



District 31-O Cabinet Meeting Minutes November 5, 2022



Call to Order/Opening Comments/Welcome

The District Governor and the Lions of District 31-O extended thanks and gratitude to the fine clubs in Zone 2 for hosting the Cabinet Meeting today and we greatly appreciated your very warm hospitality!

Just prior to 10:00am, 1VDG Judy Keck got our attention by “striking the gong “! As usual, that sound totally engulfed everyone, and it served once again as our notice to start our meeting.

Immediately following this enjoyable ritual, our 2nd District Cabinet meeting of the year was called to order promptly at 10:00am by District Governor Gary Greene (DG Gary). Lions were sincerely thanked for their attendance and the hosting clubs, Albemarle, Norwood, Oakboro and West Stanly were recognize by Zone 2 Chairperson, Lion Frances Almond.

Invocation

PDG Lynn McCaskill was called to deliver his powerful invocation, as usual.

Pledge

Lion Coy Rahman lead us in our pledge as he rendered his familiar and patriotic salute.

Introduction of International Family

DG Gary introduced our International Family by recognizing Past International Director (PID) Harvey Whitley and wife Past Council Chair(PCC) Diane Whitley.

Appointment of Parliamentarian

DG Gary appointed PID Harvey as our parliamentarian for the meeting.

Attendance

Our total attendance was good with 49 Lions. In person there were 40 Lions and 9 were in attendance on Zoom.

Administrative Business

Reading of the prior Cabinet Meeting Minutes

DG Gary recognized Cabinet Secretary(CS) Bob Gwyn to read the prior minutes. However, Council Chairman(CC) Paul Marth made a motion to accept the August minutes as presented. Lion Coy Rahman seconded. The motion carried. Thank you.

Budget Review

Cabinet Treasurer (CT) PDG Laraine Dupree was called upon to present the Treasurer's Report. In her opening comment, she stated that "we were in great shape" financially which is always good news to hear!

All anticipated bills for the first half of the year have been paid so far.

Lions Club Treasurers were diligently reminded, as they are every year, to complete and submit their form 990-N post card tax filing (Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax) which is due by November 10, 2022.

All clubs in District 31-O have paid their dues and Convention Fees except for only two and she has been communication with their Club Secretaries and Club Treasurers.

Seven clubs have submitted their District Governor's Goal amount of \$20 per member.

As of October 31, 2022, our Administrative Fund Balance was \$26,519.84, Our Contingency/Unrestricted Fund Balance was \$6,476.05 and our Restricted Funds had a balance of \$21,815.98. Our Grand Total was \$54,811.87. A clarification was made in response to a question regarding the Contingency/Unrestricted Funds use. The \$6,476.05 is the balance that remains from the contributions that former districts made when the new District 31-O was formed in 2015.

Historically, we have used this money to help other areas or clubs that have an emergency. It is available to use as the District 31-O Cabinet certifies.

A motion was called for to approve the Treasurer's Report. Lion Gene Hassell so moved. Lion Chris Headley seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

District Governor Team Remarks

Fundraising

Second Vice District Governor (2VDG) Judy Keck presented some very useful tips and ideas on fundraising. One of the purposes, other than just raising funds to help the VIPs in the community, is to spread awareness about the Lions Club organization.

It is important to convince your supporters that your organization is worthy of their time and money, and they must know how their funds will improve someone's world.

Getting the word out early about your event is important and you should seek multiple outlets for doing so either online or through local establishments and organizations.

In closing, 2VDG Judy mentioned one fundraiser that has the potential to yield great returns and possibly new members. That is to mail a letter to 10 non-Lion friends and ask for an “end of the year” donation. The letter, of course, would contain information about how you have and will help the community.

A draft letter is being considered for implementing this project.

2VDG Judy stressed again how critically important it is that you say thank you to donors to express sincere appreciation.

The October issue of the District Newsletter chronicles a fine article that 2VDG Judy submitted for publication and it highlights some successful techniques that can be adopted for fundraising. You are encouraged to read it, you will be enlightened!

Slates of officers and Planning for our next Lion’s year

First Vice District Governor(1VDG) Susan O’Brien opened her remarks by extending gratitude to the Leadership Team for driving success.

1VDG Susan is focusing on slates of officers and planning for next year. She wants the clubs to do the same. The reason is that the slate of officers is recurring from year to year with the same traditional slate.

