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A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR, DAWSON HART

Hello Fellow Lions!

I hope that you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Time has flown by, and we are half-way through this Lions year.

Here are a few updates:

1. New members are joining; that's great! I am asking you that you let me know when you have new members join so I can welcome them in a timely manner.

A few different messages have been sent out via email and in a previous newsletter to asking club presidents and zone chairs to let me know when you have new members join so that I as District Governor can welcome them, but there continues to be a gap in communication in following through with this.

2. District convention is coming up in 2.5 months. Please send in your registration. The form is included as the last page of this newsletter. Also, we are in need of auction items. Please contact auction chair CC George [see page 19] so we prepare and know how many items we will have.

3. We are seeking a candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor [see page 25].

4. Please report your service to the district [see page 24]. This can be done by any lion and does not have to be secretary; please help your fellow lions by sharing the work load.

**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 elizabethkhart@gmail.com

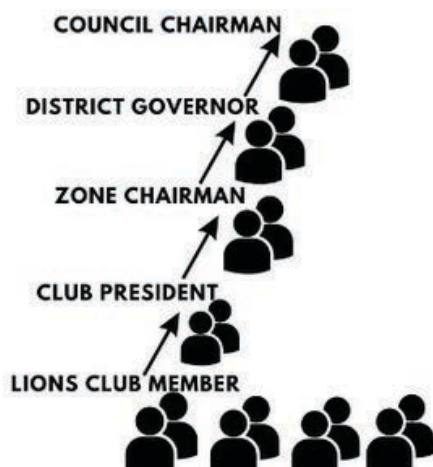
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NOT SURE about the format jargon?
Just email me and I will help make sure your story gets heard

NOTE: 1stVDG Eileen has transferred clubs and is now associated with the Rutherford College Lions Club

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.

January

1/18: Long View Lions Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

1/18: Etowah Lions Blood Drive

February

2/15: District Cabinet Meeting at Etowah Clubhouse; ALL ARE WELCOME!

2/22: Long View Lions Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

March

3/14-3/15: District Convention at Camp Dogwood; REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
3/20-3/22: Regional Learning Leadership Institute at Camp Dogwood;

Contact DG Dawson if interested

3/22: Long View Lions Chili Cookoff Fundraiser

April

4/3-4/9: Clean Up Week at Camp Dogwood

4/11-4/13: NC Lions State Convention in Greensboro
[District Cabinet Meeting on Sunday Session]

3/22: Long View Lions Chili Cookoff Fundraiser

WORLD LEOS CLUBS MONTH - CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH- ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS MONTH

May

Camp Dogwood Season Begins - COME VOLUNTEER - WE NEED YOU!

June

COME VOLUNTEER AT CAMP DOGWOOD - WE NEED YOU!

6/14: End of Year Celebration at Camp Dogwood at 12Noon

Email newsletter editor Lion Liz to get your club's upcoming fundraiser on the calendar



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.



The Lovely Lion Pair
Gary and Elizabeth Steele

- 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

Welcome to our PRIDE

July 2024

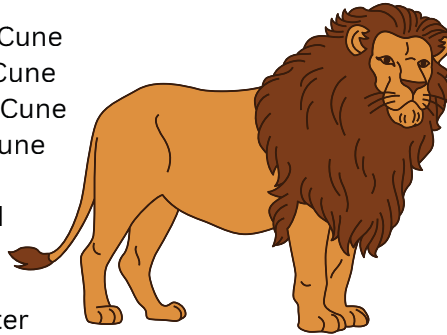
- Barbara Allison- Black Mountain McCune
- Carl Andersen- Black Mountain McCune
- Carolyn Hughes- Black Mountain McCune
- Grant Helms- Black Mountain McCune
- Chuck David Jr.- Lake Lure
- Christina Towery- Sherrills Ford

August 2024

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

September 2024

- Charles Vanderkolk- Weaverville
- JoAnna Vanderkolk- Weaverville



October 2024

- Julia Gaines- Weaverville
- Jeff Oxendine- Long View

November 2024

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

December 2024

- Vera Lowery- Lincolnton

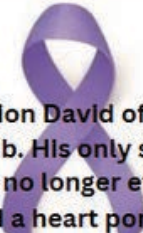
Welcome to NC transfer Lion from Marianne Abot from Michigan! She is now a Lake Lure Lion.
Thank you for the generous donation for disaster relief from your former Michigan club!!



