



# The Lions Express

District 31-S Newsletter | October 2015 Issue



## 2015 NC Lions VIP Fishing Tournament



By Lion Paranita Carpenter

The 2015 North Carolina Lions Visually Impaired Fishing Tournament was held October 19-21, 2015, on the Outer Banks. This year's tournament was dedicated to Eddie Weaver, Director of the North Carolina Division of Services for the Blind, who is retiring this year.

**SUNDAY.** Volunteers arrived at Westcott Park in Manteo. They were treated to lunch which included hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, and side dishes. After lunch was served, assignments were given. Assignments included (but was not limited to), setting up tables and chairs, building a stage, setting the tables, hanging flags, preparing registration packets, setting up the tent, preparing fishing rods, untangling tackle, setting up the VIP merchandise tables, and, most importantly, having fun!



Shown above, left to right, are Lions Barbara Beltran (First VDG, District 31-S), Irwin Siegelwax (First VDG, District 31-N), and DG Mary Boehm (District 31-S) at The Elizabethan Gardens art exhibit for the VIPs.

Later that evening, a wine and cheese reception honoring the VIPs was held at The Elizabethan Gardens in conjunction with an art exhibit specifically for people who are visually impaired or blind. Attendees were treated to art pieces that could be felt, heard, and tasted. All art pieces were created by Edith Deltgen.

**MONDAY.** The day began with a hearty breakfast followed immediately by a meeting of all of the volunteers. Assignments for the week were finalized. A lunch and orientation meeting was held for the participants of the National Tournament. Registration for tournament participants was held 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Dinner was hosted that evening by the Columbia Lions Club and the Plymouth Lions Club.

Following the welcome, remarks were made by Eddie Weaver (Director, NC Services for the Blind) and Sherry Bradsher (Assistant Secretary, NC Department of Health and Human Service). The night was topped off with entertainment by Bill Deal and The Rhondels.



Bill Deal and The Rhondels

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# 2015-2106 Calendar

## November 2015

- 20-21 District 31-L Fall Convention, Asheville (Crowne Plaza)
- 21 Zone Advisory Meeting, Location TBA

## December 2015

- 21-27 NCLI Office Closed

## January 2016

- 1 NCLI Office Closed
- 8 Half International Dues Payable
- 15-16 Districts 31-N & 31-S Mid-Winter Convention, Greenville, NC

## February 2016

- 12-14 Council & Board Meeting

## March 2016

- 5 Vision Van Visits Edenton
- 18-20 Brighter Visions Training
- 28 NCLI Office Closed

## April 2016

- 8-9 Budget Hearing
- 10-13 Camp Dogwood Volunteer Work Week, Sherrills Ford, NC
- 21-24 NC Lions State Convention, Marriott Crabtree Hotel, Raleigh, NC
- April 29-May 1 Council & Board Mtg.
- 30 PU101 or Officer Updates Due to LCI and District Governor
- TBA Zone Advisory Meeting

## May 2016

- 1 Council & Board Meeting, Camp Dogwood, Sherrills Ford, NC
- 13-15 Lions Fun Weekend, Camp Dogwood, Sherrills Ford, NC

## June 2016

- 17 Camp Dogwood Raffle Drawing
- 24-28 International Convention, Fukuoka, Japan



# Message From PDG Wayne Faber

*By PDG Wayne Faber, District Chair Boys & Girls Home of North Carolina VIP Fishing Tournament*

Greetings, Lions! I would love to visit your club and give a 30 minute program on the Boys & Girls Home of NC and/or the VIP Fishing Tournament. You can reach me at wfaber100@hotmail.com or (919) 780-8819.



## LCI Essay Contest

Lions clubs around the world are encouraged to sponsor students in the Lions Clubs International Essay Contest. This essay contest was created to offer an opportunity to visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace. The theme of the 2015-2016 Lions Clubs International Essay Contest is "Share Peace." Students who are visually impaired and who are ages 11, 12, or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate. Work with your fellow Lions, local schools, and area families to identify young people who are interested in participating and who could benefit from this program. One grand prize winner will receive an award and \$5,000.

**Essay Contest Guidelines.** Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink, and double-spaced.

Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest. The contest may be sponsored in a local school(s) or organized, sponsored youth group(s), or individuals may be sponsored as well. *A Lioness club can sponsor the contest through its sponsoring Lions club.*

Essays submitted without completed entry forms will be automatically disqualified. Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student. Essay entries cannot have already been published. Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automati-

cally disqualified and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions. The contest postmark deadlines are as follows.

**November 1, 2015.** The postmark deadline for a club to send one winning essay to the District Governor. *Note: A participating club should notify its district governor in advance of sending an entry.*

**December 1, 2015.** Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry directly to the Public Relations Division at Lions Clubs International.

**December 1, 2015.** Postmark deadline for a district to send one winning essay to the multiple district council chairperson. A district not belonging to a multiple district must send its entries directly to the Public Relations Division at Lions Clubs International.

**December 15, 2015.** Postmark deadline for a multiple district to send one winning essay to the Public Relations Division at Lions Clubs International.

**February 1, 2016.** International grand prize winner will be notified on or before this date.

## VIP Fishing Tournament

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**TUESDAY—FISHING DAY!** Breakfast for volunteers was provided by the Manteo Lions Club. Volunteers then set about preparing the gym for dinner, packing lunches for the piers, and whatever else needed to be done. After the tournament, fishing rods were washed and returned to storage.

A fish and chicken dinner was prepared by the Wanchese Lions Club. Opening remarks were made by Lions DG Mary Boehm and PDG Paul Bledsoe. A dance was hosted by the First Flight Lions Club. Music was provided by the Out 'N Cold Band. Bible study was hosted in the tent by the Lower Currituck Lions Club.

**WEDNESDAY.** Breakfast was provided by the Manteo Lions Club. The National Tournament was held at Jennette's Pier. The tournament included participants from Alabama, Canada, Connecticut, Georgia, Louisiana, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia.

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# Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest



The 2015-2016 North Carolina Lions Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest is open to all high school juniors enrolled in a North Carolina public, private, or charter school. Celebrate Liberty is a program of the North Carolina State Council of Governors. Its purpose is to introduce students to the importance of the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the American government.

The theme for the contest is the Thomas Jefferson quote: "I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education. This is the true corrective of abuses of constitutional power."

After judging on the club level, the winning essay should be sent to the district Celebrate Liberty chairperson for district-level competition. Essay entries cannot have already been published. Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automatically disqualified and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions.

Each student must be sponsored by a Lions club within the district where the school is located. Essays must be a maximum of 750 words in length, typewritten and double-spaced in black ink. The winning essay should be sent to the District Celebrate Liberty Chair, Lion Harriett Walton, P. O. Box 733, Wanchese, NC 27981 (or edmundsgroup@embarqmail.com) by February 28, 2016. Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.

There is a monetary prize for the contest winner at the district and state level. Clubs that sponsor an entry are encouraged to add a monetary prize or plaque for the winner and also publicize

the winner and essay in the local newspaper. The grand prize winner also receives an expense-paid trip to the NC Lions State Convention which will be held at the Marriott Crabtree-Raleigh April 23-24, 2016.

