

District Gazette



District-N

North Carolina Lions



September 2026



Event Dates On the Horizon

August 7,8,9	Council of Governors & NCLF board meetings
August 22	MD31-N Brighter Visions Kickoff/1 st Cabinet Meeting
August 29	Leaders Training – In person and ZOOM
September 3	USA/Canada Leadership Forum
September 13	NC Lions Open House
September 19	KidsSight Vision Certification at Fayetteville Massey Hill
September 26-28	Vice District Governor Training
October 8-18	Lions Week of Service - VISION
October 19-21	NC Lions VIP Fishing Tournament
January 15-16	Mid-Winter Convention
April 22-25	NC Lions State Convention

Your District Team

District Governor Eddie Chase
First Vice District Governor Earl House
Second Vice District Governor Kevin Toman
GET Coordinator PDG Gene Goetz
GLT Coordinator PDG DeAngelo Jackson
GMT Coordinator Jerry Williams
GST Coordinator Sonya Wilson
Secretary Betty Wootan
Treasurer Betty Shingleton
District Administrator George Holston

Zone 1 Chairperson Pending
Zone 2 Chairperson Pending
Zone 3 Chairperson Scott Stephenson
Zone 4 Chairperson Lorie Jones
Zone 5 Co-Chairperson Mike McCaskill
Zone 5 Co-Chairperson Tim Morris
Zone 6 Chairperson Pending
Zone 7 Chairperson Jerry Williams
Zone 8 Chairperson Alexander Williams
Zone 9 Chairperson Tim Byrd

Rooted in Service



Lions
International

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
MARK S. LYON
2026-2027

— 2026-2027 THEME —
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IN
SERVICE

SERVE • CONNECT • GROW

A MESSAGE FROM

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
MARK S. LYON

“

Service is the foundation of Lions.
It's who we are and what we do.
Our roots run deep — stretching far
and wide to build lasting connections
and strengthen our world.

Every time we serve,
our roots grow stronger and deeper. ”



2026-2027
PRESIDENTIAL PIN



TOGETHER
WE SERVE
TOGETHER
WE GROW
TOGETHER
WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE



From your District Governor Eddie Chase

2026-2027 – A Year of Action and Service

District 31-N Lions:

What a tremendous start we have had to this Lions year across District 31-N! Already this summer, our Lions have been busy serving, learning, leading, and preparing for the months ahead. From KidSight screenings and District meetings to online and in-person training opportunities, the Brighter Visions Kickoff, and our first District 31-N Cabinet Meeting, we have demonstrated that our District is energized and ready to serve. I sincerely thank every Lion who has participated, volunteered, traveled, trained, and helped make these events successful.

As we move forward, I encourage every club to be proactive in your community. Look for the needs that may be going unnoticed. Ask what your club can do to help. Build relationships with schools, churches, businesses, civic organizations, and community leaders. Most importantly, make sure your community knows that **Lions are there and ready to serve**. Every service project is also an opportunity to tell the Lions story, invite others to join us, and strengthen our clubs for the future.

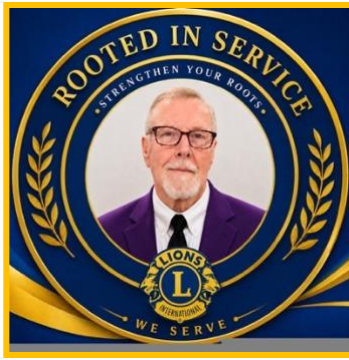
The next several months promise to be busy and exciting, with golf tournaments, car shows, the VIP Fishing Tournament, community events, club meetings, service projects, and much more taking place throughout District 31-N. I encourage you to support one another, share your successes, and continue looking for new ways to make a difference. **Let us keep the momentum going, keep our Lions visible, and continue showing our communities what “We Serve” truly means. Our best work is still ahead of us!**

We Serve!

Let's Make It a GREAT Lions Year!

Eddie Chase

Govenor, District 31-N



From First Vice District Governor Earl House *We Serve to Make a Difference!*

As we move forward into another busy and exciting Lions year, I encourage every Lion and every club in District 31-N to think about how we can build upon the success we have already achieved. One important opportunity is our support of **Brighter Vision**. Last year, our District raised more than **\$20,000 through ticket sales**, an accomplishment we can all be proud of. This year, I challenge our clubs to make an even greater effort. **Wouldn't it be great to achieve 100% participation, with every club in District 31-N taking part in Brighter Vision ticket sales?** Every club may participate at a different level, but when every club contributes to the effort, the combined impact can be tremendous. If we work together, there is no reason we cannot exceed last year's total and set an even higher standard for District 31-N. LCIF Coordinator, Kevin Toman, is up to the task of bettering last year's totals but he needs our help.

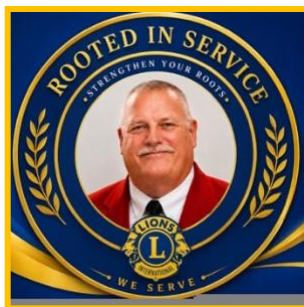
Just as important as raising funds is **developing our Lions and preparing our future leaders**. Strong clubs do not happen by accident. They are built by Lions who continue learning, developing new skills, and preparing themselves for greater responsibilities. I encourage our members to explore the leadership and training opportunities available through the **Learn tab in the Lions Portal**, as well as **Lions University**. Whether you are a new Lion, a club officer, or a longtime member, there is always something new to learn. Leadership development helps keep our clubs moving in the right direction while ensuring that we remain informed about new programs, opportunities, and what is on the horizon for Lions.

Finally, if you have not registered to participate in the upcoming **VIP Fishing Tournament**, I hope you will consider doing so—especially if you have never experienced this wonderful event. There is something very special about helping and guiding individuals with vision needs while sharing a day of fellowship, fishing, and fun. The experience is rewarding for our VIP participants, but I believe you will discover that it is equally rewarding for the Lions who serve alongside them.

Brighter Vision. Leadership Development. Hands-on Service. Each represents a different way we strengthen Lions and strengthen our communities. Let us continue learning, serving, and challenging ourselves to do just a little more. **Imagine what we can accomplish when 100% of our clubs are engaged and moving forward together.**

WE SERVE—and together, we make a difference.

Earl House
1st Vice District Governor



A Note from Second Vice District Governor Kevin Toman:

Building Momentum Through Service

As we move further into a new Lions year, I am reminded that every successful journey begins with both a clear direction and the willingness to take the next step. District 31-N has begun this year with enthusiasm, energy, and a renewed commitment to serving our communities.

Across our district, Lions are already planning fundraisers, collecting supplies, supporting local organizations, strengthening vision initiatives, and identifying new ways to meet community needs. Some projects will affect hundreds of people, while others may touch only one family or one individual. Each act of service matters because every person helped represents a life changed for the better.

Our strength as a district does not come from any single officer, club, or project. It comes from Lions working together. When clubs exchange ideas, support district initiatives, invite new members, develop future leaders, and celebrate one another's accomplishments, we create momentum that reaches far beyond our individual communities.

August is also an important time to reconnect with our purpose. The Brighter Visions Kickoff and District Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, August 22, at Lions Industries for the Blind in Kinston will provide an excellent opportunity for fellowship, learning, and renewed inspiration. I encourage every club to be represented. District gatherings help remind us that we are part of something much larger than ourselves.

As your Second Vice District Governor, I look forward to visiting clubs throughout District 31-N, learning more about your service, and helping you share your successes. Every club has a story worth telling. Those stories can inspire other Lions, attract new members, and remind our communities why Lions remain such an important force for good.

This year, let us be intentional about recognizing our members, welcoming new ideas, supporting our Leos, and strengthening the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Let us also remember that service does not have to be complicated to be meaningful. Sometimes the greatest impact begins with a Lion noticing a need and deciding to act.

Thank you for everything you have already done and for all that lies ahead. Let us continue moving forward together—with purpose in our hearts, service in our hands, and pride in being Lions.

When Lions work together, there is no limit to what we can accomplish.

In service and friendship,

Kevin Toman

**Second Vice District Governor
District 31-M**



DISTRICT 31-N OFF TO A GREAT START!

