Greetings 31-0 from Las Vegas!

I am so very excited and humbled to be serving as your District Governor for 2018-19. Right now, 742 District Governor Elects are gathered in Las Vegas, participating in training classes, sharing ideas, discussing challenges we will be facing and being inspired by many. Our new International President is so inspiring and down to earth. President Gungren hails from Iceland and, as you may know, is our first female President. Her talks are powerful and heartfelt. I am so honored to serve on her team.

This year, in our own 31-0, we have an amazing team, starting with all of you! Thank you all for your willingness to serve so many. I also want to thank those who stepped up to be club officers, Committee Chairs, and zone chairs. You know we cannot succeed and serve without each of you!

VDGs Paul Silverman, Paul Marth and I, along with Secretary/Treasurer Ron Kelly have worked together to make some changes for this coming Lions Year. Our directory will be online, with some copies printed, we have added PDG and Publicity Committees, decreased our Brighter Vision goal and changed the way District award nominations are submitted and awarded.

I look forward to seeing you soon on our Installation and Awards Dinner on July 21st!

Again, thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve as your District Governor. It is going to be a year of “Changing Lives with Kindness!”
International President Gudrun Yngvadottir along with her husband, Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson and our own glowing DG Susie Dailey.
FAREWELL FROM PDG KARL ERNST

Lions of “The Big O”:

The word ‘final’ means a lot of different things to a lot of people. To me, at this time, it means finality in my role as District Governor. And that is profound. Suffice it to say it has been an extreme honor to have served our District as your Governor. I have met and interacted with so many wonderful Lions and their families in the short time allowed to me. We started the year in the middle of a momentous challenge regarding our Foundation. We bore down and dug in to meet that challenge in a way that only dedicated Lions can make happen. Membership in our Organization has been, is, and always will be in the forefront of our everyday business of the District as well as our fellow Lions around the state. Many clubs have shown real success in gaining membership and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

As most of you are aware, we faced another extraordinary event in Greensboro when the tornado hit on April 15. The devastation that occurred was mind boggling. But again, with the assistance of LCIF in the form of a $10,000 grant, we met and overcame the challenge by providing much-needed supplies to the residents affected including food and water, blankets, cleaning supplies, and so much more. We stood shoulder to shoulder with distribution centers in the communities to help get what was needed to those who needed it. Our humble thanks go to ALL the Lions around the state who provided additional monies and supplies to assist in the effort. It has been 2 months now and the work continues to get people back in their homes. Remember – “Where there’s a need, there’s a Lion!”

We should also be proud of our work in support of the Brighter Visions Campaign. Lion John Owens’ message of June 15 told us that our district has achieved 81% of the its goal for contributions in 2017-2018. We still have a week left to pull the lint out of our wallets and pockets, find some money, and do some more to continue the magnificent work the Foundation does in our state. I also want to address some specific items regarding NCLI. We lost our Executive Director, Hillary Brodofsky, and our Development Director, Hannah Earnhart due to other opportunities in business. They will be missed. Meanwhile the ‘man of many coats’ Carlton Metts is standing in temporarily as Executive Director while the search for Hillary’s replacement continues. Please lend him all the support we can in the transitional period ahead. At this time the Development Director position is vacant and may be so for some time. On a happy note, we will be funding the Matching Funds program at $65,000 for the coming fiscal year 2018-2019.

I would be remiss if I did not say that some situations came up that were not best handled by me, particularly the newsletter. As your Governor, the fault is mine alone. My sincere apologies to all for this failure. To live and learn is a most valuable experience and I will carry it with me should I go forward in Lionism.

And finally, as Lions, be strong and diligent in your work. Always strive to achieve all that you can, the best that you can, when you can. To the incoming Council, do not forget that we Lions are all volunteers even as you are. Work together and achieve together as a Team, individually saying “I will, so that we can!” My gratitude to all the really great Lions who have provided guidance and support in my service to the District including PIP Lion Sid, PID Lion Harvey, ID Gwen, PDG John, PDG Sandy, PDG Randal, PCC Ron, PDG Lee, my fellow Council DG’s George, Steve, Curtiss, and Don along with CC Gary, VDG’s Susie and Paul, a multitude of other Lions around the state and elsewhere, and especially my wife, Barbara. THANKS!!

