



# Family Ties

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## Pride of Service



### District Officers

- District Governor  
Robert Hilliard
- 1st Vice District Governor  
Andrew Moos
- 2nd Vice District Governor  
Judy Galm
- Immediate Past District Governor  
Dean Hess
- Secretary/Treasurer  
Norma Jean Andrews

### Multiple District Officers

- International Director  
Stacey Jones
- Council Chairperson  
Donna Spencer
- District 35-L Governor  
Pat Hall
- District 35-I Governor  
Robert Hilliard
- District 35-O Governor  
Norma Callahan
- District 35-N Governor  
Juan Tejera
- Office Manager/Executive Secretary  
PCC, Gary Nieskes

*"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."* Helen Keller

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum was again a wonderful experience. Amy and I met up with many friends we had not seen since Convention and made many more.



The Lions Motto – "WE SERVE". The Lions of District 35-I certainly do, and from the heart. We are so proud of our Leo's and all of you who attended and worked beside us in making this Forum a success. Our deepest Gratitude and Thanks to all of you who served.

How many know a Lion who goes above and beyond as they encourage clubs and members to achieve more by working

together for a common goal; they introduce new challenges that stimulate enthusiasm; they train giving an impressive picture of a "Lion", and they take an active interest in making sure of each members active involvement; they continually promote "WE CARE, therefore WE SERVE"; and they Mentor, with their enthusiasm, motivation and talents always overflowing onto others.

Are you one of these lions? We are asking each of you to rededicate yourselves to hands on service as a Lion. Deepen your involvement. Take a greater interest in humanitarian service. Assume a new responsibility. Sponsor a new member. Be the best Lion you can be. Don't settle for just being one of the group". Step forward and make a difference.

Remember October is Sharing the Vision month. If you do not al-



ready, organize a vision screening, eyeglass collection or an activity to benefit the visually impaired in your community.

Helen Keller once said: "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." This year let us feel it with our Hearts.

May God Bless each of you with joy, health and happiness and remember "People Remembering Ideals Determine Enthusiasm"

Thanks for all you do!

*DG Bob and Amy Hilliard*



## Thanks For All You Do



I want to extend a huge thank you to all of our District 35-I Lions, Li-

onesses, Leos and friends who helped make our Tampa USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum such a huge success! A special thank you goes to our Leos who helped do the behind-the-scenes work with our seminar paperwork.

Please remember that October 10 is the deadline to book your cabin for our January MD-35 Lions cruise to the Bahamas. What an awesome way to share time with other Lions

at sea! Refer to your MD-35 Lions Magazine for details.

We have a NEW CLUB in town! Wesley Chapel Lions Clubs holds their Charter Night on October 13. Join us as we celebrate our newest District 35-I Lions Club. I expect to see many of you at this event.

Our upcoming Fall Council of Governors Conference is in Altamonte Springs on October 18-21. District Governor Norma promises exciting training at this conference.

The Conklin Center holds its Annual Halloween Fundraiser Dinner in Ocala on October 26. If you have a costume to show off, come and enter the contest and help support one of our own entities at the same time.

If you don't have a costume, come and view all your Lions friends in their Halloween Finery!

As you are working hard to plan your Fall and Holiday projects, please invite PCC Suzy and I to lend a hand in all your good works.

Zone Chairpersons, please send the dates and times of your Zone meetings to me so I can add them to my calendar.

Lions, I'd like to hear from you if you have an interest in serving our District next year.

Yours in Lionism,

*1st VDG Andrew Moos*

## Friends Are The Family You Choose Yourself



"The best relationship is not the one that brings together perfect people, but when each individual learns to live with the imperfections of others and can admire the other person's good qualities."

I did not write that statement but the message is as important today as it has been. We all have our talents, some hidden, some not and it is up to us to bring out those talents so we all contribute to the end product.