Some clubs may not be aware that three supporting positions may be appointed. They are a Club Administrator, a Service Chairperson and a Marketing Chairperson.

She is passionate about clubs hearing this message because many clubs rely so much on the club secretaries and presidents to do a ton of work related to those duties.

LCI deliberately created these positions for presidents and secretaries to delegate.

1VDG Susan’s message and encouragement is for club leaders to go back and look at their clubs and figure out who is going to be the person to get the information out about club activities through flyers or getting information to the local media, etc.. A club’s success in fundraising and service projects a lot of times depends on getting the word out. Social Media is encouraged but some clubs may not prefer that method. Since it is your club, you do it your way. A Marketing and Communications Chairperson can use their skillset over and over again.

In conjunction with the Marketing and Communications Chairperson, there is a Service Chairperson position. There are only four people that can report in the MyLion App where service is recorded, the president, secretary, club administrator and the Service Chair.

Reporting Service with some detail is important because it ties in with the Marketing and Communications Chairpersons responsibilities. They can publicize information with more impact to the community in a measurable way. This level of detail may also add to your Marketing Campaign which will lead to recruiting new members.

Reporting Service creates a record to refer to for making informed decisions on future projects.

Reporting also inspires service. These reports can be viewed by the district and around the world. Clubs are encouraged to visit other clubs to see what they are doing. You are guaranteed to come back with a new idea or two and decide if your club can do something new that you learned about.

Reporting is a way to grow partnerships through collaboration and a great way to increase visibility. You will improve the quality of your projects.

Members will be proud of their metrics at the end of the year when you are recognized.

A Club Administrator is not an officer position but this is someone that can help the Secretary or the Service Chairperson with reporting.

1VDG Susan closed by stating that she would like clubs to consider adding an administrator and a Service Chairperson to their Slate of Officers for next year and she will be happy to assist.

These excellent planning suggestions will undoubtedly go a long way towards improving club operations. Another club benefit is that by adding an administrator, you will have someone that can more easily be groomed into maybe becoming the club secretary some day if necessary!

Old Business

Audit Committee Report

DG Gary appointed an audit committee at our last cabinet meeting and the members were PDG Paul Silverman, PDG Randal Clapp and PDG Terrie Grooms.

Their report was submitted to DG Gary on October 29, 2022 after reviewing the District 31-O financial records which are comprised of the records from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

The treasurer is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

The committee believes that the results of their review provide a reasonable basis for their conclusion.

The conclusion based on their review is that they are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements and records in order for District 31-O to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This statement was endorsed by the above three committee members.

DG Gary called for a motion to approve the Audit Committee Report. Lion Coy Rahman so moved. Lion Mary Lockhart seconded. The motion carried.

Global Action Reports

Global Leadership Team (GLT)Chairman-PID Harvey

PID Harvey was quite pleased to report that the proposed LCI Grant for MD-31 Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) has been approved! The event will be at Camp Dogwood on March 23-26, 2023. The grant does not cover the full cost so there is still some expense for printing, supplies, etc. that must be covered and each attendee is being asked to pay a \$30 attendance fee and each district to cover \$600 of the projected expenses. These proposed charges will be presented to the Council of Governors for final approval at their quarterly meeting on November 12, 2022. District 31-O already has \$1,000 in the GLT budget.

Each district is being asked to send at least 5 Lions to the RLLI training. If you have served as a club officer and are looking to advance to district level leadership positions, then this is an ideal training event for you. Even if you don't want to move on to a district level role, it will still be excellent training for you as a Lion seeking advanced knowledge in leadership skills. Contact DG Gary if interested.

PID Harvey has sent a USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum newsletter article to DG Gary and Cabinet Secretary to be placed in the district newsletter. This article tells you how to promote the Forum in your club newsletter or other media. The Forum is an ideal training event, especially for a new Lion.

The next Forum will be in Reno, NV on September 21-23, 2023. The Forum will then go to Louisville, KY in 2024, Atlantic City, NJ in 2025 and Memphis, TN in 2026.

PID Harvey closed with this suggestion, if you had to make a choice between going to the International Convention or going to the Forum, go to the Forum if you want to learn about Lions. Go to the International Convention if you want to learn about the business of Lions. The Forum is very professional and there will be up to 85-90 seminars in a three-day period. This information must be promoted in our newsletters.