The district winner's essay should be sent to the State Celebrate Liberty Chair, Lion Mike Schwartz, for statewide judging.

## Fishing Tournament

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VIPs spent the earlier part of the day gathering useful information from Dr. Eric Burns, who discussed the latest in eye care and advances in Macular Degeneration, with time for questions and answers. Comments were also made by representatives from the Library for the Blind and Industries for the Blind.

After lunch on their own, VIPs were transported to The Elizabethan Gardens for a "Dessert and Music in the Gardens" event where local professional musicians, The Riff Tides, opened and then VIPs had the opportunity to perform.



*The Riff-Tides, featuring Lion Angelo Sonnesso, David Morris, Robert Jacobs, Dana Walker, Ken Daidone, and Andrew Darling.*

The Tournament concluded with the awards dinner, sponsored by the First Flight Lions Club. Opening remarks were made by PDG Gwen White and Eddie Weaver.

Lacy and Esther Presnell Awards were presented to Lions Wayne Wright and Paranita Carpenter (on behalf of PDG Jana Peedin), the Berlin Lions Club (on behalf of Lion Bob Christensen), Lion Lloyd Evans (on behalf of the Rocky Hock Lions Club), Tony and Jane Ferrita (on behalf of Alamance County), Lee Harvey (on behalf of Chatham County), and Jason Foster.

Lion Ron Staley then announced the

winners of the tournament. Winners were allowed to make brief comments to everyone. VIP Board members, Lions PDG Bob Walton (VIP Board President), Bob Christensen, and Ron Curtis, made their way to the front of the stage to hand out awards, shake the hands of the winners, and take official photographs. The winners are as follows.

**Miss Oregon Inlet.** Brittany Johnson of Davidson County (First Place, 34 points); Anthony Yellock of Alamance County (Second Place, 33 points); and Betz Blowe of Hertford County (Third Place, 32 points).

**Crystal Dawn.** Doug Howard of Catawba County (First Place, 35 points); Barbara Kearney of Warren County (Second Place, 28 points); Charlie Hillman of Catawba County (Second Place, 28 points); and Caroline Ward of Watauga County (Third Place, 20 points).

**Kitty Hawk Pier.** Mark Phillips of Chatham County (First Place, 100 points); Geraldine Hayes of Sampson County (Second Place, 98 points); Joe Ward of Johnston County (Third Place, 85 points); and Sharon Weddington of Rowan County (Third Place, 85 points).

**Nags Head Pier.** Rodney Turner of Gaston County (First Place, 101 points); Al Lineberger of Gaston County (Second Place, 63 points); and Libby Maxwell of Watauga County (Third Place, 55).

**Avalon Pier.** Barbara Spears of Cabarrus County (First Place, 136 points); Franklin Hill of Martin County (Second Place, 94 points); and Teresa Smith of Union County (Third Place, 81 points).

**Jennette's Pier.** Randy Johnson of Hertford County (First Place, 156 points); Allison Pendelton of Pasquotank County (Second Place, 125 points); and Leroy Fair of Richmond County (Third Place, 124 points).

The Howard and Emma Leigh Stallings Trophy for the largest fish was awarded to Bonnie Drake of Craven County. Her 18-inch fish was caught on the Kitty Hawk Pier.

The winners of the National VIP Fishing Tournament who caught the largest fish were Robert Magiera of Rhode Island (First Place, 12 inches), Bob Austin of Canada (First Place, 12 inches), and June Davis of Georgia (Second Place, 7 inches).

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# Fishing Tournament

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The David C. Grana Award for the most fish caught were given to Robert Magiera of Rhode Island (First Place, 74 points) and Jim Reed of South Carolina (Second Place, 69 points).

Many thanks to all of the national tournament participants who made the journey to the Outer Banks from **Alabama** (Terry Matney, Larry Povinelli, Dirk Price), **Canada** (Bob Austin, Ricky Crigger, Orville Wilkie), **Connecticut** (Doug Reid, Leonard Schlenk, Larry Tracey), **Georgia** (June Davis), **Louisiana** (Kyle McKinney), **Massachusetts** (Shawn Koehler), **North Carolina** (Randy Johnson, Georgia Gaddy, Connie Collins), **Rhode Island** (Michael DeNezzo, Mike Gracien, Robert Magiera), **South Carolina** (Gwen Bolding, Dean Marchbanks, Jim Reed), **Virginia** (Butch Lawrence, Linda Southard, Dennis Wagner), and **West Virginia** (Sarah Allen).

The winners of the quilt raffle were picked. A total of \$1,211 was raised for the raffle. Proceeds were given to the VIP Fishing Tournament.

Closing remarks were made and another fantastic tournament was concluded. Much gratitude is extended to the many hands, hearts, and perspiration that it takes to put on a tournament of this magnitude. It could not have been done without you! So rest up, Lions. We'll see you next year! (Paranita Carpenter photos)



2015 VIP National Fishing Tournament Participants



Left to right, PDG Lion Wayne Faber and Buck Ferguson of Junior, West Virginia.



National Tournament participant, Leonard Schlenk of Connecticut with one of his catches.



Robert Magiera of Rhode Island



VIPs at The Elizabethan Gardens



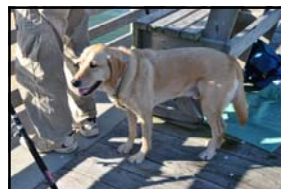
Thanks to the many bloodworms who gave their lives for the VIP Fishing Tournament. Some of them went out fighting—and biting!



VIPs were invited to display their musical talent during The Elizabethan Gardens "Dessert and Music in the Gardens" event.



Robert Woodard, Chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners (left) presented a proclamation to VIP Fishing Tournament President PDG Bob Walton (right) proclaiming October 18-24, 2015, to be NC Lions VIP Fishing Tournament Week on the Outer Banks. A check for \$6,000 was also presented to the VIP Fishing Tournament on behalf of "Big Dan."







The Columbia Lions Club (North Carolina) presented a \$500 check to the Lions of South Carolina for help in hurricane disaster relief in the Columbia, SC, area on the first night of the annual fishing tournament. In the aftermath of Hurricane Irene in 2011, South Carolina Lions helped their North Carolina counterpart with clean-up efforts. The presentation was made by Columbia Lions President, Lion Jack Donoghue. Shown above, left to right, are Lions Eddie Montcrief, Phil Marret, Jack Donoghue, Sue Montcrief, and Chrys Marret.



Shown above, left to right, are Lions who have been involved in the VIP Fishing Tournament since the beginning: Rhett White, Betz Blowe, Sharon Weddington, and Dave Grana.



Lion Bob Christensen (left) presented a Lacy and Esther Presnell Award to the Berlin Lions Club. Lion Andy Blasco (center) is shown accepting the award. Lion Dee Christensen (right) looks on.



The 2015 VIP Fishing Tournament was dedicated to Eddie Weaver (left), Director of North Carolina Division of Services for the Blind, who is retiring this year. PDG Gwen White (right) introduced Mr. Weaver during her opening remarks at the dinner.



