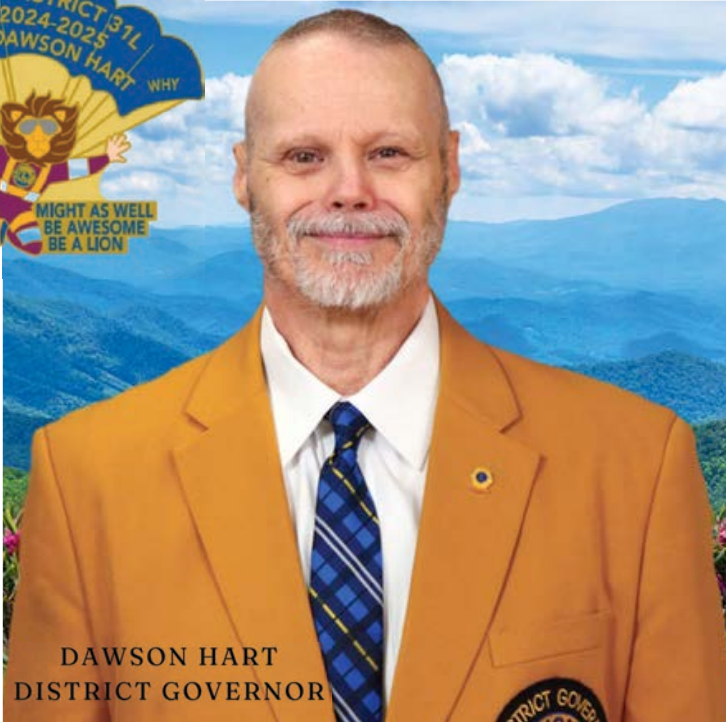


MD31L NEWS: DECEMBER 2024



DAWSON HART
DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Fellow Lions,

I hope everyone had a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Here are some updates:

The new dates for the district convention are March 14th and 15th at Camp Dogwood and registration forms are out. You can find a copy at the close of this newsletter. I hope you consider coming for a magical weekend of Lions and the Wizard of Oz.

Thanks to Past International Director Gwen White, we now have a new guest speaker for our district convention, Past International Director Nick Xinopolis of Indiana.

We are seeking candidates for 2nd Vice District Governor to run for election at the District Convention to be held in March 2025. Please see the flyer within this newsletter and reach out for more information if interested.

It is imperative that club presidents notify your Zone Chair and myself, your District Governor, so that we are aware and can welcome them immediately.

Multiple District 31, that is NC, has secured a \$100,000 grant from Lions International for Western NC Disaster Relief. If you are interested in participating in a sub-committee, please contact me for information. Updates about the progress of the grant will be shared when available.

REMINDER:

**Club presidents,
please inform your Zone Chair
and DG when you have new
members join so they
can welcome them right away.**

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Prayer Requests



Pray for strength for Past District Governor Ken of the Weaverville through medical challenges.



Pray for stamina for Lion Karen of the Black Mountain Lions Club as she recovers from heart/pacemaker surgery.



Lion Jason M. Foster

September 21st changed his life! A hit-and-run accident in Kings Mountain left this Gastonia Lion severely injured and unable to work. Now facing mounting medical bills and a loss of income, Jason needs our help!

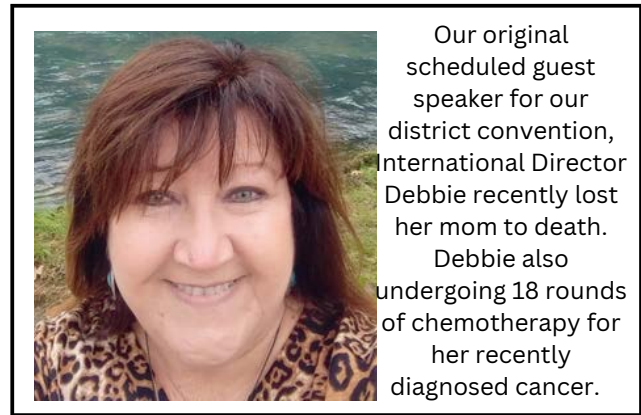
Help Jason Overcome This Challenge



www.gofund.me/dd7ad1b7

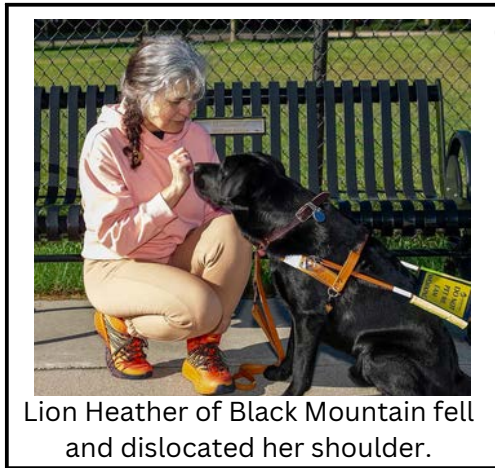
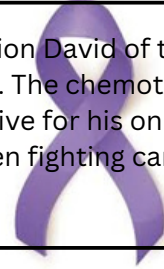
Please keep Jason of the Gastonia Lions Club in your prayers. From the date of his accident, he is expected to be unable to work for seven months until all surgeries and recovery are complete.

