

Lions Clubs International - Multiple District 31
North Carolina Lions State Council
Official Minutes

Saturday, February 10, 2007
9:00 AM

Asheville Renaissance, Asheville, NC

Council Chairperson Martha Butler called the meeting to order at 9: 00 AM.

District Governor Bob Roland gave the Invocation and District Governor Mike Flora led the Pledge of Allegiance.

For the record, the Council met in caucus on Friday evening, Feb. 9, 2007. Eight District Governors and all nine Vice District Governors were present at the caucus and at this Council Meeting. District Governor Morris Van Vleet, D31-E, was recovering from pneumonia and could not attend.

DG Bob Roland	31-A	DG Ron Kelly	31-F
DG Sue Ingle	31-B	DG Sherman Leathers	31-G
DG Dolores O'Malley	31-C	DG George Holston	31-H
DG Larry Covington	31-D	DG Michael Flora	31-J
CC Martha Butler, PDG		Secretary-Treasurer George Ohm, PDG	

CC Butler welcomed all Lions and Guests and invited comments from Past International Director Lacy Presnell.

Presnell stated that PID Sid Scruggs and Judy sent their regrets as they were serving at a convention in England. Concerning the campaign for Second Vice President, Scruggs is still in the running, with two other candidates; Scott Storm of Connecticut and Joe Peterson of Arizona. Presnell will meet with the Promotions committee this afternoon to outline the necessary activities in this next year's campaign.

Kelly was asked to serve as Parliamentarian.

Covington moved to approve the Meeting Agenda; seconded by Kelly. Motion passed.

Flora moved to accept the Minutes of the November 11, 2006 Council Meeting; seconded by Leathers. Motion passed.

Council Secretary-Treasurer George Ohm read two communications from Lions Clubs International, stating that The University City Lions Club in D31-C and Greenville-Martinborough Lions Club in D31-H had both disbanded.

Ohm continued with the February Financial Report. All first half dues had been paid. The January 1, 2007 membership totals were received from LCI on January 30th. Invoices for second half dues were mailed and dues already received from Districts 31-B and 31-G. Ohm pointed out that the line item for Youth Exchange funds were short of the budget. It was understood that

each district would contribute \$500 to the Youth Exchange program; however, only seven of nine districts have made contributions to date. (See Attachment "A")

Holston moved to make up the deficit of the Youth Exchange Line item with Council Contingency funds; seconded by Covington. Motion carried.

Covington moved to accept the Treasurer's report: seconded by Kelly. Motion carried.

CC Butler reported the new Lions Clubs International Policy for Past Due Club Accounts in excess of \$20 per member or \$1000 per club that is outstanding for 150 days or more, stating that said clubs will be automatically suspended, including their charter, privileges and obligations for up to 90 days. If the club does not pay the entire amount within the 90 days the charter will be cancelled.

An account has been established and the Council now has access to telephone conferencing. Butler will advise each Governor on how to access the account.

LCIF has dispensed grants to districts 31-A for the McCune Center, D31-B for a medical mission, and D31-F for disaster relief.

North Carolina Lions Foundation President, Ron Staley reported that the Shaw Brown building was demolished and the site cleared for the new Bill and Donna Udovich Dormitory. To date the Foundation has received \$390,000 in cash and pledges toward the construction of the building. Applications have been made to LCIF for a \$75,000 grant and for a \$50,000 grant from the Cannon Foundation. Staley described the numerous services performed by the Foundation this year. Camp Dogwood staff is preparing for summer camp and is asking for volunteers to serve during the camping season. At least 4 volunteers are needed per week. Properties committee has identified numerous items for Volunteers week, April 16th. White Cane and Camp Dogwood Ticket Sales are down from last year's totals.

Staley claimed that programs and services have increased by 20% over the last several years. He indicated that during this time White Cane donations have been relatively flat; he estimated that we would need an extra \$100 per club or \$4.00 per member to meet our goals. The Camp Dogwood committee has adopted a banner patch for all clubs meeting the sales of 3 books per member. (See attachment "B")

Staley expressed the best wishes from PDG Bill and Donna Udovich, and he asked for prayers for their recovery.

NCLF Executive Director, Steve Walker, stated that LCIF has been very helpful in the grant application process. Surveying the membership list he found that 36% of the Lions in North Carolina have been Lions less than 5 years indicating a goodly number of relatively new Lions who need information about Lionism. In 2002 we gained 800 new Lions however by 2006 we only had 400 left. With better understanding of our mission we may keep more Lions. The NCLF Speakers Bureau is an attempt to get the word out to new Lions. He is expecting each speaker to give 6 to 10 programs per year.

2007 State Convention Chair, PDG Joe Silvers, reported on the progress of the 2007 State Convention in Asheville. He still needs ad sales. The Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, June 1st at the Broadmore Golf Club. Fees are \$45.00. The Renaissance Hotel has been fully

booked, with over flow housing now directed to the Best Western across the street. The Convention theme will be Patriotism to show support for all of our military both active duty and veterans. A silent auction will be held on Friday with proceeds going to the International Officers Campaign fund. (See attachment "C")

Kelly moved to approve the State Convention Report; seconded by O'Malley. Motion passed.

The Council selected the following State Convention Committee Chairpersons:

Attendance	PDG Larry Gasperson	Rules	Laraine Dupree
Credentials	PCC John O'Malley	Sgt.-At-Arms	PDG Herb Justice
Elections	PDG Allen Deaton	Const. & By-Laws	PCC Dave Butler
Resolutions	PDG Gary Greene	Tail Twister	PDG Joe Silvers

Kelly moved to approve the State Convention Committee Chairpersons; seconded by O'Malley. Motion passed.

State Convention Chairperson, Gwen White, also a member of the 2007 Convention committee, congratulated Silvers, Gasperson, and District 31-A for their efforts in planning the Convention and raising \$66,000 to date. White went on to state that, due to seating limitations for the District Governor's Banquet, it was planned to limit the head table seating to one tier, with VDGs and the International family seated at floor level round tables. The Saturday morning General Session will be limited in reports to allow scheduling a Town Hall Meeting with the visiting 2nd Vice President, Al Brandel. Seminars will be held in the afternoon. The Peace poster and Environmental Photo winners will be presented on Sunday. Mrs. North Carolina, Kylee Odom, will also speak at the Convention. First timers will be recognized with a special ribbon.

(See Attachment "D")

PDG Paul Bledsoe, Chairperson of the 2008 State Convention, announced that the 2008 State Convention will be held in Greensboro at the Airport Marriott Hotel. Room rates will be \$89 per night with unlimited free parking. The Winston-Salem Host Lions Club will serve as the Host Club. The Hotel has been very co-operative and will provide 14 complementary rooms and up to 40 exhibit tables at no charge.

(See Attachment "E")

Covington moved to approve the Greensboro Airport Marriott as the location for the 2008 State Convention; seconded by Holston. Motion carried.

For the 2009 Convention, 31-F investigated a hotel in Pinehurst; however, after rooms were quoted at \$203 per night, this was eliminated. PDG Ron Staley is checking on the new Convention Center near Lowes Motor Speedway. White advised the Council that the state is now at a crossroads, we are too small for large hotels and too large for small hotels. The days of hotel rooms under \$100 are nearly over. The Council and subsequent Councils may have to consider alternative convention formats in the future.

PDG Ralph Hester, NCLF Clinical Eye Research Chair, suggested that we invite representatives from Wake Forest University to speak at the Convention. Butler suggested that Hester confer with Holston and White for a spot on the program.

Mrs. North Carolina, Kylee Odom, announced that she was named the executive State Director for the Miss North Carolina Pageant and was influential in bringing the State Pageant to Asheville in April 18-19, 2007. She reported on her daughter's progress and expressed her sincere appreciation for all of the help from the Lions of the state. Odom stated that her history goes back to when she was a Leo and had danced at some of the D31-A Conventions.

Old Business

1. The Bid to Host the 2012 USA/Canada Forum was an agenda item, however there was no information available, so the topic was tabled.
2. MD31 State Redistricting Plan as proposed by the Long Range Planning Committee was discussed at length during the caucus.

Roland moved to reject the Six District Redistricting Plan; seconded by Leathers. Motion passed.

As an alternative, an eight district plan was proposed to the Governors during the caucus which involved the disbanding of District 31-C. The Council will study the proposal and bring it back to the Lions at a later date.

3. PDG Paul Bledsoe reported upon the NC Lions Disaster Recovery Partnership with NC Division of Emergency Management. Plans through 2007 include free on-line classes for FEMA Certification. Once the courses are completed, the individuals are eligible to sign up for reservist training. The intention of Lions involvement will be to aid Disaster Recovery Teams on guiding individuals through the Emergency Management System after disasters. (See Attachment "F")

Council Committee Reports

Constitution And By-Laws. Chair Dave Butler reported that a survey of the Constitution and By-Laws indicated that we must make the wording more gender friendly and to conform to the International Association of Lions Clubs Constitution. The Committee proposed to revise the Constitution and By-Laws to make all references to gender his/her or chair persons as applicable.

Holston moved to approve the Committee suggestion to make the Constitution and By-Laws gender neutral as stated; seconded by Kelly. Motion passed.

Butler stated that the committee will continue to study the State Constitution and By-Laws for further revisions and make proposals as needed in the '2007-2008' Lionistic year.

MD31 Lions Policy and Procedures Manual. With the combined efforts of the Constitution and By-Laws and the Long Range Planning Committees, a new Policy and Procedures Manual was prepared for the Council's consideration. The Manual brings together several policies and agreements which will help clarify policies and procedures of the State Council. The Manual, and any subsequent revisions, is designed to be approved by the Council of Governors at the next official meeting after presentation. Several corrections were suggested during the caucus that will be included in the final draft. (See Attachment "G")

Holston moved to accept the Policy and Procedures manual as edited and to be voted upon at the May Council Meeting; seconded by Covington. Motion passed.

