

MD31L NEWS: MARCH 2025



DISTRICT GOVERNOR, DAWSON HART

I would like to thank everyone for your continued support in the rebuilding of Western North Carolina in all aspects.

I GREATLY appreciate the participation and enthusiasm in the recent cabinet meeting and sharing your clubs' service. It was especially wonderful to see new faces.

Benefits of Lions Systems Established:

I wanted to include all lions wanting to participate in the recent cabinet meeting, but also please remember for the future that we have reporting systems in place to prevent the need of many individuals adding on reports not listed in the agenda, in respects for time and the lions' chain of command. If your club reports your service to the district through the monthly district reporting form, your club's service will already be included in your Zone Chair's report and any other district chairman report of the pertaining specialty area. Additionally, any lion in the district has access to the cumulative service reporting of every club in the district, with just one click, in the member portal of the district website. You can log into the portal and get ideas from other clubs for service projects.

Additionally, there will be portal support session for the Lions International's new portal system at the district convention for your convenience on Saturday afternoon.

Matters to be voted on at district convention:

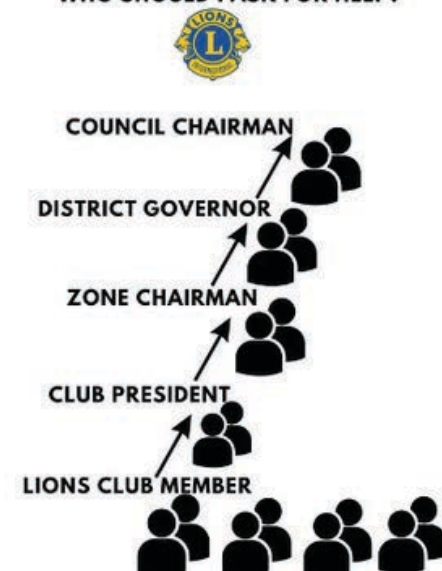
1. Currently there are no candidates for 2nd Vice District Governor for the 2025-2026 Lions year. If you are interested, please contact District Governor Dawson Hart and Nominations Chairs PCCs, Past Council Chairs, Dave and Martha Butler for more information. Contact information in the district directory located in the member portal of our district website:
www.nclions31l.org
2. Vote for Lion Richard "Dick" Wilcox of the Etowah Lions Club as 1st Vice District Governor for the 2025-2026 Lions Year
3. Vote for Lion Eileen Artavia of the Rutherford College Lions Club as District Governor for the 2025-2026 Lions Year

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LIONS CHAIN OF COMMAND

WHO SHOULD I ASK FOR HELP?



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

****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

Corrected email address for Andrews' secretary/treasurer Claudette

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.

March

[3/7:](#) Pisgah Forest Lions Family Bingo Fundraiser

[3/14 @ 11am:](#) Zone 5 Port-a-Chicken

[3/14-3/15:](#) District Convention at Camp Dogwood; REGISTRATION IS OPEN! [Cabinet meeting Saturday afternoon]

[3/20-3/22:](#) Regional Learning Leadership Institute at Camp Dogwood; Contact DG Dawson if interested

[3/22:](#) Long View Lions Chili Cookoff Fundraiser; Rutherford College Lions Ham Day 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

[5/4-5/6:](#) NC Lions Foundation Board Meetings Weekend

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

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

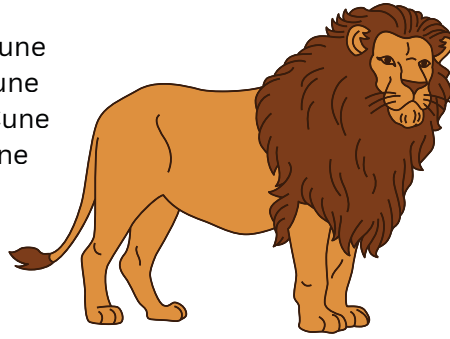
Gary Ridenour- Asheville Greater
Alma Bush- Black Mountain McCune
Luke Farmer- Candler
Lindsey Farmer- Candler

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

Billy Mitchell- Black Mountain McCune
Chuck Smith- Black Mountain McCune
Vera Lowery- Lincolnton

January 2025

Joshua Denton- Hendersonville
Danelle Drake- Sand Hill
James Drake- Sand Hill

February 2025

Jim Anders- Asheville Greater
Ashley Penland- Asheville Greater
David Hall- Asheville Greater
Johnnie Blanton- Long View
Tyler Killian- St. Stephens



Prayer Requests



Please pray for Lion Cassandra
and her husband Lion Patrick of the
Spruce Pine Club
as she goes through chemotherapy
in her fight against cancer.

