



District 35-L Newsletter

July 2012

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Dear Lions,

Yohbosehyo and that is hello in Korean!

We had quite an experience at the convention and all went well except for the flight home and the food situation. It is indeed a pleasure to serve as your Governor this year.

My theme is "Service From the Heart" and that's what I want every Lion to do-Serve From the Heart! When we do that there is only time for spreading the good news about the Lions Organization and everything that we stand for and do. We will be so busy being a servant that there will only be time for sharing, edifying, praising, encouraging, and uplifting one another. Isn't that a wonderful thought?

Our goals for this year are as follows:

1. Promote Lions and District 35 L.
2. Promote the International President's Wayne Maddens' theme, "In a World of Service."
3. Increase membership and add new clubs.

This may not look like much but each goal encompasses several activities and if we do all of those our year will be most productive. Activities will be outlined in our communication efforts and can also be found on the web site.

During August we need to engage our youth in activities. Start planning right now how your club can do this and then make certain that you share the good news. Take time to put an article in the newspaper, send something to the State magazine, and PLEASE make certain that the secretaries post a brief description of the activity and even pictures on the International activity reporting site. It only takes a few minutes to do this and that is one way District 35 L can shine!

I am appealing to each of you to renew your commitment to your club and Lions Clubs International. We need to get some zest in our meetings and activities and then promote the work of Lions. Let's all try using a fresh spirit of team work and get busy. Forget all the reasons of why something can't be done and just do it!

I am looking forward to meeting many of working and hearing about all your good works. Please email or call me when you need to.

Annyeonghegahsehyo (good-bye) for now!

DG Pat



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Service from the Heart

From Our New Governors

District 35-L



District 35L, as we approach a new Lions year it is with great honor and pride that I progress to your 1st VDG and work with the DG team of Governor Pat and 2nd VDG Bob Melnick.

First I would like to say thank you for your support during the past year and I am looking forward to serving you in the coming year. I have had my year as 2nd VDG, the year of learning, stumbling, walking, and stumbling some more behind me now. I look forward to great things in Lionism and in our District that are on the horizon. I am looking forward to visiting more of the clubs, getting to know more "grass-root" lions on a more personal level and I am looking forward to working on the GMT to help facilitate growth in our District.

I would also like to thank Lion Barbara West for graciously accepting my offer to be my Partner in Service for the next 2 years and I am looking forward to learning what she has to provide me and the District with her many years of service as a Lion.

There is much work to be done. There are many entities in dire need of financial assistance as well as hands on assistance that need our support and consideration. It is very difficult for some of these entities to continue to provide the same level of services that they have provided in the past in the current economy. Please keep this in mind while working on your local club's budget and determining who you will be contributing your club donations too.

My "unofficial" favorite entity/project for this year that I am going to be providing support too from my business is the LCIF Measles Initiative. As a medical person with 24 yrs of nursing experience I have determined that it is important to bring awareness to this project. For \$1 we can provide a child somewhere in the world the immunization for measles that they need to prevent them from dying from measles. \$1 can save a child's life. What a great use of a dollar that we probably won't even miss from our pocket!

Once again I would like to thank all of the members of the District and wish you a healthy and safe upcoming year and look forward to serving YOU.

Jeffrey Heisler
1st VDG, District 35L

Hello Fellow Lions

It is my honor to begin my year as your 2nd VDG. Thank you to the Lions of Dist. 35-L for showing your support and giving me the opportunity to serve during this Lionistic year. I look forward to working with DG Pat Hall and 1st VDG Jeffrey Heisler with great pleasure and will take full advantage of their experience and talents, helping me to grow along with our district.

With the GLT and GMT teams, always hard at work, I plan to work with Lion Dr. Cris Hirsch and Lion Larry Hopkins to improve our existing clubs and their membership - to strengthen both. Teams will be visiting clubs needing help during the upcoming months and throughout the year as well as investigating areas where new clubs are needed. Please let us know if we can be of service to you in any of these areas.