Global Service Team (GST)Chairperson-PCC Diane

PCC Diane shared a wonderful brief story about the continued success of two of their club's Fall service projects. She stated that during the time when ladies start thinking about Thanksgiving and baking pies, their club (Greater Monroe) is asked about the availability of pecans to put in their pies because they need them now! The other project is "Christmas Bingo" that PCC Diane developed for their "Toys for Tots" project. The bingo players will bring toys then play bingo for prizes and refreshments will be served. Their club has done well with both of these service projects.

Great news was reported on District 31-O being the leading district in the state for service for the months of July through October when compared to other districts in MD-31!

50,904 people have been served (40% of state total), 310 service activities have been reported (33% of state total) and 6,635 volunteer hours have been recorded (31% of state total). 29 clubs reported these figures.

District 31-O has given the other districts something to work for so we must keep this up!

DG Gary called for a motion to approve the Global Action Reports. Lion Coy Rahman so moved. Lion Jamie Lockhart seconded. The motion carried.

Committee and Zone Chair Reports

Properties and Volunteers Committee Report-Chairman PDG Jim Chandler
PDG Jim reported Good News! Camp Dogwood is Alive and Well! The Fall Retreat was cancelled due to lack of participation. The New Year's Eve Retreat is scheduled for December 30-January 1, 2023. Please contact Lion Tammy Thomas if you wish to join in the fun.

Water wells and waste water upgrades have been completed. The camp meets all of the Health Department regulations.

Off season usage remains consistent. The camp is up and functional once again. The biggest concern is employee shortages. They are still operating with short staff. The Camp Office, Maintenance, and NCLI staff continues taking shifts working in the kitchen.

Camp Dogwood is busy planning for Summer Camp. They anticipate having staffing shortages (lack of counselors) again and are planning on operating on a revised schedule once again. Campers will arrive on Sundays and depart on Thursdays.

The tentative Summer Camp Sessions schedule beginning on May 28, 2023 has been established and is available from Camp Dogwood. It will be updated as necessary. The distribution of applications will hopefully begin in December. Club members are encouraged to complete their applications as soon as possible.

Reminder...The Camp Dogwood Clean-up Week will begin in March. Painters, cleaners, an electrician or two, gardeners, pressure washers, and used glasses sorters are needed.

District 31-O always leads the state in volunteers and we were encouraged to keep up the good work.

LCIF Report-Chairman Lion Jamie Lockhart

Lion Jamie opened his remarks by reminding us of the most important thing to remember about LCIF is the many ways it can help Lions Clubs around the world through grants. He highlighted five grants but there are up to as many as eleven.

The Preparedness Grant provides relief trailers for your community. The Emergency Grant for \$10,000 can be applied for by District Governors for food, clothing, diapers, etc.. The Community Recovery Grant for \$20,000 is available for relief after disasters for debris removal, tools, chain saws, etc... Note that you cannot apply for both the Emergency and the Community Recovery Grants, you will only be approved for one. The Major Grant for \$50,000 has to be applied for by LCIF Chairpersons or the International President. The Impact Grant applies like the Major Grant. Some additional grants are designated for Sight First, Marching Funds, Diabetes, etc.

The Mission of LCIF is to:

- 1 - Empower Lions Clubs, Volunteers and Partners to improve health and well-being.
- 2 - Strengthen communities and support those in need through Humanitarian Services and grants that impact lives globally.
- 3 - Encourage peace and international understanding.

Lion Jamie concluded his report by stating that District 31 has received grants totaling \$3,394,078 from 1976 until now. District 31-O received \$100,000 on January 18, 2022, towards the KidSight USA Eye and Hearing Screening Program in matching funds.

PID Harvey added that the state of North Carolina has received from LCIF three dollars for every one dollar that we have given. Clubs as well as Lions individually were encouraged to consider donating regularly to LCIF in whatever amount one can afford.

Brighter Visions Report-Co-Chairmen PCC Dale Dupree and Lion Gene Hassell.

PCC Dale called our attention to the Holiday Season and to the time of the year to be thankful for what we have and also to remember those that we have lost and those that we would like to honor and remember in some way.

Our Brighter Visions Goal for 2022-2023 is \$120,000 and we currently have 52 clubs and approximately 1,075 members. As of October 28, 2022, twenty-three (23) of our district's clubs have contributed \$37,051 towards that goal.

PCC Dale continued by saying that as we prepare for the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons let's chip in and give a present to The Brighter Visions Campaign in honor and remembrance of those we have cared for, worked with, lived with, shared time and adventures with and who we just want to honor and remember in a special way. A form is available to give to businesses if they would like to contribute in the name of your club. We were all thanked and received thoughtful holiday greetings.

