

**Lions Clubs International
MD-31 North Carolina Lions
2008-2009 Council of Governors**

Friday, May 1, 2009

Hilton North Raleigh, Raleigh, NC

Council Chair Gary P. Greene called the fourth and final meeting of the 2008-2009 North Carolina State Council of Governors to order at 1:05 PM.

District Governor Mike Covell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and District Governor Paul Gilgo gave the Invocation.

CC Greene welcomed all to the Fourth State Council Meeting of the 2008-2009 Lionistic year.

The Council Members present were:

DG Mike Covell	31-A	DG Jerry Day	31-G
DG Jerry Mertz	31-B	DG Carlton Weeks	31-H
DG Paul Gilgo	31-D	DG Alex Thannikkary	31-J
DG Gordon McAdams	31-E	PDG Gary P. Greene, Council Chair	
DG Dave Martin	31-F	PDG Ron Kelly, Secretary-Treasurer	

Governor Gilgo moved to approve the Agenda of today's meeting; seconded by Governor Martin. The Motion passed.

(See Attachment A)

PCC

Harvey Whitley was appointed Parliamentarian.

Governor Martin moved to accept the Minutes of the February 14th State Council Meeting as distributed to all District Governors by e-mail and as posted on the web site; seconded by Governor Gilgo. The Motion passed.

SS/T Kelly presented the Financial Report dated May 1, 2009. He stated that the ledger and bank accounts have been reconciled and that all bills have been paid. He called their attention to Line Item 110, State Dues, and noted that the total amount paid in, \$30,632, approximated the amount budgeted of \$30,940. Also referenced was, Line Item 160, Youth Exchange. This line represents a voluntary contribution from the Districts of \$500 each to defray costs associated with the program. Year to date, Districts A, B, E, G & H have contributed a total of \$2,500. With reference to the Money Market account, it was noted that the balance, as of May 1st is \$43,746.50.

Governor Martin moved to accept the Financial Report; seconded by Governor Mertz. The Motion passed.

(See Attachment B)

CC Greene announced that he had tickets for the Southeast Breakfast that will be held during the International Convention at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The price is \$25.00. The Lions of Alabama will be the hosts of this breakfast.

CC Greene invited two members of the MERL Team to make their presentations.

Global Membership Team: Chair PCC Martha Butler advised the Governors that she continues to receive monthly reports from PID Roy Barnett and continues to send him reports of our activities in North Carolina. She noted that

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she continues to receive names of prospective members which she forwards to the appropriate District Governor.

(See Attachment C)

Retention/Orientation: Chair Harvey Whitley stated that he is firmly convinced that retention is the key to maintaining and growing membership. He noted that as of April 1, 2009, we have 8,680 Lions in North Carolina. That reflects a net loss of 189 since our Lions year began July 1, 2008: we gained 655 new members, reinstated 32 members, gained 43 transfers, and dropped 919 members.

(See Attachment D)

New Business: CC Greene noted that Lion Bob Shook has completed his three year term as Leadership Development Chair and the incoming council has appointed PDG Ron Staley to that position. As lion Ron will begin the training of the 2010-2011 Governors on May 8th the current council needs to approve this appointment.

Governor Weeks moved that PDG Ron Staley be appointed as the new Leadership Development Committee Chairperson; seconded by Governor McAdams. The Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Historian: Chair PPC Diane Whitley reported that the History Committee continues to collect, compile, copy and forward material to the editor. With regard to pictures needed for posting in the Stickley Building, three sitting District Governors have yet to submit their photos. All District Governor-Elects have submitted their pictures.

(See Attachment E)

Celebrate Liberty: Chair Harriett Edmunds submitted a detailed report outlining Celebrate Liberty activities in each of the eight Districts. The highlight of her report was the reprinting of the Liberty Booklets which contain the US Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. With the help of PDG Ron Staley, Wachovia Bank printed 10,000 booklets. Wachovia declined to bill us for their printing, materials and labor. An additional 10,000 booklets were printed by the Masonic Home Print Shop in Charlotte at a cost below what had been approved by the Council at the last meeting.