Please pray for health
for Lion Bonnie of the
Lincolnton Club.

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

Until we

Lion Ethel Rhodes
1 year of service
Hendersonville Lions Club

RIP



Lion William Richard Hood Sr.
18 years of service
Rutherfordton Lions Club

meet again

Lion Jerry Kirby
30 years of service
Hudson Lions Club

*** Under advisement of Council Chair George Suggs of the Sand Hill Lion Club, only members officially reported to Lions International as deceased can be formally recognized.

*****WHY:** In the past a lion was rumored to have passed away, but it was not officially reported. The lion was recognized as deceased at the state convention and there was large disruption because the lion was in fact still alive.

If you need assistance navigating the new Lions portal, please contact Lion Cabinet Secretary/District Administrator Tammy or attend the seminar with Lion Liz at the district convention on navigating the portal.

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!**



SCAN THE QR CODE, SIGN UP FOR CLEAN UP WEEK @ EYEGLOSS SORTING



SPRUCING UP THE CAMPUS FOR CAMPERS

MEET AND FELLOWSHIP WITH LIONS
FROM ACROSS THE STATE

FREE BOARD & MEALS WITH REGISTRATION

North Carolina Lions

Camp Dogwood

April 3rd-9th



North Carolina Lions

Camp Dogwood

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...



Camp Dogwood

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help make a difference! Summer camp volunteers needed. Join us Summer 2025!

Benefits

- Smiles
- lots of shared laughs
- sharing with others

828-478-2135 tammy@nclf.org

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

ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR ACTIVITIES AT CAMP IS

BINGO!

1	12	21	31	42
5	14	22	32	44
7	17	25	33	46
9	18	27	39	49
10	19	28	40	50

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

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



McCune Moments



Resident of the month:
Jimmy



Employee of the month:
Paula



Valentine's Dinner
Out

district convention service project

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR OUR



Marjorie McCune
Community Assisted and Independent Living

The mission of our District 31L service project of McCune: "To meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our residents in a home-like environment, with independence, freedom of choice and dignity."

hygiene items

shampoo
conditioner
soap/body wash
lotion
shaving cream
razors

deodorant
washcloths
bath towels
toilet paper
Kleenex
wet wipes
q-tips

toothpaste
toothbrush
denture cleaner
dental floss
hairbrush
comb

feminine hygiene products
adult disposable underwear



Marjorie McCune
Community Assisted and Independent Living

EASTER EGG HUNT



SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH
1PM-3PM

AGE GROUPS:
0-2 YEARS OLD
3-7 YEARS OLD
8-12 YEARS OLD
14-16 YEARS OLD



\$5.00 LUNCH
-HOT DOG
-CHIPS
-BAKED BEANS
-DESSERT
-DRINK



ORDER NOW

Oriental Trading



Happy
Easter



Marjorie McCune
Community Assisted and Independent Living



REQUESTING DONATIONS

individually wrapped
Easter candy

SHIP TO or checks made out to:
McCune Community
101 Lions Way
Black Mountain, NC 28711
Memo Line: Easter Candy

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!



Lake Lure Lions and Lake Lure Leo Clubs complete their Childhood Cancer Project! They donated 62 blankets that are given to children undergoing chemotherapy at Mission Children's Hospital Oncology Unit.



Lions in Black Mountain spread the good news of the Lions with pamphlets in how the Lions can assist community members, most especially during recovery relief from Hurricane Helene.



Weaverville Lions Club presents a check to The Reconciliation House in Burnsville who has been instrumental in helping individuals and families impacted by Hurricane Helene



The Black Mountain McCune Lions Club enjoy banana splits along with their meeting.



The Long View Lions Club held their first Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser in many years. It was a tremendous success with over 100 community members in attendance and over \$1,000 raised. Thank you to Hickory Nut Gap, Texas Roadhouse, Hinnant Family Vineyards, Walkin' Roll Activities League, Inc., and West End BBQ for your contributions to the event. Thank you to everyone and the fellow Lions clubs who came out and supported: Black Mountain, Black Mountain McCune, Claremont, Rutherford College, St. Stephens, Swannanoa Valley, and West Hickory VIPs. Thank you to all; it was a joy hosting you!