Prayer Requests



Please pray for Lion Eddie of Long View who's step father recently passed away.



Please for Lion David of the Long View Lions Club. His only son's cancer treatment is no longer effective, and he recently had a heart port put in. Please pray this treatment helps.

Please pray for Lion Tony of the Franklin Lions Club and his mother's health.



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



Please pray for Lion Jim V. of Long View who is recovering from heart surgery

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.

Until we

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

**SHOUT
OUTS**



Lion William "Puppy" of the Canton Lions Club not only serves the community with the Lions but also serves as the President of Santa Pals. Scan the QR Code to check out the article in the local newspaper featuring a story on his organization's work in hunger relief this year.



THE MOUNTAINEER
INFORMING, ENGAGING AND INSPIRING OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1954

#LIONSTRONG #HURRICANEHELENERELIEF

From day one following the hit of Hurricane Helene, Lions Club across the state and nation have been an integral part of the relief efforts. Thank you to all who have contributed in any way: from volunteering, donations, spreading awareness, and more. Below are some photo ops from the work that Lion George, Council Chair, and home to our District and the Sand Hill Lions Club, has led through the Lions in partnership with his own personal non-profit that he operates, Beyond All Borders.

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE IN NEED OF DISASTER RELIEF SUPPLIES?
CONTACT LION GEORGE**

THE GREAT RESPONSE OF DONATIONS HAS HIS WAREHOUSE FULL AND HE HAS ACQUIRED AN ADDITIONAL STORAGE UNIT TO STORE THE DONATIONS WHILE TRYING TO GIVE AWAY THE SUPPLIES.

Lion George Suggs' contact information can be found in the District Directory



#LIONSTRONG #HURRICANEHELENERELIEF

SUMMARY REPORT:

- District 31L has spent over \$15k on disaster relief, combined funds from LCIF grant and donations from lions clubs out of state. The district continues to receive donations and has an approximate \$10k more that district leaders are making plans on how to best spend.
- At least 20 of the 46 clubs in District 31L have assisted in Western NC disaster relief efforts. These figures are not final but from available information that has been reported through zone chairs.
- At least 11 District 31L Lions have had total or partial damage to their homes. To the best of our knowledge, all District 31L Lions are safe. Some have left the state or area to live with family members.
- Lions clubs from a minimum of 15 states have assisted with disaster relief by means of volunteer work and sending donations through NCLF and/or District 31L. An exact number is not able to be pinpointed.
- NCLF most recently reported that they have spent \$84,261 on disaster relief supplies. Since the storm hit on September 27th, NCLF has made multiple weekly trips up the mountain to the impacted areas. With some roads reopening, delivery of supplies has been able to be made through carrier suppliers.
- District 31I has received a total of \$30k in grants from LCIF
- Multiple District 31L, that is NC, has received a three year \$100k grant. The committee will share more information soon.

IMPORTANT!

In these hard times, we are working to support our community members and lions effected by Hurricane Helene. In being good stewards of funds raised by the public to go to support the public and to maintain the trust of the public, we must remember as we help our communities rebuild

that the Lions International Constitution does not permit public funds to be used benefit a lions club member.

In supporting the rebuilding of Western North Carolina, this is why donations are being delivered to local churches, food banks, and the like so that donated items are available to all community members. Lions effected by the disaster may benefit if the items are made public and not exclusively to Lions. Additionally, all contributions to the community must be tangible. For example, gift cards may not be passed out to those effected by the disaster. Lions may make personal monetary donations to another lion.

