



The Lion Hearted News



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Concord Lions Club

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The President's Roar

Information is not knowledge. The only source of knowledge is experience.

“Albert Einstein”

Regional Lions Leadership Institute was a life-changing experience for me!

This event has shown me the power of Lions. It was an experience listening to heartfelt stories of Lionism.

It also reminded me that I truly appreciate my Concord Lions family. Many of the leaders in attendance spoke highly of our club and its accomplishments.

Super Lion's roar to PDG Lion George Culp for making this event seamless and easy to follow. Thank you to our Zone Chair Lion John Nunn for being in attendance. The biggest takeaway would be... where there is a need there is a **Lion!**

Welcome New Members

Concord Lions are proud to welcome three new members to our club. They are; Janine Girad, Beth Leet, and Joseph Zacarole. More information about them will be in next months newsletter

We hope to install them at the November meeting. All three are sponsored by our President Solomon. Way to go!

Membership Event Postponed Until Spring

The Membership committee recently recommended our Membership Event be postponed until next spring. This was due to many of our Lions out of town in September as well as the current Covid issues.

Watch for more information to come from the committee as we get into the Spring of 2022.

Calendar of Events

October 5- 6:30 PM-Regular Meeting-Parkway House

Taylor McDonald- Teacher of Visually Impaired in Public Schools

See Page 8 for more information on this program

October 9-11—Flag Display Columbus Day

October 12- 6:30PM Board of Directors (Zoom)

October 16- 9AM-12AM—Creek Cleaning

November 6-7 District 31-I Convention Clemmons NC

President Solomon and Past Pres. John Nunn Attend Regional Lion Leadership Institute

In September, Lions Solomon and John attended R.L.L.I, a three-day event at Camp Dogwood. Each of the five Lion districts of North Carolina were instructed to send five club members to the event which focused on their preparation to become leaders in their districts.

The Regional Lions Leadership Institute is designed to accomplish the following objectives:

Encourage club members to pursue leadership roles within their Lions communities.

Familiarize club leaders with the operations, issues, and opportunities of their clubs.

Promote leadership skills critical to the success of their position.

Foster a deeper understanding of how to better serve clubs.

Twenty-six Lions from NC signed up for the event and twenty-two were able to attend.

Courses included: Diversity, Lions Fundamentals, Leadership Responsibilities and Expectations, Member Motivation, Goal Setting, Personal Mission Statement, Public Speaking, and Working in Teams.

The group left excited and enthusiastic to use their new skills within their clubs and districts. It is anticipated that the Leadership Institute will again be made available in Spring of 2023.

See more about R.L.L.I on Page 6.

District Convention Update

Our District Convention is scheduled for November 5th and 6th. This needs to be a great, great convention since last year our convention was by zoom. This year it will be a live convention so all of you can come and enjoy your friendships with our Lions across our District. It is going to be held at the Village Inn Hotel and Event Center in Clemmons, NC, just about a one hour drive.

Our theme for this year is “Unsung Heroes”. Our plan is to honor one Lion from each club. These Lions will be honored Saturday during the luncheon.

We will be having a continuous power point presentation honoring each club’s unsung hero. A convention reservation form can be found on page 11 of this newsletter. Should you want to make room reservations, the information is included on the form with a deadline of October 5th.

The convention kicks off with the Friday Fun Night. Participants are encouraged to dress up in their favorite Hero costume. Saturday morning will begin with the Tail Twister Breakfast followed by the Brighter Visions auction. There will be exhibits, zone basket raffles and the BV Boutique which features hand made items. After the lunch, the District Cabinet Meeting and election of officers will occur.

How can you help? Make your room and meeting reservations, secure auction items, make handmade products for the BV Boutique and join in the festivities.

Let’s all plan to attend and represent our great Concord Lions Club.

CONVENTION REGISTER FORM IS ON PAGE 11.



Service With A SMILE

Recently we received updates from our Legacy Scholarship winners. Missing was information from our first winner in 2017, Hannah Ross Patten. Below is information we received from her mother.

Dear Lions Club Members,

In addition to the incredible honor it has been for Hannah Ross to be the first recipient of the very generous Lions Club Scholarship, It was an enormous benefit to her education at both Emory University in Atlanta and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She graduated in May with a degree in Sociology. She is currently working in Washington, DC as a Research Assistant with Cambium Learning Group which provides award-winning education technology and supplemental K-12 solutions for teacher and student growth. At some point, we think she would like to continue her education and get a PHD in Sociology.