The Etowah Lions Club's first monthly game night. They played Rummikub.

Winter Coat & Supply Drive
Impact 2025

483 items collected!!!

- 83 sweaters, jackets, and winter vests
- 53 coats
- 105 pairs of socks, gloves, and winter hats
- 19 shawls, scarves, and ponchos
- 24 professional attire items for women returning to the workforce
- 24 blankets & bedding items
- 175 other clothing items

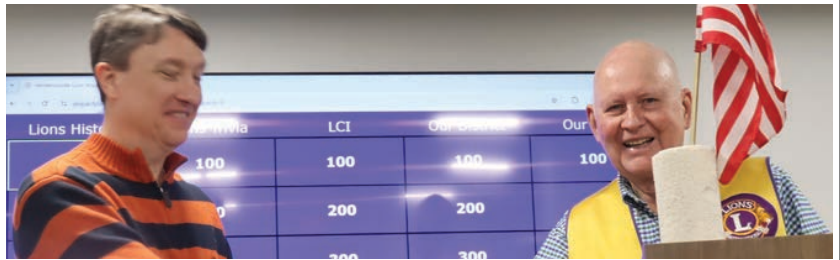
Donations were distributed to homeless and less fortunate community members through the following organizations.

Lions History	Lions Trivia	LCI	Our District	Our Club
100	100	100	100	100
200	200	200	200	200
300	300	300	300	300
400	400	400	400	400
500	500	500	500	500

Team 1: 0, Team 2: 0

The Hendersonville Lion's Tail Twister spiced up their meeting with Lions Jeopardy.

Hendersonville Lions Club



Lion Steve Greene receiving his 50-year chevron for his years of service as a Lion. Lion Warren Weber was also recognized with his 50-year chevron and we hope to share a photo-opp in the next newsletter.

Lion Dave Maupin 10-year Chevron recognition

DISTRICT CHILDHOOD CANCER PROJECT

Aflac
Leave Your Footprint

Since 1995, Aflac has dedicated its heart and philanthropic mission to helping children with cancer and blood disorders. Launched in 2013, Duckprints honors individuals who have made significant contributions towards fundraising, visibility and who have touched the lives of those impacted by childhood cancer and blood disorders.

John Smeltz	William G. Woods, MD	Aflac Duck	Kristin Connor
Scott Slade	Kim Hudson	Tina Hudson	Shelton Stevens



The Etowah Lions visited the CHOA Children's Hospital of Atlanta, Georgia. They toured the brand-new facility and delivered a donation check of over \$500 from funds collected at the district cabinet meeting in lieu of a lunch charge. Thank you to all clubs and individual lions who contributed to the collections.



DISTRICT CABINET MEETING RECAP



Together We Can- Lions International President Brian Sheehan 2022-2023
Changing the World- Lions International President Dr. Patti Hill 2023-2024
Make Your Mark- Lions International President Fabrício Oliveira 2024-2025

District 31L, together we are, changing the world, and making our mark

On Saturday February 15th, Lions from around the district met to review the happenings of the district and to fellowship. Thank you to all who came out on that cold rainy day. We once again, are breaking past records of typical district meeting attendance. 45 Lions were present representing 17 different clubs across the district. A special shout out to Lions who were attending as their first district cabinet meeting: Lion Cheryl of Black Mountain, Lions Patrick & Corey of Spruce Pine, and brand-new Lion Jimmy of Sand Hill.

Thank you to the Etowah Lions Club for hosting the meeting and to all the Lions who donated items for a free lunch with a special thanks to Lions Juan and Susan, PDG, of the Etowah Club who provided the pulled pork. Being our meeting was held on international childhood cancer day, in lieu of charge for the meal, donations totaling over \$550 were collected for childhood cancer. The money will be delivered to Alfac Cancer & Blood Disorders Center out of Atlanta, Georgia that services the Southeast of the United States free of charge to families on February 27th with a group of lions touring visiting for their annual tour of the facility.



Thank you for all the wonderful information that was shared about the service of our district. During the first 6 months of this Lions year, it has been reported that our district has served over 55,000 individuals. This figure is low considering this only includes the less than 25% of the district that is reporting their service to Lions International and the incalculable amount of continual and constant service our lions have been providing in the recovery of Western NC following Hurricane Helene.



