February 2018

A Message from our

District Governor Karl Ernst
Siler City Lions Club

Lions of the ‘Big O’,

This month I want to feature our wonderful and exciting Mid Winter Convention that was held the weekend of January 26-27 at the Greensboro Airport Marriott Hotel. A great Lions’ time was had by all attending. Joining us for the event was International Director Ardie Klemish and her partner-in-service Past District Governor Ken from the state of Iowa. They both really enjoyed their visit to our state. It was their first time ever here in North Carolina. We took them to Camp Dogwood on Friday and, of course, they fell in love with it. Director Hillary and her staff were very gracious hosts and we certainly appreciate their help in making our visit a memorable experience for all. Director Ardie was so impressed that, on the way back, she started a conversation with our driver about Lions and the next thing we knew she had a signed application in her hand. WOW! Another epoch moment occurred earlier that Friday morning when, at breakfast, we introduced Lion Ken to a long-time favorite food of the South – Grits! He was simply ecstatic. So we presented him with his own 5 pound bag to take home with him. J

And then there was the Tail-Twisters’ Breakfast on Saturday morning where we were joined by ‘Bertie, the Bag Lady’, portrayed by Renee Henderson from Asheboro. Her comedic skills were a real treat as she roasted and toasted any and all who came into her sights and she took no prisoners. A truly fun time was had by everyone. There is nothing like starting the day with a good laugh.

Important Dates

February 14  Valentine’s Day
March  Eye Donor Awareness Month
March 31  Last Day for Regular International Convention Fees
April  Family and Friends Month, Leo Club Awareness Month, and Protecting our Environment Centennial Service Challenge
April 1  Leo of Year Applications Due
April 16-22  Worldwide Week of Service to Protect Our Planet
April 22  Earth Day
April 24-30  World Immunization Week
April 27-29  State Convention (Greensboro Marriott)
May  Strengthen Membership Month
June 29-July 3  International Convention (Las Vegas)
DG Message Continued...

Through the day Saturday we had opportunities to share and learn that included a Town Hall session with Director Ardie, presentations that featured young people discussing their relationship with their guide dogs and how the dogs make such a difference in their lives both physically and emotionally, and other sessions. At our Cabinet meeting elections were held with the following results:

2018-2019 DGE – 1st VDG Susie Dailey/McLeansville Lions
2018-2019 1st VDGE – 2nd VDG Paul Silverman/Durham Lions
2018-2019 2nd VDGE – Lion Paul Marth/Greensboro Host Lions

Good Lions, one and all!

Saturday night was the Governor’s Banquet with our special guests Director Ardie and Lion Ken. Also attending as guests of the District were the family of Lion Mike Johnson to whom the Convention was dedicated; our State Peace Poster winner who was selected by LCI as one of 23 International Merit winners – Nadia Sosa and her family sponsored by the Vass Lions Club; and Leo Hannah Robertson of the Eastern Guilford HS Leo Club/sponsored by McLeansville LC, who was recognized as an International Leo of the Year by LCI, one of just 38 Leo’s around the world. We have some outstanding young people in our District.

Director Ardie’s message – Change a Life Every Day – was inspirational. She was a down-to-earth, straight-forward Lion who spoke from her heart to all who would listen. We were honored to have her with us that weekend and our District has gained true friends in Director Ardie and her husband PDG Ken.

Finally, I want to acknowledge our magnificent Convention Crew led by 1st Vice District Governor Susie Dailey, all of whom stepped forward in such a grand manor to make our convention the success that it was. Lions Barbara Thompson and PDG Terrie Groomes were outstanding in their efforts to support the Mid Winter Convention and are the Co-Chairs of the Host State Convention Committee. I am sure they will do that one as good as they did ours. Our thanks to all!

As always, please remember the challenges before us and the
As always, please remember the challenges before us and the need to overcome them as we continue our work to preserve Camp Dogwood and serve those who are in need of our help. The song remains the same. Let’s keep singing!

Thanks for being Lions and for all that you do as Lions!

We are the Lions!

WE SERVE!

O YEAH!!

District Governor Karl Ernst

“Where there’s a need, there’s a Lion”
Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love.
Greetings and News From DGE Susie Dailey

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

It is hard to believe that after months of planning, work and meetings, our 3rd Annual Mid Winter Convention is over. It was a success from beginning to end with the help and support of our Lions and sponsors. The comments have been glowing and all who participated had a fantastic time. Special thanks to the clubs who donated time and items, to the sponsors who made so much possible, to the record number of volunteers, to the entertainers, speakers and staff at the Marriott, to all the hands that touched any part of this event and especially to ID Ardie Klemish and Lion Ken. What a weekend!!

District 31-0’s new team was elected at our Cabinet meeting. It is my honor and joy to be your District Governor Elect. What a feeling that is and I am certain that 1st VDGE Lion Paul Silverman and 2nd VDGE Paul Marth feel the same way. We already had our first meeting and are excited for our part in helping to plan for the future of 31-0. We are in the process of forming the District team and planning meetings and leadership events. News and dates will be coming out shortly.