(See Attachment F)

Constitution & By-Laws: Chair PCC Dave Butler reported that the proposed Constitution & By-Laws changes accepted by the State Council at the February meeting were printed in their entirety in the Lions State Newspaper which met or exceeded the 30 day period required before presenting the proposed changes to the certified delegates at the State Convention for their consideration. He also presented to the Council of Governors the proposed changes to the Policy & Procedures Manual. The title of this proposed change is entitled; "State Committee Chairperson District Reimbursement Policy."

Lion Butler noted that this proposed new policy was covered and discussed at the February 14, 2009 State Council Meeting. He then read the proposed new policy in its entirety. **Governor Gilgo made a motion to accept this new policy as presented; seconded by Governor Martin. The Motion passed.**

(See Attachment G)

NC Lions NCDEM Partnership: Co-Committee Chair Ron Kelly advised the Council that the LCI Board of Directors, at their March, 2009 meeting, approved the establishment of ALERT chairpersons at the district and multiple district levels, effective immediately. The co-chairs of the statewide partnership have recommended to the District Governor-Elects that the functions of the NC Lions/NCDEM Partnership be absorbed into this new committee and that PDG Dale Dupree become its Chair. After a brief discussion, it was decided that a vote on this proposal will take place at the first meeting of the new State Council in August, 2009.

Leo Committee: Chair Terry Cauble reported that District 31-G has a charter pending for a new LEO Club with Charter night scheduled for May 19th. He also reported that the Pinecrest Leo Club, working closely with their sponsoring Club, the Pinehurst Lions Club have participated in a 5K walk, the Cancer Society Relay for Life, and the local Octoberfest. District 31-E has been very active in organizing new Leo Clubs in two Gaston County private schools with the help of Lion Mike Schwartz.

(See Attachment H)

Extension Committee: Chair Larry Gasperson read a report of extension activity in each of the sub-districts. He then went on to relate the results of the several LCI Workshops that have taken place in Multiple District 31. He noted that the statewide Extension Committee held a training session for the 2009-2010 District MERL Chairpersons on April 4th & 5th at Camp Dogwood. All District Governor-Elects attended this meeting and worked closely with their MERL Chairs to set goals for the coming year.

(See Attachment I)

Nominations Committee: In the absence of Chair Carlton Metts, CC Greene stated that the report submitted by the Chair was available for everyone and would be incorporated into the minutes.

(See Attachment J)

A motion was made by Governor Weeks to approve the Committee Reports; Seconded by Governor McAdams. The Motion passed.

Before the meeting was adjourned DG Dave Martin, speaking for all his fellow District Governors, recognized CC Gary Greene for all the assistance he has given them this past year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 PM

Respectively submitted,

Ron Kelly

PDG Ron Kelly, MD-31 Secretary-Treasurer

**NC Lions MD-31 State Council Meeting
Meeting Agenda**

1:00-2:50 p.m. Friday, May 1, 2009, North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC

Call To Order	Council Chair Gary Greene
Pledge of Allegiance	District Governor Mike Covell
Invocation	District Governor Gordon McAdams
Welcome to all Lions and guests	CC Gary Greene
Approval of Agenda	CC Gary Greene
Recognition of Past International Directors	CC Gary Greene
Reading of Communications	State Secretary Treasurer Ron Kelly
Appointment of Parliamentarian	CC Gary Greene
Reading of February Council minutes	SST Ron Kelly
Financial Report	SST Ron Kelly
International Convention SE Breakfast	CC Gary Greene
MERL Team updates/goals	
• Membership	Chair Gene Everett
• Extension	Chair Larry Gasperson
• Retention	Chair Harvey Whitley
• Leadership	Chair Bob Shook
• Global Membership Team	Chair Martha Butler
New Business	
• Appointment of Leadership Development Chair	
Reports of Statewide Committee Chairs	
• Diabetes	Chair Sharon Batkoski
• Lions Partnership with NC Emer. Man.	Co-Chairs Paul Bledsoe/Ron Kelly
• LCIF/SightFirst	Chair I. Frank Brooks Jr.
• Constitution and Bylaws	Chair Dave Butler
• Leo	Chair Terry Cauble
• Women's Leadership	Chair Janet Doub
• Liberty	Chair Harriett Edmunds
• Boys and Girls Homes	Chair Brad Logsdon
• Nominating	Chair Carlton Metts
• Campus Clubs	Chair Penny Rummel
• Information Technology	Chair Mike Schwartz
• Research/Long Range Planning	Chair Bob Shook
• Lions Quest	Chair Morris Van Vleet
• Youth Exchange	Chair Rhett White
• Historian	Chair Diane Whitley
Comments from audience	
District Governor Comments	
Adjournment	