IF YOU WISH TO HELP A FELLOW LION WHO HAS EXPERIENCED GREAT LOSS, CONSIDER ASKING A LOCAL CHURCH OR OTHER CHARITY ENTITY OF LEADING A FUNDRAISER THAT YOU WILL ASSIST WITH; HOWEVER, FUNDS CANNOT BE RAISED FOR A FELLOW LIONS WHILE USING THE LIONS CLUB NAME.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

REMEMBER WHY



Childhood
Cancer



Diabetes
Awareness



Disaster
Relief



Environment



Humanitarianism



Hunger



Vision



Youth

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!



The Weaverville Lions Club assisted over 100 families with hunger relief. They delivered 87 bags of food to local schools, made food donations to Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministries, and financial support to less fortunate grocery store patrons through an assistance program they offer to Ingles. Way to go Weaverville Lions!



The Hendersonville Lions Club hosted their annual and largest fundraiser, a Children's Film Festival. This family focused event kicked off the holiday season with a double feature movie and free Christmas family photos taken by Lion Rick. Over 200 children and their parents were in attendance and a fun filled time was had by all.



The Valley Springs Lions Club is a small but mighty club made of two wonderful ladies who happen to be VIPs. Strong in spirit, they continue their club's tradition of over 20 years delivering Christmas cards and sweets to the local nursing homes. This year they delivered these special treats of Christmas to each resident at four different nursing home facilities as well as presented a donation to one of the facility's angel tree program for their residents. Way to go Lions Mary and Joanne!



The Long View Lions Club got in the holiday spirit with the Salvation Army. They sponsored 9 angels and spent a Saturday ringing the bell.





The Etowah Lions Club and their friend Santa delivering gifts in the Etowah community.



The Valdese Lions put together 33 Christmas treat bags for Agape residents and delivered them on Christmas Eve.



Sherrills Ford Lions members play Santa and Mrs. Clause for Avery County Airfield's Christmas toy distribution event.



American Red Cross

GIVE A LIONS SHARE OF LIFE.

Join the pride. Give blood.

**Blood Drive
Etowah Lions Club**

Etowah Lions Den
447 Etowah School Rd
Hendersonville, NC 28739

**Saturday, January 18, 2025
8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

To schedule an appointment, please call
1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org
and enter Sponsor Code "Etowah Lions Club".

Bring your Red Cross or Photo ID.

Come give Jan. 1-26 to automatically be entered for a chance to win an exciting trip for you & a guest to Super Bowl LIX in New Orleans! Includes travel, hotel, \$1,000 gift card, pre-game activities & more! Terms apply; visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl.



**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





McCune Moments



Lions from the Black Mountain McCune, Etowah, and Claremont Lions Clubs disguised as elves spent the day wrapping presents and preparing for Christmas at McCune.

Western NC Lions Board of Directors, the operating board of the McCune Community, Christmas Dinner



*Thank you and Merry Christmas
Boar President PDG Curtis*

*Christmas Carrolls
performed by
the McCune Choir*





McCune Moments

Charles D. Owens Leo Club help McCune residents do Christmas cards



The Hendersonville Lions delivering Christmas to their "adopted" resident.





The McCune Community featured 2 vans in the Black Mountain Christmas Parade!



McCune Lions Christmas Party





Christmas morning waffles



Santa and Mrs. Clause surprising residents with Christmas



McCune Administrator Lion Brittney & resident



DG Dawson visiting residents as the Grinch



Surprising the cottage residents



Sweet puppy love sent from a local church



District McCune Liaison Lion Deniece spreading the Christmas cheer!



Lion Nick always with a smile





MERRY CHRISTMAS VIPS...



Rutherford County VIP Christmas Party:
Chase Lions
Lake Lure Lions
Lake Lure Leos
Rutherfordton Lions

The Rutherford County Lions clubs: Chase Lions Club, Lake Lure Lions Club, Rutherfordton Lions Club, with help from the Lake Lure Leos, celebrated their 53rd annual joint service project, the VIP Christmas Luncheon. One hundred and four VIPs and their guest were invited. They enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the fixings served by the Lions. Lion Carl from Rutherfordton Lions Club played Christmas music on the piano to provide festivities for this event. Following dinner, Chase President Jerry drew names of VIPs and the Lions deliver a wrapped gift, bag of fruit and a large print calendar and the center pieces were raffled off to VIPs. This is a much looked forward to service event by both Lions and VIP's.



