What’s Happening in the “O” Zone

September 2018

Lions District O

WORDS FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR SUSIE

It is almost fall and 31-0 is alive with service projects and fundraisers. Our statewide FIGHT HUNGER event has clubs from every district in North Carolina participating, with 31-0 leading the pack. I thank all of you for helping thousands of our friends who are in need. I am so very proud of all your efforts.

I am thrilled to be visiting so many clubs and hearing about all that you are doing. You amaze me. The ideas you have should be shared with our Lion Family throughout the District. Who knows about the Sanford Lions Fair? Goldston Lions Old Fashion Days, Pancake breakfasts, golf tournaments, and fall festivals? Please make sure you let Lion Jennifer Clapp, our newsletter editor, Lion Denton Melvin, our website guru and Lion Coy Rahman, our publicity chair, know about your events, so we can join you.

It has recently come to my attention, that many of our Lions are unaware of exactly what the District Governor’s Goals are. I assumed, (there is that dangerous word again) that you were all familiar with them and what their purpose is. So let me explain, as best I can.

Every District Governor is asked to prepare a list of their goals at the beginning of their term, consisting of programs, organizations or causes that are related to the Lions of our District and North Carolina. This year, my goal is $18.00 per member to assist and support the following and the amount per Lion: Boys and Girls Home $2.00, Governor Morehead School $1.00, Leader Dog $1.00, LCIF $3.00, MIRA Guide Dogs for Children $1.00, NC Lions Ambassador Program $2.00, Peace Poster/Celebrate Liberty $1.00, Radio Reading Service $1.00, Sid L. Scruggs III Beacon of Hope $2.00, VIP Fishing Tournament $2.00, William L, Woolard Partner in Service $2.00. If every Lion in District 31-0, donated the amount designated in these goals, we would be donating at least $1,223.00 to each of these incredible programs. Once again, I ask for your help and please, contact me if you have any questions. Lion-SusieD@gmail.com

You are the best and I am proud to serve you!

Your DG Susie
A Conversation With Sid is a reproduction of an interview of Past International President (PIP) Sid Scruggs and the subsequent article by Pinehurst Gazette Editor Rebekah King Sykes. (Pinehurst Gazette, April/May/June 2018, Issue No. 130) The lengthy article has been reformatted into four installments in order to share it with the NC Lions in the 5 District Newsletters over the next few months. – PCC Ron Kelly

A Conversation with Sid

“Lions, Leos, and Lessons Learned” by Rebekah King Sykes

Four major categories focus the Lions’ mission. * To work with the visually-impaired and blind. In 1925, upon Helen Keller’s request the Lions’ mission became VISION in preventing reversible blindness and working with the blind. * To inspire the YOUTH. In 1957, the youth program named LEO began. LEO stands for Leadership, Experience, and Opportunity. * To solve HUNGER around the world. * To work with the ENVIRONMENT.

Within a local community, clubs are encouraged to see the need, and meet the need. What the Lions do in Vass is different than what the Lions do in Raleigh, Charlotte, or Winston Salem. For example, in Vass the annual food drive at Christmas provides food for over 230 families for 2 weeks. Once a year, the Vision Van offers free screenings in the Piggly Wiggly parking lot. The community action program wherein they recycle glasses further restores vision.

The Lions also support their local LEO Club at Union Pines, with finances, encouragement, and scholarships. In turn, the LEOS at Union Pines raise $2K, fill 10,000 bags with a complete meal of rice, vitamins, and other ingredients, and ship them all over the world to those in need. Support continues with the Backpack Pals, local Boy Scout Troop, and the NC Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw.

One of the most recent projects recognized through Lions Clubs International is the garden project at Vass-Lakeview Elementary School. Sid tells, “Once all of the children had taken the food that they needed, we still delivered over 100 pounds of food to the Food Bank.”

Sid smiles, “With the worldwide poster contest, New Century has had a winner in the state competition two out of the last three years! We also give scholarships to graduating seniors based on merit and needs. With literacy programs, we donate books and provide volunteers who help people learn to read.”

As the Lions minister to the VIP’s—Visually Impaired Person in their community, they’ll have birthday parties, bowling, miniature golf tournaments, etc. Camp Dogwood offers week-long retreats for the blind and visually-impaired; around 800 guests attend annually. Sid highlights, “We also support the visually-impaired fishing tournament which is the largest single blind event in the world. During that third week in October, we bring about 500 blind and visually-impaired people for a fishing experience to the Outer Banks.”

Truly, if anyone wants to help their community, then there is an avenue with the Lions Club. “Where there is a need, there is a Lion.” Sid continues, “We’re not interested in just having members; we’re interested in people who actually want to serve in their community.”

