

Lions Clubs International
MD31- North Carolina Lions
2007-2008 Council of Governors

May 3, 2008

Official Minutes of NC Council of Governors meeting held May 3, 2008 at the Park Inn Gateway Conference Center, Hickory, NC.

Presiding Council Chairman, G. Steve Wilson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Council Chaplain District Governor Wayne McGohan gave the invocation. District Governor Tommy Brooks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Council members present:

DG Paulette Gasperson	D31-A	DG Wayne M. McGohan	D31-G
DG James F. Foster	D31-B	DG George E. Fisher	D31-H
DG John James	D31-C	DG H. M. (Bud) Miller	D31-J
DG B.B. Oliver	D31-D		
DG Sydney Eudy	D31-E	PDG G. Steve Wilson, Council Chairperson	
DG Tommy M. Brooks	D31-F	PDG George D. Ohm, Secretary / Treas.	

The Council met in Caucus on Friday evening, May 2, 2008.at 7:00 PM. During the caucus, the Council went over and approved the program for the upcoming State Convention.

In addition, a Motion was made by DG Miller and seconded by DG Brooks that the \$4000 advanced to the State Convention Committee will not be required to be returned to the Council as profits of the Convention. Any excess moneys are to be returned to the Council Treasurer and placed in a directed line item as Restricted Convention Funds to be made available to the succeeding Convention Committee. Motion passed.

DG Oliver was appointed Parliamentarian.

CC Wilson recognized Past International Director Lacy Presnell for comments. Presnell expressed the best wishes of PID Sid Scruggs and Judy as they were in Atlanta for their grandchild's High School graduation. The Campaign is progressing as planned even though they are nearing the limits of the budget. Governors are encouraged to continue soliciting donations from clubs to support the campaign. To date there are 50-52 North Carolinians registered to go to Bangkok, and there will be a meeting of all attendees at the State Convention in Greensboro. The USA and Canada will be in the minority in Bangkok, as there are only 2000 registrants vs. over 16,000 from the rest of the world.

Foster moved that the reading of the February minutes be suspended as they were distributed by e-mail to all Governors prior to the meeting. The motion was seconded by Brooks. Motion Passed.

Ohm presented the Financial Report for May. He indicated that we had an unexpected charge for meeting rooms at the Greensboro Marriott Hotel which over ran the budget by \$1868.25; payment for which would come from reserves.

McGohan moved to accept the Financial Report; seconded by James. Motion Passed.

Council Chair Comments. Wilson stated that even though there were several monetary drives in the state, each district is attempting to meet their goals. The Car Raffle is slow but we will at least break even by the State Convention. Membership in the state at the end of March indicated a minus 42 members. A new Club was chartered this last week with 27 members. We must continue to recruit new members. The South Eastern States Breakfast in Bangkok is projected at 100. He has tickets for the \$25 Breakfast.

Wilson opened the floor for each Governor to report their districts accomplishments.

District 31-A. Governor Paulette Gasperson reported that one club gained 20 new members after the LCI Extension team visited the district. Retention is still a problem, after gaining over 100 new members this year; they have lost over 100 members.

District 31-B. Governor Jimmy Foster stated that the district has been concentrating its efforts on strengthening existing clubs through letter writing and invitations to join lions clubs. A new club has been formed. The majority of new members are under 35 years of age.

District 31-C. Governor John James stated that their efforts this year have been to educate their members upon the pending dissolution of the district. Lion's attitudes have been positive to date. The newly chartered Matthews Lions Club has brought in 14 new members. A committee is trying to determine how to distribute the District funds at the end of the year.

District 31-D. Governor B.B. Oliver reported that membership is down this year and members are trying hard to gain new members. One active club gained 9 new members and has had publicity in their newspaper every week.

District 31-E. Governor Sydney Eudy stated that out of 66 new members 48 are women. Every Club has donated to Sight First II. She complimented DGE Gordon Mc Adams and VDGE Theresa Matthews for their work in outreach to welcome the clubs in Mecklenburg and Gaston Counties.

District 31-F. Governor Tommy Brooks claimed an increase of 117 members this year, predicting membership of over 1250 by July 1. A new branch club has been organized in Raeford and several Clubs in process. A new Leo club was formed in Pembroke with 50 members. Brooks had the privilege of installing the state Leo Officers at the Leo State Convention. District 31-F has elected its first 2nd Vice District Governor.

District 31-G. Governor Wayne Mc Gohan reported that the district is plus 18 as of this meeting. The Oxford newspaper is providing good coverage. A Liberty Day program was presented to a 5th grade class of 150 in Oxford with State Representative Jim Crawford and an Air Force Sergeant presenting the program.

District 31-H. Governor George Fisher stated that the district has had a "humdinger" of a year. Eighty-five percent of the clubs have donated to Campaign Sight First II. A new club was installed in Clayton with 27 new members. This puts the district at plus 66 members. Branch clubs were formed in Leland and Richlands. One Club has prowled 34 out of 40 clubs in the district.

District 31-J. Governor Bud Miller commented that the year started well, however, the economy has decimated the town of Enfield where only one tenth of the businesses have survived. The Enfield Lions Club of 17 members also dissolved with only 2 members transferring to clubs in

adjacent towns. Even though the average district membership is older, sixteen of the 17 new members recruited were below the age of forty. He highly praised the high school students who helped at the VIP Fishing Tournament.