To all Lions of the ‘Big O’ and your families,

May God bless you and keep you; may His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; may He lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace, now and for all time.
Fellow Lions,

I am writing today as an introduction to the many friends in 31-O I have not yet met. I became a Lion in 1983 not because I was civically minded, but at the urging of my father, who had been a Lion at that point for over 30 years. His father was a long serving Rotarian so being part of the community by way of business contacts and civic outreach was part of my family legacy in Danville, VA. I was going to work for my dad so he wanted me to meet the other business people in the community. That was how I started, but after a few years, my career brought me to Durham and thus began my membership in the Durham Lions Club. There were over 125 members of the Durham club then. We have experienced the same kind of drop in membership as most of the clubs around the state. As members of our individual clubs in 31-O, we have a legacy to pass along; and the only way we can continue to serve is to urge not only our family members, but also our business and social contacts to join us in serving those less fortunate in our communities. I would love to see every Lion bring in at least one new member every three years. We could reverse this trend of membership loss and begin to grow again. Think about it. All the people you interact with over three years. Many of these folks are certainly potential Lions. I am sure one of them would be willing to serve. Please remember this old Chinese proverb, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." We all need to take this step.
Introducing our 2018-19 Zone Chairs

First of all, we want to thank all of our Zone Chairs who served last year. We appreciate your efforts and all your hard work. We are very fortunate to have Lions who asked to serve in Zone Chair positions and we are delighted to introduce them to you. All their information will be available in our new directory when it is distributed on August 4, 2018 at our Brighter Vision Kick Off and first Cabinet Meeting.

Please take the time to welcome your new Zone Chairs. They are well prepared following the training session, lead by our new GLT, PDG Randal Clapp.

Zone 1  Lion Rebecca Landon  Landon68@msn.com
Zone 2  Lion Frances Almond  fmalmond@carolina.rr.com
Zone 3  Lion Neal Watkins  ntwatkins28380@yahoo.com
Zone 4  Lion Eric Braun  ebraun@mcneilloilandpropane.com
Zone 5  Lion David Kennedy  davidtkennedy@yahoo.com
Zone 6  PDG Randal Clapp  randalclapp322@gmail.com
Zone 7  Lion Nick Brown  r nicholas@bellsouth.net
Zone 8  Lion Alisa McNeill  Alisasmithmcneill@gmail.com
Zone 9  Lion Frank Reid  wreid@triad.rr.com
Zone 10  Lion Lacy Petty  Lpetty739@gmail.com
Zone 11  Lion Sean Fenton  Sean.fenton@fuqua.duke.edu

Thank you for serving!

District 31-O
North Carolina
July 1 is a day of new beginnings for Lions. Every club is on equal footing. Every club has zero new members, zero contributions to Brighter Visions, zero service projects and no attainment of the District Governor’s Goals. The issue is where will YOUR club be on June 30, 2019. Will your club have increased membership, met or exceeded the individual contribution to Brighter Visions, made a difference in your community and met all of the District Governor’s goals?

Unfortunately, it is human nature to look at the past and to say the future will be the same. Perhaps last year your club did not achieve all or perhaps any of the above metrics. Let me encourage you. The future does not have to be like the past. I like the quote from Nido Qubein, President of High Point College. “Failure is not a destination; it’s merely a step along the journey. Every moment is an opportunity to learn and grow.” Let me encourage you not to accept failure but rather to use failure to learn and grow. Just because “We’ve never done it that way before” doesn’t mean that new ways of doing things won’t work. Be open to change.

I would challenge each Lion to ask themselves this question: “If every Lion was like me, would my club be a better or worse club than it presently is?” If it would be “worse”, what can you do this Lion’s year to change that? I can guarantee you that your new District Governor Susie Dailey will do everything within her power to help you achieve your club’s goals next year and Lion Paul Silverman and myself will assist in any way we can. Call on us. We (certainly I) do not have all the answers but we want the very best for your club and will help your club to achieve its goals. Let’s have a great year!
**Introducing our 2018-19 Committee Chairs**

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All contact information will be available in our 2018-19 District Directory.

