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Dear District 31L,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter for those that celebrate, and you are enjoying the Spring weather and the beauty of trees and flowers blooming. I do empathize with those that suffer from allergies.

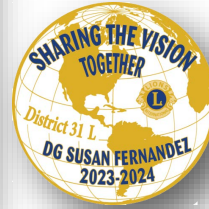
As we are winding down this Lions' year and as a reminder, please sell your Camp Dogwood tickets, submit your LCIF donations, Brighter Vision donations, and Governor's Goals. Each donation is very much appreciated. Also ensure that all service hours are entered online. If you have issues or need help, please contact Lion Tammy Thomas, as she has offered to help many times.

I hope to see many of you at the NC Lions State Convention as we are celebrating 100 years. The Peace Poster and Celebrate Liberty state winners, both from District 31L, will be attending with their families. I am very honored to be able to present their awards during the Friday evening festivities.

District Governor Susan



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Hot Springs Lions Club Visit (March 21, 2024)

DG Susan had a fun visit with the Hot Springs Lions Club. We started with a delicious meal, followed by me filling them in on district updates. I then had the pleasure of being included in the meeting and hearing about all the great things that have are involved with including collecting glasses, delivering Thursday meals to 39 seniors, selling brooms, participating in the Bluff Mountain Festival, planning ahead for vision screening at the schools in the fall, and participating in the benefit for William “Wiggy” Holt for the fundraiser to help with expenses for his kidney transplant that is coming up in the near future. There were two guests at the meeting, and one is going to sign up to join the Club!

There are two members that unfortunately could not attend the meeting but will be presented with Chevrons: Dr. Reese Steen for 50 years; and John Kirkpatrick for 15 years. Thank you and congratulations.



Thank you again for your hospitality and your involvement in the community. You are all doing an excellent job.





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Earth Day 2024: How is your Club Celebrating Earth Day?



Why is Earth Day on April 22?

The date was selected in part because it fell between colleges' spring break and final exams, and also from the observance of Arbor Day, a day when people are encouraged to plant trees.

Ten Simple Things You Can Do to Help Protect the Earth:

- Reduce, reuse and recycle
- Volunteer
- Educate
- Conserve Water
- Choose sustainable
- Shop wisely
- Use long-lasting light bulbs
- Plant a tree
- Don't send chemical into our waterways
- Bike more (drive less).



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Congratulations!



The annual 36th year Rowan County Parks and recreation therapeutic recreation division VIP miniature golf tournament was March 23rd. Buncombe County VIPs and blind won 1st Place for the county. It was a very rainy day, but this did not stop the VIPs from participating and having fun. Volunteers from Buncombe County were Lion Joe Penland, Lion Pat Cascio, Lion Billy Morrissey.

VIPs that participated were Lion Mary Buckner and Lion Joanne Baker from Valley Springs Lions Club, Lion Leah Ledbetter, Greater Asheville Lions Club, Lion Heather Edgar from Candler Lions Club, Krista Humbuckle, Robin Robinson, Jeff Balek. Buncombe County had the best points & score!

What a day it was for everybody. FUN 🐾



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Office of Second Vice District Governor was not filled at the convention.

There is no 2VDG Elect. The position will officially become vacant 1 July 2024.

So if you are interested make it known so they can get the ball rolling out of the starting gate.

This is how it is filled.



Qualifications for Filling a Vacancy for the Office of 1st or 2nd Vice Dist. Governor.

Section 6. **FIRST AND SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS AND OTHER VACANCIES.** Any vacancy in office except that of district governor and first and second vice district governors shall be filled by appointment from the district governor for the unexpired term. In event of a vacancy arising in the office of first or second vice district governor, the district governor shall convene a meeting of the immediate past district governor, first vice district governor and second vice district governor and all past international officers who are members in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in the district. It shall be the duty of the attendees at this meeting to appoint a qualified club member as first or second vice district governor for the remainder of the term. In filling said vacancy, it shall be the duty of the district governor, or if not available, the most recent past district governor who is available, to send out invitations fifteen days (15) in advance of the meeting to attend said meeting and it shall also be their responsibility to preside as chairperson of the meeting. The chairperson shall convey the results to the international office within seven (7) days together with evidence of invitations sent and meeting attendance. Each Lion who is entitled to receive an invitation to attend and is present at said meeting shall be entitled to cast one vote for the Lion of their choice

In order for a Lion to be eligible and qualified to be selected to fill a vacancy in the office of first or second vice district governor, they must:

1. Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in their single or sub-district.
2. Secure the endorsement of their club or a majority of the clubs in their single district.
3. Have served or will have served at the time they take office as first or second vice district governor:
As officer of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof; and
As a member of the district cabinet for a full term or major portion thereof.
With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

Has not completed a full term or major portion thereof as district governor.