Financial accountability is transparent. Sid explains how it works. “Every cent earned from fund raisers is used for services. We don’t keep one penny for administrative costs. I don’t know of another organization who can say that—worldwide, zero percent. Every club keeps two separate accounts with an administrative account and a service account. If we have a fundraiser, than every single penny goes into our service account. The club members’ giving of dues and donations goes into the admin fund.”

To be continued once again in next month’s edition...
We held the first organizational meeting for our upcoming district convention and plans are being laid for a fun weekend. Please mark your calendars to attend the 31-O Mid-Winter Convention at the Airport Marriott Greensboro on the Weekend of January 25th and 26th. We are planning a great weekend, but the most important part of a convention is YOU!! The more of you that attend, the more fun we will all have. It’s a great opportunity to meet and interact with other Lions in your district. There will be entertaining and informative programs, meals with entertainment, and voting on important issues for the district. Service happens at the club level, but an exchange of ideas at a district, state or international convention is where we can get great ideas for improving existing service or fund-raising projects or creating new ones. It would be fabulous if every club was represented by multiple members.

We are also asking the clubs of 31-O to make either a monetary or an in-kind donation to the convention to help off set the cost of putting on this event. Please let me know if your club is willing to help and how.

It takes a district to put on a great convention and 31-O has a reputation of doing it right, so plan to join together in January.
What’s Happening in the “O” Zone

WORDS FROM
2nd VDG PAUL MARTH

Musings from Meetings

I had to chuckle at the Reidsville Lions Club business meeting where the Lions were voting on various business matters. Rather than voting “aye” or “nay” all those in favor or opposed said “bite ‘em”. What a unique Lions way to vote! The next night I was headed out in the middle of nowhere to the Madison Lions Club, a small club that realized it had to grow or it would die. There were more visitors present than regular club members and, at the end of the meeting two visitors had submitted applications for membership and two others took applications with them. Who says we can’t get persons to come to our meetings? Have you invited someone this year to a meeting? These are just a couple of the memories I have from my visits to clubs during the month of August.

Clubs are busy planning for the September 8th Lions District event for hunger relief. I hope your club is planning to participate. Even the smallest clubs can make a difference. Think big! There are so many different ways clubs and organizations working with hunger can join together to multiply their efforts. If you still need ideas check with DG Susie about what other clubs in the district are planning.

In my visits to other clubs I have noticed that at many of the meetings fund raising activities are being discussed and planned for. Fund raising is certainly a part of what we do. Brighter Visions, the Camp Dogwood car raffle, the District Governor’s goals, etc. all require funds. However, I have learned over my nearly 40 years as a Lion that if all or even if most of what we do is fund raising, that we will have difficulty in sustaining membership. Let’s be honest. Fund raising is hard and often not the most favorite thing we do. People who are Lions want to serve. They are not looking just to meet and eat nor are they looking to spend all of their volunteer time fund raising. The clubs that are growing are clubs that make a difference in their communities through service in a variety of ways. I personally believe that at least every other month your club should be having a service project. Maybe it is cleaning a park, having an eye screening, conducting an event for local VIP’s, doing a Strides walk, taking your club to volunteer at Camp Dogwood or providing meals for the homeless, etc. There are literally hundreds of ideas and ways to serve. I have seen increased enthusiasm, membership growth and member satisfaction that results from service. Plan a new service project and see what a different it can make!
THOUGHT YOU’D WANT TO KNOW…..

ZONE 11 Meetings will take place at 3:00 PM on the following Sundays:
September 16
November 18
February 17
May 19

Zone 4

Pinebluff Lions continue their Food Pantry project, next is September 15th, 7:30 - 9 AM. On September 28th they have their fall BBQ & Bake Sale ($7 per BBQ plate, $1 for baked good).

Raeford-Hoke will have a table set up at the Hoke County Fair September 25-30th and will be auctioning off a helicopter ride. Nothing specific coming up for Vass or Aberdeen in September. All clubs in Zone 4 will be participating in the District-O "Fighting Hunger" drive on September 8th.

Save the Date

COME ONE COME ALL TO OUR 4TH ANNUAL DISTRICT 31-O MID-WINTER CONVENTION WILL BE HELD ON THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 25TH AND 26TH, 2019 AT THE AIRPORT MARRIOTT IN GREENSBORO, NC. WE WELCOME ALL TO THIS VERY SPECIAL EVENT!
It was a great pleasure for the Oak Ridge Lions Club to honor our biggest supporter of the year on Monday. Patti Stokes and the entire staff of the Northwest Observer, go out of their way in supporting the local community, in addition to support for our club.