Please pray for First Vice District Governor Eileen's sister who has been placed in a Cardiac Care Unit



Our original scheduled guest speaker for our district convention, International Director Debbie recently lost her mom to death. Debbie also undergoing 18 rounds of chemotherapy for her recently diagnosed cancer.

Please for Lion David of the Long View Lions Club. The chemotherapy is no longer effective for his only son who has been fighting cancer.



Lion Heather of Black Mountain fell and dislocated her shoulder.



Please submit prayer requests to newsletter editor, Lion Liz at elizabethlkhart@gmail.com



Lion PCC Paulette and her husband PDG Larry lost everything in storm. Recently Paulette had a bad fall. She is doing okay and is very lucky to be okay.

Please pray for the many unspoken requests: those struggling with health and spirit, for healing in coping with the aftermath of Helene, for those who experienced great loss in the aftermath, and more.

Pray that peace may be sprinkled into the hard moments of our everyday and for opportunities to uplift one another.

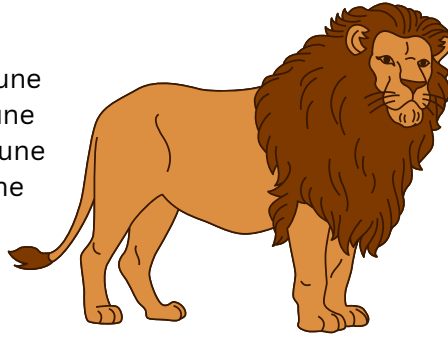
Welcome to our PRIDE

July 2024

Barbara Allison- Black Mountain McCune
 Carl Andersen- Black Mountain McCune
 Carolyn Hughes- Black Mountain McCune
 Grant Helms- Black Mountain McCune
 Chuck David Jr.- Lake Lure
 Christina Towery- Sherrills Ford

August 2024

Gary Ridenour- Asheville Greater
 Alma Bush- Black Mountain McCune
 Luke Farmer- Candler
 John Sutton- Candler



September 2024

Charles Vanderkolk- Weaverville
 JoAnna Vanderkolk- Weaverville

October 2024

Jeff Oxendine- Long View

November 2024

Donald Hale- Andrews
 Joy Lynn-Hale- Andrews
 Brian Alper- Franklin
 Karen Alper- Franklin
 Bruce Albury- St. Stephens
 Jennifer Albury- St. Stephens
 Beverly Phillips- St. Stephens
 Brent Phillips- St. Stephens

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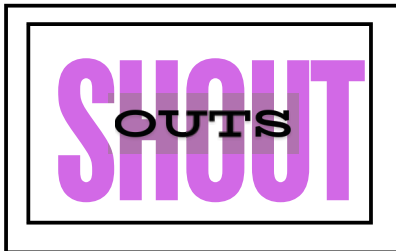
Lion Ethel Rhodes
 July 30, 2024
 1 year of service
 Hendersonville Lions Club

RIP



meet again

Lion William Richard Hood Sr.
 August 8, 2024
 18 years of service
 Rutherfordton Lions Club

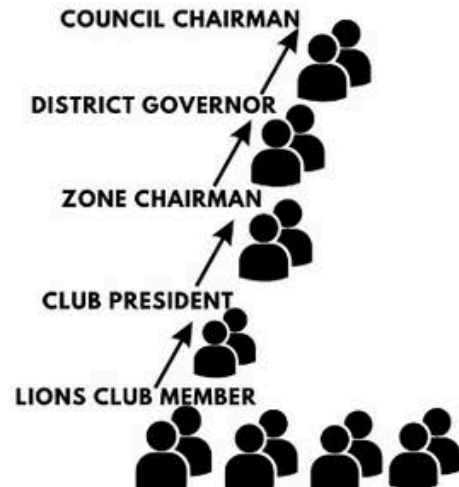


The Lions of Zone 5 recognize Lion Wayne for his hard work in the Unifour Lions Children's Sight Program, a program that originated with his passion and vision for all children in the local area to have access to vision screening.

The establishment of this program that now involves and a partnership of 12 Hickory area Lions Clubs, several corporate sponsors, the farmer worker health program of The Good Samaritan Clinic, the Essilor Program, and the Benefield Children's Vision Fund.

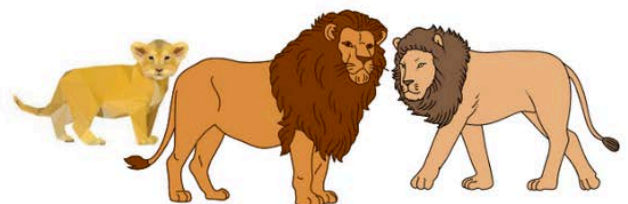
LIONS CHAIN OF COMMAND

WHO SHOULD I ASK FOR HELP?



NEED HELP? REACH OUT TO DG DAWSON

WHETHER IT BE AN EXTRA HAND AT AN EVENT OR TALKING THROUGH STRATEGIES AND PLANS, GIVE HIM AND HIS TEAM A CALL; DON'T DELAY. REMEMBER WE ARE ONE BIG TEAM & FAMILY



In this family we love and support one another.