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News from your District Secretary

Please see below for excerpts I have taken from emails received concerning upcoming Voting/Delegates.

Club presidents and secretaries, you many now review your club's information in MyLci to see if their club is in "Good Standing" in order to vote.

LCI will also need time to process any late payments before the Certified List is finally updated by the financial cut-off time which is midnight on April 11th.

Who qualifies as an eligible voter?

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You may already be aware of this but I am recapping for those who may not be. The guidelines have been tightened for the number of "eligible" voters a club is allowed based on their membership count.

Prior to the International Convention in Boston in 2023, clubs were using the old familiar formula which allowed 1 delegate and 1 alternate for each 10 members or major fraction thereof. The new and reduced allowances now take into account the number of "Family Units" within a club. A Family Unit is defined as *Lions living in the same household*. It does not include a having Lion relative living elsewhere.

What this means under the new guidelines is that the head of household is the full dues paying member and therefore they are included in the club's total number of eligible voters. The half dues paying members *are not* included in the club's total number of eligible voters. However, half dues paying members can still be a delegate or alternate.

With that decision being made by Lions International, Cabinet Secretaries must be diligent in confirming the true number of eligible voters per club by doing some homework before we ask clubs for their delegates and alternates.

As always if you have any questions please reach out.

Respectfully submitted:

Tammy Thomas
District Secretary



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LCIF Updates...

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

As we move into the last quarter of our Lions year I want to say Thank you. Thank you to those that have donated this year to LCIF. We are still behind on where we need to be. Please consider giving something if you can. Currently 15 of 47 clubs have donated \$4908.42. Our District is falling short \$16,901 of our goal set by LCI.

There are many Lions who ask why should I donate to LCIF. So I asked Google.... Why should I donate to LCIF?

Googles answer...

With 100% of donations going towards grants and programs, LCIF empowers the compassionate service of Lions and those who need our help. Although those benefiting from your support may never know of your generosity, Lions Clubs International Foundation and our beneficiaries are grateful for your support.

Please consider donating today.

Respectfully submitted:

Lion Tammy Thomas

District LCIF Coordinator



DAWSON HART
1st Vice District Governor



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DGE Dawson joins training with 759 Lions from around the world!



Lion Dawson

The Long View Lions is proud of their Lion Dawson Hart, the second in the history of their club to step up as District Governor. As of July 1st, he will be the leader of over 40 lions club that are located from the Tennessee-North Carolina board to as far east as Gaston County.

Members of Lion Clubs International not only enjoy being part of a family composed of over 1 million members representing over 200 countries focused on community service, but in addition, you are able to grow

professionally and receive free trainings from a local level to an international level. The closing week of February, Lions Clubs International hosted the District Governor Elect Seminar Program to 759 Lions from around the world. The incoming international president of Lions Club International of the 2024-2025 Lions Year, Fabrício Oliveira of Brazil, led long hours of trainings and group breakout sessions with translation headsets provided in 14 different languages. Additionally, the District Governor Elects in attendance toured Lions International Headquarters and enjoyed entertainment by members of The Fifth Dimension. Lions Clubs members pay a modest annual dues and due to this, this exceptional training including travel, housing, and food was provided at no cost to all 759 attendees.



DGE Dawson Hart pictured with incoming International President Fabrício Oliveira of Brazil



DGEs of Districts MD31L, MD31I, and MD31S visit Lions International Headquarters.



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Vacancies in 2024-2025 District 31L Cabinet Positions:

2nd Vice District Governor

Zone 4 Chair [oversee the following clubs: Chase, East Gastonia, Gastonia Evening, Lake Lure, Mount Holly, Rutherfordton, and Sherrills Ford.

~for this zone chair position, you must be a member in one of the listed clubs~

dawsonhart313@gmail.com

Contact DGE Dawson Hart with interest and questions cell (828) 302-6957



Vacancies in District 31L's State Committee Chairs for the 2025 NC Lions State Convention:

- Attendance Chair
- Elections Chair
- Rules Chair
- Tail Twister
- Credentials Chair
- International Convention Chair
- Sargeant at Arms
- Resolutions Chair
- Constitution and Bylaws Chair

Contact DGE Dawson Hart with interest and questions dawsonhart313@gmail.com cell (828) 302-6957



The Global Action Team, also known as G.A.T., of all levels of Lionism from local clubs all the way up to the international level are the foundation of Lions. Up until now, the G.A.T, has included the areas of Leadership, Membership, and Service. As of July first, a new position will include a new position and team member, Global Extension Team. The G.E.T will be responsible for assisting in the development of new clubs, retention of current members, and seeking new lions club members. Please contact DGE Dawson Hart if you are interested in serving the district in this capacity at dawsonhart313@gmail.com or at (828) 302-6957.