Lion Gene Hassell was challenged to come up with a proposal that would help Brighter Visions. Lion Gene stated that in addition to what clubs donate from fundraisers, he suggested that each Lion donate one dollar for every year that they have been a Lion. What an excellent idea and all are encouraged to consider adopting this technique to help reach our goal!

Immediately following the closing remarks from Lion Gene, 1VDG Susan announced that she had visited the Sanford Lions Club on November 3, 2022, and they presented her with a check for \$13,000! The Sanford Club was highly applauded for their very strong and generous support.

Including today's amount from Sanford, we are currently at \$50,000 (41.7% of our goal). We are ahead of our projected pace of \$10,000 per month but we were strongly encouraged to remain ahead.

Camp Dogwood Tickets - Jake Steagall

Lion Jake reported that two clubs have reached 100% of selling their allocated number of books per member. \$2,046 has been received from these two clubs. Plenty of books are available from Camp Dogwood. The cost per book is \$10 and you receive 12 tickets per book. The selling price per ticket is \$1. The Grand Prize drawing for \$15,000 will be on June 15, 2023. There will be drawings at the Mid-Winter Convention for smaller prizes and again on June 15, 2023.

Clubs are encouraged to promptly submit their money along with the stub information in order to be in the drawing for prizes at the Mid-Winter Convention. The proceeds go to Camp Dogwood for maintenance.

In closing, Lion Jake shared some of his personal experiences about visiting Camp Dogwood that date back to his childhood. He also enjoyed his week volunteering at the VIP Fishing Tournament. There is no doubt that Lion Jake is compassionate about Lionism and his grandparents, Lions Chris and Judy Headley, have certainly played a role in grooming him into being a fine young Lion!

Boys and Girls Homes of NC-State Chairperson Lion Mary Lockhart (reporting on behalf of District Chairman Lion Carle Hall)

Multiple District 31 was heartbroken to hear of the tragic fire that claimed the life of Ricky Creech, President and CEO of the Boys & Girls Homes of NC, on July 16, 2022. Sadly, two of their beloved facility dogs also perished. A statewide effort was immediately organized to raise funds to purchase two more dogs.

Lion Mary, with great pleasure, announced that the goal of \$20,000 has been reached to acquire the two dogs!

The Lions Clubs across District 31 donated \$10,650 and other civic organizations donated \$10,725 for a total amount of \$21,375. It was also reported that an additional \$1,000 from the Aberdeen Lions Club has been donated as well!

Any amounts over the goal of \$20,000 will be placed in a restricted fund to care for all of their dog's needs such as food and veterinary services.

After the dogs are received, the process of matching the dogs to the campus and to the personalities will begin.

Lion Mary shared a heartfelt story about how these wonderful dogs serve. One day, a little girl residing at the Boys & Girls Homes that had been a victim of abuse was uncontrollably crying. With little success from councilors in calming her, one of the dogs just went up to the little girl and laid his head on her lap. That was all that was needed to bring some joy and happiness to the little girl's life. After this story was shared with a lady during a pottery class that Lion Mary was teaching, the lady donated \$100 on the very first day of the fundraising drive! What a wonderful story and from that moment on, there was no doubt that the goal would be met!

Remarks from Council Chairman (CC) Paul Marth

CC Paul was introduced and recognized for comments. He stated that the State Council needs a Secretary/Treasurer for the upcoming Lions year 2023-2024. If one has interest in taking the position or learning more about it, you may contact CC Paul for more details. Candidates are asked to please submit their resumes to PDG Paul Silverman of the Durham Lions Club by January 20, 2023.

Sight and Hearing Conservation Report-2VDG Judy (reporting on behalf of Chairman Michael O'Brien)

EnChroma Colorblindness Testing-Lion Michael reported that while accompanying 1VDG Susan during club visits, he has used the opportunity to convey what he has learned about NCLI's Vision Support Programs. He is impassioned about testing for colorblindness using the EnChroma phone app.

During a recent KidSight screening, he attempted to use the app on 5-year-olds but was unsuccessful because children of that age do not know how to read numbers and the app relies on number recognition. Their volunteers discussed creating a chart system, something larger than a phone screen, where they could ask younger children to match the phone image to a number on a chart. Until something like this is created, they believe that the EnChroma test is only applicable to older children.

