



2021-22 DISTRICT 31-0 AWARDS

PDG Barbara Thompson presented *more than 70 awards* during the District 31-0 Awards Banquet hosted by the Sanford Lions Club. The impressive list of recipients is shared in this newsletter. ***Congratulations to all recipients!***



◀ The **Wadesboro Lions Club** was recognized as the club selling the most Camp Dogwood tickets per member with 14.8 books per member.

Accepting the award from *Judy Keck* (Camp Dogwood district chair) are *James Hood* (left) and *PDG Jim Chandler*.



◀ *Ronald Wood* (right) of the **Carrboro Lions Club** accepts the award for the district's Brighter Visions Award for most money contributed per member.

Making the presentation are *PDG Barbara Thompson* (left) and *PDG Chris Headley* who served as district chair for Brighter Visions.



▲ *PDG Barbara Thompson* (right) presents the Most Improved Club Award to the **Wingate Lions Club**. Accepting on behalf of their club are *PCC Dale* and *PDG Laraine Dupree*.



▲ On behalf of his club, *PDG Howard Wallace* of the **Greensboro Hamilton Lakes Lions Club** accepts District Club of the Year honors from *PDG Barbara Thompson*.

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SHARE OUR STORY

Take pride in the incredible work that your Lions are doing and encourage them to share their Stories of Pride and other stories from the Lions Blog on social media using the hashtags **#LCIFLions** and **#WeServe**.



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR GARY GREENE COLUMN

Worldwide hunger has risen to such a level that it is now one of the five global causes of Lions Clubs everywhere. It now has the same emphasis from Lions Clubs International as our efforts to battle preventable blindness!

Worldwide, 10% of our population is affected by hunger. Sadly, the rate in the United States is 12%. In North Carolina, 630,000 people are affected by lack of food; most of these are children. But working **Together We Can** make a difference as Lions!

Your opportunity to make a difference is Saturday, September 24, with the first-ever statewide Lions effort to reduce hunger. Lions across the state will undertake a myriad of projects to combat hunger in their local communities.

Choose whatever project best suits your community.

- Organize a local food drive.
- Setup a blessings box.
- Help your local Meals on Wheels program.
- Take food to a hungry family.
- Give a bag of non-perishable food to the homeless.



And if you can't get it organized by September 24, for the sake of those people out there hurting from the lack of food, organize as soon as you can. We as Lions are blessed beyond measure to be able to give back to our communities.

Run with your hunger project through to completion. What is completion? Report it on MyLion so everyone will know what you did and the difference you made. Others may be able to learn from your project, duplicate it, and implement in their communities.

Gary Greene | 31-0 District Governor

LINUS THE LION

Linus continues his travels around the district. A long line of Lions awaited their turn to be photographed with the famous feline from Wingate's PCC Dale and PDG Laraine Dupree home.



Here, Lion David Kennedy risks petting the Lion at the 31-0 District Awards hosted by the Sanford Lions Club.

Lion David is pulling double duty this year as a zone chair and as the Childhood Cancer Committee Chair.

PIP SID AND JUDY SCRUGGS MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

50 members recruited age 40 and under



CURRENTLY RECRUITED 3

PID HARVEY AND DIANE WHITLEY SERVICE CHALLENGE

Clubs undertake at least three new service projects



SUSAN O'BRIEN 1VDG CORNER | CREATING A 5-YEAR PLAN FOR YOUR CLUB'S SUCCESS

During my visits to clubs in our district, I'm often inspired by many aspects of individual Lions, notably their enthusiasm for our great organization and their passion to serve. Yet behind the scenes

I also see Lions who are not happy. They tell me they crave innovating new ideas and fear that their club is doomed to fail. They may be reluctant to recruit new members since they themselves aren't fully in sync with the current routines and projects. "It's the same thing, year after year." Does that sound inspirational to you?

