Greetings!

It is hard to believe that a month has passed by already! We have lots to share and it is all good!

Our clubs of 31-0 are on the move with amazing service projects, some you will read about in this newsletter. I cannot say enough about the Grays Chapel, Pinebluff and Jamestown Lions Clubs. I had the pleasure of visiting them over the past two weeks and they shared their ongoing projects, fundraisers and goals. If they are any indication of what is going on in 31-0, we are in for an incredible year. Membership is on the rise, too! I don’t want to give it away, but we have one club with a 55.8% increase in membership for last year….and we will acknowledge them at the Brighter Vision Kickoff and Cabinet meeting on August 4. OK…you will probably be reading this after that date, so kudos to the Moncure Lion Club on your outstanding accomplishment! We are all so proud of you!

The FIGHTING HUNGER event on September 8, is proving to be an event that we are all pouring our hearts and energy into. The idea is simple, do whatever you want to fight hunger in your community, on September 8. Advertise it, put it on social media, get it in your church bulletins and local newspapers and get your community involved!! No one in North Carolina needs to worry about where their next meal is coming from!! My dream…..make this a nationwide event next year!! I imagine the POWER of WE!!

In September, expect lots of emails from us. You will learn more about new LCI programs, LCI Forward and about plans we have for our district. You will be asked to think about the person in your club who REALLY makes a difference in it. You will be asked to help with our Mid-Winter Convention, you will be invited to participate in planning another district wide service event and YOU will choose if it will be diabetes, childhood cancer, the environment or vision. Imagine a district wide Strides Walk!!

We need you….your thoughts, opinions, ideas and complaints. This is your district! You make it strong and successful. I welcome your emails and calls!!

One last reminder... continue your life changing service projects, report them, if you need help, just ask and PLEASE…share them with us!

I am so proud and humbled to be your District Governor and work side by side with you!

Yours in Lionism,

DG Susie
A Conversation With Sid is a reproduction of an interview of Past International President (PIP) Sid Scruggs and the subsequent article by Pinehurst Gazette Editor Rebekah King Sykes. (Pinehurst Gazette, April/May/June 2018, Issue No. 130) The lengthy article has been reformatted into four installments in order to share it with the NC Lions in the 5 District Newsletters over the next few months. – PCC Ron Kelly

**A Conversation with Sid**

“**Lions, Leos, and Lessons Learned**” by Rebekah King Sykes

You’ve probably seen them around town, the white cardboard boxes with the Lions Club seal and navy letters spelling, “Give the Gift of Sight, Recycle your old glasses, hearing aids, and cell phones.” “Does this process really work?” I wonder as I eagerly drop my glasses into their box. Still in recovery from eye surgery, I understand the priceless gift of sight. When you come face to face with the possible loss of vision, detached retina, blindness, etc., it gets real, real fast. And when you wake up from surgery having maintained your sight, better yet, having your vision defects corrected - you praise! And then your heart goes back to those boxes that greet you upon every single trip to the post office…and you give. And you smile because now you are able to give sight to another in need.

When my curiosity got the better of me, I began the search for the story behind the boxes promising good. As my vision narrowed, a name and number came into focus - a Mr. Sidney Scruggs III, known as Sid, with the Vass Lions Club.

We meet at the coffee shop on Main Street and over coffee Sid shares. The story grows from childhood days in Chattanooga, to flight school in Pensacola, and graduation from the Naval Academy in 1960, to serving many tours in Vietnam and returning, not as a war hero, but as a target for angry words from the peace movement marching across America. Sid’s Navy career ended in 1969, and a career with American Airlines took flight. When American Airlines opened a crew base in Raleigh, Sid and his wife, Judy, left their historic home in New Hampshire and moved south to Woodlake.

As Sid looks back over his life of service, he sees the stepping-stones that mark the journey. From experiencing the destruction of war, he came home wanting to invest in life. When his father-in-law encouraged his involvement with Rotary, such began a life of volunteer service with the Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA, Kiwanis, etc. When Sid moved to Woodlake, he joined the Lions Club in ’92.