I have always had a love for Lionism and a desire to serve in each and every capacity that presented itself. The belief that I could serve as your 2nd VDG became stronger after meeting International President Wing-Kun Tam in Oakbrook last November. Traveling home we stopped to eat at a Chinese Restaurant and after the meal I opened my fortune cookie and read: "Service. The rent we pay for living on this planet". This small piece of paper said what I have always believed. I look forward to serving you and the district this year. It truly is "Great to be a Lion".

Yours in Lionism,

2nd VDG Bob

“Help is a four-legged word”

Founded in 1975 in Santa Rosa, CA., Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) pioneered the concept of training dogs to assist people with disabilities. The achievements of these first service dogs and the increased independence they brought to their human partners came at a time in America's history when people with disabilities were charting new courses for their lives. They want opportunities to take charge of their lives, not simply being taken care of. CCI has opened the door for such opportunities and from their foundation until now, CCI has placed nearly 4,000 dogs.

CCI is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization receives no government funding. CCI dogs are provided at no cost to the graduates. All the expenses of breeding, raising, and training a Canine Companion are funded through private donations.

People with physical or developmental disabilities who can demonstrate that a Canine Companion will enhance their independence or their quality of life are eligible to apply. Also eligible are professionals working for organizations that provide physical or mental health care to clients who could benefit from interaction with a facility dog. For the past 4 years, a growing number of wounded Veterans have received CCI Service Dogs.

At CCI, dogs begin their journey when they are whelped in the homes of volunteer breeder caretakers with whom the parent dogs live. When the puppies are two months old, they are brought to the Schulz campus in Santa Rosa where a fulltime veterinary staff and kennel care staff examine the pups and give the first vaccinations. The pups are then placed in the homes of volunteer puppy raisers where they receive socialization and basic obedience training. When the dogs are 14-18 months old, they are returned to one of CCI's five regional centers where they begin a six- to nine-month program of Advanced Training. The dogs are fully trained when they are introduced to the people who may become their partners. The training of the person in the use of one of our dogs is called Team Training and lasts for two very full weeks. At the end of the training, a public graduation ceremony takes place marking the beginning of a long-term relationship between person and dog and between the team and CCI. Graduates remain in touch with CCI through regular follow-up programs, workshops and reunions."

Lions and Lionesses from the very start helped the new organization grow with volunteering their time and money.

It wasn't long before individual efforts led to club efforts and finally in 1981 the District Governor of District 4-C7 in California made it his project for the year. Articles of incorporation were drawn up in 1982 that were similar to the Lions Eye Bank with a network of support coordinating Lions efforts. Finally in 1983 the MD-4 Council of Governors sanctioned the foundation. Since its humble beginning in one Multi District, Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence (LPCCI) has grown in support to Lions Clubs in 32 states across the nation.

Lions and Lions Clubs contribute to LPCCI through Life Memberships, Club Memberships, awards, sponsorships, fundraising, puppy raising and by volunteering time. The goal of LPCCI is to be represented in all 50 states. Florida is represented and is the location of the Southeast Regional Training Center in Orlando.

Upon our moving to Ocala, FL LPCCI asked if I would take on the responsibility for promoting LPCCI to District 35-L. In turn, I asked my wife Lion Ginny to assist me in this effort. We have made several presentations to clubs as far away as Kissimmee and to that great and enthusiastic club in Williston. We had a display table at the MD-35 State Convention in Miami and were able to meet Lions from all over the MD. We would love to visit clubs throughout District 35-L. We would also like to invite clubs to visit the Orlando Southeast Regional Center with us or to attend a graduation ceremony. The graduations are very heartwarming and emotional, especially when the puppy raiser hands over the leash to the recipient.

Please contact us if you are interested in a presentation on the Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence. Our contact information is below.

As a final point, at the MD-35 convention we were located near to the Southeast Guide Dog booth. One quarter of the raffle tickets we sold were purchased by the SE Guide Dog representatives. They made a very good point in saying that service dog organizations are not in competition with each other as no one organization can meet the overwhelming need for service dogs.