NC Lions District 31-N Lions gathered Saturday, August 22, at **Lions Industries for the Blind in Kinston** for the annual **Brighter Vision Kickoff and District Governor Eddie Chase's first Cabinet Meeting of the 2026–2027 Lions year**. Lions representing clubs from throughout the district enjoyed a day of fellowship, information, and service. A delicious lunch of sloppy joes, chips, and beverages was graciously provided by **IPDG Gene Goetz and his wife, Jacqueline**.

The Brighter Vision Kickoff highlighted the tremendous impact Lions continue to make for those with visual needs. **Carlie Metts, Executive Director of NC Lions Foundation**, provided a recap of last year's Brighter Vision accomplishments. **Lee Jones, Camp and Retreat Director of Camp Dogwood**, and **IPDG Gene Goetz, NC Lions Camp Dogwood Chairperson**, discussed the programs and services of Camp Dogwood and the importance of Lions supporting this unique North Carolina treasure. **PDG Steve Cline, Brighter Visions State Chairperson**, and **Lorraine Dixon, NCLF President**, reinforced the critical need for continued support through fundraising, ticket sales, volunteerism, and direct assistance at Camp Dogwood.

Of course, the Kickoff would not be complete without a little Lions fun! Lions enthusiastically raised funds for the traditional cutting of **District Governor Eddie Chase's tie**. Not to be outdone, **1st VDG Earl House and 2nd VDG Kevin Toman** joined the action, sacrificing their ties for the cause as well and some excellent fundraising!! Unfortunately, we had a couple of our leaders that were placed in shackles for actions harmful to Lions District 31-N. It took significant amount of effort to collect funds to post bond for Lion Betty Shingleton and DG Eddie Chase...but it was accomplished. Sadly many attendees said they'd paid MORE money if we kept them shackled!

The highlight of the morning, however, came as clubs presented their Brighter Vision contributions. **Approximately \$20,000 in cash and checks was contributed at the Kickoff! What a GREAT beginning!** Zone Chairs and club officers also picked up Brighter Vision tickets to take back to their clubs. Now the challenge is to build upon that tremendous start and strive for strong participation from every club across District 31-N.

Following the Kickoff, DG Eddie Chase convened his first District Cabinet Meeting. **District Treasurer Betty Shingleton** presented the 2025–2026 budget wrap-up and proposed 2026–2027 District Budget, both of which were unanimously approved. District Program Chairs also outlined their goals and upcoming activities. Clubs are encouraged to invite members of the **GAT, GET, GMT, GLT, and GST teams** to club meetings to learn more about the resources available to strengthen membership, leadership, and service.

DG Chase also presented several important **District 31-N goals for 2026–2027**. The District will strive to increase **LCIF contributions to \$23,500** while achieving **55% or greater club**

participation; provide training for 100% of Zone Chairs and at least 75% of Club Officers; and have at least 65% of District clubs reporting their service activities.

These goals may be ambitious—but **EVERY ONE OF THEM IS WITHIN OUR REACH AND ATTAINABLE!** Success will require participation from clubs throughout District 31-N. If the enthusiasm, fellowship, and generosity demonstrated in Kinston are any indication, we are off to an outstanding start.

The next District 31-N Cabinet Meeting will be held **October 17 at 11:00 AM at the Erwin Lions Club, 100 West F Street, Erwin, NC.** Mark your calendar, get involved, and help us continue the momentum!

District 31-N—Let's Make It a BRIGHTER Year!

PHOTOS BELOW REPRESENT JUST SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES AND SPEAKERS AT THE KICKOFF AND CABINET MEETING:



**L-R 2VDG Kevin Toman, 1VDG Earl House
And DG Eddie Chase with their unattractive tie choices!**



**Robert Bolden cuts DG
Eddie Chase's Tie as 1VDG
Earl House assists!**



**Regina Evans of Shallotte
Lions Club "trims" 2VDG
Kevin Toman's tie!**

**PHOTOS BELOW REPRESENT JUST SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES AND SPEAKERS AT
THE KICKOFF AND CABINET MEETING**



**DG Eddie Chase and
District Treasurer Betty Shingleton *finally* apprehended!**



**PDG Steve Cline
Brighter Visions State
Chairman**



**Lorraine Dixon
NCLF President**



**Carlie Metts, Executive
Director, NCLF and
guest speakers**

**PHOTOS BELOW REPRESENT JUST SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES AND SPEAKERS AT THE
KICKOFF AND CABINET MEETING**



Lee Jones



IPDG Gene Goetz



Lion Jerry Williams



**Making Club
Contributions**



**Guest Speakers at
the Kickoff Event**

The Role of District 31-N Global Service Team (GST)

(Third in a series of articles on District Officer Positions)

In Lions Clubs International, **GST** stands for the **Global Service Team**. The GST champions service programs, project resources, and grants, helping local clubs plan impactful community projects, encourage hands-on service, and report their activities through the Lion Portal.

Core Roles and Structure

- **Global Action Team (GAT):** The GST is a core pillar of the GAT, working alongside the Global Leadership Team (GLT) and Global Membership Team (GMT) at club, district, and multiple-district levels.
- **District Coordinators (D-GST):** District GST leaders train club service chairs, promote global causes (like vision, hunger, diabetes, and the environment), and support local project execution.
- **Reporting and Support:** The GST assists clubs in tracking community impact metrics and utilizing official tools like the Lion Portal.

Key Responsibilities

- **Project Guidance:** Share project planners, ideas, and frameworks.
- **Grants and Awards:** Promote local and international recognition, such as the Kindness Matters Service Award, and coordinate LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation) grant opportunities.
- **Collaboration:** Partner with zone chairs and district governors to align service goals with overall association strategies.

DISTRICT 31-N GST CHAIR: Sonya Wilson, Zone 4 Chair

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WE SERVE....A WORLD IN NEED!





*Together,
We Serve!*

WHAT DOES THE DISTRICT GST DO?

The Global Service Team (GST) supports clubs
to make a **bigger impact** in their communities and the world.



SUPPORTS CLUBS

Provides guidance, resources, and training
to help clubs serve more effectively.



INCREASES IMPACT

Encourages service projects that meet real
community needs and create lasting change.



BUILDS PARTNERSHIPS

Connects clubs with organizations and
partners to expand reach and resources.



STRENGTHENS SERVICE

Helps clubs align with Lions International's
global causes and share their success.



CELEBRATES & SHARES

Promotes and celebrates the incredible
service happening across our district.

THE GST EMPOWERS CLUBS TO:



Serve with Purpose

Focus on the needs that
matter most.



Grow Stronger

Build leadership, skills,
and confidence.



Make a Difference

Transform lives in your
community and beyond.



Inspire Others

Share your impact and
inspire more to join.

Stronger Clubs.

Stronger Communities.

A Better World.



**TOGETHER, WE CAN
CHANGE MORE LIVES.**



Your Service. Our Mission.
GLOBAL IMPACT.

**THAT'S
Lions!**

Lions International News and Events

Striving for Excellence: The Lions Club Excellence Award



Every Lions Club has the opportunity to be recognized for the difference it makes in its community. The **Lions Club Excellence Award** recognizes clubs that demonstrate outstanding commitment to service, membership growth, leadership development, and effective club management.

Earning this award is more than simply receiving a certificate—it is a reflection of a club working together with purpose. Successful clubs set goals, involve their members, conduct meaningful service projects, welcome new Lions, and remain actively engaged in their communities.

The Excellence Award also reminds us that **excellence is a team effort**. When every member contributes, attends meetings, participates in projects, recruits new members, and supports the club's goals, the entire club becomes stronger.

As we begin a new Lions year, let's challenge every club in District 31-N to ask: “**What can we do this year to become an Excellence Award Club?**” Set the goals, make a plan, involve your members, and most importantly—**serve with pride and have fun doing it!**

Excellence doesn't happen by accident. It happens when Lions work together with a vision, a plan, and a commitment to serve.

On the next page you will see the Club Excellence Award Criteria for Lions Year 2026 – 2027. Get started now working toward a Club Excellence Award!