Lions support Lions

District 31L Fall Convention Tail Twister Auction to benefit

BRIGHTER
north carolina lions
Visions

Marjorie McCune
Community Assisted and
Independent Living



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



Pisgah Forest Lions Club

1205 Davidson River Road



FAMILY BINGO



Friday - March 7th

BINGO starts at 6:30pm!!!

Come early and get a Hot Dog, BBQ or Grilled Cheese Sandwich. Even HOMEMADE Desserts!, Before the FUN begins!!

All proceeds go to help the Lions Club with their local charities and causes!

**A CHANCE TO WIN 2 TICKETS TO
CHARLOTTE'S LOVIN' LIFE MUSIC FESTIVAL
AND MERCHANDISE & SERVICES FROM OVER 30
LOCAL BUSINESSES:
RESTAURANTS & SPECIALTY EATERIES,
ENTERTAINMENT,
CLEANING SERVICES, FLORAL BOUQUETS, AND
MORE!**

⚡ THE LONG VIEW LIONS ⚡
CLUB PRESENTS

CHILI

COOK-OFF



Long View Recreation Center
3107 2nd Ave. NW
Hickory, NC 28601

03-22-2025 4:00-6:00 PM
Across the street from the Hickory Airport Runway

**1ST PLACE \$100, 2ND PLACE
\$75, 3RD PLACE \$50**

\$10

DRINKS, CORNBREAD, HOT DOGS, DESSERT,
AND ALL YOU CAN EAT CHILI, OPPORTUNITY
DRAWINGS, AND FAMILY ACTIVITY AREA
KIDS 11 & UNDER \$5
AGES 3& UNDER FREE

For entry information,
email
chili@longviewlions.org



All proceeds
go back into local community
and Lions Club charities!

Sponsored by
 Long View Drug



Zone 5

Port-A-Pit Chicken
March 14th 11am



Rutherford College
Lions Club
ANNUAL HAM DAY

DATE: MARCH 22, 2025
TIME: 7:00 am-5:00 pm
WHERE: SHADY GROVE
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
COST: \$12.00 PER PLATE
SILENT AUCTION:



USA/Canada
LIONS
LEADERSHIP FORUM

Atlantic City, New Jersey
September 18th-20th, 2025

2024-2025 Lions Year, District 31-L Convention Agenda

Friday, March 14, 2025

- 3:00 to 5:00 pm-Hospitality Room Open-Lobby
- 3:00 to 5:00 pm Certification of Delegates-Lobby
- 3:00 to 6:00 pm- Registration-Lobby
- 3:00 to 6:00 pm-Booths Open-Lobby
- 3:00 to 6:00 pm Pin Sales-Lobby
- 6:30 to 7:30 Friday Night Meal-Dining Room
- 7:30 to 9:00pm Family Fun Night Festivities-Cates Room
- 9:00 to 10:00pm Hospitality Room Open-Lobby

Saturday, March 15, 2025

- 6:30 to 7:30am- Registration-Lobby
- 7:00 to 8:00am Tail Twister Breakfast- Dining Room
- 8:00-9:45am-Tail Twister Auction- Cates Room
- 8:15-9:30am-Certification of Delegates-Lobby
- 8:30-9:30am- Registration-Lobby
- 10:00am-12:15pm-Cabinet Meeting-Cates Room
- 10:00am-4:00pm-Booths open- Lobby
- 12:00pm-4:00pm-Pin Sales-Lobby
- 12:00pm-4:00pm-Hospitality Room open -Lobby

- 1:15-2:15pm-Town Hall Meeting with Past International Director Nick Xinopoulos - Cates Room**
- 2:30-4:00pm-Diabetes Seminar with PCC Paulette & Diabetes Specialists Trudy and Robert Annett- Cates Room**
- 3:30-4:30pm-Navigating the New Lions Member Portal with Lion Liz- Library**
- 6:00-9:00 District Governor's Banquet Dinner- Dining Room
- 9:00-10:00pm Hospitality room open-Lobby



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Wizard of Oz Costume Contest

games

Pie the District Governor to raise funds for Brighter Visions

music

Explore your district website for resources



www.nclions31l.org

District 31L Lions Clubs of WNC

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Legal Documents & Forms
District Goals
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NC Lions Foundation

Bylaws & Policies

- NCLF By-Laws
- State Constitution & By-Laws (2022 Update)
- District 31L Constitution & By-Laws
- WNC Lions By-Laws
- District 31L District Policy and Procedures Manual
- Fall Convention By-Laws