Many members of the Oak Ridge Lions Club took time out of their busy schedules on Monday to recognize all the good things Patti and her staff do for our community.

Left to right - Lions Cathy Nodine, Ann Schneider, Carolyn Brown, Honorary Lion Patti Stokes, Lions Club President Danny Yanusz, Lions Jim King, Jim Kinneman, Doug Nodine.

Northwest Observer editor Patti Stokes is pinned as an Honorary Lion, by Lion Carolyn Brown. Patti Stokes and her staff have been steadfast supporters of many groups in the NW area, including the Oak Ridge Lions Club. Our club thought that it was important to recognize the support Patti and her staff provide to the local community. Because the Lions Motto is "We Serve", Patti and her staff were the obvious choice for this award. We are honored to serve the community side by side with such a great group of people!
As of August 27, 2018

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GWEN WHITE First Flight Lions Club
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First Vice President Chris Headley phone 704-236-9786
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 2019 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 chairman for final judging. The deadline to submit an entry to the state chairman is Feb. 10th, 2019. Therefore District contests must be completed prior to that deadline.

Students should base their essay on this John Adams quote:

“A Constitution founded on these principles introduces knowledge among the people, and inspires them with a conscious dignity becoming freemen; a general emulation takes place, which causes good humor, sociability, good manners, good morals to be general. That elevation of sentiment inspired by such a government makes the common people brave and enterprising. That ambition which is inspired by it makes them sober, industrious and frugal.”

John Adams was one of the Founding Fathers of the United States, and the second President.

For more information about the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest, or to obtain a copy of the contest brochure, contact your District’s Chairperson.

Barbara Beltran
Celebrate Liberty State Chair
Nominations for 2019-2020 District Officers
LCIF Coordinator Update

IPDG Karl Ernst

DG Susie has asked me to serve this year as the District Nominations Committee Chair and LCIF District-O Coordinator. I want to take a moment to bring you up to date on what is in the works for these efforts going forward.

Nominations:
At this time the Committee is comprised of myself, PDG Bill Womack, PCC Diane Whitley, and PDG Lynn McCaskill should he decide to accept this mission. We are hoping to hear from him soon. The initial session of the committee is planned for September with the specific date to be determined. To review, the requirements for candidacy include 1) a letter of intent stating the desire to serve in the office being sought; 2) an endorsement by the candidate’s club that verifies that he/she is in good standing overall, and are to be delivered to the Committee by the date set at its’ initial session. If any Member has questions or concerns, or desires to be a candidate, please send them on to the committee as soon as you can. Please copy the committee on all correspondence. Good luck to all who stand and are counted.

Confirmed Committee Members’ email addresses:
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  PCC Diane Whitley – dipcc2@aol.com
  PDG Bill Womack – b_cwomack@northstate.net

LCIF Coordinator:
I am in the process of assembling a program package to be presented to clubs as requested. To be honest I have some learning to do also. I do know there has been over the years questions as to why we continue to support LCIF rather than our local communities. The folks in the Greensboro area can offer plenty of reasons as to why we should be faithful. LCIF is prepared to offer assistance at virtually any time it is needed through grants and other services. LCIF is a tremendous asset to have in our pockets when disaster strikes and aid is so desperately needed by those afflicted. Remember OUR motto – We Serve! Don’t know how to say it any better.

Again, if any Lion has questions or concerns regarding these items, please email or call me. Let’s do what we can to make this a great year for DG Susie and all of District O. I look forward to serving the District.

IPDG Karl Ernst

“The Harvest is Plentiful”
Drops in the Bucket

What a wonderful kickoff at the Durham Lions Club on Saturday, August 4. Lots of clubs were represented as we gathered to learn more about Brighter Visions. Several clubs made early donations of $13,350.00; and our buckets collected $99.65. That’s a wonderful start!

Thank you, PDG John Owens, for your excellent leadership in North Carolina as you encouraged us to fill the miles from Manteo to Murphy. Lions across the state stepped forward to contribute to not only Brighter Visions, but also, the Camp Dogwood renovations programs.

Thank you, also to Lions Gene Hassell and PDG Lynn McCaskill as you kept the Lions of District 31-O up to date with our own campaign. Lions contributed $123,537.42 during the 2017-2018 Lions year: 91.36% of the goal set by PDG Karl. That was the 2nd highest percentage for any district in NC! Well done!!!!

Every Lion needs to know how your Brighter Vision dollars are returned to your county. The “Services by County” report from NCLI shows the programs and services funded for individual counties. Last year Lions in District 31-O impacted the lives of 1,570 people through the programs funded by the Brighter Visions Campaign Fund:

- 128 eye exams
- 193 pairs of eyeglasses
- 131 canes
- 985 individuals screened on MSU
- 130 VIPs attended Camp Dogwood

These services represent $268,316.95 returned to our district; $144,779.53 more than we donated.

