



Family Ties



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BELIEVE IN A WORLD OF SERVICE

Hello Lions' Family,

During the month of July I have been busy getting everything ready for the ride of my life. With everything pretty much in place now I will be on the road around the District shortly. I am so pleased to see that there are many of you and your clubs that remain active during the summer months as indicated by your LCI activity reports. Keep up this great work.

What an opportunity and honor it is for us to host the upcoming USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Tampa this September! This is a chance for each of you to meet Lions from all over. When will you ever have such an opportunity for the incredible seminar sessions available; such as The ABC's of Social Media, Lions Put Fun into Fundraising, and Who needs younger members anyway?. There will be sessions for each and every position as a Lion (President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tail Twister, etc.) and over 70 others to stimulate and help you be the best Lion you can. Special speakers at the

forum will include James Malinchak, a dynamic speaker with a strong passion for serving others who is a successful businessman and a co-author of Chicken Soup for the College Soul; Business woman and comedian, Mary Feeley, who presents the perfect mix of hysterical humor, honest insight, real-world skills, and inspiring challenge; and Steven Fulmer, whose motivational talk of Dream, Believe, Become, reflects life as a blend of creation and discovery.

Although most of the seminars will be geared toward Lions, we want to encourage upcoming club leaders to participate in this great educational experience. You do not have to be a current or past officer, as we encourage everyone to attend. Those of you that attend and bring a friend with you (first timer) will receive a special Forum Pin stating the word "Mentor". The pin also includes a dangler with the year "2012".

Our Immediate Past President, Wing-Kun Tam said "I Believe". Our



current International President, Wayne Madden says "In a World of Service". I am convinced that all Lions should from this day forward focus and live "I believe In a World of Service". If we all live the belief of "WE SERVE", it will be spread all around the world that all Lions truly BELIEVE IN A WORLD OF SERVICE! Remember, Live It, Love It, Believe in it!

"WE SERVE"

Thanks for all you do!

DG Bob and Amy Hilliard

Give others a piece of your heart, not a piece of your mind.



Provide much needed service in your community.



Hi Fellow Lions, Lionesses, and Leos!

August is a busy month with a conference, a trip to Leader Dogs in Michigan, and our first District I Cabinet Meeting of the new Lionistic year. All of these events offer new learning experiences to grow and share with my fellow Lions. Please plan to bring as many members of your club to Plant City on August 18th to hear what Governor Bob has to say about this year. We would love to have a huge attendance and share the experience of a Cabinet Meeting with as many new Lions as possible. For those new

Lions out there, this counts towards your Governor's Achievement Award.

Don't forget to register now to volunteer at our once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to attend a USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum right here in our own District in Tampa from September 13th through 15th. We need many volunteers, so please order your Banana shirt and sign up to serve! You will also not want to miss out on the seminars and motivational speakers, so register to attend the Forum also. Your choice is to register for the forum and as a volunteer to work inside the convention center, or register as a volunteer at a facility outside the convention center. Either way, the volun-

teer uniform is the banana colored golf shirt and black pants and shoes. See you there!

As your club is considering it's fundraising activities for the year, please don't forget to assist our worthy entities who all need our help financially.

Governor Bob and 2nd Vice Governor Judy and I are all here to help you to have a successful year. Please contact any one of us if you have questions or just want to invite us to help on a project.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Andrew J Moos

1st Vice District Governor, 35-I

ARE YOU SPREADING THE LIGHT?

There are 2 ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it. We, as Lions, see ourselves as Knights of the Blind.

Our goal this year is one of literacy. We have been given a mission to sponsor projects that deal with reading to others, providing books or possibly volunteering with an adult literacy program. September 8th is the United Nations International Literacy Day and our International President has many suggestions on line if we can't come up with programs on our own.

The Service Project for August focus's on youth. We need to encourage our youth by planning projects that they can participate in. Looking around our communities I'm sure we can find projects that could improve the lives of our citizens.

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

August seems like a great month to start such process. It's not about what our clubs have done but about what we are doing. So lets get started and see what we can accomplish.

