Lions of the ‘Big O’,

We made it! The Ball fell and we survived the impact. Does a new year mean our job is done, that the work before us at 11:59:59pm on December 31, 2017 is ended and we can now go on to other things? Absolutely NOT! The fight that I talked about in last month’s newsletter continues and WE must continue to meet that challenge and be in it to win it. it is my hope that this New Year will bring us renewed energy and determination to be the difference in so many people’s lives, bringing to them hope and the comfort of knowing they have a partner standing beside them. Let us continue our work to make it a better world for all.

One more item to get ready for is the 2018 District 31-O Mid Winter Convention, January 26-27, at the Greensboro Airport Marriott Hotel. First VDG Susie and her Crew are doing great work putting things together for the event and everyone who can make it should be there to enjoy a weekend of fun, learning, celebration, and remembrance while sharing in the comradery that is such a tremendous part of Lionism. Check out the District website for more information and be sure to come out and have a great Lions’ time.

As many of you are aware, we lost our IT guru and an outstanding Lion in the passing of Mike Johnson with the Archdale/Trinity Lions Club. I knew him for short time but I learned real quick that when he said “We Serve”, that was exactly what he meant. He was a tremendous help to me as District Governor and to many, many other Lions. The District will miss him as will his family. May God’s blessings be upon them.
DG Message Continued...

In closing, I ask all Lions to remain engaged in the effort to re-
store and sustain the financial viability of Camp Dogwood
through the Brighter Visions Campaign and our Camp Dogwood
Ticket Sales. Time is getting real short. We are pleased to note
that the Brighter Visions Campaign is ahead of where we were
at this time last year and that is simply an outstanding effort.
Remember, though, that we must sustain this effort, not just
now, or next year, or the next, but for the future of Lions in
North Carolina. Someone said, about a hundred thousand times
ago, that failure is not an option. This IS true! Not if we are going
to continue providing needed services to those that we do in the
name of Lionsim. Let’s make this happen. Where there’s a will,
there’s a way... Where’s there’s a need, there is WE, a Lion.
Those are ..“just the facts, Ma’am” Joe Friday said that.

We are the Lions!

WE SERVE!

O YEAH!!

District Governor Karl Ernst

"The Harvest is Plentiful"
HAPPY NEW YEAR
2018

FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
LION DR. NARESH AGGARWAL
& MRS. NAVITA AGGARWAL

The new year is celebrated worldwide because there is nothing better than the feeling of renewal — of starting a new journey. Much before modern calendars, this time was celebrated as Saturnalia — the time when the sun begins to gain strength every day after the winter solstice. This gave origin to the word ‘Saturday’ — a time when people feel refreshed.

I hope that Lions around the world feel refreshed and rejuvenated to start a new year and a new era in Lionism. This year, we need the enthusiasm of not just 52 Saturdays, but 365 such days.

My new year resolution is to help Lions reach a new level of pride this year, hence taking our entire Association and the world to new heights.

Some communities are still without a Lions club.

We became the world’s largest service organization one club at a time. Begin your extension efforts today!
Greeting From 1st VDG Susie

Happy New Year!! To some, the celebrating is over but to the Lions of 31-0 we are still in celebration mode! Our Mid Winter Convention is only weeks away and the excitement is building.

This year, we will be celebrating our clubs, with the Hall of Service. Posters from (hopefully) every club will adorn the convention walls, showing off the service projects of each club.

We will be celebrating with several onsite service projects, including writing letters to those around the world who serve in the military. We thank the Goldston Lions for this wonderful contribution to our convention. Another project, which comes at a very appropriate time, is filling up a BOB’S CLOSET truck with clean, gently used clothes, coats and blankets. I remember a saying, “Our excess is another person’s only.” Please bring what you can to help our friends in need. The truck will be at the convention on Friday from 3:00-6:00 and on Saturday from 9:00-6:00.

The Brighter Vision Boutique will enjoy center stage this year and we hope your club will participate and earn club credit.

Seminars are being replaced with “This is My Story” talks by VIPs. We will hear the stories of people who have experienced Camp Dogwood and the VIP Fishing Tournament. We will hear firsthand from young people who have guide dogs because of MIRA and from an older friend and his Wriley. VIPs who participate in blind bowling and beep ball will also share their stories.

Friday afternoon, Leos from Eastern Guilford High School will host a special event that you will not want to miss. No, I am not telling you what it is!!