Extension. Chair PDG Houston Henderson, reported that the Extension Workshop held in D31-A, resulted in forming 4 new Lions Clubs. The LCI sponsored Extension Team of John and Wanda Barnett of Arkansas, Mike Gayda from Washington State and Natalie Kenny from LCI conducted the 3 day workshop of classes and actual calls on prospects. Districts H&J will hold a joint workshop in March. (See Attachment "H")

Holston made a motion to allow each district to apply for matching funds of up to \$500 from the Council MERL Committee allowances and the Contingency fund, to conduct Extension Workshops within their district. The motion was seconded by Roland. Motion carried.

Diabetes. Chair Bill Barnwell distributed copies of a NY times article describing a Wake up Call for Diabetes awareness. Individuals with pre-diabetes can reduce their risk by reducing calories by 450 calories per day and exercising to use up excess insulin produced by the body. Any screening for Diabetes must be done after fasting to insure accurate results. Surveys indicate that many fear blindness over death. (See Attachment "I")

Information Technology. Chair Michael Schwartz. The committee is preparing an internet directory of Clubs, websites and webmasters. They are working with the Public information and education committee to develop a new state website. The committee also presented a policy proposal for internet use, perhaps as an addition to the Policy and Procedures Manual. PID Sid Scruggs also has a new website; www.sidscruggs.com. PDG Gene Everette commented that he has found bogus websites associated with Lions. (See attachment "J")

Holston moved to have the Constitution and By-laws Committee study the Internet Proposal for possible addition to the Policy and Procedures Manual; seconded by Roland. Motion Passed.

Leadership. Chair Bob Shook reported that the MERL Team attended 6 of the 7 District Conventions to conduct seminars. He urged District Governors to begin planning workshops for training of incoming club officers and Region and Zone Chairpersons. LCI has increased the emphasized of Zone Chairpersons in Lionism. The Southeastern Leadership Workshop will be held in Florida. The deadline for applications is March 16, 2007. Vice District Governor candidates should plan to attend the workshop. VDG elect training will be May 11 – 12, 2007. (See Attachment "K")

Historian. Chair Diane Whitley submitted a report requesting that Clubs and individuals submit histories by March 28, 2007. A brochure was supplied showing an example of the histories desired as well as an order form for books. (See Attachment "L")

Liberty Day. Chair Jim Edmund announced that the Liberty day celebration will be held on Friday, March 30 at Northeastern High School in Elizabeth City, NC. Rooms had been reserved for Lions at the Holiday Inn at \$75.00 per night for those who wish to come in early. (See Attachment "M")

Leo Clubs. Chair PDG Paul Smith stated that the Leo State Convention will be held at Camp Dogwood on March 30-31. Rooms will be offered at half cost to encourage more attendees. Election of the state President will be on the agenda. (See Attachment "N")

Membership. Chair PDG Gene Everette suggested that we have a reality check of our clubs. The first half of this year we gained 475 new members, hopefully we will retain these new Lions. Everette pointed out that the baby boomers make up 60% of total volunteers. We need to ask more baby boomers to join our Clubs. (See Attachment "O")

Nominations. Chair Allen Deaton reported that District 31-F is the only a full district in MD31 and they have elected Tommy Brooks as District Governor for 2007-08 and David Martin as Vice District Governor. Districts A and G are also able to elect District Governors this year. All other districts must submit names of elected Governors to Lions Clubs International for approval. The Council of Governors has passed a unanimous resolution to endorse PID Sid Scruggs for 2nd Vice President of Lions Clubs International. (See Attachment "P")

Youth Exchange. Karen Littlefield submitted a report stating that she has 8 outbound students going overseas and 10 inbound students that will visit North Carolina. The visiting students will be staying at the outer banks during July 10-14 and at Kure Beach July 14- 21. The complete schedule is posted on the website; www.yenorthcarolinausa.com She is still looking for host families for 10 day stays. (See Attachment "Q")

Kelly moved to approve the Council Committee Reports; seconded by Leathers. Motion Passed.

Sight First II Sector Coordinator PCC Harvey Whitley submitted a report for the Council. He stated that USA Coordinators requested the videos be modified to reflect use of NCLF funds in the United States as well as overseas. USA specific resources have been added to the CSFII home page at the www.lionsclubs.org. (See attachment "R")

The Governors voted to designate the Tail Twister funds raised at the State Convention to used for Campaign Sight First II, equally divided to each of the nine Districts.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Ohm
State Secretary-Treasurer

North Carolina Lions State Council
2006-07 Council Financial Statement
February 28, 2007

Attachment "A"

INCOME:	06-07 Budget	06-07 Actual	(over) / under	Line Item
BAL FWD	55314.34	55314.34	-	100
State Dues (.Est 9400 X \$3.50 for 05-06)	32,312.00	16117.50	16,194.50	110
Interest Received (Currently 1%)	550.00	285.37	264.63	120
District Cabinet Secretary- Treasurer Bonds	417.50	417.51	(0.01)	130
State Convention Tail Twister's ticket sales and auction	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	140
State Convention Income	10,000.00	0.00		150
Youth Exchange (\$500 per District)	4,500.00	3,700.00	800.00	160
Liberty Day	1,000.00	650.00	350.00	170
LCIF Grant for Wake Forest Univ. Eye Care Center		75,000.00		180
Misc. Income not Budgeted	-	44.00	(44.00)	190
Total Income	106,593.84	151,528.72	(44,934.88)	
EXPENSES:				
Financial Audit	700.00	0.00	700.00	200
Treasurer's Bond	520.50	520.50	-	210
Clerical Services - NCLF	600.00	600.00	-	220
Office Supplies (Secretary / Treasurer)	350.00	175.42	174.58	230
Printing (NCLF and Secretary / Treasurer)	600.00	169.83	430.17	240
Postage (NCLF and Secretary / Treasurer)	400.00	54.99	345.01	250
Telephone (Secretary / Treasurer)	150.00	0.00	150.00	260
Plaques and Gifts	1500.00	0.00	1,500.00	270
State Council Meetings	400.00	45.79	354.21	280
Expenses - State Secretary / Treasurer	3500.00	2129.97	1,370.03	290
Expenses - State Council Chair	5600.00	354.55	5,245.45	300
State Convention - cash advance	6000.00	0.00	6,000.00	310
Membership committee	1000.00	354.83	645.17	320
Extension Committee	1000.00	306.99	693.01	330
Retention Committee	1000.00	770.57	229.43	340
Leadership Committee	3400.00	1653.68	1,746.32	350
State Council Committee Expenses	9000.00	3214.28	5,785.72	360
Sight First Committee	1000.00	314.76	685.24	370
Liberty Day	2000.00	1032.00	968.00	380
Leo Clubs Expenses	1000.00	0.00	1,000.00	390
Youth Exchange	6000.00	301.57	5,698.43	400
Information Technology/ Public Relations	1500.00	184.99	1,315.01	410
LCIF Grant for Wake Forest Univ. Eye Care Center		75000.00		420
Misc. Expenses not budgeted	5000.00	44031.65	(39,031.65)	430
Total Expenses	52,220.50	131,216.37	(78,995.87)	
Contingency	54,373.34	20,312.35	34,060.99	
Total	106,593.84	151,528.72	(44,934.88)	
Assets:				
Money Market Account		40,501.45		
Checking		20,312.35		
Total		60,813.80		

Attachment "B"

NCLF President's Report to the Council of Governors

February 10, 2006

Council Chair Martha, Governors, Vice Governors, Lions and guests:

I am pleased to report that we continue to have another busy year. Preparations for construction of the new Udovich building are underway. The Shaw Brown building has been burned and the debris is being removed. We have currently received about \$390,000 towards construction of the building and grant requests totaling \$125,000 have been submitted to LCIF and the Canon Foundation. We will hear from those requests sometime this spring. So far this year your Foundation has provided 765 Mobility Canes, 144 free Hearing Aides, and has provided 708 Eye Exams and 1033 pairs of Eyeglasses through Matching Funds. The Vision Van has been to 76 Eye Screenings sponsored by clubs across the state and has screened 4,158 individuals.

Preparations for summer camp at Camp Dogwood are underway. We are currently reviewing applications almost daily from persons wishing to work as camp counselors. We continue to need Lion volunteers for the Camp and need to get the word out to our members that there is a continuing need for their services during the camping season. Camp Director Sandy says we need four volunteers each week. We also need to make all the Visually Impaired in our state aware that the Camp is available. Even though we have fewer rooms this summer because of our construction project, there will still be plenty of opportunity for persons to attend the camp if they don't all want to come the same week. Personally I would like to see more camper applications for the camping season. Even though we continue to have more applications than we can accept, it is difficult to get enough campers to fill certain weeks of the camping season.

The Properties Committee and Volunteers Committee met last Saturday at Camp Dogwood and began planning for the April Volunteer Week. There is a long list of items that we need the Volunteers to address and we look forward to having everyone who is willing and able to work come to the camp the week of April 16 to get the Camp ready for this year's camping season.

Although there was a lot of energy and excitement in the districts around our White Cane drive and the Camp Dogwood Raffle, contributions from both of these programs are down. At the end of January, White Cane contributions were down over 15% from last year's levels and Camp Dogwood ticket sales were down about 8%. Attached is a copy of these reports. You will see them again tomorrow. I plan to email you copies going forward. I hope you can find room in your newsletters for your district's report.