Rutherford College Lions VIP Christmas Party



Santa passing out gift cards to the VIP guests of honor.



Lincolnton Lions VIP Christmas Party

Each year the Lincolnton Lions Club hosts a special Christmas luncheon for their Lincoln County VIPs and their caregivers. This year they served 30 VIPs and their guests for a total of 75 guests and our Lion members and volunteers. Christmas carols were sung by The North Lincoln High School Choral Group and a local VIP youth, provided entertainment with her musical and vocal talent as she has since she was a small child. Each VIP received a holiday gift from the Lions to make the event even more special. This event was made possible by local business sponsors and support including Ingles and Lowes Home Improvement.

Not pictured: Caldwell County VIP Christmas Party hosted by the Granite Falls and Hudson Lions Clubs

CHRISTMAS Parade



The Long View Lions Club participated in the Hildebran Christmas parade riding in the Unifour Lions' Children Sight Vision Van, a partnership of 12 Hickory area Lions clubs founded by the North Carolina Long View Lions Foundation Inc. They hope to spread awareness of all that the lions do and become a known resource for community members.



The Rutherford College Lions took part in the Rutherford College Christmas Parade with two floats passing out candy.

CHRISTMAS PARTY



Etowah Lions' Christmas Party



Lake Lure Lions' Christmas Party



Long View Lions' Christmas Party



Black Mountain & Swannanoa Valley Lions Clubs' Christmas Party



BOYS & GIRLS HOMES UPDATES



BLACK MOUNTAIN HOME

The home has received assistance and is now in a stable.



The Eliada's Children Home in Asheville at which our District 31L Lions has a Lions Cottage at is in need of assistance. More information will be shared soon by District Boys and Girls Home Chair Brittney.



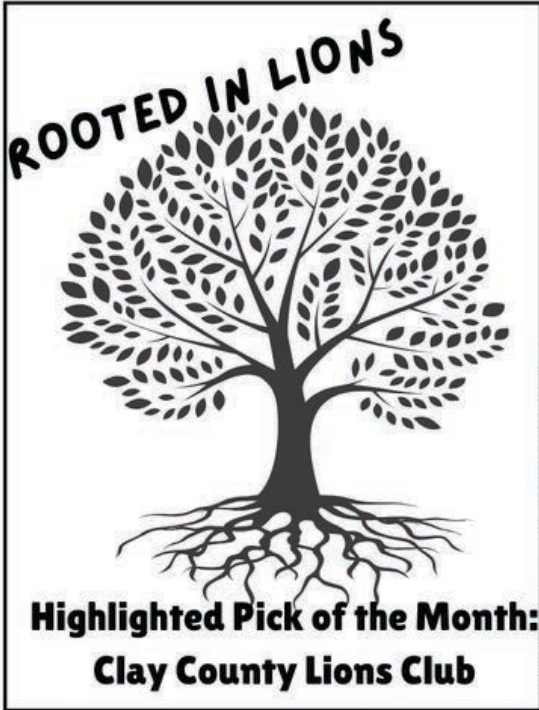
The New Bern Lions Club's Lion Barbara and Judy brought presents for the Lions Cottage children at the Boys and Girls Home of NC. Last year, Judy accompanied her sister, Beth to bring the presents. But after Beth passed away this year, Judy wanted to return to give in her honor. Also honoring Beth's original idea to include handmade scarves for the children, the club finished her knitting project after she passed and included those gifts as well.



Lake Ariel Lions Club from Pennsylvania presented Zone Chair Lion Clay of the Candler Lions Club a \$6,000 check for Christmas for the Kids Displaced by Tropical Storm Helene



The Candler Lions turned around and wrote a \$6,000 check to the Eliada Home for \$6,000 for children's Christmas. Pictured above is Zone Chair Clay presenting the check to the Eliada Home.



HISTORIC HAYESVILLE INC.



