November—December 2017

A Message from our

District Governor Karl Ernst
Siler City Lions Club

Lions of the ‘Big O’,

Here we are in the Holiday Season, the Lionistic Year is half gone already, and everybody’s re-writing their New Year’s resolution to lose weight.....again. Such a wonderful time of the year, isn’t it? For most of us, indeed, we are blessed. We have our families, our lives, our sight, our hearing, our health, and so much more. We also have the knowledge that there are so many others, both here and around the world, that do not share in these most wonderful blessings. They do not see the beautiful lights nor hear the joyful noises of the Season, they cannot dance in celebration of the Gift that was given having lost limbs to that insidious disease known as diabetes. The list goes on...

As Lions, we stand tall in the middle of the fight to overcome these afflictions that cause so much pain and anguish in people’s lives. We have committed ourselves to working as best we can to help those who suffer, to make their lives better, to let them know they are not alone. We have just begun our second century of this quest and we shall continue it as long as we are able. It has been said, so many times and in so many ways, no greater love has anyone than to give their life for another. So true! However, the ‘giving of one’s life’ does not only mean dying for another, in my mind. It should also include dedicating one’s life to serving others, to making the human condition better for all, acts which require Life, strength, and a willingness to persevere in all Lions. Our Organization must, once again, be strong and vibrant to sustain us in our quest. We must be visible, we must be vocal, we must be pro-active. We can no longer be ‘the best-kept secret in the world’. Even as

Important Dates

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the numbers of the people we serve continue to grow, so must we grow to be able to meet that challenge. The ‘Individuals’, as Lion Sid defined the ‘I’ in L I O N S, the I’s in our Team must continue to stand and say “I will, so that WE Can”.

Two unalterable facts – Where there’s a will, there is a way. Where there’s a need, there is WE, a Lion!

We surely know who and what We are.

We are the Lions!
WE SERVE!

A safe, joyful, and Merry Christmas plus the Happiest of New Years!!

Please remember the “Reason for the Season”

District Governor Karl Ernst

“The Harvest is Plentiful”
District Governor’s
2017-2018 Monetary Goals

Boys & Girls Home $  2.00
Clinical Eye Research $  2.00
LCIF $  2.00
Jack Stickley Fellowship $  2.00
William L Woolard Partner in Service $  2.00
Sid L Scruggs, III, Beacon of Hope $  2.00
Leader Dog $  1.00
Peace Poster/Celebrate Liberty $  1.00
Gov. Morehead School $  1.00
VIP Fishing Tournament $  2.00

Total per member $ 17.00

Brighter Visions Goals

Our total monetary goal for this Lions’ Year is $142,400
with a requested donation of $112.00/member.
From 1st VDG Susie and
the Mid Winter Convention Committee

Mid-Winter Convention Update!

We are so excited that our convention is only a month away. We are busy planning a different and fun convention but still need some help!

Make your hotel reservations by contacting The Greensboro High Point Marriott at 336-852-6450 and asking for NC Lion 31-0 event. Room rates are $103 +tax until 1/15.

Send in your registration form ASAP to PDG Laraine Dupree PO box 485, Wingate, NC 28174. Please contact your zone chair or club president if you need a form.

Participate in the HALL OF SERVICE by having your club make a poster or display board, highlighting your club events. These will be on display all weekend for others to see.

One of our onsite service projects will be to fill a truck from “Bob’s Closet” with new or gently used clean clothes for our neighbors who need a helping hand. Clothes, coats and blankets of all sizes are urgently needed. “Bob’s Closet” allows those in need to shop for what they need, FOR FREE!

Bring your items for the BRIGHTER VISION Boutique and earn credit for your club. Items should be homemade or Lion themed.

BRING YOUR SMILE and be ready to have a great time!! Meet and hear the stories of the VIPs that we serve! We will see you all on January 26 and 27. We cannot be successful and make new friends if YOU are not there!!

ANY questions ??? Please email me at LionSusieD@gmail.com
**Into the Next Century of Lions**

A CALL TO CONVENTION FOR DISTRICT 31-O

The District Governor formally announces the Midwinter Convention for District 31-O.

The event will be held on January 26th and 27th, 2018, at the Greensboro Airport Marriott, 1 Marriott Drive, Greensboro, North Carolina 27409.