“Make Your Mark” ~International President Fabricio Oliveira

With the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, the future holds unknowns. Below for your reference are scheduled dates, hoping these may still be able to occur.

<p>December <u>Sunday 12/1:</u> Christmas Party for Rutherford County VIPs <u>Saturday 12/7:</u> Christmas Craft Bazaar @ Camp Dogwood <u>Thursday 12/12:</u> Rutherford College LC VIP Christmas Party <u>Saturday 12/14:</u> Hendersonville LC Children’s Film Festival Fundraiser</p>	<p>January <u>Saturday 1/18:</u> Long View Lions Club Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser</p> <p>February <u>Saturday 1/18:</u> Long View Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser</p> <p>March <u>3/14-3/15:</u> District Convention at Camp Dogwood <u>Saturday, 3/22:</u> Long View Lions Chili Cookoff <u>3/20-3/23:</u> Regional Learning Leadership Institute @ Camp Dogwood ***Contact DG Dawson if interested</p> <p>April <u>4/3-4/9:</u> Clean Up Week @ Camp Dogwood <u>4/11-4/13:</u> NC Lions State Convention in Greensboro Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month</p>	<p>May 😊 Camp Dogwood Season Begins! COME VOLUNTEER! WE NEED YOU</p> <p>June 😊 <u>Saturday, 6/14:</u> EOY Celebration at Camp Dogwood at NOON COME VOLUNTEER @ Camp Dogwood! WE NEED YOU</p>
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Submitting Newsletter Stories, #WhyIamALion & Rooted in Lions Submissions

When: continuously [stories submitted by the 15th of each month will be guaranteed in the next newsletter edition]

How: email ellizabethkhart@gmail.com

****Please submit text separately from pictures** No PDF format accepted**

NOT SURE about the format jargon?
 Just email me and I will help make sure your story gets heard

Directory Updates:
 Visit the Member Login Section on the District Website

See update of new Camp Administrative Assistant
 Corrected email address for Rick, Peace Poster Chair
 Corrected email address for Clay County Lions' Secretary

July 13th-17th

Come support our NC Candidate running for International Director, Lion Gary Steele

Promote Lion Gary by passing out literature about his candidacy at the convention.

Both Lion Gary and his wife Lion Elizabeth are military veterans and very active lions always welcoming to lend a helping hand and serve in many leadership roles.

- Member of Cleveland Lions Club of District 31I for 22 years
- Past District Governor of Multiple District 31E [district level]
- Past Council Chair of Multiple District 31 [state level]
- Served several chairman positions on a district and multiple district (state) level
- Current Multiple District Council of Governor’s Secretary/Treasurer [state level]
- Coordinator, Facilitator, and Moderator for Lions University and the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
- Past President of NC Lions Multiple District 31 Past District Governor Organization
- Group Leader of First Vice District Governor School/District Governor School 2020
- Recipient of many Lion Fellowships and Awards
- ...and many more...

Other Leadership Experience:
 Past Member of the Board of Governors for Piedmont Players Theater, Salisbury
 Elder at Third Creek Presbyterian Church, Cleveland
 Graduate University of Maryland University College,
 Bachelors Degree in Management Studies
 21 Year Military Veteran, Retired First Sergeant Class

**The Lovely Lion Pair
 Gary and Elizabeth Steele**

lions support lions


Join us for our
**Christmas
Craft Bazaar**



7062 Camp Dogwood Drive
Sherrills Ford, NC 28673
9am - 3pm
December 7, 2024
828.478.2135

**CAMP DOGWOOD
CHRISTMAS
TOY DRIVE**

FOR CHILDREN EFFECTED BY
HURRICANE HELENE
IN WESTERN NC



DROP OFF NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS
DURING OUR CHRISTMAS CRAFT BAZARRA
DEC, 7TH 9AM-3PM
ENJOY OUR FREE EVENT WHILE HELPING CHILDREN IN OUR STATE



Hendersonville Lion's Children's Film Festival Fund Raiser

Help us make this the best year ever!

Your donations for The Children's Film Festival Fund Raiser not only help us to celebrate the Christmas holiday with our community's children and families; it also raises funds for the many causes that the Hendersonville Lions club support in the local area including: Eye Exams, Eyeglasses, Visual and Hearing Impaired Support, Food Bank Activities, Elder Care, Community Disaster Relief, Henderson County Education Foundation and the Community College Scholarship Fund.

The Double Feature Film Event will take place on Saturday Morning, December 14, 2024 promptly at 10:00 AM, at the Epic Theatre, 200 Thompson Street, Hendersonville. Along with these films we will be providing holiday family photos as well as an eye vision screening test available for all the children. Ticket books (5 Tickets) are available for a donation of \$20. You can choose from two options for your donation: (1) Donate your tickets and we will distribute them through local schools and children support agencies or (2) have them mailed to you for your own use.

So, please take a moment right now to support this Film Festival!
Go to our website to make a tax deductible donation

www.HendersonvilleLions.org

Thank You again for your support!



