

Council 2024-25 of Governors Meeting

February 8th, 2025, 9AM

- Call to order-----George Suggs, Council Chair
- Pledge of Allegiance-----Ana Elliott, DG 31N
- Invocation-----Mike Edwards, DG31I
- Approve agenda and appoint parliamentarian-----George Suggs, CC
- Recognition of and comments by Past International Officers-----George Suggs, CC
- PIP Sid L. Scruggs III
 - PID Gwen White
 - PID Harvey Whitley
 - PID Lacy M. Presnell, Jr.
 - PID Ron Huber
- Council Chairperson report-----George Suggs, CC
- Reading of the minutes from the November 9th Meeting-----Gary Steele, CST
- Approval of the Minutes-----George Suggs CC
- MD 31 Financial report-----Gary Steele, CST
- Approval of Financial Report-----George Suggs, CC
- Governor Reports-----2024-25 Council of Governors

New Business:

Statewide committee Chair Reports

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| MD-31 Global Leadership | Harvey Whitley, PID |
| MD-31 Global Membership | Vincent Schimmoller, PDG |
| MD-31 Global Service | DeAngelo Jackson, PDG |
| MD-31 Global Extension Chair | Tim Williams, PCC |
| Boys and Girls Homes of NC | Mary Lockhart |
| Campus Clubs/Leo Clubs | Elizabeth Steele |
| Celebrate Liberty | Nathan Medley, PDG. Harriett Walton |
| Constitution and Bylaws | Dale Dupree, PCC |
| Diabetes Awareness | Paulette Gasperson, PCC |
| Guide Dogs/Leader dog | Tom Snively |
| Hall of Fame | Carlton Metts, PDG |
| Technology for the Blind and Visually Impaired | Michelle Myers |
| History | Rhett White |
| Information and Technology | John Lynde |
| LCIF MD31 Coordinator | Herb Justice, PDG |
| Lions Alert | DeAngelo Jackson, PDG |
| Long Range Planning | Michael Schwartz, PCC |
| Marketing | Paul Bledsoe, PDG |
| Nominations | Paul Silverman, PDG |
| Promotions/ Protocol | Elizabeth Steele |
| State Convention | Loraine Dupree, PDG |
| Approval of Committee Reports | George Suggs, CC |
| VIP Fishing Report | Gwen White, PID |
| NCLI Report | Carlton Metts, PDG |
| Announcements | George Suggs, CC |
| Benediction and Lunch Blessing | Mike Edwards, DG |
| Adjournment | |

In Person Meeting 9:00 am

Council Chair George Suggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 am with District Governor's Anna Elliott (31-N), Mike Edwards (31-I), Judy Keck (31-O by Zoom), Jim Tobolski (31-E), and Dawson Hart (31-L) present. DG Anna Elliott led the Pledge of Allegiance and DG Mike Edwards gave the invocation.

Past Council Chair Governor Dale Dupree agreed to be the parliamentarian. DG Mike Edwards made a motion that the agenda be approved as presented and DG Dawson Hart seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Chair George Suggs recognized the International Officers that were present (PIP Sid Scruggs II, PID Lacy Presnell, and PID Harvey Whitley). PID's Lacy and Harvey indicated that they were happy to be here and would reserve their comments until later. PIP Sid talked briefly about the upcoming International Convention and support for the Candidate for International Director Gary Steele.

Council Chair George gave his quarterly report.

Council Secretary/Treasurer Gary Steele reported that the last minutes from November 9 were emailed and posted on the State and NCLF websites. DG Mike Edwards made a motion that the minutes be approved as posted. DG Dawson Hart seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Council Secretary/Treasurer Gary Steele presented the financial report. DG Ana Elliott made a motion that the financial report be approved as presented. DG Judy Keck seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Council presented their quarterly reports.

PID Harvey Whitley gave a report on Global Leadership.

PDG Vincent Schimmoller gave a report on Global Membership.

PDG DeAngelo Jackson gave a report on Global Service.

PCC Tim Williams gave a report on Global Extension.

Scott Stephenson and Mark Murphy gave a report on Boys and Girls Homes of NC. They asked that \$12,600.00 that were donated to the Therapy Dog Program be reallocated to the Equine Therapy program. After some discussion, it was opined that the money had been donated by individuals or clubs directly to the Boys and Girls Homes of NC and didn't come from the Council, which means that the Council can't redirect the money.

Lion Elizabeth Steele gave report on Campus/Leo Clubs. Lion Elizabeth informed the Council that there had been no registrations for the Leo Convention to this point. It seems that most of the Leo's didn't want to come for the overnights but were more willing to come for a day event. After some discussion, DG Ana Elliott made a motion that the Leo Meeting/Convention be moved to the State Convention. Lion Dawson Hart seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Lion Elizabeth will work with the Convention committee to secure space for the Leo's to meet and work.

PCC Dale Dupree gave a report on Constitution and Bylaws.

PCC Paulette Gasperson gave a report on Diabetes Awareness.

PDG Carlton Metts gave a report on Hall of Fame.

Lion Michelle Myers gave a report on Technology for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

PDG Herb Justice gave a report on LCIF.

PDG DeAngelo Jackson gave a report on Lions Alert.

PDG Michael Schwartz had no report on Long Range Planning.

PCC Gary Steele gave a report from PDG Paul Bledsoe on the Marketing Grant.

PCC Gary Steele gave a report from PDG Paul Silverman on the Nominations Report.

Lion Elizabeth Steele indicated that the Promotions report would be given during the Promotions Meeting.

PDG Laraine Dupree and PDG Barbara Thompson gave a report on the State Convention. After presenting the Agenda, the Head Table introduction on Saturday night was changed from Gary Steele to Paul Bledsoe and the Celebrate Liberty presentation was deleted due to no submissions. Lion John Snellings asked for permission to offer a training session for KidSight on Friday, April 18. After some discussion, DG Judy Keck made a motion to allow the KidSight Training on April 18 and approve the agenda with the proposed changes. DG Ana Elliott seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Chair George asked for a motion to approve the Committee Reports. DG Judy Keck made a motion to approve the committee reports. DG Ana Elliott seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Executive Director Carlton Metts gave a report on NCLF.