In looking back, Sid muses, “At the end of the day, it’s not what I’ve learned but what I’ve taught. It’s not what I’ve done but what I’ve helped someone else do. And it’s not what I’ve gotten, but what I’ve given away that will make a difference in someone else’s life and in mine - that’s my life’s mission. It’s all about what you give back” Sid continues. “The other day a little girl learned the word “Good”, and said, “I can make two words out of good - “Go and Do!”

Sharing the same philosophy, Melvin Jones, founder of the Lions Club in 1917, asked, “What if people put their talents to work improving their communities?” Over a hundred years later, the Lions Clubs International is the largest service club in the world, with over 1.35 million Lions and 46,000 clubs. Reaching the world, the Lions Club continues its influence into Moore County. With a club in Pinebluff, Aberdeen, and Vass, there are many opportunities to get involved.

Serving as the Membership Chairman for the Vass Lions Club, and previously as an International Lions Club President, Sid provides a personal introduction to all things Lion. Sid begins, “In the early 1990’s, I simplified our mission within our name - LIONS: Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services. That’s what we do! We offer needed service within the community. We’re a worldwide organization in over 208 countries, however each club has their own mission and serves independently within their community. That
Fellow Lions,

I am newly back from our 101st International Convention in Las Vegas and, as it was when I attended my first International Convention in 2000, I am energized by the experience and excited to be a Lion. It is easy to get complacent, comfortably engrained in my club, my district, my state. Connecting with Lions from all over the US and the world reminds me that there are as many ways to connect, to grow and to serve as the 1.45 million Lions there are around the world. We must keep an open mind to change because change is the future of Lions International. After the glitz and glamour of the wonderful entertainment we were provided, after the many inspirational speeches, and after the recognition of accomplishments and outstanding service, I came away with three overriding points of emphasis from our leadership. First is that technology in all aspects of Lionism is not the future, it is the now— from online reporting of activities, to connecting with Lions worldwide on the Lion mobile platform “MYLION” (which will soon be available on your desktop computer). There is also a new, more user-friendly version of the LCI website coming very soon. Second is a concerted effort to attract, recruit and induct millennials into the service of Lions Clubs. We have a legacy to pass along to the next generation and since the next generation likes to do things a bit differently, we have to be prepared to accept new ideas on how to serve our communities so millennials will want to join us. Lastly, a new initiative in the footsteps of Sight First and Sight First II, 2018-2019 is the first year of “Campaign 100 Empowering Service”. This is a 3-year campaign with a goal of raising 300 million dollars to help fund the eight points of service for LCIF: Vision, Diabetes, Pediatric Cancer, Hunger, Measles, Disaster relief, Clean Water and Youth Outreach. There has already been $50 million raised. This is a lot for all of us to absorb, and much to do, but that is why we
Wow! What a great turnout for the “northern” officer training on July 14th. It was wonderful to see so many Lions interested in learning how they could better serve during this upcoming year. We even had several vice-presidents present to get “head start” on their future positions. In the class I taught we had several persons who had served as club secretary at least 15 times and yet they were there to see what they could learn and contribute to the training session. We never get too old to learn. If you were unable to make that session, I hope you will plan to be a part of the second officer training session on August 25th in Stanfield, NC. I am learning that Lions put much time and effort into training materials and opportunities for training for virtually every position in Lions. Of course, those materials do little good if they are not utilized by their anticipated audience. Take advantage of these free training materials and opportunities to make yourself a better Lion.

I am getting my feet wet with several official visits along with two installations of officers during July. Each visited club has been gracious and understanding of my lack of experience. Hopefully I will get better with practice! It is fun to learn what clubs around the district are doing and their passion for serving in their community.

Hopefully, your club has begun planning a project for our District Hunger awareness day on September 8th. This project has the potential to make a significant difference in the lives of children and underprivileged adults across our state not to mention great visibility generated from Lions working together. Each club is free to devise a project that meets its manpower and financial resources. To steal the Nike slogan “Just do it.”

It’s not too early to submit a volunteer form to help at the VIP fishing tournament. What a great deal! You get 4 nights at a beach motel, 7-8 free meals and the joy of spending a few days with visually impaired persons from across the state all for $100. Non-lion spouses are welcome as well. Applications are available and can be filled out on-line at ncvipfishing.org/applications/.