At our kickoff, I spoke about the importance of every “drop in the bucket”. The quarter ($0.25) pictured here represents a small drop. Did you know that a quarter saved each day during the year would total $91.25? And if each Lion in our district participated, the total would be $111,598.75. So, find an empty container and start putting that quarter aside every day. I doubt that most of us would miss it!

“Mountain Flurries” will offer us the opportunity to raise more funds. Stay tuned in October for more details!
## What's Happening in Zone 3....

**Hamlet Lions** is gearing up for their annual Fair for Richmond County. Dates are Oct.9-13.

**Ellerbe Lions** is gearing up for their Lawn Mower Races. Date is this fall.

**Laurel Hill Lions** helped to start the Laurel Hill Fire Dept years ago. The two organizations work together with fundraisers to help the less fortunate.

**Rockingham Lions** is having a BBQ Plate sale on Thursday September 27th from 11 am-2:30pm. * On Saturday Oct. 6th they are having their annual Auction and BBQ event. Time is: 5pm -10pm. * Collecting canned goods for "Our Daily Bread" in :Stop Hunger September Project"

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We all talk about Brighter Visions and do a lot of fundraising throughout the year for it. Why?

What services are provided under this broad and far-reaching service program? Who runs it? Who benefits? Where does the funding come from?

Brighter Visions is the umbrella term under which are the many services that the North Carolina Lions provide to the needy throughout our state. The administrative offices for Brighter Visions are housed at North Carolina Lions Inc. located in Sherrills Ford, NC on Lake Norman. It is there that our flagship program, Camp Dogwood, is also located. The NC Lions Council of Governors employs people to run the various programs, and is administratively responsible for the following programs under Brighter Visions:

**Camp Dogwood** – a fully equipped facility where visually impaired individuals can enjoy socialization, swimming, boating, dancing, computers, games, bowling, relaxation, great food, and a safe environment for their one-week in the summer. The camping season covers 7 consecutive weeks serving 700 campers.

**Mobility Canes** – white canes and training are provided to the blind through referrals from Social Workers. About 2,000 are provided annually.

**Matching Funds** – a 50/50 sharing by Matching Funds and Lions Clubs to provide eye exams, glasses, surgery, and special requests for those who are financially needy.

**Mobile Screening Unit (MSU)** – is a fully equipped trailer, which annually screens several thousand people for a variety of eye problems and makes referrals to local eye care specialists.

**Eyeglasses, hearing aides, cell phone collections** – Lions collect these items throughout the year. They are packaged and sent to facilities that clean and calibrate them and then distributed to groups going to 3rd world countries. The phones go to our active duty military where needed.

**Other programs** – donation to the annual Visually Impaired Persons (VIP) Fishing Tournament on the Outer Banks run by the NC Lions; college scholarships to children of blind parents.

Brighter Visions funds come from grants, donations, District Governor goals, and all sorts of fundraising events.

Brighter Visions - a very appropriate name for such a multifaceted program!
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

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, we will serve dinner on Tuesday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Wednesday and breakfast on Thursday. If you would like a room please contact the Camp prior to September 21st. Thanks so much for all you do. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

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!
The first zone meeting of the 2018 – 2019 year was conducted at Blake’s Restaurant on August 28, 2018 at 6:00 pm. The Candor Lions Club and Troy Lions Club were represented at the meeting. Zone Chair Randal Clapp opened the meeting with distribution of the Brighter Visions informational package, Camp Dogwood Tickets, and District O Directories. The clubs were asked for any needed corrections to the District directory.

Chair Randal highlighted upcoming events for the district including September 8 – Hunger Event, November 4 – Second District Wide Cabinet Meeting at Mt. Pleasant UMC in Greensboro, and January 25 – 26 Mid Winter Convention at the Greensboro Airport Marriott. Preliminary plans for the Convention included recognition/celebration of our Military Veterans of World War II and the Korean War. Clubs in the zone are being encouraged to attend the Mid-Winter.

News from the Clubs:

Candor Lions Club has recently collected funds for the Brighter Visions campaign. Club presented check for BV to the zone chair. Candor Lions sponsor Coach Pitch baseball tournament. Club pays for eye exams/glasses during the year, helps toward cost of purchasing prosthetic eye for an individual. Candor upcoming club events include Sept. 30 Golf Tournament, Oct. 20th Corn Hole Tournament/Spaghetti Supper, and Dec. VIP dinner. The Candor President indicated his desire to start a Candor Lions Facebook page.