DG Mike Edwards gave the closing Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Gary Steele
PCC, MD31
MD Secretary/Treasurer

NC LIONS STATE COG ACCOUNT #4815

Council Budget

As of:

2/1/2025

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

| | Budget 24/25 | Actual | Budget 25/26 |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| COUNCIL INCOME | | | |
| 100 Balance forward from 6/30/24 | \$38,818.20 | \$39,068.20 | |
| 105 Council Dues - 4472 @ \$5.50 | \$24,596.00 | \$14,714.50 | |
| 110 District Surety Bond \$64 X 5 | \$320.00 | \$320.00 | |
| 112 Internet Domains & Web Hosting | \$443.80 | \$337.74 | |
| 115 Interest Earned | \$200.00 | \$1,120.29 | |
| 120 LEO Clubs Income | \$2,100.00 | \$0.00 | |
| 125 RLLI Income | \$8,400.00 | \$0.00 | |
| 130 Ad from District Governors \$42.86 X 7 | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | |
| 135 Miscellaneous Income | \$5,000.00 | \$0.00 | |
| 140 LEO Sale of Pins | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | |
| 145 Refund from State Convention | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| 150 Disaster Grant | \$0.00 | \$103,100.00 | |
| 155 Marketing Grant | \$0.00 | \$10,000.00 | |
| TOTAL COUNCIL INCOME | \$41,459.80 | \$119,592.53 | \$0.00 |
| COUNCIL EXPENSES | | | |
| 200 Annual Audit | \$500.00 | \$0.00 | |
| 205 Awards, Plaques & Gifts | \$2,000.00 | \$0.00 | |
| 210 Bank Fees | \$50.00 | \$0.00 | |
| 215 CC & SST Clothing (2 @ \$130) | \$260.00 | \$260.00 | |
| 220 CC, SST, 1st & 2nd VDG Crest X 17 | \$440.00 | \$35.75 | |
| 225 2nd VDG Clothing 5 @ @130.00) | \$650.00 | \$0.00 | |
| 230 NCLF Clerical Service & Rent | \$1,200.00 | \$1,200.00 | |
| 235 Forum Travel for CC | \$2,000.00 | \$0.00 | |
| 240 Council Chair Travel Expense | \$2,500.00 | \$317.70 | |
| 245 5 District Officers Surety Bond | \$320.00 | \$320.00 | |
| 250 Hall of Fame Plaques | \$1,200.00 | \$0.00 | |
| 255 In Coming CC International Convention | \$3,100.00 | \$3,100.00 | |
| 260 Internet Domains & Web Hosting | \$600.00 | \$1,214.72 | |
| 265 Leo State Convention | \$2,000.00 | \$0.00 | |
| 270 Meeting Space | \$500.00 | \$0.00 | |
| 275 Office Supplies Sec/Treas | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | |
| 280 Peace Poster/Essay Contest | \$600.00 | \$250.00 | |

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| 285 Postage/Printing Sec/Treas | \$200.00 | \$29.99 |
| 290 State Sec/Treas Travel Expenses | \$2,500.00 | \$78.00 |
| 295 State Council Meeting Expenses | \$500.00 | \$0.00 |
| 300 Bond for State Sec/Treas | \$298.00 | \$298.00 |
| 305 Video Conferencing Equipment | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| 307 Marketing Grant | \$1,500.00 | \$4,000.00 |
| 310 RLLI Expense | \$8,400.00 | \$0.00 |

COMMITTEE EXPENSES

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|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 315 Boys & Girls Home | \$250.00 | \$0.00 |
| 316 Constitution & By-Laws | \$250.00 | \$101.80 |
| 317 Diabetes Awarness | \$750.00 | \$0.00 |
| 318 E-Sight/Guide Dogs | \$250.00 | \$0.00 |
| 319 Global Action Team (GAT) | \$250.00 | \$0.00 |
| 320 Global Leadership Team (GLT) | \$4,000.00 | \$1,949.18 |
| 321 Global Membership Team (GMT) | \$250.00 | \$0.00 |
| 322 Global Service Team (GST) | \$750.00 | \$0.00 |
| 323 Hall of Fame | \$400.00 | \$0.00 |
| 324 History | \$250.00 | \$0.00 |
| 325 Info. Technology/Public Relations | \$600.00 | \$0.00 |
| 326 Lions Alert | \$250.00 | \$0.00 |
| 327 LCIF | \$250.00 | \$0.00 |
| 328 LEO L& Campus Club | \$250.00 | \$0.00 |
| 329 Nominations | \$250.00 | \$0.00 |
| 330 State Convention | \$250.00 | \$4,472.00 |
| 331 State Convention Host | \$250.00 | \$0.00 |
| 332 Long Range Planning | \$250.00 | \$0.00 |
| 333 Hospitality Room COG Meeting | \$500.00 | \$0.00 |
| 334 Ad for COG State Convention | \$300.00 | \$0.00 |
| 335 Celebrate Liberty | \$250.00 | \$0.00 |
| 336 NC Lions-Council State Convention | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 337 Marketing | \$250.00 | \$0.00 |
| 338 Protocol | \$250.00 | \$0.00 |
| 339 Global Extension | \$250.00 | \$0.00 |
| 340 Technology for Blind & VIP's | \$250.00 | \$0.00 |
| 341 Disaster Grant | | \$3,132.94 |

TOTAL COUNCIL EXPENSES

\$44,218.00 \$20,760.08 \$0.00

NC LIONS PROMOTIONS BUDGET # 4823

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

| PROMOTIONS INCOME | Budget 2024-25 | ACTUAL | Budget 2025-26 |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 500 Balance brought forward | \$25,220.94 | \$27,685.22 | |
| 505 Interest Earned | \$200.00 | \$192.94 | |
| 510 Promotion Dues 4472 X \$.75 | \$3,354.00 | \$2,395.44 | |
| 515 Promotions Reserve Int. Officer Fund \$.25 | \$1,118.00 | \$598.00 | |
| 520 Sale of Clothing | \$5,100.00 | \$4,260.84 | |
| 525 Sale of NC Trading Pins | \$2,280.00 | \$2,100.00 | |
| 530 Southeast Breakfast | \$0.00 | \$1,042.37 | |
| 535 Miscellaneous Income | \$3,100.00 | \$727.34 | |
| TOTAL PROMOTIONS INCOME | \$15,152.00 | \$11,316.93 | \$0.00 |

| PROMOTIONS EXPENSES | Budget 2024-25 | ACTUAL | Budget 2025-26 |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 600 Audit and Tax Filing | \$275.00 | \$0.00 | |
| 605 Bank Fees | \$35.00 | \$218.54 | |
| 610 Office Supplies Printing & Postage | \$125.00 | \$0.00 | |
| 615 Promotions Chair International Convention | \$3,100.00 | \$2,977.28 | |
| 620 Promotions Chair Travel Expense | \$2,300.00 | \$180.34 | |
| 625 Purchase of Clothing | \$4,400.00 | \$2,294.40 | |
| 630 Purchase of Trading Pins | \$3,060.00 | \$2,590.00 | |
| 635 Southeast Breakfast \$65.00 PP | \$0.00 | \$1,875.69 | |
| 640 Promotions Chair Travel to Forum | \$1,500.00 | \$1,367.50 | |
| 645 Miscellaneous Expense | \$134.00 | \$827.34 | |
| 650 CAN Surety Bond | \$229.00 | \$229.00 | |
| TOTAL PROMOTIONS EXPENSES | \$15,158.00 | \$12,560.09 | \$0.00 |

