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District Governor's Message

I am writing this as the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, and by the time it reaches you, you will be focusing on the holiday season of Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Year's. In any case, it is a good time to reflect on all the blessings that we enjoy for which we ought to be thankful, as well as our responsibility to care for those who are not so fortunate.

We should be thankful that we were spared the wrath of Hurricane Sandy, and even our friends in the Bahamas escaped without major damage. However, our brethren in the northeastern states were not so lucky. Their lives were severely impacted by the destruction brought by the storm.

We are blessed that we are part of such a wonderful organization as Lions Clubs. We can be proud that through LCIF, we were there with immediate assistance to our friends in need. However, we cannot stop there. We need to continue to provide assistance until they are able to recover from this





organizations, 100% of what we raise will be used to aid those in need. We must be alert and ready to serve when our Lions friend in the affected area request additional assistance whether it is in the form of food, clothing or any other need.

We are blessed that, as Lions, we are better prepared to provide assistance to people in our communities during this holiday season. We have all heard how, during the holidays, a greater number of people are afflicted with depression and even desperation. Let us as Lions reach out to a person, or even better a family, in need, and provide them with an act of kindness and generosity. Who knows, that act of kindness may be the one that helps turn around that person's life.

May God continue to bless you for all the good that you do.

Yours in Lionistic service, DG Juan

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1st Vice District Governor

Fellow Lions,

I want to say a special *THANK YOU* to my Lions family for all the e-mails and calls inquiring about the Freeport Club and the people of The Bahamas after Hurricane Sandy.

As we come to the end of the year, we have much to be thankful for. Let us remember the less fortunate in our community and bring some form of Christmas spirit to them. Christmas is one of the most beautiful seasons of the year. A time to be with loved ones, a time to service our clubs, district and our family.

Since LCI has already sent my assessments

to me for the next Lions Year, I have began to appoint some Lions to the various posts. I want to say thanks to those Lions who will be serving in those positions. I will be appointing more Lions in the coming year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO MY LIONS FAMILY

Dudley Bent 1st VDG District 35N—Florida & the Bahamas President—Lions Diabetes Awareness Foundation MD-35 Lionbent@bateInet.bs 954.703.5094—H 954.614.8380—C 242.373.3880—In The Bahamas





From Your Sunshine Chair



It was informed to us with heavy hearts and deep regrets of the passing of **Lion Jose Navarro**, President of the Miami Latin Lions Club. He was a dedicated Lion that for many, many years, and was born on June 16, 1919. He had been President of the West Miami Sunshine Lions Club on several occasions. He recently moved to and was a Charter Member of the Miami Latin club. Services were held at Memorial Plan Funeral Home on November 7, 2012. Please keep Lion Jose Navarro and his family in your prayers

Lion Manuel Lopez from the West Miami Sunshine Lions Club had a serious accident and was injured. He had a broken arm and more. He is recuperating and undergoing therapy. He was born on February 1, 1917, and for that reason, that accident was worse than be can imagined. Get well Lion Manuel.

Lion Thomas Bateman, President of the Marathon Lions Club is still in serious conditions at Jackson Memorial Hospital - Ryder Trauma Section, 2^{nd} floor, bed 11. Lions may visit him. It is good for him.

Lion Lisa Rodriguez, Secretary of the Redland District Lions Club is doing better, but still under therapy. She had a bad accident and it will be a long recuperation process.

December Birthdays:

- 2-Axel R. Mercado- West Miami Sunshine LC
- 8-Rafael Benitez West Miami Sunshine LC
- 11-Nestor F. Amador- West Miami Sunshine LC
- 12-Elaine Tidwell Miami Lakes LC
- 15-Isabel Montes de Oca-West Miami Sunshine LC
- 20-Richard Graham Miami Lakes LC
- 21-Jose A. Villa West Miami Sunshine Lions Club
- 25-Ward Carlson Miami Lakes Lions Club
- 28-Sharon Franklin Miami Lakes Lions Club
- 31-Pedro Miguel Ramos West Miami Sunshine LC

Olga B. Ortega, Sunshine Chair Alterationss@aol.com

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Cabinet Secretary



The busy time of year is here! I want to remind all secretaries that LCI will be sending out dues notices and they compile the numbers from the December MMR's. If you don't complete your MMR's in regards to transfers, drop outs, deceased etc. you will be billed for the number of members on your December MMR or the last one filed. In some cases this could be costly for a club. May all the joy and wonder of this holiday season remain with you always.