Hope to see many of you at the Brighter Visions workshop on August 4. There is nothing we do together that is more important than supporting the projects funded through Brighter Visions.
From Lion Judy Headley…

The **Boys & Girls Home** is in need. Below please find a list of items that was sent to me from Gary Greene, Senior Development Director. Anything your club can do or any Lion can

**Lions Cottage**

- Food items particularly boxed, non-perishable items i.e. casserole types, cereal, mash potatoes, stuffing, Ramon Noodles
- Need $240 to sponsor an outing to Battle House Tactical Laser Tag facility in Wilmington.
- Need $1,000 to purchase touring bicycles for campus use.
- Need industrial size pots and pans for cooking

**Lake Houses**

- Pamper sizes newborn, 5 and 6
- Pull-ups
- Dreft baby detergent
- Wipes
- Baby wash
- Baby bottles (all sizes)
- Baby monitors
- Towels and wash cloths
Boys and Girls Homes

District “O” Lions did a wonderful job with donations for the Boys and Girls homes this past fiscal year 2017-2018. The total raised was $17,140.00. WOOHOO!!! Thanks so much for your generosity.

I want to thank all the clubs, lions, individuals, who supported the Lions cottage and the Lions to Babies project. They are so grateful for the support, donations, visits, and smiles from all the Lions.

The top 3 clubs that gave monetary donations this past year are:
   Aberdeen
   Pleasant Garden
   Gate City

I don’t have enough room in this newsletter to tell you all about these 3 clubs. So, please take a moment and go to their FaceBook pages to read all about what they for their communities.

I do know that the Pleasant Garden Lions took a day to go to the Lions Cottage. They were “Blown out of the water”, so to speak, with the conversations and visit with the boys at the Lions cottage. Barbara Thompson spoke about it at the awards banquet. Please stop and chat with her about her visit. You will be amazed!

Thanks again for all you do for these children. Keep these ad the staff at Boys and Girls Home in your prayers. They truly need our support.

Looking forward to serving you again this year as chairperson of District “O” for the coming 2018-2019 year under the dynamic leadership of Ms. Susie Dailey, District Governor.

Serving with heart,
It has come to my attention that the Lions Cottage is 57 years old and starting to show some wear and tear to the cottage. There are water spots already on the ceiling in several rooms. Gary Greene has asked us to consider creating a $100,000. Restricted legacy fund to take care of the maintenance needs of the cottage. There will be an option to use the clubs money designated to the cottage for this legacy fund. We understand that this would probably need the endorsements of the State Council of Governors. Michael Schwartz, District L Chairperson and I are in favor of this request. I look forward to hearing from the Lions thru out the state as well as my District “O” on their thoughts on this legacy. Please let me know what you think. Any ideas, comments, can be emailed to me or call me.

    Email........ nursebabe49@aol.com
    Phone..... 704-242-1696

Thank you for your thoughts and ideas in advance. I will take them all to Gary Greene and the other Chair persons.

Judy Headley
Boys & Girls Home - Chair
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FIGHTING HUNGER AS ONLY “O “ CAN!

Greetings from your District 31-O Global Service Team Chair!

Our District-wide FIGHTING HUNGER Service Project is fast approaching on September 8th. Has YOUR club decided on a local project?

If so, send your club name and project to me at the email address below to include your club in our FIGHTING HUNGER poster!

If you haven’t decided on a project call or email me – we’ll brainstorm some ideas and find one that is just right for your club!

This is a great opportunity to show your community and our state what Lions are all about…..SERVICE!

Looking forward to having all of our clubs in District 31-O participate!

I’m here to SERVE YOU!!

Barbara Thompson
Global Service Team chair
lionbthompson@outlook.com
336-339-6943
July 17, 2018

Lion Karl Ernst
Immediate Past District Governor 31-0
Lions Clubs International

Dear IPDG Ernst,

This is to acknowledge receipt of the final report on the emergency grant EMR16174/31-O made to your district for emergency disaster relief.

I was most pleased to read of the excellent results of this project and commend all those Lions who were involved in providing this very necessary and vital service to your community.

On behalf of the LCIF Board of Trustees, may I extend our very best wishes for the continued success of your service programs.