Although I don't see any reason to panic, I must admit the numbers make me uncomfortable since we're well into February. Please go back and ask all of your clubs and district leaders to emphasize White Cane and the Camp Dogwood Raffle. Recently the Vice Governors and a club I was visiting asked me how much was needed for White Cane. As you know our programs have increased about 20% over the past years. Our White Cane contributions during this period have been basically flat. The majority of that increase has been Matching Funds requests, money that goes directly into services

we provide in our communities. As I see it, if we are to meet the needs of our clubs, and not cut our statewide programs, our White Cane needs to increase and that increase needs to be about \$100 per club. That is about \$4.00 per member. I don't think that this is an unreasonable expectation especially when you consider the alternative. I think as leaders we should be willing to give our Lions this message. This is also a goal we should expect when we have our Budget Hearing in April.

This month we are holding a planning session at the Camp to look at what we can do to utilize Camp Dogwood during the months there is no camp for the visually impaired. I feel this is something that has been missing. The group of Lions meeting at the camp is being chaired by PDG John Miller. Past Foundation President Neil Alexander has agreed to facilitate the meeting. I feel that with John's leadership, we should be able to come up with a plan and strategy that can be implemented over the next several years.

Again I want to encourage each of you to remind your District Committee Chairs to attend state committee meetings. I think our committees are making a lot of progress, but attendance is still not at a level we need and should expect. The telephone conferencing system for our Foundation Committee State Chairs has been installed and is available. It is simple to use and instructions have gone to all the NCLF State Committee Chairs. Some Committee Chairs are starting to use it. I think it is now a matter of emphasizing that it's available and reinforcing the availability of this tool to our District Committee Chairs.

[I do have one item for your consideration at this morning's meeting. It has been suggested that the banner patches we plan to present to clubs which sell three books per member be available so the Governors can present them at each District's award banquet. I think this is an excellent idea and the Camp Dogwood Committee supports the idea. I only need to know if this is what the Council of Governors would like to do. If so, we will arrange for the banner patches to be given to each Governor prior to your awards banquet.

I thank you again for your support. It is great having this opportunity to serve with you. With your leadership and the help of our Lions Clubs we look forward to meeting the needs of those we serve.

Lion Ron Staley
NCLF President

**THE NORTH CAROLINA LIONS FOUNDATION
HUMANITARIAN WHITE CANE REPORT**

01/31/07

DIST SUMMARY	# CLUBS CONTRIB	% CLUBS CONTRIB	CLUBS		CONTRIB PER MEM	CONTRIB 006-007 YEAR
			EXCED LST YR	TOTAL MEMS		
A	22 / 47	47%	5	1,044	\$ 33.06	34,512.02
B	27 / 38	71%	4	952	\$ 43.19	41,113.35
C	21 / 33	64%	4	680	\$ 68.24	39,604.00
D	25 / 42	62%	7	1,135	\$ 34.68	39,365.11
E	34 / 43	79%	1	1,015	\$ 43.73	44,383.12
F	25 / 48	52%	5	1,153	\$ 29.85	34,413.39
G	16 / 39	41%	6	1,203	\$ 39.57	47,600.00
H	19 / 40	48%	4	932	\$ 45.31	42,232.96
J	29 / 43	67%	3	917	\$ 38.12	34,953.19
M						291.00
TOTAL	219 / 373	55%	39	9,031	\$ 39.69	358,468.14

**NORTH CAROLINA LIONS FOUNDATION
HUMANITARIAN WHITE CANE
1/31/2006**

DIST SUMMARY	# CLUBS CONTRIB	% CLUBS CONTRIB	CLUBS		CONTRIB PER MEM	CONT 005-006
			EXC LST YR	TOTAL MEMS		
A	31 / 50	52%	9	1,176	\$ 41.36	48,541.84
B	30 / 37	81%	9	921	\$ 45.45	41,861.14
C	20 / 34	59%	3	690	\$ 68.48	47,248.00
D	23 / 43	53%	6	1,164	\$ 41.94	48,817.00
F	33 / 44	75%	4	1,081	\$ 46.14	48,975.97
E	25 / 47	53%	5	1,151	\$ 44.20	50,878.12
G	21 / 39	54%	4	1,201	\$ 44.60	53,558.67
H	20 / 39	51%	5	900	\$ 48.90	44,014.33
J	25 / 42	60%	9	939	\$ 43.46	40,810.21
M	0 / 3	0%				2,305.48
TOTAL	228 / 375	61%	54	9,223	\$ 46.41	428,010.76

**THE NORTH CAROLINA LIONS FOUNDATION, INC.
TV CAR REPORT**

01/31/07

DIST SUMMARY	MEMBERS	STUBS	TOTAL 2006-2007	TOTAL 2005-2006	BOOKS PER MEMBER
A	1,102	4,841	4,841.00	10,773.14	0.44
B	952	8,283	8,343.00	17,102.00	0.88
C	580	6,412	6,912.00	13,326.36	1.02
D	1,165	14,261	13,837.00	21,286.00	1.19
E	1,015	9,769	9,769.00	14,644.00	0.96
F	1,244	5,718	5,933.00	17,118.18	0.48
G	1,203	7,727	8,483.00	16,235.00	0.71
H	932	8,375	8,375.00	16,839.50	0.90
J	917	6,678	7,418.00	16,849.00	0.81
M		C	0.00	-	
TOTAL	9,210	72,064	73,911.00	144,173.18	0.80

**THE NORTH CAROLINA LIONS FOUNDATION, INC.
TV CAR REPORT**

1/31/2006

DIST SUMMARY	MEMBERS	STUBS	TOTAL 2005-2006	TOTAL 2004-2005	BOOKS PER MEMBER
A	1,176	7,690	7,634.25	11,431.05	0.65
B	921	10,366	10,375.00	16,670.00	1.13
C	719	5,078	6,238.36	11,844.00	0.87
D	1,164	10,983	11,897.00	22,614.00	1.02
E	1,081	9,774	9,918.00	14,268.00	0.92
F	1,197	5,444	5,986.00	19,427.00	0.50
G	1,237	9,464	9,432.00	16,921.00	0.76
H	940	11,270	11,214.00	13,965.00	1.19
J	961	6,785	7,311.00	14,835.21	0.76
M					
TOTAL	9,396	76,854	80,005.61	141,995.26	0.85

DATE: February 10, 2007
TO: Lion Martha Butler, Council of Governors Chair
FROM: Joe Silvers, 2007 Lions State Convention Chair
SUBJECT: Quarterly Report #3, 2007 Lions State Convention Committee

The 2007 State Convention Committee and the Lions of District 31-A are ahead of the schedule in planning a great convention. We will meet at the Renaissance February 11th at 1 p.m. to work out some of the details. We are looking forward to having the Lions come to Asheville to be with us. We will have fun, please bring money or plastic.

Ad sales are going great, we will need the help of the District Governors to get their district ads in. We have taken on a big job to do the convention the way we have planned it. The more you help, the more we can do.

The Friday golf tournament is set; we will get all the information ready when you arrive.

Vice District Governor Paulette Casperson and the Sand Hill Lions Club will sponsor the hospitality room. We will set up one table for each of the incoming Governors to welcome the Lions and give out any of the campaign materials.

Friday night fun night will be a great fun-filled night. We are still working on that—the theme is patriotism, so wear something to say "thanks" to our veterans past-present-future.

The Tail Twisters breakfast will be as usual... with door prizes and a silent auction from Friday noon until 9 p.m. The money raised from the silent auction will go to help with the campaign to elect Sid Scruggs 2nd vice president of Lions Club International. Bring money.

Friday and Saturday we will have tours to the Biltmore House & Gardens, Harrah's Cherokee Casino, the Grove Arcade, and the Marjorie McCune Center. All the tours will have free transportation available.

Seminars and workshops will be scheduled Saturday afternoon. We are open to suggestions for the seminars, also a question and answer session with the International 2nd Vice President if you desire.

All other details of the convention are being worked out including the District Governor's Banquet, the Service of Remembrance, General Sessions, etc.

If you have any questions, Larry or myself will answer them.

Respectfully submitted by Lion Joe Silvers, Convention Chair.



REGISTRATION MATERIALS(NAME TAGS,BADGE HOLDERS, ETC)						1,300.00						
REGISTRATION EXPENSES(BAD CHECKS, REFUNDS, ETC)						900.00						
BANK FEES						100.00		86.82				
POSTAGE						175.00		28.00				
OFFICE SUPPLIES(COPIES)						300.00						
GOLF TOURNAMENT												
MISCELLANEOUS						500.00						
ROOM SUBSIDIZING						3,102.00						
NC MTN. STATE FAIR BOOTH								610.00				
RENAISSANCE ASHEVILLE HOTEL-MEALS								1213.12				
TOTAL EXPENSES						70,929.00				2,742.94		
BALANCE						5,651.00)			63,702.16		

Date: February 9, 2007
To: Council of Governors
From: Gwen White
Re: State Convention Report

Attachment "D"

The 2008 convention will be held at the Greensboro Airport Marriott Hotel May 30-June 1, 2008 with Lion Paul Bledsoe serving as chairman and Dr. Steve Yokeley as treasurer and John Wall in charge of registration.

The hotel rate will be \$89 a night for a single, double, triple or quad. Paul and I have met with the hotel, which is the hotel District D uses each year for their mid-winter and they are willing to bend over backwards to accommodate us. Such as they are giving 14 complimentary rooms, regardless of room night pick-up, no guarantees on the total amount to be spent on food and beverage, the exhibit tables, up to 40, will be covered and draped and provided at no cost, parking is free but unfortunately they have a problem cooking grits. They promised to try to perfect their grits cooking before 2008 with no guarantees.

