Thanksgiving time is here. Looking back over the past four months, there is so much to be thankful for in District 31-0. Our district is strong and thriving and that is all because of you! Slowly, our membership is growing. Our service hours and increasing and there are new service projects popping up all over. We are working more efficiently, by combining fundraising with service projects. We are volunteering outside of our district at Camp Dogwood and the VIP Fishing Tournament. We are helping our neighboring districts who suffered such devastation from hurricanes Florence and Michael. Thank you for all that you are doing. I am so thankful for each of you!

We must also remember to be very thankful for LCIF, Lions Clubs International Foundation. Many of us may have wondered why we need to donate to LCIF or how does LCIF impact our state. The facts are staggering!! Over the past year, the Lions of North Carolina have received $230,000 in grants from LCIF, $100,000 matching grant for Camp Dogwood improvements, $100,000 catastrophic disaster grant because of hurricane Florence and three emergency disaster grants of $10,000 each. Two of those $10,000 came directly to District 31-0 for the tornado in April and hurricanes Florence and Michael. Our Lions in 31-0 were able to assist thousands of our community members because of these grants. We provided food pantries, shelters and community organization with food for hundreds of families. We supplied emergency supplies, blankets, water, cleaning supplies and clothing to our neighbors who lost everything. We did this for counties throughout our district. We KNOW what LCIF does and how their grants enable us to serve. Seeing, first hand, what LCIF has made possible in my own area, makes me realize that it is time for me to give back to LCIF.

During this time of year, giving is on our mind. LCIF gives where needed, all year long. Please consider making a donation to LCIF, in any amount you can. 100% of your donations go to the support of their grants and programs. Making a donation is easy.....visit lionsclubs.org and click donate. Help LCIF continue with their mission!

Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

DG Susie
TIME WITH SID...

The Grand Finale of “A Conversation with Sid”
“Lions, Leos, and Lessons Learned” by Rebekah King Sykes

Family? Married for 48 years, Judy and Sid have 4 children, 17 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. Our children live in the four corners: Georgia, New Hampshire, California, and Washington State.

Favorite things about Moore County? The golf. Judy and I play all over.

Favorite restaurant? We eat out so much in our travels, that our favorite restaurant is home. On Sundays, we enjoy the Sunday breakfast buffet at the Pinecrest Inn.

Hobbies or Interests? In New Hampshire, we had an antique business when we were restoring our home on the national registry built in 1804. Now we love to read and play golf; I enjoy historical fiction and mysteries.

Greatest life lesson learned? Over the 79 years, I’ve learned to live life so that at the end of the day I can say, “No regrets, no excuses.” That I’ve done the best I could that day.

Advice for young people? Plan ahead. Look into the future and ask what’s going to happen. Have I always done that? No. But I went to military prep school on a football scholarship from Chattanooga. From there, I went to the Naval Academy and learned to fly. Did I fly because I was looking forward to an airline career? No. I flew because I loved to fly. My dad told me to do something I loved, and I would never work a day in my life.

I’ve been very fortunate. I received the Order of the Longleaf Pine for my work with Lions. I’m in the NC Lions Hall of Fame. I’ve worked with the US Blind Golfers as a certified coach to teach blind people to play golf. I’m in the US Blind Golfer’s Hall of Fame as a blind golfer coach.

There have been so many opportunities; I think you just have to take advantage of every opportunity that comes along. Young people should ask, What’s the End Game?

Favorite Plane? Military: The single seater sky raider. My favorite was the AD, the Aviation Douglas. Commercial: Boeing 747; I logged hundreds of hours on that.

Most beautiful place you’ve visited? My wife would say Norway. I would choose the Highlands in Scotland, probably of my Scottish heritage. The New England coastline is also beautiful.

What do you wish you would have known starting off? I don’t know that I would have done anything differently, but maybe I would have done it in a different way.

I’ve been involved in so much. With the airlines, one of the good things was that when I was gone, I was really gone—out of the country. However on my days off, I was home. Sometimes I’d be the only father at a school play or soccer game.

