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NC Lions 100th State Convention (April 26-28, 2024)

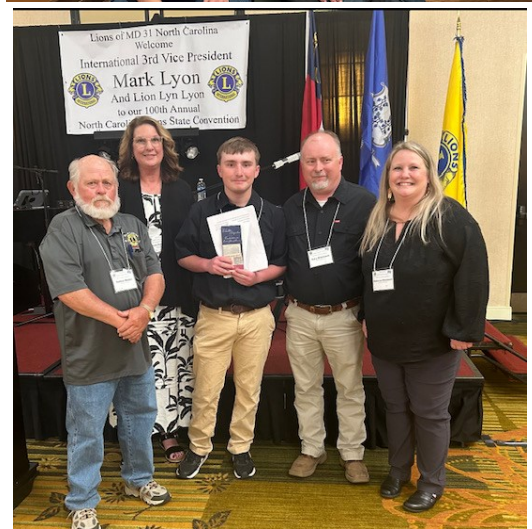
This year's state convention was one of the best and was very well attended (357). From District 31L, there were 32 attendees. It was a packed weekend full of fun and fellowship. Below is a brief summary of all the happenings along with pictures:

Friday

During the day, the COGs, PIDs and 3rd VP Mark Lyon received a tour of Industries of the Blind in Greensboro, NC. What an impressive operation. After that we went bowling with visually impaired and blind bowlers. Those of us that were sighted were blind folded. It was much more difficult than we thought. I had the pleasure of meeting Zack and he was on our team. We had a great time!



Friday evening was the Fun Night and that it was. There was a meal followed by Dueling Pianos. Most loved the entertainment and that was shown by the amount of songs requested, dancing a Conga line around the room and so many on the dance floor. During the evening, the Peace Poster and the Celebrate Liberty winners were introduced along with their families. District 31L is very proud that both state winners were from our district. We had the pleasure of hearing the Peace Poster winner, Jovie Andler, speak about what inspired her for the drawing. Dallas Blackwell, the essay winner, read his essay that was well received. Congratulations!!





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Saturday

The day started with the tail twister breakfast. It was a plated breakfast and there were a lot of items to be auctioned. For the items auctioned and donations, \$5,030 was collected of which half is going to Brighter Visions and half going to LCIF. A big thank you to CCE George Suggs. He did a great job, as always!



We then moved on to the Town Hall Meeting with 3rd VP Mark Lyon and his Partner in Service, Lion Lynn, who presented an inspiring speech and held a question-and-answer session.





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Following the meeting, was a Miracles in Sight presentation followed by round table sessions that were very informative.



The Saturday night banquet included Hall of Fame awards and Presidential and Leadership awards. I am proud to announce that PDG Curtis Erickson, Mills River Lions Club, was inducted into the Hall of Fame. PDG Curtis's team also won the Golf Tournament. Presidential and Leadership awards were presented by PIP Sid Scruggs to Lion Tammy Thomas, PDG Michael Schwartz and Lion Tony Angel. Lion Tony could not attend so I will be presenting the award to him in person soon. Congratulations to all the winners of the well-deserved awards.



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tonally, PID Dr. Lacy Presnell presented to each of the District Governors, a Sid L. Scruggs Beacon of Hope. We were all very honored.



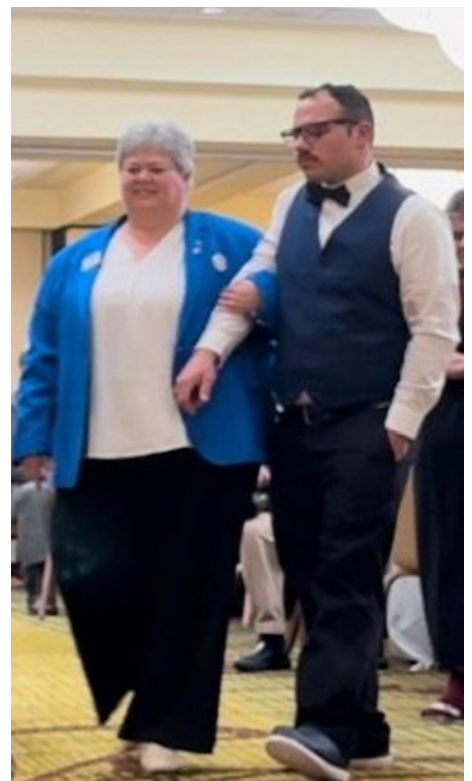


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Also, during the banquet, 3rd VP Mark installed three new members for District 31L. What a wonderful surprise and honor for me (DG Susan) to sponsor my husband, Juan, who is now a Lion. Lion Tammy Thomas sponsored Scott MacLean and 1st DGE Eileen Artavia sponsored Brandon Guerrero. Congratulations to all three and welcome to the Lions family.