Lion Sid has secured the speaker for the 2008 convention. The speaker he wanted was available May 30-June 1. The district appears to be excited and ready to work. We have started exploring sites for 2009. Gov. Ron Kelly is looking in the Pinehurst area and Ron Staley and I are making inquiries in Concord. If anyone here is willing to step forward and offer to host the state convention then we'll go negotiate in your neck of the woods.

The state convention committee will meet Saturday at 2:30 p.m. to continue discussing a revised convention policy manual to make it easier for leaders and hosts to understand responsibilities.

Some things that need to be addressed by this and subsequent councils and the state convention committee is the state's vision for conventions. Our conventions are too large for small hotels and two small for the big convention hotels. We don't book enough rooms or food to equal the amount of meeting space we need. It is getting harder to find rooms under \$100, free meeting space and free parking.

Now we will have the convention report from Lions Joe Silvers and Larry Gasperson followed by a report by Lion Paul Bledsoe. Let me tell you that District 31-A has gone above and beyond in planning and raising money for this convention. It is exciting to see so many Lions signing up to come to the conference.

We need to discuss the printed program line by line and I don't know if you want to do that now or in a relaxed setting following the formal part of your meeting.

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NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION 2008 ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT

2/10/07 by Paul Bledsoe, State Convention Chair 2008

State Committee Chair Gwen White visited the proposed site for the 2008 state convention at the Airport Marriott Greensboro & High Point off I-40 at Highway 68 Greensboro during the District 31-D Mid Winter Convention.

She met with the hotel management along with state chair for the 2008 convention, Paul Bledsoe. A final review of the facility and costs will be mailed by the hotel management staff to Chairperson White and Bledsoe.

- 1) The Winston-Salem Twin City Host Lions Club approved the recommendation for hosting the convention under the leadership of Bledsoe.
- 2) At the most recent District 31-D Cabinet Meeting, The district membership approved with excitement of support to the convention chair to the success of the state convention in District 31-D in 2008.
- 3) Organizational parameters have been set...
 - A) Dr. Steve Yokeley, Dobson Lions Club will serve as Sec/Treasurer for the event.
 - B) PDG John Wall, Walkertown Lions Club will serve as Registration Committee Chair
 - C) PDG Marvin Doub and Janet Doub, Konnoak Hills Lions Club will work as Protocol Co-Chairs
 - D) PDG Doc Shaver, Konnoak Hills Lions Club will serve as Tailtwister Breakfast and Silent Auction Chair
 - E) PDG Johnny Stuart of McCleansville Lions Club and other PDG's have offered their Assistance for the success.
- 4) More information to follow

Signed respectfully,

Paul Bledsoe, NC Lions State Convention Chair 2008



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Lions of North Carolina Disaster Recovery Assistance and Outreach Program Partnership with the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management

Prepared by Paul R. Bledsoe, PDG 31-D, NCLF Public Information & Education Chair
&
Emily Young, Individual Assistance Manager, NCDEM

Objective

Lions of North Carolina offers its members the opportunity to offer assistance with "Disaster Recovery Services", education, and statewide information guided by the NCDEM team. NC Lions will offer services and personal help needed with the goal of adding valuable services and assistance for NCDEM.

With geographic locales of clubs throughout the 100 counties of NC, North Carolina Lions will become an integral part of emergency management outreach and recovery assistance in each community for which they live and work.

Phase One

NCDEM Activities Planned with NC Lions through April 2007

- 1) Each Governor should send this information via their newsletter... If a Lion wishes to become involved with our partnership with the NCDEM they must learn more about Emergency Management.
- 2) Each Lion must complete the "FEMA Independent Study Course." the website <http://www.training.fema.gov/EMWeb/IS/crslist.asp> (ex. website attached)
- 3) ICS 100, 200 & IS 700 classes are offered *free of charge*; FEMA Certification is required for Lions membership for Individual Assistance and National Incidence & Management: Compliancc.

ICS 100: Introduction to Incident Command System
ICS 200: Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
IS 700: Introduction National Incident Management System

- 4) After Lion's members complete the Independent Study Courses, they will be able to sign up for "Reservist Training." This is the birth of our partnership with the NCDEM.



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- 5) After completion of courses, NC Lions should contact their Governor and relay to them that they have the certification. The governor then should compile a list of Lions in their districts.

After list is completed, the NCDEM IA staff will determine the best training localities for "Reservist Training" throughout the state. The hopeful date for the classes to begin is the 3rd or 4th week of March 2007.

My recommendation is that the DG, VDG or someone appointed by the DG be a District Lions EM Coordinator. It would make it easier for us to accomplish our endeavors.

- 6) In the next couple of weeks each Governor will receive a list of Emergency Managers by County. We will inform them along with the NCDEM about our partnership, and find specific needs and integration within each county. More to follow on this correspondence.

- 7) Overview of our alliance...

Individual assistance after disasters. Lions will help as floaters to assist the team with giving individual guidance upon their entrance to Disaster Recovery Centers.

Lions will interview individuals and help with exit interviews with guidance and training from NCDEM Individual Assistance Manager .

Lions will offer disaster preparedness education with the VIP's, handicapped and senior citizens throughout the state with information and seminars under the umbrella of various state organizations and councils such as the NC Council of Aging and Adult Services.

Long Term Recovery Teams to assist the continued support and care of disaster victims with provisions and education training set forth by NCDEM Management Team.

In smaller natural disasters, Lions would be the link for care provided by the NC Division of Emergency Management. A network of Lions in locations throughout the state will contact and assist in the care of victims under the supervision of the NCDEM.

Lions will assist disaster victims in the education, and at Disaster Recovery Centers help victims with the filling out of forms necessary for relief benefits for individual victims. Lions will be certified in the form of assisting individuals with SBA applications and certification with FEMA guidelines for ICS.



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MD-31 Constitution and By-Laws Report (February 2007)

By: Lion Dave Butler, PCC

Council Chairperson Martha, fellow Lions and guests. While reviewing the MD-31 Constitution and By-Laws, it became very obvious, in order to be fair to our many female Lions, that we needed to make our By-Laws more gender friendly. Our female Lions have provided invaluable leadership and service for our clubs, districts, and state. We are proposing that the Constitution and By-Laws Committee revise the MD-31 Constitution and By-Laws to make them more gender friendly and to conform with the International Constitution and By-Laws as follows:

1. He becomes he/she.
2. His becomes his/her.
3. Chair becomes Chairperson.
4. Chairman becomes Chairperson.
5. Chairmen become Chairpersons.

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee will do a more in-depth study of the MD-31 Constitution and By-Laws and present any proposals in the 2007-2008 Lion's fiscal year.

I want to thank the members of the Research and Long-Range Planning Committee and the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for the many hours spent composing the initial proposed "MD-31 Lion's Policy and Procedures Manual". My special thanks to my Co-Chair Lion John O'Malley, PDG. We presented this proposal to the largest open Council Meeting, that I have seen in many years last evening. I would like to make a motion at this time: To approve the proposed "MD-31 Lion's Policy and Procedure Manual", as edited on February 9, 2007.

Thank You

MD-31 Lion's Policy & Procedures Manual

"Preamble"

This MD-31 Lion's Policy and Procedures Manual is designed to provide policies and procedures to consistently operate our Multiple District in an efficient and cost effective manner. Should a conflict occur with our MD-31 Constitution and By- Laws, the Constitution and By- Laws will take precedence.

A. Policies and Procedures:

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B. Existing Policies and Procedures Prior to 2007:

1. Liberty Day Agreement 3-15-2000
2. Joe Wade Scholarship Agreement 8-14-2000
3. North Carolina lions MD-31 State Convention Agreement 5-1-1999
4. Disaster Relief Plan for North Carolina Lions—Dated 2-1-1997

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“NC Lions (MD-31) Privacy Policy”

North Carolina Lions (MD-31) recognizes the importance of protecting the private information of our members.

We have no legal authority or written permission to disclose any personal information of our members to third parties. Due to privacy concerns, information such as: names, addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers, etc. can not be released to any third party.

Privacy Policy Approved: Council of Governors---August 12, 2006

“Procedure for making changes to Policy and Procedures Manual”

Any changes to the MD-31 Lion’s Policy and Procedures Manual will be presented at an official “open” State Council meeting for understanding and/or revision.

Changes will be voted on at the next official “open” State Council meeting by the Council of Governors. A simple majority of the State Council will be required for adoption of the changes.

Approved: At “open” State Council Meeting---

Policy on location of/access to Policy and Procedures Manual

Copy of the MD-31 Lion’s Policy & Procedures Manual can be viewed or secured as follows:

1. On MD-31 & NCLF Web Sites.
2. A hard copy can be secured from NCLF Office at a cost of \$5.00 .
3. A CD can be secured from NCLF Office at a cost of \$5.00 .

Approved: At “open” State Council Meeting---

“Uniform Allowance VDG/DG, Council Chairperson, and State Secretary/Treasurer”

Uniform allowance for VDG/DG, Council Chairperson, and State Secretary- Treasurer shall be as follows:

1. Vice District Governors will determine their Official Blazer, pants, etc. prior to the start of their year as Vice District Governor. This uniform will be worn for both their Vice District Governor year and their year as District Governor. There will be an allowance of \$130.00 provided from the State Council Administrative Fund to help with the purchase of the Official Uniform.
2. An allowance of \$130.00 will be provided, from the State Council Administrative Fund, to the elected State Council Chairperson to help with the purchase of the Official Uniform to be worn during the year he/she will serve as Council Chairperson. The Council Chairperson uniform will match, as close as possible, the other members of the Council of Governors.
3. An allowance of \$130.00 will be provided, from the State Council Administrative Fund, to the elected State Secretary-Treasurer, to help with the purchase of the Official Uniform to be worn during the time he/she will serve as State Secretary/Treasurer. If State Secretary/Treasurer is reelected to a 2nd term, and the uniform does not change, the allowance will cover 2 years as it does for the Vice District Governor/District Governor's years. The State Secretary-Treasurer uniform will match, as close as possible, the Council of Governor's uniform.