We are so very honored to have International Director Ardie Klemish and her husband, Lion Ken, as our special guests for the weekend.

Please join us, learn more about those we help. Visit with our VIPs and spend time with your Lion friends. We still have a few surprises we are not sharing yet!!

Our convention can only be a wonderful event if you are there!! Can’t wait to see you all!!
Off We Go

Into the Next Century of Lions

If you have not already done so, please register for the District Convention. Deadline to mail registration forms is Saturday, January 13th. All registrations past that point must be made by contacting PDG Laraine Dupree directly. We ask that you both call her at (704) 233–5593 or (704) 292-3163 and email a copy of your registration if possible to leo100@windstream.net.

Please also note that all hotel reservations must be made by Monday, January 15th, 2018 to ensure space and special convention rate.

We look forward to seeing each of you there!
District 31-O Annual Midwinter Convention
January 26th and 27th, 2018
@ Greensboro Marriott Airport
1 Marriott Drive, Greensboro, North Carolina 27409

Friday – January 26
Family Fun Night (Food and Entertainment) ......................................................... 6:30PM - 9:00PM
Saturday - January 27
Tall Twisters Breakfast (meal served from 8:00AM - 8:45AM) ......................... 8:00AM/Entertainment to Follow
Hospitality Room Open for lunch
Delegate Certification .............................................................. 2:00PM – 3:15PM
District Cabinet Meeting .......................................................... 3:30PM – 4:45PM
District Governor Banquet (Lions and Guests) ............................................. 6:30PM - 9:00PM

GSO-HP Marriott Airport  Lions Room Rate: $103.00 plus tax
One Marriott Drive
Greensboro, NC
Rooms and Lions Room Rate will be available until January 15th.
Make room reservations directly with the hotel:
Call (336-852-6450 or 800-228-9020) and ask for NC Lions 31-O.


Return this part of the form with your check – Copy as needed

Names: _____________________________
(PR INT first and last names & circle title and honors that apply
1. _____________________________  _____________________________  _____________________________
   PIP, ID, PID, DG, PCC, PDG, 1st VDG, 2nd VDG, Lion, Leo, Guest, MIF JSF WLW SLSBOH HOF
2. _____________________________  _____________________________  _____________________________
   PIP, ID, PID, DG, PCC, PDG, 1st VDG, 2nd VDG, Lion, Leo, Guest, MIF JSF WLW SLSBOH HOF
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4. _____________________________  _____________________________  _____________________________
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Food Allergies: _____________________________

Reminder: Please Select Banquet Meal Preference and Specific Food Allergies Above

Make check for meals payable to:
NC Lions District 31-O
Mail check with bottom portion of this form to:
P.O. Box 485
Wingate, NC 28174
Do Not Mail after January 13, 2018
Phone registration only after Jan 13
704-233-5593 or 704-292-3163
ARDIE KLEMISH
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Ardie Klemish from Adair, Iowa, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association’s 100th International Convention held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, June 30 through July 4, 2017.

Director Klemish is a banking and insurance compliance officer. A member of the Adair Lions Club since 1999, she has held many offices within the association, including club president, district governor and multiple district GLT coordinator.

In recognition of her service to the association, Director Klemish has received numerous awards, including a Membership Key Award, an International Leadership Award, two Extension Awards and an International President’s Award. She is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director Klemish has been active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Iowa State Fair, the Casey Federated Women’s Club, 4-H and as a church organist and choir director.

Director Klemish’s husband, Ken, is also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow.
Brighter Visions Boutique

Our Mid-Winter Convention will be here soon! We will operate the “Brighter Visions Boutique” again this year to raise money for Brighter Visions. In this store we will sell items made by lions and their friends as well as other items you think people would want to buy for gifts or for themselves. We would like to add a new area this year called the Lions’ Corner. All items in this area would be lion themed or include lion(s) in their design.

Please attach a tag with the price we should charge and the name of your club, so your club can receive Brighter Visions credit when your item sells. All prices should be in whole dollars. Indicate if you want your item/s reduced on Saturday afternoon. Also indicate if unsold items will be picked up or left to be given to a local charity (to be named later).

Many VIPs do crafts, so don’t forget to include them when your club is looking for items to donate.

