



## TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

*Land Where Flight Began*

MEMORANDUM

October 12, 2016

TO: Mayor and Board of Commissioners

FROM: Debora P. Diaz, Town Manager

REF: Introductions and Presentations

### 1. North Carolina Lions Visually Impaired Persons Fishing Tournament

The 33rd Annual Lions Visually Impaired Persons (VIP) Fishing Tournament is slated for October 17-20. The tournament, hosted by the First Flight, Manteo, Nags Head, Wanchese, Lower Currituck and the Columbia Lions clubs is the largest service project of its kind in the world.

VIPs from across North Carolina, will be joined by VIPs from Alabama, Connecticut, West Virginia, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia, California, and Canada for bragging rights as a national winning angler. There will be 525 VIPs and their guests, about 300 volunteers, plus about 125 high school and college student volunteers.

This event is more than a few hours of fishing. It has everything to do with people. Attendees face daily obstacles that sighted people take for granted. During the three-day independent living event participants develop self-confidence, courage, and self-esteem. Besides fishing, the VIPs learn independent living skills and get to enjoy the beauty of our community, tourist attractions, restaurants, hotels, and the fellowship of others. It provides Lions an opportunity to walk alongside the people they serve.

The fishing is on the Avalon, Nags Head, Jennette's, and Kitty Hawk Fishing Piers and two head boats, the Crystal Dawn and Miss Oregon Inlet. All other events and banquets will be at the Lions Westcott Park in Manteo.