Wilson called upon the 2008 State Convention Chairperson, PDG Paul Bledsoe, for his report.

He **2008 North Carolina State Convention** will celebrate the 85th Anniversary of Lionism in North Carolina. Tours of Seagrove Pottery, Old Salem and local shopping Malls. The Committee has been able to solicit corporate sponsors for events. Wake Forest Eye Center will sponsor Fun Night and UNC Ophthalmology is sponsoring the Tail twisters Breakfast. Golden Corral will sponsor the Governor's Banquet. Entertainment has been secured for both Friday and Saturday.

The Convention will be highlighted by the attendance of the 2007-2008 International President Mahendra Amarasuriya, as our Keynote Speaker.

Income to date totals \$43,805.50 with a balance in checking of \$42241.83. Registrations to date are 160 for Fun Night, 137 for the Tail twisters Breakfast, and 180 for the District Governors Banquet. (See Attachment "A")

PDG Herbert Justice presented the plans for the 2009 State Convention to be held at the North Raleigh Hilton on April 30 – May 3, 2009. The Convention will have a German theme in honor of the Keynote Speaker 1st Vice President Eberhard Wirfs. (See Attachment "B")

State Convention Committee Chair, PDG Joe Silvers announced plans for the 2010 State Convention to be held in Asheville, NC. The Dates of the Convention will be June 4 – 6, 2010. Silvers asked the Council to appoint Lion Bill Barnwell to serve as Chairperson.

Gasperson made a motion to appoint Lion William Barnwell as the Chairperson of the 2010 State Convention; seconded by Brooks. Motion passed.

PCC Brad Logsdon announced plans to hold the 2011 Convention at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville, NC, June 9-12, 2011. Rooms as projected for \$89.00 per night. He and PDG Gary Greene offered to co-chair the event.

McGohan made a motion to approve Fayetteville as the site for the 2011 Convention and to appoint PCC Brad Logsdon and PDG Gary Greene as Co-Chairpersons; Miller seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Chairperson Joe Silvers suggested that the \$4000 advance made to the State Convention Committee not be considered a loan requiring return to the Council. He also asked that any excess funds generated by the Convention be returned to the Council and held in a temporary restricted line item fund to be used for succeeding Conventions.

Gasperson made the motion to make a grant of the \$4000 to the Convention Committee and that any excess funds from the Convention are returned to the Council and held in a temporarily restricted line item for use by succeeding Conventions. The motion was seconded by Brooks. Motion Passed.

The meeting was suspended for 20 minutes.

Upon resuming the meeting Wilson appointed Fisher to call for Committee Reports.

Boys & Girls Homes – Chair Brad Logsdon reported on successful renovations to the Lions cottage. Twenty two Lions showed up for the Spring Clean-up Day. The next project will be to renovate the bathrooms at a cost of \$4000. B&GH is very involved in foster care in the training and supervision of foster parents overseeing 106 children in 12 counties, resulting in 54 adoptions. Coleman Cates award criteria were explained. (See attachment “C”)

Constitution & By-Laws – Chair Dave Butler reported that the proposed changes to the State Constitution approved by the Council in February were printed in the statewide “Lionism” newspapers as required 30 days before the State Convention. New changes proposed by Lions Clubs International include reorganization of the Constitution to put all related articles together and also to establish a 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor for each district. These items will be voted upon at the International Convention in Bangkok. (See attachment “D”)

Extension Committee – Chair Larry Gasperson reported upon the extension activities of each District. (See attachment “E”)

Historian Committee – Chair Diane Whitley claimed that the Committee has not met since February. However, they are busy collecting articles for the History book. Please submit articles and information in MS word and on a read-write disc.

Information Technology – Chair Mike Schwartz stated that the NC Lions Website is up and running at www.northcarolinialions.org. We plan to have an on line Convention newsletter with Convention updates. We also plan to add a password protected, statewide online directory to the website in July. (See attachment “F”)

Leadership Committee – Chair Bob Shook has re-scheduled the first Leadership session for the 2008-2009 Vice District Governors for May 23-24, 2008. District Training sessions should have been planned for the new 2008-2009 club and district officers. Special emphasis should be to train the Zone Chairs. (See attachment “G”)

Liberty Day committee – Mike Flora gave the committee report. Liberty day Celebration was held on March 14 in Goldsboro honoring the Air Force this year. The ceremony was dedicated to the memory of PDG Jim Edmunds, who unexpectedly passed a way this year. Approximately 250 guests and students attended the ceremony at the Goldsboro High School.

LCIF/Campaign Sight First II – Chair Harvey Whitley reported that was of May 1st, worldwide donations to CSFII amounted to \$163,000,000 with North Carolina totals reaching \$600,574. Three Districts, E, H & G, are showing 100% club participation. He emphasized the \$6 goal to prevent blindness in one person. His report included donations by district to date. (See attachment “H”)

Leo Clubs Committee – Ohm read a report from Chair Terry Cauble reporting on the Leo State Convention held at Camp Dogwood April 18-20. Cauble lamented the fact that Leos complained of poor communications between the Lions Club Liaison person and the Leo Clubs members. (See attachment “I”)

Nominating Committee – Chair Allen Deaton reported that all districts have elected their District Governors and Vice District Governors for 2008-2009. PDG Gary Green has been elected as Council Chair; PDG Ron Kelly was elected as State Secretary-Treasurer. (See attachment “J”)

Promotions Committee – Chair Morris Van Vleet urged all to attend the Promotion meeting at 1:00 PM, indicating there are many changes regarding the International Convention. Any purchases at the promotions tables that are to be ordered must be paid in advance.

