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DG Juan J Tejera
A New Star of Service



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Governor's Message

Dear Lions:

Just back from Busan, Korea, where we attended the 95th Lions Club International convention. What an exciting experience.

At the convention we had the privilege of electing Lion Stacey W. Jones as a Director of the Lions Clubs International Board. Congratulations to Lion Stacey. We are sure that you will represent well the Lions of Florida and the Bahamas with your exemplary performance of your duties in that high office.

We are starting our third year since we re-districted in Florida and the Bahamas. This type of organizational restructuring is always a difficult and often painful process that requires time for implementation and assimilation by the members.

Year 1 - The Year of Change. During this year we had to learn to accept the fact that re-districting had taken place. Many of us did not agree with, and did not want to re-district. We were meeting new Lions who were used to doing things in a different way, and, of course, we were convinced that our way was better. There was a level of distrust. There was the natural resistance to change.

Year 2 - The Year of Getting to Know Each Other. During this year we began to accept that re-districting was here to stay. We began to see through stigmas, labels and pre-conceived notions. We began to see that we could learn from each other and improve the way we did things. We began to realize that we are all well intentioned Lions with the same

calling for service in our hearts.

Year 3 - The Year

to Re-emerge as a United District. This is the year when we come together as a team united in service. It's the time to focus on our objects as Lions in the District. This is the year for us to emerge as a "New Star of Service."

At the convention we had an opportunity to learn about International President Wayne Madden's program for this year. His theme is "In A World of Service". He is asking the Lions to rededicate ourselves to our commitment to service.

My fellow Lions, I am looking forward to working with you this year as we continue to provide the needed services to our communities. You see, I do agree with IP Madden that we Lions have chosen to live in a world of service. It is by providing needed services to our communities that Lions grew to be the number one organization in the world. It is by providing such service that we gain the recognition and respect of the residents in our communities. There is no better public relations program than that.

I am looking forward to working together as a TEAM and having a wonderful year.

Yours in Lionistic service,
DG Juan



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Int'l President Wayne A. Madden

2nd Vice District Governor

Fellow Lions, Friends,

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for putting your confidence in electing me to the office of 2nd Vice District Governor. I am deeply honored and humbled for the extraordinary privilege to serve in this capacity; I take both your trust and this office seriously.

I am excited for the Lionist year ahead and I urge all of you to step up and be equally motivated with the theme of our International President Wayne Madden: "In A World of Service."

This year as part of the Global Leadership Team, I would like to work together with all the clubs of our District 35N toward:

- Increasing Membership
- Participating in Community Projects
- Being visible to the Public
- Educating ourselves to become better Leaders
- Work together as Lions

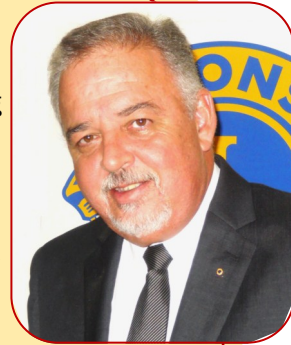
Leadership is not about being elected or appointed to an office. Leadership demands hard work and dedication. A true leader is one that helps others become better leaders than him.

I believe in facing the music even when the music happens to be unpleasant. I promise to do the best I can and be open to the wisdom and encouragement of those who have been here before me.

My vision is to make our great District even better and bigger by working together as whole, toward a common goal, WE SERVE.

Yours In Service,

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You did it!
Congratulations

This is truly a banner time for Multiple District 35, MD-35 web site wins international contest for multiple District web site, Lake Sumter Lions Club receives Honorable Mention award for their Lions Club web site and PCC Stacey Jones becomes our very own International Director.

Congrats to all of Multiple District 35!

Great News...

Under IPP Wing-Kun Tam, the Lions of the world planted over 13 million trees! Nairobi City Park, Kenya, Africa, planted 1.5 million and 411A, 335A, H1, 381 & 202F were among the Districts with the highest number of planted trees. Congratulations to ALL Lions for their involvement.



Cabinet Secretary



I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the newly elected club secretaries.

Your position is a very important one and your complete and prompt filing of all reports and forms is vital to the smooth operation of your club and district. Just about everything in Lions Administration revolves around each secretary sending in reports.

