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Our 100th State Convention is Dedicated to our International Family

You inspire, teach, and lead by example.

Sid L. Scruggs III
International President
2010-11

At the end of the day, it's not what I learned but what I have taught, not what I got but what I gave, not what I did but what I helped another achieve that will make a difference in someone's life... and mine.



Gwen White
International Director
2017-2019

Do not grow weary in doing good, for in due season you will reap the harvest, if you never give up.



Harvey F. Whitley
International Director
2012-2014

*Love your neighbor as yourself."
(Jesus--Matthew 22:38)
"Service....and then some"
(Harvey Whitley, 2012)*



Lacy M. Presnell
International Director
1975-1977

*Accent the positive !!
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Do a good deed for
someone each day !!*

*Your North Carolina Lions family loves you
and thanks you for your service*



INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Dr. Patti Hill

Dr. Patti Hill from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada was elected to serve as international president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105th International Convention, July 7 through July 11, 2023.

International President Hill is president of a consulting firm. With 30 years of experience as an educator and psychologist, she has mentored graduate students and psychologists in training. She has also championed the rights of children and youth who are deaf and/or blind. A member of the Edmonton Host Lions Club since 1990, International President Hill has held many offices within the association, including district chairperson for Membership, Environment, Convention and International Cooperation and Understanding. Additionally, she has served as a committee member for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, multinational coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II, secretary for the Lions Eyebank (Alberta) Society, Vice President of the Lions Eye Research Institute of Northern Alberta and presenter at many forums and conventions. Dr Hill is a founding member of the Lions of Canada Consultative Committee.

International President Hill and her husband, Greg Holmes, also a Lion, enjoy time with their family which has grown to include Pieter, Carley and grandson Alexander, Erin, Mike and granddaughter Violet, and Jessica and Mitch.



Welcome **MARK S. LYON**

LIONS INTERNATIONAL THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Mark S. Lyon, from Brookfield, Connecticut, USA, was elected to serve as third vice president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105th International Convention, held in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, from July 7 through July 11, 2023.

Vice President Lyon has worked in corporate legal administration and financial services for over 40 years. He is currently board administration manager with Synchrony Financial.

As a long-time resident of Brookfield and an active volunteer in his community, church and local government, his connection with Lions was already very well established before he became a member with the Brookfield Lions Club in 1996. Since then, he has held a number of offices within the association including international director, multiple district council chairperson and multiple district GLT coordinator.

He was also appointed as a member of the LCI Forward project team, as a Global Action Team area leader, as a District Governor-Elect Seminar group leader, and as board liaison to the 2019 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum executive committee. Vice President Lyon has also served as presenter, faculty and participant at countless training events and leadership forums throughout the years.

In recognition for his service, he has received multiple International President's Awards and International President's Certificates of Appreciation as well as an International President's Leadership Award. Vice President Lyon is also a recipient of the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. Additionally, he has been recognized as a Connecticut Knight of the Blind and a Connecticut Ambassador of Sight, and is the recipient of a number of project and service-related certificates.

In addition to his Lions activities, Vice President Lyon is active in numerous professional and community organizations.

Vice President Lyon is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. His wife, Carolyn Faris Lyon, is also a long-time Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. They are the proud parents of three incredible daughters.



Lions International

Office of the Mayor
City of Greensboro



WELCOME!

On behalf of the citizens of Greensboro and the Greensboro City Council, it is my pleasure to extend a warm and cordial welcome to those attending the North Carolina Lions State Convention. We also join with you in celebrating the 100th Lions of North Carolina convention.

While you are staying in Greensboro, we hope that you will have a chance to enjoy the many amenities that our City has to offer. We believe our modern and conveniently located conference facilities are second to none in quality, service, and comfort. From hotels, restaurants, and shopping to historical and cultural attractions, I am certain Greensboro will have something for you everyone. Our residents are known for their fine southern hospitality and appreciate your visit.

Again, we welcome you to our City! We hope your stay in Greensboro will be a pleasant one and we encourage your return.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Vaughan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N".

Nancy Vaughan
Mayor

100th



Welcome to the *North Carolina Lions Council* **STATE CONVENTION**

It is our pleasure to welcome you all to Greensboro and the 100th North Carolina Lions Council State Convention. We are thrilled to have this time together to celebrate the incredible Lions of North Carolina.

We are honored to have 3rd International Vice President Mark Lyon and his Partner-in-Service Lion Lyn with us this weekend. Thank you for giving them a warm North Carolina welcome as they bring inspiration from Lions International.

This year we are focusing on four of our core initiatives....Vision, Childhood Cancer, Hunger and the Environment. Thanks to the giving hearts of our Lions, we will be able to support "Saving Sight \$1.00 at a Time", collect used and broken crayons that will be melted and donated to children who are ill, participate in a food drive and make an impact on our environment by giving Lions plants and flowers.

We hope you all enjoy your time with us ... we have an informative, inspiring and fun-filled weekend planned. It's the perfect time to greet old friends and make new ones. Please take a moment to say hello to new faces and share your kindness.

It has been an honor for us to serve the Lions of North Carolina as convention chairs and we are excited to encourage the new team!

PDG Barbara Thompson

State Convention Coordinator

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Our International President Patti Hill's theme is "Changing the World". In President Patti's words, "Changing the world is a journey. There is no middle and no end. There is only a beginning and it starts with us. It happens through the many small choices and acts of kindness we make every day. Together, the sum of our efforts makes the world a better place."