VIP Services Outreach-Lion Michael has been in communication with William Roysten who is a social worker for NC's Union & Cabarrus Counties. He is attempting to connect Lions Clubs with VIPs in their area in order to offer services they may need. The goal is to set up a meeting with local leaders to encourage connecting Lions with the VIPs. However, it has been made clear that permission must be granted before doing so. Lion Michael is continuing his working relationship with Mr. Roysten to close that communication gap.

KidSight Screening - As the Vision Service Chair for the Waxhaw Club, Lion Michael continues organizing and reporting the KidSight screenings to PCC Diane. In addition to Union County, screenings are also being done in South Carolina where he lives. He has partnered with a former Waxhaw Lion member, PDG Dan Stuart who is now president of the Lancaster County Lions Club, to screen hundreds of children in half the time. Colorblindness testing is being promoted by distributing literature to school nurses and administrators at every opportunity.

Lion Michael continues to enrich his knowledge about NC Lions scholarships, the Eye Bank, and research partners and he expressed gratitude in serving as the chair of this district committee.

District 31-O is much appreciative of the fine work that is being done by Lion Michael to conserve sight and hearing!

Mid-Winter Convention (MWC)-1VDG Susan O'Brien (reporting on behalf of MWC Chairperson IPDG Barbara Thompson)

All Aboard! Our Mid-Winter Convention will be held on January 27-28, 2023 at the Greensboro-High Point Marriott Airport. This year District 31-O will have a Train Theme of Service and Growth in honor of DG Gary! His passion around the theme is so evident so make sure that you are on the train and **SAVE THE DATE!** In other words...be sure to get your ticket to board!

The weekend will be filled with fun, fellowship and fantastic opportunities to learn more about how we can continue to make an impact on our communities with new and exciting ideas!

We are honored to have International Director (ID) Ernesto “TJ” Tijerina from San Antonio, TX as our guest speaker!

Director TJ has worked for 47 years as a professional educator and in school administration.

He became a Lion in 1977 after joining the Del Rio Felipe Lions Club and continues to serve with them. He has held several offices with the association including district governor, district campus club and Global Membership Team Chair. He has also been a member of New Club Growth where he has a passion for working with Lions to start new clubs!

ID TJ has been invited several times to participate on the LCI Advocacy Committee to represent Lions at Lions Day on the Hill in Washington, D.C.. Director TJ and his wife, Juanita, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have been married for 48 years. They have three children and four grandchildren. We all look forward to meeting them at our MWC!

Fun Night will be just that....fun! It will be filled with surprises as we engage in fellowship with one another!

Saturday’s schedule will be a bit different this year since we will not have our Traditional Tail Twister Breakfast but we are super excited about our new Service Project Luncheon! There is no need to worry - the tradition of honoring our Lions will not be left out, we will do that on Friday evening. More information about the District Service Project will come soon.

We have some great seminars planned for this year:

Have you ever wanted to know exactly how a visually impaired person needs assistance? Then join us Saturday morning as VIP Tracy Ratley, who is visually impaired, gives us some guidance.

How about MyLion, Fundraising, Service Projects, how to get your club on social media and a few more topics? This seminar will have rotating tables for discussion and sharing ideas-sure to be lots of great conversation!

Plus, there will be more seminars to choose from!

Don’t miss the traditional Silent Auction and Zone Baskets either!

We will close out the convention with our Governor’s Banquet on Saturday evening.

So-SAVE THE DATE of January 27-28, 2023, and “Be on Board” when the train of Service and Growth leaves the station!

Mid-Winter Convention Costs Update-CT PDG Laraine

The prices that have been quoted from the Marriott for the MWC for just the food costs are approximately \$5 above the costs of each meal last year. In the past, we have tried to keep the prices as low as possible to encourage better

attendance. The quoted meal price for Friday Fun Night (FFN) is \$26. That is what we pay to the hotel just for the food. For the Saturday Luncheon (SL), the quoted price is \$21. The price for the Chicken Caprice dinner at the District Governor's Banquet (DGB) on Saturday night is \$30. The Marriott also adds 32% to every meal that is served. Last year, the district paid the additional 32% fee and this is one of the reasons we were over budget for the 2022 convention.

MWC Chair IPDG Barbara and the Committee proposes that we charge \$25 for FFN, \$21 for the SL and \$35 for the DGB if you register by December 15, 2022. If you register after December 15, 2022, the price will increase by approximately \$5 per meal.