Multiple District 31
Financial Report 02/01/2025

| | START | CURRENT | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| COUNCIL CHECKING ACCOUNT # 4815 | \$39,068.20 | \$51,418.75 | |
| PROMOTIONS CHECKING ACCOUNT # 4823 | \$16,591.11 | \$15,377.06 | |
| PROMOTIONS MONEY MARKET # 5714 | \$11,094.11 | \$11,285.40 | |
| COUNCIL MONEY MARKET # 0757 | \$63,191.24 | \$64,304.70 | \$142,385.91 |
| DIABETES AWARENESS | \$1,200.14 | \$1,200.14 | |
| LEO CLUBS | \$212.22 | \$212.22 | |
| STATE CONVENTION RESERVE | \$50,352.11 | \$50,352.11 | |
| STATE COUNCIL RESERVE | \$3,397.93 | \$3,397.93 | |
| LEADERSHIP | \$350.25 | \$350.25 | |
| CLELEBRATE LIBERTY | \$7,678.59 | \$7,678.59 | \$63,191.24 |
| INTEREST EARNED | \$0.00 | \$1,120.29 | |
| Will be split between the 6 sub accounts | | | |
| CATASTROPHE GRANT ACCOUNT #7139 | | \$99,970.26 | \$3.20 Interest |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$129,944.66 | \$242,363.00 | |

District L

Fellow Lions,

The Lions of District 31L are hard at work while continuing to recover from the effects of Helene, as we will for years to come. As we work toward returning to a new normal, even four months post the storm, it must be remembered that over 70% of our district was hit hard by Helene.

One of my goals this year has been to reunite the district and to encourage communication and reporting. This is being worked on through the lovely new format of the newsletter that my wife is doing, establishing monthly district reporting, and more. There continues to be many clubs that do not respond to various formats of communication and I will continue to outreach to these clubs in hopes that they will catch on the excitement of service being done within the district.

With only 11 clubs reporting to LCI during the first half of this Lions year, it is documented that with this service alone, we have served 55,699 individuals. In truth, these figures, though undocumented, are surely higher with many clubs busy at work and some with limited resources or ability to record the extensive amount of service they are doing in the impacted areas of the Western NC mountains. Nonetheless, every global service cause has been touched by at least one club within our district, with many clubs serving multiple global causes.

District 31L holds service as a high value. We own and operate The McCune Community: Assisted and Independent Living Facility under the operation of the Western NC Lions Board of Directors. The Community continues to thrive under the leadership of Lion and Facility Administrator Brittney Helems and Board President PDG Curtis Erickson. In addition to the regular outings and programs brought to the facility by the facility's activities director, the lions and leos have had high involvement in special programs put on for the residents. These programs thus far this lions year include a 4th of July party, community Halloween trunk or treat and vision screening, a Thanksgiving feast and party, a Christmas party and Christmas morning festivities including me dressed as the Grinch and our newly installed 2nd VDG Dick Wilcox dressed as Santa with present deliveries and a story time reading of the 'Twas The Night Before Christmas. The most recent was a New Year's Eve Party.

Here is a summary of our global cause efforts:

Childhood Cancer- Clubs support local children in their towns facing cancer treatment and next weekend the district will be holding a district fundraiser for Alfac Cancer & Blood Disorders Center out of Atlanta, Georgia that serves the SouthEast of the United States free of charge to families. This fundraiser will be held in cohesion with our district cabinet meeting.

Diabetes Awareness- Clubs collect for the Dimes for Diabetes Program and other Diabetes Charities and host awareness events.

Disaster Relief- The heart of District 31L has been focused on disaster relief, most especially in the rebuilding of Western NC and continuing to meet the everchanging needs of families and charity entities during the recovery post Helene. The stats are incalculable having served thousands of hours, driven endless miles, and helped thousands of people. Lions have helped in disaster relief in everyway imaginable. From day one lions have stepped up to the plate cooking

and serving meals and volunteering with supplies distribution every step of the way from coordinating donations and related communications, unloading, organizing, loading, delivery, and more in every thinkable venue from local stores, to warehouses, and churches. A number of clubs have their own disaster relief committees that continue to coordinate outreach needs of their community, financial assistance for those in need, along with coordinating sending and receiving generous donations from NCLF, lions clubs, and beyond. Our lions have worked to secure donations of material items needed and have found valuable and unique ways in serving. Our zone 5 has been doing laundry for the mountains since the beginning. Clubs have been involved in land clean up, donations to individuals, charities, and small businesses.

District 31L would like to thank all who have had a hand in the disaster relief through donation of time, items, miles driven, generous monetary donations, and more. Your support has been invaluable and we don't know where would be had the community and Lions across this state, nation, and world had not pulled together.

Environment- Several clubs participate in environmental projects include serving the NCDOT Adopt-a-Highway Program, taking on the NexTrex Community Recycling Challenge that recycles plastic film into benches, recycling of aluminum cans, Got Sneaker recycling program, and more.

Humanitarianism- Humanitarianism is highly tied into the other relief efforts and clubs serve in a multitude of ways. Most recently clubs have hosted coat and blood drives.

Hunger- Clubs have made monetary and food donations to food pantries, charities, as well as to families in need. Many clubs participate in volunteering for local schools' backpack programs. Our district is home to the Andrews Lions Club who operate the Cherokee County Food Bank.

Vision- During the first half of the Lions year our clubs have screened over 5,607 children and adults and has provided numerous accounts of financial assistance and sponsorship of further eye exams and glasses. Clubs host vision screenings using all mediums available including the NC Lions KidsSight Program, club owned equipment, and the Unifour Children's Sight Program-a partnership of 12 Hickory area lions clubs.

In addition to meeting needs of eye health awareness, lions have served hundreds of hours providing assistance and filling transportation needs to Blind and Visually Impaired community members. 8 clubs hosted Christmas parties for local VIPs.