Approved: At “open” State Council Meeting---

“State Council Chairperson Selection Procedure”

Past District Governors interested in the position of Council Chairperson shall submit their name and resume of service by December 31st to the State Council Secretary/Treasurer. After certifying qualifications, the names and copies of resumes are to be submitted to the currently serving Vice District Governors no later than January 20th.

The currently serving Vice District Governors will interview each candidate and make their selection by the majority of a secret ballot. One Vice District Governor shall act as spokesperson for the group during these interviews.

The selection of the Council Chairperson shall be made at the February State Council Meeting.

The Council Chairperson so selected will be a voting member of the Council of Governors and while so serving shall not concurrently serve as a chairperson of any statewide committee.

Approved: By State Convention Delegates---April 23, 2006

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“Council Chairperson’s Duties Covered Under Budgeted Item & NCLF”

A. Per Article VI, Section 4., of the International By-Laws:

Under the general supervision of the International Board of Directors, the multiple district

Council chairperson shall be the coordinator of the multiple district and shall act on behalf of and upon delegation from the council of governors. His/her specific responsibilities shall be to:

- (a) Further the Purposes of this association;
- (b) Provide leadership, direction, and initiative for international and multiple district programs, goals, and long range planning;
- (c) Create and foster harmony and unity among district governors, and assist them solve issues;
- (d) Chair the multiple district convention and all council meetings;
- (e) Submit reports and perform such duties as may be required by the multiple district constitution and by-laws;
- (f) Perform such other administrative duties as may be assigned by the multiple district council of governors; and
- (g) Facilitate, at the close of his/her term of office, the timely presentation of all multiple district accounts, funds, and records to his/her successor in office

“Specifics”

1. State Council/NCLF Combined Meetings---1 day, 1 night, and Mileage back home will be covered by NCLF (Rules of Audit apply)---Remainder of weekend covered under State Council Chairperson’s budgeted Item.
2. NCLF Executive Meetings---Covered by NCLF (Rules of Audit apply).
3. USA/Canada Forum---Covered under State Council Chairperson’s budgeted item.
4. VIP Fishing Tournament---Covered under State Council Chairperson’s budgeted item.
5. Fall and Mid-Winter District Conventions---Covered under State Council Chairperson’s budgeted item.
6. District Governor Elect Training Sessions--- Covered under State Council Chairperson’s budgeted item.
7. Liberty Day---Covered under State Council Chairperson’s budgeted item.
8. NCLF Budget Hearings---Covered by NCLF (Rules of Audit apply).
9. Special State Meetings requiring State Council Chairperson’s presence---Covered under State Council Chairperson’s budgeted item.

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(Continued---Council Chairperson's Duties and Compensation Specifics)

10. North Carolina State Convention---Expenses not covered by State Convention are covered under State Council Chairperson's budgeted item.
11. International Convention, near the completion of the Council Chairperson's term of office,---Covered to the extent of available funds in State Council Chairperson's budgeted item.
12. Required Faxes, Postage, printing, phone calls, etc. covered under State Council Chairperson's budgeted item.

Notes:

- a. Council Chairperson gives report of Council of Governor's actions at all NCLF Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings.
- b. Council Chairperson submits an article for each issue of the State newspaper.
- c. Council Chairperson works closely with the Council of Governors and State Secretary/Treasurer to formulate the State Council administrative budget.
- d. Council Chairperson works closely with the Council of Governors, State Promotions Chairperson, and State Secretary/Treasurer to formulate the State Promotions budget.
- e. Council Chairperson acts as MC for most of the functions at the NC State Convention.
- f. Council Chairperson acts as MC for State Breakfast and Caucus at the International Convention.
- g. Above duties and events are covered within the limit of the budgeted amount for Council Chairperson.

Items/Events Not Covered under State Council Chairperson's budgeted item:

1. District Cabinet Installations
- 2.

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“Vice Council Chairperson’s Responsibilities”

1. Coordinate Council of Governor’s activities at the International Convention, during their training and until they officially become District Governors.
2. Coordinate parade and other activities at the International Convention in the absence of the Promotions Chairperson and/or Council Chairperson.
3. Chair meeting(s) at the International Convention, after the Council has been sworn in, to officially elect their Council Chairperson and State Secretary-Treasurer.
4. Chair any Council of Governor’s meeting, if the Council Chairperson is not available.
5. Represent the Council of Governors at any function, when the Council Chairperson is not available.
6. Past practice has been that the Vice Council Chairperson is offered, and has first right of refusal, to serve in the State Promotion Chairperson position during the following Lion’s fiscal year.
7. Other functions as requested by the Council of Governors.

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“State Secretary/Treasurer Selection Process”

State Constitution, Article V, Section 2 States:

The New State council shall elect a State council Secretary-Treasurer, who in the discretion of the State Council, may be other than a State council member, to a one-year term. No Lion may serve as State Council Secretary-Treasurer for more than five (5) consecutive one-year terms. The new State Council may, at its discretion, consult with the outgoing State Council concerning the performance of that Council’s Secretary-Treasurer in considering the election of the Secretary-Treasurer for the new State Council.

1. Any active Lion interested in the position of State Secretary-Treasurer shall submit their name and resume of service to each currently serving Vice District Governors by December 31st (received by December 31).
2. The currently serving Vice District Governors will review these resumes, conduct interviews, and make their selection by the majority of a secret ballot. One Vice District Governor shall act as spokesperson for the group during these interviews.
3. The selection of the State Secretary-Treasurer shall be made at the February State Council Meeting.

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“State Secretary Treasurer’s Duties Covered Under Budgeted Item”

1. State Council Meetings---Covered under budgeted item.
2. Managing State Administrative and Promotion Funds---Covered under budgeted item.
3. USA/Canada Forum, during first year only for training purposes---Covered under budgeted item.
4. Vice District Governor Elects Training Session---If requested by State Leadership Chairperson, Covered under budgeted item.
5. Fall and Mid-Winter District Conventions---Covered under budgeted item.
6. District Governor Elect and Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Training Sessions--- If requested by State Leadership Chairperson, Covered under budgeted item.
7. State Convention---Covered under budgeted item.

Notes:

- a. State Secretary/Treasurer works closely with the Council Chairperson and Council of Governors to formulate the State Council administrative budget.
- b. State Secretary/Treasurer works closely with the Council Chairperson, Council of Governors, and State Promotions Chairperson, to formulate the State Promotions budget.
- c. State Secretary-Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Council Chairperson, prepares the agenda for the State Council Meetings.
- d. State Secretary-Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Promotions Chairperson prepares the agenda for the State Promotions Committee Meeting.
- e. State Secretary-Treasurer prepares financial statements for the State Council Meetings and the State Promotions Committee Meetings.
- f. Above duties and events are covered within the limit of the budgeted amount for State Secretary-Treasurer.

Items/Events not covered under State Secretary/Treasurer’s budgeted item.

1. District Cabinet Installations
2. USA/Canada Forum (After 1st year)
3. VIP Fishing Tournament
4. Liberty Day
5. International Convention

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“State Promotions Chairperson’s Duties Covered Under Budgeted Item”

1. State Council & Promotions Meetings---Covered under budgeted item.
2. Fall & Mid-Winter District Conventions---Covered under budgeted item.
3. State Convention---Covered under budgeted item.
4. International Convention, if duties justify their presence as decided by the current Council of Governors---Covered under budgeted item.

Notes:

- a. Above duties and events are covered within the limit of the budgeted amount for the Promotions Chairperson.
- b. Promotions Chairperson gives report at all State Council Meetings.
- c. Promotions Chairperson promotes attendance at the International Convention at State Council Meetings, Fall and Mid-Winter District Conventions, State Convention, and with articles in the State Newspaper.
- d. State Promotions Chairperson works closely with the Council of Governors and the State Secretary-Treasurer to formulate the State Promotions Budget.

Items/Events not covered under State Promotions Chairperson’s budgeted item.

- a. District Cabinet Installations
- b. VIP Fishing Tournament
- c. Liberty Day
- d. USA/Canada Forum (normally--Decision made by current Council of Governors)

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Free State Pin Promotion Policy

Free State Pins and amount, to promote North Carolina at the International Convention, will be provided as follows:

1. Current District Governors---25 pins each.
2. Sitting Council Chairperson---25 pins.
3. District Governor Elects---50 pins each.
4. Sitting International Executive Officer---100 pins (per year).
5. Past International Executive Officer---25 pins.
6. Sitting International Director---100 pins (per year).
7. Immediate Past International Director (1 year) ---50 pins.
8. Past International Directors---25 pins each.
9. Winning State Pin designer---25 pins.

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“State Council/NCLF Meeting Room Expense Cost Sharing”

Charges incurred, for meeting rooms/space during the State Council and NCLF combined quarterly meetings, will be shared by the State Council and the North Carolina Lions Foundation on an equal (50-50) basis.

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“North Carolina Lions Hall of Fame”

Purpose: Recognize and Honor the State’s most Outstanding Lions

Who Decides: Council of Governors

Nominations: Any District Governor may nominate and submit a resume for one (1) living and one (1) deceased Lion each year. The deadline for (receipt) is January 31st, so that the State Council may decide inductees at its February meeting. Submissions should go to the State Secretary/Treasurer for distribution to the District Governors and Council Chairperson. Submissions should include pertinent information about the nominee including home Lions club, offices held, service activities, honors received, and current status.