Being a super A personality, I wish I had learned to relax a little bit more. Things don’t always have to be done today; some of it can wait. It’s like one guy said, “If I knew I was going to live this long, than I would have taken better care of myself.”

I’ve been very fortunate because Judy and I have been able to spend a lot of time traveling the world several times around.

Life is choices. When you make those choices, you don’t always project far enough ahead. When we were traveling, there were often times when I had made a commitment to be out of the country, and I would miss a high school graduation. I was out saving the world, but Judy was there. Of course, when I was in the military, I had no choice. When you have two sea duties back to back, and your second daughter is born two weeks after you leave, and you don’t see her until she’s almost a year old—it’s tough. Since I had a wife and three kids, I chose to not make a career of the military. However, Vietnam was a different era than today.
“Leadership is not optional; it is essential. It is essential for motivation and direction. It is the one ingredient essential for success of any institution or organization. Take away leadership and it isn’t long before confusion replaces vision. Employees or volunteers who once dedicated themselves to their tasks begin to drift. Enthusiasm fades, productivity lessens, and finally the whole operation grinds to a halt.” These are some of the opening thoughts by Charles Swindoll’s in his dissertation on Leadership The Essential Element.

As indicated by the decreasing number of Lions and Lions Club throughout North Carolina, it is apparent there is a problem. Is community service no longer a relevant issue? Have we become a society that only thinks of one’s self? Has apathy set in?

Where are the leaders? Why are we lacking leaders? Have we put administrative obstacles in the path of potential leaders? These are questions that must have answers if Lionism in North Carolina is going to grow.

Members and leaders are drawn to any organization based upon the group’s perceived image or its perceived value. From the very beginning Lions have been known throughout the world by our motto “We Serve”. With the importance and the value of service, why is there a problem with expansion or retention of our membership? The common trait of commitment and a willingness to help others has always been a motivational value of belonging to any service organization. Additional motivation is common fellowship with like minded individuals to be involved in something of true value. Meaningful involvement coupled with leadership opportunities will produce leaders.

The questions we face are: 1) are we involving our members in meaningful service, and 2) are we training our members for effective leadership? Have we trained all the potential leaders, or have we not invited potential leaders to join our clubs?

There several excuses for members not accepting leadership roles outside the club level: 1) a lack of time, 2) over involvement, 3) organizational procedures, and 4) expenses. When an individual says, “I don’t have the time”, is he or she saying that they are a poor time manager or saying they don’t have time to get involved with our organization?

Are you willing to take time to make a difference? Will you be that one member who is willing to make a difference and invite someone else to help you make a difference?
We are very excited about the 4th Mid Winter convention for district 31-O. An experienced committee of your fellow lions have been working very hard to put together a fun and rewarding weekend on January 25th and 26th at the Airport Marriott in Greenboro. Here are some of the highlights we all can look forward to.

Our special guest for the event is International Director Geoffrey Wade from Port St. Lucie, Florida. Director Wade started his two year term on July 1st of this year and is continuing a distinguished record of service in Lionism that began as a charter member of the Port St. Lucie West Lions Club in 1995. He is a Past President of the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind and a Vice President of the Florida Lions Eye Bank. He and his wife Nancy, also a Lion, have two daughters, four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

We have a second guest from International. PDG Debbie Cantrell from Lebanon Missouri is the New Voices Constitutional Area Speaker who will make a presentation during our Saturday afternoon breakout sessions about this new initiative from our International President Gudrun. New Voices celebrates women’s contributions in Service, Membership, Leadership and Marketing with the goal of closing the gender gap in Leadership. In 2016, PDG Debbie spoke at Lions Day at the United Nations Round Table regarding equality and empowerment of women and girls. She has a powerful story and a timely message for the Lions of 31-O.

