

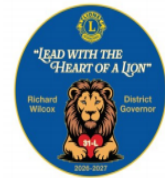


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DG notes

As summer winds down our activities pick up service is our goal. I want to encourage every club to do service with visibility as a method of drawing new members and possibly bringing back those that have drifted away. Just as important as doing the service is reporting it in the Lions Portal.

Our Convention is right around the corner please consider taking an ad out in the convention book, also registration is now open and new and fun ideas are being planned. If your club is planning an activity that you want me to attend contact me and I will make every effort to be there. I have started visits to club meeting and continue to schedule them around the district. Please remember this years theme **Rooted in Service**. I am here to assist you as needed.

DG Dick

Annual District 31-L Fall convention
Celebrating 250 years of Freedom
November 13th thru 15th, 2026

Fall Convention Registration Form

CLUB: _____ DISTRICT: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Name(s) (PRINT first and last name, Circle if Lion or Guest)

Name and Highest Lion Position Held	FFN Lasagna	TTB Buffet	DGB Chkn	BKF Veg	Cont.
_____ Lion or Guest	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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Family Fun Night-Lasagna _____ \$22.00 _____ \$27.00 _____ If received after November 1

Tail Twister Breakfast- Buffet \$14.50 \$ _____ \$19.50 _____ If received after November 1

District Governors Banquet Chicken \$ 30.00 _____ \$35.00 _____ If received after November 1

Vegetarian \$ 30.00 _____ \$35.00 _____ If received after November 1

Sunday Breakfast Continental \$10.00 \$ _____ \$15.00 _____ If received after November 1

TOTAL COST: \$ _____

Please indicate any food allergies or special dietary needs: _____

There will be no meal reservations without a check. Make checks for meals payable to 2026 District 31L Fall Convention. **The deadline for ordering meals is November 07, 2026**

Mail Check and Registration form to: PDG Curtis Erickson 445 Bass Lake Drive Pisgah Forest, NC 28768

Convention to be held at Camp Dogwood
7062 Camp Dogwood Drive
Sherrills Ford, NC 28673

For Room Reservations call Wendy White at 828-478-2135 ext.230 by November 1, 2026 for Lion's rate!

**Hot off
the press**

_From the Governors Directory available online at <https://www.nclions311.org>. To download the directory onto your digital device you will need the user id and password. Please contact PDG Debbie Hicks and she can provide it. It did not change so some may already have it. The book was not ready to go to print and will be made available for you to pickup from the DG at the second cabinet meeting.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR MONETARY GOALS

Clinical Eye Research: \$2.00
VIP Fishing Food: \$4.00
McCune Capital Improvement: \$3.00
McCune Activities: \$3.00
LCIF / Melvin Jones: \$2.00
NC Ambassador: \$1.00
William L Woolard: \$1.00
Sid Scruggs Beacon of Hope: \$2.00
Leader Dogs: \$1.00
Childhood Cancer: \$3.00
Bill Osborne Fellowship: \$1.00

PER MEMBER GOAL: \$23.00 Payable to the District Treasurer. Invoiced one time due upon receipt.

BRIGHTER VISIONS GOAL

- \$90 per member and \$49,050 for the district.
- Please make check payable to **NCLF direct**.
- Programs will be scheduled by your Brighter Visions Chair. **Please pay these as soon as possible.**

Camp Dogwood Tickets

\$50 worth of Camp Dogwood tickets per member
- This is for maintaining the NC Lions Foundation Headquarters and campus of Camp Dogwood for the Blind and Visually Impaired. A facility that we (Lions) own and operate, and which is aged at over 50 years in existence.

**Pay as soon
as possible!**

Camp Dogwood is located on Lake Norman.

The tickets are available in hard copy to sell or digitally with a QR Code. Talking about and selling the tickets to others spreads the word about the Camp and what we do. Remember the ticket proceeds go towards maintenance of the facility not the campers.