We are grateful for the Lions support and will fly America's flag proudly in your honor.

With gratitude, Rebecca and Bill Patten



Service With A SMILE

Thank You! (From the **Coltrane Life Center** regarding our \$300 donation.)

Thank you so much for your support of Coltrane LIFE Center's 2021 golf tournament, which was held recently. This is our primary fundraiser and we are most grateful for your contributions.

Again, thank you for all your support. You are helping improve the lives of older adults, adults with disabilities, and their family caregivers.

Susan Caudle

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August 25, 2021

Concord Lions Club
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Dear Concord Lions Club:

Thank you for your donation of \$3,500.00 to our Brighter Visions Campaign of the North Carolina Lions Inc. Your Donation is Greatly Appreciated!

As you are well aware, each year we touch the lives of thousands of individuals. This would not be possible without the support of the Lions of North Carolina and individuals like you.

Your support is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to visit with us at any time to see first-hand what your contribution has made possible.
Thank you,

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Leadership Opportunities



Lion Solomon is assisted with his list of “**Reasons to be a Lion**” by PID Harvey Whitley.



Lion John presents his list of “**Reasons to be a Lion**”



Birthdays

Oct 11-Debra Steeb

Oct 12-Bob Skillman



Have a Service Project Idea?

Lion Richard Rogers is our club Service Chair. Contact Lion Richard if you have ideas or opportunities for Service Projects in our community.

Things we heard in the Lions Den

Lion Georgianne has just returned from Missouri where she visited a replica of Noah's Arc. She mention that it was pouring rain when she arrive, however she did not see pairs of animals.

Lion Trish continues to make jams and jellies for sale with the proceeds going to Brighter Visions. Let her know if you want to purchase some.

The Poirier's have returned from a visit to Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Odell Lions continue to have difficulties getting enough help to hold their semi-annual BBQs. They will be doing BBQ Butts for Christmas.

Membership and Service are critical to our efforts to serve others. Ask someone to joins us! The more we have the more we can serve.

What's Happening?

Do you order from Amazon.com? Did you know that your order can benefit NCLI? All you need to do is use the address of Smile.Amazon.com and select NCLI as the beneficiary. Amazon will donate a portion of every order made using that web address to NCLI.

October 5th Program Information

Recently, a young blind person contacted Lions International. As she lives in Concord, her request was forwarded to our club members. Perhaps you saw the email forwarded to you from Secretary Joe.

Taylor is an employee of a firm in Apex that contracts with schools to provide needed services to visually impaired students. They also provide assistance to deaf and hard of hearing students. From their website, we found they support children with visual impairments and blindness in school, home and community settings with highly qualified Teachers of the Visually Impaired, Orientation and Mobility Specialists and Brailleists. Taylor uses her own experiences of being blind to assist the children with which she works.

VIP Christmas Party Dec. 7 or 14

Planning is underway for our annual Christmas event. Some of the things we will need help with include securing the event space, entertainment, menu, caterer and program content. Also needed is the gift selection we provide to our VIPS.

Please volunteer for this committee as we need all hands on deck. Watch for information in your email regarding the planning session.

Service Opportunity Coming

Recently our club delivered 750 used eyeglasses to Camp Dogwood. Also delivered were a large bag of can tabs, several hearing aides and 50 cell phones.

Meanwhile, two eye care providers have called for us to pick up used eyeglasses. We need to plan a sorting event soon so watch for the date, place and time.

You Might Like to Know

Upcoming Programs You Don't Want to Miss

Tentative programs are being scheduled for the Lion's Year. Currently, we have interesting programs for every month other than April. Please plan to attend and support these visiting speakers. Programs are scheduled for the regular meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. We hope you will offer your support and sign-up for one month.

October	Taylor McDonald—Vision Assistance for school children
November	Phil Murph—Lions Services
December	VIP Christmas Party
January	District Governor Official Visit
February	Michelle Gregory—Vision Assistance Technology
March	Eva Weaver—Social Worker for the Blind (pending)
April	Open
May	VIP Picnic
June	Officer Installation 1VG Bill Mathers



Vision Screening Update



Although we were going to do a presentation about our vision screening program to the Kannapolis Rotary Club, we've been postponed until Tuesday, October 12th. Stay tuned for more news about this!

