



The Lions Express

District 31-S Newsletter | September 2015 Issue



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

At the 2016 District 31-N and 31-S Mid-Winter Convention which will be held January 15-16, 2016, in Greenville, NC, we will be electing the following officers for the 2016-2017 Lions year:

- District Governor
- First Vice District Governor
- Second Vice District Governor
- One (1) NCLI Two-Year Director

If you are interested in running for either of these offices, you must send a "Letter of Intent" to District Nominations Committee Chair, Lion Harriett Walton, no later than Dec. 1, at edmundsgroup@embarqmail.com.

If you have questions regarding eligibility requirements for any of these positions, please contact Lions Harriett Walton, PDG Gene English, DG Mary Boehm, or your zone or region chairperson.

DG Boehm Visits Edenton Lions Club

By *Lion Bob Brock*

The Edenton Lions Club welcomed District Governor Mary Boehm and her husband, PDG Jim Boehm, to the club's August 24 meeting. The Boehm's made the more than 90 mile trip to be with us despite DG Boehm's "tooth issue" earlier that day. Lion Mary was able to bring the same level of energy and enthusiasm to our club that has marked the birth of our new district. She would have had a good excuse to postpone her visit, but she kept her word and honored her commitment to us, bringing a zeal which undoubtedly will make this first year of District 31-S a year of growth. DG Boehm outlined her goals for this year.

Those goals include the following.



Reach out to the millennial generation. These younger adults who are labeled "millennials" move through life with both the skill for and dependence on electronic devices. We need to bring them into the fold, but it will mean that we need to force ourselves to understand how they communicate (texting, e-mail, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.).

Membership Drive in September. During the month of September, DG Mary asks that every Lion in the district talk to someone each day about the Lion's organization. She said that our organization is the best kept secret in the world and needs more recognition. Talk to your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and anyone who will listen about how we serve—and then invite them to join. Efforts to recruit future Lions should not stop after September, but it will get our year off to a great start.

Membership Goals. DG Boehm wants each club to add at least one new member during this Lions year, and she wants the district to add two new clubs by June 30, 2016. This can be done if we reach out to others and develop the sense of family. "Let them see your joy, enthusiasm, and belief that we are part of the greatest organization in the world!" said DG Boehm.

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2015-2106 Calendar



October 2015

- 5 PDG Fall Golf Tournament, Raleigh Golf Association
- 18-21 VIP Fishing Tournament, Outer Banks
- 30 Peace Poster Contest Entries Due to Lion Adrienne Makowski

November 2015

- 1 District 31-S Cabinet Meeting, 2:30 pm, Williamston Scout Hut, Williamston, NC
- 6-8 Council & Board Meeting, Location TBA
- 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

- 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.

Upcoming District Governor's Visits

If your club is listed below and the date is not a good time for me to visit, please let me know. If you have questions, please contact DG Mary Boehm (252) 459-1849.

OCTOBER

- 1 Windsor Lions Club

NOVEMBER

- 5 Pinetops Lions Club

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 im-

paired 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 automatically disqualified and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions.

Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automatically 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.

News From LCI

Worldwide Week of Service In Sight.

This October 4-10, 2015, President Yamada invites you to join Lions around the world for a special service event to raise awareness about eye health, blindness, and vision impairment. Vision screenings, provision of eyeglasses and assistive devices, and eye health education are just a few ways your club can bring dignity to friends and neighbors who lack access to adequate eye care. In addition, your project will help us reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people. Visit the Worldwide Week of Service In Sight page for more information and start planning your project today!



ASK ONE Today! Make a larger impact in your community and ASK ONE. It's that simple! When 1.4 million Lions worldwide ask one person—a family member,

friend, or neighbor—to become a Lion, the effect is monumental. The lives of both Lions and those they serve are impacted, all because you took the first step and asked one person to join.

Watch the new Ask One video and send your photos of new members to askone@lionsclubs.org!

Customize Your Club Meeting—Your Club, Your Way! Are your club meetings all that they can be? The Your Club, Your Way guide helps all Lions assess their current club meetings and structure new meetings in a way that best meets the needs of a diverse membership. Find tips and new ways to make your meetings more inviting, incorporate new forms of technology to better connect and encourage attendance and involvement. The guide also includes a short survey to gain input from members.



Celebrate the Centennial Through Service!: Message From Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, International President. I would like to share my September message to club leaders with you.