The good news is there's always an opportunity to do better. It just takes putting the wheels in motion. Every Lion should start by taking a good look at their club and envisioning it five years from now. Will the same members still be there? Did it double in size? Has it taken on any bold new service projects? Are all the Lions getting what they want out of their time together? Unless there's an intentional decision and commitment to act, nothing will change. Clubs will literally remain the same, lose members, and fade away. So, are you ready to turn off autopilot, starting with your next meeting? Here's how!

Begin by asking your members to write down everything they want for their club and themselves five years from now. Some trigger questions might be:

- How many members do we need to recruit (one to replace you and one to grow)?
- What service projects and fundraisers are other clubs doing that we can try?
- What is the greatest need in our community?
- How many hours will our members need to commit to the proposed projects?
- How much money do we need to raise?

There are no right or wrong answers when you brainstorm like this. It's normal to think "that's impossible" or "no one will

agree to this". Remember to ignore that negative voice in your head saying, "there's no way we can do that". It's okay to acknowledge change is uncomfortable, but don't let the planning exercise stifle ideas and creativity. Be honest about whatever is standing in the way of making changes and address those issues head-on.

One of the best rewards for having a five-year plan is the sense that the club has something to strive for. Once it's written down and agreed to, confidence comes next. If everyone truly believes in the goals, they will succeed!

I can almost feel your excitement about the five-year plan. So what's next? Take a deep breath and begin to set the one-year goal towards it. As ambitious as you may be feeling, don't go crazy. Make those first 12 months focused and manageable so you can feel the win and build on the successes. For example, talk to clubs that have been adding members and copy what they have done. Or update your website to showcase an organization that looks vibrant, energetic, and dedicated to the needs of others. Use social media to post pictures of members together, smiling and having a good time. Talk about partnering with another organization's service project for diabetes or childhood cancer, so your club can learn the ropes and run their own one in 5 years.

Commitment matters – don't let hurdles or hiccups be discouraging. It's a willingness to overcome obstacles that will get you the results you want the most. Look for positive influences and remember to ask for help from your zone and district leaders, because "Together We Can"!

I can't wait to visit your club and hear about your Five-Year Plan and your One-Year Goal! Remember: Dead Last is better than Did Not Finish which trumps Did Not Start. Good luck!

Susan O'Brien
First Vice District Governor
Waxhaw Lions Club



APPLY FOR A GRANT

Help your district and clubs make a bigger impact with the right grants. Visit the LCIF Grants Toolkit page to learn more about grants and how to apply: www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-toolkit



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2021-22 DISTRICT 31-0 AWARDS CONTINUED

DISTRICT CLUB OF THE YEAR

- Greensboro Hamilton Lakes

MOST IMPROVED CLUB

- Wingate

**PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATES
OF APPRECIATION**

- Gina Arter, Waxhaw
- Johnny Byrum, Waxhaw

MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIPS

- Tony Cianchetta, Vass
- Deloris Owens, Oxford
- Dr. Coy Rahman, Eden

N.C. LIONS AMBASSADOR AWARDS

- Frances Almond, West Stanly
- Candy Guy, High Point
- Mike O'Brien, Waxhaw
- Lacy Petty, Siler City
- Johnny Stuart, Pleasant Garden

**VIP LACY AND ESTHER
PRESNELL AWARDS**

- Juanita Brown, Siler City
- Dean Jordan, Jamestown
- Cookie Peele, High Point
- Jim Peele, High Point

**SID L. SCRUGGS BEACON
OF HOPE AWARDS**

- Robert Flippin, Indian Trail
- Jacob Steagall, Unionville
- Ted Tozer, Waxhaw
- Ken Stine, Greensboro Host
- Matt Kremer, High Point
- Tracy Ratley, Greensboro Host IOB Branch
- Noddia Suddreth, Guilford County Cyber
- Clara Weston, Eden
- Danny Yanusz, Oak Ridge
- John Gentry, Reidsville
- Carolyn Brown, Oak Ridge

