need to appropriate care. The screenings were not only efficient but deeply impactful, especially in cases like the child Dr. Doty mentioned.

Throughout the day, Lions worked side by side with clinic staff, greeting patients, assisting with paperwork, and ensuring that everyone—from toddlers to seniors—felt welcomed and supported. Their teamwork and dedication exemplified the Lions' motto: *We Serve*.

The collaboration between the Lions Clubs and the clinic staff demonstrated the power of community partnerships. Each club brought its own strengths and volunteers, creating a united front of service. Whether it was guiding patients to their next station or calming nervous children before their screenings, Lions were there with a smile and a helping hand.

The clinic's impact extended beyond the numbers. For many patients, receiving a pair of glasses meant regaining independence, improving job performance, or simply being able to read a book again. For others, referrals for further care could mean the difference between sight and blindness. These outcomes underscore the importance of accessible vision care and the role Lions play in bridging that gap.

As the day wrapped up, volunteers reflected on the lives touched and the connections made. The Faith In Action Free Vision Clinic wasn't just a medical event—it was a celebration of service, compassion, and community.

Looking ahead, the Lions Clubs involved hope to continue supporting similar clinics and expanding their outreach. The success of this event serves as a model for future collaborations, proving that when Lions come together, they truly can change lives.

To all the Lions who volunteered—thank you for your time, your heart, and your unwavering commitment to service. Your efforts at Garber Methodist Church in New Bern, North Carolina, have left a lasting mark, and your impact will be felt long after the clinic doors closed.

Together, we see the need—and take the lead.

## **Beaufort NC Lions Club District 31-N**

The Beaufort NC Lions Club, As a continuation of the on-going series of participation outreach events to the Blind and Low-Vision of Carteret County, hosted an evening sunset sailing cruise, aboard the Lookout Catamaran, on September 22nd. Our group of 14 Blind and Low-Vision guests and 15 Club members, sailed the local waters surrounding Beaufort, under perfect weather conditions. To add to the fun, a number of our Blind guests help raise and tend the sails. This event follows onto events of this past year, which included a Beach trip to Cape Lookout National Seashore, an afternoon of bowling, and a night at the ballpark with the Morehead City Marlins; with additional future events planned. The Beaufort Lions Club believes that holding events, which allows local Blind and Low-Vision Individuals to participate in group activities is important to support, as often the Blind and Low-Vision are not able to enjoy local activities or are provided the opportunity to socialize as a group. As a challenge to all Lions Clubs, please determine your unique locality attributes, and then develop a outing for the Blind and Low-Vision living within your locality, as the smiles and thank you's that result will be overwhelming!



## **Seeing the Future – Shallott Lions Club**

From helping the visually impaired to environmental stewardship to providing breakfast after a storm, building a better future through community service is what Shallotte Lions Club is all about. Read the article at: <https://lifeinbrunswickcounty.com/seeing-the-future/>

## **Fayetteville Community Lions Club Bowling Tournament**

You're Invited to Strike Out for Great Causes!

Dear Friends, Family, and Community Members,

We are excited to invite you to join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and fundraising at our “Strike Out for Our Causes” bowling tournament! As members of the Fayetteville Community Lions Club, we believe in the power of community coming together to support those in need, and we can’t think of a better way to do it than with strikes, spares, and smiles.

### Event Details

Date: Saturday, November 15, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM (Noon)

Location: Lafayette Bowling Lanes

3313 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, NC 28303

Entry Fee: \$40 per person | \$160 per team (4 players)

Grand Prize: Win \$200!