Sincerely,

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal
Chairman, LCIF Board of Trustees

NA/icr
EMR16174/31-O

cc: Terry Cauble, Council Chairperson MD-31
    Susan Dailey, District Governor 31-0
    Rebecca Teel Daou, LCIF Executive Administrator
    KaSondra Byrd, Manager, LCIF Humanitarian Initiatives
Fellow Lions,

Please review your results of the 2017-2018 Brighter Visions Final Report (State/Districts/Clubs)

Please accept my deep appreciation for the work that you have done for Brighter Visions this year. Because of your efforts, we can continue to serve persons in need. Even though we didn't quite meet our ultimate goal, we did raise $51,000 more than we did last year. Let's take that as a challenge to start an upward trend. Be sure to give Lion Laraine Dupree your full support next year.

PDG John Owens
State Brighter Visions Chair

Brighter Visions 2017-18 North Carolina Lions Inc. Final Report July 9, 2019

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Miles Across North Carolina Each Mile Represents $1,141.
Murphy to Manteo 600 miles
Current Miles 530 miles
We almost made it all the way.
We have a lot to be thankful for.
Because of everyone’s hard work, we raised $51,000 more than last year.
Let's let this be the beginning of an upward trend!

Thank You Lions For all The Extra Effort!
Greetings to Lions of District 31-O,

Just a reminder that we have one more training opportunity for Club Presidents/Vice Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers. If you did not have the chance to come to the July 14th training session, we highly advise that you come on August 25th. There is much to learn! Please make every effort to attend.

August 25
First Baptist Church
12074 S. Highway 200
Stanfield NC
Time 9:30 AM

If you will be coming, please email one of us and let us know. We look forward to seeing you on August 25th!

PDG Randal Clapp
Randalclapp322@gmail.com
Phone 336-382-3045

PDG Dale Dupree
Pdg100@windstream.net
Phone 704-617-8067
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dearest Lions of 31-O:

Once again we are hosting the State Convention. Anyone interested in being a part please let me know. There are committees, jobs and positions for everyone. Meeting date will be scheduled after the new Lion’s year starts. The need for individuals is GREAT!!! Please call me at 336-498-1117 (home number) or email me at PDGTG31-O@gmail.com.

CAMP DOGWOOD...

We have boxes of glasses that are ready and waiting for volunteers to sort and prepare for shipping. October 2, 2018 thru October 4, 2018 has been set aside as Eye Glass Sorting Days. If you are available to join us, we will serve dinner on Tuesday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Wednesday and breakfast on Thursday. If you would like a room please contact the Camp prior to September 21st. Thanks so much for all you do. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

NEED TO GET INFORMATION OUT TO DISTRICT O LIONS???
PUT IT IN THE NEWSLETTER! CONTACT:
LION JENNIFER CLAPP
RESUME@BRGINC.COM or call (336) 697-9770.

REMEMBER…
“ARK”...
“RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS”. JUST ONE SMALL ONE A DAY...IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR SOMEONE!
First, a thank you, to Past President George Suggs for accepting the challenges of 2017-2018 and for his positive spirit exemplified by his statement many times to me. When I expressed worries during our rather unusual and challenging year, his response would always be “It is all Good”.

That same spirit was exemplified over 50 years ago when NC Lions came together to raise funds to build and support a facility that would be called Camp Dogwood located on Lake Norman in Sherrills Ford, North Carolina. The dream to have such a Camp most likely met many challenges and naysayers as to the viability of such a place! However, despite the challenges, Camp Dogwood remains a place of fun and learning for Visually Impaired Persons.

Secondly, THANK YOU TO THE VIPs whose smiles on the boat rides and gatherings at Camp Dogwood brighten our lives and the many ways that they make our Camp what it is and for inspiring all our NC Lions. Many VIPs are Lions also and as a result we as NC Lions are wiser and better as we serve by your side in our communities. I have learned much about life and service from each of you and you make me a better Lion.

For many of our VIPs who visit Camp Dogwood, it is a vacation that they cannot have anywhere else and each year new memories are built. For all of those who stay at the Camp, it is a time for them to visit with friends as they laugh and learn from each other on topics such as new technologies and aids that can improve their lives when they return home. In many cases the VIPs get to know well the volunteers and staff who support them during their stays. Those ties are strong and often carry on from year to year.