**North Carolina Lions State Council
2008-09 Council Financial Statement**

INCOME:	2008-09 Budget	05/01/09 Actual	Difference	Line Item
BAL FWD	250.00	15,250.01		100
State Dues (.Est 8840 X \$3.50 for 08-09)	30,940.00	30,632.00	308.00	110
Interest Received (Currently 1%)	1,100.00	7.85	1,092.15	120
District Cabinet Secretary- Treasurer Bonds	417.50	417.52	-0.02	130
State Convention Tail Twister's ticket sales and auction	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	140
State Convention Income *	4,000.00	14,890.62	-10,890.62	150
Youth Exchange * (\$500 per District)	4,000.00	2,500.00	1,500.00	160
Liberty Day *	1,000.00	839.48	160.52	165
LCIF Grant - UNC - Eye Clinic	0.00	63,415.00	-63,415.00	170
Misc. Income not Budgeted	0.00	1,403.47	-1,403.47	190
Total Income	43,957.50	114,105.94	-70,148.44	
EXPENSES:				
Financial Audit	500.00	400.00	100.00	200
Treasurer's Bond	520.50	520.50	0.00	210
Clerical Services - NCLF	600.00	900.00	-300.00	220
Office Supplies (Secretary / Treasurer)	250.00	405.03	-155.03	230
Printing (NCLF and Secretary / Treasurer)	450.00	295.12	154.88	240
Postage (NCLF, Secretary / Treasurer, and C.C)	350.00	204.55	145.45	250
Telephone (Secretary / Treasurer)	50.00	0.00	50.00	260
Awards, Plaques and Gifts	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	270
State Council Meetings	2,000.00	1,168.66	831.34	280
Expenses - State Secretary / Treasurer	3,000.00	1,422.38	1,577.62	290
Council Chair - Statewide Expenses	6,000.00	3,841.31	2,158.69	300
State Convention - cash advance *	4,000.00	13,000.00	-9,000.00	310
Membership committee	1,000.00	250.13	749.87	320
Extension Committee	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	330
District Extension Workshops - Council Matching Funds	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	335
Retention Committee	1,000.00	64.00	936.00	340
Leadership Committee	4,000.00	4,820.56	-820.56	350
State Council Committee Expenses	8,000.00	4,197.72	3,802.28	360
Liberty Day *	1,500.00	1,456.17	43.83	380
Leo Clubs Expenses	500.00	422.84	77.16	390
Youth Exchange *	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	400
Information Technology/ Public Relations	300.00	0.00	300.00	410
LCIF Grant for UNC - Eye Clinic	0.00	63,415.00	-63,415.00	420
Peace Poster Bond	250.00	48.04	201.96	425
VDG Clothing Allowance	1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00	430
DG & VDG Jacket Crests	360.00	24.35	335.65	435
Misc Expenses not budgeted	27.00	1,757.25	-1,730.25	440
Total Expenses	43,957.50	98,613.61	-54,656.11	
Income Less Expenses	0.00	15,492.33	-15,492.33	

(* See Money Market Account Allocation - restricted funds)

*Line 440 - NCDEM Committee Seminar Expenses - (Long range Pl. Survey \$136.76 and NCDEM Seminar \$751.74)
Faison presentation 2/22/09 - \$60.67

*Line 190 - from LCI - leadership development (\$539.37 greet. Card & LCI Leadership \$864.00) = \$1,403.47

**Global Membership Team
Council Meeting Report
May 1, 2009
By: Martha Butler, PCC
MD Chairperson**

District Governor Mike when you nominated me to serve as Chairperson of this committee, and the council voted to approve your nomination; I was not sure what I was getting into. It took longer than I hoped to understand just how this committee operates, but thanks to PID Mike Butler I now have a better understanding of how we can improve our membership through the Global Membership Team. The MERL Team can or will report their activities to you but I can report that each MD MERL Team Chairperson has worked hard to assist your District MERL Team's in meeting the goals set by you. It has been a pleasure to work with you and this year's MD MERL Team as well as members of your district MERL Teams.