**CLUBS ENDING THE YEAR WITH
POSITIVE MEMBERSHIP GROWTH**

- Aberdeen
- Alamance Community
- Broadway
- Eden
- Greensboro Hamilton Lakes
- Guilford County Cyber
- High Point
- Indian Trail
- Julian
- McLeansville
- Moncure
- Oak Ridge
- Sanford
- Troy
- Unionville
- Vass
- Waxhaw
- Wingate

**INDIVIDUAL
MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

- Meredith Robert,
Greensboro Hamilton Lakes

100% CLUBS

- Aberdeen
- Siler City
- Waxhaw

100% SECRETARY

- Shirley Chafee, Pleasant Garden
- Jim Chandler, Wadesboro
- Susie Daily, Guilford County Cyber
- Laraine Dupree, Wingate
- Gary Greene, Aberdeen
- Frank Hawfield, Waxhaw
- Susan Staley, Siler City
- Harvey Whitley, Greater Monroe

**TOP CAMP DOGWOOD
RAFFLE TICKET SALES**

- 1. Wadesboro (14.8 books per member)
- 2. Jamestown (13.02 books per member)
- 3. Eden (12.06 books per member)

**BRIGHTER VISIONS AWARD
(Highest Per Member)**

- Carrboro

100-YEAR CLUB RECOGNITIONS

- Albemarle
- Durham
- Greensboro Host

NEWEST CLUBS RECOGNITIONS

- Guilford County Cyber
- North Moore

BEST BULLETIN

- Group B: Greensboro Hamilton Lakes
- Group C: Guilford County Cyber

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Group A: Jamestown
- Group B: Wingate
- Group C: Guilford County Cyber

HUMANITARIAN

- Group A: Greater Monroe
- Group B: Pleasant Garden
- Group C: Guilford County Cyber

CLUB ADDING THE MOST MEMBERS

- Group B: Oak Ridge
- Group C: Sanford

Congratulations!





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BRIGHTER VISIONS THERMOMETER

BRIGHTER
north carolina lions
Visions
f o u n d a t i o n



Thank you to the following clubs who have made contributions thus far:

- Aberdeen
- Archdale Trinity
- Grays Chapel
- Greater Monroe
- Greensboro
- Greensboro Hamilton Lakes
- Indian Trail
- Jamestown
- Julian
- Madison
- Pleasant Garden
- Rockingham
- South Chatham
- Troy
- Unionville
- Vass
- Wadesboro
- Waxhaw
- West Stanly
- Wingate

Another month is here, as well as some nicer weather. By the time you read this summer camps will be over and the staff at Camp Dogwood will be begin preparing for off season activities and next year.

If you have a VIP in your area who went to camp this summer get them to come to your Lions meeting or other gathering of folks and let them tell you about their experience. It was a challenging year getting people to work and provide the activities and services that the staff at Camp Dogwood wanted to provide but they did it and have done a superb job. Just ask those VIP's that went.

Our Brighter Vision funds help provide the time VIPs attend camp and participate in the activities. There were seminars that provided information on the latest equipment available to VIPs, dancing, putt-putt, bingo, antique cars, fishing, boat cruises, beep-ball, making smores, crafts of all types, and we could go on.

However, one of the most wonderful parts of camp was seeing these folks' renewing friendship and catching up plus making new friends. It is hard to really tell you how this experience and time with these folks really mean to those that help those folks during camp. You need to check it out. This is just a small part of what the funds that we collect in the Brighter Visions Campaign do. As one commercial on TV implies the rewards are priceless.

As we go into the fall part of our lives, take a moment to think about how you spent your summer and with whom. We all will be paying for the things that we did and for purchases that we got. But as we go over these things, think of how we can help our VIPs.

Can we take what we pay for a Starbucks beverage, a stop at the fast-food facility, an item that we really do not need and put it toward the Brighter Vision Campaign. You will be surprised at how that money will add up when you put it aside.

Another thing you might want to do is tell people and the folks you work for or with about how the things that the Brighter Visions Campaign help people from all levels of society. Times are challenging for some folks and when we can provide a service or event that can or could improve that quality of life for them, that becomes a priceless part of our lives.