The Monthly Membership Report (MMR) seems to be one of the most important reports used to derive useful information such as how many Lions are in each club, the District, the Multiple District, and International cultivates information from these reports to operate a functioning and successful organization. International also uses the MMR reports to collect the proper dues from each club.

It is very important that you submit your MMR to Lions Clubs International online no later than the last day of each month. If you use snail mail, it must be postmarked by the 20th of each month. I suggest if you do not have a computer, ask another member to help you file. Instructions are also on LCI website. If you are new at filing, I recommend that you print out the instructions. If you have any questions, I will be glad to help.

Thank you for your dedication to Lionism and I look forward to working with you this year.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Mary Lackey
Cabinet Secretary
2012-2013 District 35 N

Cabinet Treasurer

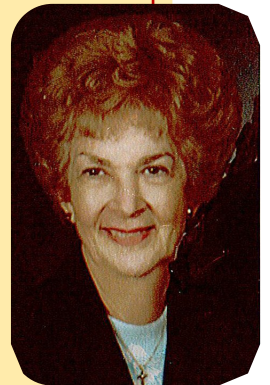
It is an honor to be serving District 35-N as Cabinet Treasurer. Congratulations to all new treasurers and those continuing in the office. You are an important part in the financial success of your club.

International will be sending bills for the semi-annual membership (July – December 2012) based on the June MMR. Please note the \$1.00 increase in dues. International dues do not include the Multiple District (\$10.50) and District (\$4.00) dues. MD/

District dues will include the proration (January - June 2012) for new members based on the MMRs. All bills should be paid promptly.

I look forward to working with you throughout this Lionistic year and will be happy to assist you in any way that I can.

Together in Service,
Colleen



Donate on Facebook



Donate Life America has partnered with Facebook, the ever-so-popular social media, in order to increase the number of registered organ, tissue and eye donors. This allows people to simply “click” to donate. It’s been promoted on Good Morning America, ABC World News Tonight and Nightline.

What a wonderful and powerful way to involve more people, especially the youth, in recognizing the dire need for organ donations. Online enrollment topped 33,000 in the first six days!

Check it out and be sure to pass it on. The web address is: www.facebook.com/DonateLife

25th Anniversary Peace Poster Contest

For a quarter century, children around the world have participated in the Lions Peace Poster Contest. This year, Lions will celebrate with a collector's pin, which will be available at the 95th International Convention in Busan, Korea.

Featuring the 25th anniversary logo, this square pin with rounded corners will have a silver background with inlaid black lettering. Lions and Leos can stop by the public relations booth in the convention hall to receive your very own limited-edition pin.

Each local club is encouraged to get involved with the 25th anniversary celebration by purchasing a Peace Poster Kit and sponsoring a contest in your local schools. Partnering with a local school or youth group is a great way to encourage 11-13 year olds to think about a more peaceful future. Check the Lions web site for future updates about ways Lions will be celebrating 25 years of depicting peace.

And good luck to all your student participants!



Century of Service Coin

During the past year, Lions around the country have tirelessly worked to create a collectible coin to celebrate our organization's 100th birthday in 2017. Together, we are close to making the Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act a reality.

We're just a few weeks away from the House of Representative's vote on this bill. Because all commemorative coins created by the U.S. Mint require an act of Congress, your support is vital to this bill's success. The bill requires 290

Representative co-sponsors. To find out if your U.S. Representative supports H.R. 2139, check our map. States shaded blue have 100 percent support for the bill.

If your legislator does not support the bill, please contact your representative today. Without any cost to taxpayers, the sale of the coin would provide the Lions Clubs International Foundation with \$8 million. These funds will help LCIF further its programs for the visually impaired, disabled, youth and those affected by a major disaster. Find out how you can help by visiting our action center.



Florida Lions Eye Bank Installation

The Florida Lions Eye Bank held their annual installation of officers at the Vasari Country Club in Bonita Springs. Ken Shivel, PDG, Past President installed the following officers; President - Bud Mansolilli, Vice Presidents - PDG Colleen Pinkerton, Blair Anderson, DG Bob Hilliard; Secretary - 2nd VDG George Letakis; Treasurer - Larry Schiff; Directors, John DeSouza, PDG Bob Woomer, PDG Geoff Wade, PDG Tony Burgos, Carlos Vargas, and Bill Arthur.