Youth- Clubs support the youth in variety of ways. A couple of our clubs sponsor their local scout troop, others have held collection drives, participated in the Peace Poster contest, and a large number of clubs made Christmas happen for children in need.

Community Presence: Clubs continue to put Lions in the eye of the community by hosting fundraisers from meals to car show to motorcycle runs and weekly bingo nights. Three clubs participated in local town Christmas parades, and a handful of clubs maintain an up to date Facebook page and website. The number of clubs partnering with local businesses and other charities to create a bigger impact and success in their projects, grows. Over the years, clubs

have contributed to the building and maintenance of community structures. District 31L is also home to the Etowah Lions Club who hosts a weekly Farmer's Market May through October.

LCIF- Total funds raised for the current fiscal year: \$9,337.00

Our membership has remained fairly stable with effects from members who have passed away, resigned, moved away, and joined for a net loss of 11 members at the time of writing this report. We continue to pray for many members facing health concerns and celebrate the 13 clubs who have welcomed new members this year at the time of writing this report.

As most of you know, our district convention was put on hold and will be held here at Camp Dogwood next month on March 14th and 15th with our international guest PID Nick Xinopoulos of Indiana. He served in the Greek Marines and will be providing a highly interesting speech at the DG Banquet, a comparison of the military to Lions. We hope that you will join us.

Registration is open and I would be happy to share more information and a registration form with you. The theme will be the Wizard of Oz and talks of a pie the governor fundraiser is in order. I am sure to be very whipped and creamy by the end of family fun night. We continue to pray for our original planned international guest, ID Debbie Cantrell who is fighting a long hard battle to cancer.

In conclusion, our district made of small clubs, many in the hard-hit mountains, we total to the smallest district in the state, but we proudly roar on as we do our best. Each of us are volunteers with our own families outside of Lions with challenges and other obligations from work to maintaining health, and more, but our heart is in Lions and we will continue to do our best. The administrative side of Lions overwhelms many lions and clubs as they try their best, but most importantly as they continuously quietly serve.

From: Mike Edwards <edwards136630@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 12:15 AM
To: Gary Steele; George Suggs; MIKE EDWARDS; Tim Williams; David Smoot; Tom Matney; Lester Taylor
Subject: Membership Growth Plans 31 I

Membership Growth Plans 31 I
2024 - 2025

A) Potential Club List

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| China Grove | had a club in the past |
| Landis | had a club in the past |
| Kannapolis | increase in business and population |
| Yadkinville | increase in business and population |

B) Rank In Priority Order

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| Kannapolis | possibly more member potential |
| Yadkinville | citizens interest with new business adventures |
| China Grove | close to Kannapolis and better history |
| Landis | close to Salisbury with history |

C) Growth Team Members

| | | | |
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| David Smoot | Steve Cline | Mike Edwards | Terry Cauble |
| Tim Williams | Deb Williams | Sandy Fraser Thomas | Simon Thomas |

D) Potential Sponsoring Entity

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|---------------------------|--|
| Local Chamber Of Commerce | Concord Lions Club |
| Salisbury Lions Club | American Legion Post of Kannapolis and Salisbury |

E) Potential Guiding Lions

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| Jimmy Myers | Michelle Myers | Steve Cline | Tim Williams | David Smoot |
| Kirby Williams | Theresa Williams | Joe Poirier | Kathy Poirier | Terry Cauble |

F) Resources Needed

Tim Williams to give a New Club Training Seminar
District will apply for Lions International Grant to start New Clubs
All Seminars and prospected meetings at American Legion Buildings

From: Mike Edwards <edwards136630@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 12:16 AM
To: Gary Steele; George Suggs; MIKE EDWARDS
Subject: District Governor's Report For 2/08/25 Part 1

District Governor's Report For 2/08/25 Part 1

Overall

The past three months have been very busy inside District 31 I. We have continued to help our western clubs in our District with communications about recovery details and what items we need for our local communities. We have sent clothing, building materials, food and other essential items needed for our communities. Crescent RiverView, Boone, West Jefferson, and Sparta are the clubs we have been concentrating with their conditions.

Vision

Our Lions clubs have really ramped up our screenings in their communities. We are in the school systems and local government agencies to screen all available students that we can. Concord, Salisbury and Thomasville clubs all screened in January. They screened 1,642 with 305 referred (18.6%) in January.

Childhood Cancer

This is an area of opportunity we have recognized that we can involve our clubs with the Levine Children's Cancer Center at the Atrium Hospital. We have an event planned to help show more awareness of cancer support at the Levine Children's Cancer Hospital at the Atrium Hospital in Concord.

Environment Initiate

Our respective clubs have thought outside the box by cleaning up our community roadsides and parks/recreation areas. Salisbury has a roadside cleanup on the calendar and Concord has a stream clean up planned.

Diabetes Opportunity

The opportunity by using the "Dimes For Diabetes" collection has paid off in our District. The clubs that are using it has seen a good awareness their club and communities has seen it can help persons with diabetes.

Hunger Initiate

Our clubs have stepped up by filling packs with food to send home with students on weekends. Some clubs are volunteering at community shelters to feed homeless and migrant workers. Our clubs are collecting can goods , working at county helping ministries , plus working at soup kitchens.

Youth

We support young people so they can make positive choices ,lead healthy and productive lives. They will become are next generation of service leaders. Our clubs are working with our Leo Clubs and also grooming our clubs for future Leo clubs. Currently we have nine Leo Clubs with four promising new ones that are in the processing stage.

Disaster Relief

It is amazing that 90 % of all natural disasters are water related. We have experienced that fact by our local disaster with Hurricane Helene and as nation ,25.3 million people are displaced each year.

Humanitarian

We identify the world's most crucial needs and provide humanitarian aid where it's needed most. It could be the apartment fire that displaces twelve families who are without a place to live and food and clothes for each family member. It could be a train wreck that spills chemicals that are deadly if they are breathed by community members. The Salisbury Lions and other organizations step up to help the ones that need that human touch.

