



# District 35-L Newsletter

September 2012

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**Patricia Hall**  
District Governor

Hello Lions,

I saw a sign recently that made such an impact on me that I had to just stop and think. It was an advertisement for the Marines and it read, "We don't accept applications-just commitments. We as Lions need to stress our belief system, our goals, our values, and the commitment to a LIFE of SERVICE to those wishing to join our organization.

Perhaps if we did more up front educating to the prospects, then our membership numbers would be stable and even increasing. Lionism should be a way of life not an in and out approach!

Next, I would like to challenge you to "keep those engines revved up!" Keep the energy and enthusiasm flowing and show it! Stay on the fast track and serve with pride.

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming Forum in Tampa. I have volunteered for committees and you can also. It would be wonderful for District 35 L to have a good number there and for us to share our pride in our state and as Lions for the hosting state. It's not too late so come on and let's head to the Forum!

Last of all, please remember our winning formula for success. Dedication+Preparation+Teamwork=Excellence . I have already visited several of the clubs in various parts of the district and have seen Lions and clubs using this. There are many wonderful activities going on and plans being made for many others. Know the formula and continue to use it.

I want to give recognition to the High Springs Lions Club for sponsoring a new Leo Club. They are really working together to help us develop new and young leaders. I had the pleasure of inducting them into the beginning of what I hope is a long life to service. The Leos already had a list of outstanding ideas for projects of service. Way to go High Springs and the new Leos!

Serving from the heart,

DG Pat



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# From Our New Governors



## District 35-L



### District 35-L,

It is with great pleasure that I have the opportunity to serve as your 1st VDG. I am honored to serve on the DG team with Governor Pat Hall and 2nd VDG Bob Melnick.

Since I last spoke with you I had the opportunity to attend a tour of Leader Dogs for the Blind in Michigan. What a productive operation they have there. We were able to meet numerous wonderful people including a remarkable man named Mark Mansell who rode his bicycle from Portland Oregon to Portland Maine to raise awareness and funds for Leader Dogs for the Blind. He spoke with us briefly to share some of his experiences of his trip and the wonderful people he met along the way. He has raised over \$80,000 from his cross-county trip. What a difference one person can make! You can read more about him on his web site "[crazyguyonabike.com](http://crazyguyonabike.com)."

I have continued working on my effort to raise funds and raise awareness for the LCIF Measles Initiative and would like to take this opportunity to remind you that all of our Lions entities are having record low donations and can use our support. Lets get creative in our approach to this issue.

I would also like to encourage our "grass-root" lions to continue to be involved with their Clubs, the District and to join us at our upcoming Conferences and District meetings. While on the subject of being involved I would like to remind everyone that the USA/Canada forum is still in great need of volunteers and a lot has been posted regarding these opportunities in the District Newsletter, the MD state magazine and on the USA/Canada Forum web site. Just another opportunity to serve your community and your state while enjoying the fellowship of our fellow Lions!

Until next time. Yours in Lionism,

1st VDG Jeffrey Heisler

Hello Fellow Lions

August proved to be a busy month with the first Multiple District 35-L Conference in The Villages and my first chance to really meet all of the dedicated Lions that will be serving as your Governors and Vice-Governors and their partners in service this year. It proved to be both an educational and social event and I look forward to working with them all.

The weekend provided an opportunity to learn more and get an in depth picture of the FL Lions Conklin Center and the FL Lions Foundation. Both of these organizations will be glad to send representatives to your clubs and/or zone meetings to present an in depth program on their facilities and services.

The FL Lions Conklin Center in Daytona Beach is a human services agency for multi-handicapped and visually impaired adults and children that opened in 1979. The adult students are taught skills and offered support to work in real jobs and to live on their own within their communities. After graduation there is long-term, low intensity services to provide the assistance many graduates need to live on their own.

The FL Lions Foundation in Wauchula was formed in 1958 to assist Lions clubs in Florida and the Bahamas by helping to provide individual sight care/surgeries to needy persons within their individual communities and has remained their primary objective. Funds to support this eye care program are received by club donations, interest from trust funds and bequests.

