

# The Lions Express

District 31-S Newsletter | July 2017 Issue



# **Message From DG Steve McLaurin**

Greetings, Lions of District 31-S! The new Lions year has begun after celebrating our 100th year of Lions Club International in Chicago. We will be celebrating this birthday throughout this calendar year. It is extremely gratifying to serve as a Lion and know the impact of our collective 100 years of service as we continue to provide service.

"Moving Forward" is my theme for the 2017-2018 Lions year. District 31-S is poised to move forward in providing service projects in our communities. One of my goals as District Governor is for each club in the district to initiate at least one NEW (you certainly can do more) service project in your community. There are community needs you can fulfill through service. It is imperative that we demonstrate through service our motto of "Where there is a need, there is a Lion." We Serve!

A second goal for the year is for each club to increase net membership by 10 percent by year's end. I believe that the service project or projects you initiate are great opportunities to invite friends and acquaintances to join in. This will provide the opportunity for them to "catch the fever" of gratification gained through helping those in need. We can all increase net membership by 10 percent if we focus on this effort.

The Charter Night for the newly formed Wake Southwest Centennial Lions Club was delightful to attend. This club began with 46 members, a stunning achievement which was accomplished by dedicated Lions seeking to provide service in Holly Springs, NC, and for the enthusiasm and statewide efforts of Lions. This club used social media to recruit members and it worked! We can all learn from this experience.

Throughout the year, I urge each of you to get in the habit of submitting your projects in service and fundraising ideas (two entirely different efforts) by sending

them to News@NCLions31S.org.

The District 31-S 2017-2018 Directory will be distributed the week of August 1st. Copies will be given to participating clubs at the District 31-S Brighter Visions Kick-off on August 5, 2017, in Williamston, hosted by the Williamston Lions Club.

District 31-S is the most dynamic district in the state. We are home to the newest Lions International Director, PDG Lion Gwen A. White. We host the annual VIP Fishing Tournament on the Outer Banks, and we possess the best assembly of Lions in the State of North Carolina!

Visiting each club in the district is among my goals. This is a shared goal with First Vice-District Governor Lion Nathan Medlin (Warrenton Lions Club) and and Second Vice-District Governor Lion Mark Bateman (Lake Gaston Lions Club). Lion Mark will also be serving as the District Brighter Visions Chair.

We have dedicated Lions serving as Region Chairs, Zone Chairs, and Committee Chairs. We serve best when we start with our own communities as we work to ultimately serve all communities in North Carolina. North Carolina Lions, Inc. offers many services and forms of assistance for the citizens of NC. To this end, please plan on supporting NCLI by selling Camp Dogwood raffle tickets and contributing to the Brighter Visions Annual Fund Drive.

Please join me in kicking-off a new year of service in our communities. Invite someone to become a Lion. Spread the word about all of the good that we do. There is strength in numbers. It is great to be a Lion!





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# **IMAGINE**

600,000 children sharing their visions of peace

# **INSPIRE**

Youth to showcase their talent

# **CREATE**

Stronger ties in your community

Don't miss your opportunity to sponsor the **30th annual** Lions International Peace Poster Contest!

Give kids in your community a creative way to express their visions of *The Future of Peace*, the theme for the 2017-18 Peace Poster Contest. Order your Peace Poster Kit to play a key role in engaging our youth and promoting peace around the world. Get complete contest details at lionsclubs.org.

The Future of Peace begins with you and your club.

Order your Peace Poster Kit today!





A Global Service and Funding Framework for the 21st Century: Concept for Discussion

June—August 2017

Where there's a need, there's a Lion. Lions Clubs International (LCI) is the largest volunteer service organization in the world, uniting the efforts of 1.4 million members in over 200 countries and geographic areas. This year, LCI enters its next century of service, and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2018. We look to build on our strong history of impact and enhance our focus to meet the growing challenges facing our world and couple those with the strategies and resources of LCIF.

To achieve this vision, we have created the Global Service Framework to mobilize the passion, interest, and efforts of Lions and Leos behind five service areas: diabetes, environment, hunger relief, pediatric cancer, and vision.

Our goal is to triple our humanitarian impact by serving 200 million people annually across the globe by 2021. The Global Service Framework complements all the great ways clubs serve locally, and it gives Lions and Leos new opportunities to respond to the diverse set of needs facing the global community.

By aligning our key service areas with LCIF humanitarian strategies and capacity building efforts, we can make a greater impact. One of the significant ways Lions has done this is through our LCIF Sight-First program to control preventable blindness and vision impairment. In the decades since its inception in the early 1990s, SightFirst has greatly impacted the visual health of people around the globe.

A 2010 study released by the World Health Organization shows that blindness and visual impairment has been reduced globally by nine percent or 26 million people since 2004. Lions can truly make a difference when we are united behind an important cause.

We will implement the Global Service Framework using similar methods that led to SightFirst's success: innovative service programs, LCIF grant funding opportunities, partnerships with global organizations, advocacy for legislative protections, youth engagement, and motivation

LCIF is currently in the planning stages of a campaign to raise a potential \$300 million or more to support the implementation of the new service framework and ensure grant alignment. In addition to raising funds for the service framework — with special emphasis on diabetes, our new signature cause — LCIF also hopes to financially support the continuation of SightFirst through 2030 and bring added funds and support to youth programs.

Accompanying this brief introduction is a graphic summary (see page 4 of this newsletter) of the five focus areas, along with our support to youth in our communities. The summary also mentions potential projects that could be supported by LCIF through the funds raised in a new campaign. We ask that you carefully review the summary, and thoughtfully consider and share your reactions to the following during your interview: The five focus areas and support to youth; Level

of priority of each of the focus areas from a fundraising perspective for Lions within your constitutional area; Your own willingness to participate in a campaign to support the Global Service Framework as well as that of your club, district and multiple district; Your impression of Lions' willingness in your constitutional area and all LCI to support and participate in this campaign; Methods to engage an individual non-Lion audience in supporting these focus areas; Specific names of corporations, foundations, and government agencies who could be potential funders of these focus areas and where you may have a personal connection; New strategies to engage and motivate Lions, such as through digital giving, monthly giving programs, district and club sharing of funds raised, automatic debit, and planned or bequest giving (funds that go to LCIF after death); and Potential obstacles to success.

We thank you for participating in this conversation. With your feedback, we will be able to determine the best next steps forward and our capacity to raise \$300 million or more in a multi-year campaign. These new platforms will allow us to lead the world in global humanitarian efforts, and be leaders in addressing humanitarian challenges wherever they exist. Because where there's a need, there's a Lion.







Youth will be partners in service in our efforts as we launch the global service framework. We will engage them and integrate them fully into all five focus areas, and develop specific programs that will benefit youth. We will make supporting youth a priority throughout the framework. Some ways we will do so may include:

- Expanding Lions Que
- Providing new grants for Leas to initiate projects in the new focus areas
- Increasing training and mentaring opportunities for youth
- Creating global citizens through our Youth Camp and Exchange

Diabetes

Diabetes is the eighth-leading

318 million have impaired

in low- to middle-income

We will achieve our objective by

Possible fundable projects include:

· Providing for health care

infrastructure development

Establishing community health

activities, such as sports leagues

and physical recreation activities

Supporting screening activities

Creating support groups

advocacy, and research.

cause of death in the world, and

422 million adults have diabetes:

75% of people with diabetes live

fifth-leading cause of death in



Our Objective: Prevent diabetes and Our Objective: Protect, restore and sustain improve the quality of life for those diagnosed the health and safe environments to improve the health and well-being of all communities and future generations

Environment

#### Quick Facts:

- 2.5 billion people do not have access to adequate sanitation
- In the coming decades, one-third of the world's population will experience severe water scarcity
- A third of the planet's soils are degraded

We will achieve our objective by minimizing our carbon footprint, and promoting sustainable environmental improvements in communities across the globe.

#### Possible fundable projects include:

- Constructing sustainable water tanks, wells, and pumps
- Installing toilets in public facilities
   Providing equipment for water
- Providing equipment for water storage and irrigation systems
- Developing community agroforestr projects, such as planting trees

#### Hunger

direct support and assistance to those



Our Objective: Help children with concer to survive and thrive with increased occess to

. Every two minutes a child is

. Less than half of the world's

children have access to adequate

We will achieve our objective by expanding

access to treatment and providing support to children and families who need it most.

diagnostic measures

Quick Facts:



Vision (

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Our Objective: Decrease the number of new cases of avoidable blindness and increase access to vision care and services for those living with wision loss.

#### Quick Facts

- Today, 80% of vision impairments are preventable or curable
- Blindness and visual impairment have decreased globally by 26 million people since 2004

We will achieve our objective by building local eye care capacity, eliminating blinding diseases, and providing care to underserviced populations. We will continue to support SightFirst and our incredible achievements in vision care and health.