LONG VIEW LIONS CLUB PRESENTS



Pancake Breakfast
to benefit local & lions
clubs charities



LONG VIEW RECREATION CENTER
3107 2nd. Ave. NW, Hickory, NC 28601

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH
7:30-10AM

MENU:

PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, & BEVERAGES

\$8. children 11 & under \$5. children 3 & under free

HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF UPDATES

Multiple District 31L Lions Roar with Relief Efforts

We have learned of 2 more lions in our district with severe damage to their homes. Please keep them in your prayers



City and Town Infrastructure Updates

Lake Lure: -Constant efforts of cleaning up the lake of Lake Lure as many homes and buildings of Chimney Rock got pushed into the lake during the natural disaster. There are many downed trees, damaged roads and bridges, including major roadways.

Mills River: Many downed trees and bridges

Swannanoa: The town is still without water and many are still staying in tents.

Known Lions Structures Damaged in the Storm:

Canton Picnic Shelter at the Canton Park Recreation
Hot Springs Lions Club House

McCune Community: There are many downed trees on the walking trail and near the cottages that need to be cleaned up.

PLEASE REPORT DAMAGE OF LIONS CLUBS STRUCTURES AND PROPERTIES TO DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAWSON SO THAT WE ARE AWARE AND CAN BE OF SUPPORT TO YOU AND YOUR CLUB



Week of November 4th-8th

NORTH CAROLINA
Lions Foundation



Thank you to the Lions of Connecticut and Illinois for your donations. We distributed 14 pallets of clothing to various organizations, 14 pallets of clothing have been distributed to various organizations, 14 pallets of items from Connecticut were delivered to Avery County Air Field: We the People, 2 pickup truckloads of baby items delivered, 4 pallets from the Illinois delivered to Creston, and 4 more pallets were delivered to Avery County. Thank you to all volunteers, lions and community members. Some pictured include Black Mountain McCune Lions, Swannanoa Valley Lions, and Guilford County Wide Cyber Lions Club.

HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF UPDATES

Multiple District 31L Lions Roar with Relief Efforts

Service of Clubs:

Black Mountain: Meetings being held to discuss assisting 3 to 4 people who lost everything

Black Mountain McCune: Members Deniece and Elizabeth are active in relief efforts through volunteering at local churches in supplies distribution.

Canton: The club is assisting with transportation of relief supplies

Chase: -Volunteering through local churches serving meals,

Etowah: -Financial assistance to the McCune Community

Gastonia: -Collection and corporate sponsorship of relief supply donations; financial donations to disaster relief

Greater Asheville: The club is staying tight knit in assisting their community and needs.

- Bought clothing for veteran's who's living quarters were flooded

- Serves meal for 225 veterans monthly

- Purchased 19 pairs of eyeglasses to assist those lost in the natural disaster

- Replenished groceries for a blind lady that were lost in the storm in addition to a couch, chair, and phone to aid to reading her insulin pump.

Hendersonville: -Financial assistance to relief efforts

Lake Lure: The Lake Lure is actively involved in relief efforts and will be for years to come.

-The club has been blessed with donations amounting to over \$10k and counting from lions clubs located all over the USA. The Lake Lure Lions Club is setting up a relief fund to oversee the use of these funds as they assist their community members in rebuilding their town. The club assisted with relocation of an individual.

Long View: -Financial Assistance, supply donations and deliveries, serving meals

Mills River:

- The club serves meals to 450 people a week at a local church

- Financial donations to Calvery Chapel Church to assist the 30 builder volunteers that stay overnight.

- Financial donations to Mills River Elementary School

- Financial donation to lady that lost her apartment due to flooding.

- Meeting with Town Council about infrastructure repair needs.

Mount Holly: Donation of brooms for post-disaster clean-up

Rutherfordton: Financial assistance to disaster relief; volunteering through Habitat for Humanity

Sand Hill: President of the club and the Multiple District Council Chair, George, has rented a storage building as he is serving as a staging area for relief efforts. His building is full, and he is trying to give away supplies to those in need. Please coordinate with Lion George if you are able to assist.

Sherrills Ford: -Financial assistance, supply donations, and supply deliveries

Swannanoa Valley: The Club has assisted in volunteering in Council Chair George's business warehouse in Asheville, Milkco, and their relief efforts. Volunteering through local church in relief supplies distribution Assisted with supplies and hot meals for the McCune Community -Continuing of other efforts: Fundraising for Scholarship for Owen High School student.

Valley Springs: -Assisting with supplies needs -Assisting with cleaning, laundry, and doing dishes at local food bank -Financial assistance for groceries

Weaverville: -Assisting a local community to getting storage for emergency supplies

*****DISCLAIMER: THIS MAY NOT INCLUDE ALL SERVICE OF ALL CLUBS IN THE DISTRICT. INFORMATION INCLUDED IS WHAT WAS AVAILABLE TO THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR AT THE TIME OF THE PUBLISHING OF THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER.*****

CHILDREN'S HOME OF NC

Did you know that one of the committees as established by the Multiple District 31 constitution to be held on a state and district level is "Boys and Girls Homes"??