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Sunday

The day began with a Service of Remembrance for those Lions who have passed over the last year. For District 31L:

Ray V. Caldwell, Balls Creek
Stefan B. Stackhouse, Black Mountain
Miriam Wood, Black Mountain McCune
Robert M. Carey, Burnsville
Tom Battle, Candler
Arthur Taylor, Candler
Clay Morgan, Canton Club
Dale B. Setzer, Claremont
Carl Moore, Clay County
Kenneth W. Woodard, Clay County
Dan G. McCracken, Clyde
Rogers McClain, Clyde
Joe C. Saunders, East Gastonia

William S. Newsom, III (“Doc”), Etowah
W. Fred Higgins, Hendersonville
Bill R. Culbertson, Hot Springs
Tracy S. Lanham, Lake Lure
Joe W. Cook, Long View
Joyce C. Smith, Mars Hill
Robert Walsh, Mars Hill
Benny Crow, Rutherford College
Everette A. Houston, Saint Stephens
Cheryl Hixon, Sand Hill
Jerry Thomas, Sherrills Ford
Robert W. Glenn, Valley Springs
Daisy Litman, West Hickory VIP

Please continue to keep them and their families in your prayers. Instead of being said because they have left us, remember all the wonderful service and those whose lives they have made a difference.

Following the service, the district cabinet meetings were held and a general session.

DG Susan, DGE Dawson, and 1st VDGE Eileen hope to see many more of you next year at the State Convention. It was a wonderful experience full of fun and fellowship. Thank you for your continued service.



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Office of Second Vice District Governor was not filled at the convention.

There is no 2VDG Elect. The position will officially become vacant 1 July 2024.

So if you are interested make it known so they can get the ball rolling out of the starting gate.

This is how it is filled.



Qualifications for Filling a Vacancy for the Office of 1st or 2nd Vice Dist. Governor.

Section 6. **FIRST AND SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS AND OTHER VACANCIES.** Any vacancy in office except that of district governor and first and second vice district governors shall be filled by appointment from the district governor for the unexpired term. In event of a vacancy arising in the office of first or second vice district governor, the district governor shall convene a meeting of the immediate past district governor, first vice district governor and second vice district governor and all past international officers who are members in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in the district. It shall be the duty of the attendees at this meeting to appoint a qualified club member as first or second vice district governor for the remainder of the term. In filling said vacancy, it shall be the duty of the district governor, or if not available, the most recent past district governor who is available, to send out invitations fifteen days (15) in advance of the meeting to attend said meeting and it shall also be their responsibility to preside as chairperson of the meeting. The chairperson shall convey the results to the international office within seven (7) days together with evidence of invitations sent and meeting attendance. Each Lion who is entitled to receive an invitation to attend and is present at said meeting shall be entitled to cast one vote for the Lion of their choice

In order for a Lion to be eligible and qualified to be selected to fill a vacancy in the office of first or second vice district governor, they must:

1. Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in their single or sub-district.
2. Secure the endorsement of their club or a majority of the clubs in their single district.
3. Have served or will have served at the time they take office as first or second vice district governor:
As officer of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof; and
As a member of the district cabinet for a full term or major portion thereof.
With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

Has not completed a full term or major portion thereof as district governor.



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News from your District Secretary

The New Portal has arrived.

By now Lions should have received an invitation email to join the new Lions Portal.

If you have an existing account, all your data has already been transferred and the email address you'll use to login has not changed. You will only need to setup a new Lion Portal password.

Follow the steps below to begin accessing the new Lion Portal:

1. Go to the Lion Account login page and sign in using your existing credentials, this will transfer you to the new Lion Portal
2. Here, you can either enter your current password or create a new one. From there, you'll be able access and begin using the new Lion Portal. Reminder all Lions and Leos who plan to use the new Lion Portal must have a unique email address (not shared with any other member) in their member record. This is because your email address will serve as your username to access the portal. While we recommend every member having a unique email address, even if they do not plan to use the Lion Portal, it is not required to have one on file to be a member.
3. Yes! You can use your desktop, laptop, tablet, or smartphone to access the Lion Portal. Functionality is the same across all devices. The portal will simply adjust to fit the size of the device. Training videos are also available at <https://www.youtube.com/@lionportaltraining>

It is very important for club officers to take a moment to access these videos. Remember we are all learning this new portal. It is going to take time to familiarize ourselves with the new process. Your District Leaders are working diligently to familiarize themselves with the new program and will do their best to answer any questions you may have.