#### Possible fundable projects include:

- Improving the performance of eye care systems and institutions
- Supporting national efforts to eliminate blinding diseases through volunteer training and supervision, advocacy, surgical services, and distributions of appropriate medications
- Enhancing and expanding Lions-led comprehensive vision screening programs for both adults and children

Our Objective: Decrease hunger and food

#### suffering from molnutrition Quick Facts:

- Nearly one billion people go to bed hungry every night
- More than one in four children under the age of five experience stunted growth due to chronic mainterition
- More than two billion people suffer from one or more micronutrient deficiencies ("hidden hunger")

We will achieve our objective by increasing access to nutritious food and addressing

#### Possible fundable projects include

- Constructing or expanding food banks and feeding centers
- Providing vehicles and equipment to store, transport, and prepare food
- Redirecting surplus foods from supermarkets, farms and the hospitality sector

#### Possible fundable projects include

- Supplying medical and laboratory equipment for cancer centers for screenings, treatment and research
- Providing transport vans to and from medical appointments for patients and their families
- Constructing and equipping patient guest house facilities or other lodging for families during treatments.
- Increasing the number of direct support groups for families with pediatric cancer patients



"Many times I have heard him say that for every problem there is a solution. You should never lose heart. You should come forward and find a solution."

# VISZMA MITTER a longtime Lion in Batala

"He's a visionary person. A person who has a magnetic smile. He's someone who brings everybody together. He has great leadership skills. He has a heart for service. And that great smile of his."

HASTINGS ELI CHITI a past district governor in Zambia and longtime friend

"He's always there for his family and friends. He's always there to help... He likes to sing. He's not very good! But he sings from the heart."

NAVITA AGGARWAL Wife

◀ Photo by Amanda Rae Ratliff See July/August LION Magazine

## Meet NCLI's Jamie Chandler

Hi. I'm Jamie Chandler. I am the maintenance man for Camp Dogwood and the backup driver for the Mobile Screening Unit. I've been working at NCLI's Camp Dogwood since December of 2013. I handle the day-to-day maintenance issues,



maintain the grounds, assist with event set-ups, and whatever else it takes to keep things running smoothly. I am a Lion and currently in the Bethlehem Lions Club.

My involvement with Lions is partly due to my father, PDG Jim Chandler, and because I was taken on a tour of the Camp by the Charlotte Southern Lions Club.

Having just discovered that I was severely diabetic, I had actually temporarily lost my vision. I realized by the grace of God that I was almost a camper and I need to do something to help. I became a Lion in 2007 and have been helping at Camp ever since.

#### Scotland Native Talks About American Birthday

By Rebecca Bunch, Staff Writer From The Chowan-Herald July 5, 2017

Tuesday, Blair Currie will join countless others in celebrating Independence Day in America. But he'll also be marking another special occasion – his 88th birthday. Currie, who emigrated from Scotland with his wife, Chrissie, and their two children in 1961, said his opinion of America was colored by the entry of the United States into World War II. He well remembers, he said, how that event elevated the mood of those in Britain.

"There was a sense of jubilation," he said with a huge grin. "The Yanks are coming! The Yanks are coming! You heard that everywhere." And he said that even though America has changed over the years, he and his family are grateful for the decision they made to come here.

"America is a very different place today but there's no question that if you're ambitious and willing to work hard it is still the land of opportunity, and we're glad to be here," he said.

James Blair Currie began his life in the Royal Burgh of Sanquhar in southwest Scotland. "The area was mostly sheep and dairy farming," Currie said, "and many of our personal friends were shepherds. Until recent years there was also some coal mining in nearby areas." When Currie's father, a coal-miner, talented musician, and a member of the Home Guard, died at age 39, his mother was left with four children to support.

"It was perhaps due to this that I made the decision to accept an apprenticeship in the local butcher's shop," he said. "Other than two years in the Royal Navy, my career in life was in that industry."

Currie, a self-taught photographer, found success in the field of child photography as well. "I had many awards for photography but the biggest was when I placed third in a nationwide contest, the prize being a weeklong trip for two to the Lake Placid Winter Olympics in 1980," he said

A man of varied interests, Currie took up long distance running at the age of 50 and ran in a number of marathons, most notably the Penn Relays. He and his wife, Currie said, "were always keen dancers" and taught Scottish dancing in a variety of locales including New Bern. The first night they taught, he said, a small group showed up. But evidently word spread about the class because at the next session 200 people came.

"We were quite pleased that most of the group was young people," he said. But that was nothing compared to the thrill they got when they came to Ameri-

"When we decided to come to America in 1961, we were scheduled to sail on the R. M. S. Queen Mary out of Clydebank," Currie recalled. "That sailing was cancelled due to strikes, and the followup sailing from Liverpool also was cancelled due to strikes. Eventually we sailed from Southampton, and after a very rough voyage we landed in New York. I do remember looking at the skyscrapers of New York, a change from farm barns and where our only mode of transportation was a bicycle, and wondering, What have I done?, as I looked at my wife, Chrissie, myself, two children, and three sea trunks with just \$1,000 in my pocket. Wow!"

When asked why they made the decision to leave their homeland and seek a new life in America, Currie said, "We felt that our area was going redundant and that a new life in America might give a better opportunity for our children."

A friend helped arrange a factory job to help him get started in America and eventually Currie was able to return to employment in the meat industry. Years later, while visiting their son who was living in Atlanta, Blair said he and Chrissie became taken with how warm and friendly Southerners were and decided to start looking for a home. One of the places they looked was in the mountains of North Carolina where they met a woman from Henderson to whom they described their dream home.

"You're talking Edenton," said the woman, who had lived in the community before moving elsewhere. Currie said when they got to Edenton in 1994, "we felt we had come home." It is a decision they've never regretted, he said. "We do like living in the South," Currie said with a chuckle. "People are nicer and you can quote me on that!"

Inspired by the genuine friendliness, he got involved in the Edenton Lions Club, of which he served as a past president, wrote several books about outstanding folks in the community, and said he and his wife are still motivated to give back in appreciation for the life they have lived here

"If you have a gift, share it," Currie said. "I'm a big believer in that."

Asked about his proudest moment during his life in America, Currie didn't hesitate. "My proudest moment in America," he said, "was in being asked to read the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2005, during the Independence Day ceremony hosted by the ladies of the Edenton DAR. That was something quite special." (John Mitchener photo)



James Blair Currie

# MORE MEMBERS = MORE SERVICE

Throughout our first century, our membership grew to its current level of 1.4 million. I bow my head to our many leaders who worked hard to spread our message from one club in Chicago to 47,000+ clubs in more than 200 countries or geographic areas.

#### SO WHAT CAN 1.4 MILLION LIONS DO?

If each of us puts \$10 more in our projects per month, that results in US\$170 million more each year. If each of us serves for 1 more hour per week, that gives us 73 million more hours of service each year.

#### WHAT IS NEEDED IS A CHANGE OF HEART.

Every day, innovations in technology, medicine, finance and other fields are unveiled that make our lives easier. Yet, 795 million people (11 percent of the world's population) live in hunger.

Food for a hungry person in a low-income country is just US\$160 per year. This amount (795 million people x US\$160) can be met by the top 1 billion people in the world alone if they give just \$0.35 per day. That is the power of we.

Solving our world's greatest problems is within reach if people work together for the common good.

# MY FOCUS THIS YEAR IS TO EMBRACE OUR ASSOCIATION'S MOTTO "WE SERVE."

It is a powerful expression. "We" symbolizes the power of our 1.4 million members, and "Serve" expresses our clear, decisive action to convert every dollar into service for the most urgent needs around the world.

#### THE POWER OF WE

The "Power of We" underscores that my power comes from you, and your power comes from me.

I cannot lift a car, but together we can. One person cannot educate a village, but a group of like-minded people can. As more of us come together, the world's problems become smaller.

If all of us come together, then the impossible becomes possible.

# "WE SERVE" ALSO HIGHLIGHTS OUR MOST IMPORTANT QUALITY — CONNECTIVITY.

We are connected to each other as Lions and to the communities we serve. In a chain, each individual link combines to form an unbreakable line. If our chain has 1.4 million strong links, that becomes a powerful force for good.







# MyLion App Launching July 2017



Lions Clubs International is launching its brand new app, MyLion™, in July 2017. MyLion™ is the new musthave app that lets you serve, capture, and share in the importance of being a Lion from your smartphone.

With MyLion™, you can: chat with Lions all over the world; create and manage your service activities; discover clubs and projects in your neck of the woods—or anywhere in the world; get inspired and share your projects, photos, and stories to inspire others; earn badges and rewards for your service; and much more! Go to www.mylion.com// to get on the priority list. It's a great way to start the second century of service! For questions, e-mail MyLion@lionsclubs.org.

#### Rocky Mount Evening Lions Club Awards and 2017-2018 Officers



Lions PDG Mike Flora (left) and Roscoe Speight (right).