PDG Bob Walton (right) presented a Lacy and Esther Presnell Award to Lion Lloyd Evans (left) from the Rocky Hock Lions Club.



L-R, Jane Ferrita, Tony Ferrita, and PDG Bob Walton. Tony and Jane Ferrita received a Lacy and Esther Presnell Award from Alamance County.



PDG Lee Harvey (left) and PDG Bob Walton (right). PDG Harvey received a Lacy and Esther Presnell Award from Chatham County.



Shown above, l-r, Lions Jason Foster (left) and PDG Bob Walton (right). Lion Jason received a Lacy and Esther Presnell Award.



Left to right, Lisa Reynolds (daughter of Bill Reynolds) and her son, Aiden, and PDG Bob Walton. Lisa and Aiden were presented an award in memory of Bill Reynolds.



Miss Oregon Inlet Winners: Shown above (l-r) are Ron Curtis, Betz Blowe (3rd place), Bill Hood, Anthony Yellock (2nd place), Bob Christensen, Brittany Johnson (1st place), and PDG Bob Walton.



Crystal Dawn Winners: Shown above, l-r, are Doug Howard (1st place), Ron Curtis, Barbara Kearney (2nd place), Bob Christensen, Charlie Hillman (2nd place), Bill Hood, Caroline Ward (3rd place), and PDG Bob Walton.





**Kitty Hawk Winners:** L-R, Joe Ward (3rd place), Ron Curtis, Sharon Weddington (3rd place), Bob Christensen, Geraldine Hayes (2nd place), Bill Hood, Mark Phillips (1st place), and PDG Bob Walton.



**Nags Head Winners:** Pictured, l-r, are Ron Curtis, Libby Maxwell (3rd place), Bob Christensen, Al Lineberger (2nd place), Bill Hood, Rodney Turner (1st place), and PDG Bob Walton.



**Avalon Pier Winners:** L-R, Ron Curtis, Teresa Smith (3rd place), Bob Christensen, Franklin Hill (2nd place), Bill Hood, Barbara Spears (1st place), and PDG Bob Walton.



**Jennette's Pier Winners:** Pictured (l-r) are Ron Curtis, Leroy Fair (3rd place), Bob Christensen, Allison Pendleton (2nd place), Bill Hood, Randy Johnson (1st place), and PDG Bob Walton.



L-R, Ron Curtis, Bob Christensen, Bonnie Drake, Bill Hood, and PDG Bob Walton. Bonnie Drake of Craven County was awarded the Howard and Emma Leigh Stallings trophy for catching the largest fish (18 inches). Her fish was caught on the Kitty Hawk Pier.



**National Tournament Winners for the Largest Fish:** L-R, are Ron Curtis, June Davis (2nd place), Bob Christensen, Bob Austin (1st place), Bill Hood, Robert Magiera (1st place), PDG Bob Walton.



**David C. Grana National Tournament Winners for the Most Fish Caught:** Shown above, l-r, are Ron Curtis, Robert Magiera of Rhode Island (74 points), Bob Christensen, David C. Grana, Bill Hood, Jim Reed of South Carolina (69 points), and PDG Bob Walton.



Event the birds had a good day!



Shown above, left to right, are Beverly Boswell (Commissioner, Dare County Board of Commissioners), Wally Overman (Vice Chair, Dare County Board of Commissioners), Robert Woodard (Chair, Dare County Board of Commissioners), LCI Past International President Sid L. Scruggs, III, and Warren Judge (Commissioner, Dare County Board of Commissioners). Many thanks to them for their invaluable and continued support of the North Carolina Lions Visually Impaired Persons Fishing Tournament.



## Snacks, Desserts, and Drinks Needed



Lions of District 31-S, we need your help! We need snacks, desserts, and drinks for the Hospitality Room at the Districts 31-S and 31-N Mid-Winter Convention in Greenville, January 15-16, 2016. **District 31-S is the host district for the convention!**

Please RSVP to Lion Barbara Beltran as soon as possible if you will be bringing snacks, desserts, and/or drinks. Lion Barbara can be reached at (919) 957-2131 or lionbarbara31s@yahoo.com.

## Human Resources Division of Services for the Blind

The North Carolina legislature enacted General Statute 62-157 and Public Law 108-364 in 2004 funding hearing adaptive technology through tax on telephones (\$0.12 per telephone line and cell phone service every month), and decided that this would be administrated through the Department of Adaptive Technology under the Division of Services for the Blind and Hard of Hearing, under the auspices of the Department of Health and Human Services. In effect, NC Lions have discontinued their hearing programs within the state.

We can still get hearing aids through the Lions HARP and the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Programs, but the state has a much better program. As long as the applicant DOES NOT APPLY FOR A TELEPHONE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED, he or she can apply for a hearing aid. The phone costs \$200—\$600 and the hearing aids cost \$600—\$2,000.

Applicants must fill out and meet the requirements on form DMA 5000 for Medicaid assistance to qualify.

Following is a listing of contacts for the Department of Human Resources Division of Services for the Blind.

**State Office**  
309 Ashe Avenue  
Raleigh, NC 27606  
(919) 733-9822  
Care Line: 1-800-662-7030

**Asheville District Office**  
50 South French Broad Avenue  
Asheville, NC 28801  
(828) 251-6732

**Charlotte District Office**  
5855 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Charlotte, NC 28212  
(704) 563-4168  
1-800-422-1895

**Fayetteville District Office**  
225 Green Street, Suite 500  
Fayetteville, NC 27834  
(910) 486-1582  
1-800-422-1897

**Greenville District Office**  
404 St. Andrews Drive  
Greenville, NC 27834  
(252) 355-9016  
1-800-422-1877

**Raleigh District Office**  
307 Ashe Avenue  
Raleigh, NC 27606  
(919) 733-4234  
1-800-422-1871

**Wilmington District Office**  
3240 Burnt Mill Drive, Suite 7  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
(910) 251-5743  
1-800-422-1804

**Winston-Salem District Office**  
4265 Brownsboro Road, Suite 100  
Winston-Salem, NC 27106  
(336) 896-2227  
1-800-422-0373

**Rehabilitation Center for the Blind**  
305 Ashe Avenue  
Raleigh, NC 27606  
(919) 733-5897

To apply for a telephone or hearing aid, contact Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at 1-800-999-6828.

*The Cary Lions Club has a new address: P. O. Box 3111, Cary, NC 27519.*

## Rocky Hock Lions at Chowan County Fair

*By Lion Frances Jordan*



Despite a week of rain and poor attendance, the Rocky Hock Lions persevered and worked at the Chowan County Fair. They manned their booth and sold Camp Dogwood tickets and brooms, and passed out brochures on

Camp Dogwood. They also drove the tractors and rode on the trams, assisting people with getting on and off. Attendees were picked up at their cars and were able to ride to the fair, and were taken back to their cars when they were ready to leave the fair.

Some of the children look forward to riding on the trams as much as they look forward to the rides at the fair. It was a real challenge this year with all of the rain. The Rocky Hock Lions were assisted by 24 Leos from the John A. Holmes Leo Club.