Yours in Service,

Lion Mary Lackey, Cabinet Secretary



Cabinet Treasurer

December is an important month for getting in your MMR on time! Semi-annual dues (January–June 2013) are based on the membership figures from these December reports.

While you know, or should know, how your dues are used at the club level, do you know what happens to the dues that go the District, Multiple District and International?

District. Dues are the main source of revenue to operate the District. Dues provide the district directory, allowances for the cabinet officers, zone chairs, and the GMT/GLT team, postage, office supplies and, district awards.

Multiple District. To assist in the operations of the Multiple District, the dues are allocated in the following way: administration; MD magazine, office fund, secretary, leadership – training and materials, etc. and an International candidate fund for when Florida has a candidate for International Director.

International. To finance this worldwide operation part of the dues goes for mainte-

nance and operation of International Headquarters. This includes cost of

building, salaries of staff employees, equipment, mail and telephone service, office supplies, etc. Each member receives *The Lion* magazine which is a great means of communication between International Headquarters and individual members. The International President and other elective officers, Directors and District Governors do not receive any pay but are constantly on call for travel, conferences, meetings, and service to Lions clubs. Lions



Clubs International reimburses them for actual expenses up to the maximum provided in the Rules of Audit. Dues cover many other items such as literature and publications for guidance of district and clubs, legal services, club supplies, insurance and training programs. The result –no other service club organization renders more service to its clubs and members.

Best wishes for a great Holiday Season!

Colleen Pinkerton, PDG Cabinet Treasurer

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Signs of Christmas Everywhere

- * Toy Store "Ho, ho, ho spoken here."
- * Bridal boutique "Marry Christmas."
- * Outside a church "The original Christmas Club."
- * At a department store "Big pre-Christmas sale. Come in and mangle with the crowd."
- * A Texas jewelry store "Diamond tiaras -- \$70,000. Three for \$200,000.
- * A reducing salon "18 Shaping Days until Christmas."
- * In a stationery store "For the man who has everything...a calendar to remind him when payments are due."



International Leo Day-12/5

December 5, 2012 is International Leo Day. It is the best time to honor our Leos who are committed in making a difference in the lives of less fortunate individuals locally and around the world.

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Leo Serena Tan, president of the South Florida Leo Club, sponsored by Florida E-Lions Club, initiated the club's project "Providing Bits for Learning Kids." The project's goal is to fight illiteracy by learning through the use of computers. The club will distribute computers and educational CDs in South Florida orphanages and around the world. Each member will adopt an orphanage and will be responsible for the procurement of the computers and learning programs.

As a result of Serena's Carnegie Mellon summer educational experience, she was able to create a logo (shown on left) that reflects the project's parameters. She considered symbols that stood for knowledge and learning, which is appealing to young children.

The final image was constructed of various components: a light bulb to represent education, children to represent youth who will be the recipients of the project, and computers as the medium for learning that the club will distribute to various orphanages. After a unanimous vote, the program "Providing Bits for Learning Kids" and logo was established.

Serena was also successful in leading the Leos in the different community service projects rendered not only locally, but also globally. Congratulations Serena!!! The Lions are very proud of you.



Leo Serena Tan with her mother Lion Recine Tan during the club's quarterly street clean-up through Adopt-A-Street Program.



Florida E-Lions Pres. ID Stacey Jones with South Florida Leos preparing sandwiches for project "Fighting Hunger with a Lion's Bag", a quarterly service for a homeless feeding center in Ft Laud.



South Florida Leo VP Ryan Rioux with Leo Danielle Cabansay. Both Leos are committed in participating in all community services rendered by the club.

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Legend of the Wise Men

After Jesus was born, wise men came to look for Him, from an area which is now in either Iran or Saudi Arabia. Although they are often called the "Three Kings," the Bible does not say how many there were, or that they were kings. Three is only a guess because they brought with them three gifts: Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

They were certainly men of learning today we would call them philosophers or scientists. They had seen an unusual new star in the sky, and knew that it told of the birth of a special king. (The star they saw was probably a exploding "supernova" and is known from astronomical records.) They followed the direction of the star and eventually found the place where Mary, Joseph and Jesus were staying. To bring honor to the child, they brought rich gifts: gold, frankincense (a resin which burns with a beautiful smell), and myrrh (plant oil with a very strong sweet smell). These gifts tell us in pictures three key things about Jesus:

Gold: a gift fit for a King **Frankincense:** burnt in worship of God **Myrrh:** a sign of mortal human-ness it was used to bury the dead



Century Club Membership

Your membership in the Century Club can insure the Florida Lions Eye Bank's firm foundation for the next 50 years! All donations to this membership will be placed in the investment accounts. Memberships are available for \$100, \$500, \$1,000, and \$5,000 or more and can be processed in installments, if desired.