These bills have been emailed. Check your inbox . If you didn't get it contact Kathy at perkynick7@gmail.com

District dues will bill out semi-annual based on the membership you have reported to LCI. **You will get that from Treasurer@etowahlions.com** Kathy Nichols. Please pay all invoices as promptly as possible. Jan 2027 you will be billed out again for District dues. They are \$17.50 per member annually, divided in half when billed. (Just like LCI Bills out)

LCI Membership dues



If you are the treasurer you should have already received the email from LCI for your member dues. Please pay that promptly. **You will not receive a paper bill.**

Please note the bill from LCI members dues for the semi-annual billing **do not** include the district and state dues. That is billed out by the district treasurer semi annually and will come from email treasurer@etowahlions.com

**File 990-n e-postcard.
Go to IRS Website to
do it. You will need
ID.me or Login.gov**



DISTRICT 31L FALL CONVENTION AD SHEET
November 13th-15th, 2026
"God Bless America 250th Anniversary"
DEADLINE: October 1, 2026



The District 31L Fall Convention Committee encourages your advertising participation in the annual program book. This year, the program book will be in full color throughout. Advertising by your clubs, members and community businesses is what ensures a successful fall convention. Why do we have a convention? Lions from District 31L gather to do the business of the district, meet our fellow Lions, fellowship, and pick up innovative ideas to take back to our communities to make us better Lions. The Fall Convention Committee hopes that your club will participate at the full-page level but if this is not feasible, please participate at one of the other advertising levels. Each ad will be professionally designed, and a PDF Proof of ads will be provided to you for approval prior to printing. Our goal is to sell as many ads as possible. Please let your potential customers know that this can be written off as an advertising expense.

Name _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Ad Received by Lion _____ of the _____ Lions Club

Buyers Printed Name _____ Signature _____

Please check all that apply. Use separate sheet for each ad sold.

Full Page Ad \$100.00 ___ Half Page Ad \$50.00 ___

Quarter Page Ad \$25.00 ___ Inside Front/ Back or Back Cover \$200 ___

New Ad, Copy Attached ___ New Ad, Copy Emailed ___

Use Ad from Last year _____ Use Ad from Last Year with changes. _____

Make check payable to District 31L Fall Convention, mail the check/ad to:

Curtis Erickson, PDG
 445 Bass Lake Drive
 Pisgah Forest, NC 28768

INTERNAL USE ONLY

Received Ad ___ Excel Line ___ Received Payment; Check/Cash ___

Submission Guidelines: Send advertising materials in any of these formats: PDF, JPG, TIFF, EPS, PNG, Publisher or Word. Send your photos in the highest resolution possible. 300ppi preferred. Low resolution photos pixelate becoming blurry when increased in size.

Actual Ad sizes are as follows: Inside Front/Back and Back Cover - 8.5" x 11", Full Page Ad - 7.75" x 10.25", Half-Page Ad (horizontal) - 5" x 7.75", Quarter Page Ad - 3.75" x 5". All measurements are width x height.

District 31L Receipt (cut or tear off for your records)

Paid _____ for a _____ page ad in the District 31L 2026 Fall Convention Book.

Check ___/Cash ___ Date: _____

Thank you from the District31L Convention Committee

Click form to get full size

MISSION 1.5 – Our Final-Year Push: More Lions = More Service

MISSION 1.5's final year is not a count-down — it is a call to finish strong. CA I has the talent, the heart and the leadership to do it.

This year, let's commit to:

- **Service that is visible, needed and meaningful**
- **Growth that is intentional, personal and sustainable**
- **Leadership that advocates, mentors and empowers**
- **LCIF support that strengthens every district's impact**

District and Multiple District Global Action Teams — your collaboration is the difference maker. Your unity is the multiplier. Your leadership is the spark.

Together, we will nurture growth. Together, we will strengthen CA I. Together, we will finish **MISSION 1.5** with pride, purpose and momentum.

Let's make this Lion year unforgettable — for our clubs, our communities and the future of Constitutional Area I.

In Service and Friendship,
 Lion Pat



Never forget to recognize those who help you to be Lions or who you have helped to give your cause a reason for the season. If you find you don't have either to give, go out and find one.