Should you have any questions please reach out to your District Team.

Respectfully submitted:

Lion Tammy Thomas



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LCIF Updates...

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

As we move into the last quarter of our Lions year I want to say Thank you. Thank you to those that have donated this year to LCIF. We are still behind on where we need to be. Please consider giving something if you can. Currently 15 of 47 clubs have donated \$4908.42. Our District is falling short \$16,901 of our goal set by LCI.

There are many Lions who ask why should I donate to LCIF. So I asked Google.... Why should I donate to LCIF?

Googles answer...

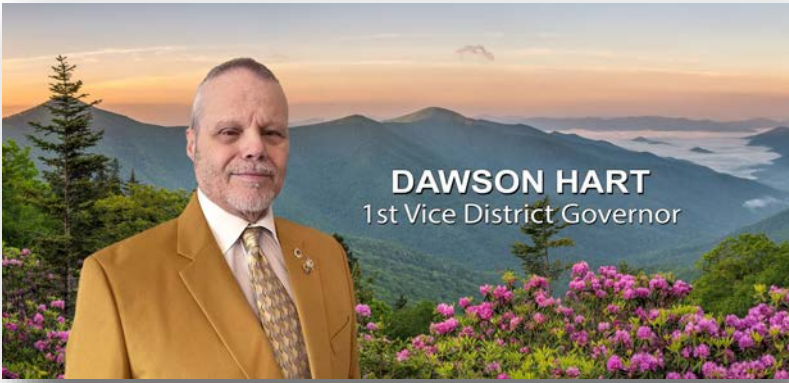
With 100% of donations going towards grants and programs, LCIF empowers the compassionate service of Lions and those who need our help. Although those benefiting from your support may never know of your generosity, Lions Clubs International Foundation and our beneficiaries are grateful for your support.

Please consider donating today.

Respectfully submitted:

Lion Tammy Thomas

District LCIF Coordinator



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News from your District Governor Elect, Dawson Hart



I recently had a lovely visit to the Waynesville Club. They are small but have a strong heart to serve their community and to preserve their club's legacy. During dinner, ideas were exchanged, and the club shared their efforts to partner with neighboring lions clubs. Most of the members are working military veterans and all were eager to hear updates of the district. I especially enjoyed hearing Lion Fadrian sharing her childhood memories of participating in the Weaverville Lions Club's horse show and attending Camp Dogwood as a family vacation with her blind parents and then go on to work as a summer counselor.



Thank you to all clubs who have reported their officers for the 2024-2025 Lions' year in the portal!

If you have not, please do this and make sure this along with club members' contact information and club meeting times/locations are up to date.

Stay up to date with information reported to our mother organization of Lions International so we can stay connected and so that we as lions can stay connected with one another and so LCI has correct contact information to send you administrative information.

Staying up to date on membership status assists LCI in keeping track years of service, if they are on the books, but not around, LCI won't know AND on a state level we will have a misrepresentation of how many lions are working to maintain the programs of Brighter Visions. This is very vital in planning of service as NC Lions and its implications for long-range planning committees of our state organizations and efforts.



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The New Lions Portal has been released!

If you are an active user of the portal, you can now log into the new portal.

If you want to be a new user, please wait patiently for an invitation email.

As with anything, it will take time to learn navigation of a new portal, but in the long-run, this new portal will help us. Please support fellow lions as we learn together.

LCI has a Youtube Channel with tutorial videos to help learn the new portal:

Look for the Youtube Channel "Lion Portal" for videos



The 2024-2025 Lions year will bang off with cabinet installation, cabinet meeting, and Brighter Visions Kickoff will be held Saturday, July 27th in Long View [Hickory].

details will be shared soon



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I have so enjoyed my journey so far as 2nd VDG that I wanted to take a moment to encourage anyone thinking of running. Do It! The best part so far is visiting the clubs and meeting people in our District that I otherwise would not get to meet.

I know it takes a commitment of time and resources. But it will be well worth the effort. You probably have heard of all

The money it takes to be a District Governor. What most people do not understand is that there is reimbursement from LCI for your Governor year. It does not cover everything, but, it does cover a lot. I really do encourage anyone interested to contact DG Susan Fernandez or PCC Martha Butler.