The State Convention is just around the corner and you will not want to miss it! The registration form an ad form are in this newsletter. Please help support this wonderful event by putting an ad in the program. You do not want to miss what the Convention Committee has planned!

Again, thank you for serving and being a LION!
This Convention was about YOU and THOSE WE SERVE.
We Met Lions and People that we serve...And Heard Their Stories

AND WE HAD FUN!!!
North Carolina Lions, Inc.

Brighter Visions
2017-18
North Carolina Lions Inc.

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From Murphy to Manteo

Miles Across North Carolina
Each Mile Represents $1,141.
Murphy to Manteo 600
Current Miles 141

From Manteo, we are moving on up the road.
We have just passed Rocky Mount heading west.
Lions,

We need your help!

The North Carolina Lions, Inc. office receives calls from schools and youth-based organizations all over the state looking to do school-aged screenings. We know some of the clubs across the state have equipment available to host screenings for children and youth.

We would love to have a resource page on the NCLI website for schools and organizations looking for assistance to host screenings for the children in their, your, community.

If your club has a PediaVision machine or any other type of vision camera, please let us know and we will add your club to our list of contacts for assistance.

Let's work together to share the amazing work of Lions across the state and serve even more of our future generations.

Please email Hannah Earnhardt, Director of Development at Hannah@NCLionsInc.org letting us know if you have a vision camera, the type of vision camera, as well as the appropriate contact information for your club.

We appreciate your help!

With gratitude,
North Carolina Lions, Inc.
In March we honor those donors and their families for giving the gift of sight. Organizing a fundraiser, distributing donor awareness materials at a community event, and inviting an eye bank representative to speak at a club or district meeting are just a few ways your Lions club can recognize Eye Donor Awareness Month.

What Is Your Club Doing?
The Power of Action

Transforming hope into action. Lions are active in communities all over the world. Let’s take advantage of our global presence by engaging each Lion in service early and often. We must address the urgent needs of our communities by selecting projects that convert every hour, dollar and member into service.
REGISTER NOW!!

Funds raised will be used to assist the needy visually impaired and blind of the community.

Eye exams    Eyeglasses    Cataract Surgeries
Glaucoma treatments
Community and School Vision screenings

5K Run and Walk
Saturday April 14, 2018 @ 9:00am
Bray Park, 200 Bray Park Complex Rd. (formerly 800 Alston Bridge Rd.), Siler City

$25 registration fee

Runners and Walkers receive t-shirt and “goody” bag
(t-shirt not guaranteed if registered after April 1, 2018)

Both events raise funds for the visually impaired

For more information and to register online, visit:

WWW.Athlinks.com/event/run-2-see-226519

Race Director: Juanita Brown (336) 824-4730
CLUB HIGHLIGHT
Burley Lions Club—Spudman Triathlon

“Spudman is an important event in our community, and many people volunteer to make it happen every year” posted Stephanie Wright Curtis on the Burley (ID, district 39-W) Lions Club’s Facebook page. Every year on the last Saturday in July, triathletes complete a grueling 1.5K swim down the Snake River, then bike a 40K and run a 10k across the picturesque backdrop of Idaho. By donating a portion of the proceeds from this event to Leader Dog every year, the Burley Lions Club has consistently ranked as a Top Dog Club (an annual gift of $5,000 or more).

Great job Burley Lions!

LIONS IMPACT ON LEADER DOG

“Thirty seconds of a Lion’s time can change a person’s life. Anyone can do that by telling someone about Leader Dog.”

-PDG Tom Simmons, a Leader Dog client (AZ, district 21-C)

WAYS TO GIVE
Your club can now show your support in a new way, through a Puppy Sponsorship. For $500, you receive:
- Puppy Photos
- Puppy Profile
- Banner Patch
- Certificate of Sponsorship

Sponsor online at LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy or contact Kathy Gilchrist, Lions relations specialist, at 248.659.5012.

BE OF SERVICE
LeaderDog.org/Lions

FOLLOW THE LEADER
Greetings Fellow Lions,

The annual Volunteer Week will be here before we know it! This year, the Volunteer Week is scheduled for Sunday, April 8th to Thursday, April 11, 2018. We anticipate assisting with projects such as painting, pouring concrete, landscaping, power washing, sorting glasses, general cleaning and repairs, and so much more.

Guest room check in will begin Sunday (April 8th) afternoon at 4:00 PM. Due to the number of activities being held at Camp Dogwood the weekend prior, early check-in will not be available (with the exception for Lions who are power washing and need to arrive on Saturday, April 7, 2018). Please check in at the Camp Office when you arrive. Our first meal will be dinner at 6:00 PM on Sunday in the Camp Dining Hall. We will have a brief assignment meeting following dinner to discuss the projects and divide into volunteer teams.