*Rocky Hock Lions Club members, Lions Ricky Nixon (left) and Denise Nixon (right) at the Lions club booth at the Chowan County Fair. (Frances Jordan photo)*



*The North Carolina Lions named the 2015 Dare County nonprofit organization of the year!*



# Districts N&S Mid-Winter Conventions Quick Notes!



**Friday Night Fun Night** - Good Food, Entertainment with **The Seaside Band**, Dancing and Fellowship

**Saturday Morning**- Tail Twister Breakfast, Auction, General Session Meeting, separate District Cabinet Meetings (to include elections of new officers for 2016-17 and election of one NCLI Board of Directors).

Tail Twister Auction and Ticket Drawing Funds will go toward Brighter Vision Goals for Districts N & S.

**Lunch** - with International Director Jerome Thompson

### Training Sessions

**Ready, Set, Grow** – ID Jerome Thompson

**Strides Walk** – 1st Vice District Governor Irwin Siegelwax and Lion Judy Jackson

**Club Service Projects** – Delivered by three club leaders from Districts N & S

**Saturday Night District Governors Banquet** – Good Food, Great Message from ID Jerome Thompson, Awards, Peace Poster Winners Awards, 50/50 Cash Drawing.

**Come and have a GREAT TIME! Meet, Mingle, Talk, Laugh!**

## Club Recognition/Ads

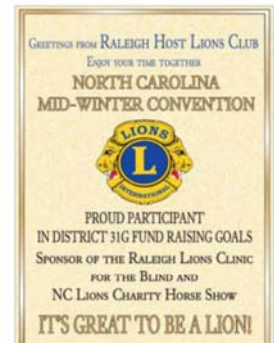
**Recognize** - Outstanding Club Lions, Favorite Service Projects, Club Recognitions, Supporting Businesses or any creative eye catching publication.

**Formats** - MsWord, JPEG, PDF

**Don't Know How?** Provide pictures and ideas to PDG Carlton Metts for designs and the proofs will be emailed back to you for approval.

**Remember** - Districts N&S does not apply convention fees to its membership. The convention is supported only by the Convention Program Book. In order to be successful we need all clubs in the two Districts to support the convention by purchasing a club recognition/ad in the program.

**Color** - The Program Book will be in color, so please provide color photos.





# LCI Peace Poster Contest

Lions clubs can sponsor a Peace Poster Contest in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups. "Share Peace" is the theme of the 2015-2016 Peace Poster Contest.

A kit must be purchased for each contest sponsored. A sticker (included with each kit) must be placed on the back of the winning poster prior to forwarding it to the next level of judging. Entries not featuring an official sticker on the back or meeting the rules will be disqualified.

Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school or organized, sponsored youth group, such as YMCA programs, Boys & Girls Clubs, Scouts, etc. *A Lioness club can sponsor the contest through its sponsoring Lions club.* Note: The contest cannot be held in youth groups that a Lions club sponsors, such as a Leo club or Scout unit. However, individual members of those groups (such as Leos or Scouts) may participate if the contest is held at their school or other organized youth group.

The contest is open to students who will be 11, 12, or 13 years of age on November 15. Eligible birthdates can be found under the Contest Rules & Conditions found in the Peace Poster Kit.

Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches (33 centimeters by 50 centimeters) and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches (50 centimeters by 60 centimeters). Do not mat or frame artwork.

Only one entry per student per year is allowed and each entry must be the work of only one student. All artwork must be the individual student's original creation. Duplications are not accepted.

All media are accepted. Note: Chalk, charcoal, and pastel entries should be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing. Do not laminate entries.

Three-dimensional entries will not be accepted. Nothing may be glued, stapled, or attached to the artwork in any way. The use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster, in any language, is not allowed. All artist signatures or initials should be written on the back of the poster. Artwork should be done on a flexible

material, so it can be rolled for shipping in a mailing tube. Do not fold poster.

Lions clubs interested in sponsoring the Lions International Peace Poster Contest can order a Peace Poster Contest Kit (PPK-1) from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. The cost of the kit is \$11.95 plus shipping, handling, and applicable taxes. Lions clubs must purchase a kit for each contest sponsored. Each kit contains: an Official Club Contest Guide and Rules; Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules; participant flyer to duplicate and give to participating students to take home; sticker to place on back of winning poster; and certificates for contest winner and school or youth group.

You can order kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. To order a kit, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466. To order online, visit the LCI Club Supplies web page and search for Peace Poster Kit.

## Environmental Photo Contest

Lions from clubs in good standing can enter an original, unaltered, black-and-white or color photo (without people) of the environment of their Lions club in the following 2015-2016 Lions Environmental Photo Contest categories: Animal Life, Landscape (Urban or Natural), Plant Life, Weather Phenomenon, or Special Theme (Dignity, Harmony, Humanity: Celebrating the peaceful coexistence of species).

The impartial judging of photos should focus on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the environmental theme.

Lions clubs select and submit one winning photo to the district.

Lions districts select and submit one winning photo to the multiple district. **January 15, 2016**, is the suggested deadline for districts to submit one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photo to the multiple district.

LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to the international contest. **March 1, 2016**, is the deadline for multiple districts to sub-

mit one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photograph and an official entry form signed by the council chairperson to Lions International Headquarters.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL will display multiple district-level entries at the annual Lions International convention. Registered convention attendees will vote for their favorite photos. An award will be presented to the winning photographers. The six (the five category winners and the Best of Show) winning photos will appear on the LCI website.

Multiple entries will not be accepted. Please limit to one photo entry per multiple district. E-mail contest questions to [programs@lionsclubs.org](mailto:programs@lionsclubs.org). A copy of the Lions Environmental Photo Contest entry form is included on page 10 of this newsletter.

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We are looking for Lions interested in leadership opportunities with District 31-S for the 2016-2017 Lions year. We need regional chairs, zone chairs, and committee chairs. Region and zone chairs must be a current or past club president. Committee chairs have no prerequisite requirements, just a willingness to serve.

Committees include: Boys and Girls Home; Brighter Visions; Budget and Finance; Bulletins; Campus Clubs; Camp Dogwood; Clinical Eye Research; Constitution and By-Laws; Diabetes Awareness; District Convention; History; Endowments; Environmental Photo Contest; Information and Technology; Leader Dog; Leos; Nominations; Peace Poster Contest; Properties; Public Relations and Lions Information; Sight and Hearing; Tail Twisters; Volunteers; and Research and Long Range Planning.

PDGs, please let me know of any preferences. Emerging leaders are also encouraged to become involved. Please let me know your interests.



<https://www.facebook.com/nclionsbrightervisions>





# Lions Environmental P H O T O C O N T E S T

## 2015-2016 MULTIPLE DISTRICT ENTRY FORM

Multiple District \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Lion Photographer \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club of Photographer \_\_\_\_\_ Club ID \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address of Photographer \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter this photo into the following category (select only one):

- Animal Life
- Landscape (urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon
- Special theme:** *Dignity, harmony, humanity:* Celebrating the peaceful coexistence of species.