Thank You!

1st VDGE Eileen Artavia

LINCOLNTON LIONS CLUB SPONSOR VISION SCREENING

On Saturday, April 20th, the Lincolnton Lions Club held a vision screening from 11AM to 2PM at the “West Lincoln Springfest” in West Lincoln Park, Vale. This community resource event was sponsored by Lincoln County Parks and Recreation, Phoenix Counseling Center, Carolina Federal Credit Union, and Partners Health Management. The Good Samaritan Clinic of Morganton was kind enough to allow the club to use their van for the screening. Lincolnton club members performed free vision screenings through our Lions KidSight USA /Unifour program for children aged 6 months to 18 years. They screened a total of 12 children with no referrals.

Lions Pat and Charles Stevens staffed the registration table and passed out information about how our club members serve the Lincolnton community. Lions Roz Catania, Lora Brooks and Barbara Alles were also present to assist with the screening event.



Where does your Club stand with Brighter Visions?



April 19, 2024

		Club Contributions				Individual							
		Brighter							Governors Goal	Difference	% of	\$	
District	Members	Brighter Visions	Mem/Hon	BV Raffle	Contribution	Mem/Hon	Total BV			% of Gov. Goal	Per Member	Total BV Last Year	
L	727	\$ 25,956	\$ 1,000	\$ 281	\$ 9,953	\$ 860	\$ 38,050	\$ 75,000			51%	\$ 52.34	\$ 48,096
I	890	\$ 103,569	\$ 1,790	\$ 825	\$ 3,377	\$ 2,580	\$ 112,141	\$ 130,000			86%	\$ 126.00	\$ 146,059
O	1,045	\$ 75,771	\$ 1,020	\$ 85	\$ 1,725	\$ 2,280	\$ 80,881	\$ 120,000			67%	\$ 77.40	\$ 129,261
N	963	\$ 67,698	\$ 475	\$ 217	\$ 4,700	\$ 974	\$ 74,064	\$ 90,000			82%	\$ 76.91	\$ 71,804
S	920	\$ 71,787	\$ 350	\$ 90	\$ 1,425	\$ 900	\$ 74,552	\$ 93,100			80%	\$ 81.03	\$ 89,947
State	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,257	\$ 1,910	\$ 5,167	\$ 87,000			6%	#DIV/0!	\$ 17,252
M/H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 30,000			-	-	-
	4,545	\$ 344,780	\$ 4,635	\$ 1,499	\$ 24,438	\$ 9,504	\$ 384,856	\$ 625,100	\$ -	\$ -	62%	\$ 84.68	\$ 502,419
April 19, 2024													
Club	District	Members	Brighter Visions	Memorial/Honor	BV Raffle	Brighter Visions	Memorial/Honor	Total BV	Gov. Goal Per Club	Difference	% of Gov. Goal	\$ Per Member	Total BV Last Year
Andrews	L	26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,340.00	\$ 2,340	0%	0.0	\$ 100
Asheville Greater	L	11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 990.00	\$ 990	0%	0.0	\$ 1,274
Balls Creek	L	11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 990.00	\$ 990	0%	0.0	\$ -
Black Mountain	L	14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,260	0%	0.0	\$ -
Black Mountain McCune	L	41	\$ 13.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 3,690.00	\$ 3,677	0%	0.3	\$ -
Brevard	L	15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350	0%	0.0	\$ 1,000
Brevard Davidson River	L	8	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 720.00	\$ (280)	139%	125.0	\$ 1,570
Candler	L	23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,070.00	\$ 2,070	0%	0.0	\$ 960
Canton	L	35	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 2,400	24%	21.4	\$ 4,208
Chase	L	8	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 720.00	\$ 720	0%	0.0	\$ 150
Claremont	L	18	\$ 590.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 983.45	\$ -	\$ 1,973.45	\$ 1,620.00	\$ (353)	122%	109.6	\$ 2,941
Clay County	L	12	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,080.00	\$ (120)	111%	100.0	\$ 1,000
Clyde	L	7	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 630.00	\$ 630	0%	0.0	\$ -
Conover	L	5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 450.00	\$ 450	0%	0.0	\$ 50
East Gastonia	L	7	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 630.00	\$ 630	0%	0.0	\$ -
Edneyville Community	L	8	\$ 720.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 720.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 720.00	\$ -	100%	90.0	\$ 745
Erwin District	L	33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,970.00	\$ 2,970	0%	0.0	\$ -
Etowah	L	20	\$ 2,090.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 6,390.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ (4,590)	355%	319.5	\$ 3,805