THANK YOU TO THE NC LIONS Inc. STAFF for the hard work to oversee all the NC Lions Inc. programs and services and to coordinate some program support areas with the Division of Services of the Blind. Although state funds provide help to many VIPs, their funds often run out while there is still an increase in people in need. It is for that reason that Lions Clubs across the state raise private funds annually to our Brighter Visions Annual Fund Drive. Those funds are directed to serve those who need the programs and services called Brighter Visions.

Together as VIPs, Lions, Camp Staff, Members of the Division of Services for the Blind or Board Members, we can make a positive difference in fulfilling our mission TO SERVE.
To The Lions of North Carolina,

As an incredibly busy 2017-18 draws to a close, I would like to take a few moments to reflect on a year of challenge, change and new directions for the North Carolina Lions. July of 2017 we celebrated a milestone with 50 years of service to our VIPs in the state of North Carolina. This year was a turning point to what we all agreed was a year to come to reality that if we keep doing what we have been doing for the past few years then our camp is in jeopardy of failure. We must act firm and with aggression to get a hold on our finances at Camp Dogwood. It was a challenge because we had a new executive director that was new to us and our facilities along with the financial burden that we have seen coming. The financial burden has been growing because of our gradual membership decline in the state.

I had three goals this year. My first goal this year was to not take any more funds out of our, what I call our savings account. We have been transferring funds from our reserves to make ends meet. We all heard that if we kept on this path then we would be in trouble in less than two years. We would be in jeopardy of losing what our past Lions have built through the years. The Board of Directors had to make some harsh decisions this year. We made changes that we felt would not cure the problem but slow it down to keep on track.

My second goal this year was to find a way to make the camp self-supported and to have to not depend on the Lions of North Carolina to keep funding the camp and our programs. I had a Lion tell me recently that I had a failing year as president. And yes sir you are correct. I did fail in this category I failed to find a way to keep this camp alive. I failed to find a way to fund this camp without the help of the check books of our Lions. We can't live off Grants alone. We applied for grants across the state and succeeded on a few of them. Now we have Lion Carolyn Sprinkle working on Grants to try to help us Band-Aid our finances. As of today we have a few grants that are pending. Most of these grants are a onetime thing. All we can do is hope that sometime in the near future something good will happen and we can figure a way to run the camp and to keep it open.

My third goal was to give this my best. Give the Lions the best of my ability. Try to be level headed and think things through. Communicate with the Lions across the state and the board of directors. I feel I have done this. We traveled across the state giving programs to clubs and trying to explain the current events that we are facing as Lions. It was a success, the Lions of the state reacted with funds. Here is a breakdown of the funds this year:

$100,000.00 from Lions Industries for the Blind in Kinston for the paving and renovations to camp. $20,000.00 From the Oak Foundation for the mobile screening unit. $100,000.00 Grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation for paving and renovation to camp. $115,900.00 From the lions across the state for room sponsorship. $50,000.00 from Industries of the Blind in Durham.
All these funds are being used to renovate our camp. These are restricted funds and are only for the renovations of camp. We cannot use these funds for our daily operations at the camp. The White Building has been completed. We now will move into our 2nd phase of this after the VIP camping season comes to an end in mid-August. This is when our sidewalks and the paving of the drive will take place. The name plates for the doors have been ordered and will be installed as soon as we get them back.

This year we started the North Carolina Ambassador Program. This program is to create funds that we can use now. The Jack Stickley program only allows us to use the interest of the fund to help us operate our daily operations of the camp. The Jack Stickley program will stay in place and anyone can still apply for this award. As a matter of fact next year its in the budget for the Stickley to bring in $10,000.00. We are just not promoting it due to the fact that we need the funds to operate. As of today the Ambassador program has brought in $12,000.00 to help us operate.

This year we have a new Endowment fund to help us in the future. On the 29th of May The Mona Watts Kahl Endowment Fund was created. This account was opened with $5,000.00 and will have $5,000.00 added annually by Mona Kahl to aid in our mission until her death and at that time her estate will be divided between seven endowments that she has set up. We are excited to have this and are very proud to be a part of this opportunity.

In the month of May we spent another $11,000.00 on our mobile screening unit. This puts us around $28,000.00 in maintenance cost this year for this program. This whole program needs to be evaluated by the Lions of the state to see if this is something that we need to be doing.