To help reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal, I am asking club leaders to host at least one service project to benefit youth, vision, hunger, and the environment during this Lions year. I am also asking clubs to organize a special service project for the Worldwide Week of Service In Sight, October 4-10, 2015. To encourage growth, I am asking club leaders to promote ASK ONE as a simple way to boost membership efforts. Let's work together to make this a great year of membership and service!

For nearly one hundred years, Lions have strengthened communities around the world through service. To celebrate our 100th anniversary, we are asking Lions to help 100 million people through our Centennial Service Challenge. We have impacted more than 40 million lives so far, but there are millions more who need us.

I am asking every club to host at least one service project in each of our Centennial service areas of youth, vision, hunger, and the environment during this Lions year. Together, we can save sight and ensure that young people have a brighter future. Together, we can keep our communities healthy and clean, and help make sure that our children don't go to bed hungry.

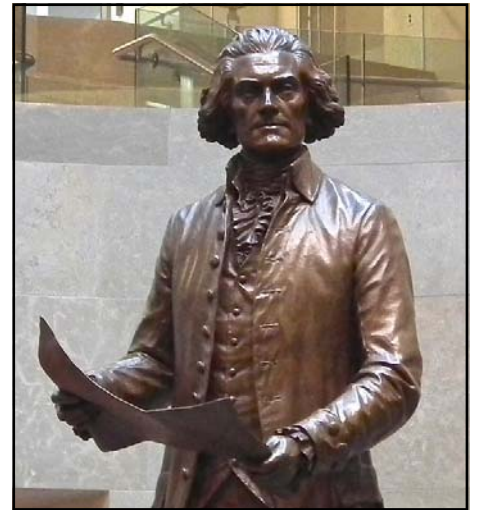
Participating clubs can earn a Centennial banner patch when they report their projects through the MyLCI Service Activity Report. But the real reward is the joy of helping others and the satisfaction that comes from changing a life. Join me and Lions around the world in reaching our Centennial goal and bringing dignity to others!

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."



Donna Watkins photo

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.

The grand prize is \$250. The grand prize winner also receives an expense-paid trip to the NC Lions State Convention in Greenville at the Marriott Crabtree-Raleigh, April 23-24, 2016.

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.

The district winner's essay should be sent to the state Celebrate Liberty chairperson for statewide judging. The deadline is February 13, 2016.



The International Association of Lions Clubs
 2016 Districts 31-N and 31-S Mid-Winter Convention Program
 January 15-16, 2016

Holiday Inn Select | 203 SW Greenville Boulevard | Greenville, NC

Club Recognition/Ad Form

Help Support a Lion Tradition

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

**Please send
 Ads &
 Pictures
 In Color**

**Program
 will be
 printed in
 color**

(Make check payable to *Districts N&S Lions Midwinter Convention*)

E-mail Ad Copy to carltonmetts@embarqmail.com
 Enclose copy of ad with payment and mail 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:
- Full Page
 - 1/2 Page
 - 1/4 Page
 - 1/8 Page
 - Front Inside Cover
 - Back Inside Cover Pages
 - Back Cover

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____



VIP and Group Application
Lions VIP Fishing Tournament
Outer Banks, NC
October 19, 20 and 21, 2015

Office Use Only Date
Received: _____
Amount Received: _____
Check Number: _____
Refund Check # _____
Refund Amount: _____
Date: _____

Directions: Please type or print. The number of applicants will be limited to 500 and will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. **Each** person attending must fill out a separate application. This includes all drivers, workers, spouses, volunteers and guides requiring accommodations. Otherwise rooms are not guaranteed. Forms must be filled out completely and signed or will be returned and will then be put in order of acceptance according to the date of the envelope on the next mailing. Fee includes three nights lodging, (Mon., Tues, & Wed.) six meals, fishing and educational workshops. Application deadline: First-come, first-serve. **No refunds after October 10.** If there are any accidents or medical needs while at the tournament you are required to call 252-202-2329. Send application and fee of **\$85 for VIP's and \$100 for sighted** to: Gwen A. White, Executive Director, P O Box 140, Columbia, NC, 27925. Phone: (252) 441-4966 or whiteink1@earthlink.net. Make checks payable to VIP Fishing Tournament, Inc.

1. Name for badge: _____

Last
First
Nickname

2. Address: _____

PO or where you receive mail
County where you live

City
State
Zip

Are you a Lion? _____ Which Club _____

3. Birth Date: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ Home Phone: _____
 (used only for statistics and emergencies - not shared)

4. Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail address: _____

5. Circle one: Sighted Totally Blind Partially sighted Newly Blind

6. There could be several people to a room. Who is your choice for a roommate? _____

7. If you are placed on the waiting list what is your preference:
 _____ Contact me no later than two weeks prior to the tournament
 _____ Contact me up to the last minute of an opening.