The Committee is asking the District to cover the 32% extra service charge and tip since we have no control over that. In 2022, the amount was approximately \$3,000. However, the quoted prices for 2023 will exceed the cost for 2022.

The Committee proposed that approval be granted from the district to cover up to \$5,000 to cover the additional service charges. The funds would come out of our district budget. We currently have \$54,811.87. We have \$6,476.05 in the Contingency Fund and we brought over \$21,815.98 from last year just for the Administrative portion and this is the portion where the \$5,000 will come from.

Using the SL and DGB meals as examples, if the district charged Lions the full cost, the SL meal would cost \$28 instead of \$21 and the DGB meal would be approximately \$40 to cover the gratuity.

CS PDG Laraine asked for permission from the district to cover up to \$5,000 to be used towards the MWC meal prices to help everybody out.

Lion Coy Rahman so moved. CC Paul Marth seconded. Lion Chris Headley asked if we would be seeking sponsors and DG Gary stated that at this point we were not planning to do so. However, we will be asking for donations towards the Hospitality Room. Lion Chris also asked if vegetarian meals were going to be offered at the DGB and CT PGD Laraine stated that they would be in addition to the chicken. After no further discussion the motion carried.

The MWC Registration Form will be published in the November issue of the District Governor's Newsletter.

Zone 1 Report from Zone Chairman Ted Tozer

Lion Ted reported on the Service Activities of all of the clubs in his zone which includes Greater Monroe, Unionville, Wadesboro, Waxhaw and Wingate.

Greater Monroe has donated items to support Rocky River Elementary School, hosted the "Out of Sight" support group for VIPs, attended and supported

KidSight events, held an appreciation dinner for Monroe Firefighters and volunteered at the VIP Fishing Tournament.

Unionville has donated money for Christmas Stockings for Marines, supported the “Hometown Hero” program, hosted the installation ceremony for the new Leo Club at Piedmont HS, and will be holding it’s Annual Turkey Shoot on Thanksgiving Day.

Wadesboro will have a booth at the Ansonville Homecoming and will have a float in the Wadesboro Christmas Parade.

Waxhaw has collected 3,400 pairs of glasses for Camp Dogwood, they continue their monthly deliveries of greeting cards and arts & crafts to the local nursing home, planning for an appreciation breakfast for the police and firefighters, have sponsored 24 Thanksgiving baskets for the local food bank, donated school supplies to needy students at Waxhaw and Western Union Elementary schools, participated in the District Hunger program and continue recycling eye glasses cases filled with hygiene items for the homeless.

Wingate presented a \$1,000 scholarship to a Forest Hills High School student, supported Wingate Elementary School with food, supplies and clothing, sponsored 1 VIP to the Fishing Tournament, supplied transportation and two members volunteered at the tournament, supported the Trunk or Treat Event with candy, will provide transportation to the Union County Christmas Party and will sponsor a needy family for Christmas.

All clubs are involved in more than is reported here but each club continues in their efforts of providing great community services.

Zone 5 Report from Zone Chairman David Kennedy

Lion David met with his zone on November 1, 2022. The Asheboro Lions Club hosted the meeting at their local Golden Corral. There were 14 Lions present. PDG Bill Womack was their guest speaker and presented a program on Leader Dogs. Clubs in attendance were Archdale-Trinity, Asheboro, Coleridge and Farmer. Liberty and Grays Chapel did not report.

- Archdale-Trinity Lions Club reported as follows: Their club has met their goal for selling 3 books of Camp Dogwood Tickets per member. Work continues with their local food bank in Archdale. They received a visit from 2VDG Judy and Mark Keck on September 26. They are supporting requests for Eye Exams and Glasses. They provided an Enhanced Vision Reader for a local VIP. Their club is assisting another District 31-O club to help two VIPs in their community. Childhood Cancer Chair Lion David Kennedy visited their club on October 26 and presented a program on cancer.

District Boys & Girls Homes (BGH).

Chairman Lion Carle Hall will present a program on the BGH on November 14.

The Archdale-Trinity Club will present a check for \$1,000 to go towards food and services for the dogs since the goal of \$20,000 has been reached. The club is preparing their guest list for their annual VIP Christmas Party on Monday night, December 12th. Archdale-Trinity is hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, December 6th.