Forms & Infographics

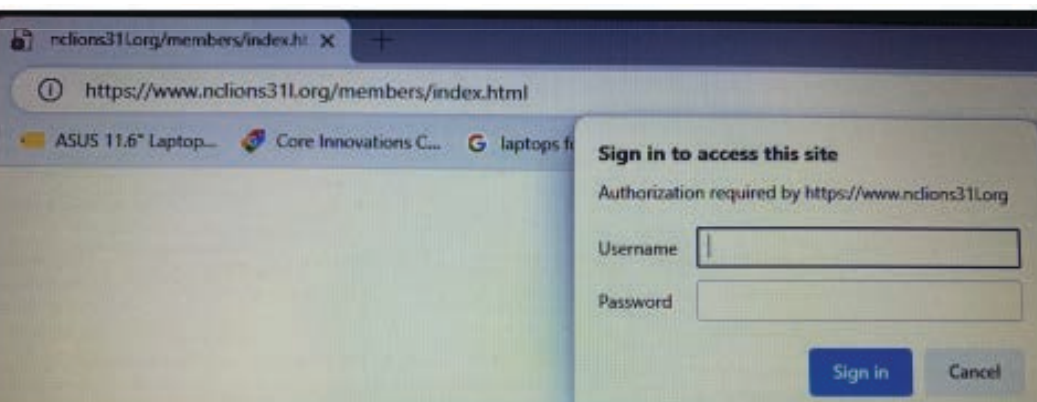
- District 31L Monthly Service Reporting Form 24-25 (PDF)
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- McCune Honorarium Form (PDF)
- Bill Osborne Fellowship (PDF)
- Money Sending Guide (PDF)
- Award Support Documents (PDF)
- Where Do My Lions Club Dues Go? (PDF)
- DG Goals Explained (PDF)
- M-26 Club Visitation Report (PDF)
- Brighter Visions Information (PDF)
- Understanding Lions Entities (PDF)
- Lions Club Charities, Entities, and Foundations (PDF)
- New Member Guide (PDF)
- Levels of Lionism (PDF)
- Lions Chain of Command (PDF)
- Understanding Lions Leadership Levels (PDF)

AID

- Cane Request Form
- Vision Screening Policy (Updated 5/22)
- VSP Request Form (PDF)
- VSP Request Form (en español) - Must contact local Lions Club to complete request process.
- Social Workers & Agencies

District 31L Lions Clubs of WNC

District 31L LIONS CLUBS HOME Administration About District 31L District 31L Projects Resources Contact Us **MEMBER LOGIN**



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.

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 erd, 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.

STATE CONVENTION

April 11-13th at the Greensboro High Point Marriot Airport

Our special guest speaker will be Past International President Brian Sheehan and his Partner in Service, Lion Lori. Lion Brian served as International President of Lions Clubs International fairly recently in the 2022-2023 Lions year and is guaranteed to provide valuable information and a great visit.

Friday

-10am: the Past District Governors Organization will host a golf tournament for all Lions and friends of Lions! Contact PDG David Smoot for registration information.

PDG David Smoot
105 Circle Drive, Thomasville, NC 27360
336-991-8731 csmoot@traid.rr.com

1:00pm- 5:00pm: KidSight Screening Training hosted by State KidSight Chair Jon Snellings

2:30pm: vendors and exhibits & 3 core service initiatives

Hunger – contact Lion Bob Christenson for details on what to bring for this service project

Environment– Camp “Dogwood” is named that for a reason – all the beautiful dogwoods that were planted over 50 years ago – now it’s time to bring their glory back by planting new trees – details at the convention!

Humanitarian- As Western North Carolina continues to rebuild there is a great need for building supplies – hear more at the convention on how you and your club can help make a difference!

3:00 pm: registration opens

turn in tail twister auction items...receive club credit towards Brighter Visions!

Family Night: Get ready to “Catch the Wave of Service” as we celebrate the many ways the Lions of North Carolina have served each other and our communities!

Wear your dancing shoes and most fun beach wear for a night of fun, music, and dancing!