Friday night Fun Night will feature a silent auction and entertainment from a local DJ who will play everyone’s favorites from the 50’s, 60’s and 70’s. Saturday morning’s Tail Twister Breakfast will feature a Storyteller who will weave a tale of wonderment for all to enjoy.
4th Annual District 31-O Lions Mid-Winter Convention
Registration Form

CHANGING LIVES WITH KINDNESS
Greensboro High Point Marriott Airport, Greensboro, NC
January 25-26, 2019

Friday – January 25
Family Fun Night (Food and Entertainment) .................................................. 6:30PM - 9:00PM

Saturday – January 26
Tail Twisters Breakfast (meal served from 8:00AM - 8:45AM) ....................... 8:00AM/Entertainment to Follow
Hospitality Room Open for Lunch
Seminars, Delegate Certification, District Cabinet Meeting ........................................ Times to be announced
International Guest PDG Debbie Cantrell will present "New Voices" program
District Governor Bancroft [Lions and Guests] ..................................... ID Geoffrey Wade, Keynote Speaker ........ 6:30PM - 8:00PM

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Make room reservations directly with the hotel:
Call (888 652 0450 or 800 328 9020) and ask for NC Lions 31-O Mid-Winter Convention.
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Book your group rate for NC Lions District 31-O Mid-Winter Convention.

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Wow! Much has transpired since I drafted my October newsletter article. Two hurricanes, lots of flooding, trees down everywhere and power outages affected much of the District with at least one club building under lots of water.

I am thankful that no Lions in the District lost their lives during the storm. On a personal level I am thankful for the Lion couple who let my wife and I use their shower after we had gone three days without power and water. Never had a shower felt so good! I am thankful that the District 31 cabinet allocated $2500 to assist the Moncure club in its flood cleanup efforts and $500 to the Boys and Girls Home which also suffered from extensive flooding. I am thankful for a District Governor who promptly filed for a $10,000 Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) emergency grant which is helping to meet needs across the district.

I am also thankful to be part of an organization that has been meeting needs throughout the world over the last 50 years. LCIF has invested over one billion dollars for disaster relief, millions of vaccinations for measles, nearly 10 million cataract surgeries, eye research, etc. Our District has been the recipient of two $10,000 emergency grants in 2018. This money, of course, just doesn’t appear when needs arise. Those who came before us gave so we could be the beneficiary of these grants. On July 1, 2018 the Foundation kicked off a capital campaign. The goal, over the next three years, is to add $300 million dollars to the endowment so we can do even more in the future. Three hundred million dollars sounds like a lot of money and there are only a few people in the world who could write a check for that amount. But, how does $2 a week sound for the next three years. Could you afford that? Would you be willing to give $2 a week, $104 for one year or $312 over three years? Many can give more but virtually all Lions can afford $2 per week. Contribution forms are available in the recent Lions magazine or on-line. Please help so that monies will be available to continue to show the world Lions care.
World Diabetes Day (WDD) was created in 1991 by IDF and the World Health Organization in response to growing concerns about the escalating health threat posed by diabetes. World Diabetes Day became an official United Nations Day in 2006 with the passage of United Nation Resolution 61/225. It is marked every year on 14 November, the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922.

WDD is the world’s largest diabetes awareness campaign reaching a global audience of over 1 billion people in more than 160 countries. The campaign draws attention to issues of paramount importance to the diabetes world and keeps diabetes firmly in the public and political spotlight.

The World Diabetes Day campaign aims to:

- Be the platform to promote IDF advocacy efforts throughout the year.
- Be the global driver to promote the importance of taking coordinated and concerted actions to confront diabetes as a critical global health issue.

The campaign is represented by a blue circle logo that was adopted in 2007 after the passage of the UN Resolution on diabetes. The blue circle is the global symbol for diabetes awareness. It signifies the unity of the global diabetes community in response to the diabetes epidemic.

Every year, the World Diabetes Day campaign focuses on a dedicated theme that runs for one or more years. The theme for World Diabetes Day 2018-19 is Family and Diabetes.
INDIAN LAND HIGH SCHOOL AND WAXHAW LIONS TEAM UP TO CHANGE LIVES, ONE PAIR AT A TIME!