I continue to receive monthly reports from PID Roy Barnette and continue to send him reports of our activities in North Carolina. I also continue to receive Emails with the names of perspective members that I send to the appropriate Governors.

In the essence of time, I will give a more complete report at the General Membership meeting, but I will gladly answer any questions that you have.

It has been a pleasure to work with you Council Chairperson Gary, Secretary Treasurer Ron and each of you, Governors during this lion's year. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve the lions of North Carolina in this important position.

Report to the MD 31 Council of Governors
Retention/Orientation Committee
May 2009 State Convention Raleigh, NC
PCC Harvey F. Whitley, State Retention/Orientation Chair

As of April 1, 2009, we have 8,680 Lions in North Carolina. That reflects a net loss of 189 members since our Lions year began July 1, 2008. Since the beginning of our Lions year, we have gained 655 new members, reinstated 32 members, gained 43 transfers, and dropped 919 members.

A net loss of 189 members does not sound too bad until you realize we recruited 655 new members but dropped 919. That is significant. Yes, we have lost a lot of our members to death, but that does not nearly account for the 919 drops.

To date, only two of our districts, G (+17) and H (+18), have positive gains for the year. However, to temper that a little, a total of 174 members were dropped in those two districts as well.

The MERL Team held a training session at Camp Dogwood on April 4th and 5th. During the Retention portion of the training, emphasis was placed upon getting more clubs to make retention a priority. The District Retention Chairs were challenged to do the following:

1. Work with their DG and DGE to set attainable, measurable, realistic and time-framed retention goals for the district.
2. Work towards getting a retention chairperson appointed for each club.
3. Conduct an annual workshop to train the club retention chairs.
4. Conduct frequent orientation sessions for new members.
5. Establish a communications loop and communicate regularly with the club retention chairs to answer questions and concerns.
6. Provide suggestions to the club retention chairs.
7. Report progress to the MD Retention Chair.

The District Retention Chairs had already attended my training session on January 31st, so this session in April gave them additional information with which to move forward in working with the clubs.

Retention is the key to our membership growth. The back door has to be shut. I recently wrote an article for the Lions newspaper entitled "Focusing on Member Involvement." I truly believe that when we start to focus more on getting our new members involved in the club, we will see a dramatic shift in our needless drops.

Historian Committee Report
May 1, 2009
North Raleigh Hilton
Raleigh, NC

The historian Committee continues collecting, compiling, copying, and forwarding material to our editor. I gave her a boxful during volunteer week at Camp Dogwood. She and I are rooming together as we volunteer during camp this summer so I'm sure that our evenings will be spent on history of Lions in North Carolina.

There are still 3 sitting District governors whose pictures are not displayed in the Stickley conference room. All 8 District Governors Elect are there. At this point in time we need to stress to the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors Elect that we need their pictures for display.

Diane Whitley
Chairperson

CELEBRATE LIBERTY COMMITTEE REPORT
NC Lion Council of Governors
May 1, 2009
North Raleigh Hilton Hotel

Lion Harriett K. Edmunds, Chair

As is the custom of this committee, a Lions trading pin was produced this year. After obtaining permission to order the pins, the committee voted to feature the NC National Guard. I worked with the Public Relations Office of the NC National Guard in Raleigh to obtain permission to use their logo on the 2009 pin. The pins were produced and I sent 50 pins to each District Chair. The District Chairs have been selling the pins, and some have already turned in all of the money for their pins.