The Clay County Lions Club is a small but mighty club nestled upon the northern border of the state of Georgia. The lions club first sprouted deep roots with their local community just over a decade after their club's establishment. In 1951 they built a picnic pavilion along Lake Chatuge. Since it's erection, through today, over 70 years later, the lions have stayed a constant in overseeing the financial support and cost of its maintenance with the county. The pavilion is enjoyed and used by many. In 2002 the lions expanded the pavilion and completed a remodel in 2018.

The second large structure project of the Clay County Lions Club was the Town Square Gazebo in 1988. The Lions funded the project and the construction was done by the local high school construction class. In 2018, the lions shared the update costs with the County Commissioners. In the early 1990's the Lions was the sponsor of a very active boy scout troop. The lions secured grants and matching funds and constructed a building for

the scouting program. Over the years it has been used by boy scouts, cub scouts, girl scouts and was used for many years as the Lions Club meeting place.

In 2016 Historic Hayesville Inc was established with a mission to restore, revitalize, and beautify their historic downtown. Together, the Clay County Lions Club along with the other civic organizations of the town, the Chamber of Commerce, Historic & Arts Council, and others specialize and support different projects with grant opportunities under this 501(c)3. It is cohesive bond that has strengthen and highlighted the love for the small town of Hayesville. The program of Historic Hayesville Inc. is an Main Street America Affiliate™ Accredited program. Historic Hayesville Inc. is a recognized leading program among the national network of more than 1,200 neighborhoods and communities that share both a commitment to creating high-quality places and to building stronger communities through preservation-based economic development. All Main Street America™ Accredited programs meet a set of National Accreditation Standards of Performance as outlined by Main Street America.

In addition to the Clay County Lions Club's ongoing project of the picnic pavilion, through Historic Hayesville Inc., they have sponsored and had their hand in many projects benefiting the local community. In 2017 they placed a bicycle rack on the town square for cyclists use. Following this, in 2018 the lions provided the service of designing and handcrafting a limited number of scale models of the courthouse as a fundraiser to support the Clay County Communities Revitalization Association Courthouse Restoration Project. This fundraiser was a great success and asset of the renovation project of the historic courthouse. Without the Clay County Lions Club, many staple structures and the community bonds which they created would not have come about. The Clay County Lions Club has forever left their mark on Hayesville.



A Lion's Legacy



Late Lion Alan Lake, PDG



Our family of Lions encompasses an array of unique individuals. I have been to the McCune Community many times; however, this time was different. At a visit to our McCune Community, I was blessed to get a glimpse of seeing another side of late PDG Alan Lake of the Black Mountain Lions Club of our Multiple District 31L.

As I was walking one of the hallways, I was pleasantly surprised to find a section of Lion Alan's photography displayed. I was not yet heavily involved in lions on a district level when Lion Alan served as DG in 2018-2019. All I knew was that he was a DG and passed away due to complications from COVID-19.

Getting to peak through Alan's lenses, I was reminded that we are blessed to cross paths with an array of individuals through Lions.

I went onto search to see if his obituary was still listed online to be able to learn more about this individual who was a lion, but I could not find it. Thanks to Lion Deniece of the Black Mountain McCune Lions Club, I was able to learn more about Alan.

Lion Deniece shared: PDG Allan was the sweetest fellow. He would often pick up Blind folks to give them a ride wherever they needed to go. He had a soft spirit always ready to help another in need. I have some fond memories filled with smiles and laughter riding to different Lions meetings with him in his yellow Mustang.

In conclusion,

1. Enjoy the time you have with others for you will not know when that shall be the last time.
2. Preserve your legacy to be passed down to inspire others.
3. Taking in your surroundings can lead you to new beautiful findings.

What is Camp Dogwood?



- friends at a home away from home; truly family
- no limits to possibilities
- boat rides, kayaking, fishing, swimming
- Braille Art, tie-dyeing, & other tactile crafts
- Bingo
- nail painting
- temporary tattoos
- educational seminars
- talent show
- playing the piano
- s'mores by the campfire
- archery & bb gun range
- recreation room: billiards, air hockey, & more
- putt-putt
- nature trail, exercise class, dancing
- devotions, flag raising
- beep ball, beeping Easter egg hunt, beeping basketball, and other adaptive sports
- a forever life changing experience AND SO MUCH MORE!!!