2026-2027 Excellence Awards

**New clubs chartered after January 1, 2027, are not eligible for the award.*

Club Excellence Award criteria

Membership:

- Achieved a net growth of two (2) members or 10% or more members (Reinstated members and charter members above the minimum 20 members will qualify.)
OR
- Sponsored a new Lions club or Club Branch

Service:

- Report a minimum of four (4) service activities.
(Three (3) must align with our [Global Causes](#) around Youth, Vision and Environment (one in each Global Cause) these service projects can be completed throughout the 2026-2027 Lion year.)

Leadership & Organizational Excellence:

- Clubs in Good Standing: not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. Club dues paid and no unpaid balance with Lions International greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.
- Report newly elected club officers for the 2027-2028 Lions year in the [Lion Portal](#) by May 15, 2027, of the current Lions year.
- Club officers to attend instructor-led club officer training (in person or virtual), organized and reported in Learn by GLT coordinator, between March 1, 2026 – October 31, 2026.
- The club president for the current Lion year must not have served in that role more than two consecutive years.
- 10% of the club's members complete any three (3) courses in the Lions Learning Center.

LCIF:

Contributed to LCIF a minimum of the club's membership total at the start of the 2026-2027 Lion year multiplied by US\$20.

District, Region and Zone criteria

For the District, Zone Chairperson and Region Chairperson, 50% of the clubs must earn the club excellence award for them to receive this award.

North Carolina Lions News

Participant Applications Now Being Accepted for the NC Lions 2026 VIP Fishing Tournament

Applications are now being accepted for PARTICIPANTS to attend the 2026 NC Lions VIP Fishing Tournament that will take place October 19 – 21, 2026 on the beautiful Outer Banks of North Carolina!

This special event offers a fishing competition, fellowship, entertainment, and educational workshops designed for our blind and visually impaired participants. The registration fee is \$150 per person, which includes three nights of accommodations, six meals, fishing, and workshops.

For those attending with a sighted companion, the companion registration fee is \$200. Time is running out. The deadline to register is August 15 and applications, as well as online payment options are available at:

www.ncvipfishing.org

This is an unforgettable annual experience that Lions across the State should witness!

Our mission is to provide an annual three-day event for educational, recreational, and personal growth opportunities to serve North Carolina Visually Impaired Persons.



NCLF News and Events

SAVE THE DATE....

Save the date! Sunday, September 13th is our Open House. Please come and bring the family! We will have hot dogs, chips, drinks and slushies. You will be able to tour the property, play indoor putt-putt, we will have yard games set up, you can go on a scavenger hunt and all while learning interesting trivia about the North Carolina Lions Foundation and Camp Dogwood. We hope to see you there!

OPEN HOUSE

@ Camp Dogwood

★ Music, Tours, Trivia, Scavenger Hunts, Indoor Putt-Putt and Yard Games ★ Hot Dogs, Chips, Drinks & Slushies

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 13TH
12 PM - 6 PM**

**7062 CAMP DOGWOOD DR.
SHERRILLS FORD, NC 28673**

Bring the family & learn about Camp Dogwood, the North Carolina Lions Foundation, and all the amazing things we have been doing here for almost 60 years!



★ <https://nclionscampdogwood.org> ★ <https://nclf.org> 828-478-2135

District News and Events

LIONS PEACE POSTER INITIATIVE:

District 31-N Clubs, don't forget about the 2026 Lions Peace Poster Initiative. This is a great community outreach program! For more information, contact Marilyn Jackson at (910) 747-5808 or email: m5jack@yahoo.com.

The theme for the 2026–2027 [Lions International Peace Poster Contest](#) is "Harmony in Humanity." [Lions Clubs International](#) invites children ages 11, 12, and 13 to share their visions of peace through art.

Contest Overview

- **Ages:** Children aged 11–13 as of November 15.
- **Theme:** "Harmony in Humanity" (focusing on a world where diverse cultures and backgrounds live together in peace).
- **Sponsorship:** Must be sponsored locally by a Lions club through a local school or organized youth group.
- **Deadline:** Clubs must order kits and entries generally need to be submitted by October 1st.

Prizes & Awards

- **Grand Prize:** One international grand prize winner receives **US\$5,000** plus an award and an invitation to a special presentation ceremony.
- **Merit Awards:** Multiple international merit winners receive specialized awards and recognition.

How to Get Involved

- **For Young Artists & Parents:** Reach out to a local Lions Club or school to see if they are hosting a local branch of the contest.
- **For Lions Clubs:** Purchase physical or digital entry kits through the [Lions Official Shop](#) to register and manage local student submissions.



Harmony IN Humanity

TOGETHER IN KINDNESS, UNITED IN PEACE.



RESPECT



KINDNESS



UNDERSTANDING



UNITY

IMPORTANT DEADLINES



**JANUARY 15,
2026**

Peace Poster kits
became available.



**OCTOBER 1,
2026**

Last day for clubs
to purchase
contest kits.



**NOVEMBER 15,
2026**

Club must send its
winning poster to
the District Governor.



**DECEMBER 1,
2026**

District Governor sends
the district winner to
the Multiple District
Council Chair.



**DECEMBER 15,
2026**

Multiple District
submits its winning
poster to Lions
International
Headquarters.



**LION MARILYN JACKSON WILL BE RECEIVING ALL
DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S POSTERS.**

POSTMARKED BY NOVEMBER 15, 2026



MAIL POSTERS TO:
Lion Marilyn Jackson
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*Imagine Peace
Create Harmony*

ONE WORLD. MANY CULTURES.
HARMONY IN HUMANITY.

*Your Art.
Your Voice.
Our Future.*

Club News and Events

Fayetteville Massey Hill Lions Club

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION: August was a very active month for members of the Massey Hill Lions Club. On August 13th, the Club was pleased to induct their newest member. **Lion Caleb Peterson** was sponsored by Lion Blake Halsey and was unanimously approved by the Club members and Board of Directors. Already involved in Club activities, Lion Caleb and his Edward Jones business partners were corporate sponsors of the Clubs recent Golf Tournament and he was an active participant at the event.

WELCOME TO THE PRIDE LION CALEB PETERSON!



Left: Caleb Peterson. Right: Blake Halsey

CHARLIE DIXON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT: On August 14th and 15th, members of the Massey Hill Lions Club hosted over 118 golfers to their First Annual Charlie Dixon Memorial Golf Tournament and Dinner event. Members of the Club diligently spent the last several months collecting sponsors, acquiring golfers, seeking door prizes, and planning for the event. This year, the Club is proud to announce that more that the event was filled to capacity with more than 118 golfers participating in the event, along with Lions members, family members, and a host of other volunteers. Additionally, a record number of large and small donor sponsors graciously contributed funding for the event that will be utilized in the Fayetteville-Cumberland County Community to support vision, diabetes, District goals, scholarships and other significant service initiatives.

Lions Club members hosted a dinner and drawing event for teams on the evening prior to the tournament. On the morning of the golf tournament, Lions prepared a breakfast of "Massey Hill Steak (AKA Fried Bologna Sandwiches)". As golfers completed their rounds, lunch was provided by Bubba's 33 for each tournament participant.

Thanks to the many sponsors of this years tournament, the players that came out to support this event, Cypress Lakes Golf Course, volunteers and the Massey Hill Lions Club members for putting on our best tournament ever. Charlie Dixon would have been proud of everyone!

Massey Hill Lions Club First Annual Charlie Dixon Memorial Golf Tournament



Lion Charlie Dixon



The Charlie Dixon Family



Western Harnett Lions Club

“Stuff the Bus” Event



Western Harnett Lion's Club recently sponsored “Stuff the Bus” event at our marina. This is an annual drive that supports the three elementary schools in the area.

This was a record-breaking year for both school supplies for the student and supplies for the teachers as well. Each learning facility received 18 boxes of assorted items. Carolina Lakes community has always been generous in giving to our various drives throughout the year, and we are ever so grateful for the support in goods and cash.

Cash donations were unbelievable; twelve hundred dollars allowed for a shopping trip at Walmart the next day, to add to the piles.