8. You should arrive between 3 and 5 p.m. on Monday (Hotels may not be ready for check-in before then.) Who is providing your transportation?

Name of organization or individual
What County

9. In case of emergency, call:

Name
Home Phone
Work Phone

10. List any medical problems and or medications taken on a regular basis. (or attach list)

11. Do you use a wheelchair or walker? _____

12. Circle preference: Braille Large Print Normal Print Audio (you must bring DVD player)

Smoking Room Non-smoking

13. Do you have a hearing problem? _____ Do you need to borrow a free assisted listening device from the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing ? _____

Do you have special equipment or dietary needs: If so, what? _____

Are you a diabetic? (Circle) Yes No

14. Circle fishing preference. If no preference, leave blank. (We will make every effort to meet your request, but since the number able to fish on a boat is limited we make no guarantees.) Boat Pier

15. Have you attended before: _____ How many years? _____

16. Do you have a question you would like the Doctor to answer in Wednesday's session? If so, what?

Important Information: Please enclose the \$85 registration fee if you are visually impaired and \$100 if you are sighted, with your application. We regret that necessary advance commitment for housing prevents us from refunding fees after October 10, 2015. Local transportation and the coordination of this transportation is the responsibility of the group leaders and participants.

No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs may be in a participant's possession or consumed by a participant while participating in the event. Any participant found violating this regulation will be sent home. When the NC Lions VIP Fishing Tournament accepts this application, I, the undersigned do hereby release and discharge the NC Lions VIP Fishing Tournament, and any of its agents, affiliates, employees, and servants from any and all claims, liabilities, demands, or rights which I, or any of my friends or relatives, may have against said Tournament or its agents, affiliates, employees, or servants on account of connecting with or growing out of any injury, accident, loss, or damage or suffering, I or my immediate family may hereafter sustain arising out of acceptance of this application.

I further agree to release to the VIP Tournament all rights and privileges to photographs taken of me for use in VIP Fishing Tournament publicity that is in the proper interest of the Tournament. I have read, or caused to be read to me, the foregoing and do hereby acknowledge that I fully understand each and every part thereof. I acknowledge these regulations and agree to abide by them.

Date: _____ Signature of adult applicant _____ (Required)

Signature of Parent or guardian _____ (Required)

Attention Group Leader or care giver:

I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that this applicant is physically able to fish from a pier or boat and participate in activities.

Revised 4/15 (VIP) _____ Group leader's signature _____ (Required)



First VDG Barbara Beltran (in pink shirt, center) with the Wake Forest Lions Club recruiting and asking residents to volunteer at the Wake Forest Community In the Square event commemorating 9/11/01. (Barbara Beltran photo)



The 58th Annual Raleigh Host Lions Club Charity Horse Show. (Barbara Beltran photo)



Forest Ranger Visits Columbia Lions



By Lion Gwen White, PDG

Tyrell County Forest Ranger Dan Feola was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Columbia Lions Club. Prior to the meeting, he reviewed some of the educational materials that are distributed by the North Carolina Forest Service with Lion Jack Donoghue, President of the club. Feola discussed the burning of wheat stubble and challenges that the agricultural practice presents to motorists and as a forest fire threat. Ranger Feola is a newcomer to Tyrell County and to North Carolina, having recently relocated from Maryland. (Lions Club photo)

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

Edenton Lions Club

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One of the things that must be said about District Governor Mary Boehm is that she wants to be involved. She commented several times about being available and her willingness to come and help us in any way she can. She has challenged all district committee chairs to visit at least 10 clubs this Lions year.

DG Boehm's visit was certainly a testament to her resolve to make this the best district in NC. If enthusiasm pays dividends, then we definitely have enough currency to make that happen.

First Flight Lions Brighter Visions Fund Drive

By Lion Courtney Gallop

Ace Hardware of Kitty Hawk and Walmart of Kitty Hawk hosted the First Flight Lions Club and the First Flight High School Leo Club throughout the day on September 12, 2015, for the club's annual Brighter Visions sidewalk donation drive. Lions in their signature yellow vests greeted shoppers and invited everyone to donate.

Donations from this drive go directly to the North Carolina Lions Brighter Visions Annual Fund Drive to assist with purchasing canes and other aids for the

blind, training seeing-eye dogs, operating the vision testing mobile unit, and supporting Camp Dogwood. This year, shoppers were invited to bring their unwanted eyeglasses and hearing aids and donate them to the First Flight Lions Club. The club will recondition and distribute the items for reuse globally.