Thanks for your help! We hope this will be an enjoyable shopping experience and a good way to increase our Brighter Visions contributions at the same time. If you have questions you may contact Deloris Owens 919-693-2203, Trudy Watkins 910-895-5787, Joyce Cantrell 336-698-0064, Judy Keck 336-681-8726.
NORTH CAROLINA LIONS
District 31-O

Policies & Procedures Manual

Officially Adopted & Approved __________________________

By: District 31-O Lions Attending Cabinet Meeting

*Please read over and review the following pages and discuss with your Club in preparation for the upcoming Cabinet Meeting to be held at the Midwinter District Convention.*
District 31-O Lions Policies & Procedures Manual

The District 31-O Lions Policies and Procedures Manual purpose is to provide Policies and Procedures to consistently operate the District in an efficient and cost effective manner.

Should a conflict occur with the District 31-O Constitution and By-Laws, the LCI Standard Constitution and By-Laws will take precedence.

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I. “District 31-O Privacy Policy”

District 31-O recognizes the importance of protecting the private information of our members. The district has no legal authority or written permission to disclose any personal information of the members to third parties. Due to privacy concerns, information such as: names, addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers, etc. cannot be released to any third party.

II. “Procedure for making changes to Policy and Procedures Manual”

Any changes to the District 31-O Lions Policies and Procedures Manual will be presented at an official “open” District Cabinet meeting for understanding and/or revision.

Changes will be voted on at the next official “open” District 31-O Cabinet meeting by the Lions members present. A simple majority vote by the Lions attending the Cabinet meeting will be required for adoption of the changes.

III. “Policy on location of/access to Policies and Procedures Manual”

A copy of the District 31-O Lions Policies & Procedures Manual can be viewed or secured as follows:

On District 31-O Web Site.
From Cabinet Secretary.
IV. “District 31-O Monetary Policy”

All checks shall be signed by Cabinet Treasurer and District Governor.

Per MD -31 Constitution and By-Laws, the members of the District Budget and Finance Committee shall be appointed by the District Governor and shall be composed of the Immediate Past District Governor as Chairperson, the District Governor and three other Past District Governors who are active in the District. In addition, per International Constitution and By-Laws and the District Constitution and By-Laws the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors are to participate in the planning and forming of the District Budget.

The incoming District Treasurer will also participate in the preparation of the budget.

A financial review should be done within 90 days of closing the financial records by 3 active Past District Governors appointed by the outgoing District governor.

V. “District Governor Duties --- Allowances Covered/Not Covered Under Budgeted Items”

Non-Covered Duties:

No Out of District travels and/or activities under budgeted items.

Covered Duties: (Within limit of budgeted item – District 31-O Lions rules of Reimbursement Policy apply).

Club officer Installations.

Zone meetings.

Membership/Leadership meetings not covered by LCI.

New member inductions.

Club charter celebrations not covered by LCI.

Special club meetings as requested.

New club organizational meetings not covered by LCI.

Covered allowances: (Within limit of budgeted item – District 31-O Lions Rules of Reimbursement apply).

Allowance to help with attendance at USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.
VI. “First Vice District Governor Duties – Allowances Covered/Not Covered Under Budgeted Items”

Non-Covered Duties:

No Out of District travels or activities within MD-31 will be covered under budgeted items.

Covered Duties: (Within limit of budgeted item – District 31-O Lions Rules of Reimbursement Apply).

- Club Officer Installations.
- Zone Meetings.
- Membership/Leadership Meetings - Not covered by LCI.
- New Member Inductions.
- Club Charter Celebrations.
- New Club Charter Presentation.
- Special Club Meetings as requested.
- New Club Organizational Meetings.
- Hospitality room expense at State Convention.

Covered Allowance: (Within limit of budgeted item – District 31-O Lions rules of Reimbursement Apply.

- Allowance to help with attendance at USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.
- Allowance to encourage attendance at Council of Governors and NC Lions, Inc. quarterly meetings. (Unless reimbursed by NC Lions, Inc. as a Board Member)
VII. "Second Vice District Governor Duties – Allowances Covered/Not Covered Under Budgeted Items”

A. Non-Covered Duties:
No Out of District travels or activities within MD-31 will be covered under budgeted items.

B. Covered Duties: (Within limit of budgeted item District 31-O Lions Rules of Reimbursement apply).
   - Club Officer Installation.
   - Zone Meetings.
   - Membership/Leadership Meetings -- Not covered by LCI
   - New Member Inductions.
   - Club Charter Celebrations.
   - New Club Charter Presentation.
   - Special Club Meetings as requested.
   - New Club Organizational Meetings.