The following Wednesday, just before school started, delivery was completed for the 14th time. No child should have go to school without the equipment that is needed. **WELL DONE WESTERN HARNETT!**



Burgaw Lions Club

Pender County to Proclaim Sept. 17 “Hurricane Helpers Day” as Lions Club Honors First Responders and Supports Disaster Relief

To honor the dedication and selfless service of emergency personnel, the Pender County Board of Commissioners will officially proclaim **September 17, 2026**, as **Hurricane Helpers Day**. Representatives from the Lions Club and community partners will attend the Board of Commissioners meeting on **September 8, 2026**, where the formal proclamation will be signed and presented.

The initiative connects closely with the inspiring real-world efforts captured in the children's book *Hurricane Helpers*, written by author **Jim Brewster** and published by **Glad to Do It Publishing**. Proudly sponsored by the Lions Club, the book highlights the true story of the Pender County Sheriff's Office personnel who volunteered and deployed to Western North Carolina to aid devastated communities following Hurricane Helene. Copies of the book are being sold by the club as an ongoing fundraiser to finance local disaster preparedness and emergency readiness programs.

Following the September 8 adoption of the proclamation, the **Burgaw Lions Club** will take action across Pender County on September 17. Members will travel throughout the county visiting the Pender County Sheriff's Office, local EMS stations, and every fire house to deliver sweet treats and express firsthand gratitude to frontline personnel for their continuous service.

“When disaster strikes, our first responders step up—not just in our own backyard, but wherever help is needed, just as our Sheriff's Office demonstrated in Western North Carolina after Hurricane Helene,” said Char McClain, the club president. “Between the county proclamation on September 7, our station visits on September 17, and the *Hurricane Helpers* book fundraiser, we are proud to celebrate these heroes and build stronger disaster preparedness for our entire community.”

Community members are encouraged to participate in Hurricane Helpers Day by refreshing their own family storm plans and supporting local disaster preparedness projects. Copies of *Hurricane Helpers* will be available for purchase through the Lions Club to benefit local disaster readiness funds.

For more information about Hurricane Helpers Day, to purchase a copy of the book, or to support disaster preparedness initiatives, please contact burgawlions@gmail.com.

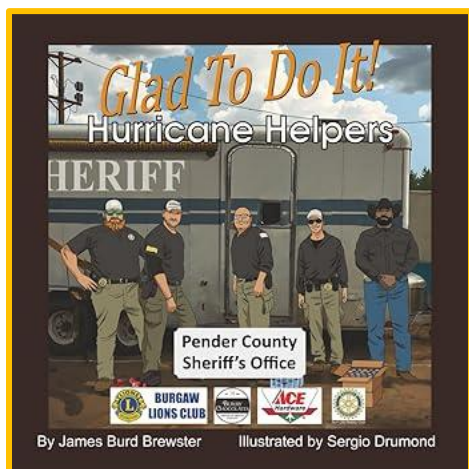
About the Lions Club:

The Lions Club empowers volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, and support local disaster relief, youth programs, and community safety initiatives.

About Glad to Do It Publishing:

Glad to Do It Publishing, led by author Jim Brewster, produces inspiring, community-focused literature designed to educate, uplift, and support meaningful charitable causes.

Burgaw Lions Club Community Service Photos



L to R: Captain Naz Hankins, Det Sgt Mark Lobell, Det Sgt Matthew English, Det Dylan Harnish, Deputy Robert Pate



L to R: Bill Waddell, Cheryl Tornow, Louise Eisenhauer



Hurricane Helpers Bookcover



HURRICAN HELPERS Award Presentation

Left to Right: Cheryl Tornow, Club Secretary; Jim Brewster, Author of Hurrican Helpers; Sheriff Cutler, Pender County Sheriff; Char McLain, Club President, Joey McLain, Club Tail Twister, Bill Waddell, Burgaw Lions Member

Pine Level Lions Club

Demonstrating Lions Awareness!

The Pine Level Lions Club continues to stay busy with community service projects in their respective area. The following list of activities demonstrates their engagement with the local residents and shows the true spirit of Lionism. Clubs within District 31-N should assist Pine Level by providing additional support and to have a significant presence of Lions within the area at these events:

- **October 2026: Broom Sales at the Pine Level Town Market.** The Town Market is a local grocery store located at 1700 Highway 70A East in Pine Level, North Carolina, open daily from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. It operates through October 2026 for regular grocery needs, featuring custom-cut meats and fresh produce.
- **October-November 2026:** Annual community calendar sales and distribution will take place in November and December. Contact Pine Level Lions President at: ronnie0414@gmail.com.
- **November 20-21 2026:** The Annual Pine Level Turkey Shoot will once again be held at Sam Godwin Park in Pine Level on November 20th and 21st. Come join us and bring some friends. Note - get there early as after 7:00-7:30 it's a 2 hour wait to shoot based on the history of some years in past.
- **November 21, 2026:** The annual Pine Level Shotgun, Rocking Chair and Gift Certificate to the Town Market Raffle will be drawn on November 21st. Get your tickets early!
- **December 10, 2026:** The Annual Pine Level Christmas Parade will be held with the Pine Level Lions manning a float in the parade.
- **December 18-19, 2026:** Pine Level Lions will distribute fruit baskets to local elderly and shut-ins.

Smithfield Lions Club

Members of the Smithfield Lions Club continue to be busy throughout their community. During August and September, the Club's focus has been on Environment, as well as Hunger and Vision initiatives. The following are just some of the Club's activities during these months:

SUPPORT TO THE HOMELESS: Club members donated housewares and clothing to a nonprofit called Street Reach, which provides essentials to people needing help furnishing living spaces after homelessness, along with professional clothing for those interviewing for jobs. While providing a very useful service to the homeless, this project also promotes recycling and reuse rather than adding to landfills.

EYEGLOSS COLLECTION: The Club collected over 3,600 pairs of eyeglasses, 20 cellphones, and 5 pairs of hearing aids that were delivered to Camp Dogwood.

FOOD DONATIONS: Food donations will be collected throughout September to stock the local Blessing Boxes. This initiative provides free food to community members in need.

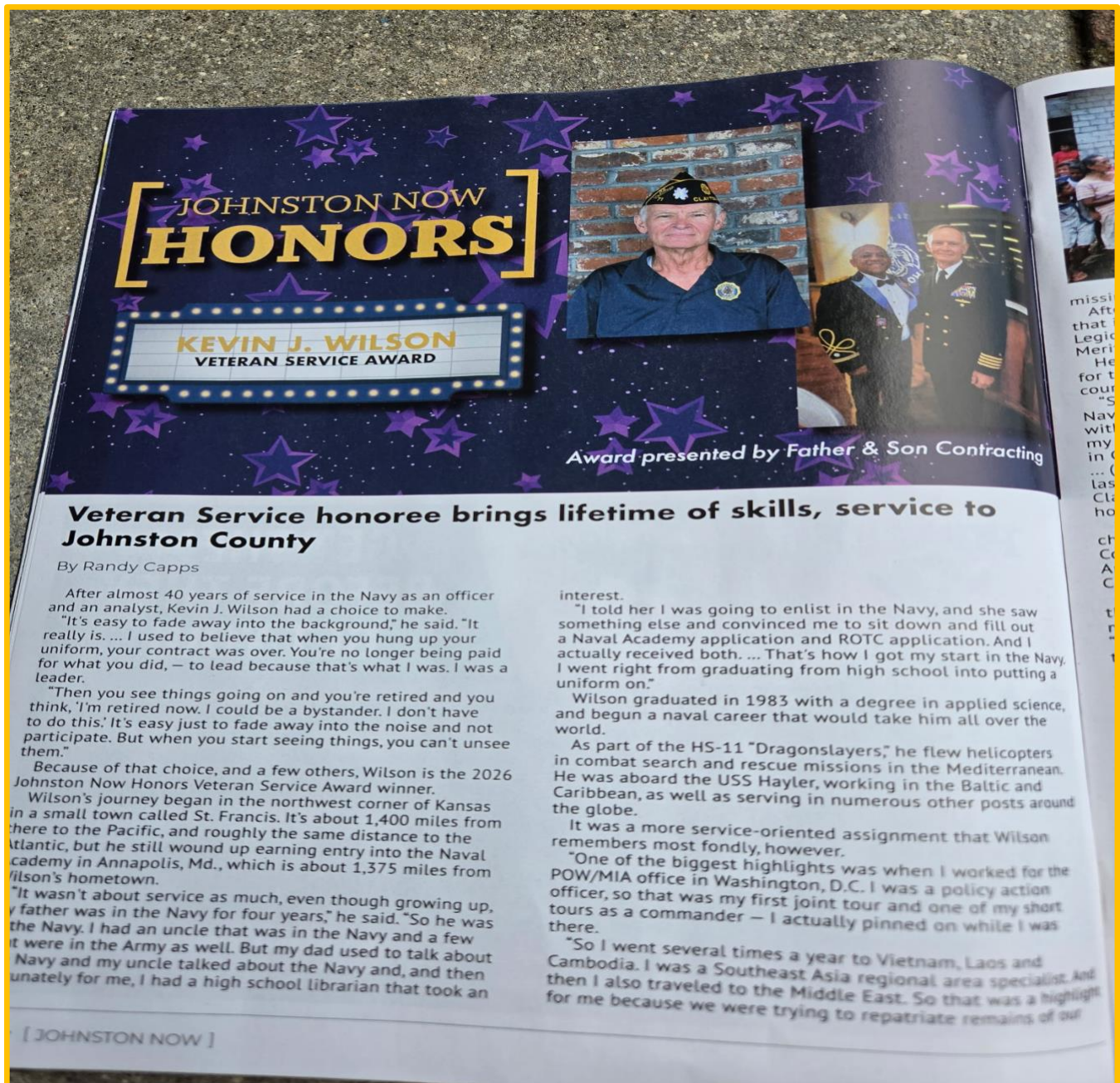
SHINE FOR SIGHT: The nonprofit organization, "Shine for Sight" led by Dr. Brittani Carver and her team of volunteers brought their mobile vision van to Smithfield for a day of free eyeglasses for the more than 20 adults and children referred to the Smithfield Lions Club from school nurses, social workers and the Johnston County Public Health Department!