Upon the request of the Celebrate Liberty Chair, the NC Lions Council of Governors voted to fund the reprinting of the booklets containing the US Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. Past Foundation President Ron Staley offered to contact Wachovia Bank about again printing the booklets. Wachovia Bank agreed and when payment was mentioned, they declined to bill us for their printing, materials and labor. This gift to the NC Lions Clubs is certainly a most generous donation and one that was completely unexpected. Before Wachovia agreed to print the booklets, Lion Ron had also contacted the Masonic Home Print Shop in the Charlotte area to obtain a price from them for printing the booklets. It was decided that since the Governors had approved money for printing, and the price given by the Masonic Home was under the approved amount, we should go ahead with printing the second set of booklets, as this would allow us to have a large number of booklets available for a long time in the future. Both printings have been completed and delivered to Camp Dogwood for storage. Next year's Chair and District Chairs will be able to order booklets as soon as they need them.

Lion Ron suggested that the Council of Governors give an appreciation plaque to Wachovia for their generous donation. The plaque has been produced and Lion Ron will present it to the Wachovia personnel who were involved in the project at an appropriate time.

The Celebrate Liberty Committee met after the Council of Governors' last meeting to complete the planning for the Celebrate Liberty event at the Governor Morehead School. Attending that meeting were Lion Terri Grooms (District D), Lions Braxton and Sarah Troublefield (District E), Lion Rena Marshall (District F), Lion Peggy McGohan (District G), and Lion Harriett Edmunds (District J). Plans were solidified and each of the above mentioned Chairs attended the event in March.

I also worked with Lion Lacy Presnell, PID to obtain permission for the Celebrate Liberty Committee to hold the annual State-wide Liberty event at the Governor Morehead School in Raleigh on March 9th. School Executive Director Lion Barbria Bacon was delightful to work with and the staff at the school decorated the stage, produced a video of the event and was extremely accommodating and helpful. My

thanks again to the Council for their generous donation to the school which paid for the production of copies of the Declaration of Independence and US Constitution in Braille for the school's classrooms and library.

Again, I called upon the Public Relations Office of the NC National Guard to provide a speaker for our Celebrate Liberty event. They did so by sending SSG Robert Hogarth, a lawyer with the NC National Guard's Judge Advocate General's Office. SSG Hogarth's presentation to the students, teachers and Lions was one of the best "lessons" on the Constitution that I have ever heard. Excerpts from his speech are printed in the article by Lion Paranita Carpenter of the First Flight Lions Club attached to this report. I encourage you to take the time to read it. I believe that you will find it time well spent.

NC Lions Foundation President Jim Walker took part in the program at the Governor Morehead School, as did District G Governor Jerry Day, Lion Council Chair Gary Greene, and Lion Lacy Presnell, PID. The entire committee would like to express our thanks to these Lions for their support and participation.

Lion Lacy and the President of the Raleigh Host Lions Club invited all Lions who attended the Celebrate Liberty event to join them at a Dutch-treat luncheon at their Lions Club meeting which followed the event at the Governor Morehead School. A tour of the NC Clinic for the Blind was also a feature of the luncheon meeting that followed the Morehead School event.

The Celebrate Liberty event at the Governor Morehead School was featured in the State Lions newspaper, in the District J news magazine, and in the First Flight Lions Club quarterly newsletter. A copy of the FFLC newsletter article is attached to this report, along with pictures of the event at the school and the Raleigh Host Lions Club Meeting and tour that followed

The District Chairs of the Celebrate Liberty Committee have been diligent in spreading the word throughout NC about the importance of the US Constitution and Declaration of Independence, as well as selling the Liberty Pins commemorating the NC National Guard.

The following written reports were received from District Chairs who complied with my request to send a report of their activities.

District A - Chair, Lion Garland Goodwin, Columbus Lions Club

Lion Garland reported that he was "working feverishly" to place speakers in schools in Polk County before summer dismissal. He stated that the lack of the availability of booklets had "put a damper" on projects in his District. However, his schedule included visits to Tryon Elementary School, Polk Central School, Polk Middle School, Sunny View School, Polk County High School and Saluda Elementary School. 420 books were (or will be) distributed to these schools between September and the end of the school

year. He also reports that he is still selling pins, and will continue to do so until the end of the Lions year. Funds collected will be submitted to the Council Treasurer.