You're Invited to the 50th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum!

Congratulations on your election as a 2026-2027 Lions Club Officer! Your leadership journey is just beginning, and there's no better way to prepare for a successful year than by attending the 50th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Memphis, Tennessee, September 3-5, 2026.

Whether you're a first-time officer or a seasoned Lion leader, the Forum offers an incredible opportunity to:

- Gain practical leadership skills you can immediately put to use.

- Discover innovative service project ideas from across North America.

- Learn from outstanding keynote speakers and interactive workshops.

- Network with thousands of Lions who share your passion for serving others.

- Return home energized, inspired, and ready to lead your club to new heights.

Don't wait to register! The current registration rate ends July 31, and the registration fee increases on August 1.

Invest in yourself. Invest in your club. Invest in the future of Lions.

Join us in Memphis this September and be part of the Forum's historic 50th Anniversary celebration!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Lion Ardie Klemish

2026 Forum Chairperson

McCune Center threw a big birthday party in August. Happy birthday to all!





WHY THE BELL MATTERS

in Every Lions Club

It's more than a tradition—
it's a **symbol of unity, purpose,**
and the **power of service.**

- IT UNITES US**
The bell calls us together as one team,
one mission, one heartbeat.
- IT CALLS US TO ORDER**
The ringing of the bell calls members
to order, bringing focus, respect, and
purpose to our meetings.
- IT KEEPS US FOCUSED**
It marks the moments that remind us
why we serve and what matters most.
- IT GIVES US A VOICE**
The ringing of the bell is a call to action—
for service, for change, for our community.
- IT HONORS OUR COMMITMENT**
Each ring is a reminder of the promise
we make to those we serve.
- IT INSPIRES IMPACT**
From our meetings to our projects,
the bell inspires service that changes lives.

**ONE BELL. ONE CLUB.
ONE MISSION.**

Together, We Serve.

Thank you
for ringing the bell
for service.

WE SERVE

EVERY RING.
EVERY MEETING.
EVERY LIFE
WE TOUCH.

LCIF—Lions Clubs International Foundation

The Lions Clubs International Foundation continues to be the driving force behind our global humanitarian work, and the North Carolina Lions have once again been called upon to help fuel that mission.

For the 2026–2027 Lions year, the LCIF Board of Trustees has set the fundraising goal for Multiple District 31 at \$160,569—an increase of \$17,110 over last year's minimum goal. This higher target reflects both the growing needs of communities worldwide and LCIF's confidence in the generosity and commitment of the Lions of North Carolina.

Last year, clubs across the multiple district contributed \$93,804 to LCIF. While we did not reach our minimum goal, the amount raised was significant and demonstrated that North Carolina Lions continue to stand firmly behind the mission of our international foundation. Our clubs have long been recognized for their support of LCIF, and last year's giving reaffirmed that reputation.

For District 31□L, the LCIF minimum fundraising goal for 2026–2027 is \$23,232. To meet that goal, every club in the district will need to contribute a minimum of \$39 per member, based on July 1 membership. This is a modest increase, but one that is well within reach if each club participates.

Last year, District 31□L clubs contributed \$11,547—double the amount raised in 2024–2025. That growth is worth celebrating. It shows that our clubs are increasingly aware of LCIF's impact and are stepping up to support the Foundation's work. Now, we must build on that momentum.

LCIF Chairperson A.P. Singh has challenged Lions worldwide to raise \$100 million to support our Foundation's humanitarian programs. Last year, Lions collectively raised nearly \$85 million, a remarkable achievement that speaks to the strength of our organization and the generosity of our members.

In return, LCIF awarded more than \$52 million in grants, including disaster relief and major catastrophe grants here in the United States and around the world. These grants provided immediate aid to communities facing hurricanes, floods, wildfires, earthquakes, and other crises. They also supported long-term initiatives in vision, youth, hunger, the environment, diabetes, and childhood cancer.

Every dollar we contribute helps LCIF deliver hope where it is needed most.