*We are excited about our team!*
Lions of ‘The Big O’, With this Lions Year coming to a close, your DG Team is pleased to announce that we will be conducting the installation of the 2018-2019 District 31-O Cabinet including both Vice District Governors, Zone Chairs, and Committee Chairs. You are cordially invited to attend this event to witness your new Leadership Team being duly installed by Past International President Sid Scruggs. It will also be an opportunity to cheer them on as they begin their year(s) of service to our wonderful District. Please plan to attend. Following the installation we will be serving dinner. The cost for the dinner will be $10 per attendee. Payment options include sending a check along with your registration or payable at the door – cash or check only. The food will be provided by Smithfield BBQ and Chicken. See the requested sign-up information below. If you are planning to attend please fill out and return this sheet to Sec/Treas Ron Kelly – email or snail-mail – by June 30th at the latest. Once everyone has finished their meal, we will have the presentation of Awards to those Lions and Lions Clubs that have distinguished themselves throughout the 2017-2018 Lions Year as they served the people in need both in their communities and around the State. We hope to see lots of Lions on July 21st. Finally, from my heart, it has been a privilege AND an honor to have served all the Lions of District O. I have met a lot of new folks, learned a lot, and experienced so much love and kindness from you all. It has been “My pleasure”!

Karl Ernst District Governor, 2017-2018 OH YEAH!!

Meal Sign Up Information:
NAME

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CLUB

__________________________________________________________________

NUMBER IN PARTY _______________

Send to: S/T Ron – ronaldfkelly@gmail.com;
17 Beasly Drive, Pinehurst NC 28374
FIGHTING HUNGER AS ONLY “O” CAN!

It is a new Lion year and new challenges await us! Our clubs are strong, but our District is stronger, so that is why we are having a DISTRICT WIDE service project on Saturday, September 8, aimed at FIGHTING HUNGER.

We are asking every club in our District to plan a community event, focusing on hunger, advertise it and then tell us about it. The goal will be to bring attention to the problem of hunger in your community by involving your community in your project. Some ideas are: a food drive for your local food pantry, prepare a meal for a shelter, host a cereal Saturday at your local food market, invite backpack kids for lunch, and the ideas go on and on. Ask your friends and neighbors to help.

Please contact your local newspapers, advertise in church bulletins and let your entire community know that Lions care about FIGHTING HUNGER! Take pictures and we will put them our web site and in the newsletter.

Contact us if you have any questions. WE SERVE and WE FIGHT HUNGER.

Remember September 8….our first District 31-0 service project will be successful because of the POWER OF WE!!
Over 80% of the clubs in District 31-O have contributed to the Brighter Visions Annual Fund Drive during the 2017-2018 Lions year. Because of these clubs’ generosity, Camp Dogwood will offer another year of camping for the VIPs that we serve. Because of these clubs’ donations, more than 550 people have received eye exams and/or eye glasses. Because these clubs cared, over 220 people have received white canes. And those are the numbers for the counties of District 31-O only and only a portion of the services that were provided.

We are beginning an exciting new year of service for those in need. The Brighter Visions Annual Fund Drive is much more than dollars; it’s about lives and the quality of those lives. If you doubt that statement, contact one of the VIPs who has attended Camp Dogwood this summer or one of those young people who received eyeglasses that they could not afford.

District O’s Brighter Visions Kickoff will be held on Saturday, August 4 at the Durham Lions Club and all Lions are encouraged to attend. There we will learn which programs are funded through this drive, hear testimony from a VIP who has benefitted from the services Lions offer, and hear about the progressive steps being implemented at Camp Dogwood.

Each club will have the opportunity to make an initial contribution to the Brighter Vision Drive, creating some cash flow to keep the programs and services flowing to those we serve. Every donation – regardless of size – is needed to continue the service. Though what your club can donate may seem like only a “drop in the bucket” all those drops together will make an enormous difference.

Last year, PDG John Owens drove his little red corvette across the state at a dollar/mile. This year we are making drops that will fill Lake Norman!

I’m looking forward to seeing each of you at the Durham Lions Club on Saturday, August 4 at 1pm. We are off to a brighter start because you care.