KIDSIGHT SCREENING: Smithfield Lions will provide KidSight vision screening on September 12th as part of the 1st Annual Acorn Festival in Four Oaks as part of the health fair that will be conducted simultaneously to the

event. A partnership with the Chamber of Commerce for future eye screenings at city events was recently discussed.

COLOR BLIND VISION TRAINING: PDG Mayra McCloud of the Fayetteville Massey Hill Lions Club will be working with Club members on testing for color blindness. The objective is that Smithfield Lions will start performing color blindness testing during area eye screenings and to educate people on available products and resources.

CLUB MEMBER RECOGNITION: Lion Kevin Wilson, U.S. Navy Retired, was recognized by JNOW magazine with the Veteran Service Award for his significant service to Johnston County. Thank you for your military service, your service to Lions Club International, and to your community.



WELL DONE LION KEVIN WILSON!

LCIF Notes



LCIF: Turning District 31-N Compassion into Lasting Impact

By Lion Kevin Toman, District 31-N LCIF Coordinator

Throughout eastern North Carolina, Lions are known for identifying needs, organizing volunteers and finding ways to serve. Yet some challenges are too large for any single club—or even an entire district—to address alone. That is where Lions Clubs International Foundation becomes one of our most important partners.

LCIF transforms the generosity of Lions into grants that expand local service. The Foundation helps districts respond to disasters, protect sight, fight childhood cancer, address diabetes and undertake humanitarian projects that would otherwise be beyond their financial reach. Here in District 31-N, that support has produced meaningful and lasting results.

One of LCIF's most visible contributions has been disaster relief. In 2016, District 31-N received two separate \$10,000 emergency grants for hurricane relief. These funds enabled Lions to provide critical assistance to families and communities recovering from devastating storms. Emergency grants can be used for necessities such as food, water, clothing, medical supplies and other immediate needs. [LCIF's October 2016 grant report](#) and [December 2016 grant report](#) document the Foundation's direct support of District 31-N.

Following Hurricane Florence in 2018, Lions from Wilmington, Burgaw, Hampstead, Calabash, Hanover and other clubs worked together to help storm-damaged communities. LCIF awarded North Carolina's Multiple District 31 a \$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant, giving Lions additional resources to assist with the recovery. The service delivered locally demonstrated the power of Lions working together with the financial support of their international foundation.

That partnership continued following Hurricane Helene. LCIF approved \$335,000 through 11 grants across the affected states, including a \$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant for Multiple District 31. While western North Carolina experienced the greatest destruction, Lions from District 31-N collected supplies, raised funds and supported relief efforts for our neighbors across the state. [LCIF's Hurricane Helene report](#) shows how contributions from Lions become immediate help when disaster strikes.

LCIF has also strengthened one of our most important missions: protecting sight. District 31-N received a \$12,064 matching grant to purchase three Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screeners for use in

Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender counties. These portable devices allow trained Lions to screen children quickly and noninvasively for possible vision problems.

A screening does not diagnose a condition, but it can identify a child who should be referred to an eye-care professional. Early detection is especially important because an untreated vision problem can affect reading, classroom performance and a child's overall development. Through this grant, LCIF helped local Lions reach more children and potentially change the direction of their lives.

The Foundation has also invested in the fight against diabetes. An LCIF grant of \$18,750 was awarded to District 31-N to expand and enhance a Type 1 diabetes youth camp. Programs such as this give children living with diabetes opportunities to participate in camp activities while learning how to manage their condition in a safe and supportive environment. The project represents what LCIF does best: combining financial resources with local knowledge to improve quality of life.

One of the district's newest LCIF-supported projects focus on children receiving medical treatment. A \$20,000 LCIF grant is supporting the installation of diversion equipment at the James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital in Greenville. This equipment and accompanying software will provide age-appropriate distractions for young patients undergoing medical procedures, helping reduce anxiety and make difficult experiences less frightening. District Lions have supplemented the grant through fundraising efforts, demonstrating that LCIF projects are true partnerships between the Foundation, local Lions and the communities they serve. [District 31-N's Gazette](#) describes the project and its intended impact.

These accomplishments remind us that an LCIF contribution is not simply money leaving our community. It is an investment that can return to our district in the form of vision-screening equipment, disaster assistance, medical resources and expanded programs for children and families.

Every donation—whether made by an individual Lion, a club or a community supporter—helps build LCIF's ability to respond when the next need arises. Contributions can also honor exceptional service through a Melvin Jones Fellowship or Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship, creating a lasting tribute while supporting humanitarian work.

The story of LCIF in District 31-N is ultimately a story of partnership. LCIF provides resources. Our clubs provide local leadership, volunteers and compassion. Together, we turn generosity into action and action into lives changed.

When we give to LCIF, we are not merely supporting a foundation. We are preparing Lions to serve—across the world, across North Carolina and right here at home.

Together, we serve more people, meet greater needs and accomplish what no club could accomplish alone.



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION
 CHANGING LIVES. TOGETHER.



Recognizing Generosity

PRESIDENTIAL LCIF RECOGNITION 2026-2027



INDIVIDUAL PRESIDENTIAL LCIF SUPPORTER FOR 2026-2027

- ★ Recognizes individual Lions who have contributed based on the Level of Recognition (see below).
- 🏆 Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) credits are earned based on the minimum donation amount in each category.
- ✓ When donating select either empowering service or disaster relief to receive MJF credits.



LEVELS OF RECOGNITION

Recognizes individual Lions who have contributed based on the Level of Recognition (see below). Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) credits are earned based on the minimum donation amount in each category. When donating select either empowering service or disaster relief to receive MJF credits.

ALL DONORS



BRONZE PIN

US\$50 to
 US\$99.99



SILVER PIN

US\$100 to
 US\$199.99



GOLD PIN

US\$200
 and above

LEO MEMBERS ONLY



LEO-PRESIDENTIAL LCIF SUPPORTER

Minimum donation of US\$20



CLUB PRESIDENTIAL CLUB GIVING AWARD FOR LCIF 2026-2027

Recognizes clubs that have contributed on a per-member basis throughout the Lions fiscal year (July-June), based on the Levels of Recognition (see below).