#### By Lion Ella Flora

The Rocky Mount Evening Lions Club had its awards and new officers banquet on July 13, 2017, at the Northgreen Country Club. Lion Roscoe Speight received the club's Lion of the Year Award. Lion Debbie Mills was awarded a Jack Stickley Fellowship for her dedicated humanitarian services. The club's "retired gong" was awarded to charter member Milton Culpepper in honor of his 50 years of dedication and service. The club's retired banner was given to charter member William Bobbitt for his 50 years of dedication and service.



Pictured above, left to right, are the 2017-2018 officers for the Rocky Mount Evening Lions Club: Lions PDG Charles Holleman (LCIF Coordinator), Julian Winters (One Year Director), Debbie Mills (One Year Director), PDG W. B. Bullock, PDG Barbara Beltran (installing officer), Ella Flora (Secretary), PDG Mike Flora (First Vice President), Wayne Trull (Second Vice President), and Blaine Corrick (Treasurer). Not pictured are Lions Julia Farmer-Lindsey (Tail Twister) and Nancy Bullard (One Year Director (Ella Flora photo)

The 2017-2018 officers were installed by PDG Barbara Beltran: Lions PDG W. B. Bullock (President), PDG Mike Flora (First Vice President), Wayne Trull (Second Vice President), Ella Flora (Secretary), Blaine Corrick (Treasurer), Julian Winters (One Year Director), Debbie Mills (One Year Director), Nancy Bullard (One Year Director), Julia Farmer-Lindsey (Tail Twister), and PDG Charles Holleman (LCIF Coordinator). Please note that the Rocky Mount Luncheon Lions Club and the Rocky Mount Evening Lions Club have merged into one club, which is now called the Rocky Mount Evening Lions Club. (Ella Flora photos)



Shown (l-r) are Lion Blaine Currick, Dr. Bob Cameron (Past President of the Rocky Mount Luncheon Lions Club), and Lion Milton Culpeper.



Lions Debbie Mills (left) and PDG Barbara Beltran (right).



Dr. Bob Cameron, Past President of the Rocky Mount Luncheon Lions Club.



# **Edenton Lions Awarded Vision Screener**

By Lion John Mitchener

On Tuesday, July 18, 2017, the Edenton Lions Club was awarded a major grant from the Vidant Chowan Foundation to improve vision in children—"Project Enlightenment." Project Enlightenment enables detection and diagnosis of potential vision problems in preschool and early childhood age children through the Welch Allyn Screener.



Lion John Guard (left) of the Edenton Lions Club accepts a grant from Ginny Wolf (right), Executive Director of the Chowan Hospital Foundation, that will enable the club to participate in Project Enlightenment. (John Mitchener photo)

Lion John Guard, who has served as president of the Edenton Lions Club twice, wrote the grant application. Lion John is a retired school principal, systemlevel administrator, and school board member in the Edenton Chowan schools.

Beginning in the fall of 2017, the Welch Allyn Spot vision screener will be used to identify vision problems in children. It is effective in diagnosing eye problems in children as young as six months old! Children are often unable to verbally express the difficulty they have seeing, so parents may not recognize the signs of impaired vision. Schools have limited screening capacity to detect vision problems. Many children enter school without ever having had an eye examination. However, teachers and principals

know that if a child cannot see well reading and learning are at serious risk!



The Spot vision screener will function under the oversight of the Edenton Lions Club, who will partner with the Rocky Hock and Hertford Lions Clubs. Together they will provide assistance to train school personnel doing screenings. Members in each club will be trained to use the screener responsibly.

More than 90 percent of local funds to treat impaired vision currently go to adults. Very little is left for pediatric needs. This will now change. Lions will be able to diagnose children's vision problems both painlessly and effectively. Results will be shared with parents and educators. More specifically, the Welch Allyn device helps detect visual acuity issues, lazy eyes, pupil size differences, and, on occasion, undiagnosed eye tumors! Wow!

In the early grades, a child's failure to progress can often be attributed to their inability to read. Obviously, if a child is unable to see the words, it is very difficult for them to learn and understand them. Too often this is due to eye abnormalities. We can do better! We MUST do better!



The goal of Project Enlightenment is to first screen preschool and kindergarten students. Then children in the early elementary grades will be examined on a schedule developed cooperatively with the Edenton Chowan and Perquimans County schools. Screenings will occur after school. Health professionals and Lions club volunteers trained to use the Spot device will assist. It is estimated that 400 students in Chowan and Perquimans will be screened before Christmas. In early 2018, children in daycare centers will be checked. In five years, imagine how many will have been helped by Lions motivated by sight and insight!

Hopefully this service can be extended to Washington and Tyrell counties in the near future.



# Welcome Wake Southwest Centennial Lions Club!



Pictured, left to right, are District Governor Steve McLaurin, PIP Sid L. Scruggs, III, and International Director PDG Gwen A. White. (Melissa Burgess photo)

#### Posted by mufasa on 7/18/17 District 31-S Web Site

It's official! The Wake Southwest Centennial Lions Club has now been chartered! The installations and celebration were held on July 10, 2017, at the Hickory Tavern in Holly Springs, NC. Lions from the chartering club (Apex) who attended included Lions Jolene & Dale Umbenhauer, John & Joél Lynde, PDG Wayne Faber, and Pat Nemmers.

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That's right! It's time for another Yankee Candle Fundraiser to benefit NCLI and the visually impaired across North Carolina.

We are very excited to partner again with Yankee Candle Fundraising. By offering premium products from the world's #1 candle brand, we're hoping to reach our fundraising goals and present our supporters with products they actually use and want.

There are two ways you can help us reach our goal this year!

- 1. Go online to www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and place an order using NCLI's group code 999965199.
- 2. You can enlist your friends and family from out of town to help NCLI reach its goal of supporting the visually impaired. Visit www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and click on the Seller Login button and fill out the Sign Up To Be A Seller form (use NCLI group number 999965199) to register. From that point on, you can send out informational e-mails to friends and family all over.

40% of each purchase will go back to directly support NCLI and the visually impaired across North Carolina!

# Lions Centennial Car Show



The Southport Lions Club is sponsoring a Lions Centennial Car Show on Saturday, September 9, 2017, at the St. James Community Center located at 4136 Southport-Supply Road (N. C. 211) in Southport, NC. The rain date is Sunday, September 10, 2017. Proceeds will benefit the club's purchase of a PediaVision SPOT machine. The event is open to ALL cars, trucks, and motorcycles.

The event will be held 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Gates open at 9:00 am. There will be no alcoholic beverages. Food and refreshments will be available. Registration is \$20 per car. Registration will be from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Judging will be from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Awards will be given 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The first 100 registrants will receive a dash plaque. Trophies will be awarded for Top 50, President's Award, and People's Choice. Spectator parking will be available.

For more information, contact Bob Matarazzo at (914) 310-0261 or e-mail Robert.Matarazzo@arcadis.com. You may also contact Roger Albizu at (301) 514-5393 or Roger.Albizu@gmail.com. You may also visit the club's website for more information or register for the event at www.southportlions.org.

#### In Memory of Lion Audrey Brewer June 20. 1957—July 30. 2017



Audrey Mae Allman Brewer, 60, of Manteo, NC died Sunday, July 30, 2017, at Vidant Inpatient Hospice in Greenville, NC. Born in Chesapeake, VA on June 20, 1957, she was the daughter of the late Olive Mae Carpenter Allman and Judson Caroll Allman.



Pictured above, left to right, are the 2017-2018 officers of the Whitakers Lions Club: Lions Freddie Blackmon (Secretary/Treasurer), Mike Johnson (President), Carlton Walker (First Vice-President), and installing officer, Past District Governor Jim Boehm from the Nashville Lions Club. (Freddie Blackmon photo)

A teacher's aide at Cape Hatteras Secondary School, Audrey was also a bus driver for Dare County.

Audrey is survived by her husband, Charles Richard Brewer, II; daughter, Samantha Jo Wade of Bedford, VA; son, Jeremiah Caleb Brewer of Manteo, NC; and two grandchildren, Elisabeth Ann Wade and Austin Dakota Wade.

In keeping with Audrey's wishes, there will be no service at this time. Twiford Funeral Home in Manteo is assisting the family with arrangements.

### Meet NCLI's Bryan Hoover

My name is Bryan Hoover and I am the



Mobile Screening Unit Coordinator for North Carolina Lions, Inc. My job is to help coordinate, organize, and conduct free vision and hearing screenings across the state of

North Carolina. This can only be accomplished with the constant work and dedication of the Lions clubs throughout the state. I have been employed by North Carolina Lions, Inc. since April of 2010. When I was offered this position, I felt as though God wanted me here.

To this day, I feel blessed to be a part of such a wonderful organization that is dedicated to serve. I enjoy working with Lions across the state and feel that at the end of the day we have helped to improve the lives of many.



It's Going To Be A Banner Year! From Lions Clubs International



Our enormous Centennial banner, proudly displaying signatures from our worldwide community of Lions, was a focal point at our recent Centennial convention. We still have one year left to celebrate, so now is the time to organize your club's participation in the Centennial Service Challenge, Membership Awards, and Legacy Projects for 2017-2018.