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THANK YOU to all clubs who have reported their officers for the 2024-2025 Lions year to Lions International.

This should be completed by your current club secretary. Please do so ASAP!

It is vital that this information be reported so that your key officer contacts: president, secretary, and treasurer will be printed in the district directory.

Without this information your club will miss the sharing of important district news and basic business matters such as invoices for district dues that aid your club in maintaining their status with Lions International of “good standing.”

If you have any **questions or need assistance with this please contact Cabinet Secretary Lion Tammy Thomas** at liontammy2020@gmail.com or at call her at 828-234-7659 or DGE Dawson Hart at dawsonhart313@gmail.com or call him at 828-3026957.



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Long View Lions Chili Cookoff #Community Strong



On Saturday, March 23rd, the Long View Lions Club, held its annual Chili Cookoff fundraiser sponsored by Long View Drug. The event was well attended with over 100 community members present and representation from town officials. The Town of Long View's Mayor Marla Thompson and the local fire department entered into the chili competition. Additionally, town official Allen Bumgarner served as one of the judges and the new Girl Scout Troop was

welcomed to promote their troop, the first in town for the first time in thirty years. Attendees enjoyed sampling 20 different chillis and the chance to win 19 high-end raffle baskets. Thank you to the 30 local businesses that donated merchandise and service vouchers to the raffle. The event was also made possible by Wendy's, Pepsi, Dave's Famous Cornbread, and Food Lion for their contributions in supplies for the event. While the adults enjoyed friendship and fellowship, the kids in attendance had their own fun playing card games and coloring at the kids station. The three top winning chillis went to Lion Scott Bolick of the Long View Lions Club, community member Ben Heafner, and Lion Lisa Cleaver of the Bethlehem Lions Club of District I. Not only was it heart warming to see a strong presence and support from the local community, but also from other lions. Our District Governor Susan Fernandez of the Etowah Lions Club was present and served as a judge. Other lions clubs present at the event included: Black Mountain McCune, Swannanoa Valley, and Bethlehem. The true hearts of those in attendance was uplifting. The Long View Lions would like to thank all the chili winners and 50/50 raffle winner for their donating prize money back to the cause and for our dear sponsor and own Lion Justin Austin of Long View Drug who quickly made sure that the Long View Fire Department was honored for their service by ensuring that their meal tickets were covered. We hope to see everyone next year for some more delicious chili and community bonding.

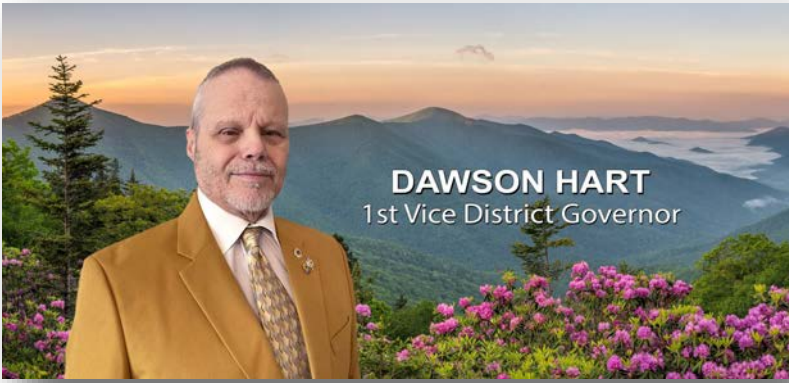


the judges



the chillis





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The Long View Lions host a pancake breakfast in partnership with the Civil Air Patrol Hickory Composite Squadron



For the first time, the Long View Lions Club and the Civil Air Patrol Hickory Composite Squadron partnered in a pancake fundraiser. The joint effort was brought to proposal by Long View Lion Eddie Marlowe. Lion Eddie's involvement in the community just begins as a lion and expands upon many horizons. Eddie is known as Sargeant Marlowe of the Long View Police Department and serves on many boards of directors for local organizations including serving as President of the Family Guidance Center and is a Senior Member of the Civil Air Patrol, just to name a few.

The Civil Air Patrol is an auxiliary unit of the US Air Force. Cadets are aged 12 to 18 years and have the option of transferring to a Senior Member role once they reach 18. They meet to learn about and complete trainings on aerospace technology, cyber security, radio communications, and drone technology. They serve by flying and locating downed aircrafts, assist in rescues in natural disasters, assist with emergency services in rescuing missing persons, and take aerial photographs for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Eddie has been volunteering with the Civil Air Patrol for a year as a Senior Member. The Civil Air Patrol has strict guidelines in which Squadrons may raise funds to assist with general operation expenses for their Squadron Building, educational trainings, to assist with travel to educational trainings, and to assist any cadet that may need assistance in the program such as uniform expenses, so Eddie decided to pair two of his passions together for a higher impact. This was the beginning of a pancake breakfast fundraiser in partnership of the Long View Lions Club and the Civil Air Patrol.