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.



Enthusiastic Lions Wanted!



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lionbarbara31s@yahoo.com

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.

Agencies and Institutions Serving the Disadvantaged



Boys and Girls Homes of NC, Inc.

Bill Thompson, Director
Larry Hewitt, Director of Development
P. O. Box 127
Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450
(910) 646-3083

Camp Dogwood

Susan King, Program Manager
P. O. Box 39
Sherrills Ford, NC 28673
(828) 478-2135, Ext. 229
(800) 662-7401

Division of Services For the Blind

Eddie Weaver, Director
309 Ashe Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27606
(919) 733-9822
Care Line: (800) 662-7030

Duke University Eye Center

Dr. David Epstein, Chair
Department of Ophthalmology
P. O. Box 3802
Durham, NC 27710
(919) 684-5846

Eliada Homes

Mark Upright, Executive Director
P. O. Box 16708
Asheville, NC 28816
(828) 254-5356

Governor Morehead School

301 Ashe Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27699
(919) 733-6382

Industries for the Blind

920 West Lee Street
Greensboro, NC 27402
(910) 274-1591

Marjorie McCune Memorial Center

Frances Coats, Director
101 Lion Way
Black Mountain, NC 28711
(828) 669-8452

Metrolina Association for the Blind

704 Louise Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28204
(704) 372-3870, Ext. 101

North Carolina Eye Bank, Inc.

3900 West Point Boulevard, Suite F
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
(336) 765-0932
(800) 552-9956

North Carolina Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped

1811 Capitol Boulevard
Raleigh, NC 27635
(919) 733-4376
(888) 388-2460

NC Society to Prevent Blindness

3801 Lake Boone Trail, Suite 410
Raleigh, NC 27607
(919) 755-5044

Raleigh Lions Clinic for the Blind

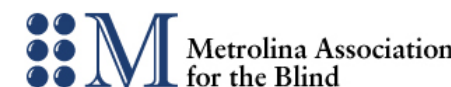
2100 Harrod Street
Raleigh, NC 27609
(919) 256-4221

UNC Eye Care Center

Dr. Don Bundenz, Chair
Sandy Scarlett, Development Director
130 Mason Farm Road—CB 7040
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
(919) 843-1299

Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center

Dr. M. M. Slusher, Chairman
Department of Ophthalmology
Medical Center Boulevard
Winston-Salem, NC 27157
(336) 748-4091



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 from January 15 to October 1. 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 submit one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photograph and an official entry form signed by the council chairperson to Lions 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. A copy of the Lions Environmental Photo Contest entry form is included on page 10 of this newsletter.

Dementia Workshop Announcement

The "Living Well With Dementia: Discover Person Centered Care" workshop will be held on November 12, 2015, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Currituck County Rural Center (120 Community Way) in Barco, NC. The cost of the event is \$20 per person and includes lunch.

This workshop is recommended for families or professional caregivers to provide loving and enlightened care for people living with dementia.

The event is sponsored by GEM Adult Day Services, Inc., the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, NC Cooperative Extension—Barco, and Trillium Health Resources. Alida Loinaz, OTR, CDP, CADDCT, PhD (c) will share the benefits of relationship-focused care, dementia capable care, and Art at the Park. This workshop will offer meaningful interactions and decreased caregiver burden.

To register, please contact Lion Gail Sonneso at (252) 480-3354 or via e-mail at gsonneso@gmail.com.



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





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



October Worldwide Week of Service



Join Lions everywhere October 4-10, 2015, for a special Lions Worldwide Week of Service designed to eliminate preventable blindness and improve sight in our communities. It's a great opportunity to show your commitment to sight and to help us reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people.

Start planning a project to save sight in your community. From vision screenings and awareness campaigns, to helping friends and neighbors with visual impairments, there are countless ways to make a difference. No matter how you choose to serve, be sure to join Lions everywhere for this Centennial Service event!

Plan Your Project. Host a service project that improves sight during the week of October 4-10. Consider hosting your project on October 8 to celebrate World Sight Day.

Promote Your Project. Invite your community to serve with you to showcase your club and the power of service.

Report Your Project. Report your service on the MyLCI Service Activity Report to earn a Centennial Banner Patch and to get your club's name on the Centennial Ticker. Be sure to include the project date.