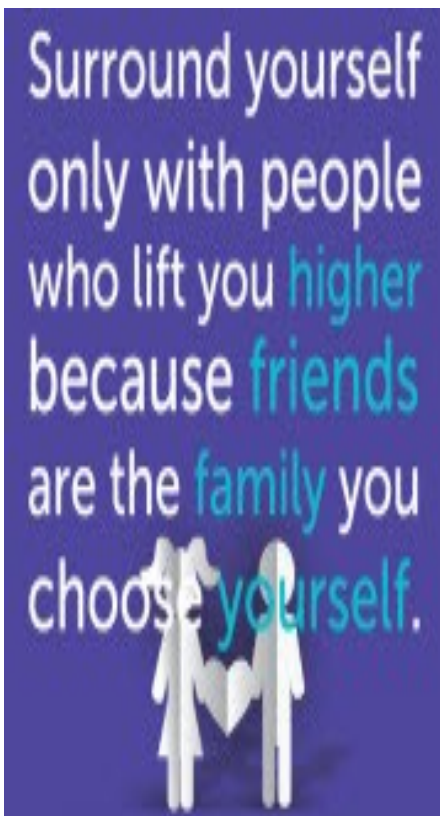
Coming together as individuals, as Lions, is a beginning; keeping to-

gether is progress; working together is success... teamwork. We are all working for the same goal so let's work as a team. We have a great District and with everyone's help it will only get stronger.

Surround yourself only with people who lift you higher because friends are the family you choose for yourself.

Yours in Lionism,

*2nd VDG Judy Galm*



## Forum notes from Jackie & John



On behalf of General Chair Polly Voon, Vice-Chair John Carbaugh and myself, I would like to express

our sincere appreciation to all the Lions, Lioness and LEO's of Multiple District 35, Florida and the Bahamas for all of your time and effort put forth to make the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Tampa the BEST FORUM YET!!! The Host Executive Committee, the Host Committee, all of the volunteers and everyone who worked in any way helped to make our Forum a success. The Team we had worked from concept to conclusion to make our Multiple the one that set the bar at a higher level for all future Forums.

We made history with General Chair Polly Voon and Host Committee Chair Jackie Cameron as the first ladies who held either of the Chairs. The Planning and Host Committees worked so closely that we were able to provide all of our guests with our Southern Hospitality and welcome them to our home.

A special Thank You to Council Chair Donna Spencer, DG Pat Hall, DG Norma Callahan, DG Bob Hilliard, DG Juan Tejera, 1st VDG Jeffrey Heisler, 1st VDG Al Becker, 1st VDG Andrew Moos, 1st VDG Dudley Bent, 2nd VDG Bob Melnick, 2nd VDG Judy Galm, 2nd VDG Carolyn Lloyd, 2nd VDG George Letakis, 2011-2012 District Governors, 2010-2011 District Governors, 2009-2010 District Governors for all of your support during the past few years for all of your support, promotion and confidence in our Multiple

District to show our "Pride in Lionism" to all the Lions of North America and Canada.

Our "Banana Shirts" made an impact on many lives and will continue to do so in the future.

Host Committee Chair

*Jackie Cameron, PCC*

and

Host Committee Vice-Chair

*John Carbaugh, PDG*

## Forum notes from CC Donna



On behalf of the 2012-2013 Multiple District 35 Council of

Governors, I would like to thank all of those who volunteered at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Tampa September 13-15!

We had volunteers from every district in every aspect of the Forum! From our Host Chair to Facilities to Goody Bags to Manpower to Opening Ceremonies to the Forum Store to Registration to Seminars to Sergeant at Arms to Host Committee Office to VIP Transportation to Hospitality to Protocol to Exhibitors to Peace Poster Exhibitors to Pin

Traders to Closing Ceremonies to Photography, you had it covered and it was much appreciated!

As I was talking with Lions from throughout North America throughout the week/weekend they only had positive things to say about the MD35 Lions and Host Committee!

Everyone came together to get the job done and Lions YOU DID IT! I would like to say a special thank you to the Leos from Bonita Springs for their support! You were awesome! When you see these young people, please congratulate them on a job well done!

We are all looking forward towards Overland Park. We have three Lions from Multiple District 35 on the



Planning Committee! Congratulations to Lion David Skillin for being chosen as Webmaster/Newsletter Manager, International Director Stacey Jones for being the Board Appointee, and Past International Director Neil Spencer for being chosen as Opening and Closing Ceremonies Chair!

We are also looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Council of Governors Conferences and the Multiple District 35 Convention in Daytona Beach!

Yours in Lionism and Service,

MD-35 Council Chair

*Donna Spencer*

# Membership by the Numbers



<b>Current Total Members</b>	<b>1377</b>
<b>YTD Members Added</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>YTD Members Dropped</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>YTD Net Growth</b>	<b>-44</b>

Imagine if the quarterback of your favorite football team went out to face the opposing team all alone.

How about if the only player that showed up for the baseball game was the pitcher? I doubt that team will win.