In addition to getting served a delicious breakfast, those that were in attendance got to enjoy a viewing of an aircraft presented by the Hickory Aviation Museum. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the blood drive that was scheduled to be co-occurring was cancelled, but we hope to be able to reserve the blood bus for a future event. Thank you to the hard work of these two organizations and the support of the community!





McCune Center

Fellow Lions,
Join us

April 20th, 9 am at the McCune Center

Join us in a day of Service as we tidy up around
the facility.

Bring your garden and yard tools and don't forget
those work gloves.

Hope to see you there,
Please share with all

Tammy

Easter Festivities for Local Children



The Long View Lions participated in NextHome Blue Skies' community Easter event as one of the sponsors. On Saturday, March 16th in Downtown Hickory, a fun filled afternoon was planned to bring joy to local kids at no cost to their families. The Easter Bunny visited the event for picture opportunities, sweet snacks were provided, and four rounds of Easter egg hunts were offered. This was the first time that NextHome Blue Skies hosted this event, and it was a great success filled with pure happiness. Kids of all ages from babies to upper elementary aged children filled the air with smiles and laughter and exclamations when they found an egg and saw the prizes inside them. One little boy was so sweet, he made friends with the Easter bunny. He had a blast messing with his tail, running circles around him, going in for many high fives, and not wanting to leave his side. It was a blessing to see all the joy that are created for these kids. Thank you to all who came out. We look forward to seeing you next year.





APRIL IS NATIONAL
CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION MONTH

**PARTICIPATE IN YOUR
LOCAL PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION,
A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN SUPPORTED BY PREVENT
CHILD ABUSE NC**



All children deserve
great childhoods
because our children
are our future.



learn more at

www.preventchildabusenc.org

**SHARE AWARENESS, PREVENTION TIPS, AND
IDENTIFYING SIGNS OF POSSIBLE ABUSE WITH POSTS
ON YOUR CLUB'S FACEBOOK PAGE**

there are many pre-made infographics and banners you can find through a
simple Google Images search

**HOST A COLLECTION DRIVE AND DONATE COMFORT
ITEMS TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE ABUSE
VICTIMS**

**DONATE OR VOLUNTEER WITH A LOCAL
ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTS PREVENTION BY
PROVIDING SERVICES FOR A HEALTHY CHILDHOOD**

**DONATE OR VOLUNTEER WITH A LOCAL
ORGANIZATION THAT SERVES AT-RISK YOUTH**

For questions and other ideas, please contact MD31L Chairman of Boys and
Girls Homes at elizabethlkhart@gmail.com



We are evolving our digital tools

MyLion, MyLCI, Insights and other tools and functionality will all be rolled into a cohesive and consistent experience in the coming months.

[GET THE NEWS](#)

Dear Lions and Leos,

Preparation is underway to begin rolling out the new Lion Portal. Here is some important information to prepare you for launch.

Phased rollout for Lion Account Users

Our target launch window is April 15 – May 13*. During this time, all current Lion Account users will receive an email inviting them to access the new Lion Portal**. We're doing this phased rollout to ensure staff are available to provide the best support possible and offer you a positive introductory experience.

- **Now – April 11:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights will continue to function as normal.
- **April 12 and beyond:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights are no longer available.

April 15 – May 13: Invitations to access the new Lion Portal sent via email on a rolling basis to existing Lion Account users.

Please note: User permissions will not change. In other words, those who can report service, access member data and other key functions remains the same.

May 13 and beyond: All visitors attempting to access the previous digital tools will be automatically redirected to the new Lion Portal.

*Dates are subject to change. Our number one goal is to create a positive experience for Lions and Leos. If determined more time is required to ensure the product is in an optimal state, the dates may be adjusted accordingly.

**If you don't see the email in your everyday inbox, please check all spam and junk folders for it first before contacting Member Support.

Note that the new Lion Portal will require a unique, unshared email, and phone numbers will no longer be supported as a log in credential.

Information and resources

Be sure to visit lionsclubs.org/portal-updates for the latest information and resources, which includes handy how-to videos for help accessing the new portal once you've received your Lion Portal invitation email.

We appreciate your support and thank you for your continued service as we prepare for the new Lion Portal – together.



EILEEN ARTAVIA
2nd Vice District Governor



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Good Day Lions!