Century Club Member - \$100 Benefactor Member - \$500 (or \$100/year for 5 years) Life Member - \$1000 (or \$100/year for 10 yrs)

Guardian - \$5,000 (or \$500/year for 10 yrs)

In addition to a certificate, members of the Florida Lions Eye Bank Century Club will receive a lapel pin indicating the level of membership: Century Club Member – gold pin, Benefactor Member – gold pin with ruby stone, Life Member – gold pin with diamond stone, and Guardian – gold pin with emerald stone.

A membership is a good way to recognize one or more of your members!

Happy New Year

Another fresh new year is here; Another year to live! To banish worry, doubt, and fear; To love and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given me To live each day with zest; To daily grow and try to be My highest and my best! I have the opportunity Once more to right some wrongs; To pray for peace, to plant a tree, And sing more joyful songs!

~ William Arthur Ward ~





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Gates Challenge Met!

Lions have successfully met the Gates Challenge! In the past year, all across the globe, Lions came together in support of One Shot, One Life: The Lions Measles Initiative by contributing an astounding \$10 million. What a spectacular achievement!

As you know, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation promised to match every \$2 raised by Lions with \$1, if we reached our \$10 million goal. That means the Lions will contribute \$15 million this year to help protect the world's children from the brain damage, hearing loss, blindness and death caused by measles. Lions' dedication to combating this deadly disease is a clear demonstration of our deep commitment to protecting the health and well-being of our most vulnerable children. We have shown the world that we are not only Knights of the Blind but protectors of children, as well.

Although meeting the Gates Challenge was made possible through the efforts of all Lions,

members in three countries contributed nearly \$6 million of the \$10 million raised and deserve our special thanks. The Lions of Multiple District 300 - Taiwan contributed \$2.9 million, the Lions of Japan mobilized \$2 million, and the Lions of Korea provided nearly \$1 million!

As Chairperson of our Foundation, and the father of three healthy children, I thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for rolling up your sleeves and getting to work on combating measles. Lions are giving the world's children a very precious gift: the chance to live a healthy life. It is my great hope that the day will soon come when no child's life is cut short by measles. I am so proud to be able to say that when that beautiful day does come, it will have been made possible, in part, through the efforts of Lions.

Wing-Kun Tam Chairperson, LCIF



Page 7 Do You Have a Desire to Seek Higher Office? Want to learn what it takes and what is required to be a District Governor? Then join us for the Potential Governors Seminar Saturday February 2, 2013 Holiday Inn UCF 1215 High Tech Ave. Orlando, FL 32817 One day Session that will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. (Please don't confuse this with the future leaders seminar) Rooms: \$85.00 per night plus taxes (includes one (1) breakfast coupon p/room) Call the Holiday Inn at: 407-275-9000 and specify "Lions Seminar" Or you may visit the MD-35 Website at http://www.lionsofflorida.org/ to make your room reservation. To register for the seminar, Please send your registration to: **Potential Governors Seminar** C/O Multiple District 35 Office 646 North Indiana Ave. Englewood, FL 34223 Or Email the office at: gary@lionsofflorida.comcastbiz.net Name:_____ Club: District: _____ **Used Eyeglass Procurement District 35-N** As of October 27, 2012

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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.

Only those requests for an interview, including resume, received on or before December 28, 2012, via email will be considered.

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

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We appreciate your service. See you on board!

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813 - the number of calories in a classic Cinnabon roll

Splurge!

Never shop for new shoes when your stomach is growling! When you're hungry, an impulsive purchase can feel as rewarding as food, so says scientists at the National University of Singapore. Tempting the appetite-with the smell of freshbaked goods-encouraged women to spend on pricey items. After getting a whiff of the enticing aroma, 67% wanted to buy an expensive new sweater despite a tight budget, compared to just 17% of those whose appetites weren't teased. Eat before you shop: it could save you money and buyer's remorse.

Kindness is a language the deaf can hear and the blind can see. Mark Twain

Candle Memory

This is the time of year that people burn candles so here is an old-fashion custom that needs to be revived. Trim candle wicks before you light them. To prevent smoking, trim wicks to a quarter of an inch before every use. Discard candles when half an inch of the wick remains; that way, you'll avoid burning the metal disk at the bottom of the candle.

Also, only buy candles made in the U.S. since wicks from other countries may contain lead. You can check for lead by rubbing a piece of white paper across the top

of an unburned wick. A light gray mark indicates lead.