In the meantime, we have some exciting news. We are in the process of setting up a partnership with the Concord Lake STEAM Academy in Kannapolis to provide eye screenings for their students. Katie McDaniel, the school nurse at Concord Lake, said it has been a couple of years since their students have been tested. The school has about 554 students from grades K through 8. For now we are being asked to test grades K through 5 (about 450 students). Because of a number of circumstances, she has asked for the testing to be done in February 2022. We'll be working out the logistics in November so that we can be prepared to provide our services. Finally, we would like to do a training session so that we will have more eye screeners certified by Lions KidSight USA. We have some people who have already volunteered to be screeners who need to be certified but if anyone else in the club is interested, please let either John Nunn or Kathy Poirier know. The training date is TBD.

Before you Go—Laughs for Lions

One Liners to Make You Smile

Source: <https://www.countryliving.com/entertaining/a32963261/halloween-jokes/>

Where does a ghost go on vacation? Mali-boo.

Why did the ghost go into the bar? For the Boos.

What is in a ghost's nose? Boo-gers.

Why did the policeman ticket the ghost on Halloween? It didn't have a haunting license.

Why do demons and ghouls hang out together? Because demons are a ghoul's best friend!

Why did the ghost starch his sheet? He wanted everyone scared stiff.

What does a panda ghost eat? Bam-BOO!

What's a ghost's favorite dessert? I-Scream!

Where do ghosts buy their food? At the ghost-ery store!

How do you know when a ghost is sad? He starts boo hooing



Don't forget to invite someone to the next meeting.



**District 31-I Lions Fall Convention
Registration Form**



Village Inn Hotel & Event Center, Clemmons, NC - November 5-6, 2021

Friday - November 5 (Registration: 3:00PM-7:00PM Hotel Lobby)
 Hospitality Room Open..... 3:00PM - 5:00PM
 Exhibits, BV Boutique, Zone Basket Raffle 3:00PM - 6:00PM
 Family Fun Night (Dinner and Entertainment) **Super Hero Fun & Games** 6:30PM - 9:00PM
 Hospitality Room Open Following Fun Night

Saturday - November 6 (Registration: 7:00AM-12:00PM)
 Breakfast (All Lions and Guests)..... 8:00AM-9:00AM
 Tail Twister Auction..... 9:00AM
 Exhibits, BV Boutique, Zone Basket Raffle 9:00AM - 4:00PM
 Town Hall Meeting with **Past International Director Harvey Whitley** 10:30AM - 11:30AM
 Delegate Certification..... 11:30AM-12:00PM & 3:00 - 3:30PM
 Lunch Banquet **Honoring Unsung Heroes** (Lions and Guests)..... 12:00PM - 3:00PM
 District Cabinet Meeting and Officer Elections 3:30PM
 Hospitality Room Open for evening 4:30PM

**Hospitality Room open all day Saturday for refreshments and snacks (Except During Lunch)
Badges must be worn at all meal functions (including Fun Night)**

Village Inn * **Lions Room Rate:**
6205 Ramada Dr **\$94.00 plus tax**
Clemmons, NC 27012

*Lions Room Rate will be available until OCT 5th.
 Hotel Reservations after October 5th will be provided
 on a space available basis.*

*Make room reservations directly with the hotel:
 Call (336-766-9121 or 800-554-6416) and ask for
 Lions Group.*

*Trademark Collection by Wyndham

Make check for meals payable to:
 NC 31-I Lions Clubs

Mail check with bottom portion of this form to:
 Lion Liz Steele Phone: (704)798-3471
 2252 Baker Mill Rd
 Cleveland, NC 27013
 Email: LRSteele@hughes.net

Do Not Mail after October 29, 2020
 Phone registration only between Oct 29 & Nov. 1
No refunds after Nov. 1

Return this part of the form with your check – Copy as needed

Club: _____ **District:** _____

Check all that apply

Names: <i>(PRINT first and last names & circle title)</i>	*Food Allergies	Awards						Meals		Banquet		
		MJF	JSF	WLW	BOH	AMB	HOF	FN	BK	Pork	Chic	Veg
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Function		Number Attending	
		Adults	Cost
Family Fun Night Burger Bar	\$22.00	_____	_____
Key Member Breakfast Plated Breakfast	\$20.00	_____	_____
Lunch Banquet Veg Lasagna, Herb Roasted Pork Loin or Southern Fried Chicken	\$30.00	_____	_____

Reminder: Please Select Banquet Meal Preference and Specify *Food Allergies Above **Total Cost \$** _____

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