Mike Edwards
District Governor 31 I
Get Hooked On Serving Others

From: Mike Edwards <edwards136630@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 12:17 AM
To: Gary Steele; MIKE EDWARDS; George Suggs
Subject: District Governor's Report 2/08/25 Part 2

District Governor's Report 2/08/25 Part 2

Brighter Visions

Collected For The Year = \$ 69,008
District Governor's Goal = \$ 150,000
Percent of Goal Met. = 46.0 %
Needed to Make Goal = \$ 80,992

Camp Dogwood Raffle

Raffle Sales = \$ 5,878
District Governor's Goal = \$ 21,000
Needed to Make Goal = \$ 15,122

Clinical Eye Research

Donations = \$ 3,701
District Governor's Goal = \$ 8,000
Needed to Make Goal = \$ 4,299

Woolard Partner-in-Service

Founder = 6 Supporter = 3 Friend = 2 Total = 11

Jack Stickley Fellowships

Fellows = 1 Total = 1

Scruggs Beacon Of Hope

Lighthouse = 8

Total = 8

NCLF Ambassador

Ambassador = 3

Total = 3

District 31-O Report

February 8, 2025

Submitted by Judy Keck DG 31-O

District 31-O GAT Goals:

1.GLT: 76% of officers trained, 6 people attending RLLI

Have taken new member orientation to some clubs

2.GMT: Goal to grow by 35 members. Presently the District has a growth of 55 members but there have been 106 dropped members. Right now we are at -51 members. Long way from +35.

3.GET: We will charter 2 new cubs. We have 3 branch clubs. One with 16 members; one with 11 members and a new one with 4 members.

We have initial planning with 2 new branch clubs

4.GST: Our percentage is improving, so that is good, but still can get better. We have gotten back to #1 in the district as far as percentage, service activities and people served! We now have 3 Leo clubs that have reported activities – so that is getting better as well.

NCLE: Fundraising Progress for LCIF. We are one 1/3 of our goal at 37%. We are \$11,883 of goal \$32,409. Of our 1062 members we are averaging \$11.00 per member. LCIF is helping Disaster Relief in all areas, especially Western NC, Tennessee, Virginia and California.

2nd VDG Candidate: Keith Gallagher from the Sanford Club. He should be inducted by Aug. 1st, 2025. Until then he will Co-Chair GMT.

Service Activities: KidSight has done approximately 8000 screenings; on target with 10,000 by end of March

Activities in all our Global causes

Continue collecting/sending Supplies, Money to

WNC

BV: District 31-O is at 46% of their BV goal .

Camp Dogwood tickets are being sold.

Leo Clubs: Have 10 clubs now; 6 were represented at the MW Convention. They orchestrated a service project for WNC to brighten someone's day. They made 110 Sunshine Bags containing personal items, journals, cards, coloring books for all ages, stuffed animals, and snacks.

"Triple J" team has completed most of their assigned club visits. They are going back to hand out chevrons and help with club services

Mid-Winter Convention Jan 24-25, 2025 was a success. ID Chris Carlone was a dynamic speaker. Had a lot of interesting well attended seminars; especially on the Lion Portal.

3rd Cabinet Meeting was an informative & exciting meeting hearing about a lot of service, growth and fundraisers.

District 31-N Report
8 February 2025

HOLA!!!! I am delighted to be here this weekend, with all of you. Who is ready for Super bowl? Who is ready for Valentines Day???

Support for Western North Carolina continues. We provided gift cards to around 114 children ages 13-16 for the holidays. Trips with essential supplies will continue until normalcy is restored.

Well District 31 N has been busy with many things, one of them was our Mid-Winter Convention in Greenville, NC. January 16th, Jan 18th, 2025. We had great participation, fun and the most important thing, fellowship! We also conducted our elections, and we have a DG Elect Gene Goetz, 1VDG Elect Eddie Chase and 2VDG Earl House. Our International Director, Bert Nelson from Minnesota, reminded us that we are SUPER Lions in terms of services and that NO means nothing else than the next opportunity! The Super Metts were recognized along other essential Lions in our District for their commitment and dedication.

As far as the report goes, unfortunately we are running a little behind on our Brighter Vision & Camp Dogwood so far. No one to blame other than Clubs are choosing to direct funds and effort to support western NC. We are also currently negative seven on membership, however, our negative is smaller than most. Works in the making for an Omega Leo Club, more to come on that and two new lion clubs. They might not be finalized in my year, but I consider that a win for my incoming District Governor, at the end we will all win.

We continue with our monthly training, and we have scheduled an officer and portal training for March 1st @ Lake Waccamaw and again on April 5th at Kinston LIB. More information to come. We are targeting service reporting and right now we reflect 62% reporting.

Zones are getting together, and it is wonderful to hear all the planning in the making. This past Monday we had a zone meeting that included KidSight, Membership (mission 1.5) and District Governor points, seven different clubs were present. We have not seen that in 4 years.... kudos to 2VDG Elect and current zone chair Earl House.

As mentioned, prior, my report will be short and simple, however, do not hesitate to ask any questions!

"Love doesn't make the world go around; love makes the ride worthwhile" Franklin P. Jones

Respectfully

DG Ana M. Elliott, PHD
District Governor 31-N



Report to the NC Lions Council MD 31

Global Leadership Team

Camp Dogwood February 8, 2025

Training for the First and Second Vice District Governors has been completed and LCI Leadership Development Grant requests filed. Thanks to all who helped make these training events a success.

Vice District Governor Training has traditionally been held in December and February but the GLT Committee is investigating the possibility of changing the dates of training to earlier in the Lions year, perhaps in October. This will be dependent on the availability of Camp Dogwood and the use of the White building lounge where we have been training the last 2 years.

The Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) is coming up March 20-23, 2025 at Camp Dogwood. Current registration is at 14 participants: L-0, I-4, O-6, N-3, S-1. Registration has been extended to February 15 with the goal of having at least 5 participants from each district. There are plenty of spaces available for training our future leaders. PDG Barbara Thompson is serving as our RLLI Coordinator and will be happy to take more applications, regardless of district.

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is coming up in Atlantic City, NJ September 18-20, 2025. Early Bird registration of \$300 plus \$175 hotel deposit is available at lionsforum.org. Early Bird registration ends April 30, 2025 after which the fee will slightly increase. The registration fee includes 4 meals and cost of seminars. If you want to participate in Strides Walk the registration fee is \$25. 90+ seminars have been planned.

The Forum will be housed all in one building at Harrah's Resort and Casino in Atlantic City. Future forums will be 2026 in Memphis and 2027 in Huntsville, Alabama.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your MD 31 Global Leadership Team Coordinator.