Just like a sports team, your global membership team CAN'T do it's job alone. We need the support and willingness to work from ALL Lions in the district. To put it simply, if the team doesn't show up we all lose.

Recently I contacted club presidents and zone chairman requesting they obtain the commitment of certified guiding Lions plus arrange manpower to conduct an extension workshop in an area.

I am disappointed to say that I have received little or no response from my repeated inquiries.

Starting a new club requires the support of Lions in the surrounding area. We simply can't expect a certified guiding lion to drive 2-3 hours to attend the meeting of a new club for the two year commitment. It is just not right, especially when local Lions are in the area and have the experience necessary to allow a club to succeed.

Now is the time to quit talking

about membership and "step up to the plate" to get the job done and gain new members. Please, if you would like to volunteer to be a certified guiding Lion, I will be more than happy conduct training at YOUR location and provide you with all the resources that it takes to make a new club succeed.

Remember, I can't do this job alone! Please don't make me face the opposing team's defensive line by myself. If we work as a team, we all win.

District 35I GMT Leader

*Blair S. "Chip" Kunka*

## Kidsight

## District 35-I Kidsight News

These are exciting times for our Kidsight screening program. Our District 35-I Sight Foundation was awarded a \$49,500 Standard matching grant from Lions Club International Foundation in June and we have received the matching grant funds.

Thanks go to all the different clubs and organizations which donated funds to the Sight Foundation to help match the LCIF grant.

The Sight Foundation has completed purchasing vision screening instruments (Plusoptix S09 screeners and Pediavision Spot screeners) to be placed in 6 different locations throughout the district.

The goal of the KidSight screening program is to identify preschool age children who have problems which can cause poor vision in one or both eyes (amblyopia).

These problems may be juvenile cataracts (rare), misaligned eyes (Strabismus), and abnormal refractive errors (need for glasses) including farsightedness, nearsightedness and astigmatism.

The vision screeners can detect all of the above problems objectively, just by taking an image of the child's eyes. The children do not need to tell the examiners what they see.

We would like to make sure that no child grows up with a lazy eye (amblyopia) in District 35-I. If we catch the problem early in the child's life it is much easier to treat completely and restore normal vision. After age 9 lazy eye cannot be treated successfully and continues throughout the person's life. Early detection in 3-5 year olds leads to easier and better treatment.

The mission is large. There are about 57,000 children born each year in District 35-I. Amblyopia occurs in about 4% of all children so this means that if we screen all the children at risk we can save the vision of 2,280 children each year! Below is a breakdown of the numbers of children born yearly in each county in our district.

We are "Knights of the Blind" and saving vision is our main mission as Lions. The Kidsight program is easy to start and run.

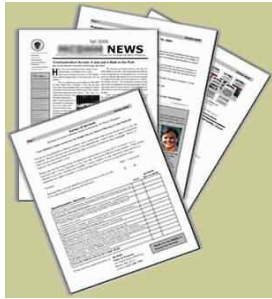
We encourage clubs to get started in this important program. Here is how you can get started.

Contact your local coordinator to schedule a training session or talk to your club about the program.

Your District 35-I Sight Chairman,

*Dr. Howard Freedman*

# Attention Club Presidents!



Does your club have a monthly newsletter or bulletin?

Would you like it to be included in the District

35-I Contest?

Would you like it to be considered for the MD-35 Contest?

All you have to do is show your Club Bulletin Editor the rules from any year District 35-I directory and then have them include me on their email or US mail list.

Let's get your club recognized for all

of your efforts! Thanks for all you do for and with our great organization!

Yours in Lionism and Friendship,

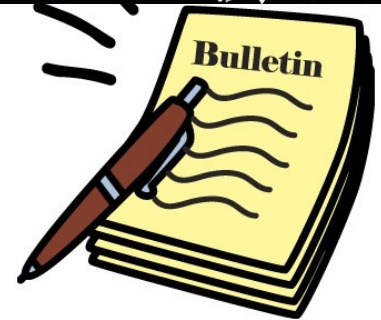
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## Champions of Change

WINNING the FUTURE ACROSS AMERICA



"The best ideas come from the American people. Everyone has a story to tell, everyone has a part to play.

All across the country, ordinary Americans are doing extraordinary things in their communities to out-innovate, out-educate, and out-build the rest of the world. Every week, we will invite these Champions of Change to the White House to share their ideas to win the future.