Franklin	L	22	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,980.00	\$ (20)	101%	90.9	\$ 2,090
Gastonia Evening	L	7	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 630.00	\$ 630	0%	0.0	\$ 1,000
Granite Falls	L	12	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 180	83%	75.0	\$ 1,200
Hendersonsville	L	42	\$ 3,298.50	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 4,250.00	\$ -	\$ 7,698.50	\$ 3,780.00	\$ (3,919)	204%	183.3	\$ 3,870
Hot Springs	L	23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,070.00	\$ 2,070	0%	0.0	\$ -
Hudson	L	16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,440	0%	0.0	\$ 200
Lake Lure	L	27	\$ 2,342.50	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,642.50	\$ 2,430.00	\$ (213)	109%	97.9	\$ 2,973
Lincolnton	L	14	\$ 1,050.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,260.00	\$ (240)	119%	107.1	\$ 2,119
Long View	L	18	\$ 1,922.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,932.50	\$ 1,620.00	\$ (313)	119%	107.4	\$ 1,883
Marion	L	13	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 1,070	9%	7.7	\$ 130
Mars Hill	L	10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ 900	0%	0.0	\$ -
Mills River	L	13	\$ 497.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 497.50	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 673	43%	38.3	\$ 886
Mount Holly	L	3	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 270.00	\$ (30)	111%	100.0	\$ 300
Mountain Home	L	6	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 540.00	\$ 540	0%	0.0	\$ -
Newton	L	7	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 630.00	\$ 630	0%	0.0	\$ 630
Pisgah Forest	L	14	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,530.00	\$ 1,260.00	\$ (270)	121%	109.3	\$ 1,660
Rutherford College	L	19	\$ 1,710.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,710.00	\$ 1,710.00	\$ -	100%	90.0	\$ 2,185
Rutherfordton	L	11	\$ 990.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 990.00	\$ 990.00	\$ -	100%	90.0	\$ 1,350
Saint Stephens	L	14	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,160	8%	7.1	\$ 100
Sand Hill	L	6	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ 540.00	\$ 465	14%	12.5	\$ -
Shelby	L	13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 1,170	0%	0.0	\$ 505
Sherrills Ford	L	16	\$ 1,663.00	\$ -	\$ 231.23	\$ 270.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 2,514.23	\$ 1,440.00	\$ (1,074)	175%	157.1	\$ 3,318
Spruce Pine	L	13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 1,170	0%	0.0	\$ -
Swannanoa Valley L C	L	3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 270.00	\$ 270	0%	0.0	\$ -
Sylva Cullowhee	L	9	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 810.00	\$ 810	0%	0.0	\$ 300
Valdese	L	13	\$ 585.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 585.00	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 585	50%	45.0	\$ 1,460
Valley Springs	L	5	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -	100%	90.0	\$ 703
Waynesville	L	9	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 810.00	\$ 810	0%	0.0	\$ -
Weaverville	L	23	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,070.00	\$ 1,820	12%	10.9	\$ 535
West Hickory VIP	L	24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,160.00	\$ 2,160	0%	0.0	\$ 50
L Misc	L	0	\$ 228.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 228.50	\$ -	\$ (229)	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	\$ 650
Totals	L	727	\$ 25,956	\$ 1,000	\$ 281	\$ 9,953	\$ 860	\$ 38,050	\$ 65,430.00	\$ 27,380	58%	52.3	\$ 48,096

Time is Running out to get our Brighter Visions Money in to NCLF. Every Dollar Counts in the lives of the VIPs that we serve. Thank you to the clubs that have given!

Eileen Artavia

1st VDGE and BV Co-Chair

Camp Dogwood Raffle Update



Funds turned in as of April 16th = \$68,672.79

Goal for 2023-2024 = \$112,000

\$43,327.21 to go!

Camp Dogwood is in the best shape ever. Thanks to our volunteers who worked during volunteer week!

Now it's your turn!

Last year we had maintenance expenses that exceeded the amount raised through our raffle income of \$103,000.

We still have many clubs who have not turned in any tickets.

Please turn in those tickets as soon as possible.