Research and Long Range Planning – Chair John O’Malley commented that the attempt to redistrict last year was voted down and that the Committee had not been given direction by the current council. They are looking toward the outcome of a vote by the Lions of Pennsylvania on the concept of redistricting rather than voting on a single plan. (See attachment “K”)

Retention Committee – Chair Frank Brooks reported that Retention continues to be one of our major issues. We must instill in each Lion that it is his/her responsibility to recruit new Lions and to insure that members stay involved. He thanked the Council for asking him to serve these last 3 years. (See attachment “L”)

McGohan made a motion to approve the Committee Reports: seconded by Eudy. Motion passed.

Wilson thanked the Committee Chairs for their hard work this year.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Ohm
State Secretary-Treasurer

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5/2/08 Update

Presented by Paul Bledsoe, State Convention Chair 2008 and all the fine Lions of 31-D

Overview of 2008 Convention Committee Meeting

2008 NC Lions State Convention to be held at the Greensboro High Point Airport Marriott.

- 1) Dates 5/29-6/1 2008
 - Total Rms: 299 - 400 Free Parking Spaces
 - Rm Rate: \$89 per night plus tax
 - No Charge meeting spaces or events
 - Meals all charges inclusive:
 - Thursday: \$24
 - Friday Night: \$22
 - Sat Breakfast: \$1950
 - Sat Lunch: \$22
 - Sat Banquet: \$27

- 2) 7th Convention Committee Meeting 5/6/08, Tuesday

At the last meeting the committee reviewed information and assignments given by Paul Bledsoe. The committee helped and agreed upon various aspects of the convention including:

- I Logo design.
- II Committee chairpersons and assistance help from individuals and clubs.
- III Reported progress on particulars including the pre planning already arranged.
- IV Created an 85th Anniversary Pin to help offset costs of convention. #600 pins.
You may purchase those this weekend. \$3 per pin. There are 2 colors. See PDG Gene Everette for your choice. Current sales: \$406
- V Golf Tournament set for Pleasant Ridge Golf Club at \$30 per person, Friday 10am.
PDG Gene Everette ask that we find gifts for the tournament. 16 players have signed.
- VI Tour set for Seagrove Pottery lunch at Westmoreland Cafe entree's \$5-\$10).
Two tours is scheduled Saturday 9:30am-12n & 2-5pm cost (\$5 per person)

Shopping at Four Seasons Mall or Friendly Center. Shuttle provided.

Also a tour of Old Salem, Winston-Salem (\$16 admission with registration, \$5 savings) available on Sunday after convention (in packet).

Joe Silver's will have his bus available for us during the weekend. Other shuttle services will be made available, (drivers: Jesse Hatton - Chuck Hixon);

- VII 24 Shirts have been ordered so get your money together for Gene Everette. He will have them at the next meeting.

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- IX Lion Fred Francis, Konnoak Hills, will be in charge of the Welcome Lions Team offering concierge services with golf carts and direction during the convention. Lion Fred with number of Lions helping.
- X Bill Stewart and the Gate City Lions Club will be in charge of Hospitality. They will be assisted by the other local Greensboro Clubs. Times set for Friday 2p-5pm & Saturday 1p-5pm. Each district will pay a minimum of \$100.00 (\$800.00 min.) The hotel will only allow our Hospitality Room in 210. No food or drink in the Triad Room unless purchased by the committee from the hotel.

We plan drinks and munchies available in the Triad Room for heavy socializing.

- XI JROTC Color Guard procured for Saturday DG Banquet.
Protocol Committee has purchased Sri Lanka national flag. Thanks to Janet.
We have ordered convention pins. Our price is \$2.25 per piece, we ordered #370.
We will have them in the packet.
- XII Next meeting Tuesday May, 6th the meeting will follow-up on final prep.

I. News and Notes

- I WFU Eye Center will sponsor Friday Fun Night.
UNC Chapel Hill Ophthalmology is sponsoring Tail twister's Breakfast.
Golden Corral is the sponsor District Governor's Banquet.
- II Since we celebrating our 85th convention... District Governors we are looking for 85 Lions throughout NC who have made a difference in their community. Submit photo, and a brief summary of the person. The first 85 submitted will be highlighted with visual plays throughout the convention. We have received around 20 Lions.
- III Friday Fun Night will feature a live jazz band Greensboro College.
Donation to Greensboro College.
- IV Saturday Banquet will include music by the Eastern Guilford High School Concert Band (donation) and Triad Harmony will entertain.
- V Entertainment and visual displays will envelop the property of the Marriott during the complete convention.
- VI Seminars for the event... attached
- VII Also the convention agenda, including PDG's Luncheon, Service of Remembrance.
Council Chair Steve Wilson has a Governor who is taking care of the service, DG Wayne McGohan

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Update of Planning Completed as 5/2/08