You can find online information at lpcci.com and cci.org

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Help Prevent Drug Addiction

Lion Martin Meder
Drug Awareness District Chair

The problem of drug addiction is growing in America. Drug addiction is not a victimless crime. Addicts are compelled to break the law. The addict will steal, injure or kill people to get money to fulfill his drug habit. Drug addicts must keep taking drugs and always need more money. A drug dependent person will spend 88,000 or more a year to fulfill his or her habit.

Symptoms of drug abuse can be seen when any person shows these signs: an increased interest in drugs, owns drug paraphernalia, has slurred or incoherent speech, has drastic changes in weight, changes in daily habits or personal appearance, a neglect of personal responsibility, or the drug addict may suffer blackouts or forgetfulness.

Many of us are familiar with drugs that are sold illegally like Cocaine and Heroin because we hear about them from the movies and TV. Cocaine and Heroin are two important drugs that are abused in the U.S. The Drugs are imported from foreign countries. Heroin and Cocaine are illegal and unregulated. Because the drugs are unregulated there can be harmful ingredients added before the drugs are sold. Both drugs cause a dependency. Neither Cocaine nor Heroin is the first drug of choice for teenagers because they have realized that there is a free source of drugs at home.

Drug abuse does not always start in the city streets. Sometimes drug dependent behavior can start in the home. Young people take the prescriptions that were written for themselves or other family members from the medicine chest in the family home and they take these drugs to a "Pharm party". The "Pharm party" is where many young people experience the effects of drugs for the first time. The first-time drug user may feel more comfortable taking prescription drugs. A qualified doctor prescribes the drug and a registered pharmacist prepares the drug. The preparation by lawful and respected members of the community will make prescription drugs seem safe for consumption. The Pharmacist and Doctor have years of training and they both must work under rigorous government scrutiny and regulation. Prescription drugs should not be used unless the drugs have been prescribed by a doctor for the individual and the prescription must be followed as written. The prescription drug must be used only as prescribed or it will cause harm to the individual.

All drugs create a chemical change in the body. The doctor prescribes a drug to cause a chemical change that will speed up or slow down a process in the body so that the patient will receive a medical benefit. It is a new fad for young people to take prescription drugs that were originally written for another person. In some cases after the initial experience with prescription drugs cause the drug user to feel his or her first "high". The experience is so intense that the drug dependent person needs to re-experience the feeling. Even after taking more powerful drugs or increasing the amounts of the drug the addict will never experience the first-time "high" again. Any drug creates chemical changes in the body and after taking drugs over a period of time the drug addict will need to take drugs just to feel normal. If an addict stops taking drugs withdrawal symptoms can cause pain in the body. The severe pain and loss of mental faculties can cause some addicts to harm themselves. Drug Dependent people have committed suicide.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement report in June 2008 tells us that death from Prescription drugs was 3 times higher than death from illicit drugs. The next report from the National Institute of Drug Abuse is from December 2011 and reveals some startling Drug Abuse statistics. The NIDA report tells us that Prescription drug abuse remains a significant problem in the United States. The numbers of deaths from people abusing Prescription painkillers outnumber deaths from Heroin and Cocaine combined.

The Gainesville Police department has several ideas to help keep the Community drug free. Make friendships with people who do not take drugs. Another recommendation from GPD is not to attend parties where drugs are present. These are two of many recommendations that are listed on the GPD website.

Nationwide the Socioeconomic cost of Drug Abuse is 440 billion dollars to the US. Taxpayer. If we can stop all Drug abuse today this enormous amount of money might be used for scientific research or to improve education. Citizens must be aware of the cost to the individual and the Nation in order to stop the evils of Drug Addiction before it steals more lives of young people in America.

From around the District



EVERYTHING DUCKY!!