The White House Champions of Change program honors everyday Americans doing extraordinary things in their communities." – [whitehouse.gov/champions](http://whitehouse.gov/champions)

On October 2, Lions Clubs International participated in a special event at the White House in Washington, D.C. Members were selected to represent Lions as "Champions of

Change" and were recognized at the event and participated in a panel discussion.

Other highlights of the day included a tour of the White House East Wing and a White House Community Leaders Briefing, during which Lions discussed with government administrators and agencies topics such as reading and literacy, health services and more. The event was also streamed live online.



### *Zeiss USA Partnership Fund-raising Limited Opportunity*

Many of you have read about Tim's miracle in LION magazine - an incredible story of saving a young man's sight with the help of funds raised by the Somers Lions Club of New York. As a fundraising tool, Carl Zeiss, Inc. and Nanofilm created a lens-cleaning kit for the club to sell. The fundraiser was a big success, and now lens-cleaning kits are available for other Lions clubs to sell. In addition, LCIF receives \$1.50 for every kit sold.

For every lens-cleaner kit order (a minimum of one case) received by December 31, 2012, LCIF will receive an additional \$1.00, totaling \$2.50 per kit!

For more information visit [www.LionsLensCleaner.com](http://www.LionsLensCleaner.com)



Join us for the  
**WESLEY CHAPEL LIONS INSTALLATION!**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2012  
QUAIL HOLLOW GOLF CLUB  
6225 OLD PASCO ROAD  
WESLEY CHAPEL, FL 33544

COCKTAILS: 6:00PM CASH BAR  
DINNER 7:00PM  
DANCING 9:00PM BY THE NUNES AT NIGHT  
DRESS: SEMI-FORMAL  
COST \$25.00

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2012  
TO LION CATHLEENE TOKISH  
[SWEEEDARLINGQUILTS@VERIZON.NET](mailto:SWEEEDARLINGQUILTS@VERIZON.NET)  
(813) 994-2994

There are many hotels in the area. We have a special rate at the Holiday Inn Express 27615 State Road 54 Wesley Chapel, FL 33543 Hotel Front Desk (813) 907-1379 Quote Wesley Chapel Lions Rate \$69.95 includes Breakfast Buffet

- From North I-75
- Merge onto I-75 S.
  - Take the CR-54 W / SR-54 West, EXIT 279.
  - Turn right onto Wesley Chapel Blvd.
  - Turn right onto Old Pasco Rd and go one mile
  - Quail Hollow will be on the left.

- From South I-275
- Start out going north on I-275
  - Stay straight to go onto I-75 when interstates merge.
  - Stay on I-75 N for 4.5 miles.
  - Take the CR-54 W / SR-54 W exit, EXIT 279.
  - Turn left onto Wesley Chapel Blvd.
  - Turn right onto Old Pasco Rd and go one mile
  - Quail Hollow will be on the left.

**Free** Wednesday - October 17th  
9 am - 1 pm


# Health Fair

**General Public Welcome**

Heritage Park Health and Rehabilitation  
37135 Coleman Ave., Dade City, FL 33525  
(352) 567-8615

**Come join us for  
FREE Health Information  
and Health Screenings**

Low Oxygen Screening · Blood Pressure Checks  
Blood Sugar Checks · Health Care Informational Hand Outs  
Therapy Reflex Check · Complementary PSA Tests · BMI  
Goodie Bags · Hamburgers and Hotdogs · Door Prizes · Baked Goods



Thousands of patients depend on the Bone Marrow Registry to find a donor who can give them a second chance at...  
**LIFE.**

Be the one to save a life...  
**Join the Bone Marrow Registry**

**REGISTER AS A BONE MARROW DONOR**

Those who register will be included in a drawing for a **KINDLE TOUCH!**  
Join us for food, raffles and additional prizes!

**Wednesday October 17, 2012**  
9:00am - 1:00pm  
Heritage Park  
37135 Coleman Avenue - Dade City  
CONTACT Patricia Watkins 352-567-8615

*You have the power to heal, the power to save a life!*

Take the first step... Join the Registry!



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR BOB'S FAMILY REUNION**

**DISTRICT CABINET MEETING**  
NOVEMBER 10TH, 2012  
AGENDA TO BE ANNOUNCED

HOSTED BY THE VENICE LIONS CLUB  
3951 WOODMERE PARK BLVD., VENICE, FL 34293

LUNCH \$15.00 INCLUDES CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST  
RSVP BY NOV. 4TH TO LION BARBARA  
[bmcgl@verizon.net](mailto:bmcgl@verizon.net) OR 941-480-9290

## Lions World Sight Day – Focusing Attention on Preventing Blindness and Improving Sight

Lions Clubs International will officially mark World Sight Day in Istanbul, Turkey on October 10 to 11, 2012. International President Wayne A. Madden will lead the events, which will include screenings focusing on diabetic eye diseases, including diabetic retinopathy.