Two local women never expected the overwhelming donation of used eyeglasses, hearing aids, and ink cartridges when they initially exchanged an email in mid-August. Pam Houge, president of the Indian Land High School Parent Teacher Student Organization (ILHS PTSO), was looking for a service project that would encourage volunteerism among the students of the ILHS Yearbook Club when she noticed that the Waxhaw Lions were soliciting used eyeglass donations on social media. She contacted the Lions’ publicity chair, Susan O’Brien, and the wheels were set in motion.

Susan quickly designed a promotional flyer with Pam’s help and provided donation boxes printed with the Lions Club International logo and contact information. The ILHS PTSO printed flyers for the students to distribute around the community, and four boxes were strategically placed at the school and local businesses, including Popcorn Heaven and Murdock Orthodontics. The project ran from September through October, and by the time it was over more than 125 pairs of glasses were collected along with 4 high-quality hearing aids. The items will be sorted by the Lions volunteers in Sherrills Ford NC, then shipped to an approved recycling facility where they will be categorized, inventoried, and shipped at no cost to individuals in the U.S. and throughout the world who would otherwise have no means to afford glasses or hearing aids. Inkjet cartridges that were also collected as part of the project will provide funds that support Camp Dogwood, a rustic vacation spot near Lake Norman designed exclusively for vision impaired people.

ILHS PTSO is dedicated to the development and success of the students and the support of teachers and staff at Indian Land High School. The goals of the organization are to foster a sense of community, facilitate communication, encourage volunteerism, provide resources and advocate for the needs of the ILHS community.

Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest service organization with more than 1.4 million members in 200 countries across the globe. 100% of funds raised by Lions Clubs are used to benefit charities and local community programs, including KidSight™ screening. If you are looking for a way to help our community while enjoying great comradery with like-minded individuals, email us at waxhaw.lion@gmail.com to learn more.
I am sure that there are many of you, like me, that find November and December to be busy months to get everything done before the holiday season and the end of the year. The year has gone too quickly.

This has been a year full of so many blessings. Everywhere we have gone we have seen lives changed and new hope on the faces of those whose lives you have touched.

As we approach the end of the year, Judy and I want to express to each of you our sincere appreciation for your friendship, your love, and your faithfulness in serving those in need. It is an honor to serve beside you. Truly you have answered the call to be a Beacon of Hope and look for new horizons of service.

May the words of this song, remind us of our commitment to be found faithful as Lions.

“After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone,
And those who sift through all we’ve left behind;
May the clues they discover and the memories they uncover
Become the light that leads them… [in a life of service].

Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful;
May the fire of our devotion light their way.
May the footprints that we leave, lead them to believe
And the lives we live inspire them [in service] to obey.
Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful.”

Have a blessed holiday season!
“Lions in the USA already screen over a million kids per year though state-wide and local programs often known as “KidSight.” Lions KidSight USA is a national coalition that brings together Lions program that screen preschool and school age kids, concentrating on children from 6 months to 6 years of age in order to create a coordinated national program.

Our mission is to ensure eye screening and follow-up care is given to all kids because every child deserves to learn and see the world clearly. To do this, we will work with Lions to increase the number of screening programs around the country in order to reach more children when it is possible and where it is needed.”

“KidSight USA now has a Screening Data Management System for reporting screening results. I have been appointed by the Council of Governors as the Statewide Coordinator. I will also serve as the coordinator for District O. After I reported my appointment to KidSight, I was given a password to the data base. Each District will appoint a coordinator and each club using a screener will appoint one Lion to report the results. The Club reporter will have access to only the club data and the District Coordinator will have access to all clubs in the district. Each District Coordinator and each Club Reporter will be given a password to gain access to the data base. You may change your password after logging into the system. I have to submit each District Coordinator and Club Reporter.

I need their name, club and email address.

If you are that Lion, please email me your name and E-mail address at dipcc2@aol.com.

Thanks!