*Please note: Only one printed photo will be accepted from each multiple district; multiple entries will not be accepted.*

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this photo as the official entry from my multiple district.

Council chairperson (please print name) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of council chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address of Council Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this signed entry form with the official printed 8" x 10"  
(20.3 x 25.4 centimeters) multiple district photo by **March 1, 2016** to:

Lions Clubs International  
Lions Environmental Photo Contest  
300 West 22nd St.  
Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA





# 2016 Districts N & S Mid-Winter Convention Registration



**HOLIDAY INN**  
 203 SW Greenville Blvd.  
 Greenville, NC 27834  
 Phone: 252-355-8300  
 January 15-16, 2016

	Meal Cost	# Attending	Amount
<b>Friday Night, Jan. 15, 2016 – 6:30 PM</b> <b>Fun Night</b> – Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Slaw, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cobb & condiments – Buffet	\$19.00/ea	_____	\$ _____
<b>Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016 - 7:30AM</b> <b>Tail Twister’s Breakfast -</b> Country Style - Buffet	\$16.00/ea	_____	\$ _____
<b>Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016 – 12:00 PM</b> <b>Luncheon</b> – Deli Sandwich with Chicken Noodle Soup, Chips & Cookies – Buffet	\$15.00/ea	_____	\$ _____
<b>Saturday, January 16, 2016 – 6:30 PM</b> <b>District Governors Banquet -</b> Salad, Chicken Marsala, New Potatoes, Broccolini, Dinner Rolls & Dessert - Plated	\$24.00/ea	_____	\$ _____
		<b>Total:</b>	\$ _____

## Meal Registration Deadline - January 10, 2016

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### Instructions:

Make Check Payable to -  
**Districts N & S Mid-Winter Convention**

### Mail To:

Lion Anne Metts, Treasurer  
 2001 Williamson Drive  
 New Bern, NC 28562  
 Ph: 252-636-5000

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### Name Tag Registration Information:

<u>Name of Lion / Guest</u>	<u>Club Name / District</u>	<u>Circle Ones that Apply</u>	<u>Circle Honors**</u>
_____		Fun Night-Breakfast-Lunch-DGB	MJF-JSF-WLW-SLS-HOF
_____		Fun Night-Breakfast-Lunch-DGB	MJF-JSF-WLW-SLS-HOF
_____		Fun Night-Breakfast-Lunch-DGB	MJF-JSF-WLW-SLS-HOF
_____		Fun Night-Breakfast-Lunch-DGB	MJF-JSF-WLW-SLS-HOF

**Hotel Information:** For room reservations call: Holiday Inn, 203 SW Greenville Blvd., Greenville, NC 27834 at 252-355-8300 (Room rate: \$89.00 + tax) (King or Doubles).

**Make Room Reservations by December 16, 2015 for Lion’s Rate.**

**\*\* Honors: Melvin Jones Fellow (MJF) / Jack Stickley Fellow (JSF) / William L. Woolard Partner-in-Service (WLW) / Sid L. Scruggs, III Beacon of Hope / Hall of Fame (HOF)**

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# 2016 DISTRICTS N&S MIDWINTER CONVENTION PROGRAM



## Club Recognition/Ad Form

Help Support a Lion Tradition



### The International Association of Lions Clubs Districts 31-N & 31-S Mid-Winter Convention

January 15-16, 2016

Holiday Inn Select  
203 SW Greenville Blvd  
Greenville, NC 278349

***Please send  
Ads & Pictures  
in Color***



#### Ad Prices

Full Page	\$100.00
Half Page	\$ 60.00
Quarter Page	\$ 40.00
Eighth Page	\$ 25.00
Front-Inside Cover	\$150.00
Back-Inside Cover Pages	\$150.00
Back Cover	\$200.00



**E-mail Ad Copy to:**

**carltonmetts@embarqmail.com**

and

Enclose copy with payment.

**Make Check Payable to:**

**Districts N&S Lions Midwinter Convention**

**Mail Check and Form to:**

**Lion Anne Metts, Convention Treasurer  
2001 Williamson Drive  
New Bern, NC 28562  
Phone: 252-636-5000**

\*\*\*\*\* AD DEADLINE – DECEMBER 31, 2015 \*\*\*\*\*

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Ad Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ad Size \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_





**PROCLAMATION  
NC LIONS VIP FISHING TOURNAMENT WEEK ON THE OUTER BANKS**

**WHEREAS**, Lions International is the world's largest service organization with more than 1.4 million members who honor the motto "We Serve"; and

**WHEREAS**, Dare County has been home to the NC Lions Visually Impaired Persons (VIP) Fishing Tournament each of the past 33 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the VIP Fishing Tournament is the largest service project of its kind in the world, providing recreation and education for participants; and

**WHEREAS**, the VIP Fishing Tournament is hosted by Outer Banks and area Lions Clubs: First Flight, Manteo, Nags Head, Wanchese, Lower Currituck, Columbia and Plymouth, with support from Lions Clubs across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the VIP Fishing Tournament serves 525 blind and visually impaired persons and their sighted guests, and involves more than 375 volunteers including 125 area high school and college students; and

**WHEREAS**, Dare County and its citizens are committed to inclusion of everyone in the population; and

**WHEREAS**, tournament participants and volunteers are introduced to the wonderful Outer Banks, often returning for vacation while encouraging family and friends to do likewise; and

**WHEREAS**, this service project involves one of the Outer Banks' most treasured and longest enjoyed pastimes – fishing.

**NOW, THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Dare County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim October 18-24, 2015, to be **NC LIONS VIP FISHING TOURNAMENT WEEK** on the Outer Banks and encourages residents to welcome our special guests.

Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2015



Robert Woodard, *Chairman*

Attest:

Gary Gross, *Clerk to the Board*

## Rocky Hock Lions Club Holds Fundraiser



By Lion Frances Jordan

The Rocky Hock Lions Club recently held its Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser at the American Legion Building. It was a beautiful day for everyone who was looking for a bargain to get out and shop. Along with the yard sale, delicious homemade baked goods were sold. Lion Bill Smith was outside selling from a trailer loaded with pumpkins and gourds. Lion Sharon Savage was at a table selling Camp Dogwood raffle tickets.

Furniture and other items are donated and collected throughout the year and stored until the week before the sale. Then the items are moved to the American Legion Building, sorted, priced, and placed on tables to be sold.

This is only one of the fundraisers held by the Rocky Hock Lions Club each year. This year's yard sale was once again a huge success!

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## Edenton Lions Consider Local Economy

By Lion John Mitchener

At a recent club meeting, the Edenton Lions welcomed Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce Director Win Dale views on the local economy. A graduate of Holmes High in 1976, Dale returned to Edenton in 1997 and became director of the Chamber of Commerce in 2012.

Lions were reminded that the recession of 2008 is still with us. We don't have a second grocery store yet because it is hard to find 30,000 to 50,000 square feet to lease for another one. A new Chinese

restaurant is opening with appealing buffets and seating for 160. Hopefully, remodeling of the Hotel Hinton will start soon to take advantage of state tax credits in addition to the federal ones still in place. A 20 megawatt solar farm on Yeopim Road is anticipated in the near future—sheep will trim the grass.