Both of these entities are in need of financial support from the Lions of MD 35. Through the years our Lions and clubs have stepped up to help but recently there has been a great decline in this support. Sadly, there have been entities over the past years that have suffered and have gone the way of extinction, like the Dodo bird. I ask you wholeheartedly to talk to your clubs and when the time comes to budget and dispense some of your hard earned fund raising monies you please remember these two fine services that are provided here in our state. And, to remember those in need who have been helped over the years with their vision problems, surgeries, support and training in everyday living and work skills, etc. Only in this way can we ensure that both of these will continue to grow and to reach out with their humanitarian services within our communities.

To DG Pat Hall I wish to say: "Great Job" on your first District 35-L Cabinet Meeting in Jacksonville and a "Thank You" to the members of the Jacksonville/Arlington Lions Club for again hosting a most memorable evening. As you are reading this the Marianna Lions Club will have celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary in August. Kudos and Thank You for the dedication and service your club has shown over the years. The future months will see me and my Partner in Service, Lion Diane, visiting clubs within the Multiple District, at the USA/Canada Forum, at Zone Meetings, and of course at the District Cabinet Meetings and Multiple District 35-L Conferences. This is always a wonderful experience for us and we hope to see many of you along the way. Remember: "Service... is the rent we pay for living on this planet."

Yours in Lionism, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Bob Melnick

**KidSight Project**  
**By: IPDG Jerry Skufe, District Coordinator**

Much progress was made during August to move toward District-wide implementation of the KidSight Project. First, we received \$22,500 from LCIF for the purchase of Plusoptix equipment to conduct vision screenings. Secondly, the District Cabinet decided on the placement of the eight (8) Plusoptix units being purchased. They will be assigned to seven (7) clubs and one (1) Lions clinic as follows: Baker, Jacksonville Beach Noon, Lake Butler, North Santa Rosa, Ocala, Palatka New Vision, Pensacola Lions Eye Clinic, and Tallahassee. Thirdly, the purchase order, along with a check, was sent to Plusoptix for the purchase of eight (8) units. Last, but not least, the partnership with the University of Florida was firmed up.

The Plusoptix equipment will be shipped within the next week or so. While that's going on, we'll be scheduling training and after that, clubs will be able to contact day care centers and schools to set up screenings. The training will be led by Melissa Soloff of the UF KidSight office. She advised me that because of her schedule the training will have to take place on a Saturday or a Sunday. It will take a few months to fully implement throughout the District, however, we're off and running. We still need to complete the development and issuance of an operating guideline, as well as publishing information on the Lions to contact where the equipment is located so clubs wishing to get involved can do so.

For Lions attending the USA/Canada Lions Forum in Tampa during September 13-15, 2012, be aware that Dr. Howard Freedman, MD-35 KidSight Project Chair, will be holding a meeting to discuss some of the operational issues associated with the statewide implementation of the KidSight Program. District 35-L Lions attending the Forum who are involved in their club's KidSight activities are encouraged to attend. The time and place of the meeting will be posted at the conference site.

UF Contact Information: Please send the results of all screenings to Melissa Soloff at her residence. Her address is: 13651 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Ocala, FL 34481. She can be reached by phone at 352-642-6897. Melissa will forward all referrals to Amy Perry for review and appropriate action. Currently, Dr. Nausheen Khuddus is looking for an office to house the KidSight program. Once found, we will share the address with clubs.

August 13, 2012

District L, Zone 6 met at the Sopchoppy Lions Club for their first meeting since the flooding from TS Debbie. Sopchoppy Lion President Bobby Vause welcomed Zone Chair Anne Davis, Tallahassee VP John Ross, and Crawfordville President Marc Dickieson. The discussion was turning on the \$10000 grant the Lions disbursed in the first week of the flooding when DG Pat Hall made an unannounced visit to the meeting. She presented PDG Anne with her Zone Chair pin.

YIL,  
Lion Secretary Ray Malloy  
Tallahassee Lions Club.



**1 JOHN ROSS TALLAHASSEE, MARC DICKIESON CRAWFORDVILLE, PDB ANNE DAVIS ZONE CHAIR, BOBBY VAUSE SOPCHOPPY**



**2 DISTRICT GOVERNOR PAT HALL PINS A ZONE CHAIR PIN ON ZONE CHAIR ANNE DAVIS.**

# From around the District

## ATTENTION MD-35 PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

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 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 via email will be considered.