HOW IT WORKS

The Presidential Club Giving Award for LCIF is awarded to clubs based on their donation per-member average during the fiscal year. The more you contribute per member, the higher the level of recognition your club will achieve. Your club's active member count is determined as of January 1.



AUTOMATIC AWARD PROCESSING

Once your club's contribution is documented and verified, shortly after the close of the fiscal year, the prestigious award will be processed and automatically dispatched to you.



The recognition awards are given annually, shortly after the close of the fiscal year. This ensures that your club's dedication and support throughout the year are acknowledged and celebrated appropriately.



LEVELS OF RECOGNITION

There are multiple levels of recognition to honor clubs based on their per-member average contributions. The levels are as follows.

	BRONZE LEVEL	US\$50 per member (within a fiscal year)
	SILVER LEVEL	US\$100 per member (within a fiscal year)
	GOLD LEVEL	US\$250 per member (within a fiscal year)
	PLATINUM LEVEL	US\$500 per member (within a fiscal year)
	DIAMOND LEVEL	US\$1,000 per member (within a fiscal year)



Questions? Contact your 23A LCIF Coordinators:

Liz Farinella
 (203) 583-9172
 LIZ91978@GMAIL.COM

Melissa Smith
 (203) 430-9356
 LIONLISSA@YAHOO.COM



HAVE QUESTIONS? WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Reach out to Donor Services at
+1.630.203.3836
 or email us at
donorassistance@lionsclubs.org
 to learn more about the new LCIF
 presidential recognition.

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FOUNDATION

LCIF DONATIONS

*Together, We Serve.
Together, We Make a Difference.*



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



DONATE **ONLINE**

It's quick, secure
and convenient!



VISIT
lionsclubs.org/lcif

Your gift supports life-changing
grants and humanitarian
service around the world.



VISION



YOUTH



DISASTER
RELIEF



HUMANITARIAN
EFFORTS



DONATE **BY MAIL**

TO MAIL IN YOUR DONATION:

- ✓ In the U.S., it is best to send personal or bank checks.
- ✓ Checks sent from outside the U.S. should be in U.S. dollars drawn on U.S. banks, which expedites processing and reduces costly international bank collection charges.
- ✓ Checks should be sent to LCIF's **lock box address**, not LCIF's physical address.
- ✓ In countries where LCI or LCIF has bank accounts, funds may be deposited in local currency in amounts equivalent to the required U.S. dollars, using the association's official exchange rate shown on monthly club statements.
- ✓ A copy of the bank deposit receipt must be sent to LCIF along with completed donation forms.
- ✓ Fax or mail documentation to LCIF Donor Services at **donorassistance@lionsclubs.org**.



Mail USD checks drawn on a U.S. bank account,
payable to LCIF, to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation
Department 4547
Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA



Every gift—of any size—helps LCIF empower Lions to serve more people,
in more places, in more ways. **Thank you for your generosity!**

PROPOSED DISTRICT 31-N LCIF GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF VISION SCREENERS

Lion George Holston, current District 31-N Administrator, is diligently attempting to find clubs that are seeking to replace outdated equipment or to make a purchase of equipment so the Clubs can conduct their own vision screenings in their communities.

He is currently pursuing a grant that will significantly minimize the cost of the vision screening purchase. The grant is still open for additional clubs.

Clubs interested should pursue the purchase not later than September 22, 2026. The Grant must be into Lions Club International by 1 October, but LCIF requests the grant request be turned in at least two weeks early in case revisions are needed.

Lion George intends to submit the grant request to the first Cabinet Meeting to update the grant and to allow the current sitting Governor to oversee the grant application. Lion George will act as the Grant Coordinator and can answer questions that clubs may have.

Clubs may order the Plusoptix screeners as well as the Welch Allyn Spot Screeners.

He intends to contact each vendor for updated prices this week and will have information available for clubs that are interested. Currently, he has a quote of \$8870.31 for a Welch Allyn VS SH-B device that includes a five-year warranty and all taxes. That price includes the wrist strap and carrying case. At this time, depending upon the number of clubs interested, the price would be half that cost. Therefore, the club would be responsible for payment of that half. A printer is needed but can be purchased locally. It may also be included in the total order but does not have to be ordered from either vendor. District 31-N clubs and others throughout the state have ordered these devices before through an organization known as School Health.

He also has a quote for a Plusoptix Screener S12 from Plusoptix, Inc., for \$6175 with a one-year warranty, but additional one-year warranties are included along with the case, printer, some labels, shipping and handling, as well as tax. The Plusoptix screening device, Model S20, runs a little more at \$7593, but is better equipped and includes a two-year warranty, case, printer, labels, shipping and tax.

A new exact quote will be made available by the vendors by September 1st. Lions Kidsight USA recommends either unit.

10% of the total grant may be used for consumables that include paper, ink, and things such as large posters announcing the screening event.

The club's half of the purchase, for either screening device, needs to be into the District 31-N Cabinet Treasurer, Betty Ann, by September 22nd.

LCIF will meet to approve all grant requests in January 2027. Questions about the device purchases may be sent to: George Holston, PDG, at 910-232-5707 or email him directly at: sealion2@aol.com.



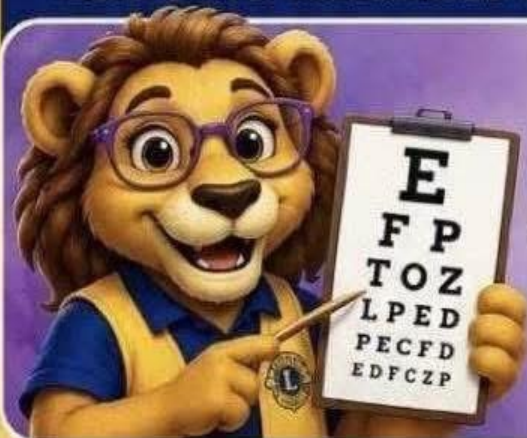
WEEKS OF SERVICE

THREE WEEKS.
THREE POWERFUL CAUSES.

2026-2027



LIONS SERVE. COMMUNITIES THRIVE.  TOGETHER, WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!



VISION

OCTOBER 8-18, 2026

Opening eyes. Changing lives.

Promote eye health and support sight-saving initiatives in your community and around the world.



YOUTH

FEBRUARY 13-21, 2027

Empower today. Lead tomorrow.

Invest in our youth through service, mentorship, and programs that build brighter futures.



ENVIRONMENT

MAY 29-JUNE 6, 2027

Protect today. Preserve tomorrow.

Take action to care for our planet through sustainability, conservation, and clean community initiatives.

LEO's---The Future of Service Needs a Place to Begin



If we want Lionism to have a strong future, we must give young people a meaningful place in its present.

The Leo Club Program offers young people far more than an opportunity to volunteer. It gives them **Leadership, Experience, and Opportunity**—the confidence to lead, the experience of working together, and the opportunity to discover how service can transform both a community and a life.

When Lions clubs support Leos, we do more than sponsor a youth program. We mentor emerging leaders, welcome fresh ideas, and pass our commitment to service to a new generation. In return, Leos bring energy, creativity, enthusiasm, and a powerful new perspective to our Lions family. [Together, Lions and Leos form a partnership built upon service, learning, and mutual respect.](#)

This year, every club can make a difference—support an existing Leo club, invite Leos to serve alongside you, mentor a young leader, or consider sponsoring a new club.

Do not merely tell young people they can change the world. Give them the opportunity to begin.

Upcoming District 31-N Training Opportunities Lion Year 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>TRAINING METHOD</u>
September 12, 2026	Leaders Training	In Person and ZOOM
September 29, 2026	LCI Portal Training	ZOOM
October 27, 2026	LCIF Grants	ZOOM
November 17, 2026	Where does the Money Go?	ZOOM



LEAD TODAY. CHANGE TOMORROW.♡

LEO CLUBS
ARE YOUTH
LEADERSHIP
PROGRAMS
SPONSORED BY
LIONS CLUBS
♡

WHY A LEO CLUB AT OUR HIGH SCHOOL MATTERS!



★ BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS



DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Gain confidence, take initiative, and become a leader in school and beyond.