Troy Lions Club has also recently collected funds for the Brighter Visions campaign. Club has already made a contribution to BV for the year. Troy Lions sponsor a Coach Pitch baseball team. Club pays for eye exams/glasses during the year, purchase fruit baskets during the holiday season. Troy Lions have Christmas Tree Lighting Event in November, July 4th Troy Feast, Dec. VIP dinner. The Troy President indicated a goal of the Troy membership would be lining up a tour of Camp Dogwood.

Zone Chair Randal invited the clubs to send information/flyers regarding their upcoming events and he would get them into the district newsletter and on the website. Chair Randal suggested having the meetings rotate among the clubs. Troy and Candor were in agreement and offered to host a zone Meeting. The Troy Lions Club has agreed to host the November meeting in Troy with the Zone Chair working out the time and getting the information out.

Their being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Randal Clapp
Zone Chair
# DISTRICT GOVERNOR TEAM CLUB VISITATION SCHEDULE

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR TEAM

CLUB VISITATION SCHEDULE

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October 20-24  VIP FISHING TOURNAMENT

October 25  Coleridge Lions Club  DG Susie Dailey

CAMP DOGWOOD IS DOING GREAT!

The sidewalk construction and the road paving began on August 13th. If weather does not interfere, the jobs should be completed by September 1st. These improvements will offer the VIPs a safer way to stroll around the campus.

The White Renovations continues. New bathroom lights were completed during the 3rd week of camp. There will be a maintenance team that will be patching and touching up the paint around the lights during September. There are areas around the new toilets that will also be touched up.

There were seven new ADA approved toilets installed in the Lodge on August 10th.

A shipment of 9,000 pounds of eye glasses was sent to Indiana for recycling. Please continue to collect used glasses. Because there are still many glasses to be sorting, Lion Tammy is asking for volunteers to help on October 2-4. Everything will be sorted except for individual lenses and cases. And we can accept sunglasses and broken frames. If you have any question, please call Tammy at Camp Dogwood.

The camp also shipped a 14-foot box truck of ink cartridges to the recycle company. This is an easy way for the camp to offset some expenses. Collect them from social service offices, town offices, churches and banks. Some of these places are sending their ink cartridges and copier toners back to the supplier. They may receive a refund or a credit, but ask for them to donate the cartridges to the Lions. Explain why we need their help.

Camp Dogwood operates year-round. If you have time to volunteer anytime during the year, give them a call. You do not have to wait until April. There are always things to do around the camp.

In our next report, there will be information regarding the off-season usage of the camp.

Submitted by: Lion Jim Chandler
Properties Chair
In June 2018 Indian Trail President Todd Barber invited the Waxhaw Lions to a joint meeting to hear presenter Tammy Johnson, Program Development Director of Plusoptix, Inc., discuss Lions KidSight Program USA. In 2016 Waxhaw Club President Becky Landon had initiated KidSight Screening as a new service project and her club was utilizing South Park Lions Club’s equipment.

Following Tammy’s presentation, and with assurance from the Waxhaw Lions for guidance with KidSight, Indian Trail Lions approved the purchase of a camera. Waxhaw purchased a camera a few weeks later. On Saturday, August 11, 2018, the two clubs jointly conducted vision screenings at Waxhaw’s Annual Back-to-School Bash for two elementary schools. Utilizing two cameras Indian Trail Lions Todd Barber, Jim Hinson, Bob Flippin, and Mel Granger; and Waxhaw Lions Mike O’Brien, Becky Landon, Susan O’Brien, Ted Tozer, Johnny Byrum, Glenn Asher, and Dan Stuart completed 90 screenings, with 80 passed and 10 referrals. This was the first of what both clubs expect to be more shared ventures in serving others.

Lessons learned include the importance of blocking ambient sunlight, having appropriate signage, and being flexible in set-up. Some children were reluctant to share name and birth date: this hesitancy may have been triggered by their stop just before vision screening was the Waxhaw Police fingerprinting the children and telling them not to talk to strangers or give them personal information!