Drawing is June 13th Bring your ticket stubs to the State Convention or the NCLF meeting in May or Send your ticket stubs and money to

NC Lions – PO Box 39, Sherrills Ford, NC 28673

A green raffle ticket graphic for The North Carolina Lions Camp Dogwood. The text on the ticket includes: "The Purchase of These Tickets Supports The North Carolina Lions Camp Dogwood A Recreation Facility for the Blind and Visually Impaired on Lake Norman". The main prize is a "\$15,000.00 Cash Giveaway" for the Grand Prize Raffle Winner. Other prizes listed are: 2nd Prize: \$500.00 Cash, 3rd Prize: \$400.00 Cash, 4th Prize: \$300.00 Cash, and 5th Prize: \$200.00 Cash. A note at the bottom states: "You may win a \$200.00 Gift Certificate (2 will be given away at each District Convention!)" The North Carolina Lions Foundation logo is on the left side.



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The Greater Asheville Lions, along with Weaverville Lions and Buncombe County Association for the Blind, presented Jeanette Borzych, a teacher in Cherokee County, with a PIAF (Pictures In A Flash) machine. Mrs. Borzych has eleven VIP students in six different schools. Making the presentation is Weaverville Lion Ramona Fox.



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Long View Lions Club participated in Child Abuse Awareness month by participating in the national Pinwheels for Prevention Campaign as a pinwheel partner and hosted a drive collecting items for the Children's Advocacy and Protection Center of Catawba County. We will share results of this service project in the next district newsletter.



D31L Dispatch

SUSAN FERNANDEZ
District Governor

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District Service Project
Bring your broken crayons to the upcoming Cabinet meeting.

Broken crayons will be recycled and sent to Childrens hospitals for use.



Great Service Project!!!!

Keep the reading glasses you collect for recycling.

Decorate a box and put the glasses along with club brochures in it. Work with Local Libraries for placement.

Someone always needs readers at the library plus its a great way to share information about your club. If you have questions please reach out to Tammy@nclf.org

2024 Presidential LCIF Supporter



Your generosity not only earns you well-deserved recognition but also helps us make a lasting difference in the lives of those in need.

Contact Tammy @

828-234-7659 for more info.

There are multiple levels of recognition to honor donors

Bronze Pin - US\$50 to US\$99.99

Silver Pin - US\$100 to US\$199.99

Gold Pin - US\$200 and above



Marjorie McCune
Community Assisted and
Independent Living





A small but mighty group of Lions from the Long View Lions Club, Mills River Lions Club, Etowah Lions Club, Claremont Lions Club, and Black Mountain McCune Lions Club along with the new assistant administrator Brittney and her family, worked together to spruce up the grounds of our McCune Community for the annual clean-up day. After several hours of hard work, the lions enjoyed a delicious BBQ lunch topped off with beautiful floral arrangements made by the residents from flowers on site.



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Marjorie McCune
Community Assisted and
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MAY 15TH

Discover assistive care
living at the Marjorie
McCune Center's open
house!



**May 15th from 12 PM to 4
PM. Tailored sessions are
available. Don't miss out!**



(828) 669-8452 101 Lions Way Black Mt. NC 28711

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ROCKING CHAIR WITH YOUR

Personalized Plaque

\$250

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN

IN MEMORY OF OR IN HONOR OF: (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)

NAME: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

CAMP DOGWOOD IS HOPING TO REPLACE OUR WELL-LOVED ROCKING CHAIRS WITH NEW, WEATHER RESISTANT ROCKERS!

YOU CAN SEND A CHECK TO:
7062 CAMP DOGWOOD DRIVE
SHERRILLS FORD, NC 28673
OR

CALL 828-478-2135 EXT 250
TO GIVE CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

looking for volunteers ?

POST YOUR SERVICE
PROJECTS ON



TO REACH A WIDER AUDIENCE

- ✓ EASY
- ✓ FAST
- ✓ EFFECTIVE
- ✓ FREE



Calling all Lions!

CAMP DOGWOOD IS IN NEED OF SUMMER
CAMP VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING
WEEKS:

May 26-30: 3 volunteers needed

June 2-6: 10 volunteers needed

June 23-27: 8 volunteers needed

June 30-July 4: 8 volunteers needed

July 7-11: 7 volunteers needed

July 28-August 1: 10 volunteers needed

**WILL YOU ANSWER THE
CALL?**



Sponsors needed.

Bingo Bucks are given in lieu of Bingo prizes. VIP's are then able to exchange those bucks for souvenirs or snacks from the Camp Store. If you or your Club would like to donate simply send your check to NCLF and in the memo write BINGO BUCKS.

There is no set amount requested. We will distribute all donations equally amongst the sessions.