- A) Sec/Treasurer Dr. Steve Yokeley, Dobson Lions Club
 - 1) Received \$4,000.00 from State Council and bank account has been opened.
 - 2) Total Deposits as of 4/30/08: \$43,805.50; Bal: \$42,241.83
 - 3) Several Checks have not been deposited as of 5/1
 - 4) Credit Card Payments- will be available for the Silent Auction

- B) Registration Committee Chair PDG John Wall, Walker-town Lions Club
 - 1) Report on registrations: As of 5/2- Total: 222
FFN- #160; TTB- #137; PDGL- #42; DGB- #180
 - 2) PDG' Luncheon isn't covered by Convention

- C) Protocol Co-Chairs PDG Man/in Doub and Janet Doub, Konnoak Hills Lions Club
 - 1) Sri Lanka Flag and Pins
 - 2) " A Daisy a Day" vendor for baskets, floral, and event arrangements
 - 3) Table Cards for all events / flowers
 - 4) Invitations will be mailed for the Thursday Night Event
 - 5) Procured gift for President of Pottery, can be mailed to LCI Office

- D) Tailtwister Breakfast and Silent Auction Chair
PDG FL Doc Shaver, Konnoak Hills Lions Club
 - 1) ^ PDG Joe Silvers will assist in anyway...
 - 2) Joe Johnson President of Sanford Lions Club has volunteered (919) 770-1777
 - 3) Larry Gasperson has offered services
 - 4) Silent Auction Set-Up 10am Friday

- E) Hospitality Suite Chair Lion Bill Stewart and the Greensboro Gate City Lions Club
 - 1) Room 210 Only by Hotel regulations, all management has been spoken with
 - 2) Probably purchase food items from hotel for Triad Room at \$15 per person

- F) Entertainment/ Fun Night Co Chairs PDG Johnny Stuart, McCleansville Lions Club
Mark Thompson, W/S Twin City Lions Club
 - 1) PDG Johnny has booked the Eastern Guilford High Jazz Band to play music at the Saturday Night Banquet, (a donation will be made to the school)
 - 2) Greensboro College Jazz Band ... booked Friday Night
 - 3) Triad Harmony will sing at Banquet
 - 4) Other entertainment: Musicians will play throughout the event Saturday.

- G) Golf Tournament Chair PDG Gene Everette, Dobson Lions Club
 - 1) Registration Update

- H) Vendor/On Site Welcoming Committee
 - 1) Joe Silvers will have his golf carts here so we may help Lion attendees with baggage and registration.
 - 2) Fred Francis will oversee Welcoming and direction during event.

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Update as of 5/2/08

- 1) Program/Program Sales Paul Bledsoe
 1) Ad sales to date; \$ 32,650.00
- Vendors/ Display (assist Bledsoe) Terrie Grooms, Chair
- J) 1) Charge for outside vendors \$100.00
- 2) Current vendor list: #of tables #of tables
- | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|---|
| Camp Dogwood | | 2 |
| Joe Silvers | NCLF Pin Traders | 2 |
| Duke Eye Center | VIP Fishing | 1 |
| Leader Dogs | WFU Eye Center | 1 |
| IFB W/S | IOFB Gsbro | 1 |
| State Conv Comm | Boys & Girls Home | 2 |
| NC Division of Deaf | Council Promotions | 1 |
| UNC Dept Opham | NC Eye Bank | 1 |
| MAB Charlotte | Wayne Faber Grp | 1 |
| Total to date: | NC Services Blind | |
| | 23 (22 pre-planned) | |
- K) Pin Traders Bill Womack, Chair
- 1) Update on Traders registered
- L) Opening of Council Meeting Saturday, the Greensboro Mayor will be welcoming Lions to Greensboro. All Greensboro club presidents will offer brief opening statements.
- M) Photography/ Peace Poster winners
- 1) Will need names for program and banquet registration.
- 2) 1 night's stay Saturday for Peace Poster winner.
- Preconference with hotel Thursday morning around 10:00am
- N) At May 3rd Council meeting in Hickory, I will have convention program for review with Council and pertinent planning for complete event and schedules for the convention weekend.
- O) Gwen White will set schedules and parameters for photography in and around all events.
- Hall of Fame Awards - Paul Bledsoe
- A press release will be sent to all media in the area and the location of media room for the event overseen by Editor Gwen White-
- P)
- Q)

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Update as of 5/2/08

R) Seminars

A complete definition will be sent to everyone next week with a statement of what each seminar will cover.

2:00pm-2:25pm Uplifting Motivational Session for Lionism and Leadership Growth
Janet Doub and Lisa Shearin

2:30pm-2:55pm What's New with the NC Division of Blind Services

3:00pm-3:25pm NC Lions Partnership with the NC Division of Emergency Mgt

3:30pm-3:55pm A Parents Guide to Internet Safety with VDG Michael Schwartz

4:00pm-4:25pm NC Division of Hearing Impaired

4:30pm-5:00pm Protocol for Bangkok

Attachment "B"

2009 STATE CONVENTION REPORT TO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
May 3, 2008 in Greensboro

The 2009 State Convention will be held in Raleigh at the North Raleigh Hilton on the Dates of April 30 through May 3, 2009. It will be a combined State Convention and NCLF Annual Meeting. We expect some challenges, but feel sure that we can handle them.