First Photo: Waxhaw Lions Glenn Asher and Becky Landon at screening station one. Second Photo: Indian Trail Lions Mel Granger (w/camera), Bob Flippin and Waxhaw Lion Ted Tozer at screening station two.
Pancake Breakfast

Sponsored By: Liberty Lions Club

Date: Saturday, October 27, 2018
Time: 7:00 – 10:00 AM

Place: Liberty American Legion Post 81
604 S. Greensboro St, Liberty, NC

Cost: $7 – *Eat-In or Take-Out*
Children Under 5 Eat Free

Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon, Neese’s Country Sausage,
31st Annual Goldston Old Fashion Day
Sponsored by: Goldston Lion's Club

Food & Desserts!
Saturday Oct 13, 2018
9am-4pm
Rain Date:
Sunday Oct 14, 12-5pm

Special Thanks to Our Sponsors

PARK & RIDE $1 Round Trip
Locations:
Goldston Methodist
185 Hillcrest Ave
Goldston Baptist
190 N Church St
Town Park
355 Goldston Glendon Rd
J.S. Waters
55 J S Waters Sch Rd
PROCEEDS go to LOCAL SCOUTS

Vendors Galore!
Face 2 Face Facepainting
"Touch of Heaven" of Bennett, NC

Kids Area!
Exhibits on Main St

For More Info Contact Lisa Denkins
@ 919-721-1403/bldenkins@embarqmail.com
DG Susie has asked me to serve this year as the District Nominations Committee Chair and LCIF District- O Coordinator. I want to take a moment to bring you up to date on what is in the works for these efforts going forward.

Nominations: At this time the Committee is comprised of myself, PDG Bill Womack, PCC Diane Whitley, and PDG Lynn McCaskill. The initial session of the committee is planned for September with the specific date to be determined. To review, the requirements for candidacy shall include, among others, 1) a letter of intent stating the desire to serve in the office being sought; 2) an endorsement by the candidate’s club that verifies that the he/she is in good standing overall. Please note that, in accordance with the Standard Form District Bylaws-Article II Section 3, any Member wishing to stand for the Office of 1st or 2nd Vice District Governor shall submit to the Nominations Committee the required documents as listed in Exhibits E and F of the Bylaws (separate attachment), no later than 30 days prior to the Mid Winter Convention. Again, each Member shall meet all of the requirements as stated in Exhibits E and F.

If any Member has questions or concerns, or desires to be a candidate, please send them on to the committee as soon as you can. Please copy the entire committee on all correspondence. Good luck to all who stand and are counted.

Confirmed Committee Members’ email addresses:
IPDG Karl Ernst, Chair – karl@ernst4chatham.com PCC Diane Whitley – dip-cc2@aol.com PDG Bill Womack – b cwomack@northstate.net PDG Lynn McCaskill – rlynnmccaski@etinternet.net

LCIF Coordinator: I am in the process of assembling a program package to be presented to clubs as requested. To be honest I have some learning to do also. I do know there has been over the years questions as to why we continue to support LCIF rather than focusing on our local communities. The folks in the Greensboro area can offer plenty of reasons as to why we should be faithful. LCIF is prepared to offer assistance at virtually any time it is needed through grants and other services. LCIF is a tremendous asset to have in our pockets when disaster strikes and aid is so desperately needed by those afflicted. Remember OUR motto – We Serve! Don’t know how to say it any better.

Again, if any Lion has questions or concerns regarding these items, please email or call me. Let’s do what we can to make this a great year for DG Susie and all of District O. I look forward to serving the District.

IPDG Karl Ernst

“The Harvest is Plentiful”
Greetings from Waxhaw Lions Club!

August has been a very interesting month for the Waxhaw Lions Club! The first part of August was a continuation of the club’s July activities of the club taking care of the beginning of a new Lion year. Between July 21 and August 25, members from our club attended three District meetings. Our club benefited from each meeting.

Our club kicked off August with the club’s first Kidsight screening event of 2018-19 on August 11 at the Waxhaw-Western Union Elementary Schools joint Back To School Bash in Waxhaw. Lion Vic Montalvo, who is the Waxhaw Community Resource Officer presented the opportunity of our club screening kids at the event to our club’s Kidsight Chair Dan Stuart. Lion Dan organized 7 Waxhaw Kidsight screeners to screen kids at the event. Lion Dan also arranged for the Indian Trail Lions Club to partner with our club for Indian Trail club members to gain valuable experience operating their own Kidsight camera. The two clubs working together, using two identical Kidsight cameras to scan 90 kids in a four hour period. 80 kids passed and 10 kids were referred.

Lion Dan Stuart has already lined up Kidsight screenings at the Union County Head Start Center in Monroe for September 24,25, 26; Kidsight screening at the Pleasant Valley Baptist Preschool on October 10; and a Kidsight screening at the Waxhaw United Methodist Church Preschool on October 11 & 12. That will give our club a good start toward reaching a very ambitious club goal of the club conducting 8 Kidsight screenings in the Waxhaw community and surrounding area around Waxhaw during 2018-19.

A major highlight for the club in August was a special program/dinner meeting on August 16. The most unique thing was the club had almost as many guests-9 as club members-11 attending the meeting.