**What are you waiting for...
come visit and volunteer today!**



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



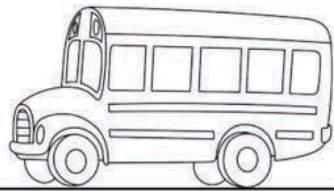
Volunteer Medical Form



ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR ACTIVITIES AT CAMP IS



CAMPERS LOVE WINNING "BINGO BUCKS" TO SHOP WITH IN THE CAMP STORE FOR SOUVENIRS & FOR ICE CREAM AND SNACKS IN THE CAMP SNACK SHOP



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...



SEEKING...BINGO SPONSORSHIPS

- each bingo game is worth \$5 or more for the camper winner
- donate any amount of \$ for camper bingo bucks
- your club's name will be announced at the bingo night
- if you can, we would love to have you come volunteer on your bingo night, but understand if you are only able to make a monetary donation.

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Make donations payable to NCLF with "Bingo Bucks" on the memo line

District 31L Fall Convention Tail Twister Auction to benefit



- Donations Wanted**
- solicit local businesses
 - new or like-new items
 - gift cards
 - travel & service packages
 - artisan work
 - ...and more

Contact Convention
Auction Chair
PDG George Suggs, Council
Chair
at
gesuggs@aol.com
for more information

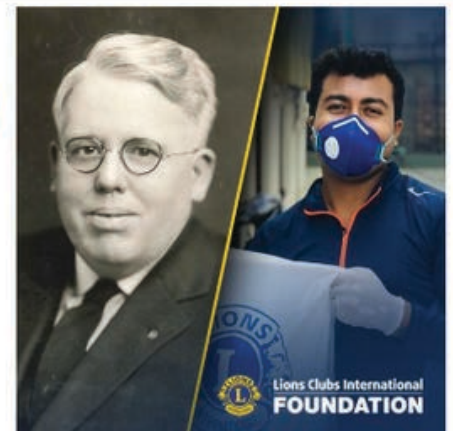


**ANNUAL GOLF BALL DROP
NC LIONS VIP FISHING TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER**

*Here are some pictures from the event that took place in November.
More coming soon...waiting for stats to be shared.*

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>





"United in Service, Empowering Communities – LionsUSA"

Email: info@LionsUSA.org

The LionsUSA Service Committee is Challenging Lions Clubs Across the USA

January 12th- January 19th

in celebration of Lions International Founder Melvin Jones' birthday

to perform as many vision screenings as possible during these days

1. Identify a location for the screening.
 - a. School
 - b. Daycare Center
 - c. Religious School
 - d. Children's Camps, Scouting Groups, etc.
 - e. Public Health Fair Event
2. Work with location administrators/leaders to select a date between January 12 and 19, 2025. Obtain permission to publicize event prior to and after the screening in traditional and social media.
3. Ensure location has proper area with:
 - a. Room large enough for the screening (subject and 2-3 Lions/helpers)
 - b. Adjustable lighting
 - c. Area for "staging" children prior to actually receiving the screening.
 - d. Area for paperwork table
4. Explain LionsUSA and the entire project to your club and recruit 4-6 members to be part of the screening team. If necessary, train the Lions on screening process and device operation.
5. Ensure you have access to a screening device for your selected date.
 - a. Suggestion is to coordinate dates with several clubs in your area so each club is screening on a different day. One or two devices can then be shared among the clubs so a greater impact can be achieved.
6. If required, send the agency for which you are screening permission forms for families to sign. They should be available on screening day. Ensure the child being screened has their own form in hand.
7. A week or so prior to the event notify traditional media, inviting them to attend and record. Use social media to promote the event and then post success stories afterwards. **PLEASE FOLLOW ALL HIPAA AND FERPA REGULATIONS.**
8. Create Lions, Lions KidSight and LionsUSA branded signage to be displayed at the event.
9. If you are going to take pictures, please follow the following:
 - a. Only photograph children from behind so they cannot be identified unless you have model releases. Model release forms are included in the "Event Packet" provided.
 - b. If at all possible, photos should include the branded signage referenced above.
10. Wearing Lions, Lions KidSight, or LionsUSA vests or other branded clothing will be effective.
11. Conduct screening following Lions KidSight best practices. Keep proper records of # screened and referred within each age group. Report this data to the LionsUSA team as well as on the Lions KidSight USA database.
12. Celebrate your success by publicizing what you accomplished in traditional and social media.