For more info. or if you have questions contact Tammy at 828-478-2135 ext. 229 or email tammy@nclf.org



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NCLF Recycling Programs

Hearing Aids

Hearing Batteries

No Cases or accessories

Cell phones

No cases

No accessories

Remove cover

Batteries

Type Button battery- flat watch style all sizes

Glasses

No contacts

No Cases

No loose lenses

We accept all styles of glasses and sunglasses.

Reading glasses make a great service project. Decorate a box with a sign have a pair of reads on us. Include club brochures. Place box in local libraries, senior centers, etc. for easy distribution to those in need.

**If you send glasses to NCLF please send to:
7062 Camp Dogwood Drive Sherrills Ford NC 28673**

Questions call: Tammy at 828-478-2135 ext. 229



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Marjorie McCune
Community Assisted and
Independent Living

\$100

NEW TELEVISIONS
ARE NEEDED FOR
THE RESIDENTS AT
THE MCCUNE
CENTER

PLEASE SEND DONATIONS TO THE WNC
LIONS AT:

101 LIONS WAY, BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC
28711 WITH THE MEMO LINE "TV FUND"



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Information Needed to Possibly Receive a VSP Voucher

Top Portion to be Completed by Applicant

Patient Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Birth Date _____

Number of People in The Household _____

Have You Received Assistance from VSP in the Past 12 Months? Circle YES or NO

Please provide most current information.

House Payment/Rent per Month_\$ _____ Car Payment per Month_\$ _____

Housing Assistance per Month __\$ _____ Food Stamps per Month_\$ _____

Social Security/Disability per Month_\$ _____ Other Income per Month_\$ _____

Total Monthly Income_\$ _____

Total Yearly Household Income_\$ _____

Do you have Insurance? Circle YES or NO

If Yes, What Type? Insurance _____ Medicaid _____ Medicare _____

I _____, certify that the information given above is correct.

Date _____

To be Completed by Lions Club

Name of Assisting Lions Club _____

Name of Lions Contact _____

Mailing Address for Lions Contact _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Eye care services and prescription eyewear are not available through these certificates if already covered through a private insurer and/or government program.

"All questions must be answered and any application received with Zero Income and NO explanation, will be Declined."



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New Member Roll Call 2023-2024