LCIF needs our support, and the Lions of District 31□L have an important role to play. We have shown steady growth in our giving, and we must continue that progress this year. If every club participates—no matter the size of the contribution—we will meet our district goal and strengthen the impact of Lions service worldwide.

Let's demonstrate once again that District 31□L is committed to the mission of LCIF. Together, we can help ensure that our Foundation has the resources it needs to serve communities in North Carolina, across the United States, and around the world.

By PCC Michael H. Schwartz
LCIF MD-31 Coordinator



LONG VIEW LIONS

SPAGHETTI DINNER



Saturday,
Sept. 26th

4:30-630pm

Includes
Spaghetti,
Salad, Garlic
Bread &
Dessert!

Long View Recreation Center
3107 2nd Ave NW, Hickory, NC 28601

Adults: \$12

Kids 11 & Under: \$8

Ages 3 and under eat FREE

All proceeds will go back into the
local community and Lions Charities!

Officers Training! Did you miss it?

Here are some helpful links

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/leaders/club/managing-your-club>

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/search-results?keys=Club+Officer+Training>

https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/search-results?keys=lions+learning+center&items_per_page=10

Go ahead and logon to your Lion's Portal on LCI and browse the learning center.

If all this does not help then call someone, that is what Lion's are for. We have your back. Next time training is held consider taking a little time and attend.

Remember to **follow us** on Facebook for more pictures of happenings around the district. [FACEBOOK](#)

Check out your district 31L website.

There is a wealth of information available to all Lions!

<https://www.nclions31l.org>

Logos, Flyers, Post-cards and More!

What is available and how do I use them? Are you printing out flyers, brochures. Advertising your Lions Club events. Click on the emblem for member resources to include usage guidelines. Lions Clubs International has a team who build PR things for you so you don't have too. Just fill in the relevant information and you are done. **Promotion** is a breeze!

Click here



LIONS SPEAK MADE SIMPLE

COMMON ABBREVIATIONS IN LIONS CLUBS,
THE DISTRICT & MULTIPLE DISTRICT

Different letters. One mission. ❤️ We Serve.

IN THE CLUB

CL	Chartered Lion
IP	Immediate Past President
PP	Past President
VP	Vice President
Sec.	Secretary
Treas.	Treasurer
Tail Tw.	Tail Twister
Lion Tamer	Membership Chair
Dir.	Director
GET	Global Extension Team
LCIF	Lions Clubs International Foundation
RC	Resource Center
GMT	Global Membership Team
GLT	Global Leadership Team
GST	Global Service Team
GET	Global Extension Team

It all starts at the club—where every Lion makes an impact!

IN THE DISTRICT

DG	District Governor
VDG	Vice District Governor
PID	Past International Director
PDG	Past District Governor
CS	Cabinet Secretary
CT	Cabinet Treasurer
Zone Chair	Zone Chairperson
Region Chair	Region Chairperson
GET	Global Extension Team Coordinator
GMT Coordinator	Global Membership Team Coordinator
GLT Coordinator	Global Leadership Team Coordinator
GST Coordinator	Global Service Team Coordinator
LCIF Coordinator	LCIF District Coordinator
RC	Resource Center

Leading, supporting and serving across the district.

IN THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT

CC	Council Chairperson
VC	Vice Council Chairperson
GAT	Global Action Team
GMT	Global Membership Team
GLT	Global Leadership Team
GST	Global Service Team
GET	Global Extension Team
LCIF MD Coordinator	LCIF Multiple District Coordinator
MD	Multiple District
Con.	Convention
DGE	District Governor Elect
1VDG	First Vice District Governor
2VDG	Second Vice District Governor
IPDG	Immediate Past District Governor
RC	Resource Center

Uniting districts. Strengthening leadership. Expanding our impact worldwide.

WHY IT MATTERS
Understanding our abbreviations helps us communicate better, lead stronger, and serve together.

Many Roles.
One Purpose.

❤️ We Serve.

SHARE & INSPIRE!
Help new Lions learn the lingo and feel right at home in our incredible organization!

TOGETHER, WE SERVE. TOGETHER, WE CHANGE LIVES.

#WeServe