The Ross Carr Memorial Award, presented to the Eye Banker who has been devoted to the work of the Eye Bank, was presented to ID Stacey Jones. The Jimmy Nelson Award, bestowed upon the Lions club that has accomplished outstanding achievements and services for the Eye Bank, was presented to the Ft Lauderdale Lions Club.



Officers Training

A meeting was held at the Finkelstein Auditorium at Nova Southeastern University on Saturday, June 9th for the 13 Zone Chairs. DGE Juan J. Tejera asked all the Chairs to be on the lookout for new faces with fresh ideas to act as Zone Chairs for next year. He feels it is important to change and get fresh input and move forward to keep clubs active.



A training session for the incoming presidents, secretaries and treasurers started immediately afterward. DGE Juan unveiled to the attendees some of his plan to change how things are done in the District. First, the “Cabinet Meetings” will have a new name. They will now be called District Meetings because they are not for just the Cabinet, but for ALL Lions in the District. He also mentioned that the format for these meetings will be a little different and will be shorter (did I hear a cheer?!). Each meeting will include some sort of training session. Only one or two of the entities will speak at the meeting, but all may have a table outside the meeting room to hand out material or speak one-on-one with Lions. The Zone Chair reports, flyers, etc. will be included in a booklet, which will be given to everyone in attendance.

The Zone Chairs will see some changes too. They will now be able to view the Club Health Assessment and Recap of Accounts reports so they know how the clubs in their Zone is doing both financially and membership wise. This will help them to help struggling clubs.

The District is about to launch their own website, which include the District calendar, District roster (in abbreviated form), District newsletter and other important information. The link will be posted soon. He is also working on a District phone number, and Facebook page.

DGE Juan explained that we are now entering the third year of our new District format, which he calls the year to “focus.” The first year was the year of implementation—never

easy, lots of resistance, challenging, and similar to a company merger. The second year is a “getting to know you” year when Lions are beginning to realize that we are all good people doing good things for the community, but some just do things a little differently. The third year is the time to refocus on objectives and work together. He issued a challenge to everyone there to become service clubs again for our communities.

PDG Richard Vidal, training coordinator, went over some of the resources available online to all Lions, including Webinars. (For those of you who are not familiar with that term, they are actual seminars that are filmed and you can view them over the internet.) Lions can now pay online for supplies and even your dues!

And speaking of dues, just a reminder that International dues have gone up slightly.

DGE Juan emphasized that he is open to suggestions and comments (good or bad!). If you see something that you think can be done better (or easier), he asks that you don't complain to other—tell him! There's always ways to streamline things and make them better for everyone. We are all about helping one another and the community. Together, we can do anything!

If you are a chair, you will be asked to provide a short article for the District newsletter. This will keep everyone informed with what's going on in the District and/or your entity. Thanks for your help.



Meet Your Zone Chairs

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International President Wayne A. Madden



Official portrait of DG Juan J. Tejera with International President Wayne A. Madden and his wife, Linda.

The theme for this Lionist year is *In A World of Service*. How appropriate is that in this economically challenging time?

IP Wayne Madden was born in Auburn, IN. He learned about Lions at an early age as he played baseball on a field donated by the Lions Club. He and Linda were high school sweethearts, but didn't marry until after college. Family values are important to both of them.

IP Wayne taught high school for five

years, then joined Prudential Insurance Company. After 11 years, he went into the business for himself. Being for a small town, he encouraged the community to give back.

"In a world of service, no child should go to bed hungry. No one should suffer from preventable blindness. In a world of service that should never happen. We have babies in Africa suffering from being born to HIV mothers. Those babies should be taken care of." says Madden.

From The Editor

Dear Fellow Lions,

As a way to make this newsletter the best that it can be, I encourage all of you to submit an article, either something you've written yourself or one you may have seen printed elsewhere, so I can share them with the other Lions in the District. This is a great way to keep everyone informed and enlightened.

I would especially like to invite the entity directors or chairs to share their knowledge with other Lions. This would include upcoming projects, fundraisers, etc. so any one interested can get involved.