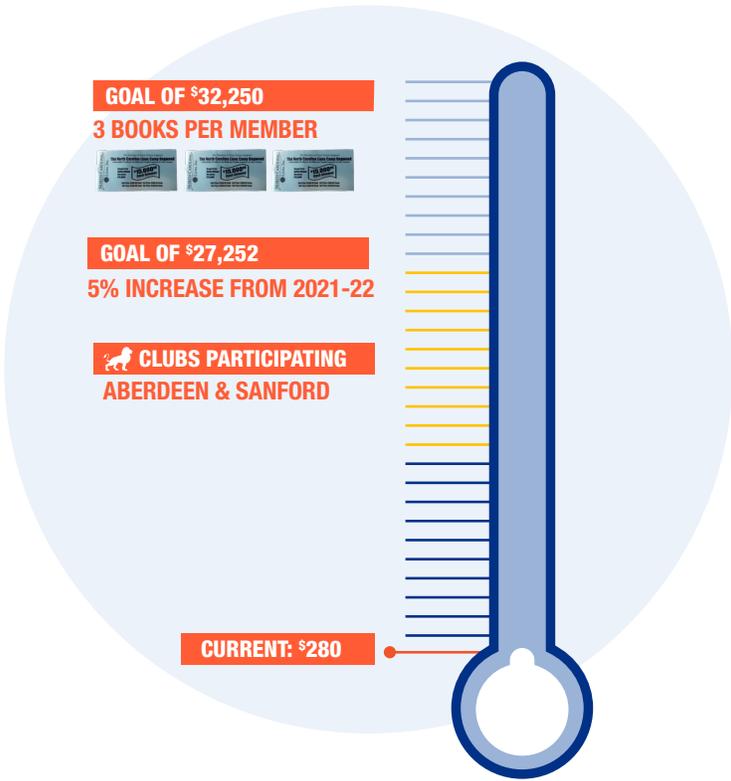
Take care and put that loose change in a jar for Brighter Visions.

PCC Dale Dupree and Lion Gene Hassell
Brighter Vision co-chairs



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CAMP DOGWOOD TICKET SALES THERMOMETER



The Norwood Lions Club, active in this community for over 77 years, announces its involvement in its second year of vision screening for several schools in Stanly County.

The dates are as follows:

- Badin Elementary School on Tuesday, October 4
- Norwood Elementary School on Thursday, October 13
- Aquadale Elementary School on Monday, November 7
- South Stanly Middle School on Tuesday, November 15.

The school staff will be responsible for permission slips.

Dennis Layton, the club president, remarked “Last year, our first year doing this, was phenomenal. We were able to screen 129 students, with about 20% being referred to an eye doctor. It was so gratifying to know that 25 students had one less thing to hold them back from learning. This is just one of the things we do to assist people in their care of their vision”

If you are interested in volunteering for this or joining the Norwood Lions, please contact **Dennis Layton** at **704-905-8193**



LINKING LIONS
calendar

OCTOBER 13TH
World Sight Day

Helen Keller inspired Lions at our 1925 convention to take a leadership role in serving and advocating for the blind and visually impaired. Plan your club’s activities in recognition of World Sight Day:

www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/vision

NOVEMBER 14TH
World Diabetes Day

Lions serve in the cause of diabetes which afflicts more than 464 million people worldwide and causes more than 4.2 million deaths annually. Plan your club’s activities for World Diabetes Day:

www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/diabetes/world-diabetes-day

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES



Our newsletter deadlines are the 25th of each month. Send your club news to **lions31newsletter@yahoo.com**.

Please be sure to identify people in photographs.



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HOW TO GAIN NEW MEMBERS TO YOUR CLUB

I am a firm believer of the strategy to JUST ASK. Over my 20 years as a Lion, I have probably sponsored at least 50 members into the my club, the Western Harnett Lions club. Not a single one of these new members came up to me and asked can I join your club.