#### **Lake Gaston Lions Seafood Festival**



October 7, 2017

Lions Den | 139 Stanley Road | Henrico, NC



Rain or Shine—Gates Open at 1:00 pm Serving 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm

**Donation: \$40 Per Ticket** 

(everyone must have a ticket to enter)











#### All You Can Eat:

Shrimp • Oysters • Fish • Beans • Slaw • Hush Puppies

All You Want To Drink (bar closes at 5:30 pm):

Sodas • Beer • Wine • Mixed Drinks

Live Entertainment by "The Switch Band"

Bring your own chairs and sun shelters—no coolers, pets, or takeout permitted!

#### To purchase tickets:

- Contact any Lake Gaston Lion
- Purchase online from www.etix.com (fee will apply)
- Send request by mail with check made payable to Lions Seafood Festival to Tom Eddy, 139 Stanley Road, Henrico, NC 27842
- Visit one of the neighborhood businesses: Ebony General Store; Holly Grove Marina; Lake Gaston Gazette; Lake Gaston Marine; Lake Gaston Supply Co.; Lake Gaston Chamber of Commerce; Pecht Distributers, Inc.; Ace Hardware; M&L Grocery & Grill; Quality Printing; Today's Electronics; Warrenton Furniture Exchange; Washburn's Marina; Wildwood Nursery; Lake Gaston Pizza; and Under the Sun Golf Carts & Lake Toys

#### LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE











#### **MyLCI Reporting Benefits**

More than 35,000 clubs will receive awards for reporting Legacy Projects and Centennial Service Challenge activities during 2016-2017. But Lions Clubs International does not only use activity reports for recognition. The data that clubs enter in MyLCI also demonstrates Lions' commitment and contributions with partner organizations, such as the United National and World Health Organization. In addition, activities that are submitted to MyLCI are searchable by other clubs. Sharing activity ideas and successes can inspire fellow Lions anywhere in the world to try new ways of serving. Be a service inspiration by ensuring your club's service is reported in 2017-2018.

#### **Meet NCLI's Gail Ervin**



My name is Gail Ervin and I am the Facilities Manager at Camp Dogwood. I started working at Camp Dogwood in September 2014. Facilities at Camp Dogwood includes food

service, housekeeping and laundry, and maintenance of the property. We do this with a staff of three full time employees and approximately 10-12 part-time employees, with most working during the camp season.

What inspired my desire to apply and work at Camp Dogwood was a need to give back and help others. Once during a time when I was not employed, I volunteered at Iredell Christian Ministries and found this more rewarding than anything I had ever done before. So, when I was offered this position, I spoke with my husband, prayed, and quickly determined it was the position for me.

I am a native of Iredell County, living in Western Iredell, and am a member of the West Iredell Lions Club. I am proud to work for NCLI/Camp Dogwood as the facilities manager, serving our blind and visually impaired of North Carolina. I look forward to seeing growth as we move forward in the future!

#### PDG Gwen A. White Elected To Serve As International Director



PDG Gwen A. White was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 100th International Convention held in Chicago, IL, June

30—July 4, 2017. The Lions Clubs International Board of Directors is composed of 34 international directors. Together, they serve our association by supervising all officers and committees of the board and association; managing association business, property, and funds; and preparing and approving the association's fiscal year budget.

# Hunger Event 'Bigger Than Baseball'

From The Wilson Times By Olivia Neeley, Times Staff Writer Posted Monday, June 26, 2017

Pantries across Wilson are fuller thanks to various community partners and residents who championed a cause close to their hearts — The Wilson Tobs Home Run for Hunger Celebration.

Sunday's event collected more than 15,000 pounds of nonperishable food alone for 15 food pantries in exchange for free admission to the Tobs game. More than 8,000 pounds of food was collected during spring events, which puts the total above 23,000 pounds. Last year's drive brought in 14,000 pounds.

Home Run for Hunger, in its fifth year, is one of the largest food drives in Wilson. For several years, it was a one-day food collection event. But this year, organizers wanted to make it an entire season of giving. They tapped into new resources, including various businesses, organizations, school athletic teams, tournaments and clubs.

"We blew last year's number out of the water," said Michael Bell, Tobs general manager. "That's a huge jump. So many people invested in this cause. It shows how the community cares about each other."

Organizations that help the hungry experience low donations during the summer months. Home Run for Hunger helps those agencies address that problem with help of multiple partners.

On Monday, volunteers packed and distributed food collected on Sunday.

"One day and the food has already made its way to each pantry," Bell said. "All the food was distributed equally down the middle."

MAKING WILSON A BETTER PLACE. One by one, fans rallied for a good cause Sunday. Some took boxes of food, others took large bags. Volunteers spent the afternoon filling the Tobs bus, which was front and center.

Shannon Leidy, the Salvation Army's social services director, headed out with her husband, Landon, and 2-year-old son, Owen. The Salvation Army was one of several pantries that benefitted.

Leidy said Home Run For Hunger brings people together.

"They are working hard to make Wilson a better place," she said about the Tobs.

Emily Johnson with EmergeOrtho, a sponsor of the event, said helping out the community is great thing.

"I can't imagine going to bed hungry and not having food," Johnson said. "It's nice to see the community come together for a good cause."



Volunteers load the Wilson Tobs bus with food Sunday during the annual Home Run for Hunger event. More than 23,000 pounds of food was collected this year during the season of giving. That food will help area pantries feed Wilson's most vulnerable.

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# Namaste Means "I Salute the Divine In You"

By Dr. Naresh Aggarwal July/August 2017 LION Magazine



I grew up in a town called Batala, in Punjab—a state in the northwest of India. Like many young children, I dreamed of conquering the world. However, the

means to this end were more important to me. I wanted to lead through kindness.

I dreamed of changing not just Batala, but the entire world. In 1974, when I first stood in the presence of Lions, I knew that I had aligned myself with an organization that could actually help me achieve my dream. We Lions are one with the people of the world. In Sanskrit, it is called "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam," or "World is My Family."

The key to making the world one family, or one home, rests within us—the 1.4 million Lions who dedicate themselves to the needs of others. If each Lion serves at least 10 people per month, we will easily achieve our goal of serving 200 million people each year—tripling our current service output.

Service to others defines who we are. It is our very reason to exist as a global organization. Our motto puts it in terms others can easily understand—"We Serve." As I prepared for my year as your international president, those words kept coming back to me. That's why I am proud to have "We Serve" represent my theme. Our motto is timeless. It is as relevant today as it was in 1917, and it will

inspire us into our next century of service. As the 2015 International Convention in Honolulu, I said, "Nothing is more powerful than an idea whose time has come." Our most auspicious time—the new century—has come.

#### The Power of Action: Like A Mighty River

Many cities grow and prosper along the banks of a river. In India, we worship our longest river—the Ganga, or Ganges. We call it "Ganga Maa," meaning "Ganges Mother," similar to how Americans use the term "Mother Nature."

Why is the Ganges our mother, or object of worship? Because it gives life. It feeds plants. Plants feed humans and animals. It enables trade and travel. It refreshes itself and the landscape continuously. In India, hundreds of millions of people live by the blessings of the Ganga.

A Lions club is very similar. Over the last 100 years, "our river" has formed tributaries in 47,000+ communities (clubs). Now we must constantly refresh our clubs with new ideas and projects and make our river meander through every community in the world.

The Power of Action. We have a presence in most communities around the world. To convert our presence into powerful service, we must infuse the power of action into each member. The key to action is to engage each and every

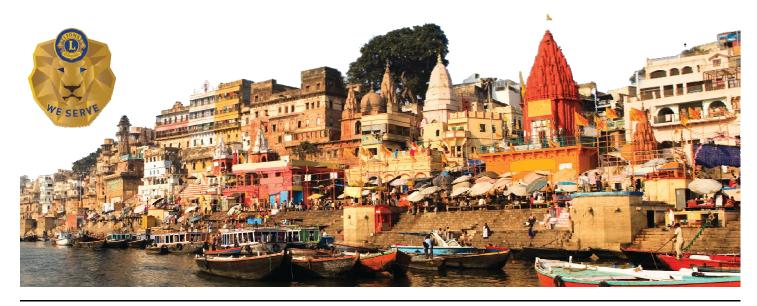
member both socially and professionally. It is only when we serve our members first that we can serve the community. A Lion leader has two hands—one to serve the community and one to serve Lion members. Let us choose projects that maximize the value of each expenditure, member, and hour so that we may serve as many urgent needs as possible.

More Members Equal More Service. A Lions club brings people together. When people come together, many good things are possible. Friends are made, leaders are chosen, plans are drawn, and communities become better. But it all comes down to one thing—service. Our single-minded purpose is and has always been to provide service to those in need.

From 1917 through 1987, we surged to 1.4 million members. That equates to 54 new members per day—a phenomenal rate of growth and a testament to the power of Lionism. We have continued our growth, albeit at a slower rate, over the past 30 years, and we have spread to new countries. Still more can be done.