C. Covered Allowance: (Within limit of budgeted item – District 31-O Lions Rules of Reimbursement apply).
   1. Allowance to help with attendance at USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum or Lions Leadership Institute.
   2. Allowance to encourage attendance at Council of Governors and NC Lions, Inc. quarterly meetings.
      (Unless reimbursed by NC Lions, Inc. as a Board member)

VIII. "Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Duties – Allowances Covered/Not Covered Under Budgeted items”

   Covered Duties: (Within limit of budgeted item -- District 31-O Lions Rules of Reimbursement apply.)
   - Certification of Delegates at State Convention.
   - Certification of Delegates at any District 31-O Convention.

   Covered Allowances: (Within limit of budgeted item – District 31-O Lions Rules of Reimbursement Apply)
   - Administrative supplies.
IX. Travel Reimbursement Policy for District Chairs and Secretary/Treasurer

A. This reimbursement policy shall apply to District Committee Chairs, Region Chairs, Zone Chairs, and the District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer. Where there is a separate District Cabinet Secretary and District Cabinet Treasurer, the policy shall include the Treasurer unless they are from the same household.

B. Reimbursement may be requested through the District Cabinet Treasurer for any trip requiring more than 50 miles round trip. For example, if the roundtrip was 75 miles, the reimbursement would be for all miles over 50. In this case 25 miles. No reimbursement would be applied to the first 50 miles.

The reimbursement must be applied for within 30 days of the trip and will be accompanied by a google map or similar proof of mileage. Reimbursement requests should be submitted only once per month following the month of visitation. Only one trip to any one club will be reimbursed. Any request for reimbursement beyond 60 days from visit will be denied.

The District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer shall be reimbursed for trips to Cabinet meetings or Convention meetings where their official duties are required such as taking minutes, making reports and certification of delegates.

The reimbursement per mile and reimbursement total budget will be set each year by the District Budget Committee and approved with the annual District budget. The reimbursement will be on a first come first served basis and once the annual budget is expended it will be renewed only with the approval of a majority vote of the District Cabinet.
X. “Cabinet Meeting Quorum and Voting Privileges”

Quorum: Any District Cabinet Meeting must have a quorum of the following District Officers to conduct business:
- District Governor
- Immediate Past District Governor
- 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors
- Region Chairpersons (if the position is utilized during the District Governor’s term)
- Zone Chairpersons
- Global Memberships Team district coordinator
- Global Leadership Team district coordinator
- Global Service Team district coordinator
- LCIF district coordinator
- Cabinet secretary-treasurer or a cabinet secretary and a cabinet treasurer

For regular business, a quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the Cabinet Members listed above.

Cabinet Meeting Voting Privilege Extension: At the beginning of a regular cabinet meeting, barring any other prohibitive circumstances, the District Governor shall extend voting privileges to all Members in good standing in attendance at the meeting. This action shall apply to all matters except those that require voting by certified delegates at a District 31-O Convention.

XI. Solicitation at District Cabinet Meetings and Conventions

Due to the importance of encouraging our Lions to attend District Cabinet meetings and conventions and since the Lions are considered a captive audience at these functions, no individual Club solicitation of the attendees is permitted for any purpose. Announcements of Club events may be submitted in advance of the meeting to the District Secretary to be read at the meeting (time permitting) or to be published in the District newsletter.

*Suggestion has been made to delete.

XII. District 31-O Directory Distribution

- All Club Presidents
- All Club Secretaries
- 1st Vice District Governor
- 2nd Vice District Governor
- Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer
- All Active Past District Governors
- All District Committee Chairpersons (Check above for duplicates)
- All District Representatives of State Committees (Check above for duplicates)
- All District Representatives of NC Lions, Inc. Committees (Check above for duplicates)
- All Zone and Region Chairpersons (Check above for duplicates)
- State Council (Includes Council Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer)
- State Committee Chairs (If asked) (They get all their committee members, State Council, 1st VDGs, and 2nd VDGs w/ NC Lions, Inc. Directory)
- NC Lions, Inc. Office Staff & Camp Dogwood Staff, (eight)
- NC Lions, Inc. Officers (If asked)
- NC State Current and Past International Officers and Director
XIII. District 31-O Lions Rules of Reimbursement Policy

The reimbursement line item amounts and reimbursement total budget will be set each year by the District Budget Committee and approved as part of the annual District Budget.