The Timbermill Wind Farm proposal has received a lot of comments. Dale said nine different permits are yet to be secured; each will feature time for public comment. Bio-Comp at the Edenton Airport is planning a major expansion.

Jimbo-Jumbos on Peanut Drive is well along in its expansion and the Standard Medical Acceptance Corporation on the second floor above Town Hall is expected to open soon.

Albemarle Boats and Carolina Classic are merging to produce a more competitive product. Regulator Marine continues to receive orders for its new 41-foot long vessel.

On the medical front, improved dialysis and dermatology services are coming. New doctors locating in the Urgent Care premises will expand medical care.

The future of the Northeast Commission Building on the waterfront of Edenton is the subject of much debate.

Lions thanked Director Dale for his appraisal of the current economy. We remain convinced that Eden and Chowan counties have a great future despite current impediments.

## News From LCIF



By Joe Preston, Chairperson  
Lions Clubs International Foundation

I recently attended the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles, CA. I learned the power of giving all ath-

letes the opportunity to compete and the importance of inclusion. Watching them in action showed me that these athletes really blossom when given encouragement and opportunity.

I am so proud of the Lions of California for all their volunteer efforts for the Healthy Athletes screenings, just like all of the other Lions around the world who have been instrumental in games and screening events over the last 14 years. I am also very thankful for the hospitality of our partners at Special Olympics.

Partnerships like this extend the reach of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), serving more people than any one Lions club can serve alone. That is why it is so important that we continue to grow and expand LCIF.

I promoted Ask One for membership last year, but that idea also applies to LCIF. This is OUR foundation. Every one of us is responsible for its growth and success. We need to make sure every Lion knows about our foundation.

I challenge each of you to ask one Lion to make a gift to LCIF this year. We are our own biggest advocates! Speak to your fellow Lions about what LCIF means to you and the impact it makes on millions of lives around the world each year.

**A Message From Bill Gates.** LCIF has committed to raising \$30 million by 2017 to improve access to vaccines through Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance. The funds raised will be matched by the United Kingdom's Department for International Development and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, bringing the total to \$60 million.

Bill Gates, co-chair and trustee of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, has an encouraging video message for Lions.



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## Mid-Winter Convention Service Project

By DG Mary Boehm (District 31-S) and DG Vince Schimmoller (District 31-N)



At the Mid-Winter Convention, we would like to benefit the Fisher House Foundation. The Fisher House Foundation is a unique private/public partnership that supports America's military in their time of need. The program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that normally provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs.

Because members of the military and their families are stationed worldwide and must often travel great distances for specialized medical care, the Fisher House Foundation donates "comfort homes," built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers. These homes enable family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful times, during the hospitalization for an unexpected illness, disease, or injury.

Everyone attending the Mid-Winter Convention, January 15-16, 2016, please bring a non-perishable food product, paper product, or toiletry item that will be donated to the Fisher Houses located at Fort Bragg and Camp Lejeune.



## Boys & Girls Homes of North Carolina

By Lion Wayne Faber, PDG  
Boys & Girls Homes of North Carolina  
District and State Chairman

Greetings, fellow Lions! Christmas is fast approaching and we want our boys in the Lions Cottage to have a merry Christmas as well. We are trying to raise \$250

per boy—currently there are seven. I am asking clubs to make a \$25 or \$50 donation. Further, if a club would like to sponsor a boy, that would be awesome!

Please make checks payable to Boys & Girls Homes of North Carolina and mail to 400 Flemington Drive, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450. Please mark on the memo line of your check *Lions Christmas Angel*. Thanks in advance for making this a special Christmas for our boys.



## Edenton Lions Updated on Local Food Pantry

By Lion John Mitchener

Giving up his job with a Fortune 500 company and another with The Red Cross, Ray Wells retired in 2007. His glaucoma and nerve-damaged eye were mending. Eight years later, he is still grateful for his recovered sight and the Edenton Food Pantry!

Since becoming the director of the Edenton Food Pantry 10 years ago, Wells told the Edenton Lions at a recent meeting that he continues to be amazed at the generosity of local people and firms. Only five percent of the pantry's budget comes from grants. The rest depends on churches, private groups, businesses, and anonymous donors.

Ten years ago, 80 families were served. Two years later, 120 families were helped. Later, it was 150 families per month. More space was needed! Partnering with Habitat for Humanity and the Clothing Closet, the expanded Food Pantry is slated to open November 1, 2015, pending final inspections. The new facility will be 1,700 square feet and be an optimal shared space for the Edenton Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, and the Clothing Closet.

Book Buddy Bags are prepared every weekend beginning on Thursdays with the help of Holmes students. After this task is finished on Friday, a church bus delivers the bags to White Oak and D. F. Walker for distribution.

Currently, 260 families are served per

month (560 students). In a year's time, 320 different families are helped. Not every family needs help every week. 190,000 pounds of food are shared annually. Extras at Christmas and other holidays raise this figure to 230,000 pounds! Wow!

Wells was asked if anyone ever says 'thank you.' "Yes," he replied, "often with tears in their eyes."

## Rocky Hock Lions

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Lion Denise Nixon is shown above selling homemade baked goods. (Frances Jordan photo)



Shown above is Lion Karen Smith assisting customers with their shopping. (Frances Jordan photos)



Pictured above are Lion Sherri Volk (standing) and Lloyd Evans (sitting) at the checkout table. (Frances Jordan photo)



# State of North Carolina

**PAT McCRORY**

GOVERNOR

DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

AND NORTH CAROLINA LIONS CLUBS DIABETES AWARENESS ACTIVITIES DAY

2015

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

**WHEREAS**, every eight seconds, someone dies from diabetes and two people develop diabetes worldwide; from 1980 thru 2011, the number of Americans with diabetes more than tripled, from 5.6 to 21 million people; and

**WHEREAS**, according to new Centers for Disease Control (CDC) statistics, approximately two out of every five Americans will develop Type 2 diabetes at some point during their adult lives; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the CDC, one in 10 U.S. adults has diabetes and that number is projected to expand to as many as one in three by 2050; in the United States 8.1 million people, or 27.8 percent, are undiagnosed; and, each year, about 788,000 people are diagnosed with diabetes; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, 11.4 percent of North Carolinians had diabetes; diabetes was the seventh-leading cause of death, with 24.4 percent of all deaths being associated with diabetes; and

**WHEREAS**, diabetes is the number one cause for adult blindness, kidney failure and limb amputation; and treatment has cost over \$7 billion this year; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Diabetes Advisory Council has developed a plan to address diabetes prevention and control statewide; this plan uses evidence-based and promising practices designed to improve the quality of life for North Carolinians with diabetes, while emphasizing prevention where possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina joins the American Diabetes Association, the International Diabetes Federation and the World Health Organization in encouraging citizens to learn the signs and symptoms of diabetes; consult with their health provider and get screened for diabetes, if recommended; and support health promotion efforts to eliminate Type 2 diabetes;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2015, as “DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH” and November 7, 2015, as “NORTH CAROLINA LIONS CLUBS DIABETES AWARENESS ACTIVITIES DAY” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this third day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fortieth.