PID Harvey Whitley, MD 31 GLT

GMT
Council Meeting
February 8, 2025

Fellow Lions

My report this month does not ring with good news. As of Jan 9, the last District Health Assessment, the MD-31 has dropped 120 members. The only District with positive numbers is Dist. N at plus 2. However, it is not too late to make a recovery. This past Monday I gave some thoughts about membership at a Zone meeting in Dist. N. Now that clubs will be having events such as Pancake Breakfast, Mother's Day Breakfast, Blood Drive or other service or fund raisers, this is your chance to talk to folks attending your events. I have found that one of the best ways to do this is to have your most outgoing member work the crowd by talking to them about what is important to them.

Several important ways to recruit members include

1. Just Ask
2. Don't take NO as a personal affront-ask the next person
3. All club members are recruiters
4. Ask younger members, for the most of us this is (ages 50-65). They may be retired and have free time and have more disposable income.
5. Invite them to a service project.

We have 5 months left in this year so go out and bring in a new member. Wouldn't it be great if all MD-31 clubs added one new member to their club, that would be 236 new members. I ask the District Governors to share this message with your clubs. Good Luck!!!!

GMT

NORTH CAROLINA LIONS FOUNDATION, INC.
COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

February 8, 2025

Council of Governors Meeting

MD-31 Global Extension Team Report:

I requested reports from all of the District GET Coordinators concerning their extension efforts. Again, I received reports only from Districts O and I.

District O, with 6 prospective clubs in the works, continues to set the example for the rest of MD-31. They are continuing to work with two branch clubs; the Randleman Lions Club, currently with 15 paid members and the Ramseur Community Lions Club, currently with 10 paid members. They have held planning meetings in Marshville, where they have identified 5 prospects. They are in the initial planning stages in Pittsboro and Person County, and on a Toyota Plant affiliated club. They have also identified 38 locations for future extension efforts.

District I is continuing to cultivate its branch club in Wallburg, where they currently have 7 paid members. They have met with community leaders in Yadkinville and participated in the Yadkinville Christmas Parade. Kannapolis, China Grove, Landis, and Western Davidson County have been identified as areas for future expansion.

Respectfully submitted,
PCC Tim Williams
MD 31 GET Coordinator

From: Scott Stephenson lionsstephenson@gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: Boys & Girls Home Report
Date: Feb 10, 2025 at 2:02:36 PM
To: pccgarys@gmail.com

Good afternoon, Gary.

Below is what we discussed at the meeting with regards to Boys & Girls Home.

- Lions Cottage Renovation , Boys & Girls Home, Lake Waccamaw, NC
46 Lions Clubs, Individual Lions, businesses or Friends of Lions
donated a total of \$91,591.02 to be used in the renovation of the
cottage.

HK Jordan & Co., Wilmington, NC donated materials & labor in excess
of \$150,000 to complete the project.

Boys in the Lions cottage moved back in just before Christmas.

Multiple Lions clubs donated gift cards & presents for the Lions Boys
Christmas.

- In 2022, 22 NC Lions clubs donated a total sum of \$12,600 for the
dog therapy program at Lake Waccamaw. During that time there was a
fire at the home. The CEO of the B&G home and the dogs perished.
The company that provided the therapy dogs ended their relationship
with Boys & Girls Home. Marc Murphy, current president & CEO asked
NC Lions to allow them to use the funds for the Equine Therapy
program instead.

Lions Day at the Boys & Girls Home of NC, Lake Waccamaw this year
is set for Saturday, May 10th. All Lions are encouraged to attend and
visit the newly renovated Lions cottage. More info on times will be
distributed to the clubs.

Lion Scott Stephenson
D31-N Boys & Girls Home Chair

Constitution and By-Laws committee Report February 8 and 9

The Constitution and By-Laws committee is slightly behind schedule of reviewing the present District 31 Constitution and making sure that the changes from LCI are incorporated in the necessary places.

We want to remind everyone of the requested changes to the NCLF By-Laws, Article IV, Officers and Directors and Article V, Meetings, which have been sent to the clubs and will be voted on at the state convention.

Respectfully submitted.

Dale Dupree

Diabetes Awareness

February 8, 2025

I would like to start by thanking everyone for their prayers for Larry and myself. District L still has a few clubs that collect for the Dimes for Diabetes. We will be having a seminar at our convention. Trudi and Robert Annitt will be doing the seminar. If you are in the area, you are welcome to attend. It will be Saturday, March 15 at 2:30 here at Camp Dogwood.

District N Dimes for Diabetes is still up and running even though the main focus this year has been Western North Carolina. District N had their 1st Health Fair in September with more than 75 participants having their A1C checked by Dr. Cordero. 25 pints of blood were also donated during the event. Special thanks to the Massey Hill Lion's Club for hosting that event and is looking forward to hosting another one in 2025.

District N has sent in \$550.00 to Cape Fear Valley Sweet Kids Camp and District O has sent in \$75.00 to Cape Fear Valley Sweet Kids Camp. If a club wants to send a kid to Diabetes Camp, please contact the school nurse and find a camp close to your district.

Any questions?

Paulette Gasperson

PCC State Diabetes Awareness

Hall of Fame Report

February 8, 2025

By PDG Carlton Metts

On Thursday, February 6, 2025 the Hall of Fame Committee met by Zoom with four member participating to go over and to certify the HOF candidates for the 2025. A one candidate was rejected due not being deceased for 5 years but would be eligible in two years. Overall the candidate to be presented at the 2025 State Convention are all highly qualified and deserving.

Met with the District Governors in closed session after their Friday workshop on February 7, 2025 for the selection of the candidates. Each District did select one Living and one Deceased with a total of ten. The names will not be release until at or after the DG Banquet at the State Convention.

This is my report



PDG Carlton Metts

HOF Chair for MD 31

NC Technology Devices for the Visually Impaired and Blind
Committee Report – Activities since the November, 2024
Council of Governors Meeting – February 8, 2025

The new year brings new activity for our committee around the state.

The end of last year in November, I presented a program to the Durham club.

A WeWalk cane was given to a VIP in District I, by the Lake Gaston Club.

Three WeWalk canes were given to VIPs in District N by the Lake Gaston Club. To date, PDG Mayra McCloud has assisted with training two of the three VIPs. She wishes to extend a special thank you to Lion James Jansco in the Lake Gaston Club for all his help with WeWalk distribution.

PDG Mayra has seven boxes of Braille and large print books to donate to Camp Dogwood.

PDG Susan O'Brien requested our assistance helping a VIP near Waxhaw. She invited us to attend a zoom call to meet this young lady and hear about her interest in purchasing a special pair of glasses.

Additionally, PDG Susan O'Brien reached out concerning a VIP in New Jersey. This VIP needed a new white cane. He also was having trouble finding a Lions club near him who would return his calls. Incidentally, this VIP has received a new white cane and a club contact near him.