Note: The current Lions, who have served as International Directors of Lions Clubs International, feel they have already been honored to a high degree by the Lions of North Carolina. They feel this award is for Lions who have not been so honored, and request that they not be considered for the “North Carolina Lions Hall of Fame” award.

Number Chosen: The State Council will select one (1) living and one (1) deceased Lion per year from the total nominations submitted for induction into the NC Lions Hall of Fame.

Induction: Honorees will be inducted or posthumously announced at the District Governor’s Banquet during the Lion’s State Convention.

Display of Honorees: Each Recipient’s name and year will be shown at Camp Dogwood in an appropriate location. Honorees name and year may be shown on the North Carolina Lion’s web site.

Approved: At “open” State Council Meeting---

NORTH CAROLINA LIONS STATE COUNCIL MEETING
Asheville, North Carolina
February 10, 2007

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State Extension Chairperson Report

Fellow Lions, I'm a here to gonna tell you, we're still on safari; we're still 'a huntin' lions. And 'a we are a doin' a purty good at it! We had a special safari team in District A late last month; we had a Jona Wanda and a Mike 'a Gayda and a Notali, sent in from da big 'a safari office in a Oakbrook, and day helped us form several a prides of a lions in dat a mountain area.

That really means that Lion Larry Gasperson, District A Extension Chair, arranged for the extension team of Lion John Barnett and Lion Wanda Barnett, from Arkansas, Lion Mike Gayda, from Washington State and Natalie Kenny from the Membership and Extension Division of LCI as an observer, to come to District A to hold a three day work shop on forming new lions clubs. With the help of the Governor, the MERL team, PDGs and other lions, District A is in the process of forming four new clubs and has laid the groundwork for a fifth.

Fellow Lions, this work shop works; it generates enthusiasm, builds confidence, introduces recruiting techniques and helps form new clubs.

We now have a workshop scheduled for District H and J jointly in March and we have at least three applications in the hands of District Governors for the possibility of scheduling more work shops before the end of the lions year. If there is a Governor who does not have an application and would like a workshop, please let me know and I will get one to you and we will try to schedule one before the end of the year.

Governors, please don't try to organize a work shop alone; insist on help. Involve your MERL team, especially your extension chair, and your Zone Chairs, your Region Chairs, your PDGs and other interested lions. Tell them we need your help; without your help, we will not succeed; if we do not succeed, we will not exist, and if we do not exist, who will help those who need our help so much?

If I can be of assistance, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Houston Henderson
State Extension Chair

ATTACH I

DIABETES AWARENESS

Wake up, Pre-diabetes, do you have it? 41 millions people in the United States have pre-diabetes. Pre-diabetes is the forerunner of type two diabetes. Many of the people with pre-diabetes will develop diabetes within 10 years. We also have a greater risk of a heart attack or stroke even if type two diabetes does not develop.

Again I suggest if we have pre-diabetes, that we eat 450 calories less of food each day which will help us loss 5 to 7 percent of ur body weight. Exercise will also help us use the available insulin.

By weight loss, exercise, and eating healthy we will be able to reduce our risk by 58 per cent.

If you are over 45years and over weight, you should be tested. Ask for a fasting glucose test. The most important word here is fasting. We need to fast for at least 8 hours prior to your test and it needs to be taken by a competent lab. Any reading much higher 100 mg/dL is consider pre-diabetic.

Thank you.

William Barnes
Chair

Diabetic Adults Fear Blindness More Than Death

Adults with diabetes fear blindness or uncorrectable vision loss more than any other diabetes-related complication including premature death, according to results from a survey commissioned by the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Eli Lilly and Company.

Many diabetes patients feel they have been or would be affected by emotional challenges due to vision loss or blindness as a result of diabetes. At least 40 percent of adults with diabetes in the countries surveyed cited vision loss - including significant problems not correctable with glasses or contact lenses, or blindness as what they feared the most; a substantially smaller proportion (8 to 20 percent) cited premature death as their greatest fear. The survey also found that people with diabetes fear blindness or vision loss at least twice as much as certain other health complications.

The seven-country survey, presented during the International Diabetes Foundation's 19th World Diabetes Congress in December in Cape Town, South Africa, involved telephone interviews with more than 1,450 adults with diabetes from the United States, France, Italy, Germany, South Africa, Spain and the United Kingdom. Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness in working age adults in the United States and a leading cause of blindness worldwide. Millions of adults with diabetes have diabetic retinopathy, a condition of the eyes that can lead to blindness. Only half of adults with diabetes in the countries surveyed were aware that blindness is a potential complication of diabetes. Adults with diabetes also associated vision loss with emotional issues including feelings of frustration, loss of independence, depression, loss of self-confidence and a strained relationship with a spouse or partner.

"I believe adults with diabetes fear vision loss and its potential effect on their emotional well being, independence and overall quality of life," said LCIF Chairperson Ashok Mehta. "Given the devastating effects of vision loss, we must continue to raise awareness of preventive measures people with diabetes can take to delay or prevent this serious disease complication, such as seeking annual dilated eye exams."

Knowledge of diabetes complications, including poor circulation, kidney damage, vision loss, blindness, heart attack, sores and premature death, varied. Some survey participants were highly knowledgeable about diabetes complications, while others were only partially informed.

Additionally, many but not all people with diabetes were aware that blindness is a complication of diabetes. Survey participants also cited poor circulation in their hands and feet, significant vision loss or blindness as complications associated with diabetes.

Among survey participants who are not blind, more than 80 percent acknowledge that it is important to have regular dilated eye exams to check for diabetic eye disease and a large majority also gets dilated eye exams at least once a year.

"We are encouraged that people with diabetes are willing to take proactive measures to preserve their vision. Our goal moving forward is to ensure that as many people with diabetes as possible take these steps to preserve their vision," said Dr. Donald Fong, an assistant clinical professor of ophthalmology at the UCLA School of Medicine who collaborated on the survey.

According to the American Diabetes Association, more than 20 million people in the United States, or seven percent of the population, have diabetes. While an estimated 14.6 million have been diagnosed, another 6.2 million people remain undiagnosed and have an increased risk of developing diabetes-related complications.

More than \$22 billion is spent annually on care and services for people who suffer from vision loss. People with diabetes are 25 times more likely to suffer from vision loss than the rest of the population, and the longer a person has diabetes, the greater the risk for retinopathy. With early detection and timely treatment, most vision loss can be avoided. It is this group of people that Lions need to reach with sight-saving information through the Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP).

Lions developed the program to promote awareness of eye health and educate people who are at risk for eye disease. The program was designed to increase early detection and timely treatment of glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy. Through LEHP, Lions clubs, community organizations and individuals are able to promote healthy vision in the United States. To increase public awareness, Lions can distribute eye health information, sponsor informational seminars and conduct eye screening to encourage annual dilated eye exams. The program is made possible through grants from LCIF, Eli Lilly and Company, and Allergan. To order publications and publicity materials, e-mail lehp@lionsclubs.org or visit www.lehp.org.

North Carolina Lions
Information Technology Committee

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To: State Council

From: Michael H. Schwartz
Chairperson, Information Technology Committee

Re: Quarterly Report

Date: 10 February 2007

The Information Technology Committee continues the process of reviewing district and subordinate club Web sites for outdated information. We are compiling a list of Web sites that need to be updated, corrected or dismantled. The hope is to create an Internet directory of clubs, organizations and individuals who have developed Lion Web sites.

The Information Technology Committee has discovered that the state North Carolina Lions Web site has been adjusted. Logos have been removed, but information has been updated. It is hoped to have the site dismantled once the new state site is open.

The Information Technology Committee continues to work with the Public Information & Education Committee on the development of a new state Web site. We still have not had the opportunity to meet with the company that will be developing the new site. It is hoped that a new site will be open and running before the state convention.

The Information Technology Committee has started working on a proposed policy change or amendment to the state by-laws that covers Web site ownership, editorial control and maintenance. Copies of the proposal have been distributed to each district governor.

Our thanks to the North Carolina Lions Foundation and its webmaster, PDG Bennie Pugh, for placing the state convention registration form on the Foundation Web site.

Past International Director Sid Scruggs has a new Web site. It can be viewed at www.sidscruggs.com. District webmasters are asked to change the hyperlink to reflect the new site. A new Web site for the North Carolina Lions VIP Fishing Tournament is in development and should be ready for viewing in April 2007. Once active, the committee will be asking district webmasters to add a hyperlink on their sites to direct visitors to the new site.

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The North Carolina Lions Constitution & Bylaws

Web Site Administration & Policies

Proposed

Using the World Wide Web is strongly encouraged in that it provides the Lions of North Carolina with a powerful tool to convey information quickly and efficiently on a broad range of topics relating to its activities, objectives, policies and programs.

Section 1: Each Web site shall have a clearly defined purpose that supports the mission of the International Association of Lions Clubs, the Lions of North Carolina and its respective districts and local subordinate clubs. The district governor, club president, or his/her designee in accordance with official policies, shall approve the defined purpose and general content of the Web site.

- (a) Use of the name, goodwill, emblem and other logos of the association shall be according to the guidelines established in the by-laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs.
- (b) The Web site must abide by all laws regarding copyrights, trademarks, and other intellectual property.
- (c) Non-copyrighted material, text, clip art, hypertext links, images and sound or video clips may be used only if they directly relate to the association's mission.
- (d) The Web site shall not contain any advertisements or commercial endorsements, except those for which the association, state, district or club have approved and are deemed appropriate.
- (e) The Web site shall not engage in the electronic sale of merchandise, merchandise commissioned by the association, or competing products, without the approval of the association, state, district or subordinate clubs.
- (f) The Web site shall not contain any links direct to any sites that contain material that is not appropriate to the mission of the association.