District B – No report

District D - Lion Terri Grooms, Chair, Randleman Lions Club

Lion Terri reported that she has worked with local 4th and 8th grade classes in her area (approximately 80-100 students). She made a presentation to these classes and distributed booklets. She also spoke to 3 clubs in her District, and each club expressed interest in producing a Liberty program next year. She will distribute the booklets to these clubs before the end of this Lions year. Lion Terri has sold all of her pins and will turn in the money at this convention.

Lion Terry also attended the Celebrate Liberty event at the Governor Morehead School in Raleigh in March.

District E - Lions Braxton and Sarah Troublefield, Co-Chairs, Churchland Lions Club

Lions Sarah and Braxton reported that they went to the Waxhall Lions Club meeting in April and received a lot of interest from their members in putting on a program at one of their local schools. Lions Braxton and Sarah offered their help in getting this started. They produce a Liberty event each year at Tyro Middle School, and this year was no exception. The local District Attorney Garry Frank was the speaker. He autographed the booklets for the students, who joined the teachers in asking many questions. It was a great event. They have sold all of the pins that they had, and the money has been turned in to the Council Treasurer.

Lions Sarah and Braxton attended the Celebrate Liberty event at the Governor Morehead School, and helped by scheduling Lion Linda Almond who sang the National Anthem. Lion Linda and her husband Lion Bobby Almond are former students at the Morehead School. Lion Sarah was on the podium at the event and introduced Lion Linda.

District F - Lion Rena Marshall, Chair, Hamlet Lions Club

Lion Rena has spoken to 3 schools in Richmond County and an after school program also in Richmond County (The Leak Street Education and Cultural Center). The children in the after school program were 4th – 12 graders. She distributed booklets to 4th and 5th graders at Monroe Ave. Elementary School in Hamlet, Leak Street High School 9th – 12th graders in Rockingham, NC, Richmond Transition School 9th – 12th graders in Hoffman, NC and Elise Middle school 6th – 8th graders in Robbins, NC. She went to each school and spent one hour per week for a month, talking with them about the importance of knowing their rights as US Citizens and actually going page by page through the booklet with them, explaining the documents and answering their questions. She left booklets with the

teachers for the students who were absent on those days. Lion Rena sold all of the pins she was given to sell and turned in the money to the Council Treasurer.

Lion Rena attended the event at the Governor Morehead School and was on the podium to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag.

District G - Lion Peggy McGohan, Chair, Oxford Lions Club

Lion Peggy reports that she sold all of her Liberty pins and the money has been turned in to the Council Treasurer. She will be distributing booklets to schools before the school year comes to a close.

Lion Peggy attended the event at the Governor Morehead School in March.

District H - Lion Anne Neroni, Chair, Oak Island Lions Club

Lion Anne has scheduled a Celebrate Liberty Program at the Southport, NC Montessori School on May 7th. Also, the Southport Lions Club is sponsoring an Essay Scholarship for the best patriotic essay. The Lions in that club will judge the contest. The essay will be submitted within two weeks after the program at the Montessori School. District H put \$900 in their annual budget for Celebrate Liberty. \$100 has been offered to the first 9 clubs in the District to promote Celebrate Liberty with essays or scholarships. Southport Lions Club is the only club so far to qualify for the monetary prize. Lion Anne is still selling the pins and will forward the money at the end of the Lions year.

District J - Lion Harriett K. Edmunds, Chair, First Flight Lions Club

Lion Harriett spoke at a Jungle Prowler about Celebrate Liberty to Lions from the Manteo, Wanchese, First Flight, Lower Currituck and Manteo First Latino Lions Clubs. She also talked about Celebrate Liberty to the Hertford Lions Club. She gave out booklets to members in these clubs who were in attendance and suggestions for programs that would be easy to give to church groups, civic groups, scout troops, and schools.