Special Feature: 50/50 Raffle

### Why Your Participation Matters

When you bowl with us, you’re not just having fun – you’re making a real difference in our community. Your entry fee and participation directly support our vital causes:

Blindness Prevention – Supporting vision care and eye health initiatives for those who need it most

Diabetes Awareness – Promoting education and life-saving support for diabetes management

Childhood Cancer Research – Funding critical research and supporting families facing this challenge

Lupus Support – Providing essential resources and assistance for lupus patients in our area

### Why Bowl With Us?

Fun competition for all skill levels – Whether you’re a seasoned pro or a complete beginner, everyone can participate and enjoy the friendly competition

Support vital community causes – Your participation directly funds blindness prevention, diabetes awareness, childhood cancer research, and lupus support

Experience bowling with a disability – Gain valuable perspective through our special awareness activity that promotes understanding and empathy

Prizes and Awards – Exciting recognition and rewards for various categories and achievements

Food and refreshments available by bowling lanes – Delicious snacks and drinks conveniently available right at the venue

Family-friendly event – Perfect opportunity for quality time with loved ones while supporting great causes

### Registration Information

Individual and Team Registration – Sign up solo or gather 3 friends for a complete team

Space is Limited – Don't wait! Lanes fill up quickly for this popular community event

Register Early! – Secure your spot and take advantage of special pricing

Discounts for Early Registration – Save money by registering before the deadline

All proceeds benefit our charitable causes – Every dollar goes directly to supporting our community service missions

Online Registration Deadline: November 8, 2025

In-Person Registration: Available until November 15, 2025

How to Register & Get More Information

Contact our tournament coordinator: Derrick Mitchell

Phone: 913-433-6280

Registration available online through Eventbrite or in-person

Our Promise to You

As Lions, our motto is "We Serve", and that's exactly what this tournament is about. Every dollar raised, every participant who joins us, and every moment of fun contributes to our mission of serving others. You'll leave knowing that your afternoon of bowling has helped provide sight-saving surgeries, diabetes education, childhood cancer support, and lupus assistance to those who need it most.

Join Our Pride

The Fayetteville Community Lions Club has been proudly serving our community for years, and we invite you to be part of our continued mission. Whether you come to bowl, volunteer, or simply cheer on the participants, your presence makes our community stronger.

Mark your calendar, gather your team, and get ready to strike out for some amazing causes!

We can't wait to see you at the lanes on November 15th. Together, we'll have a ball while making a real difference in the lives of others.

With gratitude and excitement,

The Fayetteville Community Lions Club

"We Serve"

For more information about the Fayetteville Community Lions Club Bowling Tournament, please contact Derrick Mitchell at 913-433-6280.

P.S. Don't forget to bring your competitive spirit – that \$200 grand prize won't win itself!

## **Eye Exams and Eye Glasses**

After the suspension of the VSP vouchers, many of our clubs are looking for ways to provide glasses and exams to those who have a difficult time affording the glasses and/or exams, many do not have insurance or doctors and many have never had eye exams. Clubs should make an effort to:

1. Hold fundraisers to fill the need for exams and glasses in your communities.
2. Contact eye glass suppliers and doctors in your area who are willing to supply glasses or exams at reduced rates.

Our See the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Vision Screening Programs Chair Lion Nan Bejian suggests this list of web sites for suggestions on receiving care

<https://www.nceyes.org/visionnc>

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/services-blind/medical-eye-care-program-preserving-or-improving-your-vision>

<https://nc.preventblindness.org/vision-care-financial-assistance-information/>

<https://www.aao.org/eyecare-america>

<https://www.vspvision.com/eyes-of-hope/get-help.html?jsessionid=B7EE896230575CC47F77746B28EB7BB5>

<https://wilmingtoneye.com/news/wilmington-eye-partners-with-global-prosthetics/>

## **A reminder for LEO's and LEO advisors**

My name is C. Trystan Williams and I am from Antigua & Barbuda. I am currently serving as a Leo Club Program Advisory Panelist representing constitutional area 1. The Leo Advisory Panelists act as representatives of the Leo Club Program in their area.