2nd VDG Judy Galm



***DISTRICT 35-I
FAMILY REUNION***

*Saturday, August 18th
First United Methodist Church Wesley Center
303 North Evers Street
Plant City, Florida*

Hearing Foundation, Sight Foundation & PDG Meetings begin at 9 a.m.

Reunion begins at 10 a.m.

Continental Breakfast & Lunch - \$15.00

***RSVP by Sunday, August 12th to:
Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Norma Jean Andrews, PDG***

700 West Devane Street

Pensacola, FL 32534

(239) 634-4221

froglady39@hotmail.com



Overnight arrangements can be made at:

Holiday Inn Express

2102 North Park Road

Plant City, Florida 33563

(813) 719-3800

Let them know Lions Club to get special rate...\$72.80 with tax.

Letter from the Editor



Did you know that one third of all children entering kindergarten today lack the basic language skills they will need to learn to read. And children living in poverty are especially at risk.

Children who start out with reading difficulties are more likely to remain poor readers and ultimately fail in school.

Without intervention, they will grow into adults with low literacy skills and poor economic potential.

Since 20% of U.S. workers are functionally illiterate, this problem is

not only a tragedy for each individual; it also has a significant effect on the ability of the United States to compete in the global economy.

Early language skills, the foundation for reading ability, are based primarily on language exposure – resulting from parents and other adults talking to young children.

Research shows that the more words parents use when speaking to an 8-month-old infant, the greater the size of their child’s vocabulary at age 3.

Reading aloud is not only one of the best activities to stimulate language and cognitive skills; it also builds motivation, curiosity, and memory. Giving parents the information and

the tools – beautiful, age appropriate children’s books – to make reading aloud a daily activity enables parents to better prepare their children to succeed in school.

Reach Out and Read was developed by pediatricians and early childhood educators to make literacy promotion a part of regular pediatric checkups so that children enter school prepared to excel. Go to www.reachoutandread.org to learn more about our partnership.



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We appreciate your service.

See you on board!

LIONS OF FLORIDA AND BAHAMAS

Let it be known that the 2013-2014 Council of Governors will hold interviews for the position of 2013-2014 MD-35 Council Chairperson during the Winter Conference to be held on January 11-14, 2013 on the MD-35 Bahamas Cruise out of Miami.

Requests for interview including resume that are received on or before December 28th, 2012 via email will be considered.

Send your email to all 1st Vice District Governors and Multiple District 35 Secretary Gary Nieskes at:



USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



The 36th annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is getting closer all the time. Your Host Committee Chair PCC Jackie Cameron and Vice Chair PDG John Carbaugh are hard at work with the committees for the many different and challenging things that will allow us to host the best forum ever!

We need your help by promoting attendance and volunteerism. There are many of our fellow Lions who have already signed up and there are still many positions yet to be filled. From the many seminars

to the motivational speakers we promise you will find something that will move and shake up your Lions Club! Within this months issue of the District Governors Newsletter you will find a volunteer sign-up form that we are asking all Lions to pass around to your Lions Club. Have your members fill it out and send it in. The Lions of Multiple District 35 need your help!!!

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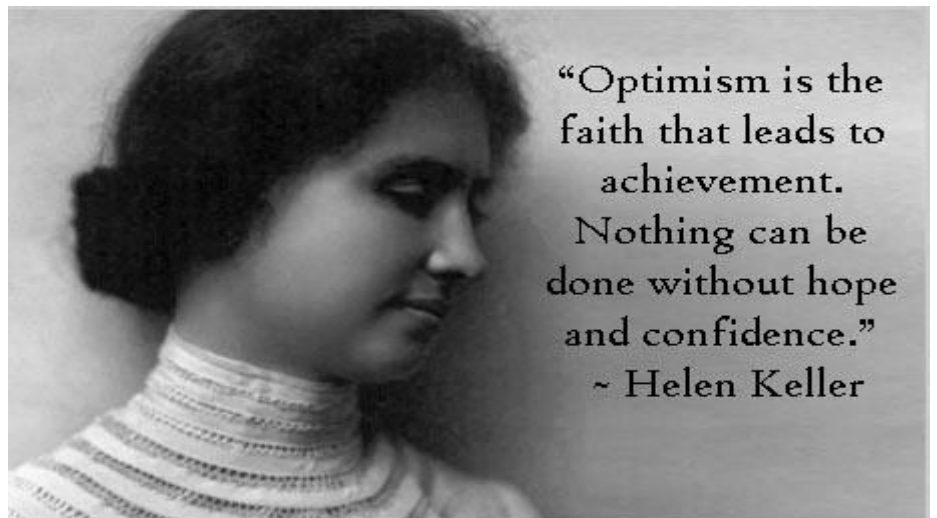
In our pursuit of excellence, we want all Lions to embrace our heritage of service. From our founder Melvin Jones, to Helen Keller's call to be "Knights of the Blind" service to others has been our foundation.