As most of you know we are now taking applications for the Executive Director’s position. Hillary has moved on to another organization. Rhett White is heading up a committee to hire another person to fill this spot. Hanna also has moved on and at this time this position will not be filled. Lion Carlton Metts and his wife have agreed to help us out while we search for another director. Lion Carlton is our interim director at this time. He has literally moved to Camp Dogwood to be able to stay on top of our current conditions. We all owe him a great deal of appreciation for his continued efforts as a Lion.

Our Brighter Vision run this year has been a steady crawl as we try to reach our goal of $684,500.00. Looks like we will end up at around $547,650.00 for the year. We can’t thank the lions enough for their contributions to Brighter Visions! As you are aware we set our Camp Dogwood ticket sales at $10 each versus $1. We did this to cut cost and to save funds across the Board. We came out with $115,577.00 for this year. Again a little below our budget amount.

Fellow Lions this year was a trying year. A year for reality to work on getting our focus on setting our standards and our funds to where they are doable. We monitored our funds in each account to try to maintain the budget. This year we had to go back every quarter and adjust things to help us stay in the guide lines of our budget. The Lions across the state took a hit on
The Lions took a hit on travel refunds. 2018-2019 the maximum funds will be $12,000.00 for travel expenses. We continually watched what was spent. We used power points instead of making copies of paperwork for all board members. What work we could do instead of hiring outside we did our selves. Lions from across the state spent time working at Camp Dogwood. In the past we even paid to have the gutters cleaned. Not this year. We didn’t just have a volunteer week we had a volunteer year. Next year our budget is set at $1,190,700.00 in revenue. Whatever we do we have to keep our expenses in line. The only way we can spend more is to bring in more funds. We did not take any funds out of what you and I call our savings account (Reserves). This year the board adjusted as the year went along. Next year we can do the same but it will take some monitoring to make this happen. The best way to increase our revenue is to do as Paul says and to “tell our story”. We have a beautiful place of business. And you should be proud of it. Everyone in the state all 6,300 lions need to come visit your business and see what is happening and enjoy what we have.

From Manteo to Murphy was my theme this year. I thank each and every Lion across the state for the opportunity you have given me this year. We traveled across the state telling it like it actually is this year. I would like to take this time to say thank you to the staff at CampDdogwood. We have a great group of staff members their working. They stayed in touch with me throughout the year to help us stay afloat. I would like to say thank you to Carlton and Anne for helping us out. You have been a life saver for us all. Thanks to Stewart Wooten for being there when Carlton needed to get away for a bit. Thanks to all the board members. This year you all witnessed the longest board meeting I have ever attended. Thanks to Rhett White for stepping up and helping us locate our new Executive Director. Today is my last day as your president and wow what a ride - I would like to wrap up with this….

"Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways-glass of milk in one hand and a Reese’s cup in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming Woo-Hoo what a ride!!"

George E Suggs, President NCLI 2017-2018
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What’s Happening in the “O” Zone

District Governor Team

On the Road Again. But What a Ride!
Just this week, we received word that there are still some needs in our area. There is a need for underwear for girls and men but, because of the generous donations to our district, we will be able to purchase these items and have them distributed shortly.

Lions Services for Children is still seeking donations of gently used winter coats for girls. Please contact Chairperson Lion Nelson Rowland at cnrowland@embarqmail.com or DG Susie Dailey at Lion-SusieD@gmail.com if you can help.

This is the time of year to start collecting winter coats. We urge you to check with your schools, local shelters, and community centers to see if there are families in your area who need some help before the cold weather arrives! “Changing Lives with Kindness”.
Question #1: How many history books have been written about North Carolina Lions?

Answer: Three books

Question #2: What is the name of the newest Lions Club in District-O?

Answer: Raeford-Hoke Centennial Lions Club chartered 6/21/17

Did you know? - - - In 1920 Lions Clubs became International with the chartering of the -
Border Cities Lions Club in Windsor, Ontario, Canada

In 1922, Lions came to North Carolina. 10 Lions Clubs were chartered:
Asheville, Albemarle, Charlotte, Durham, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Raleigh,
Wilson, Wilmington, and Winston-Salem

Interesting Facts:
No Lions Club in District 31-O was chartered in the month of August.
North Carolina is the home of three Past International Lions Presidents –
Jack Stickley
William L. Woolard
Sidney L. Scruggs III