Our committee has been present at two of the District Conventions this year, I and O. We are planning to participate in L's District Convention in March and the State Convention in April.

A VIP presented a small program about the RayBan Smart glasses at District I's Convention. The Mocksville Lions club purchased them for him. The RayBan Smart glasses are one of the newer devices that the visually impaired community is currently embracing. They are available for purchase at Best Buy and Amazon.

Recently a VIP has asked for more information on a device called Glidance. We are currently researching it. The device is similar to WeWalk.

I don't have any new information to report about the WeWalk2. It has launched for purchase.

We recently heard from eSight about their new device. They are finally ready to loan our Lions organization two "demo" units. The contracts for the loaner agreement are being sent to me. According to eSight it could take up to two weeks to receive the contracts. I have sent a note to CC George Suggs to find out who I send the contracts to and who is authorized to sign them. Incidentally, eSight has purchased a full page ad in our State Convention Program.

The latest on Grandpa's White cane is the first set of the second publication of books will be ready by the end of March. They're still fundraising to purchase the second half of the books. They are still in need of about \$14,000 to pay for the books. A QR code is available to use for making donations. A few clubs in our state have made contributions. Please let me know if a club or district is interested in making a donation.

I would like to hear more feedback from clubs and/or districts that were able to make school presentations with Grandpa's White Cane. If I could get the name of the school, the city and the number of students in the class where the presentation was made that would be helpful to the authors.

Future club visits are on the calendar.

The Lake Gaston Club is currently researching other companies that manufacture glasses that have strong magnification for the visually impaired. These glasses would be similar to what eSight manufactures. More information on their research and results will hopefully be included in my next report.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Michelle Myers

LCIF REPORT FOR COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 8, 2025

Our District LCIF coordinators have been working to meet the 2024-2025 goals set by LCIF for each of our districts but remember that we are competing with the California wildfires and our own Western North Carolina Disaster for funds.

The 2024-2025 Goals for each District and the current income as of January 30 are as follows, however January is still posting.

| | <u>Income</u> | <u>2024-2025 Goals</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------------|
| District L: | \$2,315.00 | \$26,724 |
| District I | \$6,640.00 | \$26,660 |
| District O: | \$11,893.00 | \$31,560 |
| District N: | \$ 4,575.00 | \$28,880 |
| District S: | \$10,500.00 | \$26,427 |
| UNDist ((MD-31) | \$208,550.00 | \$= ----- |
| TOTAL | \$248,212.00 | \$136,326.00 |

We will always have our goal of EDUCATING OUR LIONS AS TO WHAT LCIF IS DOING AND SEEK SUPPORT FOR LCIF. Unfortunately, this year hurricane Helene paid us a visit and did large damage. Your LCIF has awarded us \$130,000 in grants to North Carolina to help us recover. A \$100,000 major catastrophe grant was given to MD 31 and Districts 31-L and 31-I were both awarded a \$15,000 Emergency Grant. As the cleanup progresses, additional funds may be forthcoming from LCIF. I want to thank our coordinators and Lions for their hard work as well as the Lions Clubs that supported us with their donations.

LCIF has addressed North Carolina's requests for Disaster assistance in the past and will continue to do so. Just as grants for Disaster Relief use donations, so are all other grants such as Sight, Hunger, Childhood Cancer, Leo, Diabetes, and other matching Grants. We need to show better support for LCIF so that they know that North Carolina appreciates the Grants given to us.

None of your District Coordinators have decided to repeat for another three-year term. Your current District Coordinators' appointments expire on June 30, 2025. My appointment also expires on June 30, 2025, and since it is my responsibility to nominate the next crew, I have been working with the District Governors to produce a list of future coordinators that is acceptable to both of us. LCIF has also

asked me for recommendations for their consideration for my replacement. Since it is LCIF's responsibility to select and appoint the state MD Coordinator. All my nominations will be approved and appointed for a term ending on June 30, 2028. LCIF will also select and appoint my successor for the same term.

I want to thank the clubs and Lions who have made donations to CIF this year and ask that you continue to do so. Thank you, District Governors, for your assistance in selecting the next District LCIF Coordinators. We still have time to make our Goals and with your help, we can have a successful year.

REMBER: Service is both doing and giving and that all donations for Disaster Relief count towards a Melvin Jones, if passed through LCIF.

THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

PDG Herbert A. Justice
MD 31 LCIF Coordinator



NC Lions MD 31 Council of Governors Marketing Report 2/7/25 – PDG Paul R. Bledsoe

Fellow Lions, we have just launched our marketing campaign throughout North Carolina. I would like to commend the Council of Governors for stepping forward to help make more citizens aware of what Lions do for their communities and in our state.

With awareness, NC Lions Clubs aim to instill in individuals' minds the impact they can have through programs and services that give back significantly while minimizing disruption to their lifestyle. This benefit will refresh perspectives on the activities of Lions in North Carolina and revive the brand for club growth. That's the mission. With a larger membership, clubs can undertake remarkable projects in their communities, towns, and cities, leading to greater awareness and increased media coverage.

This NC Lions awareness and branding campaign will focus on purpose and flexibility for club growth. The media vehicle will include connected TV, light digital, and social media. The campaign will be a video of how easy it is to make a difference, give back to the community, and make real change on your own terms and at your own pace. Focus on being a part of something bigger... One example: Life is busy, but that doesn't mean you can't give back. Your local (NC) Lions club is fit for you because every moment you give matters.

Every Lions Club member in our state must contribute to the campaign's success. That's why all the tools needed for success are included for club use at a Google Drive address. Club members and officers can download the printed material and videos.

Within the marketing files, you will find an **Information Guide** document that defines all the material within the folder and how it can be used.

Here is the link to our **NC Lions Marketing 2025 Google Drive address:**

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rHNEb7YYSGkhqh9yG7PucxXC4VZ8hkYI>

Please make sure all your district clubs understand the importance of speaking with one voice and communicating loudly about what we do working together as Lions. With a larger membership base, we can expand services and create enormous programs within the communities we serve.

Respectfully submitted, PDG Paul R. Bledsoe

February 2025 Report on Nominations

Candidates for NCLI positions should provide a notice of intent and verification of membership in good standing from your respective club secretary by April 15th, 2025. This election will be held at the 4th NCLI meeting on the weekend of May 3rd, 2025.