May 2023

Matthew Duncan—Edneyville Community LC

June 2023

James Boff—Granite Falls LC

Jeannie O. Oliver—Hendersonville LC

Brittany Guerrero—Sherrills Ford LC

Mary A Anderson—Andrews LC

Carol A Broome—Andrews LC

July 2023

Brad Groom—Canton LC

Gene Monson—Canton LC

Sara Monson—Canton LC

Kittie Diana Smart—Clyde LC

Owen Brett Martin—Shelby LC

David Jenkins—Sand Hill LC

August 2023

Jaime Futch—Andrews LC

Frances Stevens—Greater Asheville LC

Mary Bonnett—Etowah LC

Roy Bonnett—Etowah LC

Judy Jay—Lake Lure LC

Alan Bridges—Sherrills Ford LC

Elizabeth Swann—Black Mountain LC

September 2023

Dennis Wyss—Etowah LC

Jeannie Edwards—Swannanoa Valley LC

Samantha Payne—Claremont LC

Sheila Shehan—Spruce Pine LC

Dot Eckhard—Black Mountain McCune LC

Linda Woody—Black Mountain McCune LC

October 2023

Steven Matthew Arrowood—Rutherfordton LC

Margaret A Bennett—West Hickory VIP LC

Carolyn Sue Melson—West Hickory VIP LC

William Puppy Scott—Canton LC

Patricia Adams—Canton LC

Gail E Hodge—Andrews LC

November 2023

Barbara Ann Hancock—Andrews LC

Paul Robinson—Greater Asheville LC

Robin Robinson—Greater Asheville LC

November 2023—con't

Sarah Bratton—Sherrills Ford LC

Tracy Hefner—Sherrills Ford LC

Summer Smith—Spruce Pine LC

Julie Yankelevich—Valley Springs LC

Brittney Helms—Blk Mnt McCune LC

Venitta Shields—St. Stephens LC

December 2023

Joanne Baker—Valley Springs LC

January 2024

Clifford Panter—Andrews LC

Jill Caldwell—Balls Creek LC

Michael Carroll—Balls Creek LC

Tina A. Gibson—Balls Creek LC

Cynthia R. Steward—Balls Creek LC

Phillip Perry Jr—Rutherfordton LC

February 2024

Robert L Merrill—Andrews LC

Joyce Miles—Black Mnt LC

Mildred Beck—Blk Mnt McCune LC

Tina Brock—Blk Mnt McCune LC

Ben Wheeler—Blk Mnt McCune LC

Barbara A Propst—W. Hickory VIP LC

Charles S Propst—W. Hickory VIP LC

March 2024

Maurice Maynard—Black Mnt McCune LC

Terry Vess—Black Mnt McCune LC

Deval M. Mason—Rutherford College LC

Liz M. Birolin—Franklin LC

Raymond L. Watts—Rutherfordton LC

Janice S. Green—Weaverville LC

April 2024

Juan Fernandez—Etowah Lions Club

Scott MacLean—Sherrills Ford LC

Brandon Guerrero—Sherrills Ford LC



The road to success!

We Serve

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In Memory of D31L Lions 2023-2024

From May 2023— April 2024

Bill Glenn—Valley Springs LC 05/02/2023

Jerry Thomas—Sherrills Ford LC 05/18/2023

Daisy Litman—West Hickory VIP LC 05/10/2023

Tracy S Lanham— Lake Lure LC 06/10/2023

Robert Carey—Burnsville LC 05/26/2023

Stefan B. Stackhouse—Black Mountain LC 05/03/2023

Everette A Houston—Saint Stephen LC 06/23/2023

Miriam Wood—Black Mnt McCune LC 07/20/2023

Dan McCracken—Clyde LC 07/30/2023

Billy Culbertson—Hot Springs LC 07/28/2023

Robert Walsh—Mars Hill LC 08/14/2023

W. Fred Higgins—Hendersonville LC 09/08/2023

Joyce C Smith—Mars Hill LC 09/11/2023

Tom Battle—Candler LC 02/24/2023

Kenneth Woodard—Clay County LC 10/12/2023

Joe Cook—Long View LC 10/20/2023

William Newsom—Etowah LC 10/30/2023

Dale Setzer—Claremont LC 11/16/2023

Arthur Taylor—Candler LC 10822/23

McLain Rogers—Clyde LC 02/24/24

Please send in your members for this current year that we have lost so we can keep this current. Thank you!

Gone but never forgotten!



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Secretary Tammy Thomas	828-234-7659 liontammy2020@gmail.com
Treasurer Kathryn Nichols	252-495-2808 perkynick7@gmail.com



The most current district directory can be found at www.nclions31l.org you will need a user ID and Password to access

If you cannot find or do not know something ask! You are not alone in this journey!

**Quick Reference
Acronyms for our Lions**

You will see these on the convention registration forms. If you are one circle it.

**Lions are digital
Climb aboard!**

www.nclions31l.org This is the District Website.
www.lionsclubs.org This is International's Website
www.nclionsinc.org This is your State Website
You can find the information you seek at these websites.

**The points contest and Service Reporting
Keep up with it, saves a lot of heartache at the end of the year.**

The annual points contest is a way to let the Governor know what the clubs have accomplished throughout the year. This is an excel form that is found on the district website. It is easy to fill out and if you keep it up monthly not so daunting. If you are one of those who say, "Aww I will wait until May 1st to do it" you may be in for a big surprise. "Why wait to do tomorrow what you can do today"? So a lot of clubs are doing things and secretaries need to get this and the reporting done online on MyLion so the Governor can do his job. Take a little time this month to catch up and you will not be so overwhelmed as the fastly approaching end of year arrives. Lions year that is. This is month 6. The Governor will need this form this year so he can calculate the for the awards.

DG	<i>District Governor</i>
DGE	<i>District Governor Elect</i>
PDG	<i>Past District Governor</i>
IPDG	<i>Immediate Past District Governor</i>
1VDG	<i>First Vice District Governor</i>
2VDGE	<i>Second Vice District Governor Elect</i>
1VDGE	<i>First Vice District Governor Elect</i>
2VDG	<i>Second Vice District Governor</i>
PP	<i>Past President (Club or International)</i>
IPP	<i>Immediate Past President</i>
PIP	<i>Past International President</i>
ID	<i>International Director</i>
PID	<i>Past International Director</i>
CC	<i>Council Chair</i>
PCC	<i>Past Council Chair</i>
MJF	<i>Melvin Jones Fellow</i>
JSF	<i>Jack Stickley Fellow</i>
WLW	<i>Willard L. Woolard</i>
BOH	<i>Beacon of Hope</i>
HOF	<i>Hall of Fame</i>
AMB	<i>Ambassador</i>