I have had the pleasure of presenting some Chevrons at some clubs for long term service and nothing makes me more proud than presenting a lion with a 25- or 30-year chevron to a Lion. That means that they have been a devoted Lion serving for decades! With all of the experience and wisdom that entails we should be learning from these lions! At the same time, though, we have to change and adapt to capture the next generation of Lions that will hopefully one day be presented with these 30-year chevrons. My hope is that each club is looking for the next generation to

pass on your wisdom. Don't let all of the years that you have put into your club just die out! Look for the young ones to pass on your wisdom to and take their ideas into your clubs and adapt. If we don't adapt soon, we may not have many clubs left. The saddest thing I hear is when a club folds. Through Mission 1.5 let's try to keep these clubs alive!

Club visits are my favorite part of the training so far. I have enjoyed meeting all of the club members so far and have been very well received by all clubs. Thank you from the Bottom of my Heart!

Thank you all for all you do in Lionism!

100th ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA LIONS COUNCIL STATE CONVENTION

Our 100th Convention of Service!



April 26-28, 2024
Greensboro/High Point Airport Marriott
Greensboro, North Carolina

CLUB: _____ DISTRICT: _____

Name(s) (PRINT first and last name, Lion or Guest)

Contact Phone Number: _____

FFN		TTB	BANQUET	
Chicken	Vegetarian		Beef	Vegetarian
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<u>Function</u>	<u>Number Adults</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Family Fun Night	_____	\$ _____
Tail Twister Breakfast	_____	\$ _____
Governors Banquet	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL COST:		\$ _____

Please indicate any food allergies or special dietary needs: _____

Friday, April 26th

Friday Fun Night - Black and White attire 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm
As casual or as dressy as you like!

Saturday, April 27th

Tail Twister Breakfast with Live Auction 8:00 am
Governors Banquet 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Sunday, April 28th:

General Session 8:30 am
District Cabinet Meetings

See Page 2 for payment instructions and hotel reservation information

Our 100th Convention of Service!

Make Check for meals payable to.....2024 NC LIONS COUNCIL STATE CONVENTION or

Add your debit or credit card information below – must include:

Debit or Credit card number/Expiration date/Security Code/Zip Code

Mail this form with check or debit/credit card information by April 15th to:

Lion Elizabeth Steele, 2252 Baker Mill Road, Cleveland, NC 27013

704-798-3471

LizSteele2252@gmail.com

Room Reservations at

Greensboro-High Point Marriott

One Marriott Drive, Greensboro NC

Lions Room rate is \$119.00 until April 11, 2024

Make room reservation with the link below

[Book your group rate for North Carolina Lions 2024 State Convention](#)

Or call:

Call 1-888-236-2427

Request rate for North Carolina Lions State Convention

FOR GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION CUT HERE AND SUBMIT WITH PAYMENT

North Carolina Lions State Golf Tournament

Friday, April 26th, 2024

\$50 per player (includes lunch)/Mulligan \$5 (2 each person max./Tee off approximately 10:00 am

Prizes will be presented Friday evening at the convention Friday Fun Night

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Club: _____

Average Score: _____

Men _____ Ladies _____ Senior 65 or older _____

Make checks payable to NCPDGO and mail completed form and payment to:

PDG David Smoot

105 Circle Drive, Thomasville, NC 27360

336-991-8731 csmoot@traid.rr.com



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LINCOLNTON LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, March 16, 2024, the Lincolnnton Lions Club held a special fundraiser at the annual Spring festival, Woodmill Winery in Vale, NC. Our booth collections included \$80 in broom sales, \$96 in NC Lions Camp Dogwood tickets, and \$36 in additional donations.

The weather was a bit windy but beautiful, so well over 2,000 people attended the event.





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ERWIN HILLS LIONS CLUB
SPRING
Craft
FAIR

Free Admission
 Free Parking
 Concessions for Sale
 Local Craft Vendors
 Raffle Baskets

SATURDAY 6 APRIL 9AM - 2PM
 2024

188 Erwin Hills Rd,
 Asheville, NC

For Vendor Information
 Email: kmarieanders@gmail.com



Great Service Project!!!!
 Keep the reading glasses you collect for recycling.
 Decorate a box and put the glasses along with club brochures in it. Work with Local Libraries for placement.
 Someone always needs readers at the library plus its a great way to share information about your club. If you have questions please reach out to Tammy@nclf.org



District Service Project
Bring your broken crayons to the upcoming Cabinet meeting.

Broken crayons will be recycled and sent to Childrens hospitals for use.

2024 Presidential LCIF Supporter

Your generosity not only earns you well-deserved recognition but also helps us make a lasting difference in the lives of those in need.