That heritage continues 95 years later and has been paramount in our ability to expand our service to areas such as disaster relief, fighting poverty and hunger, taking care of the environment, and working with the blind and vision impaired, and adopting new challenges like measles and childhood mortality. Service is what we do, and who we are. It defines us as a revered, highly respected institution. We will always be true to our heritage.

But embracing our heritage does not mean we should not be open to change. The world is changing. The world is evolving. We must evolve

with it if we hope to keep pace and continue to make a difference in the lives of millions of people in need.

We challenge clubs this year to seek self improvement and always be receptive to new ways of doing business and new traditions.



Please Check Volunteer Preferences – You can do more than one activity.

PROMOTION

(Information table at International Convention)
(Pre-Registration at Anchorage, AK Forum)

District (Identify) _____ State (Identify) _____ International _____

PRE-FORUM Availability:

___ Mon. Sept. 10, 2012

___ Tue. Sept. 11, 2012

___ Wed. Sept. 12, 2012

JOBS:

___ Airport Greeter

___ Host Committee Office Set Up

___ Airport Driver

___ Goody Bag Stuffing

___ Welcome Center Greeter

___ Forum Store Set Up

___ RV Park Greeter (Should this be necessary)

___ Registration (Hotel)

___ Prepare Hospitality Baskets

___ Registration (Convention Center)

___ Pin Trader Greeter

___ Peace Poster Display Set Up

___ Anywhere/As Needed

FORUM Availability:

___ Thurs. Sept. 13, 2012

___ Fri. Sept. 14, 2012

___ Sat. Sept. 15, 2012

JOBS:

___ On-Call Drivers for VIPs

___ Meal – Display Table Signs

___ Host Committee Office Workers

___ Update Seminar Signs

___ Registration (Convention Center)

___ Meal – Ticket Takers

___ Host Committee Booth (Sell pins, etc.)

___ Seminar Greeter and Runner

___ Bus Greeter (Arrive/Leave)

___ Meal – Seat Availability

___ Hallway Greeter/Traffic Control

___ Seminar Evaluation Data Entry

___ Forum Store Worker

___ Hotel Transportation Liaison (at Hotel)

___ Announcements/Lost and Found

___ Forum Store Take Down

___ Host Committee Office Take Down

___ Anywhere/As Needed

POST FORUM

___ Sun. Sept. 16, 2012

___ Mon. Sept. 17, 2012

___ Tue. Sept. 18, 2012

JOBS:

___ Airport Drivers Needed w/SUV or Van



Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute

You too can Become a Better Leader

Announcing the 2012-2013 Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute! Coming soon to an area near you, Lake City, Florida October 12th through the 14th and Tupelo, Mississippi, November 9th through 11th.

The fee will be \$50.00 for a weekend of quality Lions Leadership Training. Full Hotel Information will be sent in registration information. Contact hotel directly for reservations.

Clarion Inn and Summit Center
852 North Gloster Street
Tupelo, MS, 38804
Phone: (662) 844-4343
Fax: (662) 844-4344
\$79.00 per Night

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
213 S.W. Commerce Drive
Lake City, Florida 32025
Phone: (386) 754-1411
Fax: (386) 758-2211
\$89.00 per Night

Full details can be found, including online registration, at the following web page:
http://www.lionstraining.us/Lions_Training/SELLI.html

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Friday

3:00 Assemble/Opening Session
4:00 Communications
6:00 Dinner (on your own)
7:45 Lions Fundamentals

Saturday

7:30 Breakfast
8:15 Diversity
9:00 Goal Setting
9:45 Break
10:00 Mentoring
11:00 Presentation Skills
12:00 Lunch (Included)
1:00 Membership Programs
2:30 Member Motivation
3:15 Break
4:00 Conducting Effective Meetings
6:30 Banquet (Included)

Sunday

7:15 Breakfast
8:00 Modern Technology
and Lions
9:45 Putting it all together/LCIF
10:30 Graduation

Attention all District Club Bulletin Chairs!