If your Club did a special project or a community affair, brag a little! Send me an article and a picture or two if it's already taken place. If you do send a picture, please identify the Lions in the picture.

Please keep in mind, though, that I need about a week (I work full time and do the newsletter for my Club...and

I have a social life!), so I can put everything together. This means that if you want your article to run in the August edition, I'll need everything by July 20th. If you have something going on and it's on the 21st, just let me know and I'll save room for it.

It's a pleasure to serve as Editor again this year and I look forward to hearing from every Club at least once this year!

Serving,

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PS: We have some exciting new things lined up for this, but you're just going to have to wait and see!!!



Sports Page

"I always turn to the sports page first.

The sports page records people's accomplishments; the front page nothing but man's failure."

~~~Chief Justice Earl Warren



## Proper Disposal of Medicines



Proper disposal of prescription and over the counter medications is very important. Flushing them down the toilet or sink can introduce dangerous and environmentally damaging substances into the water system. Throwing them in the trash can also introduce them into the environment and runs the risk of them winding up in the wrong hands.

Look for insurance-based or county disposal programs or ask your pharmacist to dispose of them for you. Take precautions to bring your medications in the prescription bottle to show proof the prescription is legitimately theirs. Technically, it is illegal to carry prescription medications around without proof it is prescribed to you.

Let's keep the environment safe!

## When Preparing for a Hurricane...

Don't forget about your medications and first aid items. Most of us know to stock up on food, water and batteries, but we forget about the medicine cabinet items.

At a minimum, you should have the following stored in a watertight container:

- Band-aids (assorted sizes)
- Adhesive cloth tape
- 3" gaze pads
- Gloves
- Antiseptic wipes
- Antibiotic ointment
- Rubbing alcohol
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Scissors

- Tweezers
- Pain medications
- Allergy medications
- Antacids
- Burn ointment

First aid kits are important after a storm due to injuries caused during the clean up efforts.

Beware of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. On average, you should drink one quart of water per hour if you are outside working in the heat and sun. That's a lot of water! Most people don't drink one quarter per day!!



## According to...

"According to the National Institute of Health, as people age, their brains respond less strongly to rewards. They say older people become less excited when they win something. Whoever did this study has never seen a bingo game."

-Jay Leno





## DISTRICT CALENDAR FOR JULY 2012



- 2**     **Hearing Bank Meeting** (1<sup>st</sup> Monday)  
7:30 pm—Larkin Hospital  
6129 SW 70 St, S. Miami
- 4**     Independence Day—USA
- 7**     Hollywood Colombian American installation  
Hampton Beach Club \$35 7 pm  
Rita Jose 954.297.6981
- 7**     West Miami Sunshine Installation  
Big 5 Club \$30 7:30 pm  
Lion Ana Gacia 305.559.8444
- 9**     **Diabetes Awareness Meeting** (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday)  
3363 S Miami Ave 7:30 PM  
Mercy Hospital—Room 352
- 10**    Independence Day—Bahamas
- 16**    **Lions For the Blind Meeting** (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)  
7:30 pm Miami Lighthouse for the Blind
- 19**    Miami Nicaraguan Installation  
New Professionals Tech Institute \$15 6:30 Social  
Lion Magdalena Aguilar 305.480.0814
- 20**    Miami Buena Vista Biltmore Installation  
Big 5 Club \$40/7pm  
Lion Luis San Miguel  
Bascom Palmer—6-7 pm meeting
- 28**    Dania Lion's Club 65 Diamond Jubilee Dinner—\$35  
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- 29**    Miami Global Colombian Installation  
94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron 10 am  
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## Important Dates to Remember

- Aug 2-4 Summer Executive Conf.—The Villages
- Aug 4 Back 2 School Shopping Spree
- Aug 18 District Meeting—FL Lions Eye Bank
- Sept 13-15 USA/Canada Forum—Tampa
- Oct 11 World Sight Day
- Oct 6 The Eye Ball @ T. Pepin's Hospitality Centre 7PM
- Oct 27 District Meeting—location TBA
- Jan 11-13 Winter Conf Cruise—leaving Ft. Lauderdale
- Jan 26 District Meeting—Port St. Lucie
- Mar 10 District Meeting—Deerfield Hilton