Contact Tammy @ 828-234-7659 for more info.

There are multiple levels of recognition to honor donors
 Bronze Pin - US\$50 to US\$99.99
 Silver Pin - US\$100 to US\$199.99
 Gold Pin - US\$200 and above



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RETIREMENT DINNER FOR NANCY RATHBONE

Members of the Board of Directors for the Marjorie McCune Center met for dinner on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at the Stone Ridge Tavern in Asheville, NC to join Nancy Rathbone in celebrating her retirement as administrator of the center. In attendance were Curtis Erickson, Board President, Fred Huscher, Board Treasurer, Marilyn Wunderler, Board Vice President, Executive Committee members Connie Sue Monday, Dawon Hart and Board members Debbie Bell, Roz Catania, Gordon Gilomen, Larry Moore, Kathy Nichols, and Lora Brooks.

Curtis Erickson presented Nancy with a sterling retirement pendant necklace and a card signed by Board members.



D31L Dispatch

**SUSAN
FERNANDEZ**
District Governor

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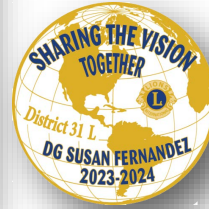
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**Marjorie McCune
Community** Assisted and
Independent Living



MAY 15TH

Discover assistive care
living at the Marjorie
McCune Center's open
house!



**May 15th from 12 PM to 4
PM. Tailored sessions are
available. Don't miss out!**



(828) 669-8452 101 Lions Way Black Mt. NC 28711



Greetings District 31-L Lions,

We hope you have had a blessed Holiday Season.

Thank you for your continued efforts supporting the Winter Coat Service Project. As you know, winter is upon us and it is more important than ever to collect winter coats for the less fortunate in our community. Supporting the District 31-L Winter Coat Service Project will help provide warmth and comfort to those facing the winter cold.

Winter Coat Serviced Project:

Objective: Collect gently used or new winter coats to donate to individuals and families in our community who may be struggling during the colder months.

Distribution: Distribute the coats to those in need in your community or contact one of the Lions below for assistance.

Winter Coat Service Project Contacts:

DG Susan Fernandez - sl29470@bellsouth.net – (786) 449-6174

IDG Dawson Hart – dawsonhart313@gmail.com – (828) 302-6957

Lion Fred Huscher - fred@huscher.us – (828) 691-6388

We encourage each member of our Lions community to help make a significant difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Thank you once again for your dedication and support. With your continued efforts, we can make our Winter Coat Service Project a tremendous success.

Last but not least, please remember to record your good work on MyLion.

Lion Fred Huscher

District 31-L GST Chair

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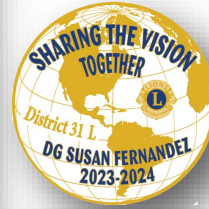
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ROCKING CHAIR WITH YOUR

Personalized Plaque

\$250

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN

IN MEMORY OF OR IN HONOR OF: (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)

NAME: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

CAMP DOGWOOD IS HOPING TO REPLACE OUR WELL-LOVED ROCKING CHAIRS WITH NEW, WEATHER RESISTANT ROCKERS!

YOU CAN SEND A CHECK TO:
7062 CAMP DOGWOOD DRIVE
SHERRILLS FORD, NC 28673
OR

CALL 828-478-2135 EXT 250
TO GIVE CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

looking for volunteers ?

POST YOUR SERVICE
PROJECTS ON



TO REACH A WIDER AUDIENCE

- ✓ EASY
- ✓ FAST
- ✓ EFFECTIVE
- ✓ FREE



Calling all Lions!

CAMP DOGWOOD IS IN NEED OF SUMMER
CAMP VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING
WEEKS:

May 26-30: 3 volunteers needed

June 2-6: 10 volunteers needed

June 23-27: 8 volunteers needed

June 30-July 4: 8 volunteers needed

July 7-11: 7 volunteers needed

July 28-August 1: 10 volunteers needed

**WILL YOU ANSWER THE
CALL?**



Sponsors needed.

Bingo Bucks are given in lieu of Bingo prizes. VIP's are then able to exchange those bucks for souvenirs or snacks from the Camp Store. If you or your Club would like to donate simply send your check to NCLF and in the memo write BINGO BUCKS.

There is no set amount requested. We will distribute all donations equally amongst the sessions.

For more info. or if you have questions contact Tammy at 828-478-2135 ext. 229 or email tammy@nclf.org



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NCLF Recycling Programs

Hearing Aids

Hearing Batteries

No Cases or accessories

Cell phones

No cases

No accessories

Remove cover

Batteries

Type Button battery- flat watch style all sizes

Glasses

No contacts

No Cases

No loose lenses

We accept all styles of glasses and sunglasses.