The North Raleigh Lions Club will be the lead club with the Gamer, Raleigh Southeast, Cary and Fuquay Lions Clubs providing assistance with the planning of the convention. Incoming Lions International President Eberhard Wirfs has confirmed the date and will be our International Speaker. We look forward to having 1st Vice President Wirfs along with our own 2nd Vice President Sid Scruggs, III at the convention, if his schedule and Lions Clubs International permits.

The committee has selected a German Theme for the Convention. We are negotiating a contract with the Little German Band and Dancers for the Friday night entertainment with German food on Friday night and at the Banquet on Saturday. The Vice Chairs are diligently working on tours to possibly the Governors Mansion, Museums and the Raleigh Lions Clinic for the Blind. We may also include a luncheon along with the tours. We think that the Little German Band and Dancers will appeal to the younger lions with children as well as our senior lions. We are looking forward to making this convention a truly family affair.

We are currently developing a budget and trying to finalize our packages for possible Corporate Sponsors. Our Ad forms and the Corporate Sponsor Packages should be ready to send out by the 1st of August. Now that the 2008 Convention is rapidly approaching, we will not be interfering with their pursuit of Ads. We ask that all Districts be sure to budget a full page ad for their District and District Governor. The cost of the full page ads will be \$300. We will also release booking information for the Motel in August. We look forward to having a great time and making this convention, one that will be appealing to the whole family, remembered and enjoyed by all that attend.

Respectfully submitted:

Lion Herbert A. Justice PDG
2009 State Convention Chairperson

BOYS AND GIRLS HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA
QUARTERLY REPORT

The past year has been GREAT, the Lions of North Carolina continue to find ways to support our cottage. In March we held our second annual "Spring Clean-up Day", with great success; shrubs were trimmed, flowers planted and mulch spread. We had another crew that not only removed the old screen porch from our cottage, but cleared four other cottages, Great work by the 22 Lions involved and THANKS for a great day. At this very meeting two years ago, we were hoping to be able to replace the roof on our cottage, plus purchase a new 12 passenger van, happily these were accomplished, plus many other items again Lions I THANK YOU-

Its time to put the winter months behind us and begin gearing up for what promises to be a history making period in the life of Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina. That history is being written with the announcement that this spring the Homes will install only the sixth chief executive to hold the office of President, Mr. Gary Faircloth, a former resident and employee (from Fayetteville) who has accepted the challenge of taking the Homes to new heights of service for North Carolina's children in need.

The Graham Lions Club, upon disbanding, graciously donated stock they held to Boys and Girls Homes. Three stocks were donated and 8 months later, their gift totaled more the \$1 7,000. These proceeds have been designated for the Lions Cottage Renovation Fund. After totaling the many donations over the past few years we are about \$4,000 short of having enough money to complete the bathrooms project. Hopefully this will be accomplished over the summer.

I would like to report on another facet of the Homes - the Foster Care and Adopti9n Programs. This year marks the 10th Anniversary of these programs, starting in 1999 with 14 children in foster care with one county and today we have 106 children in 12 counties. The foster parents are trained and supervised by the staff from the Homes. In addition 52 children have been placed in adoptive homes.

During the second fiscal quarter of FY 2008 Boys and Girls Homes continue to be challenged financially. Declining revenues and support, brought on in a large part by the weakening US economy, has forced Boys and Girls Homes to curtail all nonessential spending in an effort to lower our operating costs without sacrifice in our services or programs for the children. Being a not-for profit organization, we will likely recover at a slower pace than tor-profit businesses when the economic downturn levels and begins showing signs of improvement. We will continue to be financially challenged for the balance of FY 2008 and into early FY 2009.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.
W. Brad Logsdon, PCC

May 3. 2008. Hickory. NC

The C. Coleman Cates, Jr. Award, will be presented to the District Governor and District Boys and Girls Chairperson of all Districts which accomplish:

A. 100% club participation.

B. A 10% or more increase in contributions over the previous year. or average \$50.00 per member of the district (July 1 membership figures provided by North Carolina Lions Foundations) provided there is no decrease from the previous year.

Judge C, Coleman Cates. Jr. a native of Burlington, NIC, lost his sight at an early age in life as a result of an accident. A graduate of the Governor Morehead School in Raleigh, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University Law School, the Judge engaged in the general practice of law and as a judge in Alamance County for 56 years. Judge Gates retired from the Bench in December of 1976 after 35 years continuous service. A member of the Burlington Lions Club for over 45 years, Judge Gates served his club as President and in 1959 served of Governor of District 31G of Lions International. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by Lions International on two different occasions. In 1957 Judge Crates was instrumental in having the Lions of North Carolina adopt Boys Homes of North Carolina as a major project. He served faithfully as a member of the Board of Trustees of Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina. Judge Cates served more than 20 years as Vice Chairman of the Board,

2. Any Club that increases its contributions to Boys and Girls Homes by at least 10% over the previous year (with a minimum contribution of \$125) will receive an appropriate banner patch,

3. Any club that contributes at least \$25.00 per member to Boys and Girls Homes (July 1 membership figures provided by North Carolina Lions Foundation) will receive an appropriate banner patch.

4. Contributions for awards to be presented at the North Carolina Lions Awards Banquet must be received at Lake Waccamaw on or before March 31. Final deadline for awards purposes is June 30.