You need to take the initiative and start a conversation with a neighbor friend, or co-worker and find out a little about the person and some of his/her interests and then suggest that the Lions may be able to help you fulfill your interests by some of the club's projects. Be positive, let them know that you are proud to be a Lion. Invite the person to a club sponsored service to get the enjoyment of serving others. Sure, you will get folks that will tell you that the Lions are not for them. Do not take it as a personal affront, tell them thank you for their time and move on to another prospective Lion.

Believe me there are people out there that want to serve others, it is our job to go out and find them. I encourage (challenge) each lion to ask a least one person to join the greatest service organization in the world.

PDG Vince Schimmoller
MD-31 Membership Chair
vschimmoller@gmail.com

LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT

North Carolina Lions Inc. accepts eyeglasses from Lions Clubs throughout the state for recycling.



The items accepted are:

- All plastic frame glasses
- All metal frame glasses
- All combination metal and plastic frames
- All broken frames (these are recycled for scrap)
- All cleaning cloths (this is new)

Items not accepted include:

- Individual loose lenses
- Cases

Lions also collect and recycle hearing aids and cell phones (no cases, plugs or chargers).
NC Lions Inc. no longer accepts ink cartridges.

If you have any questions, please call or email:
Tammy Thomas at (828) 478-2135 ext. 229
or tammy@nclionsinc.org

IN MEMORY OF RICKY CREECH



In July, Ricky Creech, the CEO at Boys and Girls Homes, died in a house fire. Additionally, two therapy dogs used on campus perished.

In Ricky's memory, Boys and Girls Homes is seeking funds to cover the cost of replacing the two service dogs. Boys and Girls Homes was founded by a Lion and has been a statewide Lions project since its beginnings in the 1950's. Leading the effort on behalf of the Lions of

North Carolina is Lion Mary Lockhart of the Pleasant Garden Lions Club who is the State Chair for the Lions Boys and Girls Homes Committee. Joining her is District 31-0 B&GH Chair Lion Carle Hall of the Asheboro Lions Club.

"In the near future, you will be receiving more information on this worthwhile project," wrote Lion Carle. "We definitely need your involvement and support in making this happen. Please send all donations to the following."

BGHNC Memorial Fund c/o Marie Kelly
PO Box 127
Lake Waccamaw, NC 28540

SPECIAL NOTE: Include your District, Club on the documents sent to BGHNC so that your club and the district can receive appropriate credit. If you have questions about the Lions help to B&GH for this effort, please contact **Lion Carle** at **(336) 953-1627**.



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CAMPAIGN 100

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LCIF • EMPOWERING SERVICE™

Greetings Fellow Humanitarian,

On behalf of the Lions of the world and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), we want to thank you for your outstanding commitment to Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service. It was our sincere pleasure to announce at the 104th Annual Lions International Convention in Montreal that we successfully reached – and even exceeded – our campaign goals. Because of your leadership and support, LCIF raised a total of US\$325 million during this historic campaign.

We are grateful to each and every one of you for everything you have done to make this campaign so successful. We could not have accomplished this amazing milestone without your hard work and dedication. This success is a reflection of your leadership and humanitarian spirit.

Throughout your years of service to this campaign, your leadership and example helped ensure that LCIF can continue empowering those serving to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and protect the vulnerable in the years and decades to come.

Even during the course of the campaign, the impact of Campaign 100 was felt globally through:

- New grant programs in Childhood Cancer and Hunger to improve quality of life for those in need
- Mobilized the Refugees and Displaced Persons fund to provide safety and security for those fleeing their homes during immensely challenging times
- Increased ability for LCIF to quickly award grants in times of disaster and during global crises like the COVID-19 pandemic
- Continued support for the world’s youth through Lions Quest programming and grants
- Innovative grant projects to protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities
- Lives changed for the better – many even saved - because of Lions’ service in vision, diabetes and other humanitarian efforts globally

We should all be very proud of what our organization was able to accomplish because of LCIF and Campaign 100. Let us not forget that the needs of the world continue to grow, and we must build on this campaign success to ensure the future of our foundation’s ability to magnify our service to those in need around the world for generations to come. We thank you for your continued support, and look forward to working with you in service in the years to come. While the campaign is coming to an end, our work together as Lions empowered by LCIF continues.