A. Mileage:

1. Per mile amount: __________

B. Meals:

   Maximum per day: __________

C. Hotel:

1. Maximum per Day: __________

XIV. Transportation Allowance to/from International Convention for District Governor Elect’s Spouse.

If District 31-O is a certified District of 1250 members and a minimum of 35 Clubs, there is an allowance provided by Lions Clubs International. If the International Convention is outside of the United states, a maximum allowance provided by the District will be __________. If District 31-O is not a certified District (less than 1250 members and 35 clubs) the maximum allowance provided by the District will be __________.
Relieving the Hunger
Centennial Service Challenge

Nearly 800 million people go to bed hungry every night. This January, join Lions around the world for a special Worldwide Week of Service dedicated to eliminating hunger in your community. This international event is a great opportunity to support our new global service framework, and our goal of serving 200 million people per year by 2021, by relieving hunger in your community.

Host a project to fight hunger in your community during January 8-14. Help stock a local food pantry, bag school lunches or distribute food to those who need it most. No matter how you choose to serve, be sure to join us for this Centennial service event!

Join Us for the Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger

Here’s how your club can take part in this special event:

1. **Plan your project** - Host a service project that impacts hunger in your community during the week of January 8-14. Consider inviting members of your community or another local service club to serve with you.

2. **Promote your project** - Publicize your project to showcase your club and the power of service. Remember to wear your Lions branded gear when you’re serving to increase your visibility.

3. **Report your project** - Report your service on the MyLCI Service Activity Report to help us reach new levels of service in our Centennial Service Challenge. Be sure to include the project date.

Celebrate Your Service: Share photos of your project on social media so everyone can see what a difference you’re making in your community. Use the hashtag #Lions100, and we’ll share your images on the LCI Facebook page!
Without community service, we would not have a strong quality of life. It's important to the person who serves as well as the recipient. It's the way in which we ourselves grow and develop.
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
• Invite Someone (Peer-to-Peer Recruitment)
  • Open Houses/Family & Friends’ Events
    • Social Media
    • Radio, TV, Newspaper Advertising
      • Be Visible
      • Serve Often
      • Meet Briefly
  • Have Fun!

Share with us your ideas.
We would love to include these in an upcoming Newsletter.
PRESS RELEASE

The North Carolina Lions is sponsoring the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest, with the state winner receiving a $250 cash prize and an expense paid trip to attend the 2018 N.C. Lions State Convention in Greensboro where they will be invited to read their winning essay to our membership during the general business session.

The contest is open to high school juniors enrolled in a North Carolina public, private or charter school. Essays must be no longer than 750 words and sponsored by a local Lions club in each district. Judging should be done on the club and district level before one entry being submitted to the state Celebrate Liberty Committee for final judging. The deadline to submit an entry to the state committee is Feb. 9, 2018.

Students should base their essay on the Alexander Hamilton quote, “The people alone have an incontestable, unalienable, and indefeasible right to institute government and to reform, alter, or totally change the same when their protection, safety, prosperity, and happiness require it.” Hamilton was one of the Founding Fathers of the United States and served as the first secretary of the treasury under the administration of President George Washington.

For more information about the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest or to obtain a copy of the contest brochure, contact the district committee chairperson.

Celebrate Liberty
2017-2018 Essay Contest

$250 Cash Prize
Expense Paid Trip To The
2018 NC Lions State Convention
One Entry Per District; Deadline: Feb. 9, 2018

Open to high school juniors enrolled in a North Carolina public, private or charter school
GET READY!!!

MARK THOSE CALENDARS!!!

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

District 31-0 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.
The Greatest Leader is not necessarily to one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets The People to do the Greatest Things.—Ronald Reagan
As mentioned in December, Lion Denton Melvin of the Moncure Lions Club is now District 31-O’s Public and Information Technology Chair.

Lion Denton has done a wonderful job stepping in and taking on this challenge in getting information out into the district; however, he needs your help.

In order to make sure everyone is receiving emails and the Newsletter we need to be sure we have everyone’s correct email.

We would ask that each club please compile a list of email addresses for each of their members and submit that list to info@nclions31o.org.

Thank You.