5. When contributions credited to a club for endowment equals \$2,500 or more, a separate Endowment Fund will be established in the name of that club.

6. The club of each district, which has the highest per member contributions as of June 30 will receive an Award of appreciation (to be presented at the District Mid-winter Conference).

7. The club of each District, which is the top money giver in the district, will receive an Award of Excellence (to be presented at the District Mid-winter Conference).

MD-31 Constitution and By-Laws Report (May 200S)

By: Lion Dave Butler, PCC

Council Chairperson Steve, 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. Delivery to all Lions exceeded the required 30 day period before bringing proposed changes before the certified delegates, at the State Convention for consideration.

There are changes proposed to, and a reorganization of, the International Constitution and By-Laws. The certified delegates at the international Convention in Thailand will vote on these changes.

The State Constitution and By-Laws Committee will need to study the changes, which are approved, and propose changes to bring our State Constitution and By-Laws into compliance.

David Butler, PCC
Chairperson

Report of the Extension Committee
May 3, 2008
PDG Larry Gasperson, Chairperson

The Governors may have additional information to share about extension efforts within their Districts.

District "A". - We have chartered one club, a carryover from the LCI Extension Workshop that was held in January 2007.

Another workshop was conducted I mid January 2008, however it was cut a day short due to snow. The district turnout was not great but we had a good workshop.

We had two prospective areas; Biltmore Village and Fairview. Both areas previously had lions clubs, but they had folder some time ago.

The canvassing effort went well, resulting in 25 to 35 prospects. Meetings were scheduled in both areas. Letters were mailed soon after the workshop closed. Only one prospect showed up for each meeting and each paid their fees to join. Only 5-6 members were paid up for each club.

Seven meetings were scheduled for the Fairview Club, unfortunately no one showed up. After the last meeting the Governor decided to return the money top those who applied.

Strong efforts are being made to convert a cyber branch to a full club.

District "B"

District "C"

District "D"

District "E" – attempting to rebuild the Wadesboro Club and making p[lan]s to incorporate the Lions Coming from District "C"

District "F" – Very active in extensions. A new Campus Club was chartered at UNC Pembroke with 50 members. A new branch club formed at Raeford with 10 members.

Continuing efforts – Working on a club in Gibson, a VIP Branch club in Laurinburg. plus clubs in Maxton, Wagram, Fayetteville, Uwharrie Point Community and perhaps a Camus Club at Fayetteville State University. Twenty other areas identified.

District "G" – District is working in 3 basic areas, no positive results as yet.

District “H” – A new Club was formed in Ayden, Branch Club in Clayton, which has already gained enough members to become a full club. Working on a branch club in Leland and in Lagrange, Winterville and Richland top start new clubs.

District “J” – Not a lot of activity in extension this year, but they continue to spread the word about Lionism throughout the District.

Thank for allowing me to serve,

PDG Larry Gasperson
Extension Committee Chairperson

International Association of Lions Clubs

Information Technology Committee

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To Council of Governors

From: Michael H, Schwartz, Chairperson, Information Technology Committee

RG: Committee Report

Date: May 2, 2008

I would like to thank the Council of Governors and its chairperson, Lion Steve Wilson, for allowing me the opportunity to serve the North Carolina Lions as statewide chairperson for the Information Technology Committee during this Lion's year, I have accepted an invitation from the district governors-elect to remain as the committee chairperson during the 2008-2009 Lions' year.

The Information Technology Committee had one main goal in 2006-2007; that was to design a new Web site to promote the North Carolina Lions and the activities of the State Council, We accomplished that goal. Our Web site is located at www.northcarolinailions.org. To date, the site has logged more than 1,100 visitors.

We are constantly looking for ways to improve the Web site; we have added a new section for the promotion of Campus Clubs: and we still hope to create an on-line store to sell the products offered through the Promotions Committee. In July, the site will launch a new service through the Resource Center. An on-line directory will be published that will provide contact information for the North Carolina Lions Foundation, the State Council, district and local club information- This directory can be downloaded or printed directly from the site.

Along with working with the Public Information & Education Committee to publish a newsletter at [he 2008 North Carolina Lions State Convention in Greensboro, the Information Technology Committee will create a daily on-line convention edition that can be viewed at the state Web site.

Compliance with the Web site Policy has increased.

I would like to thank the Lions that agreed to serve on the Information Technology Committee this year: Bennie Tate, Charles Sutton, Roy Blake, Bennie Pugh, Danielle Heider, Penny Rummel, Carlie Metts and John Kearney.

My email address has changed. It is now MikeHSchwartz@carolina-rr.com.

NC Lions – MD31

Council of Governors Meeting

Saturday, May 3, 2008

Report of Leadership Committee Chair

The first training session for the 2008-09 Vice District Governors has been scheduled for May 23 and 24, 2009 at Camp Dogwood. All eight Vice District Governors are planning to attend.

Governors, you should have made or should be in the planning stages for your district cabinet and club officers training sessions. June is usually the time when most are held. Please consider in-depth training for Zone Chairpersons, MERL team members and club presidents and secretaries.