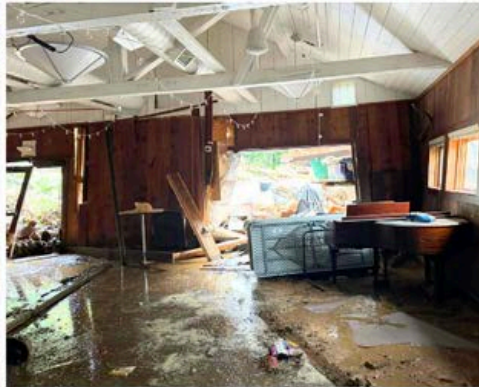
This area of focus is in alignment with Lions Club's International's global cause of youth and this focus as applied in the state of NC is not only to the Boys and Girls Home of NC?

Lions does have an official partnership with the Boys and Girls Home of NC but this is not the only home which the lions of NC support. The Lions also have a Lions Cottage at the Eliada Homes for Children in Asheville.

One children's home in NC that is in need of support in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene is Black Mountain Home for Children, located less than 1.5 miles from our McCune Community.



Thankfully none of their kids were injured; however, a landslide destroyed four buildings on the west side of their campus and severely damaged six more, including our dining hall, a staff member's home, guest cabins, and recreation buildings.



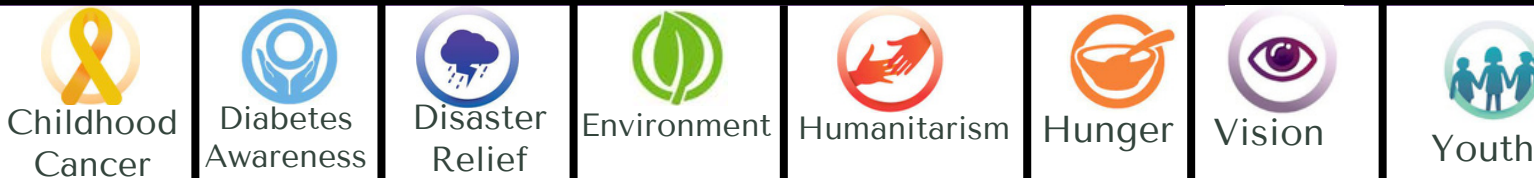
Learn more and sign up for their disaster clean up efforts at the home.



Donate today.



REMEMBER WHY



GOAL: 1 SERVICE PROJECT PER CLUB FOR EACH OF THE 8 GLOBAL CAUSES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

LET'S FILL THIS PAGE UP WITH SERVICE!



Etowah Lions Holiday Fair was held November 9th at our den. The weather was perfect and we had 15 vendors in attendance with holiday gifts ranging from metal Santa's to handmade wreaths and so much more. We had a good crowd of shoppers come through. We sold some brooms and had a donation jar for the Veterans Healing farm and made over \$80 for them.



The Valdese Lions Club sold Belk Charity Tickets to raise funds to go back into the community. It was a great success. They sold 100 tickets over 10 hours.

It was heartwarming to hear what the shopping patrons shared about what the Lions Club means to them:

I used to work at Camp Dogwood Mom: the lions gave us eye tests this year The Lions helped my son with glasses You helped my mom get eye surgery



The Long View Lions Club, EnChroma, and the Hickory Museum of Art have come together to change lives of colorblind individuals. Thanks to a donation of EnChroma glasses, colorblind correcting lenses, from EnChroma, paired with the Long View Lions Club partnering with the Hickory Museum of Art, art patrons are able to experience the museum in color.

The magic of color has the power to create beautiful and emotion filled moments. The first patron to try the glasses had tears brought to her eyes and those who got to share the moment with her. A lady and her husband were visiting Hickory for a couple days to see what the city had to offer; they were considering moving and wanted to do some exploring. On their 12th wedding anniversary, they came to the Hickory Museum of Art not knowing that their lives would be changed. The patron repeatedly said that her cheeks were hurt from smiling so much. For the first time in her life, she experienced the color red and the diversity of green. Before trying the glasses, reds had always looked brown to her and greens all looked the same. We hope that this couple enjoyed their stay in Hickory and the community support that IS Hickory.

The trial EnChroma glasses remain at the museum for patrons to test as we try and find a glasses recipient. Most recently a group of colorblind siblings tried the glasses together. It was an especially emotional experience for the eldest who is an avid artist of her own. At home this teen labels her paints, but for the first time she was able to truly experience color. Since starting the glasses loan, six individuals have experienced art in color.



St. Stephens Lions Club ringing the bell for the Salvation Army



The Long View Lions in partnership of Walkin' and Roll Activities League, Inc. and Next Home Blue Skies are hosting a winter and coat supply drive to help local less fortunate community members. They are collecting all season long and are distributing the items as they come in, to local charities that work with the less fortunate. So far, have collected over 75 items ranging from coats, sweaters, boots, and more. A special thank you to the Valdese Club for your donations and support to our drive.