- Asheboro Lions Club reported as follows: They have collected 85 pairs of glasses for recycling at Camp Dogwood. Their fundraiser of selling peanuts is underway. Five referrals for eye glasses have been processed. Their club is collecting funds/gifts for the Lions Cottage at the Boys & Girls Homes. Broom Sales continue also as a fundraiser. The elderly in their community are continuing to receive “Meals-on-Wheels” from their club and they have paid their District Governor’s Goals for the year.

-Coleridge Lions Club will soon have a “Food Giveaway”. They were also successful at selling peanuts, raffle tickets and brooms at the Fall Festival in Ramsuer.

-Farmer Lions Club has sold all of their Camp Dogwood Ticket allocation. They also hosted a Fishing Tournament on October 29th at Badin Lake.

-Liberty Lions Club was unable to attend the Cabinet Meeting because they were having a pancake fundraiser today.

Zone 2 Report from Chairperson Frances Almond

During the past six weeks, the club in Zone 2, Albemarle, Norwood, Oakboro and West Stanly have committed all of their time to Vision Screening and working with school nurses. The nurses are actually kind of leading the whole event which is great. There are still two schools to screen in the month of November. To date this year, 2,231 students have been screened with 379 referrals (16.98%). It was pointed out that the response rate from parents to follow up is about 50%. Three or four Lions from each club have participated in this project and several schools have been screened by each club. This is the first year that all clubs in Zone 2 have jointly participated. The partnership between the school nurses and Lions has worked out really well for Zone 2. This is a wonderful Service Project, and it has a significant positive impact in the community. Great work.

Zone 10 Report from Chairperson Juanita Brown

Lion Juanita met with her Zone on October 3, 2022. Siler City and Goldston were in attendance. However, Broadway, Moncure, Sanford and South Chatham all submitted their reports.

Lion Juanita stated that all of the clubs in Zone 2 are busy! She highlighted the main activities that each club is currently involved in which included:

- Siler City Lions Club has donated 21 Diabetic Kits to school nurses in their community, will participate in 13 Days of Giving and will host a VIP Christmas Party on December 3rd.
- Goldston Lions Club held a “Share the Warmth” coat drive, in December they will participate in their Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting, prepare Fruit Baskets for the elderly and shut-ins and they will have a Winter Blood Drive in January 2023.
- Broadway Lions Club has hosted the Vision Van, participated in the Lee County Regional Fair, and the Golf Ball Drop. They will also decorate with Lights on Broadway/Town of Candles and will participate in the Christmas Parade.
- Moncure Lions Club held an Academic Achievement Award presentation to Moncure Elementary School students. They hosted a Community Fun Festival at the Moncure Fire Department and had 32 Blood Donors at the event. They also held a fish fry in October and plans are being made to participate in the Moncure Christmas Parade.
- Sanford Lions Club volunteers on the first Friday of each month at the Breadbasket Volunteer for “Meals on Wheels”. They hosted the Lee County Regional Fair. The Sanford Club has also conducted 18 sessions of Vision Screenings at 11 public schools.
- South Chatham Lions Club has held a fundraising event. They have given two \$1,000 scholarships to Chatham Central High School Seniors, made a Brighter Visions donation of \$300, given \$900 to individuals with needs, donated \$300 to each of four school for supplies, donated \$300 to Harper’s X Roads Community Center and donated eye glasses to Camp Dogwood.

I should stress here the importance of including some of the many projects and activities in the Cabinet Meeting Minutes. Our minutes serve as a reference document within our district to find information to share with each other in just one stop.

Leader Dog Report-Chairman PDG Bill Womack

Since April, 2022, PDG Bill has presented a Leader Dog Program four times including Archdale-Trinity, Waxhaw, and Boone Lions Clubs. He also attended the Zone 5 zone meeting and presented a program for the Archdale-Trinity, Asheboro, Coleridge, Farmer, Grays Chapel and Liberty Lions Clubs. PDG Bill also stated that there are always plenty of questions, new information and interesting discussions at these meetings. Lion Bill also pointed out that it takes several weeks for Leader and Therapy Dogs to be paired properly with a person.

In his closing remarks, Lion Bill stated that the Archdale-Trinity Lions Club will be presenting a check for \$1,000 to our District Boys & Girls Homes Chairman Lion Carle Hall when he visits their club on November 14th.

Diabetes Awareness-Lion Jake Steagall (reporting on behalf of Chairperson Lion Judy Headley)

Lion Jake reminded everyone that the Month of November being “Diabetes Awareness Month” and all clubs were encouraged to do something to celebrate this month.