New Members: Women and Youth. Half the world's population is women, and over half the world is under 30 years of age. Yet, most of our members are men over the age of 30. Narrowing the gap is the key to expanding our association, enabling us to serve more people in need.

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#### **Salute the Divine**

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Although women comprise the fastest growing segment of our membership growth, we still have only 27 percent women members, despite opening our doors to women more than 30 years ago. We also have too few young members and not enough members in continents with rich histories like Africa, South America, and Europe. We must find solutions to each of these challenges.

We must continue to provide leadership opportunities for women and ensure our projects meet their expectations and priorities. We must reach young members by understanding what motivates them to serve and let them know we can help them realize their goal of making the world a better place.

For Every New Member—We Serve An Additional 70 People. In order to reach our goal of serving 200 million people annually by 2021, it is imperative that we continue to add new members.

The Future Is Now. As we enter our second century of global humanitarian service, we continue to evolve to meet the every-changing needs. This is truly an exciting time to be a Lion. Our new strategy—LCI Forward—was developed as a road map for Lions to plan, implement, and achieve our vision for the future and meet the growing needs of the world. This new strategy will enhance our service framework; reshape public opinion and improve visibility; improve our club, district, and organizational excellence; and improve our membership experience while reaching new markets.

New products, such as the new Lions mobile app, will provide our members the ability to connect with each other like never before—sharing service ideas, photos, videos, and information—bringing Lions together regardless of their location

We have to make the world aware of just how big the world's problems are, and how relatively simple they are to solve if everyone works together.

I feel proud and blessed to be your leader at this most auspicious moment, as we begin our second century of global humanitarian service. On June 17, 1917, in the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago, businessman Melvin Jones announced an ambi-

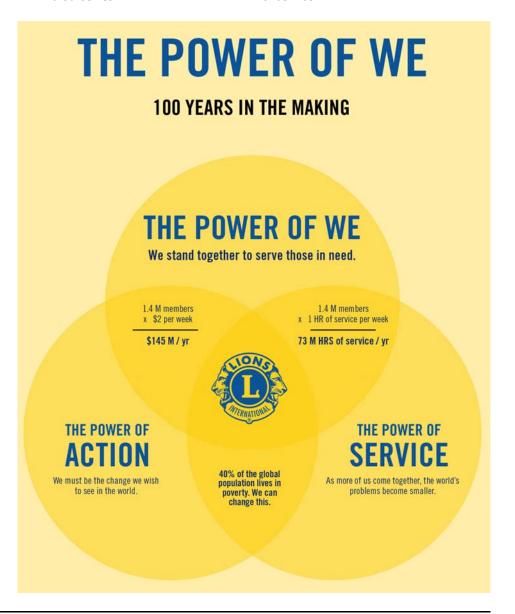
tious initiative—an association dedicated to the central principle of serving others. He faced many skeptics. There were people who considered it impossible. However, today it is a reality. Today, 1.4 million people will walk his path of service to others.

There is no greater pleasure in life than to make a dream come true. To make miracles happen. Pick the most improbable dream and spend your life making it come true. Pick a dream that makes each precious moment in your life worth living. Becoming your international president is a dream come true for me. But that is only part of my dream. The rest of my dream is something all of us as Lions share together—a dream that every child in the world is born to a happy, caring family, and is given every opportunity to thrive. Like Gandhi, let us lose ourselves in this dream, for that is where we will find ourselves.

With a new service framework and the addition of diabetes as one of our new causes, a reshaping of our service programs, a new marketing technology initiative, a vibrant LCI Forward global strategy, and a new century before us, the future is ours, and the future is now.

I have always believed it is important to leave the world better than we found it and a better place for our children and their children. That philosophy has served me well—as a club president, district governor, international director, and international vice president. With your help, it will continue to serve me as your international president. And together we will expand our legacy of service.

The time to act is now. We can help and we WILL help. Each and every one of your can have a lasting impact. Join hands with me today in committing to serve 200 million lives annually in our new century of service.



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#### 3nd Annual District 31L Fall Convention

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November 17-18, 2017 Registration Form

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# **Lexington Downtown Lions Club**

P.O. Box 571, Lexington, NC 27293-0571 336-249-2194 ext. 3102

Dear Business Leaders and Fellow Lions:

The Thirty-Seventh Annual Dave Conrad Lions Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Wednesday, September 6, 2017 (rain date Wednesday, September 13, 2017). This event will take place at the **Lexington Golf Club**. The Lexington Downtown Lions Club and Breeden Insurance Services, Inc. sponsor the tournament.

We need business and civic organizations to sponsor teams for this half-day captain's choice affair. To provide smoother play, the tournament will be limited to the first twenty-four (24) teams. Each team will consist of an A, B, C, and D player (see entry form flyer). The cost of each four-man team is \$225.00. If you would like to have any "mulligans" included please add \$5.00 per player to the fee. Your fees will cover the following:

- Entry of four people in the tournament
- 2. Green fees and golf carts
- Chance to win multiple prizes up to \$1,000.00
- 4. The barbecue party immediately following afternoon play
- Co-sponsorship by R.H. Barringer Distributing Co. Inc.

In addition, there will be opportunities to win many value prizes, including a 50/50 Pot for Money! All proceeds from the tournament will be used to aid the blind and for the research and treatment for eye diseases. You only have to close your eyes for a few minutes to feel the loneliness and isolation that the visually impaired feel. Over the past thirty years, many lives have been touches due to the valuable participation and contributions.

If you are interested in sponsoring a team or a hole (\$100.00 for hole sponsorship), please contact me at 336-309-0530 or J.J. Fashimpaur at 335-248-3950. Please make check payable to the Lexington Downtown Lions Club and mail you're your entry form, if applicable P.O. Box 571, Lexington, NC 27293-0571.

Your support and participation are greatly appreciated.

Kindest Regards,

Mark

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Rick Truell, Co-Chairman

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# **Hunger Event**

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Volunteers sort food Sunday at the Wilson Tobs Home Run for Hunger Celebration event.

The Wilson Youth Council also volunteered throughout the spring collecting events and also on Sunday. This was the group's first year being a partner.

"Our teens provided crucial volunteers during the spring break tournaments," said Theresa Mathis, Wilson Youth Council adviser. "This project is so far-reaching. It affects food pantries across the county, which assists hundreds of families in need."

Cynthia Saunders, with the Wilson Youth Council, said it made her feel good to see that so many people care about their community.

"I know the food is going to the people who actually need it the most," she said.

ORGANIZATIONS HELPED. Because organizers changed things up this year and made it a whole season of giving, pantries have been receiving the food collected at community-wide events on a weekly basis in addition to the celebration event Sunday. Each pantry received more than a ton of food in total.

Bell said he was grateful to all who supported this year's Home Run for Hunger season.

"It's way bigger than a baseball game," he said. "The celebration goes well beyond a baseball game. It was a celebration for a great cause that happened to have a baseball game at it."

Pantries that received food collected included Bible's Way Ministry, Glad Tidings Gospel Hall Church, Hope Station, New Christian Food Pantry and Child Development Center, Life in the Word, New Life Rock of Ages Christian Fellowship Center, Open Door Community Outreach

Center, Salvation Army, St. Paul's Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ, St. John AME Zion Church, Community Soup Kitchen of Wilson County, Veterans' Residential Services of Wilson, Contending for the Faith, Children's Hunger Elimination of Wilson and the Wilson Police Department Food Pantry.

Sponsors for Home Run for Hunger included The Wilson Times, The Wilson Tobs, Wilson Luncheon Lions Club, S.T. Wooten, EmergeOrtho, First Baptist Church of Wilson, Stephenson Millwork, Food Lion, State Farm and First Media Radio.

#### In Memory of Dr. William "Bill" A. Wallace

By Lion C. JoAnn Wood, M.Ed. CRC

It is with a heavy heart that I share the news of the loss of one of our treasured Lions, Bill Wallace. Bill's original membership certificate indicates an installation date of 1997, and he and Randy Pearce were active around that time (MyLCI shows a date of 2011). Bill was an outstanding Lion who served so many quietly and with a smile that lit up a room.

He truly loved working in the Vision Van, where he had a knack for great communication with those being served, regardless of their nationality, race, ability,



disability, economic status, etc. He was a beloved professor of chemistry at Barton College (formerly Atlantic Christian College) in Wilson, NC. He touched the lives of many students with his abilities. Bill had

been unable to participate in club activities for several years, but his Love for Lions was unquestionable.

#### From Joyner's Funeral Home

Dr. William A. Wallace "Bill", 60, of Wilson passed away Friday. His memorial service will be conducted at 3:00 p.m. Friday, August 4, at First United Methodist Church, Wilson. The Pastor Charles Robl will officiate. A service will be conducted at a later date at Barton College.

Bill graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with B. S., M. S. and Ph.D. degrees in chemistry.