Celebrate Your Service. Share photos of your project on social media so everyone can see what a difference you're making in your community. Use the hashtag #Lions100, and we'll share your images on the LCI Facebook page!



Sharing the Vision Project Ideas

As part of the Centennial Service Challenge, Lions Clubs International has compiled a list of vision project ideas.

Work with local eye care professionals to organize an eye health and safety presentation.

Arrange sport and recreational activities for persons who are visually impaired such as bowling, fishing, or swimming.

Sponsor a Braille exhibit at your local library.

Organize transportation service to medical and other appointments for persons who are blind or visually impaired.

Volunteer at a rehabilitation or vocational training center for the blind or visually impaired.



Volunteer at a recreational camp for children or adults who are blind or visually impaired. Provide campers with meals or transportation, or help with camp clean-up and repairs.

Conduct vision and diabetes screenings for elderly persons at local residential living facilities.

Encourage a parent of a blind child to enroll in free, distance education courses offered by LCI partner, The Hadley School for the Blind.

Contact the nearest Lions eye bank to obtain literature and donor cards.

Provide local schools with assistive technology to meet the needs of students who are blind or visually impaired.

Organize a community "sight walk" to raise funds in support of your nearest Lions camp for children who are blind and visually impaired.

Arrange for a person with a guide dog to be a guest presenter at your club's

community event.

Collaborate or consult with a blindness professional in an effort to educate the community (citizens, business owners, etc.) in ways they can effectively interact with a person who is blind or visually impaired.

Volunteer at a local eye bank or a Lions eyeglass recycling center.

Help bring textbooks and literature to life. Volunteer to read books and periodicals for people who are blind.

Hold an educational event to promote diabetes awareness and related vision loss.

Become aware of the various vision loss/blindness resources in the community. Create a resource directory and share it with parents, educators, and medical professionals in your community.

To promote awareness of the common causes of vision loss and blindness, collaborative with eye care professionals to hold a community educational event.

Send collected eyeglasses to the nearest Lions eyeglass recycling center.

Organize a community self-help group for persons who are blind or visually impaired or for their families.

Organize a Braille trail or sensory garden outing for adults who are blind.

Host a "Beep Baseball" game or tournament.

Arrange for your club to tour a recreational camp for children who are blind.

Provide Braille books to children and adults who are blind.

Organize a tour of your Lions eye bank.



Above, l-r, are First Vice District Governor Barbara Beltran, Yasumasa Furo (Chair of the Host Committee from Fukuoka Japan), and District Governor Mary Boehm (right). (Barbara Beltran photo)



Message From LCI President, Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada

山田 實純

In Japan, our society owes a lot to bushido, the code of conduct of the samurai. Samurai have positive and negative sides, but samurai uphold stability and ensure peace. Other positive traditional values of the bushido are respecting one's elders, protecting the weak, and valuing fairness and honor.

Every culture has its own wonderful virtues, and each of the 210 nations and geographic areas that are part of Lions Clubs International contributes to the strength and vitality of the association. The multicolored fabric of Lions owes its durability and flexibility to its disparate individual strands.

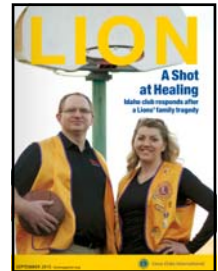
In other words, our diversity is our strength. We are not a cookie-cutter association. One size does not fit all. Clubs are free to choose their own projects and recruit their own members. The more we value diversity and model that in our clubs the more we will prosper.

So, this year I urge clubs to continue to reach out to women, younger people, and middle-aged people to diversify our ranks. A club gains new perspectives and renewed energy with a diverse membership.

By the same token, don't hesitate to try new projects. We can't grow stale. We don't eat stale bread or rice and we don't want a stale club. We must have the courage to turn our club into fresh, young, and vibrant ones.

We also must work together. An ancient story illustrates the power of teamwork: A powerful samurai lord, Mori Motonari, took aside his three sons and easily snapped a single arrow. But when he held three arrows together the well-muscled man could not break the bunch. The moral is clear. Americans even have their own saying for—united we stand, divided we fall. When the 1.4 million Lions family is united, we can deliver the light of service throughout the world.

So, this year let's embody the samurai spirit. Lions, be samurai. But when you go on your service activities, please keep your sharp swords at home and carry with you only the samurai spirit!



Lions in the international convention parade, diversity at its best!



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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/North-Carolina-Lions-District-31-S/353173961524146?fref=ts>



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

Meal Registration Deadline - January 10, 2016

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

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>
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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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