Since 1998, Lions World Sight Day, held annually in October, has focused attention on eliminating preventable blindness and improving sight. On World Sight Day, Lions clubs around the world conduct special sight-related projects including:

- Collecting eyeglasses.
- Conducting vision and diabetes screenings.
- Planning educational programs to inform their communities about the importance of eye health – and diseases such as diabetes that can impair sight.



*"Let's Get Together and Serve"*  
**ZONE MEETING for ZONE 9 & 10**  
**LEADERSHIP**  
**IN A WORLD OF SERVICE**

Monday, October 08  
 Social 6:30 pm Dinner 7:00pm  
 Cost \$14.00 (includes coffee and gratuity)

Quail Hollow Golf Course  
 6225 Old Pasco Road  
 Wesley Chapel, FL 33544

Sponsored by  
 Lutz-Land O Lakes Lions  
 Wesley Chapel Lions

**RSVP by October 1<sup>st</sup>**

Lion Catherine Walton, PDG  
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Lion Renee Bolli  
 (813) 943-7377  
[reneebolli@yahoo.com](mailto:reneebolli@yahoo.com)

## LUTZ-LAND O LAKES LIONS 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL RIDE FOR SIGHT

**NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**POKER RUN**

100% GOES TO LIONS ENTITIES

REGISTRATION  
 10:00 – 11:30AM  
 KICK STANDS UP 11:30AM  
 LAST BIKE IN 4:30PM

Registration at  
 Gaspar's Patio Bar & Grille

Stop 2 The Sore Elbow  
 Stop 3 Ukulele Brand's  
 Stop 4 Neon Cowboy  
 Stop 5 Quail Hollow Golf Course

Poker Hand \$20.00  
 Extra Hand \$10.00

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE MONEY  
 WORST HAND PRIZE MONEY

50/50  
 RAFFLES

## 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Gala January 26, 2013

**Ft. Myers Beach Lions Club**

**Diamond Head Beach Resort and Spa  
 Fort Myers Beach  
 Guest Speaker**

**International Director Stacey W. Jones**  
 Gala starts at 6:00 in the Diamond Room with Dinner at 7:00  
**Choice of Six Herbed Grouper or  
 Chicken Breast with Honey Garlic Sauce**  
**\$45.00 per person tax and tip included**

Contact PDG Peter McCagg  
 6548 Kestrel Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33912  
 (239) 768-2545 or e-mail at [pmccagg@comcast.net](mailto:pmccagg@comcast.net)

*“At the end of the day, it’s not what I learned but what I 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 in mine.”*

Sid L. Scruggs, III

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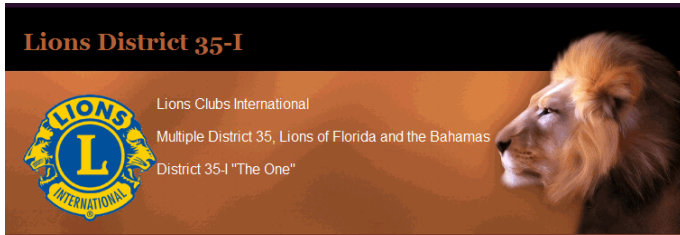
We're on the web, go to  
[www.lions35i.org](http://www.lions35i.org)

## Mark your Calendars

The March 2013 Family Reunion/Cabinet Meeting has been rescheduled due to a scheduling conflict with the Bonita Springs Lions Club.

The meeting has been rescheduled from March 23, 2013 to April 13, 2013. District Governor Bob Hilliard apologizes for the inconvenience this change may have caused.

This change of dates is being announced now so that everyone has enough advance notice to adjust their schedules.



### Membership Tips from Lion Chip

If your Lions club could prevent 1 out of 5 drops, our Lions Clubs would actually be growing instead of getting smaller.

Try to make your members feel welcome and a part of our Lions family. Nothing is sadder than seeing a Lion sitting all alone at a meeting. Just think how you would feel if you were ignored at your meeting.

Pick up your plate and sit down with your fellow Lion. You just might save a member from dropping out and make a new friend in the process.