Send your email to all 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors and MD Secretary Gary Nieskes at: [jcmoosman@aol.com](mailto:jcmoosman@aol.com), [albecker@earthlink.net](mailto:albecker@earthlink.net), [jhei195797@aol.com](mailto:jhei195797@aol.com), [lionbent@batelnet.bs](mailto:lionbent@batelnet.bs), [nieskes@comcast.net](mailto:nieskes@comcast.net)

We appreciate your service. See you on board!

## **PEACE POSTER**

Clubs of District 35L, if your club does not or has never sponsored a Peace Poster contest, maybe this is the year to do so. Lions, we don't only have to go to schools to sponsor a contest, but try our churches or maybe a Girls Scout or Boy Scout Troop. Leaders are always looking for projects and I'm sure you could draw a great deal of interest when you explain the purpose of the poster contest. Remember these children are our future leaders.

Each year's contest consists of an original theme incorporating peace. The students must be the age of 11, 12, or 13 on November 15<sup>th</sup> to be eligible to participate. This year's theme "**Imagine Peace**" will bring great creations and young artists will be able to express life experiences and culture.



Jacksonville Beaches Lions Club Presents

**“BARK-TOBER FEST 2012”**

A Gala to Support **Guiding Eyes for the Blind Guide Dog School**

Date: October 19, 2012, 6:30 to 11:00 pm

The Jacksonville Beaches Lions Club would like to sincerely thank you and your organization for last year’s generous contribution which help make our fund raising dinner a tremendous success. Thanks to your sponsorship, we were able to raise over \$12,000 and help advance the mission of Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Our second annual Guide Dog fund raising dinner will be on October 19<sup>th</sup>, and will again be held at The Vineyard in Atlantic Beach.

To increase the effectiveness in our fund raising efforts, we recently established The Jacksonville Beaches Lions Foundation, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. We hope this will make it even easier for you to continue to sponsor this important event. Thank you in advance for your support.

**• Platinum Level: Donation of \$5000 = NAME A GUIDE PUPPY**

Naming of Guide dog- Company/Individual gets to name the puppy

A Reserved Head Table for 8 Certificate Presentation from GEB rep

Name of sponsor in brochure On Screen Company name during event



**• Gold Level: Donation of \$1000 = 4 free entry tickets +**

Name of sponsor in brochure On Screen Company name during event

**• Silver Level: Donation of \$500 = 2 free entry tickets +**

Name of Sponsor in brochure On Screen Company Name during event



**• Bronze Level: Donation of \$100 =**

Name of sponsor in brochure On Screen Company Name during event

Company or Individual Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your donation payable to the Jacksonville Beach Lions Foundation and mail to: Jacksonville Beaches Lions Club, PO Box 50555, Jacksonville Beach, Fl. 32240. For more information contact Lion Wayne Bolai at 904-705-7770 or [wsbolai@yahoo.com](mailto:wsbolai@yahoo.com)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click Here To Visit The Florida Lions Conklin Center Website For More Detail On All Events](#)

### **Lions Visitation Day & Conklin Center Walk –October 6, 2012**

**Whether you plan to participate in the walk or not, let's make this the largest Lions Visitation Day ever to the Florida Lions Conklin Center in Daytona Beach. Plan it with your club now!**

Date/Time: October 6, 2012 –Registration 10:00 am – The walk will be 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Florida Lions Conklin Center for the Blind, 405 White St., Daytona Beach, FL

Details: Walkers that raise/donate \$20 or more will receive an event t-shirt. Prizes will be awarded for the most money raised in various categories. There will be door prizes, a 50/50 raffle and refreshments. There will be a fun, new "Sensory Experience" to enhance the walk. Lunch will be available.

For more information contact [Denise Harlow](#) at 386-258-3441.



### **Win A Stay At Daytona Beach!**

### **Drawing Will Be Held September 30, 2012**

The Florida Lions Conklin Center for the Blind is having a drawing for a seven (7) night stay at the Daytona Seabreeze Resort, 3125 South Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL. Stay in a roomy villa right on the beach: 1BD/1BA, maximum occupancy of four (4) including children.

**Drawing will be held on September 30, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. during the Poker Run at the "World Famous" Iron Horse Saloon. NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!!!**

**Suggested Donations: 2 for \$5, 5 for \$10, 10 for \$15, 15 for \$20**

The stay is 10/15/12 to 10/22/12. This is DURING Biketoberfest® including a few days before.