The Palatka New Vision Lions Club held their 2nd Annual DUCKS FOR BUCKS race on Saturday June 2nd. This is an annual Memorial Day event, but because of the weather, was delayed a week. 1,000 ducks were sold and dropped in the St. Johns River. It took about 30 minutes for the winning duck to cross the finish line.

This has been a fun project for the club and a very profitable one. It enables the Palatka New Vision Lions Club to provide eye exams, eyeglasses and other needed services to the less fortunate in Putnam County.

Next year will be even bigger as the club expands the number of ducks to 2,000.



June 7, 2012.

Cedar Key Lions and volunteers Paula Wescott, George Sresovich, Dick Wescott, Lannie Cardona, Marve Franks and (not pictured:) Judy Duvall, Jennie Pinto, Teri and Rory Brennan collected 14 bags of trash alongside the newly renamed stretch of highway 24 honoring fallen Cedar Key serviceman, Marine Lance Cpl. Brian Rory Buesing.



**BAKER LIONS CLUB
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From around the District

2012 MBC Lions
Charity Golf
Tournament
winners being
congratulated by
Lions President
Ed Dickson.



Pictured from left to right: Lion Ed Dickson, Jay Wakefield, Dave Smith, Ron Pizur and Jeff Green.

President Ed Dickson declare the annual Middleburg Black Creek Lions Club Charity Golf Tournament a "Big Success". The annual tournament was held at the Eagle Harbor Golf Course early this month.

Dickson awarded the first place trophies to the Allstate team that included Captain Ron Pizur, Jeff Green, Dave Smith and Jay Wakefield. Dickson thanked all the players for making the day a big success.

Over 50 players took to the links just after lunch with a light rain falling. Less than one-half hour later the sun was peeking through and the balance of the afternoon was ideal golfing weather.

At the awards ceremony following tournament play, over 10 golfers won prizes in the raffle, the putting contest or for their performance on the course.

Proceeds from the tournament will be used to help fund the Lions Kidsight program which is a District-wide effort to identify youngsters with "Lazy Eye" a disorder of the visual system that is characterized by a vision deficiency in an eye that is otherwise physically normal. It has been estimated to affect 5% of the population - primarily children!

From around the District

On Top of the World Lions Club News

The OTOW Lions Club held its Installation of New Officers and Dinner event on Tuesday, June 12. Guest Past District Governor (PDG) Bob Respass officiated over the installation of newly elected officers and Board of Director members. He also presented out-going President John Johnson with a Lion Trophy Award for his service as the president of the club. PDG Respass then presented awards to members who have maintained perfect attendance. OTOW Officers for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year are as follows: President – Ralph Mills; 1st Vice President – Steve Snowman; 2nd Vice President – Wendy Phillips; Secretary – Carol DeYoung; Treasurer – Richard Spahn; Membership Chair – Estelle Clark; Tail Twister – Ed Michelson; and Lion Tamer – Peter Dodd. Newly-elect Board Members are Dawn Franz, Marty Schley, Wendy Phillips, and Eloise Jurgens.

The OTOW Lions Club is an extremely active one which supports the following charities through fundraisers and/or direct service: The OTOW Lions supports the following charities: Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF); Florida Lions Foundation; Florida Lions Eye Bank; Florida Lions Guide Dogs; Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence (LPCCI); Conklin Center for Blind; Florida Lions Sight Van; Florida Center for the Blind; Interfaith/Food for Kids Backpack program; and KidsSight. Other club activities include: White Cane Day; Emergency Light Switches; Trash to Treasures Sale; Christmas Golf Parade; Memorial Day Ceremony; Veterans Activities; the Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon; and the Italian Dinner Fundraiser. Additionally, the club supports the Ocala Ritz Veterans Villages and has created and completely furnished two living quarters for homeless veterans. The club is pleased to announce that one of these two quarters will have its first homeless veteran occupant as of July 2012!

The OTOW Lions Club is always looking for new members who have a desire to serve those in need. For readers who would like information about joining or even just attending a meeting to see what it is all about, please contact PDG Estelle Clark at 861-7358 or via e-mail at pdgestelle@yahoo.com.