First Flight Lions Club worked with the 4th grade class and teacher Ms. Paulette Jones to schedule an event for their class. Edmunds visited the class and spent one hour talking about the US Constitution and the Declaration of Independence and answering questions that the students asked. She explained the outing that the students would take, going to the Kill Devil Hills Post Office and the Dare County Library Branch in Kill Devil Hills to ask questions about the two documents of the adult patrons of those two facilities, and give answers when the adults did not know the answers (which was frequently!). Ms. Jones had done a wonderful job in preparing her students for this exercise. NC students study the US Constitution as part of the Standards of Learning in the 4th grade. Parents of the students came to the two locations to watch their children "perform". FFLC Club members also gave their support by coming to watch the students. First Flight Lions Club provided **Liberty Team** t-shirts (with a Betsy Ross Flag and a Liberty Bell on them) for the students and the teacher. The school photographer and the teacher took pictures

which were featured with a story about the event on the local Education TV Channel. Articles and pictures were featured in two local Outer Banks newspapers. To say that the students had a great time and learned a lot is an understatement!

Copies of the booklets will be given to the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church for their Bible School students. Lion Harriett will make a presentation to these students in June.

Lion Harriett sold lots of pins at club meetings, District meetings, and Lions functions around the state and will turn in the money collected to the Council Treasurer at this convention.

Lion Harriett also participated in the event at the Governor Morehead School in March.

I thank the Council for their support of this committee and its goals during this Council year. It has been my privilege to work with you and with the outstanding Lions on the Celebrate Liberty Committee.

Respectfully Submitted on May, 1, 2009:

**Lion Harriett K. Edmunds
Celebrate Liberty Chair**

MD-31 Constitution and By-Laws Report (May 2009)

By: Lion Dave Butler, PCC

Council Chairperson Gary, State Council Members, fellow Lions and guests. The proposed Constitution and By-Laws changes, accepted by the State Council in February, were printed in their entirety in the State newspaper that goes to all Lions in the State. Mailing to all Lions met or exceeded the required 30 day period before presenting proposed changes before the certified delegates, at the State Convention for consideration. I have copies of the proposed changes that will be passed out to all certified delegates on Sunday morning prior to coverage.

Today, per your request, I have the proposed new policy for our MD-31 Lions Policy and Procedures Manual. This new Policy is titled "State Committee Chairperson—District Convention Reimbursement Policy". This proposed new policy was covered and discussed at the February Council meeting. I will cover the proposed Policy, as required, for the final vote by the Council at this time.

Any Questions?

Thank You

“State Committee Chairperson--District Conventions Reimbursement Policy”

1. The Chairperson must be invited by the Convention Committee to conduct a seminar on their Committee’s area of expertise.
2. The seminar must be open to all convention attendees and last a minimum of thirty (30) minutes.
3. A roster of seminar attendees and a copy of the convention program listing the program must be submitted along with receipts for expenses.

Notes:

- a. Above duties and events are covered within the limit of the budgeted amount for the “State Council Committee Expenses”.
- b. “**Rules of Audit**” will apply for all State Council Committee Chairperson’s expenses.

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

Ron Kelly

From: caubleselectrical@windstream.net
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2009 1:52 AM
To: LionsState Sec.
Cc: Gary; caubleselectrical
Subject: Leo Report

I have received information from only 2 districts other than my own. I sent out emails to all district chairs or Leo clubs that I had a way of contacting. District G has been very active chartering at least 1 new club with the promise of a couple more. The Roxboro, Raleigh Leos are working closely with their Lions club on different projects along with a few others. District F- mainly the Pinecrest Leo Club, has been active with their sponsoring Lions club of Pinehurst. They have worked with a 5K walk, ACS Relay for Life, Oktoberfest, along with numerous school and community events. District E is working on sponsoring a couple new Leo clubs in some private schools in the Gaston County area with the help of Lion Mike Schwartz. The Mt. Pleasant Leos are raising funds for their part in the ACS Relay for Life coming up next weekend May 8th. The Leo form 72 is coming up on the due date of May 15th to International for officers and membership. The State Leo Officers along with other pictures and information is on the Lions State website for your viewing. Please contact me if I can help with the Leos in your District.

Lion Terry J. Cauble
State Leo Chair

STATEWIDE EXTENSION CHAIR REPORT
STATE COUNCIL MEETING
May 1, 2009

Thank you Council Chair Gary,

District A- Work is continuing work on combining the two Branch clubs into a full Cyber Club.