Section 2: For the purpose of preventing duplication on the Web, a Web site shall normally be limited only to information for which the establishing organization is responsible.

Section 3: Consistent with other leadership responsibilities for public and internal communication, the decision whether or not to establish a Web site, and to publish appropriate information that supports the mission of the International Association of Lions Clubs, the Lions of North Carolina and its respective districts and local subordinate clubs, falls to the district governor, club president, or his/her designee.

- (a) No individual member may own the rights to a Web site.
- (b) Passwords or other identifying user names shall be maintained by the organization, its respective districts or local subordinate club.
- (c) The Web site should include an email contact address for reaching the person managing the site, so visitors can report any problems or concerns.

Section 4: Editorial control of a Web site's contents shall be the responsibility of the organization.

- (a) The contents of a Web site must be periodically updated and maintained.
- (b) A Web site that no longer provides accurate information about the organization, its leadership, programs or services, shall be discontinued and removed from the World Wide Web within a reasonable period of time.

Saturday, February 10, 2007

I am pleased to report your multiple MERL Team attended six out of the seven district conventions where we had the opportunity to conduct and/or participate in meetings on membership development with Lions from your districts. We found evidence that there are Lions in every district who are truly interested in growing membership. I trust you will continue to emphasize this interest and assist those who are leading the way. Please do not let their efforts go unnoticed.

You can do this by holding district MERL Team meetings, setting goals on zone, region and district membership, getting booklets properly distributed to key people. Remember, it is never too late to get new members.

Leadership Development

You should be in the early stages of planning leadership workshops for officers and cabinet members for the next Lions year. Since your zone chairmen are being asked to do more and more, special emphasis should be placed on the selection and training of your zone chairman. A very good training resource is available from LCI to assist with this training. The better trained your zone chairman becomes, the more valuable he/she becomes to you.

DGE Training

Our third and final training session has been scheduled for February 23, 24, 25, 2007 at Camp Dogwood. A session has also been scheduled for cabinet secretaries and treasurers during the same time. After my first meeting with this shy and timid group last May, I am now quite impressed with their knowledge, dedication and leadership skills necessary to be a good district governor. They will serve your district well.

Would you please send to me (bobshook@charter.net) the name and address of your vice district governor for 2007-2008? We need to get this list to communicate with them for the May training session.

Historian Committee Report
To the Council of Governors
By Diane Whitley, Chairman
Asheville, NC
February 10, 2007

The brochures that you approved last May are finally ready for mailing. There is a short turn around time before a response is requested. Please encourage your clubs to send us their histories including pictures of club activities. We don't mind having an excess of pictures from which to choose.

If clubs in your District aren't sure if they have submitted an article, have them send another. The committee will blend the two if we already have one. Encourage them to read the sample article on the front page of the brochure for suggestions.

The second page of the brochure has some general information and a form to be completed and sent along with the club histories. There is one mistake. If your article is longer than **250 words**, not 500 (unless your club is one of the first ten chartered), there is a ten cent (\$.10) per word charge.

This same form can also be used to order the NC Lions History Book. We need to know how many people are interested in obtaining "**Heritage 2007**" – this treasure featuring grass-root Lions and their stories about how they have impacted their communities. We will only print a limited number of these collectible books.

The North Carolina Lions Heritage 2007 General Information and Order Form



...and departing leave behind us, footprints in the sands of time."

The Palm of Life by Henry Woodson Longfellow

You are important to the North Carolina Lions History Book Committee. We cordially invite you to participate in the publication of this book as we tell the story and importance of the local Lions Club.

- I. Who is eligible to participate?**
- A. Current Lions
 - B. Former Lions
 - C. Those with Lions' Knowledge or roots.
 - D. Spouses of Lions
- How much may I submit?**
- A. Each Lions Club is encouraged to send **250 words** of their clubs' history and pictures.
 - B. These amounts will be published at no charge.
 - C. In addition, if your club was one of the first 10 clubs chartered, you may submit up to 500 words.
 - D. Abbreviations/numbers above five letters equal two words and punctuation does not affect this.

- What will I write?**
- A. About your club.
 - 1. When the club was organized and chartered.
 - 2. Names and dates of club members who served as District Governor or an International Officer.
 - B. About unusual club projects, numerous stories, about fund raising projects, about how your club has impacted your community.
 - C. Anything you can tell future generations of their Lions' ancestry.

- IV. Article directions.**
- A. Type or use word processing and save to a compact disc in a text-only format or Word format (Not Word Perfect). Print on white bond paper and include a hard copy with the disc. We cannot accept articles which are typed in ALL CAPS. Upper and lower caps must be used!
 - B. Include an end of article
 - 1. Word count.
 - 2. Sources if available.
 - 3. Name, address and phone number of story submitter.
 - 4. Photo Caption (see V.C.).

- V. Photograph directions.**
- Note: Do not submit original irreplaceable photos! We make every effort to return them, but cannot be responsible for loss or damage!

- A. Type and size**
- 1. Glossy photos are best. Laser copies do not reproduce well.
 - 2. Digital photos are acceptable if the resolution is high.
 - 3. **Not acceptable:** Computer scans, etc., Xerox copies, negative or faded Polaroid prints.
 - 4. Any size up to 8" X 10"
 - 5. Photos may be reduced with standard cropping for larger sizes.

- B. Identification**
- 1. Place a return address label with telephone number on the back or (not as desirable) print this information lightly with soft lead pencil on back of photo.
 - 2. include stamped, self-addressed envelope if you want it returned.
 - 3. Do not write on the back of the picture with a ballpoint pen.
- C. Captions**
- 1. Limited to 25 words or less.
 - 2. Type at end of article.

- VI. Additional articles.**
- A. Histories of clubs, organizations.
 - 1. Each allowed 250 words and one photograph free.
 - 2. Additional words and photographs as in section 1.D.
 - B. Communities and major topics allowed
 - C. Tributes, memorials and business history section.
 - 1. Contact committee for details.

- VII. Writing assistance.**
- A. Contact committee members.
 - B. Sample story is in brochure.
 - C. Tribute, memorials and business history section.
 - 1. Contact committee for details.

- VIII. Restrictions.**
- A. Articles cannot harm or embarrass another individual or club.
 - B. Must have permission to reprint the photographs.

Order Form / Additional Story Fees Form • Deadline: February 28, 2007

PLEASE RESERVE THE BOOK FOR:			
I will Pick Up	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copyright of the NC Lions History Book can be picked up at NC Lions Foundation Headquarters (includes tax).	Name _____
Mailed to Address at Right	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copyright of the NC Lions History Book is shipped to the address at right (includes \$ postage & handling)	11PS Address _____ (M1713 9465.PC.061)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	My story is over the 250 FREE WORD limit. There is a fee for additional words _____ \$75.	City _____
	<input type="checkbox"/>	In addition to my free picture, I want _____ photos printed for \$12.50 each _____ \$75.	State, Z.P. _____
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED		SEND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO: NC LIONS HISTORY BOOK DAWNE WHITLEY 712 Heatherwood Drive MONROE, NC 28112	
		Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of your pictures.	

NC Lions Liberty Day Committee
Report - February 9, 2007
Jim Edmunds, PDG – Chair

Liberty Day Celebration will be held on Friday, March 30 from 10 am - 11:30 am at the Northeastern High School in Elizabeth City, NC. A reception sponsored by the Elizabeth City, Elizabeth City River City and Weeksville Lions Clubs will follow the program. The event will be held in the gym at the school, and will be attended by all Northeastern High School juniors.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Express for Thursday evening March 29. The hotel is located less than 10 minutes from the school. The room rate is \$75.00 plus tax if reserved by March 13. Please ask for the "NC Lions Liberty Day" room block. The phone number for the Holiday Inn Express is 252.338.5120.

The featured speaker will be Lt. Jody Popp, US Coast Guard pilot. Mrs. North Carolina, Kylie Odom, has also been invited to speak. The Northeastern High School Air Force Jr. ROTC will post the colors.

The Liberty Day Committee will meet on February 10, and a draft program will be discussed. Preliminary reports from committee members indicate an increased number of Liberty Day events planned throughout the districts. We are striving to meet our goal of 50 clubs participating in Liberty Day events this year.

Council members are encouraged to join us in District 31 J for the Statewide Liberty Day program.

Paul Smith
State Leo Chairperson
100 Sherry Road
Stanley, NC 28164

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

To: District Chairs

Subject: State Leo Convention

The Leo State Convention will be held at Camp Dogwood on Lake Norman on March 30 and March 31: we will have breakfast for those who want it, Sunday morning, April 1.

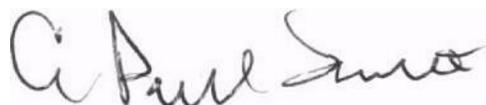
All forms can be reproduced as they are needed. Please contact the club(s) in your District with this information and encourage them to be involved. Many Lions Clubs can and will be happy to support each young person with money to come to the convention. I do request that each Leo pay some of their own way because they will have some reason to come to the Convention instead of something else that may come up. Their parent(s)/guardian will see to their attending because they will have (the student or parent(s)/guardian) some money involved.

Camp dogwood has supplied me with a form for each Leo attending the Convention. The rooms are limited so please get the orders in early. Hopefully each person will be placed. The room cost will be 1/2 of the \$25.00 per night since two persons will share a room. (For your information each person will have a separate bed.) Each young person will pay only for meals they plan on attending.