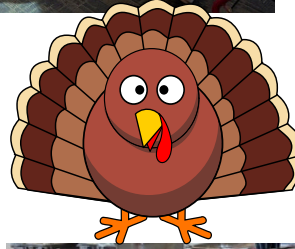
The Etowah Lions Club held a blood drive. 37 people came and got 3 power reds and 27 regular for a total 30 pints of blood donated.



Facility Administrator Lion Brittney visiting with one of the residents



Proud Lions



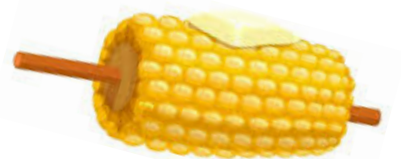
Pie eating contest...and the winner is...
Lion Dick of the Etowah Lions Club



Friends, Lions Family, and Fellowship
...the way of life



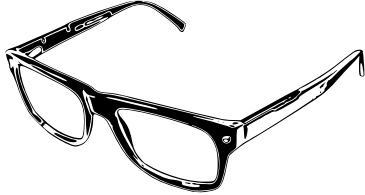
Kitchen Crew





McCune Moments

Not only did the residents and community members have a BLAST at the McCune Community hosted trick or treat event, but also a co-occurring vision screening took place. Thirty-five individuals were screened. Out of the referrals, two children under the age of three years old were identified as needing a further eye exam.



The McCune Residents and Staff would like again to express their gratitude for everyone who has assisted in all ways during the aftermath of Hurricane Helene.

The residents especially enjoyed the outdoor showers and hope to be able to bring back the experience this upcoming summer!



JOIN SANTA'S ELVES IN PREPARING...
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR OUR RESIDENTS
SEEKING...



TO GET PAIRED WITH
A RESIDENT & THEIR WISH LIST,
CONTACT
DISTRICT MCCUNE LIAISON
DENIECE AT:
DBASEBALLFAN_7@YAHOO.COM
OR
828-702-2760

MONETARY DONATIONS
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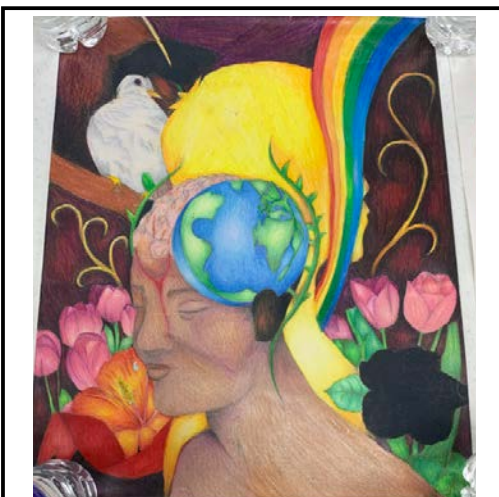
JOIN OUR MCCUNE FAMILY IN CELEBRATING THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

PICTURES WITH SANTA CLAUSE & THE GRINCH
THE READING OF, "T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS"
GIFT OPENING

CHRISTMAS DAY
8AM
MCCUNE DINING ROOM

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER: CONTACT DENIECE, DISTRICT MCCUNE LIAISON

Lincolnton Lions Club had over 50 entries from a total of 4 schools, here are their four 1st place winners from each school



Long View Club- 1st place entry
 for club level
 14 entries submitted by
 Grandview Middle School



With many school systems of the mountains effected by Hurricane Helene, a special district art peace contest will be held.

Projected Dates: Competition to be held in February

Winners announced: March at the District Convention

***Disclaimer: Dates may be subject to change based on the needs of the participating schools.

For more information: Contact DG Dawson and Peace Poster Chair Rick [contact information in the directory]



The winning district entry from the Lincolnton Lions Club moving onto the Multiple District Level of the competition.

PEACE ESSAY BY LION KATHLEEN OF ETOWAH LIONS CLUB

Before I got started on writing this essay I looked at what AI on the computer had to say about peace. It read: "Peace is a state of tranquility, security and harmony in absence of violence or conflict. It can be a relationship characterised by respect, justice and goodwill." This is a good summation of the definition but how can I put this into practice.

The reason I joined Lions Club was to make the world a more peaceful place. But, I knew it had to begin with me. Respecting others was the first step. Listening to what others have to say without giving my opinion unless I am asked for it. Giving others the dignity they deserve without judgment. This does not mean I have to change my values or beliefs. It does mean I listen.

Next comes justice. I will weigh my options of how I want to spend my time, treasure and talents to bring justice to others. We certainly have had many opportunities in western North Carolina the last six weeks with the rain that Hurricane Helene brought to the area. The plight so many faced without electricity, phone or internet service and water for days or weeks was difficult for so many people in these mountains. I saw first hand how everyone was so willing to help their neighbors with food, clothing, cleaning products and baby things. It was a good time to clean through the closet, chose some of the good items and put them in a bag with the size and gender of the items on the outside of the bag. It was also a great opportunity to share some money for items and supplies others need that we can't provide.