C. Trystan Williams, Lions Club International Leo Advisory Panelist 2025-2027 Constitutional Area 1 St. John's, Antigua & Barbuda [tryswilliams9@gmail.com](mailto:tryswilliams9@gmail.com)

## **Kidsight Vision Screenings**

With the school off to a start, our new Kidsight chair Anne (Nan) Bejian has the following screenings scheduled. "Thank You" to these clubs for sponsoring the screenings.

- ❖ Nov 1st: Smithfield - Smithfield Touch a Truck

**For a Registration Forms and Flyers on the above events  
see the links below.**



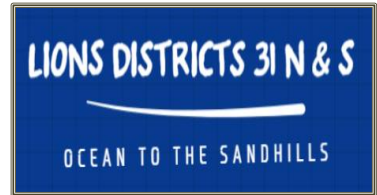
[District N&S Mid-Winter Program Ad Form](#)

[District N&S Registration Form](#)



# Club Recognition/Ad Form

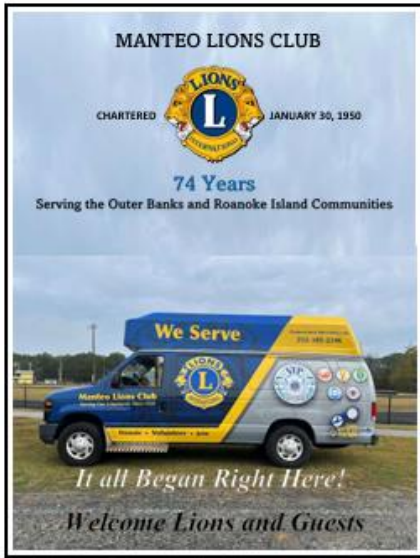
Help Support a Lions Tradition



## The International Association of Lions Clubs Districts 31-N&S Mid-Winter Convention

January 16-17, 2026

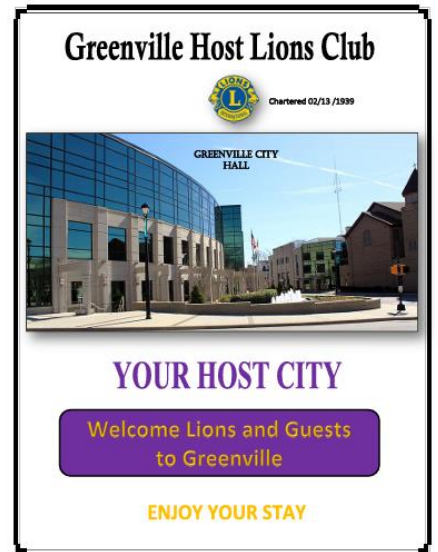
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203 SW Greenville Blvd.  
Greenville, NC 27834



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**Mail Check & Form to: Lion Anne Metts  
(Enclose copy of Ad) 2001 Williamson Drive  
New Bern, NC 28562**

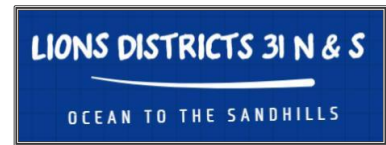
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# 2026 Districts 31-N&S Mid-Winter Convention Registration



**HOLIDAY INN**  
 203 SW Greenville Blvd.  
 Greenville, NC 27834  
 Phone: 252-355-8300  
 January 16-17, 2026



**NAME TAG REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

<u>Lion / Guest Name</u>	<u>Club Name / District</u>	<u>Circle Ones that Apply</u>	<u>Circle Honors</u>
_____ / _____	_____ / _____	FFN TTB Lunch DGB	MJF-JSF-WLW-SLS-HOF-NCLF Amb-VIP Amb
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**MEAL REGISTRATION**