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Shown above, l-r, are the 2017-2018 Lake Gaston Lions Club officers: Lions Jim Layton, Leon Morris, Gene Finch, Mark Crittendon, Dick McClellan, Scott Miller, David Johnson, Arsend Seymore, and Teresa Booth. On Monday, June 26, 2017, the Lake Gaston Lions Club held its annual awards and installation event at the Lion's Den in Henrico, NC. Lion Chuck Youse was emcee for the evening after members and guests shared a dinner catered by David's Restaurant of Roanoke Rapids. The 2016-2017 awards presented were: Lion of the Year was presented to Lion David Johnson for outstanding service during the 2016-2017 Lions year; the Heart of the Lion award for lifetime service to the club was presented posthumously to Lion Ron Boone, and was accepted by his wife (Elsie Boone) and daughter (Teresa Boone); President's Appreciation awards were presented to Lions Ann Morgan, Bill Hoofnagle, David Zimmerman, Don Henry, Leon Morris, and Chuck Youse for their service during 2016-2017. (Richard Thomas photo)

# **Bill Wallace**

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He was a chemistry professor at Barton College in the Department of Science for 21 years and much loved by his students. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Wilson and the Wilson Evening Lions Club. Bill was an avid sports fan and a season ticket holder of Duke Football for many years. He enjoyed traveling and hiking in the national parks and had just visited his 32nd park in early July. He also enjoyed hanging out with his bulldogs, Ivan and Tasha. Although Bill seemed quiet, he had a wry sense of humor and loved talking with people. He was a wonderful man who will be missed.

Bill is survived by his wife, Cathi; sisters, Susan Carter and husband, Mark of Yorktown, Virginia and Mary Jo Wallace of Richmond, Virginia; nephew, Bryan Carter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Jeanne Wallace.

Memorials may be directed to Barton College, Office of Institutional Advancement, P. O. Box 5000, Wilson, NC 27893, where a scholarship in William A. Wallace's honor will be established.

Condolences may be directed to Joyner's Funeral Home.

#### 2017-2018 NCLI Officers

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#### Kettle Krowd Excels In 'Doing the Most Good'

By Lion John Mitchener



Edenton Lions gathered on July 24, 2017, for food, fellowship, and dessert. The real treat was guest, Earl Willis, a veteran history

teacher at Perquimans High School, who spoke about The Salvation Army. A native of Dare County, Willis was raised in metropolitan Wanchese, the village home of the "bad Indian" per the outdoor drama, *The Lost Colony*. After graduating from East Carolina University, he served at Fort Belvoir with army engineers before teaching for 31 years. Seasoned by high school intellectuals, Willis was ready for the Lions. Jack Parker and Ronnie Bass had to pay attention.

The "kettle krowd," also known as The Salvation Army, excels in 'doing the most good.' This ministry is a way of life in the seven counties of the Albemarle area. It functions year round. Willis recalled timely aid given during major disasters such as Hurricane Matthew in October 2016. Smaller traumas such as tornadoes in Perquimans or Pasquotank have elicited a full response, too.

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Lion Lisa Silverthorne was installed as President of the Plymouth Lions Club at its July meeting. The club's 2017-2018 officers are pictured above, l-r: Lions Bob Rasberry (Tail Twister), Francine Hines (First Vice-President), Ron Matheny, Soni Leavell (Second Vice-President), Lisa Silverthorne (President), Doug Leavell (Director), Kathleen DeVore (Secretary), Jim Jones (Director), Sharon Waters (Director), John Waters (Treasurer), Harry House (Director), and Tom Rasberry. Not pictured are Lions Brian Roth (Lion Tamer), Paul Lilly (Membership Chair), Glenn Stotesbury (Immediate Past President), and Brenda Hill (Third Vice-President). (Kathleen DeVore photo)

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Crises which do not make the newspapers may involve unpaid utility bills or training in how to supervise children's homework (Hint: Turn off the TV or hide the cell phone!). Summer camp is the occasion for teaching life skills such as punctuality or how to stretch an allowance! Do you know how to count change?

Perhaps the most meaningful are the new relationships whereby growth in practical wisdom occurs in a graceful manner. Then we come to understand that knuckle sandwiches are often counterproductive.

Kettle kids mature. Fish are good to eat. Thank you for sharing! But learning to fish for one's self is truly beneficial. One who knows how "to do the most good" for himself may become more astute in doing for others.

Edenton Lions thanked Willis for his overview of the work of The Salvation Army. We will continue to support this effort.

Also at this meeting, President Lion Bob Brock announced that he had received two surprises in the mail. When PDG Barbara Beltran visited the club in June 2017, she shared an interesting observation: The Edenton Lions Club represents 323 years of Lions service! Lion Barbara has a sharp eye! To prove that she had not forgotten about us, she sent the two awards.

Both awards are for the 2016-2017 Lions year: Plus Membership and Achievement of Brighter Visions Goal. What a nice touch during our 80th anniversary year celebration! Our new president, Lion Bob Brock, was delighted to start his year with such good news!

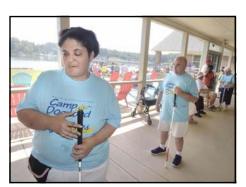
Members were thanked for the extra efforts given during the 2016-2017 Lions year. Everyone resolved to do as well and hopefully better in 2017-2018. Lions serve! May it ever be so!



# **Kettle Krowd Excels Camp Dogwood Celebrates 50 Years** of Service to Blind Community



North Carolina Lions, Inc. President, PDG Lion George Suggs, begins cutting open Camp Dogwood's time capsule. (Robert C. Reed photo, Hickory Record)



Camp Dogwood camper Belinda Collins speaks about being a former camp volunteer at Camp Dogwood. (Robert C. Reed photo)

From Hickory Record, July 21, 2017 Posted by John Bailey

SHERRILLS FORD - Finding a new normal. Realizing you're not as limited as you thought. Finding the courage to explore new paths in life and enjoy new experiences. Being part of a community where you are embraced for who you are. These are the concepts that has made Camp Dogwood such a unique experience for the blind and visually im-

paired in North Carolina. The camp celebrated its 50th year of service this week.

Greg Capps is an artist and has been visiting the camp for 10 years and appreciates the variety of activities developed for guests through the years.

His time at Camp Dogwood taught him the value of challenging what he thought were his own norms of living. He's become one of the art teachers (beginning crocheting) at the camp and seeks to challenge everyone else to think beyond what they perceive as limits.

"When we see people thinking in one way, we will throw something totally different at them," Capps said "It may not be right for them, but it'll at least make them stop and think it's an option. Giving people options is the key."

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS. Camp Dogwood, located on Lake Norman in Catawba County, was started in 1967. It is owned and operated by North Carolina Lions, Inc., according to the camp's website, nclionscampdogwood.org.

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#### **Camp Dogwood Celebrates**

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The original idea was proposed by the North Carolina Association of Workers for the Blind, an organization made up largely of alumni of the State School for the Blind in Raleigh.

The first building to go up was the "Lodge" in 1968. It is self-funded through donations.

Hilary Brodofsky, Camp Dogwood executive director, said the original dream is still at the core of what the camp does today, to be a safe haven and retreat for the blind and visually impaired. "More than 700 campers come and join us each summer and we still heavily subsidize the camp to make it affordable for them," Brodofsky said.



Susan King, Camp Director, lays out the contents of the time capsule for viewing during the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Camp Dogwood. (Robert C. Reed photo)

Week-long sessions are held June through August at a cost of \$125. Local Lions Clubs help with sponsorships.

Camp director Susan King said many of the campers live isolated lives because of the lack of transportation.

"What we're trying to do is bring the world to them the one week they're here," King said. "As one friend of mine, one of our campers says this is the one place he goes all year where he doesn't feel disabled."

The camp provides people with resources and a support group of their peers who understand the challenges they face every day and who they have shared experiences.

King started at the camp in 2011 and there was a discussion then about enhancing the camper's stay. It was a more traditional program up to that time – rid-

ing horses, water activities and crafts. Since then, King has looked for ways to bring more of the world to the campers.

"We had a painting class, and I got teased a little about that, teaching blind people to paint," she said. "The approach we took was to make the paintings very three dimensional by adding tactile objects, beads, sand, Spanish Moss, sea shells."

King even started taking groups to the Hickory Museum of Art. "They developed a special hands-on tour for us, and they would take us to the Folk Art gallery, which tends to be three-dimensional, created with found objects," King said. This was a big step in the camp's programming.

"Only 10 percent of the visually impaired community actually goes to museums because most are not equipped to provide something for them," King said. The camp was invited as well to visit the North Carolina Auto Racing Hall of Fame in Mooresville, which traces the history of the automobile and racing.

"They developed what they call their white glove tour. We go there and experience the exhibits by touch," King said. "These are things folks who come to our program would never have the opportunity to experience."

Campers even get the chance to go bowling, shopping and take computer technology lessons.

"Our older adults who are losing their sight, they weren't very knowledgeable about computers, but if you can get on the Internet you can find resources," King said. "We try to serve what the current needs of the folks who come to camp are from year to year, and it changes from year to year."