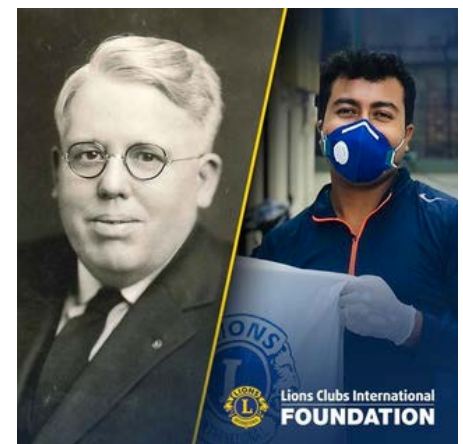
Finally, goodwill. The Lions are a wonderful place to share goodwill. Having a positive attitude in all that we do. Inviting and including others in the projects which we are involved. Giving people positive feedback on what they have done and recognize them for their contribution.

If we concentrate our efforts on the small things the big things will happen. Our example shows where our values are.

Remember respect, justice and goodwill towards others is the key to happiness

The Lions Clubs International Foundation Melvin Jones Photo Campaign is happening now

Tag @LCIFLions and use #LCIFPride when you answer the question: Why do you support LCIF? Don't forget to include a photo of you doing a service project or with your MJF plaque or PMJF pin in your post. #LCIFLions <https://www.facebook.com/LCIFLions>



RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Lions Cottage @ Boys and Girls Home of NC



Recognition of the business owner of H. K. and Jordan Company who did the renovations out of his own pocket.



Recognition of the lead contractor on the project.



Recognition of Lion Scott Stephenson of District N of the Fayetteville Massey Hill Lions Club who orchestrated and spearheaded this project.

District 31L Boys and Girls Home Chairman Brittney, represented the Lions of District L at the ribbon cutting ceremony and official re-opening of the Lions Cottage at the Boys and Girls Home of North Carolina.

Lion Brittney shared the precious gift that the lions and community members have given to the eight teenage boys who call the Lions Cottage home.

Prior to the renovations, the boys had seen the other cottages on the campus. They thought that they were considered the “poor” ones and felt that their cottage was like a prison cell.

The boys were overjoyed at the reveal and are ecstatic about moving back into the cottage. They could not stop smiling and were moved to tears. As the lions toured the renovations as the boys explored their new home, there were many shrills of excitement along the lines of.... ‘Guys, come here. You’ve got to see this!’

A former resident of the home recently shared upon learning of the Lions Cottage renovations, “That was the first cottage I stayed in when I came to the boys home, a scary place until I got used to the regime and the way things were done on a daily basis. Great place to grow up and learn to be a man! 👍”

IN OTHER NEWS...



Carolyn's Kaleidoscope Child Advocacy Center, a program of the Boys and Girls Home of NC that started five years ago recently celebrated national accreditation from the National Children's Alliance. This accreditation will open doors for the center to receive additional funding to serve even more children. Since starting this program, Carolyn's Kaleidoscope Child Advocacy Center has served over 650 child victims of abuse.



Currently hiring camp counselors and lifeguards and seeking lions volunteers for all sessions!

Camp Sessions
May 25th - May 29th
June 1st - June 5th
June 8th - June 12th
June 22nd - June 26th
June 29th - July 3rd
July 6th - July 10th
July 13th - July 17th

Camper Application



Caregiver Application



Volunteer Application



Camper Medical Form



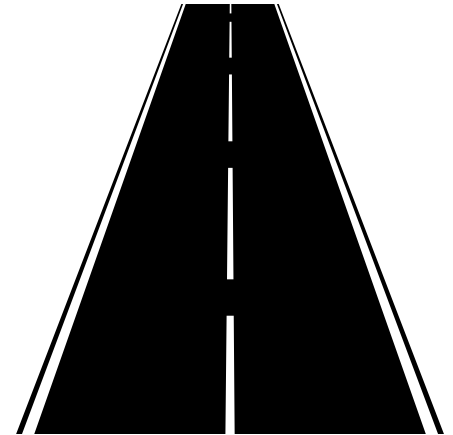
Caregiver Medical Form



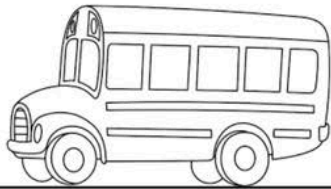
Volunteer Medical Form



smooth rides ahead



During the month of November, the asphalt of Camp Dogwood Drive got redone!



A ROAD FOR HAPPY CAMPERS

The last time campers went on off campus trips was during summer session 2019. Since then, every year campers have requested to bring this aspect of camp back, but WE need YOU to make this possible!

SEEKING BUS DRIVER VOLUNTEERS

To make this a possibility, we need to ensure that we have 2 bus volunteer drivers for each session

REQUIREMENTS

A free background check completed for insurance purposes

Hold a valid driver's license with no reports for 3 years.

Provide a copy of your valid driver's license

Participate and complete a short series of free online training videos on sexual abuse and any other topics required by insurance

Commit to your session and driving the bus for the scheduled trips during your session

Be able to operate and park a 15-passenger bus in various types of traffic

INTERESTED?