Lion Laraine Dupree,
MD 31-O Brighter Visions Chair
Greetings to Lions of District 31-O,

We are eagerly looking forward to the 2018 – 2019 Lions year and anticipate many great opportunities for community and worldwide service. We encourage each of you to participate in service throughout the year. The District has already conducted the leadership training for the Zone Chairs and the District Committee Chairs. Both events were well attended. We have two more dates/locations scheduled for the Club Presidents/Vice Presidents and the Secretaries/Treasurers. Each location will have training opportunities for the Club Presidents/Vice Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers. Please make every effort to attend one of these dates.

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We look forward to your attendance at one of these opportunities and you can respond to us on which event you will be attending at:

**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.

PDG Lion Terrie Grooms

Just a quick note to let everyone know that the PO Box 39 address has been reactivated. Please make note of our address change. PO Box 39 Sherrills Ford NC 28673

CAMP DOGWOOD...

We need volunteers for weeks 4 (July 1-6) and Weeks 5 (July 8-13) Even if you can’t stay the night we welcome day volunteers also.

We also need clubs to help on Wednesdays at Cookout.
If you can help in any way please contact Keisha at 828-478-2135 ext 229 or 230

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!
FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA LIONS FOUNDATION!!

District O Focus

YOUR North Carolina Lions Foundation (also known as NCLF or NCLI) is moving ahead thanks to generous donations and hard work done by many Lions. District O’s PDGs Dale and Laraine Dupree were two of several Lions who gave their time to get the Camp ready for the Campers to arrive and to greet them when they arrived on June 10.

YOUR Camp provided excitement and an opportunity to make new friends. The staff at Camp Dogwood also worked hard to get the Camp ready for the campers to arrive. Leading the preparation was our amazing couple of Lions PDG Carlton and Ann Metts who are serving as Executive Directors.

What I saw that first day was filled with anticipation from the campers. I also saw dedicated staff and staff who knew it would be hard work but each one smiled as they met the challenges.

PDG Wayne Faber our 2018-2019 State Chairman of Camp Dogwood interacted with the VIPS as did several other Lions who were blessed to have time to listen to the campers’ initial experiences. Weather allowed for boat rides and our 2018 Camper experiences were building on years of a strong legacy of fun and caring for those WE SERVE.

North Carolina Blind Lion Bill Graham attended the first session of 2018 Camp Dogwood to deliver the 3D Printer objects and to hold a training session on how to use the Nearby Explorer way-finding app.

Lion Bill Graham in the Blind Lions Club in North Raleigh was quoted as saying, “This was a good start in making Camp Dogwood more accessible for all campers. We learned a lot and we hope to make some changes that will make Camp Dogwood one of the most accessible facilities in the US of A”.

FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA LIONS FOUNDATION!!
# District Governor Team Club Visitation Schedule

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MORE DATES TO COME!!

ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

And again.

What a ride!

What’s Happening in the “O” Zone
Hello from 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 you will serve dinner on Tuesday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Wednesday and breakfast on Thursday. If you would like a room please contact Camp prior to September 21st. Thanks so much for all you do. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Tammy Thomas
Food Service and Properties Manager
NC Lions, Inc.
828-478-2135 ext. 230

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**Durham** Lions Club celebrates their 96th anniversary this month!
This Club was chartered July 26, 1922. (The oldest Club in District-O is Albemarle, chartered April 21, 1922)

**McLeansville** Lions Club celebrates their 58th anniversary this month!
McLeansville was chartered July 29, 1960

**Question #1:** How many history books have been written about North Carolina Lions?
*Send me an email with the answer – jankelly3@gmail.com*

**Question #2:** What is the name of the newest Lions Club in District-O?
(Hint – find it in the 31-O directory)
*Send me an email with the answer – jankelly3@gmail.com*

Let’s see how many correct answers I receive –
(Answers in next month’s edition)

Jan Kelly - District 31-O Historian
Hey District 31O!

Let me introduce myself…….I’m your Global Service Team Chair for District 31O and I am super excited about this year!

As a Lion, our motto is WE SERVE and that we do! We – me and you – are one of 1.4+ million Lions around the world serving……and we are one of the most effective. Our members do whatever is needed to help their local communities. Everywhere we go we make new friends……with children who need eyeglasses….with seniors who don’t have enough to eat. And we’ll even impact people we may never meet!

We serve and we serve proudly!