District-B

District D- District D is working to form a Campus club @ UNCG.

District E- District E continues to work with the Branch Clubs and those clubs small in number.

District F- District F had a LCI Extension workshop in Fayetteville. One new club, West Fayetteville Lions Club

District G- One new club earlier this year.(Wake Forest) they held a LCI Workshop last month one new club with 27 new members. Waiting on Charter approval. (Cary Professional Lions Club)

District H- Two new clubs so far this year, Ocean Isle/Sunset Beach & North Brunswick

LCI Workshop in April, 65 contacts/8 paid for Carolina Beach, 50 contacts/4 paid for Topsail Beach. Just a matter of time!!

District J- District J is working on a Campus Club. Also considering an LCI Extension Workshop in the Outer Banks area.

The statewide extension committee, along with the rest of the MERL Team held training for the 2009-2010 district Merl chairpersons on April 4 & 5th. The DGE were also in attendance, working with the district merl teams to set goals for the up coming year.

I would like to thank the Council of Governors for allowing me to serve in this capacity this year

LARRY GASPERSON, PDG
STATEWIDE EXTENSION CHAIR

State Council Nominating Committee Report
05/01/09
Carlton Metts, Nominating Chairperson

The following is the report of District Elections at the Mid-Winter Conventions

District A: District Governor Elect Martha (Marti) Hill, Greater Asheville Lions Club
1st Vice District Governor Elect George Suggs, Sand Hills Lions Club
2nd Vice District Governor Elect Randy Champion, Black Mountain Lions Club

District B: District Governor Elect Dot Nichols, West Jefferson Lions Club
1st Vice District Governor Elect Bob Sprinkle, Sparta Lions Club
2nd Vice District Governor Elect Helen Hudson, Lake Norman Lions Club.

District D: District Governor Elect Dave Osborne, Jamestown-Union Hill Lions Club
1st Vice District Governor Elect Bill Womack, Archdale Trinity Lions Club,
2nd Vice District Governor Elect Mike Hopkins, Greensboro Gate City Lions Club

District E: District Governor Elect Theresa Mathews, Denton Lions Club
1st Vice District Governor Elect Gary Steele, Cleveland Lions Club
2nd District Governor Elect Michael Schwartz, Gastonia Evening Lions Club

District F: District Governor Elect Dan Boudreau, Sanford Lions Club
1st Vice District Governor Elect Jerry Thomas, Hamlet Lions Club
2nd Vice District Governor Elect Denning Buchter, Whiteville Lions Club

District G: District Governor Elect Don Henry, Lake Gaston Lions Club
1st Vice-District Governor Elect John Owens, Oxford Lions Club
2nd Vice-District Governor Elect Andy Lilliston, Fuquay-Varina Lion Club.

District H: District Governor Elect Al Greene, Pikeville Lions Club
1st Vice District Governor Elect Tony Camiaoni, Goldsboro Host Lions Club
2nd Vice District Governor Elect Donna Murphy-Paris, Hampstead Lions Club

District J: District Governor Elect Robert Walton, Wanchese Lions Club
1st Vice District Governor Elect Gwen White, First Flight Lions Club
2nd District Governor Elect Gloria Bowser, Davie Lions Club

Council Chairperson : PDG Paulette Gasperson, Pisgah Lions Club

State Secretary/Treasurer: PDG Ron Kelly, Pinehurst Lions Club

The above group has been duly elected and ready to begin serving July 1, 2009

The following is a list of candidates for 2009-2010 Executive Committee Positions of the NCLF.

President, PDG John Miller, III, First Flight Lions Club
1st Vice President, PDG Herbert A. Justice, North Raleigh Lions Club
2nd Vice President, PDG John S. (Stewart) Wooten, Asheboro Lions Club
Treasurer, PDG Charles Holleman, Rocky Mount Evening Lions Club
Secretary, PCC Diane Whitley, Benton Heights Lions Club

This election will take place at the NCLF General Session on May 3rd, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Carlton Metts,
State Chairperson Nominating Committee