Bob Shook

Leadership Development

Report to MD31 Council of Governors MD 31 Council
LCIF/Campaign SightFirst II
May 3, 2008 Hickory, NC

By PCC Harvey Whitley, LCIF/CSFII Chairman

Just a little less than 2 months remain for Lions to be a part of Campaign SightFirst II. On a worldwide level we have surpassed the minimum goal of \$150,000,000 and are well on the way towards our stretch goal of \$200,000,000. As of May 1, 2008, our cash and pledges processed total more than \$163,000,000.

The attached report shows you what we have accomplished here in North Carolina. So far \$600,574 in cash and pledges has been processed by [unemotional]. This means that we have provided the means to assist at least 100,096 people somewhere in the world- That is powerful and illustrates why we need to continue to support Sight first II.

I would like to express a special thanks to District 31G District Coordinator Andy Lilliston and his Croup Coordinators as they have surpassed 104% of their goal to rank number 24 among the 150 districts comprising the Eastern United States- Not far behind is District "H" with DGE: Carlton Weeks at 81% and District 31E with PDG David Smoot at 70%.

It is not too late to participate. E-mails are going out from International to club leadership almost every week promoting this program. I recently sent an e-mail to each District Governor requesting you to include in your May newsletter the recent announcement about observing a Campaign Sight II Day during the week of May 11-17.

To be a part of Campaign Sight First II Day, simply:

1. Select one day during the week of May 11-17 for the club to participate.
2. Discuss and decide ways for the club and individual members to provide a gift of sight that day. For instance:
 - Make a club commitment payable over three to five years,
 - "Three over Three" ---Designate one new Melvin Jones Fellowship for CSF II each year for the rest three years (over 500 people saved from blindness),
 - Promote the "Power of 6," Designate \$6 per month (\$180 for 30 months to save 30 people from blindness.
 - Promote the "Power of 6" ---Designate \$6 per month (\$216) [or 36 months to save 36 people from blindness,
 - Hold an additional fund raiser to designate for CSF II.

Like all of our Lions programs, we need to communicate the need for all Lions to be at least a small part of this worldwide effort, I know of few Lions who could not make at least a \$6 donation to help at least one person overcome blindness. Sadly, 43% of our clubs have either said **NO** or just don't **KNOW** about the program. Which is it?

I have requested time on the State Convention program to allow Lion Rachel Beard to present an update on Campaign SightFirst II. Rachel has worked with me as my contact person at International for the last three years and I think it would be appropriate for our Lions to hear her perspective about the program. We also have several special recognition awards that we need to present at that time.

It has been my pleasure to work as your North Carolina Campaign SightFirst II Sector Coordinator for the last three years. Our work is almost done and my appointment will end at the end of this Lions Year. I would like to express my appreciation to my Fellow Council Member PID Sid Scruggs for assisting me in securing this appointment. In the process of serving, it has been frustrating at times. But then I get a call from a District

Coordinator who is excited about something good happening in his district, I have also gained valuable experience in working with International. Hopefully, this will have prepared me in some small way for my ultimate goal of serving some day soon as your next International Director.

Campaign Sight First II

How are We Doing in North Carolina?

As of 5/1/2008

Sector 1-3-A North Carolina—MD 31:

- Cash Pledges \$600,574 - 54% of \$1,108,480 goal.

Sector ranks 93rd of 190 sectors worldwide as % of goal.

- 57% Club Participation
- 9 Model Clubs

Individual Districts: Ranked by % of goal among 150 districts in Constitutional Area I (East):

1. #24 of 150	31-G	\$151,239	104% of Goal
2. #42	31H	90,701	81%
3. #47	31-E	85,560	70%
4. # 60	31-D	79,679	57%
5. #67	31-C	45,002	53%
6. # 95	31-A	50,003	39%
7. #96	31-F	57,058	38%
8. #120	31-B	27,286	24%
9. #143	31-J	14,148	13%

Report from State Leo Chairman
Lion Terry J. Cauble

During our State Leo Convention at Camp Dogwood on April 18-20 we elected our officers for 2008-2009. A list was sent to Council Secretary Lion George Ohm. Thanks to District 31F Governor Tommy Brooks for installing our officers and attending our convention. During our convention there were discussions between Leos and attending Lions about why they thought there were so few Leo Clubs in attendance. Their comments were that they had not been informed about what Camp Dogwood is or what the convention is about. They feel that they do not have good communication with the Lions. This is a duty of the Lion Liaisons and the District Leo Chairman. As State Chairman, I can only send information to the persons that I have addresses for. If we expect the Leos to be more involved in Lions' functions, then we need to be more involved with them. I would like to ask each Governor to provide me with a contact person for their district's Leo Clubs for next year. In addition, each Governor had offered funds this year for Leos from the Youth Programs fund. I hope that these funds will be available for next year as well because we do not have a way of receiving funds for State Leo functions. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for your district and thank you for your support of the Leos.

Multiple District 31 Leo officers elected for 2008-2009.

The new State Leo officers were elected at Camp Dogwood on April 19, 2008 at their annual State Leo Convention. The list is as follows:

State President Nick Hagopian - Providence High School - Charlotte - Mecklenburg County - District 31-E

State Vice President Kailey Williams - Piedmont High School - Monroe - Union County - District 31-E

State Secretary Shelby Baucom - Piedmont High School - Monroe - Union County - District 31-E

State Treasurer Kaysea Campbell - Mt. Pleasant High School - Mt. Pleasant - Cabarrus County - District 31-E

These young people & the other Leos that attended our convention are very enthusiastic about the coming year. They enjoyed their weekend at Camp Dogwood & are looking forward to working with more service programs in their clubs & districts. They need all of the districts' congratulations, encouragement, & support. These young adults are our future & I believe that with all of the North Carolina Lions behind them we will be in good hands.