  
PAT McCRORY  
Governor



# News From LCIF

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**LCIF Receives Another 4-Star Rating.** LCIF has earned its fourth consecutive 4-star rating from

Charity Navigator for its effective fiscal management and its commitment to accountability and transparency. Receiving four out of a possible four stars indicates that LCIF adheres to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities and consistency executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way. This means you can be confident your donations to LCIF are being used in support of the programs for which they are intended.

**Changes to Grant Application Deadlines.** Due to the restructuring of the LCIF Board of Trustees, board meeting times and some grant application deadlines have changed. After January 2016, applications for Standard grants are due no later than 90 days prior to the start of board meetings. Applications will now be reviewed in January, May, and August.



On a recent trip to Peru, Brazil, and Belize, I had the honor of seeing many Lions and Leos in action. And they are doing great work!

With help from a Lions Clubs International (LCIF) seed grant, Leos near Lima are spearheading an effort to provide safety, rehabilitation, job training, and hope to young victims of human trafficking and their babies. Lions Quest, LCIF's social-emotional learning program for children, is active in 30 schools in Peru!

I visited an eye bank in Caxias do Sul, Brazil, that LCIF and Lions have supported for many years. When I visited an eye hospital in Passo Fundo, Brazil, some children even surprised me with a song.

I am so proud of all the great work Lions around the world are doing each

and every day. Remember to share your clubs' great work so Lions know about the service you are providing in your community.



**Lions European Golf Championship.** The 2015 Lions European Golf Championship will take place November 30-December 7, 2015, in Costa de la Luz, Spain. With a warm Mediterranean climate and abundant sunshine, Costa de la Luz is a world class golf destination. The tournament will be held at the Precise Resort El Rompido. For more information about the Lions European Golf Championship, please visit [www.lionsgolf.info](http://www.lionsgolf.info) or download the information flyer. A portion of all proceeds will be donated to LCIF's global efforts to eliminate measles in partnership with Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance. (Lions Clubs International photos)



## News From LCI

**Give Back to Your Community in the New Year.** This January 10-16, 2016, give back to your community by joining the Lions Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger and Poverty. This special international event is designed to bring dignity to the nearly 800 million people in our communities and around the world who go to bed hungry every night. Make a difference by hosting a project impacting hunger and poverty in your community, and you'll help us reach our Centennial

goal of serving 100 million people. Visit the Worldwide Week of Service page for more information and start planning your project today!

**Save Sight! Promote Cornea Donation.** Lions Eye Bank Week (December 6-12) is an ideal opportunity for Lions to promote the importance of cornea donation to save sight. Increased awareness leads to more tissue donations, which helps eye banks give the gift of sight to even more men, women, and children each year. Contact an eye bank near you to explore volunteer opportunities. For more information, visit the Lions Eye Bank Week page.

**Support the U. S. Volunteer Organization Protection Act of 2015.** LCI is proud to have taken the lead on this important measure to protect our clubs, strengthen volunteerism, and improve the financial health of local nonprofit organizations in the United States. This bill would amend the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 by affording liability protection to volunteer groups and organizations as they give back to people in need. Please visit LCI's Advocacy page for additional information, including a new video featuring Tim Shriver of Special Olympics expressing his support of the bill at the 2015 International Convention.

**Video: Lions Give Communities Access to Clean Water.** In this video from the Lions Quarterly archives, Lions respond to the global water crisis. With help from Lions and funding from Lions Clubs International Foundation, children are able to safely wash their hands and faces; women spend less time traveling to collect clean water and more time in school; families can grow vegetables to sell in the markets. Access to clean water helps improve health, develop economic opportunities, and change lives. Watch now, share on social media, and consider donating to LCIF this giving season to support projects like these.



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# News From LCI

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**Konnichiwa, Lions! Register for LCIcon Today.** The 99th Lions Clubs International Convention is in the city of Fukuoka, Japan, June 24-28, 2016. Fukuoka is in the southwest part of Japan and is home to the oldest Zen temple in Japan. Fukuoka is well known for its gourmet food, with an abundance of fresh seafood and the most yatai (street food stalls) in all of Japan.

The convention will include festivities that showcase our own culturally diverse membership, such as the International Parade of Nations in the heart of Fukuoka City. For up-to-date information about the convention, visit the LCIcon website.

Register today for the convention to receive the \$130 early registration fee. Also, book your hotel room with LCI and stay with your delegation.



**New Centennial Video: Knights of the Blind.** The latest video in our Lions Centennial series is now available to view and download from the LCI website. Watch how Lions became known as Knights of the Blind, serving blind and visually impaired people around the world for the past 100 years. Lions Centennial videos include rare images and footage that offer a peek into the association's rich history of community service. Visit the Lions100 website for the entire Centennial series, and be sure to share the videos and your Centennial activities on social media using the hashtag #LIONS100.

**Lions Club: The Next Generation.** Invite former Leos to become Lions! As Leos, young people learn to organize projects and motivate others to serve, developing valuable leadership skills and a lifelong commitment to service. You can renew that commitment and welcome

fresh ideas to your club by inviting former Leos to join. Learn more about the Leo to Lion Transition and how these young volunteers can continue making a difference in your local, national, and international community.



## Become a Diamond Centennial Lion!

Be a part of the Celebration! From now until June 2018, all Lions have the chance to join the Centennial Celebration! The Centennial Membership Awards recognize Lions who invite a new member or help organize a new club. Those Lions will automatically earn Centennial Sponsor pins and certificates, but the recognition doesn't stop there. The longer the new member or new Lions club you sponsored stays active, the more you can earn through our progressive level awards.

Lion clubs have the opportunity to earn awards, too, and it starts by inducting at least three new members this fiscal year!

Check out the awards you can earn on the Centennial Membership Awards website. Start today!

**Branching Out—Grow Membership and Keep Members Satisfied.** A Lions club branch is a great way to increase your club membership and help keep your members satisfied. At least five members are needed to form a club branch. The members are part of the "parent" club and have the flexibility to hold independent meetings and select their own service projects.

There are many benefits to forming a club branch. Club branches have been successful in areas around the world to help increase family, women, and young adult membership. Forming a club branch can help keep your members satisfied by providing an opportunity for a small group of individuals to focus on special interests and make decisions about meeting times and service projects. Districts often use club branches as a way to provide service to a community prior to chartering a new Lions club.

Form a club branch to help earn the Centennial Celebration Membership

Awards. If you sponsor a new member in your branch club, or the branch club grows and becomes its own club, you're on your way to earning various awards!

Download the club branch guide to see how easy it is to get started! Start branching out today.

**How do you ensure member satisfaction?** Asking one member to join your club is just the beginning. In order to maintain a healthy club, it is vital that your members enjoy their experience as a Lion. The Membership Satisfaction Guide is a tool that can help you take steps to understand how to maintain a successful club. At the end of the guide there is a Member Questionnaire. Hand this out at your next club meeting to learn how your members feel with their experience. Take time to review the results and use the information to create a plan that will keep your members satisfied so you can continue to provide the best Lions experience.