Isn't it Great to Be a Lion!!

It is also great to share the news of your Club Activities. Please add me to your email or US Mail distribution list to receive your Club Bulletin. This way you will be included in our District and possibly our Multiple District Contest. There are two contests. One for a single page bulletin and one for a multi-page bulleting.

All you have to do is read the rules in any district directory and then send me a copy of each of your bulletins! I will also forward your bulletin to the new MD-35 Bulletin/Newsletter Chair who may include your club activities in the Multiple District 35 magazine page

for Club Briefs.

Thanks you for all that you do for your Club, our District, our Multiple District, and the World!

Yours in Lionism and Friendship,

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It's not about keeping score. It's about making sure that every effort counts.

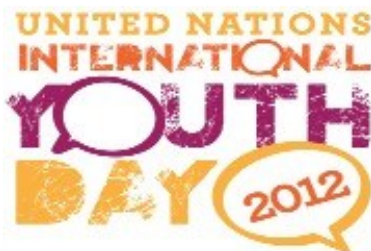


Engaging Our Youth



This month's Global Service Action Campaign focuses on "[Engaging Our Youth](#)." Lions can engage youth in

service by planning projects to which young people can relate. Encouraging their input and participation can help today's youth gain valuable leadership skills in a world of service. Project ideas include painting a playground, donating supplies to local schools, organizing a board game drive and more. Learn more about "Engaging Our Youth" and our other [Global Service Action Campaigns](#). For questions, contact programs@lionsclubs.org.



Sit. Stay. Shop!



Southeastern Guide Dogs is thrilled to announce the grand opening of their new online gift store. Exciting new items include unique Southeastern Guide Dogs gifts for you and your dog!

<http://www.guidedogsstore.org/>

Proceeds from the Gift Store directly benefit the programs and services provided by Southeastern Guide Dogs.



Celebrate International Literacy Day



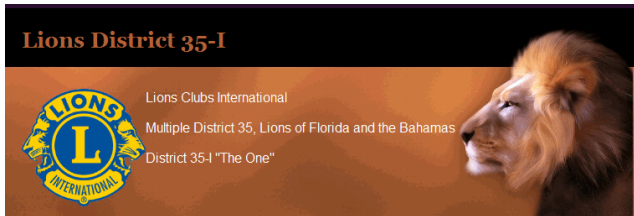
The United Nations' International Literacy Day, celebrated Sep-

tember 8, will focus attention on worldwide literacy needs. Your club can join with Lions around the world to commemorate this special day by organizing a service project to promote reading and education in your community. It's easy to get started. Simply access the [Lions Reading Action Program](#) for user-friendly resources, including a planning guide, project idea sheet, partnership opportunities, promotional bookmarks and more. Document your club's literacy activity through the LCI online Service Activity Report by May 1, 2013, and receive the new colorful Reading Action Program banner patch. Also, learn more about the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and LCI's partnership to [promote literacy around the world](#). (photo credit: Dan Morris)

LIONS OF FLORIDA AND THE BAHAMAS DISTRICT 35-I

*"it is universally admitted that a well-instructed people
alone can be permanently a free people."
President James Madison, December 5, 1810*

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**WAUCHULA LIONS CLUB
CELEBRATES 85 YEARS
OF SERVICE**

**JOIN US FOR THE
4th Annual Back to School
FREE Eye Screenings
August 17th during
Friday Night Live**

by Sevigny and Associates Eye Care and the Wauchula Lions Club. Dr. Mark Sevigny and his staff, with the assistance of the Wauchula Lions Club, will provide free eye exams from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Java Café meeting room. Vision screening can help with the early detection of vision problems. These comprehensive eye exams will be provided on a first come first served basis.

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