Register your vision screening
with this National Wide
Screening Event



Lions United Vision Event Press Release Template

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

[Date]

Contact:

[Name of Local Lions Club Representative]

[Phone Number]

[Email Address]

Lions United Vision Event Comes to [City/Town Name] Lions Club Members Celebrate Vision Service, Honor Founders, and Carry on a Legacy of Light

[City/Town, State] – On [Event Date], the [Local Lions Club Name] will host the Lions United Vision event, a national initiative spotlighting vision-related service, honoring the birthday of Lions Clubs International founder Melvin Jones, and celebrating the centennial anniversary of Helen Keller’s historic challenge to the Lions to become “Knights of the Blind.” This impactful community event will take place at [Event Location] from [Start Time] to [End Time]. It will feature free vision screenings, eyeglass recycling drives, glaucoma testing, and other services designed to promote eye health and awareness.

“Insert your own quote here,” said [Local Club President Name], President of [Local Lions Club Name]. *For example: “We are thrilled to unite our community around this important cause,” said [Name]. “By providing these services, we honor the Lions’ century-long commitment to vision and ensure that everyone has access to the resources they need for healthy eyesight.”*

Event Details:

- **What:** Lions United Vision Event
- **When:** [Date & Time]
- **Where:** [Location Address]
- **Who:** Organized by the [Local Lions Club Name]

Share your experience using the hashtag **#LUVSight** and join the conversation celebrating Lions’ efforts to protect and restore vision across the country.

About Lions Clubs International & LionsUSA

Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest service organization, with over 1.4 million members dedicated to serving their communities and addressing critical global issues, including vision health. LionsUSA is a grassroots movement uniting Lions members across the United States and its affiliates, inspiring leadership, service, and community engagement to create a brighter future for all.

For more information about the event or to get involved, please contact the Service Committee at Service@LionsUSA.org

Explore your district website for resources



www.nclions31l.org

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Forms & Infographics

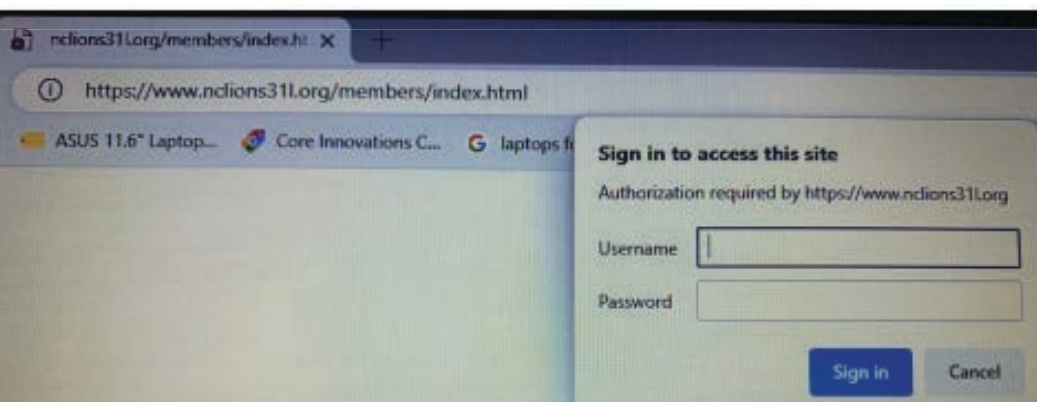
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- Cane Request Form
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- VSP Request Form (en español) - Must contact local Lions Club to complete request process.
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Use the login information shared by your club secretary OR

Reach out to Lion Liz Hart, Virtual Technology Chair for the login info.

In this password protected portal you can access the most up to date district directory and cumulative district service reporting log of all club activities for the entire lions year.



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

WHY REPORT SERVICE TO DISTRICT?