**Share your sponsor stories.** We want to hear from you! With our Centennial Celebration just around the corner, the Membership Development department wants to know about your sponsor stories and to see your sponsor selfies. Did you recently ask a member to join? Tell us all about it and send a picture of you and your new member! You could end up on the Lions Club social media or blog pages. All entries can be submitted to [CentennialMembership@lionsclubs.org](mailto:CentennialMembership@lionsclubs.org).

## Vision Van Visits Edenton Lions

By Lion John Mitchener

On October 7, 2015, the Edenton Lions Club hosted the NC Vision Van, well equipped to screen for eye and hearing problems. The Vidant Chowan Hospital Wellness Van joined us in the parking lot of Roses to check other things. The Vision Van screened for vision and hearing problems. The Wellness Van screened for high blood pressure and diabetes. One person was referred to doctors at Chowan Hospital for prompt attention after three checks of his very high blood pressure.

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# Vision Van

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The screenings lasted for approximately six hours and 46 people were examined. Three stations inside the Vision Van checked different vision aspects. Thirty-one (31) individuals were referred to doctors for additional review. Thirteen (13) people were screened for diabetes. One person was diagnosed with glaucoma. Thirty-four (34) people had their hearing tested. Those needing further review were referred to local audiologists.

All of these exams were provided at no cost. The Vision Van will return to Edenton on March 5, 2016. The location will be at St. Anne's Church at 207 North Broad Street in Edenton. Mark your calendar!

The Edenton Lions wish to thank all who allowed us to serve them and those who spread the word that the Vision Van was coming! To prevent blindness and enhance life, learn and serve with the Edenton Lions!

## People Who Care: Edith Deltgen's Love of Art

From [www.monarchnc.org](http://www.monarchnc.org)  
February 2015 Newsletter

Edith Deltgen was born in Cologne, Germany and fell in love with art in the first grade when she and a friend produced a play together and she designed the backdrop. She was continually drawn to the creative side of things growing up, and after graduating high school, she landed a spot at the prestigious Cologne Art Institute. Unfortunately, her family had other plans, so she earned a teaching degree and became the director of an

before and after school day program.

Regardless, she continued to let art infuse everything around her. During her tenure as principal, Deltgen successfully added pottery, dancing and cooking to the school's curriculum.



*Edith Deltgen at the Wine and Cheese on Reception on October 18, 2015, at The Elizabethan Gardens. Her art show was held as part of the VIP Fishing Tournament. (Paranita Carpenter photo)*

In 1993, Deltgen and her husband and children decided to relocate to the Outer Banks of North Carolina for her husband's job. As the mother of two continued to hone her craft as an artist, she began working with special needs students in the Dare County School System through a partnership with the local Nags Head Lions Club and the Outer Banks Women's Club. She helped bring art projects for the students to the classroom.

She and her family again relocated, this time to Columbia, N.C. She heard about Monarch's Scuppernong River Club at the Cohoon Center in Tyrell County and she began to volunteer as an art instructor. "I've always been interested in working with people with special needs," she explained, and says the Cohoon Center provided her with another outlet to be able to do that, reengage with art and to give back to the community.

Recently, they finished an art project creating trees and flowers to go on display at the Outer Banks Women's Club art show, an exhibit they have previously participated in and won awards.

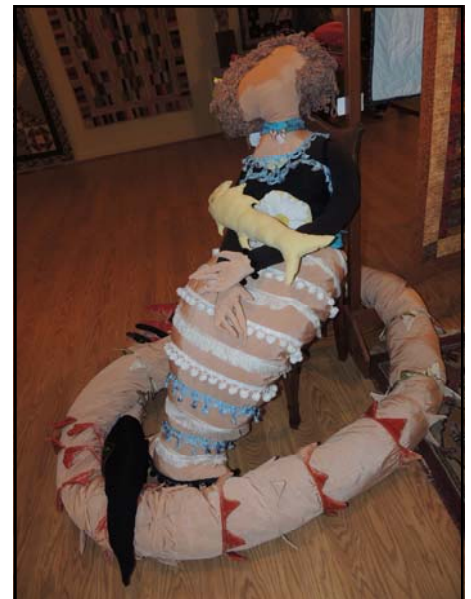
"I think they need to do it [create art]

any way they can," Deltgen said. "We have made huge progress through artwork."

They have already started preparing for this year's North Carolina Lions Club Visually Impaired Persons Fishing Tournament, which attracts over 500 blind and visually impaired people to the Outer Banks. This will be Deltgen and the Cohoon Center's third year participating in the event which features art and activities when participants aren't fishing.

"It's nice for them to be able to give something to somebody," Deltgen said. Art for her is "the secret of life," and she is now able to give that to the people we support and allow them to have the tools they need to give back to their community.

Plus, she said, it is fun for her too. "I have a huge heart they made for me with all of the people we support's names on it hanging in my house," Deltgen said. "What could be more rewarding than that?"



*Edith Deltgen (left) and musician, Nick Hodson (right) at The Elizabethan Gardens on October 18, 2015, VIP Fishing Tournament Wine & Cheese Reception. (Paranita Carpenter photos)*



## Message From LCI President, Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada

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**Embrace the Spirit of Daring.** About a decade ago, I was privileged to visit the home in Calcutta, India, where Mother Teresa once cared for the desperately poor. Her love for others had a tremendous impact—not only on those she helped but also in inspiring others to follow her example. Mother Teresa was not rich or powerful. She did not hold office. She wielded no army. She owned next to nothing. Yet she changed the world. What a difference one person on a mission can make!

Her life actually is ironic—and instructive—for Lions. We Lions are not lone wolves. We serve together. We join a club because we realize we can accomplish so much more by working together. We realize we are not Mother Teresa. That’s OK. We do what we can with our own talents. Our limitations actually can work to our advantage because in joining with other Lions we can accomplish so much more than we can do on our own.

So, Lions, be involved with your club as much as you can. Take part in the initiatives of Lions Clubs International as well. Help fulfill the centennial goals related to hunger, youth, sight, and the environment. Support LCIF. Recruit a new member. Join us in beautiful Fukuoka, Japan, next year for the 99th

International Convention. There is much more than strength in numbers: there is the opportunity to rebuild society. It’s great you are a Lion. Thank you for your service and dedication. But always strive to be part of the worldwide Lions community and fully support our many remarkable initiatives.

It’s easy to sit back and do the usual. But now is the time for you to be a Lion who goes outside your comfort zone and makes service more a part of your life. I’ve heard it said: “Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all.” So be adventurous and daring. Be a Lion.



◀ *Exemplifying daring and teamwork, Richard Plante, a zone chairperson and past president of the La Sarre Lions Club in Quebec, Canada, led an expedition that reached the summit of 19,341-foot Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. The project raised \$50,000 to benefit a hospital. (LCI photo)*



*Check out the October issue of LION Magazine and read about Lion Ike Fitzgerald, 88, and other senior Lions who are still serving proudly and energetically.*



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1565 Glen Eagles Court  
Nashville, NC 27856



District 31-S Web Site - <http://nclions31s.org/wp/>



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