Reading glasses make a great service project. Decorate a box with a sign have a pair of reads on us. Include club brochures. Place box in local libraries, senior centers, etc. for easy distribution to those in need.

**If you send glasses to NCLF please send to:
7062 Camp Dogwood Drive Sherrills Ford NC 28673**

Questions call: Tammy at 828-478-2135 ext. 229



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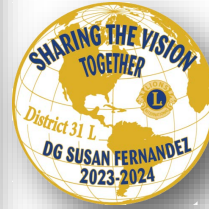
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SPRING

CRAFT BAZAAR

APRIL 13TH, 2024

The event starts at 9 AM and will be held outdoors. Vendors must set up between 7:30 AM and 8:30 AM.

Registration Deadline for Vendors: April 3rd

\$25 for a 10x10 spot: non-refundable purchase and no second-hand items allowed.



Vendors should bring their own tent, table, and chairs for a smooth set-up process.

7062 Camp Dogwood Drive
Sherrills Ford, NC 28673.

Contact April or Alan at 828.478.2135 ext. 250 or ext. 230
Email april@nclf.org or alan@nclf.org for more information.

In the event of a weather-related cancellation, a refund will be issued.



NEW TELEVISIONS
ARE NEEDED FOR
THE RESIDENTS AT
THE MCCUNE
CENTER

PLEASE SEND DONATIONS TO THE WNC
LIONS AT:

101 LIONS WAY, BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC
28711 WITH THE MEMO LINE "TV FUND"



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Information Needed to Possibly Receive a VSP Voucher

Top Portion to be Completed by Applicant



Patient Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Birth Date _____

Number of People in The Household _____

Have You Received Assistance from VSP in the Past 12 Months? Circle YES or NO

Please provide most current information.

House Payment/Rent per Month_\$ _____ Car Payment per Month_\$ _____

Housing Assistance per Month __\$ _____ Food Stamps per Month_\$ _____

Social Security/Disability per Month_\$ _____ Other Income per Month_\$ _____

Total Monthly Income_\$ _____

Total Yearly Household Income_\$ _____

Do you have Insurance? Circle YES or NO

If Yes, What Type? Insurance _____ Medicaid _____ Medicare _____

I _____, certify that the information given above is correct.

Date _____

To be Completed by Lions Club

Name of Assisting Lions Club _____

Name of Lions Contact _____

Mailing Address for Lions Contact _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Eye care services and prescription eyewear are not available through these certificates if already covered through a private insurer and/or government program.

"All questions must be answered and any application received with Zero Income and NO explanation, will be Declined."



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New Member Roll Call 2023-2024