YEARS OF MEMORIES. Belinda Collins has been both a camp counselor and camper the last 18 years. She's enjoyed the community that develops among everyone at Camp Dogwood. "Everybody sees each other as an equal here. You may run into somebody, but everyone is always nice and friendly," Collins said. "They understand. It's not out in the normal society where people may get upset if you run into them."

Kierra Houser, 25, grew up helping her mother, who is blind. Houser spent half her life at Camp Dogwood. She spent five years as a companion to her mother and then at eighteen she decided to apply to work at the camp.

Her mother went blind because of complications from multiple sclerosis. "Since I've been little, I've always been that helpful child," she said. "When I came here I saw people needing help getting around and saw the counselors being busy so I thought I'd help people myself." Houser said the time at camp helped bring her and her mother even closer because of all the activities.

During the 50th Anniversary celebration, a 20-year-old time capsule was uncovered and then opened by NC Lions, Inc., President George Suggs. Another was prepared to take its place. Along with the time capsule, visitors enjoyed a delicious Camp Dogwood cookout, live music by Caution Blind Driver, camper Jeff Balek's band.

#### By PDG Barbara Beltran

Camp Dogwood is 50 years old! We celebrated with exciting festivities at Camp Dogwood for the Blind and Visually Impaired! Many Lions and friends attended and had a great time! Some toured the campus and experienced the fantastic facility in Sherrills Ford for the first time! Energizing speeches were given by Hillary Brodofsky (NCLI Executive Director), Hannah Earnhardt (Director of Development), Susan King (Camp Director), PDG George Suggs (NCLI President), and camper Dalton. Following those inspirational messages, we enjoyed snacks and the tremendous fellowship. (Callie Laffon photos)







# Thank You From Boys and Girls Homes of NC, Inc.

From Lion Garry Elliott Co-Chairman, Boys & Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc. garrryelliott@embarqmail.com (252) 532-6050

On behalf of Lion David Rutledge and myself I would like to say thanks to the great Lions of District 31-S for your support of the young boys in the Lions Cottage at Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc. at Lake Waccamaw, NC. If your club is interested in a program on Boys and Girls Homes, please let me or Lion David know.

# District 31-S Awards and Installation



PDG Lion Barbara Beltran (left) and DG Lion Steve McLaurin (right).

#### By PDG Barbara Beltran

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Installation/Awards Banquet on July 22, 2017, at the Pilot Lions Club. It was great to see you there, and thanks to the Pilot Lions for a great lunch!

Last year was all about TEAMWORK and, consequently, many awards were earned. Congratulations to all recipients! Following is a list of awards earned.

100% TREASURER. John Crisafi (North Raleigh), Karen Smith (Rocky Hock), Blaine Corrick (Rocky Mount), Carolyn Barbe (Tarboro), Glenn Day (Wake Forest), Charles Tomkins, III (Wanchese), Tim Manning (Williamston), Steve Page (Wilson Luncheon), Curt Kedley (Windsor), Richard Perry (Zebulon), and Tiney Curtis (First Flight).

100% SECRETARY. John Lynde (Apex), Darlynn Oxendine (Henderson), Ann Morgan (Lake Gaston), Shirley Isenhour (North Raleigh), Beatrice Leathers (Raleigh Southeast), Frances Jordan (Rocky Hock), Ella Flora (Rocky Mount Evening), Freddie Blackmon (Whitakers), Jeff Price (Zebulon), Richard Miles (Warrenton), and Pamela Palm (First Flight).

LEO OF THE YEAR. Katie Layden (John A. Holmes High School).

NEWSLETTER/BULLETIN OF THE YEAR. Apex Lions Club.

Also receiving awards were District Officers and Chairmen, including the following.

HONORARIUMS. Allen Swaim, PDG Andy Lilliston, Danny Blowe, David Rutledge, David Stuart, Ed Ketron, Garry Elliott, PDG Gene English, PDG Gwen White, Harriett Walton, Hunt Thomas, Jan Holleman, PDG Sherman Leathers, Joy Watkins, Larry Schlesinger, PDG Luther Creel, Margie Reinitz, PDG Marti Henry, PDG Mike Flora, Pat Leonard, Ron Bullock, Thomas Harrison, and PDG Ron Beltran.



L-R, Lions Ella Flora, PDG Barbara Beltran, and PDG Ron Beltran.

WILLIAM L. WOOLARDS, FOUNDER. Bill Graham, Randy Oxendine, Darlynn Oxendine, Ed Burt, Jayne Simpkins, John Lynde, Randy Pearce, Robert Craft, Tammy Deppe, and John Beere.

WILLIAM L. WOOLARDS, SUPPORTER.
Adrianne Makowski and Glenn Day.

WILLIAM L. WOOLARD, FRIEND. John Crisafi.

SID L. SCRUGGS BEACON OF HOPE, LIGHTHOUSE. Frances Jordan, DG Stephen McLaurin, Paranita Carpenter, John Guard, Maggie Crisafi, and PDG Don Henry.

SID L. SCRUGGS BEACON OF HOPE, STEPS TO SERVICE. PDG Rhett White and PDG Wayne Faber.

VIP LACY AND ESTHER PRESNELL AM-BASSADOR OF GOODWILL. PDG Mary Boehm, PDG Jim Boehm, Betz Blowe, Stan Phillips, and Robert Carroll. JACK STICKLEY. Michelle Wright.

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CONTEST. Clubs Achieving Positive Growth: Edenton, Elizabeth City, North Raleigh, Manteo, Pilot, Raleigh Southeast, Rocky Hock, Rocky Mount Luncheon, Zebulon, Saratoga, Townesville, Wake Forest, Weeksville, Wendell, Williamston, Wilson Luncheon. Largest Percentage Membership Increase: Raleigh Southeast. Club Membership Chairs: PDG Sherman and Bea Leathers. Zone Chair: Jayne Simpkins.

BRIGHTER VISIONS CONTEST. Clubs meeting or exceeding Governor's goals: Apex, Edenton, First Flight, Franklinton, Fuquay-Varina, Manteo, Murfreesboro, North Raleigh, Raleigh Host, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount Evening and Luncheon, Scotland Neck, Townesville, Wake Forest, Warrenton, Wendell, Williamston, Wilson Evening, Wilson Luncheon, and Zebulon. Highest per member contribution: Rocky Mount Evening. Region Chair: Randy Pearce.

JUNGLE PROWL CONTEST. Group A, Zebulon; Group B, Fuquay-Varina; Group C—Lake Gaston.

GOVERNOR'S POINT CONTEST. Group A, North Raleigh; Group B, Fuquay-Varina; Group C, Apex.

MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP. Nathan Medlin, Mark Bateman, and PDG Herb Justice (Progressive).

LCI PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION (as received from Past two International Presidents). PDG Mary Boehm, PDG Jim Boehm, Ed Burt, Glenn Day, Nancy Craft, Judith Silveri, Frances Jordan, Curt Kedley, PDG Gene English, and John Lynde. (Contributed photos)



Shown above, l-r, are Lions Mark Bateman, Nathan Medlin, PDG Herb Justice, and PDG Barbara Beltran. Lions Mark, Nathan, and Herb received Melvin Jones Fellow awards at the District 31-S Awards and Installation event. PDG Herb received a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow award.

### **Wake Southwest**

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Past International President, Sid L. Scruggs, III, performed the installations. Current International Director Gwen A. White and her spouse, PDG Rhett White, were in attendance. Others attending included PID Lacy Presnell, PDGs Ron & Barbara Beltran, District Governor Steve McLaurin, Guiding Lions Ed Burt & Glenn Day, and several members from the Wake Forest and Cary Lions Clubs.



John Lynde photo



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Melissa Burgess photo



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#### North Carolina Lions

Multiple District 31/Celebrate Liberty Committee

1678-C Robins Nest Court Gastonia, NC 28054 (704) 854-5315 Schwartz5483@gmail.com

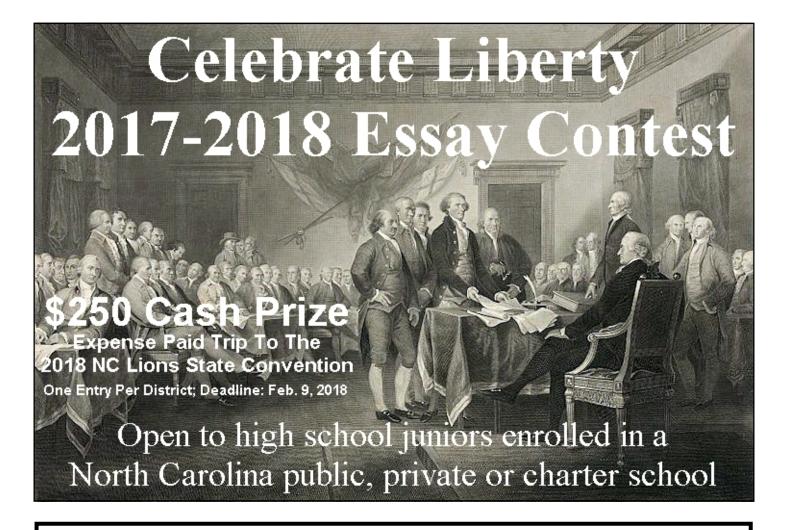
#### PRESS RELEASE

The North Carolina Lions is sponsoring the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest, with the state winner receiving a \$250 cash prize and an expense paid trip to attend the 2018 N.C. Lions State Convention in Greensboro where they will be invited to read their winning essay to our membership during the general business session.