Diane Whitley, Multiple District Chairperson
Zone 3 Report:

Laurel Hill: They are finishing their Calendar fund raiser. They have participated in zone efforts. They have invited folks to join from the Laurinburg area. No results yet.

Hamlet Lions: Just finished their big fund raiser, the County Fair. They lost two and a half days due to bad weather, but they did not go in the red. They had their Fair volunteer supper this week.

Ellerbe Lions: They had a short Lawn Mower race season. They are involved with helping with eye exams and glasses.

Rockingham Lions: I will refer to Lion Trudy’s report. We have alot going on in December.

We will have our zone 3 party on Monday December 3rd. at the Rockingham Lions Club. Starts at 6:30, supper at 7pm. $10.00 per person. You are welcome to join us.

HELPING THOSE WHO WERE IMPACTED BY RECENT HURRICANE FLORENCE AND MICHAEL.

When you help other people, you help yourself. It’s impossible to not feel great when you do good for other people.
PDG Lee Harvey of the Siler City Lions Club celebrates 50 years as a Lion!

PDG Lee is a Melvin Jones Fellow, Jack Stickley Fellow, William L. Woolard “Partner in Service” Fellow and a Sid L. Scruggs III “Beacon of Hope” Fellow. PDG Lee has been a Lion since 1968. During his 50 years of service, he has held all local club offices except Tail Twister and chaired many committees. PDG Lee has participated in the charted of several Lions clubs and a Leo club at Jordan Matthews High School. Currently he serves as Secretary/Treasurer of his club and has for 35 years. PDG Lee has received numerous awards during his service as a Lion including the International President’s Award. He has received the Club Lion of the Year Award from NC Lions Foundation.

PDG Lee is a graduate of UNC (let’s not hold that against him) and Central Carolina Community College. He also attended NCSU (that is more like it) and High Point University. He is a member of Who’s Who Among College Graduates. PDG Lee is a retired Instructor of Business Computer Programming at Central Carolina Community College.

PDG Lee is a member of the Methodist Church and has held many positions on church committees and taught Sunday School.

He and his lovely wife, Beulah, have 2 children, 4 grandsons, 2 great-grandsons and 1 great-granddaughter.

PDG Lee was one of the first Lions that I met when PDG Randal started his journey to District Governor. He was always welcoming, encouraging and willing to help Randal and myself in anyway he could. He has not only been a blessing to us but I can say with confidence that he has been a huge blessing to many Lions, his family and friends. Always willing to serve, I feel he will forever be the kind of Lion we all want to strive to be like.

God Bless you PDG Lee Harvey!
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

NEED TO GET INFORMATION OUT TO DISTRICT O LIONS???
PUT IT IN THE NEWSLETTER! CONTACT:
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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!
REPORTING FROM ZONE 4!

Raeford-Hoke Lions have requested and received a donation from Mountaire Farms in Raeford of ten chickens to give out in baskets of food to Hoke County Social Services for those that need it for Thanksgiving. They had a successful pancake breakfast fund-raiser in October.

Aberdeen Lions continue their flag project/fundraiser, putting out flag for Election Day and Veteran’s Day in November. They had a successful Low Country Shrimp Boil fund-raiser in October, earning over $2,000.

Pinebluff Lions continue their food pantry monthly. They had another successful BBQ plate sale in October. They are dealing with problems in their clubhouse. They are in need of a 40-60 gallon propane hot water heater.

Vass Lions are don’t have much planned in November Their Board Meeting is on November 13 at 4:30 and their Regular Meeting is on November 15 at 6:30 at Valenti’s.

The Wadesboro Lions Club is actively arranging the delivery of 18 food boxes to families for Thanksgiving, and the delivery of 30 food boxes at Christmas.

The club will participate in the annual Wadesboro Christmas Parade on December 1, and we will have our annual VIP Christmas Party on December 8. We are expecting 40-45 participants.

The club decided to cancel the Diabetic Walk for this year due to time restraints but will hold the event in 2019.

We are working on increasing out membership and will invite some potential members to the Christmas meal.