All Lions are welcome and encouraged to attend this marvelous event presented by

Convention Chairperson,

31-O 1st Vice District Governor Susan Dailey.

Please see the registration information and major event schedule on the following page.
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
Tail 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
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 31-0.


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

Names: ___________________________ ___________________________            FFN  TT1  Banquet
(PRINT 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, SLS, BD, HOF

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Reminder: Please Select Banquet Meal Preference and Specific Food Allergies Above
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 31-0

Policies & Procedures Manual

Officially Adopted & Approved _________________

By: District 31-0 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”

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, the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, Region Chairpersons (if the position is utilized during the District Governor’s term) the Zone Chairpersons, Global Memberships Team district coordinator, Global Leadership Team district coordinator, Global Service Team district coordinator, LCIF district coordinator, a 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 __________.
Have Yourself a Very

Merry Christmas!

and a Happy New Year!
Club Rebuilding Award

[District 31-O has some Clubs that Need Rebuilding, Why Not Set This as a Goal]

Lions who help clubs reactivate and become healthy and viable may be qualified to receive the Club Rebuilding Award. To qualify, the club must

- Be in good standing for 12 months

- Have a minimum of 20 members

- Have initiated a new service project

- Filed monthly membership reports for 12 months

- Paid the club account in full

For further information or to inquire about the Club Rebuilding Award, please contact us at certifiedguidinglions@lionsclubs.org or phone (630) 468-6810
Happening In “O”

On behalf of the Waxhaw Lions, I would like to offer some exciting news for your consideration in the Newsletter.

1. At the August 17, 2017 club meeting, Past District Governor Laraine Dupree recognized the Waxhaw Lions Club and individual Lions for supporting her as District Governor. Please find attached a photo collage with captions.
2. The Waxhaw Lions are sponsoring FREE EYESIGHT AND HEARING SCREENINGS on September 23 at Carolinas Health System Parking lot on Providence Rd in Waxhaw from 10 - 2. Three doctors are participating this year and we will have Spanish-speaking volunteers on hand. The Flyer is attached.

3. The club is trying out a new fundraiser this year, which we're calling the Waxhaw Lions Potato Bake. Our members will be selling and serving loaded baked potatoes - with cheese, chives, sour cream, butter, and/or bacon bits - to Waxhaw's Autumn Treasures Festival attendees for $5 per spud. The event will be held October 14 & 15 in downtown Waxhaw. We welcome fellow Lions to help the night before with the cleaning and wrapping chores! Contact event chair Michael O'Brien at 203.482.9215 for more information on how to help. See you there!

Susan O'Brien, Membership Chair

Please "LIKE" us on FaceBook: Waxhaw Lions Club
Member recruitment & retention made easy!

Invite Someone
Recognize What Others Do
&
Make it 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-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.
35.

MAKE THE ORDINARY COME ALIVE

Do not ask your children
to strive for extraordinary lives.
Such striving may seem admirable,
but it is a way of foolishness.
Help them instead to find the wonder
and the marvel of an ordinary life.
Show them the joy of tasting
tomatoes, apples and pears.
Show them how to cry
when pets and people die.
Show them the infinite pleasure
in the touch of a hand.
And make the ordinary come alive for them.
The extraordinary will take care of itself.
Our Sincere thoughts and prayers continue to go out for the family and friends of our beloved Lion, Mike Johnson as his unexpected passing has deeply impacting so many. We are forever grateful for his talent, service and Lionism and the example he set for us all.

With that said, Mike’s role as District 31-O’s Public and Information Technology Chair has left some mighty big shoes to fill. Just as we were blessed to have one such talented Lion who willingly gave of his time and skills, we are doubly blessed to have yet another such Lion willing to step up to this challenge. As previously announced by our District Governor... “Denton Melvin, a brand new Lion with the Moncure Lions Club has volunteered to assume the duties of District 31-O Information and Technology Chairperson,… Denton is an IT kinda guy who owns a company doing systems installation, web services, and other services related to that business. He is very positive about the work to be done and I feel that he can be an outstanding addition to our team. He understands why this came about and is willing to do his part to continue and sustain the great work that Mike Johnson did for our District....”

WELCOME LION DENTON!