	Meal Cost	Late Registration (after 12/20/2025)	Number Attending	Amount Due
Friday Fun Night, Jan. 16, 2026 – 6:30 PM Backyard Cookout Buffet w/Hamburgers	\$30	\$33	_____	\$_____
Saturday Breakfast, Jan. 17, 2026 - 7:30AM Classic Breakfast Buffet	\$25	\$28	_____	\$_____
Saturday Lunch, Jan. 17, 2026 –12:00 PM Chicken Noodle Soup w/Sandwich Buffet	\$25	\$28	_____	\$_____
Saturday, January 17, 2026 – 6:30 PM District Governors Banquet - Plated Blackened Sirloin w/Peppercorn Demi Sauce	\$40	\$43	_____	\$_____
District Governor Banquet – Vegetarian	\$35	\$38	_____	\$_____
District Governor Banquet – Gluten Free	\$35	\$38	_____	\$_____

Total: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**MEAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE – JANUARY 7, 2026**

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**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE to:** Districts 31-N&S Lions Mid-Winter Convention

**MAIL TO:** Lion Joelle Lynde (Ph: 919-219-1724)  
 1003 River Dee Court  
 Apex, NC 27502-4153

**OR ADD DEBIT/CREDIT CARD INFORMATION – Visa or Master Card**

**INCLUDE: DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**EXPIRATION DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SECURITY CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (\$3 Fee Charge for use of Debit/Credit Card)

**Hotel Information:** Call – Holiday Inn, 203 SW Greenville Blvd., Greenville, NC 27834 at **PH: 252-355-8300** to make reservation by **December 19, 2025**. Room rate is \$110.00+tax for Queen or King ---Call Early!!!!

# The VIP Charity Golf Ball Drop



Drop 25 bucks and a ball  
and you could win \$10,000 cash  
while helping the blind and visually  
impaired at the same time!

Buy one of the Lions Club's charity golf balls for \$25 and if your numbered ball drops into the cup or is closest to the hole you will win up to \$10,000 in cash. In November, the golf balls will be placed in a container and dropped from a helicopter onto Sea Scape Golf Course. Only 1,500 balls to be sold. The VIP Charity Golf Ball Drop is sponsored by the NC Lions Visually Impaired Person's Fishing Tournament, a non-profit organization. For information call 252-441-4966.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to NC Lions VIP Fishing Tournament and mail to PO Box 140, Columbia, NC 27925

Fax credit card entry to 252-473-4967  
Circle: Master Card or Visa  
Credit card number \_\_\_\_\_  
Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_  
I authorize my card to be charged in the  
amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*A receipt with the organization's tax ID number and  
the number of your golf ball will be sent to you.*

For internal use. Do not write here.  <b>Golf Ball #</b>
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Join the challenge!



# Keys to the Vans

AND HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR A  
LIONS COTTAGE VAN



## Raise \$500

### Get a BGHNC banner patch for your Lions Club





# North Carolina Lions Hall of Fame



## Recommendation Form

**Instructions:** Any Lion can **recommend** someone for the Hall of Fame. However, only the current District Governor can **nominate** a fellow Lion for the NC Lions Hall of Fame).

Complete the following in its entirety and **submit to the current District Hall of Fame Chair**  
**Deadline for submission: December 31, 2025**

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Living Nominee:

1. Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Lions Club: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Join Date: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Attach biographical information of nominee: years of service, leadership positions held, honors, and awards. Add additional pages as needed.
5. List major accomplishments and/or contributions Add additional pages as needed.
6. Attach your assessment of the nominee's significant impact to the objectives of Lionism in North Carolina. Also describe his/her contributions to their community at large. Include hobbies, special interests, military service, etc.

### Deceased Nominee:

1. Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Lions Club: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Join date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_
4. Attach biographical information of nominee: years of service, leadership positions held, honors and awards.
5. Attach a list of major accomplishments and/or contributions
6. Attach your assessment of the nominee's significant impact to the objectives of Lionism in North Carolina. Also, describe his/her contributions to their community at large. Include hobbies, special interests, military service, etc.

Questions — call Carlton Metts, Hall of Fame State Chair, 252-259-4140 or [carltonmetts@gmail.com](mailto:carltonmetts@gmail.com)

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