To avoid burning a "tunnel" down the center of your candle, burn it at least an hour (preferably 2-3 hours) each time you light it. This syndrome is called "memory." Your candle will "remember" how much it was burned (the melted "ring" that forms) the last time and will burn less each time you burn it, resulting in that tunnel down the middle of your candle.



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The 2012/2013 Council of Governors proudly presents the MULTIPLE DISTRICT 35

FLORIDA AND THE BAHAMAS Lions Spring Conference



March 7-10, 2013 Host Hotel DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel DEERFIELD BEACH - BOCA RATON 100 Fairway Drive Deerfield Beach, Florida, 33441-1856 TEL: 954-427-7700 Reservations: 800-624-3606

Group Code is CSL

Reservations must be made directly with the hotel

> Rates start at \$115.00 + tax, per night 3pm check-in 12Noon check-out Free Parking

Cutoff Date for Hotel Reservations is: February 18, 2013



International Director

Our International Guest



CONFERENCE TICKET REQUEST

All ticket requests MUST be	received by: Thursday	, feb	28, 2013	
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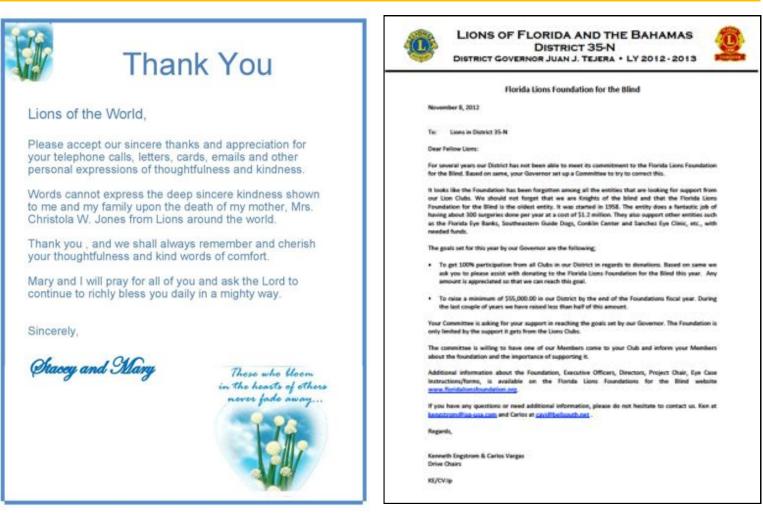
Coral Springs Downtown Lions Club

Mail all checks & order form to: Coral Springs Downtown Lions Club P O Box 8617, Coral Springs, FL 33075 Attn: Lion Joel Levenston Order your tickets early. NO tickets will be sold at the door. Deadline is February 28, 2013

District N 3rd Cabinet & District meeting will be immediately after the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind, Inc breakfast.

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Exciting News!

Lion Bob Koch from the Aventura-North Miami Beach Lions Club has a daughter who works at Ryder Truck (the large corporate moving company) and she arranged an appointment to present the Back To School Project to the head of their National Foundation (which donates money for community projects). So back in September, Lions Kathy and Bob, along with DG Juan J. Tejera, did an hour and a half PowerPoint presentation in the Ryder board room and answered questions.

Great news! On Friday, November 16th, the Ryder donation for \$10,000 came through. This money will be used next year's Back To School program.

If anyone knows of a large charityminded company that may want to be a corporate partner or give to Back To School, please "get us in the door," and Lion Kathy will be happy to make a similar presentation to that company.



DG Juan J. Tejera and Back to School Committee Chair Lion Kathy Katerman at 2nd District Meeting, Oct. 27

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Around the District



Stop Diabetes Awareness At Government Center, PDG Martin Murphy doing a diabetes screening and Lion Gutty Helping at Government Center.



Peace Poster Contest winner from Miami Five Stars LC, Giovanna Falcon, student of Priscilla's & Tiffany Art Corp. of Hialeah, receiving diploma and a Scholarship \$50 Savings Bond donated in the name of "Ana Murphy" new project from the Club.



Lion Luis Olarte and PDG Martin Murphy doing diabetes screening at Feria de la Salud por la Familia 11/4/12



Mrs. Becerra from the La Edad de Oro LC thanks the Miami Five Stars and La Edad de Oro for the donation of a Wheelchair and gifts.