I am currently in receipt of nominating credentials for Lion Anne Metts for NCLI Secretary and PDG Curtis Erikson for NCLI Treasurer. I currently do not have a letter of intent or verification of membership in good standing for the positions of Foundation President, 1st or 2nd Vice President.

Results from the three elections held during the November meetings are as follows. Duly elected for 2025-2026 Council Secretary/Treasurer is Gary Steele, 2025-2026 Promotions Chair is Elizabeth Steele and 2026-2027 State Council Chair is Carlton "Carly" Metts.

Report Respectfully Submitted by PDG Paul Silverman 02/04/2025.

2025 State Convention Report
MD 31 Council of Governors
Camp Dogwood, Sherrills Ford, NC
February 8, 2025

The agenda for the 2025 State Convention is complete.

Our guest speaker is Past International President Brian Sheehan and his partner-in-service Lion Lori.

The theme for the convention is "Lions serving through Adversity," celebrating the perseverance of the Lions of Western North Carolina who endured and are enduring the challenges of Hurricane Helene; as well as the Lions across our state who have assisted in recovery efforts.

The Council will recognize the State's Peace Poster Winner during Friday Fun Night activities. Friday night's theme will be "Catch the Lions Wave," with a beach party setting. There will be a DG providing music for dancing as well as comic relief.

Ads are coming in, but more ads are still needed to fully fund the bonus meals and room rental needs. All governors were encouraged to continue seeking ads from their respective districts.

Seminars have been planned in a forum-type schedule:

1. LCIF presented by PIP Brian Sheehan
2. Roles of the governor's spouse and Women in Leadership presented by Lion Lori Sheehan
3. So, you're considering district governorship presented by PID Gwen White and PDG Barbara Thompson
4. Portal Q&A, presenter to be confirmed.
5. Childhood Cancer presented by DGE Gene Goetz and ECU physician.
6. 1.5 Membership presented by PIP Brian Sheehan

A request for a preconvention training session for KidSight Vision Screening has been received from Lion Jon Snellings. The training session would start early Friday afternoon and would conclude that afternoon. If there is not enough pre-interest expressed, the training session would be cancelled. The Council approved the request.

On going service projects for the weekend are the food Drive, dogwood tree planting, and building material fund raising for Western North Carolina.

District Governors Elect will be responsible for the hospitality room. Thus far, \$200.00 has been received from each of four districts.

Saturday events conclude with the District Governors' Banquet. The dress code for the sitting Council and the Council-Elect (including Council Chairs and Council Secretary/Treasurer) for the evening is formal. 1st VDGEs and 2nd VDGEs in attendance should wear their respective uniforms. Dress for all other attendees will be business or church attire.

The Service of Remembrance will start Sunday activities, followed by Cabinet meetings, and the General Session. The incoming Governor Teams will be introduced at the conclusion of the general session.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as this year's Convention Host Committee Chair.

Laraine Dupree, PDG



Multiple District 31
State Convention Coordinator Report
February 8, 2025

Hello Council Chair George and Council of Governors,

Currently we have 2025 booked at the Greensboro High Point Airport Marriott with a room rate of \$129.00 (plus tax and service charge) per night and negotiated meal prices to benefit the Lions of North Carolina. Looking forward to a great convention!

We were fortunate to be able to transfer \$8,836.00 from the 2024 convention which will be used to offset meal prices for the 2025 State Convention.

Below are details of the contracts for 2026 and 2027:

2026 Dates are April 17-19

2027 Dates are April 23-25

Room rate will be \$132.00 plus service charge and tax for both years

CONCESSIONS

- 1 Complimentary room per night for every (35) room nights actualized.
- 1 Presidential Suite 609 Complimentary (\$325.00 Value per night)
- 1 Suite – 542 with Concierge Access at Group Rate of \$129.00 (325.00 Value per night)
- 4 Jr. Suite upgrades with Concierge Access at the group rate of \$129.00 (225.00 Value per night)
- 4 Upgrades to Concierge Level – Lounge Closed Friday PM- Sunday AM
- 3 Welcome Amenities – 1 @100.00 value / 2 @50.00 value
- 1 Gift Certificates for Two-Night Stay with Breakfast for 2
- (6) Easels Complimentary (60.00 Value)
- Meeting Room Setup/Rental Reduced from \$20,800.00 to \$1,750.00, plus tax and service charge.
- Waived Event Space Internet Access (\$200.00 per day/per meeting space savings)
- Audio/visual in Main Meeting/Meal Room and Handheld Microphones provided at no charge
- No charge for Wired Microphones
- No Charge for Registration Tables, Linens, Chairs and Waste Basket – set up by 8:00am Friday Morning
- (6) Complimentary Easels to be in Ballroom Foyer by 1:00pm Thursday for Client Use
- Hotel to be given Advertisement in Program valued at \$1000.00.

Thank you for your confidence in agreeing to hold our 2026 and 2027 NC Council State Conventions at the Greensboro High Point Marriott and thank you for the opportunity to serve as State Convention Coordinator!

Timeline:

| Action Item | Date to Deliver |
|--|------------------------|
| Present contract to the Council of Governors | February 2025 |
| Confirm signed contract for 2026 and 2027 | May 2025 |

Respectfully submitted,
PDG Barbara Thompson
Multiple District 31 NC Council State Convention Coordinator

NCLF Directors Report
Saturday February 8, 2025
Carlton Metts Ex. Dir.

Volunteer week is scheduled for April 3- 9, 2025 with the Budget Hearings on Saturday April 5th.

Camp Applications are coming in steady with hopes that we can have a full 8 weeks of Camp. Need volunteers and Bus drivers to cover all weeks to make it successful.

Brighter Vision Fund Drive is down by \$60,000 and need help. President Wayne will reappoint State BV Chair Sunday and do a restart. PDG Bill Mather has some health issues and needed to drop out.

Disaster Relief for Wester North Carolina has been coming in steady exceeding the \$300,000 mark. Donor has been Lions Clubs from all over the country and Canada with shipments and funds. We are currently sending clubs \$3,000 grant upon request. The funds can be used for food, Meds, household goods or needed items lost during the Hurricane. Sign for it and send back to NCLF the receipts and can request another as long as it exist

We have completed the purchase of a new Director's Car New 2024 Chevrolet Traverse LS to replace the old 2005 Dodge Van.

NC Lions KidSight is going strong with clubs joining together to get the job done. Bryan Hoover and Jon Snellings join a statewide nurses conference with KidSight displays and presentation. This event was very successful.

That is my Report.

PDG Carlton Metts

NCLF Ex. Dir.