Saturday

Tail Twister breakfast and live auction to raise funds for Lions Clubs International Foundation, Brighter Visions and VIP Fishing Tournament

10:30am- Town Hall Meeting with Past International President Brian Sheehan

1pm Seminars:

Lions Clubs International Foundation – why it’s important - hosted by PIP Brian Sheehan

Partner in Service Leadership Opportunities - hosted by Lion Lori Sheehan

Let’s talk about being a District Governor! Hosted by PID Gwen White and PDG Barbara Thompson

2:30pm Seminars:

Mission 1.5 – growing for Service! Hosted by PIP Brian Sheehan

-Lions Portal Q&A hosted by District Governor Elect Gene Goetz, District N

4pm- Past District Governor’s meeting

6:30pm-District Governors Banquet

Sunday

8:15am-9am Service of Remembrance for Lions lost this past Lions year

9:30am-10:30am: Individual District Cabinet Meetings

10:45am General Session of the Multiple District [delegates please attend to vote on matters]

101st ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA LIONS COUNCIL STATE CONVENTION



North Carolina Lions Strong... Serving Through Adversity



April 11-13, 2025

**Greensboro/High Point Airport Marriott
Greensboro, North Carolina**

CLUB: _____ DISTRICT: _____

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

Contact Phone Number: _____

		FFN	TTB	BANQUET	
		Italian	Vegetarian	Chicken	Vegetarian
_____	<i>Lion or Guest</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<i>Lion or</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<i>Guest Lion</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<i>or Guest</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<i>Lion or</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<u>Function</u>	<u>Cash or Check Cost</u>	<u>Credit Cost</u>	<u>Guest</u>	<u>Number Adults</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Family Fun Night	\$20.00	\$21.00	_____	_____	\$_____
Tail Twister Breakfast	\$20.00	\$21.00	_____	_____	\$_____
Governors Banquet	\$40.00	\$42.00	_____	_____	\$_____
TOTAL COST:					\$_____

Please indicate any food allergies or special dietary needs: _____

Friday, April 11th	
Friday Fun Night – look for updates on our special evening! 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm	
Saturday, April 12th	
Tail Twister Breakfast with Live Auction	8:00 am
Governors Banquet	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Sunday, April 13th	
General Session	8:30 am
District Cabinet Meetings	

See Page 2 for payment instructions and hotel reservation information

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Make Check for meals payable to.....**2025 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

Card No

Exp Date

Sec Code

Zip

Mail this form with check or debit/credit card information by March 28th to:

PDG Susan O'Brien

1003 Croyden Court, Fort Mill, SC 29715

Room Reservations at

Greensboro-High Point Marriott, One Marriott Drive, Greensboro NC
Lions Room rate is \$129.00 (plus tax/service charge) until March 26, 2025

Make room reservation with the link below

[Book your group rate for North Carolina Lions 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 11

\$60 per player (includes lunch)/Mulligan \$5 (2 each person max./Tee off approximately 10:00 am

All proceeds are going to LCIF for the Hurricane Helene Relief Disaster Fund.

Prizes will be presented Friday evening during the convention's 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

**CERTIFICATION OF VOTING DELEGATES & ALTERNATES
MULTIPLE DISTRICT 31 CONVENTION**

Article VI, Section 6 of the Multiple District Organization Constitution and By-Laws:

Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International and its district (single or sub- and multiple) shall be entitled in each annual convention of its district (single or sub- and multiple) to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club or major fraction thereof, of said club as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Each District Governor and every Former District Governor in good standing in the district shall be a full delegate in his own right at any and all Conventions and shall have all privileges of every description that any other delegate has, and this in no way will affect the number of delegates or alternates to which each club is entitled. Each certified delegate present in person shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote only for each office to be filled by, and one (1) vote only on each question submitted to, the respective convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the convention. All eligible delegates must be members in good standing of a club in good standing in this district. Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired up to fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification, as such closing time shall be established by the rules of the respective convention.

*****Per the approved vote at the July, 2023 Lions International Convention in Boston Massachusetts, Family Memberships are only counted as one (1) voting delegate at a District or Multiple District voting event.** Please take this into consideration when your club is voting/approving delegates for the above mentioned events.

Please type or print below the names and email addresses of club delegates and alternates who will represent your Club at the Multiple District 31 Convention, **April 11, 2025**. Please also list the name(s) and email addresses of the DG and of PDGs representing your club.

DELEGATES/EMAIL

ALTERNATES/EMAIL

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____

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If your Club has sufficient membership to be entitled to more than eight (8) delegates, please copy this form as needed and attach.

Signed _____ Secretary _____ Lions Club

District _____ Club Membership _____ Date _____

Please return to the **Cabinet Secretary** by April 7, 2025, or deliver in person to the convention by April 12, 2025.



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