Email tammy@nclf.org for more information

A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE...





a weekend experience includes:

-learn more about your Lions' organization

-state of the art leadership training by Lions' Past International Directors of our NC family with skills transferable to your professional career

-meet, greet, and network with lions from across the state

-free room accommodations and meals

[first night meal is on your own-outing with the group at a restaurant]

You pay \$25 for a VALUE of Training worth approximately \$600

Each year the Multiple District 31 (state of NC) sponsors lions from each district [md31l, md31i, md31o, md31n, md31s] to attend

WHEN? Thursday, March 20th-Sunday, March 23rd

WHERE? Camp Dogwood

HOW? Contact DG Dawson for more information
dawsonhart313@gmail.com or (828) 302-6957

SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR 2nd Vice District Governor 2025-2026

ELECTION TO TAKE PLACE AT DISTRICT FALL CONVENTION,

Eligible Lions shall have
completed the offices of:

CLUB PRESIDENT
ZONE CHAIR

MARCH 2025

2nd VDG Duties:

**Expectations as you move
up to sitting governor:**

1st VDG:

- you are the district fall convention planning chair
- attend a paid for week-long training at LCI & the Q-center
- 1st VDG's club is responsible for district convention hospitality room
- District Governor Elect is responsible for state convention hospitality room financial contributions

DG:

- SECURE A CABINET OF OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS
- CREATE YOUR DIRECTORY
- LOCATE A NEWSLETTER EDITOR OR SELF-PRODUCE YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
- CREATE AN ACTION PLAN, CARRYOUT AND ADJUST AS NEEDED, AND NOTE PROGRESS
- CHECK SIGNER FOR DISTRICT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
- ATTEND VIRTUAL MEETINGS WITH YOUR GROUP LEADER ASSIGNED TO YOU BY LCI
- COMPLETE REQUIRED REPORTS [INCLUDING SOME REIBURSMET FORMS FOR MONEY BACK FROM EXPENSES]
- BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLUBS STAYING CURRENT ON THEIR LCI DUES
- ATTEND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
- ATTEND VIP FISHING TOURNAMENT AS A VOLUNTEER DIGNITARY
- CREATE AGENDA AND RUN DISTRICT CABINET MEETINGS
- DESIGN AND PURCHASE YOUR LIONS PIN, MUST INCLUDE LCI LOGO; DEVELOP THEME/SAYING FOR YOUR YEAR

-DUTIES PER DISTRICT CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
CAN BE LOCATED IN ARTICLE III: DUTIES OF DISTRICT OFFICERS/CABINET, SECTION 3: 2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR [PAGE 18]



OTHER DUTIES INCLUDE:

- ATTEND ALL NCLF AND COG MEETINGS [QUARTERLY MEETINGS]
- VISIT CLUBS AS NEEDED
- ATTEND DISTRICT & STATE CONVENTION
- INCREASING LEVEL OF TRAINING AND ASSIGNED HOMEWORK AS YOU MOVE THROUGH THE LEVELS OF GOVERNORSHIP
- PURCHASE GOVERNORSHIP UNIFORM [SUIT JACKET, TIE [MEN ONLY], AND POLO]

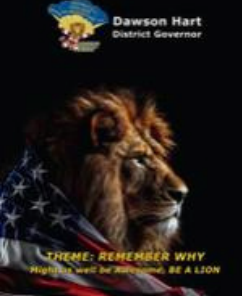
Immediate PDG:

- continue to attend all NCLF & COG meetings
- serve as district budget chair and promotions chair

interested?

- acquire an endorsement letter from your club
- secure nomination speech and supporting speech
- contact PCC Martha Butler, Nominating Chair for MD31L

**note: this document is not
conclusive & may be missing info**



10th Annual District 31-L Fall convention
“Remember Why-Might as well be awesome, be a Lion”
March 14th-15th,2025

Fall Convention Registration Form

Name(s): Please Print first and last name(s) & circle title and honors that apply.

Club _____ District _____

1. _____

PIP ID PID DG PDG CC PCC 1VDG 2VDG Lion Guest MJF JSF WLW BOH HOF AMB

2. _____

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FFN	TTB	DGB
\$25 BBQ _____	\$18 _____	\$35 Ribeye _____
		\$27 Salmon _____
		_____ \$27Chicken _____
		\$24 Veggie Option _____
		Total _____

Please Mark meal preferences for DGB above with number of each choice.

- Meal descriptions for DGB: Option 1- Grilled ribeye,
Option 2- Bourbon glazed salmon
Option 3-chicken Cordon Bleu
Vegetarian Option 4- Ratatouille

All with side salad, Chef choice veggies, Cheesecake and Chocolate Dessert.

Please note any food allergies _____.

Registration Deadline: Must be postmarked on or before March 01, 2025. You will need to fill out and send in the registration form if you are attending and wish to receive a convention booklet and goodie bag. There will be no meal reservations without a check. Make checks for meals payable to 2024 District 31L Fall Convention.

Mail Check and Registration form to Curtis Erickson, PDG
445 Bass Lake Drive
Pisgah Forest, NC 28768

Convention to be held at Camp Dogwood
7062 Camp Dogwood Drive Sherrills Ford,
NC 28673

For Room Reservations call April George at 828-478-2135 ext.250.by March 1,2025 for Lion’s rate!