Protocol Lion Gutty delivering gifts and pin and invitation for FOLAC, from Chile's DT1 DG Sylvia Concha to our IPDG Diana Castillo and DG Juan J. Tejera



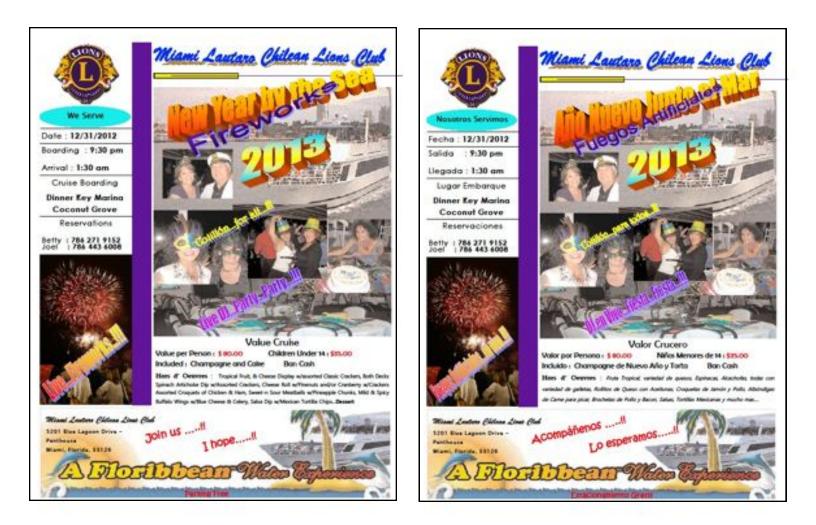


2VDG George Letakis, DG Juan J. Tejera and IPDG Diana Castillo receiving the International President's Certificate of Appreciation at 2nd District Meeting

Last Zone 9 Meeting with our friend Lion Jose Navarro (Pres. of the Miami Latin LC). Our deepest sympathy to his family.

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Eye Bank Open House

As you set your plans for the New Year, please include the Florida Lions Eye Bank's Annual Lions Appreciation Night and Open House on your calendar for Wednesday, March 20, 2013, at 6:30pm.

This wonderful night of education and fellowship will include tours of the Eye Bank, Pathology Laboratory, and Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and will end with a festive Paella dinner. There is no cost for the event but please be sure to RSVP for your group by emailing info@fleb.org or by calling 305.326.6359. Have a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year! Thank you,

Elizabeth Fout-Caraza, Executive Director FL Lions Eye Bank @ Bascom Palmer Eye Institute University of Miami Miller School of Medicine 305.326.6000 ext 4323 efcaraza@med.miami.edu

Sign up to be an organ, eye and tissue donor today! http://www.donatelifeflorida.org.



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Making a Difference

Whatever it takes to make the lives of some children that are chronically sick be fun is the goal of the Florida E-lions Club and South Florida Leo Club members Angel Lion Janis Buongermino, Hippie Lion Maria Zerquera, Witch Leo Bernadene Cabansay, Witch Leo Danielle Cabansay and Sister Lion Adelfa Zamoranos during the "Make A Difference Day"-a National Day of Doing Good, the largest national day of community service, with millions of volunteers around the world unite in a common mission to improve the lives of others.





Thank you Sunny Isles Beach Lions Club for providing pizzas and cupcakes to all the kids and their families.



Lion Soli Zerquera applying nail stickers to a child who was born with her right eye outside of her orbit and has been undergoing treatments for four months. She was so excited showing off her nails to everybody.



South Florida Leos in action



Lions and Leos distributed costumes to the sick kids. Above picture, the sick boy was complaining of tiredness but when he got dressed as a Spider-Man, he became energetic and claimed he felt better.

88%

The number of Americans who make New Year's resolutions according to a General Nutrition Center poll.

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DISTRICT CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2012

- Bite for Sight Fish Fest/Conklin Center, Ormond Bch
 Hearing Bank Meeting (1st Monday)
- 7:30 pm–Larkin Hospital 7031 SW 62 Ave, 1st Floor, S. Miami
- 8 SE Guide Dogs Open House
- 10 Diabetes Awareness Meeting (2nd Monday) 3363 S Miami Ave 7:30 PM Mercy Hospital—Room 352
- 17 Lions For the Blind Meeting (3rd Monday)

Important Dates to Remember

2013

Jan 11-13	Winter Conf Cruise–leaving Ft. Lauderdale
Jan 26	District Meeting-First Baptist Church, 114 NE Solida Dr.,
	Port St. Lucie 34983
Feb 15	Night for Sight/Conklin Center
Mar 10	District Meeting—Deerfield Hilton
April 5-7	Official visit to Freeport Club, Bahamas