During the time before the dinner was served, club members took turns introducing guests they had invited to the meeting. That gave a festive mood to the meeting. Zone 1 / Waxhaw Past President Becky Landon added to the meeting’s festive mood by recapping news from the first District Cabinet meeting in Durham, and presented more certificates and recognitions that Becky brought back from the Cabinet meeting.

Lion Becky also presented a certificate of appreciation to Delta Sigma Theta members (Union County Alumni Chapter) Heather Sharpe and Debra Clark for the chapter helping the club collect recyclable eyeglasses. Susan O’Brien presented an appreciation plaque to Pageland Wall Mart manager Mike and Joann Bednar donating a nice Wall Mart community grant to help the club purchase our own Kidsight camera.

While conducting club business at the meeting, The club committed to participate in the District-wide Fighting hunger Drive by collecting can goods in front of the Waxhaw Food Lion store on Saturday, September 8. All can goods collected by the club will be donated to a local food pantry in Waxhaw.

Although no membership activity is recorded on the club’s August MMR, club members have been active in reaching out to members of the Waxhaw community, inviting prospective members to visit the August 16 meeting. There was great interaction between club members and guests! One guest took a Lions Club application to fill out. Other guests expressed varying levels of interest in joining our club! What a meeting! What a wonderful Lions Club Waxhaw has become!

Frank Hawfield, Secretary
Waxhaw Lions Club
And you think you have had a busy summer...!!!

From Unionville!

July 4th Celebration: Every year the Unionville Lions Club, with the help of our Piedmont Leos and community volunteers, hosts the 4th of July Celebration for the Town of Unionville. Approximately 5,000 participants from the community and area communities come out to celebrate with us. Chicken BBQ plates, homemade ice cream, hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and non-alcoholic beverages are the main stay of food items sold each other. Children and adults can also play many of the various games offered to win prizes throughout the day. The event also hosts both an antique car show and a tractor show. During the course of the event from the beginning of 9am and concluding after the parade at 3:30pm local bands perform on the outdoor stage. The parade is what many come for and each year different and more participants are wanting to be part of it. It's a very time consuming event in preparation, execution, and putting everything up afterwards. Thanks to the hard work of the Lions, many of the Leos, and a myriad of community volunteers it goes off without a hitch. The local paper in Monroe featured an article about the festivities stating it's the best attended July 4th celebration in the county.

Concerts in the Park:
July 12th: Southern Express rolled into town on Thursday to kick off the 2018 Concerts in the Park. The event started at 7 pm and lasted for 2 hours with the free entertainment. People brought their lawn chairs and their appetite... food served were hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks and ice cream for purchase. Each concert averages between 300 and 400 attendees.

July 19th: Union Road was the second band in this year's Concerts in the Park. The event started at 7 pm and lasted for 2 hours with the free entertainment. People brought their lawn chairs and their appetite... food served were hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks and ice cream for purchase. Each concert averages between 300 and 400 attendees.

July 26th: The Village Greene Band was the third band to perform at this year's Concerts in the Park series. They played a wide variety of music. Carolina Beach music, Country music, 50s, 60s 70s rock and roll, Bluegrass, and Gospel. Hundreds of people brought their lawn chairs and appetite! The Lions Club sold hot dogs, hamburgers and ice cream. There were also several nice items given away with the purchase of a raffle ticket. Each concert averages between 300 and 400 attendees.

August 9th: A Deeper Shade of Blue was the guest band and they always have a very well attended concert. They had a CD Release Party of their new CD "Steam", on Mountain Fever Records. The concert was free and concessions were available. All of the concerts take place at the Unionville Community Center.

This concert was also an outing for the local VIP group known as Out of Sight. They were treated to a free meal, free freshly made ice cream, and front row seats at the concerts. The group looks forward to this outing every year.

August 16th: The Hately Family was originally scheduled to perform on August 2nd but the concert was rained out and they agreed to reschedule. This was our final concert of 2018. The band performed awesome bluegrass and bluegrass gospel music. Come on out and join the fun. Admission was free and attendees brought their lawn chairs. Food and concessions were sold to those wanting to eat during the concert. Each concert averages between 300 and 400 attendees.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:
July 23rd: On July 23rd, 58 Lions, Leos and volunteers were in attendance for the Volunteer Appreciation dinner. Each Lion introduced their volunteer(s) to the group at large. Most of the volunteers have been volunteering at the July 4th Celebration for many years. Several of the attendees stated interest in joining the club.
Rockingham Lions answered a request to use the SPOT machine at a gathering at the Methodist Church in Norwood, N.C. on Saturday, August 11, 2018. 40 individuals were screened, and 11 were referred for further screening.