We sponsored two VIPs to the fishing tournament and two of our members were volunteers.
Rockingham Lions displayed 52 American flags alongside Hwy 74 East in Rockingham to celebrate Columbus Day in early October. JROTC Cadets and leaders from Richmond Senior High School are assisting the Lions in both the display and the removal of the flags. Flags will go up again on November 8th in preparation for Veterans Day.

An Annual Auction and BBQ Supper on Saturday, October 6th, in our clubhouse. $2272.00 was raised to help with service projects.

Rockingham Lions reviewed vision issues with 8 individuals in October. 3 pairs of glasses and 1 exam have been purchased.

Rockingham Lions have reserved the N. C. Vision Van for the December 1st "Christmas on the Square" in downtown Rockingham. Lions will assist with the vision and hearing tests. We will sell fresh shelled pecans ($11 per lb.) and chocolate covered pecans ($12 per lb.) as a fundraiser. We will give away sunglasses and cases for eyeglasses. We will sell a few small items left from the auction.

On December 3rd, Rockingham Lions will host the Annual Christmas Party for Zone 3 of District 31-O at our clubhouse. This includes Lions from Ellerbe, Hamlet, and Laurel Hill.

On December 10th, Rockingham Lions will sponsor the Annual VIP Christmas Luncheon at our clubhouse. VIP and guests will be treated to a traditional holiday meal and musical entertainment. "Santa" will make a visit and bags of fruit, canned goods, bread, snacks, and paper products will be distributed.
Lions members in Zone 1 are busy with fall fundraisers and service projects. Greater Monroe Lions are selling pecans again this year and will hold their annual Toys for Tots Bingo on November 6th. The price of admission is one unwrapped toy. I have enjoyed playing Bingo the last couple of years and look forward to some of Lion Harvey's spiced pecans on the snack table.

Wingate Lions will hold their annual Fall Spaghetti Dinner on November 9th.

The Unionville Lions Club will be hosting their annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner on the 12th of November. Their club will provide grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, sides and dessert. There will also be entertainment and door prize raffles for attendees. The Piedmont Leo Club will help serve. Then, on November 22nd, they will hold their annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Shoot from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Gun raffle tickets are $1 each. Participants can also target shoot to win hams and turkeys as well as feast on country ham biscuits, coffee, hot chocolate, hots dogs and soda being sold during the event.

Indian Trail Lions Club Turkey Shoot started in October and will run through Thanksgiving. This is an annual fundraising project for them. They are also doing their first solo KidSight Screening at the United Methodist Church Day School in Stallings in October.

Waxhaw Lions Club held their 2nd Annual Potato Bake in October during Waxhaw’s Autumn Treasures Festival. In September, they performed a three day KidSight Screening at Union County’s Head Start School screening 162 children; 120 children passed but 42 children were referred to an eye doctor for further examination. They also did a KidSight Screening in the First Annual Hispanic Heritage Event in Monroe at the Union County Department of Social Services. In October, the second annual KidSight Screening was held at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church for the AWANAS Club. Waxhaw will have the Mobile Screening Unit at CMS hospital on Providence Road on Saturday, the 10th of November. They will also use the Community Room in the hospital the same day to do a KidSight Screening for the general public.

Zone 1 is hosting the Annual VIP Christmas Dinner at Monroe Country Club on Tuesday, December 4, 2018. A special turkey dinner will be provided, catered by Sun Valley Cafe, There will be entertainment and a special visit by Santa who will pass out Christmas Stockings filled with goodies to the VIPs in attendance. The Piedmont Leo Club will serve the meal, greet guests and help set up the room.
STATE OF THE DISTRICT
BRIGHTER VISIONS

District 31-O is responding well to funding the Brighter Visions Annual Fund Drive. As of October 19, 2018, the district has contributed 26% of its goal. Clubs were generous at the kickoff in early August, contributing over $13,000.00. Our current contribution is $33,446.46 with 17 clubs participating.