With sincere gratitude,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada and J. Frank Moore III

Past International Presidents | Campaign 100 Co-Chairs

FALL FESTIVAL VIP RETREAT



NOVEMBER



November 15-17 | Tuesday – Thursday
3 Days, 2 Nights / \$200 per person
For more info, call North Carolina Lions Inc. at **(828) 478-2135**
Lions Volunteers Needed!

NEW YEAR’S EVE VIP RETREAT



DEC/JAN



Friday – Sunday | December 30 – January 1
Ring in the new year with us
Food, games, music, dancing / \$200 per person
For more info, call North Carolina Lions Inc. at **(828) 478-2135**
Lions Volunteers Needed!



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CLUB MEETING PROGRAM IDEAS

Most general meetings feature a program for the benefit of their members. Programs can inform or entertain and provide a terrific opportunity for members to learn about local issues that might be of interest to the club. There are many places to find good programs. They include:

- **Local community leaders.** Such as a mayor, member of government, police or fire chief, school superintendent, etc. Not only will the club identify needs within the community, club members will also build stronger relationships with influential community leaders.
- **Local business people.** Such as representatives from your members' companies, the chamber of commerce, or convention and visitor's bureau – programs from these diverse groups can offer variety.
- **Recipients of club service.** Hearing from those who have benefited from the club's efforts is a great way to motivate members to continue their dedication to serving those in need.
- **Cultural organizations.** Such as museums, theaters and orchestras – interesting and informative programs from these organizations are a good way to add variety.
- **Organizations that help the disabled.** Such as Special Olympics, blindness assistance organizations, agencies for the disabled, groups that provide assistance to the elderly and others. These groups often provide opportunities for hands-on involvement.
- **District committee chair.** Learn about district projects to encourage club support. Ask your district governor for more information.
- **Programs in a pinch.** Have a few programs ready in the event of a last minute cancellation. This could include the International Program video, Lions Quarterly, an introduction of the resources available for online learning and many other resources that are available from the website. Ask members if they have any programs they would be willing to present at the last minute, if needed. Keep a list of these emergency programs on hand so you'll be prepared to act quickly.
- **Networking opportunities.** If your club includes business people, make sure they have the opportunity to network. Encourage them to discuss their business, exchange business cards and include their profession in the club directory.

LION JAMES DELBERT PHILLIPS TRACTOR SHOW & FALL FESTIVAL



McLeansville Lions Club & GCWC Lions Club Present
The 21st Annual Lion James Delbert Phillips Tractor Show & Fall Festival!

Saturday, October 1ST 2022 - 7AM to 2PM
Crafters, Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Yard Sales, Entertainment, Food, Cars, Tractors, and Raffles!

1124 Mount Hope Church Road
Corner of Mt. Hope Church Road & Hwy 70

Event Info: **Tammy Phillips (336) 987-6323** or **Susie Dailey (704) 439-6278**

Or contact us on Facebook - McLeansville Lions Club





Thank you for making a difference. North Carolina Lions, Incorporated is a 501c3 charitable organization, has helped change the lives of many Individuals through the support of people just like ***you***. Your contribution helps provide daily assistance for the blind and visually impaired people across our state. White canes, mobile screening units for adults and children, scholarships for the sighted children of visually impaired parents, summer camping experiences for the blind and visually impaired, funds to assist with eye exams and eyeglasses are just a few of the services provided by North Carolina Lions, Incorporated through your donation.

Company/Corporation Name: _____

Contact person: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Best contact phone number: _____

Donation amount: _____

Please give credit to _____ Lions Club.

Thank you once again for your support of the blind and visually impaired people
across North Carolina! Lions of District 31-O

Make check payable to: NCLI

Mail to: North Carolina Lions, Inc.
PO Box 39
Sherrills Ford, NC 28673