May 2023

Matthew Duncan—Edneyville Community LC

June 2023

James Boff—Granite Falls LC

Jeannie O. Oliver—Hendersonville LC

Brittany Guerrero—Sherrills Ford LC

Mary A Anderson—Andrews LC

Carol A Broome—Andrews LC

July 2023

Brad Groom—Canton LC

Gene Monson—Canton LC

Sara Monson—Canton LC

Kittie Diana Smart—Clyde LC

Owen Brett Martin—Shelby LC

David Jenkins—Sand Hill LC

August 2023

Jaime Futch—Andrews LC

Frances Stevens—Greater Asheville LC

Mary Bonnett—Etowah LC

Roy Bonnett—Etowah LC

Judy Jay—Lake Lure LC

Alan Bridges—Sherrills Ford LC

Elizabeth Swann—Black Mountain LC

September 2023

Dennis Wyss—Etowah LC

Jeannie Edwards—Swannanoa Valley LC

Samantha Payne—Claremont LC

Sheila Shehan—Spruce Pine LC

Dot Eckhard—Black Mountain McCune LC

Linda Woody—Black Mountain McCune LC

October 2023

Steven Matthew Arrowood—Rutherfordton LC

Margaret A Bennett—West Hickory VIP LC

Carolyn Sue Melson—West Hickory VIP LC

William Puppy Scott—Canton LC

Patricia Adams—Canton LC

Gail E Hodge—Andrews LC

November 2023

Barbara Ann Hancock—Andrews LC

Paul Robinson—Greater Asheville LC

Robin Robinson—Greater Asheville LC

November 2023—con't

Sarah Bratton—Sherrills Ford LC

Tracy Hefner—Sherrills Ford LC

Summer Smith—Spruce Pine LC

Julie Yankelevich—Valley Springs LC

Brittney Helms—Blk Mnt McCune LC

Venitta Shields—St. Stephens LC

December 2023

Joanne Baker—Valley Springs LC

January 2024

Clifford Panter—Andrews LC

Jill Caldwell—Balls Creek LC

Michael Carroll—Balls Creek LC

Tina A. Gibson—Balls Creek LC

Cynthia R. Steward—Balls Creek LC

Phillip Perry Jr—Rutherfordton LC

February 2024

Robert L Merrill—Andrews LC

Joyce Miles—Black Mnt LC

Mildred Beck—Blk Mnt McCune LC

Tina Brock—Blk Mnt McCune LC

Ben Wheeler—Blk Mnt McCune LC

Barbara A Propst—W. Hickory VIP LC

Charles S Propst—W. Hickory VIP LC

March 2024

Maurice Maynard—Black Mnt McCune LC

Terry Vess—Black Mnt McCune LC

Deval M. Mason—Rutherford College LC

Liz M. Birolin—Franklin LC

Raymond L. Watts—Rutherfordton LC

Janice S. Green—Weaverville LC

April 2024



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In Memory of D31L Lions 2023-2024

From May 2023—April 2024

Bill Glenn—Valley Springs LC 05/02/2023

Jerry Thomas—Sherrills Ford LC 05/18/2023

Daisy Litman—West Hickory VIP LC 05/10/2023

Tracy S Lanham—Lake Lure LC 06/10/2023

Robert Carey—Burnsville LC 05/26/2023

Stefan B. Stackhouse—Black Mountain LC 05/03/2023

Everette A Houston—Saint Stephen LC 06/23/2023

Miriam Wood—Black Mnt McCune LC 07/20/2023

Dan McCracken—Clyde LC 07/30/2023

Billy Culbertson—Hot Springs LC 07/28/2023

Robert Walsh—Mars Hill LC 08/14/2023

W. Fred Higgins—Hendersonville LC 09/08/2023

Joyce C Smith—Mars Hill LC 09/11/2023

Tom Battle—Candler LC 02/24/2023

Kenneth Woodard—Clay County LC 10/12/2023

Joe Cook—Long View LC 10/20/2023

William Newsom—Etowah LC 10/30/2023

Dale Setzer—Claremont LC 11/16/2023

Arthur Taylor—Candler LC 10822/23

McLain Rogers—Clyde LC 02/24/24

Please send in your members for this current year that we have lost so we can keep this current. Thank you!

Gone but never forgotten!



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2nd VDG Eileen Artavia	828-308-8137 eileen.artavia@outlook.com
Secretary Tammy Thomas	828-234-7659 liontammy2020@gmail.com
Treasurer Kathryn Nichols	252-495-2808 perkynick7@gmail.com



The most current district directory can be found at www.nclions31l.org you will need a user ID and Password to access

If you cannot find or do not know something ask! You are not alone in this journey!

Quick Reference
Acronyms for our Lions
 You will see these on the convention registration forms. If you are one circle it.

Lions are digital Climb aboard!

www.nclions31l.org This is the District Website.
www.lionsclubs.org This is International's Website
www.nclionsinc.org This is your State Website
 You can find the information you seek at these websites.

The points contest and Service Reporting
Keep up with it, saves a lot of heartache at the end of the year.

The annual points contest is a way to let the Governor know what the clubs have accomplished throughout the year. This is an excel form that is found on the district website. It is easy to fill out and if you keep it up monthly not so daunting. If you are one of those who say, "Aww I will wait until May 1st to do it" you may be in for a big surprise. "Why wait to do tomorrow what you can do today"? So a lot of clubs are doing things and secretaries need to get this and the reporting done online on MyLion so the Governor can do his job. Take a little time this month to catch up and you will not be so overwhelmed as the fastly approaching end of year arrives. Lions year that is. This is month 6. The Governor will need this form this year so he can calculate the for the awards.

DG	<i>District Governor</i>
DGE	<i>District Governor Elect</i>
PDG	<i>Past District Governor</i>
IPDG	<i>Immediate Past District Governor</i>
1VDG	<i>First Vice District Governor</i>
2VDGE	<i>Second Vice District Governor Elect</i>
1VDGE	<i>First Vice District Governor Elect</i>
2VDG	<i>Second Vice District Governor</i>
PP	<i>Past President (Club or International)</i>
IPP	<i>Immediate Past President</i>
PIP	<i>Past International President</i>
ID	<i>International Director</i>
PID	<i>Past International Director</i>
CC	<i>Council Chair</i>
PCC	<i>Past Council Chair</i>
MJF	<i>Melvin Jones Fellow</i>
JSF	<i>Jack Stickley Fellow</i>
WLW	<i>Willard L. Woolard</i>
BOH	<i>Beacon of Hope</i>
HOF	<i>Hall of Fame</i>
AMB	<i>Ambassador</i>