A letter of appreciation has been prepared for Rosa Folks of Across the Tracks Framing in Burlington, NC, who donated the framing of the Bob Timberlake print “Mountain Flurries”. The professional framing is valued at $300.00 plus. The framed print measures 38.5 inches by 24 inches and is valued at approximately $500.00.

Raffle tickets have been distributed to many of the zone chairs. Tickets are $5.00 each or 5 for $20.00. The drawing will take place at Camp Dogwood on June 20, 2019 during summer camp. Checks should be made out to the local Lions club which will then prepare a check to NCLI. The check and ticket stubs should be mailed to Laraine Dupree to be forwarded to NCLI. Each club will receive Brighter Vision credit for all tickets sold.

Thank you to each club that is contributing to the Brighter Visions Annual Fund which funds the programs of Camp Dogwood, the mobile screening unit, matching funds, mobility canes, education grants, the Deaf-Blind Retreat. A small donation from this fund is forwarded to the VIP Fishing Tournament to help with that program.

I would be honored to visit your club to refresh your members about the programs that are dependent upon Brighter Vision funding. I can also bring the print for your members to see.

Laraine Dupree
Brighter Visions Chair, District 31-O
NEWS FROM MCLEANSVILLE LIONS!

On Saturday, October 6th, the Pride of McLeansville held their annual Lion James Delbert Phillips Tractor Show. It was a great success! Our new Lions and "old" Lions all participated. We welcomed six new members in July...NC House Representative Jon Hardister, Victoria Clapp, Sharon and Mark Robertson and their children, Daniel and Hannah. We are very proud that they have joined McLeansville. At our Tractor Show, we had plenty of food, fun to be had by our community kids including bobbing for apples, games, a huge bouncy slide and hay ride (the tractor itself was run by our PDG Randal Clapp!). There was plenty of music and laughter as well. And raffle prizes...oodles of raffle prizes. If you didn’t make it by this year, plan on seeing us next year! The first Saturday in October is always slated for our annual tractor show.

Below, PDG Randal gives his parade wave...

Guess who is in the Lion suit???
Don’t ask me. I would never tell that is was PDG Terrie Grooms
Brighter Visions
Fund Raiser
Available
NOW!!!!

Framed
Bob Timberlake Print
“Mountain Flurries”
Finished size: 38 ½” x 24”
Estimated value $500.00

Raffle tickets
$5.00 each
Or
5 for $20.00

Contact your zone chair for tickets
Now that we are at the beginning of the holiday season, our clubs are planning for the remainder of the year.

Oakboro has recently donated 70# of food to the Stanly Community Christian Ministries. They also will be working with the community on the annual Christmas parade. They traditionally raise funds by selling luminaries for the parade.

West Stanly has conducted Mobile Screening Unit days at the Locust Elementary School and is scheduled for Stanfield School on November 16th. Additionally, West Stanly will again participate in the Stanfield School Fall Festival with a broom sale. Last year, we raised right about $1,000 on this day and one half event. Three members participated in the Eye Glass Sorting activity at Camp Dogwood and found that project to be very enlightening. All those eyeglasses in one room!! The 2 groups we worked with “touched” over 13,300 pairs of glasses.

The annual Locust Christmas Parade will go on this year without the sponsorship of the West Stanly Lions Club. The Locust Lions Club started the parade many years ago and West Stanly had continued the parade since our merger of the Locust & Stanfield Clubs in 2011. Last year, we worked with the city of Locust to arrange for them to take over the parade beginning this year. This event has been a major awareness factor for the original clubs of Locust and Stanfield and continues as such for the merged “West Stanly” group.

Albemarle Club has placed flags in the community for approximately 8 holidays so far this year. They also held their Summer VIP party and fed about 60 VIP’s. They will be scheduling their winter VIP meal in the next few weeks.

I do not have any current information on Norwood, but will be visiting them in November. Also will be visiting Oakboro on November 20th and Albemarle on November 7th.

I continue to try and keep the clubs up to date on District activities and will reach out to them for items for the Brighter Visions Boutique at the Mid-Winter Convention.