The most important Office for the Coming year is the office of the President of Leos in the State for the coming year (2007/2008). According to the rules for the office of President, a notification of intent must be in hand 30 days before the convention. This means whoever will be running for this office must have a letter from their Leo club and one from the sponsoring Lions Club by the end of February (28th). Also the person must have been a club president for the better part of one year (this means 6 months and 1 day). This office is not open to a graduating senior.

A time schedule is also included with this mailing.

In the Fellowship of Lionism and Leos,



Paul Smith

Attachment "O"

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

PDG Gene Everette, State Membership Chair

Do you remember in the early 60's when a young President of the United States challenged all Americans, when he stated: "Ask Not What Your Country Can Do For You, Ask What YOU Can Do For Your Country"? Well, fellow LIONS, the time has come... "Ask Not What Lionism Can Do For You, Ask What YOU Can Do For Lionism".

As all of you are well aware, Membership in ALL Service Organizations appear to be going down and at the same time statistics show that more individuals are volunteering their services in their respective communities than ever before. The population that is referred to as the "Baby Boomers" account for better than 60% of the total volunteers...this group which was born between 1946-1964 total more than 78 million in the United States. This group "Wanted to Change the World" and they have made great strides in doing so; therefore, with their initiative, we as Lions should seize the opportunity to extend an invitation to them and explain to them what they can do for humanity through Lionism Worldwide.

One critical area to Lions Membership that I have noticed being neglected as I have traveled around the State is our local Club Membership Committee...in most cases they are not active at all. Therefore, if our own Club Members are not motivated to seek new members, whose going to bring in new members. This Membership Committee which is composed of three Lions should be the Clubs KEY to Membership. As we all know, Membership is the Lifeline of Lionism!

I encourage each club to sponsor a special "Prospective Member Night" and have your members extend an invitation to individuals within your own community...this could be held during one of your regular meetings and you could invite your District Membership Chair or MERL Team Chairs to attend and give a brief program on Lionism. WE MUST "Get Out of the Box" and recruit new members and past Lions that have fallen aside. Remember WHY YOU joined the Lions.... "Service to Humanity is the Best Work of Life".

Multiple District 31 -- Current Statistics as of December 2006

New Members: 475 - Drop Members: 596 - Status: -121

Total Membership in North Carolina's 9-Districts: Total: 9,112

Looking at the Positive Side of the Picture

A+43 - B+32 - C+26 - D+52 - E+50 - F+167 - G+36 - H+36 - J+33

Question DO WE have a RECRUITING Problem? NO! RETENTION Problem? YES

Attachment "P"

Past International Directors Sid Scruggs, Lacy Presnell, Howard Stallings.
State Council Chairman Martha Butler and
State Secretary/Treasurer George Ohm

District Governors

District F is out of transition. They elected Lion Tommy Brooks from the Laurinburg Lions Club as District Governor for the year 2007-2008 and for Vice District Governor Lion David R. Martin from the Sanford Lions Club.

Districts A and G are able to elect their District Governors this year.

District A has elected Lion Paulette Gasperson from the Pisgah Forest Lions Club for District Governor-elect for 2007-2008, and elected Lion Mike Covell of the Hendersonville Lions Club as Vice District Governor for 2007-2008.

District G has elected Lion Wayne McGohan from the Oxford Lions Club as District Governor-elect for 2007-2008 and Lion Jerry Lion Jerry Day of the Raleigh Host Lions Club for Vice District Governor.

Districts that are transitional districts are not allowed to elect their District Governor, District B has had their convention and has submitted Lion James F (Jimmy) Foster from the North Wilkesboro Lions Club for District Governor 2007-2008 and Lion Gerald E. Mertz from the South Iredell Lions Club was elected to Vice District Governor.

District C has had their convention and has submitted Lion John T. James from the Gastonia Evening Lions Club for District Governor-elect. No Vice District Governor at this time.

District D has submitted Lion B.B. "Butch" Oliver from the Asheboro Lions Club for District Governor-elect. No Vice District Governor at this time.

District E has submitted Lion Sydney Eudy from the Harrisburg Lions Club for District Governor-elect. They have elected Lion H. Gordon McAdams from the Fair Grove Lions Club as Vice District Governor for 2007-2008.

District H has submitted Lion George E. Fisher from the New Bern Lions Club for District Governor-elect and will elect Lion Carlton Weeks from the Mt. Olive Lions Club as Vice District Governor.

District J has submitted Lion Herman "Bud" Miller from the Rocky Hock Lions Club for District Governor. They have elected Lion Alex Thannikkary from the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club as Vice District Governor for 2007-2008.

PDG Allen Deaton
State Nominations Chairman

Past International Directors Sid Scruggs, Lacy Presnell, Howard Stallings.
State Council Chairman Martha Butler and
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District Governors

The Council of Governors passed a resolution to endorse Past International Director Sid Scruggs III for the high office of 2nd Vice President of Lions Clubs International for 2007-2008.

The motion passed unanimously.

PDG Allen Deaton
State Nominations Committee

Attachment "Q"

Dear Lion Martha, Lion George,
District Governors,
and fellow Youth Exchange Supporters:

I am so very pleased to announce that as of today, I have eight Students accepted by YE camps ALL OVER THE WORLD! Hopefully, all eight will complete the process and be on their way to a most memorable Lions International sponsored experience.

As of today, I have accepted 10 students into our "Creatures of the Seas" Camp. I am in the process of securing a house at Kure Beach for the week of July 14-21. From there, I hope to visit our State Aquarium, Southport, Wilmington and hopefully the Boys and Girls Home. We will also plan to visit as many area clubs as possible. If this is your "Neck of the woods," PLEASE contact me to arrange a visit. We will be at the northern beaches July 10-14. Our complete travel schedule will be posted on our YE website soon.

I am hoping to post a Thank You letter and photos from Emily Butler. She is the young lady that spent her Christmas break at the YE camp in New Zealand. She had a wonderful trip!

Our website continues to be a great source of information for all involved in the YE process. Please add a link to your district news.

I would like to thank the District Governors for choosing a most helpful and enthusiastic group of YE District Chairs.

There is still a need for Host Families; the home stay is only 10 days this year. I promise a memorable experience should you choose to participate.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,
Lion Karen Littlefield

LCIF/Campaign SightFirst II
Report to MD 31 Council of Governors
Asheville, NC
February 10, 2007

Since my report to you last November, we have been able to secure commitments from Lions to serve as District Coordinators for 31 A, 31C, and 3 ID. We are still in need of more Group Coordinators in these districts who are willing to assist us with presenting the Campaign SightFirst II program at the club level.

I reported to you last time that I would be attending a SightFirst leadership meeting in Oakbrook during the month of December. The purpose of the meeting was to brainstorm about where we are as we reach the halfway point of the Campaign. Many ideas were shared and actions have been taken to supply us with more resources.

We shared at the meeting that one of the complaints we hear from Lions here in the United States is that most of the money from SightFirst goes out of the US. That perception has not been helped by the media we are using to promote the campaign as it portrays mostly non-US individuals receiving help. We requested more USA specific documents to promote the campaign. These have been delivered as of this week. Now on the lionsclubs.org web site under CSF II home page is a link to USA Resources. By clicking there you can access the following:

USA Brochure
USA Pocket Guide"
USA Tips for Success
District Event Tip sheets
CSF II Cookbook of fund raising ideas
Gallery of CSF II images
Sample Tracking charts
SightFirst II success stories.

All these things were in response to our specific requests for help. I have not had the opportunity to review all these materials yet, but they will no doubt be helpful in our presentations of the world's largest and most effective humanitarian campaign ever conducted.

Another thing that was suggested at our meeting was to have a "halftime" meeting in our sectors to see how we are doing and how we are going to be able to complete our goals this year and next. Several multiples have already held their meetings and they have been fruitful.

Our "halftime" meeting here in North Carolina is going to take place on Saturday, March 3, 2007, at the Governor Morehead School in Raleigh from 10:00am until 3:00pm. Lodging for those who choose to come early and spend Friday night will be provided at the Velvet cloak Inn nearby. The lodging expense will be covered by LC1. An e-mail invitation will be sent out this coming week to **all District Coordinators, District Governors, and Vice District Governors.** The meeting will be jointly conducted by PCC Bill Filmore from Alabama, who is our SightFirst National/Multinational Coordinator for the Southeast, as well as me.

We will also be joined by Lion Rachel Beard who is our marketing expert from LCI. This is an extremely important event and I hope you will attend.

I appreciate the opportunities given to me this year to present programs at your Mid-winter and Fall Conventions. I was invited to 31A, 3 IE, 31GHJ. I was also invited to 31C but was unable to attend due to a conflict.

Here is where we stand as of February 8, 2007 in goals reported:

North Carolina	\$145,880
South Carolina	\$255,055
Florida	\$207,245
Puerto Rico	\$470,000
Georgia	\$156,195
Alabama	\$166,950

You will notice that we are last in goals reported. The main reason is we have only gotten reports from 6 of our 9 districts. It means our Coordinators are not reporting and our clubs do not know to send in Form RC-1. That concerns me and I need your help to change it (refer to the first paragraph of this report).

Our next big reporting date is coming up this month. On **February 26, 2007**, we will be having a worldwide report date where we will report known funds raised and updated goals. What that means is that each Group Coordinator makes five or six phone calls to the clubs he or she covers and reports the results to his or her District Coordinator. The reports are then given to me and I relay them to International. A very simple and efficient process, but it starts with the Group Coordinators at the club level. Do you see now why we need good Group Coordinators? They are basically just like your Zone Chairs. Imagine not having Zone Chairs.

Time is running short for us in this campaign. As of February 8, 2007, \$69,024,580 had been raised worldwide. That is about a third of our goal.

Thank you for your assistance. We cannot accomplish this goal without your support.

PCC Harvey Whitley
Sector Coordinator. CSF II