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> I would also like to thank District 31-F Governor Lion Tommy Brooks & Rebecca for attending this years convention & installing our new officers. Thanks to all Lions that helped to support our Leos.

Submitted by,
Lion Terry J. Cauble
State Leo Chairman

MD31 Council of Governors
Nominating Committee Report
May 3, 2008

The District and State Officers for 2008-09 are as follows:

State Council Chairperson - PDG Gary Greene from the Hamlet Lions Club in District F
State Secretary-Treasurer - PDG Ron Kelly from the Pinehurst Lions Club in District F

District A: • Lion Mike Covell - Hendersonville Lions Club - District Governor
• Lion Marti Hill - Greater Asheville Lions Club - Vice District Governor.

District B: • Lion Jerry Mertz - South Iredell Lions Club - District Governor
• Lion Dot Nichols - West Jefferson Lions Club - Vice District Governor.

District C: • Lion Mike Schwartz - Gaston Evening Lions Club is Vice District Governor for the current year.

District D: • Lion Paul Gilgo - Walkertown Lions Club -District.
• Lion David Osborne - Jamestown Lions Club - Vice District Governor.

District E: • Lion H. Gordon" McAdams -Fair Grove Lions Club - District Governor.
• Lion Theresa Matthews - Denton Lions Club - Vice District Governor.

District F: • Lion David R. Martin - Sanford Lions Club - District Governor.
• Lion Dan Boudreau - Western Harnett Lions Club - 1st Vice District Governor
• Lion Randy Kirby - Whiteville Lions Club - 2nd Vice District Governor.

District G: • Lion Jerry Day - Raleigh Host Lions Club - District Governor
• Lion Don Henry - Lake Gaston Lions Club - Vice District Governor.

District H: • Lion Carlton Weeks - Mt. Olive Lions Club - District Governor
• Lion Al Greene - Pikeville Lions Club - Vice District

District J: • Lion Alex Thannikkary - Roanoke Rapids Lions Club - District Governor
• Lion Bob Walton - Wanchese Lions Club - Vice District Governor

PDG Allen Deaton.
State Nominations Chairman

**RESEARCH AND LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT
TO N.C. COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
MAY 3, 2008**

**DISTRICT GOVERNORS, VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS, FELLOW
LIONS**

Our committee, which is comprised of the following:

A Larry Gasperson, PDG
D-Ralph Holmes, PDG
G-James Valsame, PDG;

B. Warren Miller. PDG
E. Fred Plummer, PDG
H. George Fisher, DG

C. John O'Malley, PDG.
F. Charles Smith, PDG
J. John T. Miller .,PDG

Did not meet this year we were not given a charge by the current council. Last year we gave a recommendation to redistrict to 6 districts. This recommendation was not approved by last year's council, which was their choice. We made specific recommendations and presented a plan to that effect.

What is interesting is that Pennsylvania is also trying to redistrict, but instead of coming up with a plan, they are asking the Lions of Pennsylvania to vote at their State Convention on whether to redistrict from 12 to 9 districts. They are taking this approach because we could not get a plan approved. They are hoping that by asking their Lions if they should do it and that gets approved, then the only thing left is working up a plan that can be approved. Their leadership feels it should be done. It will be interesting to see how this comes out,

Lion John J. O'Malley, PDG

State Chair, Research and Long Range Planning Committee

Statewide Retention Committee Report
Frank Brooks, Jr. PDG
MD31 Retention Committee Chairperson
May 3, 2008

Council of Governors

Membership growth and retention are the two most significant issues facing the Lions of North Carolina currently. If we are to improve our image and place in society and continue to serve our communities we must find ways to successfully manage these critical issues.

It is the responsibility of each Lion to recruit new members and constantly nurture and retain our existing membership. We have been asked and taught to do this since accepting the oath when we first joined the ranks of Lionism. We must wake up and challenge ourselves to invite more people into Lionism and reeducate our existing membership to the many exciting positive changes that are coming. The more we are, the more we can do as members of the world's largest and greatest service organization. The decline in our membership statewide is not the fault of any past or present Council, Committee, Governors or any one entity. We cannot blame the present situation on any group or individuals, but as a group and individuals, continue to seek and find answers as soon as possible to correct the situation. When we refuse to take responsibility for our actions or lack thereof, we can only name ourselves for failure to have a strong and fruitful future.

In closing, I would like to thank the current Council of Governors, Statewide MERL Team Members and all of the great Lions of North Carolina for all of the hard work and commitment along with determination in helping return North Carolina to its prominence in Lionism.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve the last three years as your statewide Retention Committee Chairperson. I have enjoyed the rewarding experiences of interacting with and sharing information with very creative and innovative leaders of the last three Councils of Governors, Statewide Committees and all the great Lions of North Carolina. Thanks for all you do for Lionism. Let's continue to move forward!

Respectfully Submitted,

I. Frank Brooks, Jr., PDG
MD31 Statewide Retention Committee Chairperson