Frances Almond
Zone 2 Chairperson
November 1st, 2018  Eastern Guilford Leo Club Report

The members of the Eastern Guilford Leo Club have continued to perform a service project during this season’s home varsity football games. Leo members clean up the stadium of all trash at the conclusion of the game. The club members assisted with children games for the Annual James Delbert Phillips Tractor Show at the McLeansville Lions Club. Upcoming events for the Eastern Leo’s include helping with the November and December Brunswick Stew events at McLeansville and assisting Bethel Presbyterian Church with their Fall BBQ.

Submitted by
Randal Clapp
Co Advisor for Eastern Leo Club

GO WILDCATS!

COOKIES WITH SANTA!

The McLeansville Lions Club has a new project this Christmas! On Saturday, December 8th from 5:00-8:00 PM, Santa Claus himself will visit our club along with Mrs. Claus. The club will have a spread of all sorts of cookies and milk (chocolate milk too)! Kids will have the opportunity to write him a letter, enjoy cookies and milk and sit on his lap to tell him what they are dreaming of this year! Please bring your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren to enjoy this first time event. We welcome one and all! Come celebrate Christmas the ways the McLeansville Lions do it! Look forward to seeing you there! For more information, contact Lion Jennifer Clapp at 336-289-3170.
North Carolina Lions, Inc. has several opportunities for individuals and/or clubs to recognize fellow Lions or community members who have supported our Lions Clubs’ goals and objectives. They are:

- NCLI Ambassador
- Jack Stickley Fellowship
- William L. Woolard Partner-In-Service Fellowship
- Sid L. Scruggs, III Beacon of Hope Fellowship.

The NCLI Ambassador is the newest funding category and has been created to assist in funding programs and services of NCLI. It is a progressive recognition with 5 levels. The first donation level is $500 and 4 installments of no less than $250 may be made toward a Progressive NCLI Ambassador. Installment payments must be completed in no less than two years from the date of the first installment. This recognition is available to everyone and may be purchased by individuals, clubs or family members. All NCLI Ambassador funds will be placed in a non-restricted account and will be a major source for funding NCLI services and programs.

The oldest and best known of these is the Jack Stickley Fellowship. This Fellowship requires a donation of $500 and this money goes to an endowment and only the interest can be used to defray the administrative expenses of NCLI. The Stickley Fellowship is not being recommended because it is an endowment and only a small percentage of the money can be used.

The William L. Woolard Partner-In-Service Fellowship requires a $100 entry level donation. There are six more donation levels requiring $200 or $250 for each level or a total donation of $1,500. 25% of these donations go to NCLI and the rest to an endowment.

The Sid L. Scruggs, III Beacon of Hope Fellowship has 5 levels of participation. Each level requires a donation of $200, bringing the total donation to all levels to $1,000. All of this money is earmarked to support the programs and services of Camp Dogwood. Because of this, it is recommended by NCLI as an immediate source of usable income.

There are two other ways to recognize others while helping NCLI. These are Honorariums and Memorials which can be given in any amount at any time. Honorariums can be given to anyone, including those who support your club or the Lions’ mission. Consider a donation instead of a gift for birthdays or other special occasions or in recognition of those folks who present programs at your club meetings. Memorials are self-explanatory. Both of these donation categories can be given in any amount and can be designated as part of your club’s Brighter Visions goal.

Go to www.nclionsinc.org for further information or to download the forms.

Submitted by PDG Bob and Lion Harriett Walton

Co-Chairs, NCLI Fellowships and Partners Committee
CALLING ALL VIPS...

CAMP DOGWOOD WOULD LIKE TO HOST A SILENT AUCTION FEATURING ITEMS DONATED BY OUR VIPS. MONIES RAISED WILL BE USED TO FURNISH THE REC ROOM. IF YOU HAVE ITEMS YOU HAVE MADE AND WOULD LIKE TO DONATE, CONTACT TAMMY AT 828-478-2135 EXT. 232 FOR MORE INFORMATION.