We thank the Lions of North Carolina for the countless acts of kindness you have performed this year. You have made incredible changes in your communities and in our state. It has truly been our privilege to serve as your District Governors.



**Kathy Poirier, Lorriane Dixon, Susan O'Brien, Susan Fernandez,
Carlie Metts, Johnny Berry, Rahim Shomari**

Thank You to our **CONVENTION TEAM**

Sometimes it is hard to put thanks into words. What I really want to do, and probably will, is hug each and every one of the 40 convention committee members and let them know how much they are appreciated.

They came with ideas, passion and the determination to make this historic 100th North Carolina Lions Council State Convention a truly memorable weekend. Their ideas were game changers and the number of first time volunteers was absolutely awesome! Tasks were divided up, new ideas initiated and many Lions stepped up into new roles. What a joy they are!

I also want to thank the 2023-24 Council of Governors. Their support and belief in what we, as a team, wanted to do was unwavering. They were there every step of the way and always encouraging.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your convention chair, again this year. These past three conventions have made me smile, scream, question why, but always made me proud to work with each and every Lion involved. Now the baton has been passed.

With heartfelt thanks and love to you all,

PDG Susie Dailey



YOUR 2024-2025 COUNCIL WELCOMES YOU TO OUR 100TH STATE CONVENTION

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DGE Mike Edwards ▪ 31-I
DGE Judy Keck ▪ 31-0
DGE Ana M. Elliott ▪ 31-N
DGE Jim Tobolski ▪ 31-S
PDG George Suggs ▪ Council Chair Elect
PCC Gary Steele ▪ Council Sec/Treasurer





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2024 OFFICIAL AGENDA
Greensboro-High Point Marriott Greensboro, NC
April 25-28, 2024

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

International Family Dinner by Invitation Only

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

PDGO Golf Tournament - River Landing Golf Course in Sandy Ridge

2:30pm - 4:30pm - Vendors and Exhibits - Foyer

3:00pm - Hospitality Room Opens - Emerald Room

3:00pm - 7:00pm Registration - Foyer

3:00pm - 5:30pm Delegate Certification - Cardinal Room

6:30pm - 10:00pm Fun Night - Grand Ballroom

Presiding - Susan O'Brien, District Governor 31-O

Invocation - Susan Fernandez, District Governor 31-L

Pledge - Lorraine Dixon, District Governor 31-S

Introduction of International Family - Kathy Poirier, District Governor 31-I

DINNER - Grand Ballroom

Introduction of 3rd International Vice President Mark Lyon and Lion Lyn

Sid Scruggs, III Past International President

Peace Poster Presentation

DG Susan O'Brien - Introduction / DG Susan Fernandez - Presentation

Celebrate Liberty Presentation

DG Susan Fernandez - Presentation with Lion Harriet Walton and PDG Nathan Medlin

Entertainment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carlie Metts, District Governor 31-N

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

7:30am - 6:30pm - Registration - Foyer

8:00am - 10:00am - Tail Twister and Key Members Breakfast and LIVE Auction - Ballroom

Presiding - DG Susan Fernandez

Invocation - DG Susan O'Brien

Pledge - Council Chair PDG Ray Shomari

Recognition of International Family and Special Guests - DG Carlie Metts

BREAKFAST - 8:00am - 8:45am only

Recognitions - DG Lorraine Dixon

Ambassador of Good Will, NC Lions Hall of Fame, Melvin Jones Fellows,

Jack Stickley Fellows, William L. Woolard Partners-in-Service, Sid L. Scruggs, III Beacon of Hope

Fellows, Membership Keys, Ambassador Awards, Oldest and Newest Lions

LIVE AUCTION - 8:45am - 10:00am - PDG George Suggs

Announcements - DG Kathy Poirier

10:00am - 10:30pm- Hospitality Room open - Emerald Room

10:00am - 4:30pm - Vendors and Exhibits - Foyer

10:30am - 11:15am Town Hall Meeting - Ballroom - PIP Sid Scruggs, III Introduces 3rd IVP Mark Lyon

11:30am - 12:45pm LUNCH (pick up in hospitality room) - Emerald Room

1:00pm - 2:00pm Miracles in Sight Program - GSO High Point Room - DG Kathy Poirier

2:30pm - 4:00pm Round Table Discussions - GSO High Point Room

2:00pm - 4:00pm Certification of Delegates - Cardinal Room

4:00pm - 4:45pm Past District Governors Organization Meeting - Cardinal Room

6:00pm Head Table Line-up and Photos - Piedmont Ballroom

6:30pm - DISTRICT GOVERNORS BANQUET - Grand Ballroom

Introduction of Head Table - Lion Fanta Dorley

Master of Ceremonies - DG Carlie Metts

National Anthem - DG Kathy Poirier

Pledge of Allegiance - PDG Ray Shomari

Invocation - DG Susan Fernandez

DINNER

Recognition of 2023-24 Lions reaching 50 years of service - Lion Johnny Berry

Hall of Fame Induction - PDG Carlton Metts

International Awards and Presentations - 3rd IVP Mark Lyon and Council

Introduction of Honored Guest - PIP Sid Scruggs, III

Address - 3rd IVP Mark Lyon

Announcements - DG Lorraine Dixon



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