We were also reminded of November 14th being “Diabetes Awareness Day”. The theme this year is “Access to Diabetes Care” and the slogan is “Education to Protect Tomorrow”.

There are articles in the District Newsletter under “Diabetes Awareness” and more will be coming every month. Everyone was encouraged to read these articles.

Lion Coy Rahman was next recognized for a few comments. He requested that if anyone wanted a thumb drive that has today’s pictures on it to please give him or Lion Clara your name and street address. These will be mailed to you at no cost. He also stressed that you not send him monetary donations but to consider donating to some other Lions cause.

While Lion Coy had everyone’s attention, he shared some of his personal experiences with Leader Dogs. Lion Coy was blind for 20 years before regaining his sight and we all are thankful that he did so! One story of particular interest was how a Leader Dog may respond when paired with a new person. Lion Coy had a guide dog for 12 years and he quickly learned that the dogs will let you know who is “in charge” when they are “on duty”. The person has to learn to adapt to the dog’s personality and learn to trust the dog’s judgement then all will fine, otherwise, one may learn the hard way by colliding with unexpected obstacles as he did!

In response to a question regarding what happens to Leader Dogs that reach retirement age, PDG Bill stated that the person who has the dog can keep the dog and maybe give it to a family member or they can return the dog to the Leader Dog organization who in turn will put the dog up for adoption then apply for another.

DG Gary called for a motion to accept the Committee Reports as presented. Lion Coy so moved. PCC Dale seconded. The motion carried.

Other Committee Reports that were submitted in writing
Leo/Campus Clubs-Chairman Lion Mark Gaylord

Lion Mark summarized the activities of our District Leo Clubs by reporting the following good and exciting news:

Lion Nelson Smith of the sponsoring Sanford Lions Club announced that LEC Cobras Leo Club (#152600) was chartered on September 7, 2022 and plan's its Charter Celebration/Installation of Officers and Directors on November 12, 2022. New members will also be inducted on that day.

North Moore Lions Club announced the chartering of the North Moore Leo Club (#152951) on October 27, 2022.

Four High School Leo Clubs are fully active: Union Pines (in Cameron), Piedmont (in Monroe), Jordan-Matthews(in Siler City) and Page(in Greensboro).

Since school has started back for this year, these four clubs have reported a wide variety of services and activities to Lion Mark which is reflective of their heavy involvement in their communities.

Other Business

DG Gary directed our attention to the bottom of the Cabinet Meeting Agenda. Five Committees for the State Convention will need to be filled with one appointee for each committee from District 31-O. The deadline was Friday, November 12, 2022.

Those five committees are: Attendance, Elections, International Convention, Rules and Constitution & Bylaws. Any interested Lions are to promptly contact DG Gary.

The other State Committee positions filled are: Credentials-Bob Gwyn, Resolutions-PID Harvey Whitley, Sergeant at Arms-PDG Johnny Stuart and Tail Twister-PDG Bill Womack.

District Governor Comments

DG Gary reported on the District 31-O's 2022-2023 YTD Hunger Relief effort as follows:

- 7,555 people have been served
- 69 Service Activities
- 995 Service Hours
- \$23,944 Funds Donated
- \$3,344 Funds raised

Nominations are needed from members of District 31-O for induction into the N.C. Lions Hall of Fame.

Our YTD Brighter Visions total is \$37,051 plus \$13,000 from Sanford Lions Club that was reported today for a grand total of \$50,051!

Membership: We opened the year with 1,075 members and we currently stand at -7. Lions were encouraged to target +1 by the years end. Clubs that have less than 20 members are also encouraged to reach 20 members by the end of the Lions year. New Lions age 40 and under = 6.

We have three new clubs in the district: North Moore LEO Club, LEC LEO Club, and Scotland County Branch Lions Club. Additional efforts are being considered for Randleman, Alamance County, Pittsboro and Seagrove.

LCIF Donations = \$6,247.

Announcements

RLLI will be on March 23-26, 2023. Please let DG Gary know if you are interested.

The Peace Poster's "postmarked" deadline date to DG Gary is November 15, 2022.

Officer Elections for 2023-2024 Lions Year will be at the next Cabinet Meeting. District 31-O is in need of a 2VDG Candidate for 2023-2024.

Benediction

PDG Lynn McCaskell delivered our Benediction as we ended a well informed and well attended Cabinet Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
CS Bob Gwyn