The contest is open to high school juniors enrolled in a North Carolina public, private or charter school. Essays must be no longer than 750 words and sponsored by a local Lions club in each district. Judging should be done on the club and district level before one entry being submitted to the state Celebrate Liberty Committee for final judging. The deadline to submit an entry to the state committee is Feb. 9, 2018.

Students should base their essay on the Alexander Hamilton quote, "The people alone have an incontestable, unalienable, and indefeasible right to institute government and to reform, alter, or totally change the same when their protection, safety, prosperity, and happiness require it." Hamilton was one of the Founding Fathers of the United States and served as the first secretary of the treasury under the administration of President George Washington.

For more information about the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest or to obtain a copy of the contest brochure, contact the district committee chairperson.



# **2017-2018 District 31-S Directory Changes:**

Page 7: "Upcoming State Conventions" should be just Upcoming Conventions (includes Mid-Winter Convention for Districts 31-N and 31-S)

Page 21: For PDG Barbara Beltran, the word "the" before fellowship should be removed

Page 23: For the Wake Southwest Centennial Lions Club, the Guiding Lions are Lions Ed Burt and PDG Ron Beltran (not Lion Glenn Day)

Page 27: The President of the Rocky Mount Evening Lions Club is PDG Lion W. B. Bullock

Page 33: The First Flight Leo Club should be added.

The proposed Rolesville High School Leo Club will probably be the Heritage High School Leo Club

Pages 38-40: The correct e-mail address for Lion John Lynde is ilyndepsu@yahoo.com.

Please see pages 55-59 in District Directory for additional helpful contact information.





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I. STUDENT INFORMATION	III. DISTRICT INFORMATION
Name:	District Governor:
Age: Birth Date:	District:
School:	Contact Number:
County of School:	Email:
Student's Phone Number:	Date of Judging:
Email:	
Home Address:	IV. DISTRICT COMMITTEE INFORMATION
City: Zip Code:	Committee Chairperson:
II. LIONS CLUB INFORMATION	Contact Number:
Club Name:	Email:
_City: District:	V. STATE COMMITTEE INFORMATION
Club President:	Date Entry Received:
Phone Number:	Results:
Email:	
	State Chairperson's Signature





# **Essay Contest Rules**

 The contest is open to all high school juniors enrolled in a North Carolina public, private or charter school. •The theme for the contest is the Alexander Hamilton quote in this brochure.

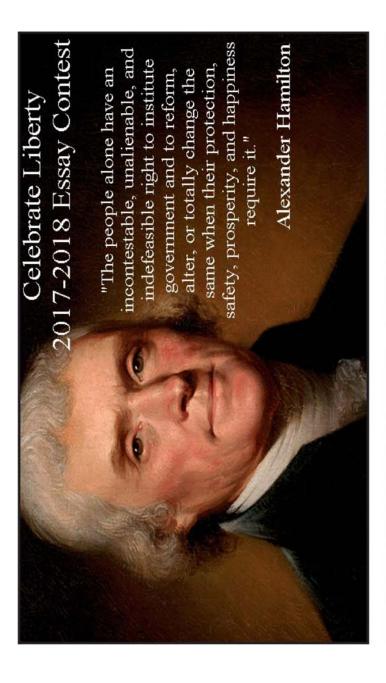
 Essays must be no longer than 750 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced. •Each submitted essay must be sponsored by a Lions club in the respective district where the school is located.

•Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student

•After judging on the club level, the winning essay should be sent to the district Celebrate Liberty chairperson for district-level competi-

•The district winner should be sent to the state Celebrate Liberty chairperson for statewide judging. The deadline is February 9, 2018.

Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest 1678-C Robins Nest Court Gastonia, North Carolina 28054 Essay entries cannot have already been pubished •Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automatically disqualified and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions.



# Grand Prize \$250

North Carolina Lions State Convention

The Grand Prize winner will receive an expense-paid trip to our state convention on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the Greensboro Airport Marriot. The student will be invited to read their winning essay to delegates and guests in attendance on Sunday, April 29. The trip includes one-night accommodation at the hotel, travel and a per diem.

# Who Was Alexander Hamilton?

statesman and one of the Founding Fathers Alexander Hamilton was an American Constitution, as well as the founder of the Party, the United States Coast Guard, and Secretary of the Treasury, Hamilton was the the lead in the funding of the states' debts by the federal government, as well as the government led by a vigorous executive of the United States. He was an influential nation's financial system, the Federalist The New York Post newspaper. As the first main author of the economic policies of the George Washington administration. He took establishment of a national bank, a system of tariffs, and friendly trade relations with Britain. His vision included a strong central branch, a strong commercial economy, with national bank and support for nterpreter and promoter of the U. manufacturing, plus a strong military.

#### Message From International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal



Upgrading Our Service to You—As A Lion. Namaste! The divine in me salutes the divine in you. Welcome to our new century. My goal over the next 12 months is very simple—to reach a new level of service to Lions and from Lions. Before I ask you to reach a new level of service, Lionism will reach a new level of service to you.

So, how can I serve our 1.4 million Lions? I cannot give everyone senior positions. I cannot give you money. I cannot meet all of you. However, I plan to touch all of your lives with the power to serve.

So, let's examine every stage of one's Lionistic career and how I can help. The first stage is becoming a new member. When I became a new member 43 years ago, I suddenly felt as if I had left my hometown and become a man of the world. This year, I want every member to download our new mobile app. This will connect all our members on one global platform.

The next stage is beginning to serve. As a member of the Batala Smile Lions Club in Punjab, India, I was proud of how the community began to respect me. This respect depended on the number of people I served and how many people were aware of this service. We now have a new Global Service Team. Your District GST leader will identify projects that serve the maximum

number of people per dollar and per hour. They will also train Lions on how to convert a normal project into a Legacy Project via Lions branding and public relations.

The third stage is aspiring for leadership. While I enjoyed rising up the Lions' ladder, I sometimes wished that our leaders focused more on work than on long speeches. A new awards system will incentivize the efforts of Lion leaders in the right direction. We plan to reward retention of members, hence keeping the focus on you—our existing members. New awards will also be given for involving over half the club in service and for creating the most Legacy projects.

As a global leader of Lionism, I want to keep every Lion connected to Lionism. Our new Welcome Home program is an international online club for members unable to attend club meetings. Meetings and fee payments are conducted entirely online.



The last stage is now. I want to give every Lion the same goal for the next 12 months. My dream is that every Lion will serve 10 people each month. If this happens, we will serve 170 million people this year— a big increase from our current level of 100 million and a big step toward our goal of serving 200 million annually

by 2020. This is the focus of all my meetings around the world. All the best. See you as I travel around the world.





DG Steve McLaurin 4817 Johnson Pond Road Apex, NC 27539



District 31-S Web Site - NCLions31S.org

VIP Fishing Tournament Web Site - ncvipfishing.org









#### DISTRICT 31-S PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS' FALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Tournament Sponsors – Blue Cross/ Shield & A. E. Finley Foundation

Dedicated in Memory of Lion Howard Stallings and in Honor of Lion Emma Lee Stallings

Monday, October 2, 2016 Sign in before 11:30 am Rain Date – October 9, 2017 Tee Time: 12:00 pm

Deadline: September 27, 2017

Raleigh Golf Association 1527 Tryon Road, Raleigh, NC Phone: (919) 772-9987

# **Modified Superball Tournament Proceeds go to Visually Impaired Persons' Fishing Tournament**

First and Second Place Winners Most accurate drive on Hole #4 Putting Contest Closest to hole On PAR 3'S- Holes # 3,7,12 & 15 Longest drive (Must be in Fairway) on Hole #13

#### RULES

- PLAY SUPERBALL: After the tee shot
- One shot on par 3's, two shots on par 4's, three shots on par 5's
- Each player will play his/her own ball into the hole and record the score
- The team score will be the total of the best two scores in the foursome
- Players 65 and under will play from the white tees; ages 66 to 74 may use gold tees; players 75 and over may
  use red tees
- No player should score over a double bogey on any hole

\$70 per Player Hole Sponsor - \$100 \$280 per Team \$380 Team Sponsor

Designate information for Sponsor Sig	n::
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PLAYER:	
Contact Name:	
Sponsoring Lions Club:	

Make checks payable to: Lions District 31-S Fall Golf Tournament

Send entry form with payment to: PDG Herbert Justice, 6704 Perkins Drive, Raleigh, NC 27612

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