On August 20, the Rockingham Lions hosted their annual Family & Friends Night at the club-house. It was a cook out attended by 4 PDG’s, District Governor Susie Dailey, 1 District "O" Chairman, 35 guests, and 16 Rockingham Lions, a total of 57. Lion Barbara Thompson, Chairman of the "Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest", honored Trey Singleton from Rockingham for his efforts in writing an essay which earned first place recognition in District "O" and state-wide competition. Trey has been awarded $250 at the N. C. Lions State Convention in April and $250 from District "O". At this meeting Lion Neal Watkins gave an overview of the Rockingham Club service activities and upcoming projects. DG Lion Susie Dailey underscored how Lions International helped the Greensboro area at the time of need in the spring. PDG Lion Laraine Dupree spoke particularly about Brighter Visions. Overseeing the entire meeting was the life-size lion; "LEO", which was awarded to the Rockingham Lions Club in the 1950's. It was a fun and informative evening.

$295 was spent to assist local visually impaired citizens. 9 individuals were interviewed. 1 exam and 2 pairs of eyeglasses have been purchased.

Rockingham Lions are currently collecting canned vegetables as a part of the "Stop Hunger" effort. Our collection will go to "Our Daily Bread" on Tuesday, September 11th, 2018.

Rockingham Lions will have a Pork BBQ Plate Sale, 11:00 - 2:30, at the Clubhouse on Thursday, Sept. 27. $7 per plate, eat in or take out.
The Rockingham Lions Annual Auction & Pork BBQ Sale will be on Saturday, October 6 at the Clubhouse. Dinner 5:00-7:00 and the Auction at 7:00. Y'all Come.

Lion Trudy D. Watkins
Secretary/Treasurer
NORWOOD LIONS CLUB IS HAVING ITS ANNUAL SKEET SHOOT ON 9/22/2018 AT FORK FARMS IN NORWOOD. COST IS $40.00 PER SHOOTER OR $100 FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS OF 5. REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9AM AND INDIVIDUAL SHOOTERS BEGIN SHOOTING AT 9:30 AM. TEAM SHOOTERS REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 10:30 AM AND BEGINS SHOOTING AT 10:30 AM. PARTICIPANTS SUPPLY 50-75 SHELLS, EAR AND EYE PROTECTION. LUNCH FOR ALL SHOOTERS IS INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRATION FEE. EVENT SPONSORS WELCOMED AT $100.00 EACH. SPONSORS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED WITH A POSTER/SIGN AT A SHOOTING STAND AND THE ADMISSION OF TWO (2) SHOOTERS. SPONSORS SEND CHECK AND BUSINESS LETTERHEAD AND/OR BUSINESS CARD TO:

NORWOOD LIONS CLUB
PO BOX 288
NORWOOD, NC  28128

OR CONTACT EARL TRULOVE AT 910-610-3233 FOR ADDITIONAL INFO.


West Stanly participated in the September District wide food drive. We presented the food and a cash donation to Rev. Britt at our meeting on Thursday, August 23rd.
Lions clubs in Zone 1 have been very busy this summer and will continue with multiple community events into the fall.

Unionville's 4th of July Celebration was featured in an article in the local Monroe newspaper who stated it was the best attended July 4th Celebration in the county. Their five Concerts in the Park in July and August were also a resounding success.

The Greater Monroe Lions Club provided breakfast for teachers and staff at the Rocky River Elementary School on 8/24/18 and are co-sponsoring a Blood Drive with the First Baptist Church in Monroe on 8/31/18.

On the 11th of August, a Kidsight Screening at the Waxhaw and Western Union's Back to School Bash was conducted by seven Waxhaw Lions and four Indian Trail Lions. They screened 90 children; 80 children passed and 10 were referred. Both clubs purchased a Plus Optix camera and accessories in June of 2018. Waxhaw Lions also has a contract with the Head Start School in Monroe to screen over 200 children at their facility in September, date still pending. Four prospective members attended Waxhaw's program meeting on August 16th. Two took applications and said they wanted to join, one indicating she wanted her husband to also join. One other guest has signed up to participate in our food drive on September 8th, so we are hoping he will also join us.

Three clubs in Zone 1 are participating in the District-wide food drive on Saturday, September 8th. They are Unionville, Greater Monroe and Waxhaw.

The VIP Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2018 at the Monroe Country Club. Details will be finalized at our first Zone Meeting on Monday, September 10, 2018 at the Wingate Community Center. PDG and current NC and District Brighter Visions Chair, Laraine Dupree, will be our guest speaker and all Lions club members are being encouraged to attend this meeting. Pizza and salad will be served.