So……MARK YOUR CALENDAR for SEPTEMBER 8, 2018
DAY OF SERVICE – FIGHTING HUNGER

What does this mean you ask? It means we would like each club OR zone to plan a service project on the 8th that focuses on hunger relief in your community.

And what if we just don’t know what to do you ask? Call me and we can get a project put together that suits YOUR club!

I’m here for YOU! Would love to hear about your ideas to fight hunger in our District and across North Carolina so call me…..text me…..email me and let me know what your club is going to do as WE SERVE!

Barbara Thompson
District 31O Global Service Team Chair - 336-339-6943 - lionbthompson@outlook.com

WE SERVE!
2017-18 was a Great Year to be a Waxhaw Lion

As the Waxhaw Club wrapped up a banner year, it was honored to have District Governor Elect Susie Dailey install its officers for 2018-19. DGE Susie’s remarks were poignant and personal as she shared her story for becoming a Lion (her Mother’s eyesight), her ascension to the office of District Governor (amazing), and what Lionism means to her (helping those in need).

In addition to installing officers, DGE Susie inducted new Lion Tedd Sheyda, sponsored by Dan Stuart, into the club. Lion Susie presented long-time Secretary Frank Hawfield a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship pin for his dedicated and loyal service to the Waxhaw Lions Club. Lion Becky Landon was recognized for her five years of exceptional leadership as President.

Upon review of its 2017-18 accomplishments the Waxhaw Club qualifies in all four areas for LCI’s prestigious Club Excellence Award. The club had a net gain in membership of four; its service projects included five KidSight Vision Screenings, a sports equipment drive for NC Boys and Girls Homes, sponsoring the Mobile Screening Unit, supporting Waxhaw Fright Night and Christmas Parade; and support of the VIP Christmas Dinner and VIP Fishing Tournament. In organizational excellence the club is in good standing with LCI, officers participated in district officer training; and to improve club operations it utilized LCI’s club improvement programs to initiate change in the style and place of meetings, introduced committee assignments and produced agendas prior to meetings. In the marketing and communication area, the Waxhaw Club initiated a Facebook page where all activities are publicized, along with ties to other social media to get the word out that “It’s Great to be a Waxhaw Lion!”

The Southern Most Lions Club (Waxhaw) in North Carolina District 31-O is grateful for District Governor Elect Susie’s visit, and look forward with anticipation to being a part of District 31-O in 2018-19 because of Lion Susie’s enthusiasm for all things LION!

DGE Susie Dailey, inducts new Waxhaw Lion, Ted Sheyda, sponsored by PCC Dan Stuart

Waxhaw Officers installed by DGE Susie Dailey

Secretary Frankl Hawfield receives Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow Pin from DGE Susie.

Waxhaw Lion Becky Landon recognized for 5 years of exceptional service as President.
NEED PUBLICITY? THEN MEET DR. COY....

Hi, I’m here to introduce myself to those of you who may not have met me. I’m Dr. Coy Rahman and everyone calls me Dr Coy. I joined the Lions in 1988 in Alexandria, VA, and was President for the Alexandria Club 1990-91. In 2007, I was a Zone Chair in WV. At that time I started taking pictures at many of the Lions functions and became the Official Photographer for WV Lions MD 29.

In 2013 my wife, Lion Clara Weston, and I moved to Reidsville, NC and transferred our Lions membership to the Reidsville Lions Club, where I’m the Chair both for collecting eye-glasses and administering the program to provide eye exams and eye glasses for people in Reidsville who need this service.

Thought I might be of some help here in District 31-O, so asked what I could do. DGE Susan Dailey thought I would be the person for the new position of “Publicity Chair” for the District.

I will try to make myself and my camera available for all Lion events to be published in your local newspaper to promote the Lions and show all the things that Lions do within the local community. Therefore, PLEASE inform me of any Lions function that your Club may be doing. Try to give me as much notice as possible so that I can be there to take pictures and get them to your newspaper and Newsletter with a small blurb, as to Who, What, Why, When and Where.

I look forward to working with all of the Lions Clubs within District 31-O. Please contact me via phone 336-637-4021 where you can leave a message or (Cell) 703-409-1426. I do NOT text! You can also e-mail me at coy.rahman1@att.net.