BUILD STRONG CONNECTIONS

Make new friends, work as a team, and build relationships with peers and mentors.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Participate in meaningful service projects that create a positive impact.



ENHANCE COLLEGE & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Strengthen resumes, earn service hours, and stand out in applications.



GROW PERSONAL SKILLS

Improve communication, problem-solving, and organization skills that last a lifetime.

YOUNG
PEOPLE
MAKING A
BIG IMPACT
♡

♡ BENEFITS FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY



STRONGER, MORE CARING SCHOOL

LEO members lead projects that support students, staff, and those in need.



POSITIVE SCHOOL CULTURE

Encourages teamwork, kindness, and student involvement.



INCREASED SCHOOL PRIDE

LEO Club activities showcase our school's commitment to service and leadership.



STRONGER COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Collaborate with local organizations to address real needs and build lasting connections.



LASTING LEGACY

LEO Clubs create a ripple effect of service that benefits future students and our community for years to come.

ONE CLUB.
ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES.
BE A LEO! ♡



JOIN.
SERVE.
LEAD.
INSPIRE.
TOGETHER
WE CAN! ♡



IN OUR SCHOOL.



IN OUR COMMUNITY.



IN OUR WORLD.



#LEOPROUD



From the District Gazette Editor

As we continue moving forward in this Lions year, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the clubs and zones throughout District 31-N for your tremendous support of the **District Gazette**. Your willingness to share information, submit articles, provide photographs, and keeping us informed about what is happening across our District is what makes the Gazette a valuable resource for all of our Lions.

The Gazette serves as an important mechanism for sharing information from **Lions Clubs International, North Carolina Lions, LCIF, District 31-N, our zones, and our individual clubs**. With so much happening throughout Lions, communication helps keep our members informed, connected, and aware of the many opportunities available to serve, learn, lead, and grow.

Perhaps most importantly, the Gazette provides every club with an opportunity to **tell its story**. Whether your club has completed a successful service project, welcomed new members, celebrated an important milestone, recognized an outstanding Lion, or has an upcoming fundraiser or community event, we want to hear about it. Sharing these accomplishments allows Lions throughout District 31-N—and across North Carolina—to see the tremendous work being accomplished in our communities. Your story may even provide the idea or inspiration that helps another Lions Club begin its next great service project.

Thank you for your support thus far, and please keep the articles, photographs, announcements, and success stories coming. **This is your Gazette, and your club's story deserves to be told.** Together, we can continue making the District Gazette a publication that informs, recognizes, inspires, and showcases the very best of District 31-N. After all, every service project has a story—and every story helps demonstrate what it truly means when Lions say, **"We Serve."**

Yours in service,

Mike McCaskill

Phone: 910-551-4662

Email: district31newsletter@gmail.com



BRIGHTER VISIONS TICKETS: Tickets were distributed at the recent Kickoff and First Officer Cabinet Meeting. Check with your Zone Chair on your clubs distribution. Tickets are once again in a booklet format in the amounts of 1 Ticket - \$5.00, 3 Tickets - \$10.00, 20 Tickets - \$50.00 or 50 Tickets - \$100.00. Prizes are:

- Grand Prize - \$15,000
- 2nd Prize - \$500.00
- 3rd Prize - \$400.00
- 4th Prize - \$300.00
- 5th Prize - \$200.00

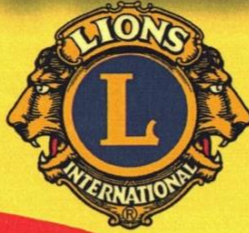
DO BETTER! It is imperative that District 31-N Lions Clubs do better with their reporting into the Lions Portal. DID YOU KNOW:

- 18 of 51 Clubs in the District have NOT reported any service hours in the Lions Portal. That is 35% of our Clubs. Sadly some Clubs haven't reported any service hours since 2016.
- 17 of 51 Clubs in the District failed to contribute any funds towards Brighter Visions this past year. This is an important fundraising effort that serves the state in a myriad of ways to include supporting programs and services that assist blind and visually impaired individuals, prevent vision loss, and identify early vision problems. This includes eye examinations, eye surgeries and treatments, screening opportunities, diabetes awareness, Camp Dogwood, VIP fishing tournaments, mobility canes, supplying electronic glasses and GPS-enabled canes, and more. Vision services are a hallmark of Lions Club International since its inception. We must do better at every club level to continue the legacy of Lions and its service to the community.
- Only 19 of 51 Clubs contributed any funds to LCIF during 2025-2026. That means only 37.2% of our Clubs helped raise the funds for the District to exceed our contribution goals. Even worse, in 2024-2025 only 15 Clubs or 29.4% contributed LCIF funds from their Clubs. These statistics are abysmal and we must show improvement and every club should do their part by contributing. A simple donation of \$200 would greatly help the District's fundraising goals.

CLUB OFFICER INPUT: We are now in our third month of this Lions year and did you know we still have a number of District Clubs that haven't even entered their 2026-2027 Officers into the Lions portal. Additionally, many Clubs have outdated meeting locations and meeting nights and times that are woefully outdated. Please review your Club page on the Portal and enter your officers and update your Clubs information.

HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS: Nominations are due NLT December 31, 2026 for Hall of Fame nominations. Attached is the nomination form. Contact Carlton Metts, Hall of Fame State Chair at: (252) 259-4140 or email him at carltonvmetts@gmail.com.

Southport Lions Labor Day Car Show



**Open to ALL cars,
trucks and motorcycles**

Sponsored by
The Southport Lions Club
(Chartered May 24, 1945)

In support of the Southport Fire Department first responders.
ALL Proceeds to benefit the Southport Fire Department Ballistic Vest Program.

Preregister and visit online: www.southportlions.org

Saturday, September 5, 2026

Rain Date: Saturday, September 12, 2026

**Car Show: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Historic Downtown Southport**

Come celebrate Labor Day with the Southport Lions Club and help us to support
and Thank the Southport Fire Departments First Responders.

Day's activities include Car Club Game Challenge, Club Participation 200 Prize, and more.

Hot dogs and hamburgers offered.

Registration \$25 • 8 am to 12 pm • Judging 10:30 pm to 12:30 pm • Awards at 2:00 pm

Trophies awarded:

- Top 25 Participants' Choice
- Mayor's Choice
- Southport Lions' Choice
- Spectators' Choice
- Southport Fire Chief Choice
- Southport Chief of Police Choice
- President's Choice
- Best Chevy
- Best Survivor
- Best Jeep
- Best Challenger
- Best Orphan
- State Port Pilot Choice
- Best Mustang
- Best Camaro
- Best Oldsmobile
- Best Pontiac
- Best Buick
- Best Bronco

Best Corvette • Best Ford • Best Mopar
Best Foreign • Best Motorcycle • Best Truck



For more information contact:

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LIONS CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

WE PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE BLIND AND
VISUALLY IMPAIRED CITIZENS OF OUR COMMUNITY



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

25TH LILLINGTON LIONS CLUB

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 9TH

RAIN DATE : SEPTEMBER 16TH

CAROLINA LAKES GOLF CLUB
55 CAROLINA LAKES ROAD
SANFORD, NC 27332

- Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and Chips
Served To All Participants Afterward
- Door Prizes
- Two Or Three Flights Depending
On Number of Players

Make checks payable to Lillington Lions Club
and mail to PO Box 174 Lillington, NC 27546

AT
9AM

ENTRY FEE

\$65.00 PER PERSON

\$260 PER TEAM OF 4

**\$100
HOLE
SPONSOR**

WE STILL HAVE SLOTS OPEN FOR PLAYERS

If Interested, Contact: **Bob Shepard at 910-514-3135**
Or Any Other Lions Club Member

LILLINGTON LIONS CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

ENTRY FEE:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

CAROLINA LAKES GOLF COURSE

09:00 A.M. SHOTGUN START – CHECK IN AT 8:00 A.M.