PDG Bob



UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTICES

NOTICE OF MEETING

This Notice is a Call of the Meeting for the Directors of the North Florida Lions Hearing Aid Bank on

SATURDAY, JULY 21st, 2012 at 12:00 at noon.

Meeting begins at 12:30 p.m.

Lions Club of Palatka, 318 Osceola Street, Palatka, Florida

Invited to attend are ALL OFFICERS of the Board of Directors

All Club-Appointed Board Representatives

The District Governor and Vice District Governors

Also, any Lion, Lioness, or Leo who wished to attend may do so for the purpose of gathering information and participating for their respective Clubs. However, these attendees shall not have the privilege of voting.

As a reminder, please note that each member club is entitled to two (2) appointed representatives whose names shall have been submitted to the Secretary of the Board of Directors. While each club is entitled to two (2) representatives, there is only one vote per member club on matters that come before the Board. A form is available for all clubs to see to name their representatives for the Next (2) years

Lion Brian Carroll will serve lunch. The cost is \$9.00

RSVP to Lion Brain if you plan to eat.

Brain Carroll -- 352-386-1674

The first District Meeting will be held in Arlington on August 15th

The Sunshine Chair for this year is Lion Barbara West. If you know of an illness or death of a Lion in 35 L, please let her know. Her e mail address is west4520@aol.com and her phone number is 352-622-2423. Please remember to share news so she can let us all know.

The Peace Poster Chair is PCC Delores Farris and her e mail is deltonfarris@embarqmail.com Her phone number is 352-245-6092. Please contact her about any questions that you might have about the contest and rules. It is now time to be working on this for this year.

Please send in pictures and articles to activities and projects in which your club has recently been involved so we can share District-Wide. Send submissions and photos to: lionashley@hotmail.com

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The Marianna Lions were chartered on June 11, 1937 and will celebrate their 75th Anniversary on August 23, 2012 with a dinner featuring J. Frank Moore, Past International President of Lions. The dinner will be a served affair with entree choices of Fried Catfish or Roasted Chicken. The meal will also include salad, two sides, coffee, tea and dessert. Cost of the meal will be \$15.00 per person. The social hour will begin at 6:00 PM and dinner served at 7:00. We will also feature a pictorial review of club history, a 50/50 and a raffle. The event will be held at Jim's Buffet and Grill. 4329 Lafayette Street, Marianna, FL 32448.

We invite Lions of District L, to attend

**To make reservations, contact: Pat Ouzts, Treasurer
Marianna Lions
P.O. Box 442
Marianna, 42447-0442
Phone 850 482 4116**

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USED EYE GLASSES REPORT

DISTRICT 35-L

"WE SERVE"

Ft. King Eye Glass Recycling Center

This form will be used to help us accurately count the numbers of used eye glasses that are collected within our district. Our clubs collect thousands of pairs of used eye glasses and by using this form we can keep an accurate record of our success.

Please file your reports monthly or as turned in.

If your club does not collect used eye glasses, please check on the line below, fill out the form, and return to the District Used Eyeglass Chair, PDG Tony Stefanowicz.

_____ Our club does not collect used eye glasses.

Reporting Period: Date _____

Club Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Used Eye Glass Chair _____

Chair's e-mail address _____

Number of glasses _____ Frames _____ Lens _____ Cases _____ Sun Glasses _____

Other _____ (Hearing aids, cell phones, ink cartridge, etc.)

Where glasses were sent _____

Number of Collection Sites _____

Please return form to your Donation Center and Multiple District 35 Chair PDG Tony Stefanowicz.

Ft. King Eye Glass Recycling Center

President Walt Krumm

3826 NW Gainesville Road

Ocala, FL 34475

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PDG Tony Stefanowicz 386-853-0416 govnortony@yahoo.com

Used Eye Glasses MD 35 Chair

476 Turkey Creek 32615



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DISTRICT 35-L

Panhandle Eye Glass Reclamation Project

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