**A great week for a vacation!!! See your club president for drawing tickets!**

**[CLICK HERE FOR ALL THE DETAILS!](#)**

### **10th Annual Conklin Center "Ride for Sight" Poker Run - September 30, 2012**

Date/Time: September 30, 2012, First Bike out at 10:30 a.m.; Last bike out at noon.

Location: Florida Lions Conklin Center for the Blind, 405 White St., Daytona Beach, FL

Details: Sign up at the Conklin Center at 405 White Street. First bike out is at 10:30. The last bike out is at noon. \$15 includes 1 **poker hand**, event t-shirt, free refreshments at the Center, and food and music at the last stop. Stops include Dirty Harry's, Smokehouse Lounge, First Turn Steakhouse, and Cabbage Patch. The last stop is the "World Famous" Iron Horse Saloon for a **FREE Barbeque** and the band is 'Big Engine'. Run goes on rain or shine. Sign up can happen at any stop & all cards can be drawn at any stop. .You **MUST** turn in your hand at the Iron Horse by 4 p.m. **and** be present to win.

For more information contact [Denise Harlow](#) at 386-258-3441.

**100% of all donations benefit the Florida Lions Conklin Center (Permit #SC00798)**

American Express, MasterCard and Visa are accepted for all special events tickets and donations to the Conklin Center. For more information about any of these events, please call the Center at (386) 258-3441 or e-mail us at: [info@conklincenter.org](mailto:info@conklincenter.org).



# **FL. LIONS CONKLIN CENTER**

**2nd ANNUAL**

## **HALLOWEEN BASH**

**DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2012**

**TIME: 6:30 P.M. - Cash Bar**

**7:00 P.M. - Dinner**

**WHERE: Elk's Club Lodge**

**702 N.E. 25th Ave.**

**Ocala, Fl. 34470**

**Cost: \$25.00 per person**

**DINNER AND DANCING**

**Costumes Optional = Costume Prizes**

**Gifts for all Ladies Present**

**Auction**

**For more information call: Delores Farris - 352-245-6092**





DISTRICT 35L SIGHT CONSERVATION REPORTING FORM

This form will be used to help our District Sight Conservation Chair, in District 35L, establish a reporting system that we can use to accurately measure the results of our efforts.

**REPORTING PERIOD** \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Club Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address if available \_\_\_\_\_

Sight Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Chair's Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

KidSight, Number of Children Screened \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Glasses Collected \_\_\_\_\_

Eye Exams (by Doctor) \_\_\_\_\_

Eye Glasses Supplied \_\_\_\_\_

Vision & Glaucoma Screenings \_\_\_\_\_

Public Awareness Programs \_\_\_\_\_

Work With the Blind \_\_\_\_\_

Provide Medical/Surgical Services \_\_\_\_\_

Provide Equipment for the Blind \_\_\_\_\_

Hours Expended & Money Spent \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please file reports as follows:**

- First Report by August 8, 2012
- Second Report by November 24, 2012
- Third Report by January 26, 2013
- Fourth Report by April 6, 2013

**Return completed form to:**

PDG Tony Stefanowicz  
Sight Conservation Chair, District 35L  
476 Turkey Creek, FL 32615  
**386-853-0416** [govnortony@yahoo.com](mailto:govnortony@yahoo.com)

**Updated District 35 L Cabinet Meeting Contributions**

**August 15, 2012**

**Summary of Checks**

**Entities**

<b>Fl. Foundation for the Blind</b>	<b>\$1725.00</b>
<b>International Hearing Dog</b>	<b>550.00</b>
<b>LCIF</b>	<b>1200.00</b>
<b>Conklin Center</b>	<b>3012.50</b>
<b>North Fl. Eye Foundation</b>	<b>900.00</b>
<b>Southeastern Guide Dog</b>	<b>1240.00</b>
<b>Leader Dog</b>	<b>850.00</b>
<b>Fl Guide Dog for the Deaf</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>North Fl. Hearing Aid Bank</b>	<b>750.00</b>
<b>Disaster</b>	<b>175.00</b>
<b>Youth Exchange</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Fl. Center for the Blind</b>	<b>137.50</b>
<b>Eyeglass Recycling</b>	<b>440.00</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b><u>650.00</u></b>
<b>Total contributions first Cabinet meeting</b>	<b>\$11,855.00</b>

**NOTE:**

**19 Of 84 Clubs made these Contributions**