The reservation form is in the link below and you can make as many copies as needed. Each Lion should complete the form and return it to Camp Assistant, Keisha Ramseur by Friday, March 23, 2018 to make their reservation (Keisha@NCLionsInc.org or by mail to 7050 Camp Dogwood Drive, Sherrills Ford, NC 28673). Even if you’re not staying overnight, we still need the completed form with name, club, district, as well as which meals you will be eating so that we can properly prepare. Please contact your District Volunteer Chairperson if you have any questions. There is a limited supply of tools at Camp, so we encourage volunteers to bring tools with them.

**DOWNLOAD THE REGISTRATION FORM TODAY**

Thank you and looking forward to seeing you at Camp.

Marti Henry
State Volunteer Chair

P.S. Camp Dogwood is looking for volunteers for summer. Volunteering for a week at camp is a rewarding experience. You can make a difference in the lives of the blind and visually impaired across the state. There is no charge for this wonderful opportunity to serve and have fun at the same time. If you are interested in volunteering during camp, please contact Camp Assistant, Keisha Ramseur at 828-478-2135 ext. 230 or at keisha@nclionsinc.org. Visit the camp website at www.nclionscampdogwood.org for a volunteer application, or contact the Camp Office to have them sent to you.
GET READY!!!

MARK THOSE CALENDARS!!!

GET REGISTERED!!!!

THE NORTH CAROLINA LIONS STATE CONVENTION COMES BACK TO GREENSBORO!!

District 31-O is proud and excited to be hosting the 2018 North Carolina Lions State Convention at the Greensboro High Point Marriott Airport on April 26-28, 2018! Our special guest for the weekend will be Past International President Lion Bob Corlew and his wife Lion Diane from Tennessee.

Your valued help with this huge undertaking by volunteering for the many committees will create a weekend to remember for the Lions across North Carolina. Lion Barbara Thompson from the Pleasant Garden Lions Club and PDG Lion Terrie Grooms from the McLeansville Lions Club are heading up this huge endeavor. Please send email to pdgtg31o@gmail.com to be contacted about volunteering or for further information.
Registration Form
95th Annual North Carolina Lions State Convention
Imagine...the Power of We!
Greensboro-High Point Marriott Airport, Greensboro, NC
April 27 – 29, 2018

Club: ________________________________ District: __________

Name(s):
(PRINT first and last names & circle title and honors that apply)

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Please indicate any food allergies or special dietary needs: ____________________________________________________________

Make check for meals payable to...2018 NC LIONS STATE CONVENTION or add your debit or credit card information below:
Debit or credit card number: ________________________________
Mail this form with check or debit/credit card information by April 14th to:

PDG Laraine Dupree
P.O. Box 485 Wingate, NC 28174
Phone: 704-233-5593 or 704-292-3163

Phone registration only after April 14, 2018 No Refunds after April 7, 2018
95th Annual North Carolina Lions State Convention

Imagine.....the Power of We!

Greensboro-High Point Marriott Airport, Greensboro, NC
April 27 – 29, 2018

Friday, April 27th:
Registration.................................................................1:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Lions DAPS (Diabetes Awareness & Peer Support) Walk.................................................................2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Hospitality Room Open.........................................................2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Vendors and Exhibits.........................................................2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Family Fun Night! Dinner and Entertainment by Rob Massengale Band.................................................................6:30 PM -10:00 PM

Saturday, April 28th:
Registration.................................................................7:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Tail Twisters Breakfast with great entertainment!.................................................................7:30 AM - 8:15 AM
Tail Twisters Auction...come one come all!.................................................................8:15 AM - 9:00 AM
Vendors, Exhibits, Silent Auction, Seminars and much more.................................................................9:00 AM- 4:00 PM
General Session.................................................................10:00 AM-11:45 AM
PDG Luncheon.................................................................12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

Hospitality Room will be open during lunch

Town Hall Meeting ............................................................1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
Certification of Delegates.............................................................4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
District Governor Banquet (Lions and Guests) .................................................................6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Sunday, April 29th:
Hospitality Room Open .................................................................7:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Vendors and Exhibits.................................................................9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Service of Remembrance.................................................................7:45 AM - 8:45 AM
Certification of Delegates.................................................................8:00 AM - 9:30 PM
District Cabinet Meetings.................................................................9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
General Session.................................................................10:45 AM-12:00 PM
Receiving Line for new Councils.................................................................12:00 PM

Overnight Room Reservations at
Greensboro-High Point Marriott Airport
One Marriott Drive, Greensboro, NC

Lions Room rate is $103.00 until April 2, 2018

Make room reservations directly with the hotel:
Call (336-852-6450 (local) or 800-228-9020)
and ask for NC LIONS STATE

Any questions please contact one of the co-chairs below:
Barbara Thompson at 336-339-6943 or Terrie Grooms at 336-953-7585