4 MAN SUPER BALL. FLIGHTED BY HANDICAPS.

HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS WILL BE SERVED FOR ALL PLAYERS

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR 1ST, 2ND, 3RD PLACE IN EACH FLIGHT

1st PLACE EACH FLIGHT--\$200

2nd PLACE EACH FLIGHT--\$120

3rd PLACE EACH FLIGHT--\$80

\$65.00 PER PERSON OR \$260.00 PER TEAM (OF 4). (INCLUDES CART)

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ENTRY FORM FOR PLAYERS

Name:	Name
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Handicap	Handicap

Name:	Name:
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Handicap:	Handicap:

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LILLINGTON LIONS CLUB, AND MAIL TO P.O. BOX 174, Lillington, NC 27546 FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL BOB SHEPARD AT 910-514-3135 OR ANY LIONS CLUB MEMBER.



Dick Rudin Golf Tournament

Western Harnett Lions Club



*Sponsorships
Available*



Saturday, September 12, 2026



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**

• • REGISTRATION / PAYMENT INFORMATION • •



Checks Payable to:
Western Harnett Lions Club



VENMO Accepted



Entries returned to:
Carolina Lakes Golf Course



Phone: 919-499-5421

or
Western Harnett Lions Club
P.O. Box 248, Olivia, NC 28368



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





Dick Rudin G lf Tournament Western Harnett Lions Club

Saturday, September 12, 2026
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
VENMO Accepted

Entries returned to: Carolina Lakes 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: YES

NAME: _____ HANDICAP: _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail Address _____

NAME: _____ HANDICAP: _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail Address _____

Sponsor: (Please Circle) Yes or No

This event is the major charity fund raiser for our club. Please play in the tournament and show your support for our club and efforts to assist local charities, organizations, service and 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 _____

Lions kidsight



MASSEY HILL LIONS CLUB KIDSIGHT VISION SCREENER Certification

LEARN. SCREEN. CHANGE LIVES.

Become a certified KidSight vision screener and help protect the sight of our children!



**EASY
TO LEARN**



**WORTHWHILE
SERVICE**



**MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

Help us ensure every child has a bright future!



DATE:

Saturday, September 19, 2026



TIME:

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM



LOCATION:

Massey Hill Lions Club
1613 Camden Road
Fayetteville, NC 28306



The Massey Hill Lions Club
will provide lunch and
refreshments.

YOU WILL LEARN:

- ✓ How to operate the PlusOptix vision screener
- ✓ Screening best practices
- ✓ How to identify potential vision issues
- ✓ Recording & reporting results
- ✓ Serving your community with confidence



**TOGETHER,
WE CAN MAKE
A DIFFERENCE!**



Attendees with laptops should bring them to this training session for certification testing.

TOGETHER, WE SERVE.

Sight today. Bright future tomorrow.



WE SERVE



OUR COMMUNITY



OUR WORLD



QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

Lion Mike McCaskill
(910) 551-4662
mikbaidak@me.com

lionsclubs.org

28th ANNUAL
WILMINGTON LIONS CLUB
"DRIVE FORE SIGHT"
GOLF CLASSIC



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DATE

September 21, 2026

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TIME

8:00 AM - Registration with Coffee and Donuts
9:30 AM - Shotgun Start

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LOCATION

Wilmington Municipal Golf Course
311 Donald Ross Drive
Wilmington, NC 28409



REGISTRATION FORM

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- \$90 per player
- Captain's Choice
- Top Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Teams
- Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive Contests
- Mulligans
- Participant Goody Bags
- 50/50 Raffle
- Refreshments
- Smithfield's Chicken & BBQ Lunch after play has finished

Contact: Garrett Haney 704-813-4418 | Dick Gerrish 910-524-5540

LIONS CLUBS
Individuals or Teams to play in their

15th  **Annual**

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Format: Captain's Choice

Benefits the local visually impaired and citizens in our community

September 26, 2026

Rain Date: To Be Determined

Tee Time: 1:00 p.m.



ENTRY FEE: \$75 per person/\$300 per team

Includes: Green Fee, Cart, Meal,

Prizes & Refreshment Cart

Call Alan Yoder: 603-494-9356 or

Carlton Metts: 252-259-4140

Deadline for Sign-up is September 19, 2026

Email: carltonvmetts@gmail.com



We Serve

Tournament Registration

Player #1

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Player #2

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Player #3

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Player #4

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Deadline September 19, 2026

Tournament Information

Location:

The Emerald Golf Club
5000 Clubhouse Drive
New Bern, NC 28562
252-633-4440 Ext 228

TOURNAMENT DATE

September 26, 2026

CHECK-IN

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM

FORMAT: Captain's Choice
MULLIGANS & POT-of-GOLD

Available at Check-In

ENTRY FEES

\$75.00 per person - **\$300.00** per team

**Includes: Entry Fees, Greens Fees, Cart
Fees, Meal, Awards & Prizes**

Prizes

NEW BERN & TWIN RIVERS LIONS CLUBS



15th Charity Golf Tournament

**Make Check Payable To:
Twin Rivers Lions Club**

**Mail Check & Form To:
Lion Anne Metts
252-259-4142
2001 Williamson Dr.
New Bern, NC 28562**

Contact

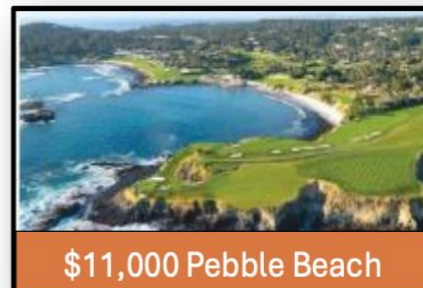
Lion Al Yoder 603-494-9356
Lion Carlton Metts 252-259-4140

SATURDAY, September 26, 2026

Rain Date: To Be Determined

TEE OFF 1:00 PM SHOTGUN

Hole – In – One Prize



**THE
EMERALD**



September Is National Preparedness Month: Americans Stand Ready

September is National Preparedness Month—a time for all of us to stop and ask a simple question: “Are we prepared if disaster strikes?”

The 2026 theme, “Americans Stand Ready,” reminds us that preparedness begins with each of us. Hurricanes, flooding, severe storms, power outages and other emergencies can happen with little warning. Being prepared before an emergency occurs can make a tremendous difference for our families and our communities.

As Lions, preparedness also gives us an opportunity to serve before the disaster happens.

During September, I encourage every Lions Club across North Carolina to take a few minutes to review its own preparedness. Consider these simple steps:

- **Make a plan:** Know how your club will communicate if an emergency occurs.
- **Build a kit:** Keep basic emergency supplies available, including water, food, flashlights, batteries and first-aid supplies.
- **Know your community:** Identify members, neighbors and community residents who may need additional assistance during an emergency, including seniors and individuals with disabilities.
- **Stay informed:** Make sure members know how to receive local emergency alerts and weather information.
- **Work together:** Establish relationships with local emergency management, fire departments, law enforcement, Red Cross organizations and other community partners.

Preparedness is not about knowing exactly what disaster will happen. It is about being ready for whatever comes our way.

As Lions, we have always answered the call when our communities need us. Let September be the month when we take another step forward, not only preparing ourselves and our families but preparing our Lions Clubs to be ready to SERVE when disaster strikes.

Are you and your Lions Club ready?

Let's Stand Ready, Serve Ready and Be Ready to Help!

PDG DeAngelo Jackson
MD 31 Alert Chair



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, 2026

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 carltonvmetts@gmail.com



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ZONE CHAIR Training



SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER
12



TIME:
9:00 AM
TO
11:00 AM



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Serve!*

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- ✓ Effective Communication
- ✓ Supporting Club Success
- ✓ Resources & Best Practices
- ✓ Q&A and Fellowship



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RSVP



Please RSVP to:
m5djack@yahoo.com

*We look forward to
seeing you there!*



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- ✓ Manage your membership
- ✓ Report service
- ✓ Access important resources
- ✓ Stay connected
- ✓ Make an even bigger impact!



DATE:
**TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 29, 2026**



TIME:
7:00 PM
(Eastern Time)



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pwd=3dYoZjbpNCW9qOY5jKZSHsbG8YTRbO.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81587809175?pwd=3dYoZjbpNCW9qOY5jKZSHsbG8YTRbO.1)



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RSVP Today!



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Stronger Communities.*