District 31L Monthly Service Reporting Form

Club Name: _____ Month and Year: _____

8 Global Causes: [include project/activity description, approximate number of people served/# of items collected (for collection drives), name of organization/charity served, amount of \$ donated, etc.]

Childhood Cancer _____
 Diabetes Awareness _____
 Disaster Relief _____
 Environment _____
 Humanitarianism _____
 Hunger _____
 Vision _____
 Youth _____
 Fundraisers: _____

Points Contest Information:

Membership:

of new members _____ # of Lions attending Club Building exercise _____
 Organize and sponsor new club, branch club, or LEO club _____
 # of Lions fulfills Guiding Lion qualifications _____
 # of club officers completed officer training during the month _____
 check for club maintained club website per month _____
 check for club maintained social media page [Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.] per month _____

District Financial Goals

\$ _____ contributed to NCLF \$ _____ contributed to the McCune Community
 \$ _____ contributed to LCIF
 \$ _____ contributed to sale of Camp Dogwood Tickets
 # of VIP Participants Sponsored to the VIP Fishing Tournament _____
 # of VIP Participants Sponsored to Camp Dogwood Camp Session _____

Membership Involvement

of recycled products to NCLF _____ # of Lions participating in McCune Clean Up Day _____
 # of Lions participating in Camp Dogwood Clean Up Week _____
 # of Lions participating as a week-long volunteer at Camp Dogwood (per session) _____
 # of Lions participating as a VIP Fishing Tournament event volunteer _____
 Lions Prowls [visit of at least 2 club members to another club] _____
 Visit of at least 2 club members to zone meeting _____
 Visit of at least 2 club members to district cabinet meeting _____
 # of Lions attending district, state, and/or international convention _____

- **Your service is available for any district lion to view in the password protected member portal of the district website.**
- **Share ideas and know be able to reach out to clubs to learn more about starting projects like theirs**
- **Lion leaders can easily access information about your club's service without all the extra emails...**
- **Zone Chairs can get the info they need**
- **The DG can get the information he needs for quarterly reports for the Council of Governors**
- **The Global Service Team can get the information he needs**
- **And various district chairman can get the information they need on service related to their position...**

**-The McCune Liaison
 -District Vision Chair
 -Boys and Girls Homes Chair
 -VIP Fishing Tournament Chair
 -Diabetes Awareness Chair
 -Leo Club Chair
 ...AND MORE**

We understand that reporting gets pushed to the side with priority coming to serving, especially in this disaster relief era, but if you are able to please report your service. Also, a blank report is desired over no report. Let's keep the communication paths open.

Thank you for submitting your monthly club reporting form. Please email to Global Service Team Lion Fred Huscher and DG Dawson Hart at fred@huscher.us and dawsonhart313@gmail.com. Upon receiving this form, you will receive an email receipt with your points earned for the month based on the following:

per new member-1000	Organize & sponsor new club, branch club, or lgo club-5,000	per lions attending club building exercise-1,000	per lion fulfilling guiding lion qualifications-500	each global cause service project-100
per maintained club website and/or social media page per month-10	each dollar contributed to NCLF, McCune Community, & LCIF-1	-each VIP participant sponsored to the VIP Fishing Tournament and/or Camp Dogwood-10	-each recycled product to NCLF-2	-each lion participating in McCune Clean Up Day-10
-each lion participating in Camp Dogwood clean up week-10	-each lion participating as a week-long volunteer at Camp Dogwood per session-20	-each lion volunteer participating in the VIP Fishing Tournament	-Lion prwl (visits to other clubs with at least 2 club members)-20	Visit of at least 2 club members to zone meeting-20
-visit of at least 2 club members to district cabinet meeting-10	-each lion attending district, state, and/or international convention-15			

ANY designated lion from your club can report, it doesn't have to be your secretary.

We ENCOURAGE you to share the officer workload of your club.

Thank you to the following clubs for reporting their service to the district for at least one month or more during this lions year:

**-Black Mountain McCune - Franklin -Lincolnton
 -Long View -Weaverville**

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

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

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

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 1,2024 for Lion’s rate!