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District Governor's Message

My Fellow Lions:

As we approach the end of the year How are they 2012, we celebrate with a great public relations activity for our organization, by joyfully participating, as Lions in the district, in the Jr. Orange Bowl Parade. This year, with the generous help of the Tallahassee Lions, we were able to build a handsome float displaying a huge lion, which we decorated to this

vear parade's theme "Sailing to New Adventures".

It is customary to prepare for the arrival of the new year by taking time to review our lives and

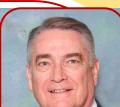
develop "New Year's Resolutions" to make changes we believe will improve ourselves and our lives. Similarly, we will reach the midyear term of our 2012-2013 Lionistic year, and we should also take this opportunity to take a look at our progress and determine how we want to proceed for the rest of the year.

It is time to look at the projects and goals that we set at the beginning

> District Meeting January 26 Port St. Lucie

Time and health are two precious assets that we don't recognize and appreciate until they have been depleted.

~~Denis Waitley, author



progressing? Are we on target, or have we deviated

from them? Have the

of the year.

circumstances changed? Do the club members still support them? Should they be modified? Should they be replaced by another that has a better chance of success? Having answered those guestions,

then, as with the "New Year Resolutions", we should develop new action plans that will help us attain the results that we seek. LC has developed for us a great tool to assist us with evaluation. It is called the Club Excellence Process (CEP).

My Fellow Lions. We just had a few day of rest and relaxation. Let us now start the new year with enthusiasm to carry out our mission of service. Have a full and successful year.

Yours in Lionistic service, DG Juan

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2nd Vice District Governor

Dear fellow Lions.

As we are immersing into 2013, it is time to look at our achievements for the first half of this Lionistic Year and evaluate our course. It is us driving the car.

Every driver sets a destination and a plan/ directions, and as we drive, we always have to adjust, even on a straight line and make these little tiny adjustments on the steering wheel, so we can stay within our path.

It is the time for all Zone Chairs and all the Club Officers to make these adjustments. It is the time for everyone to make this evaluation and make these tiny turns on Serving, Membership, Leadership or any other areas that could improve our own mission as Lions.

For the next three months, we would like to offer every club or every Zone an hour on

the topic of "Lionism" and the basics of the duties of every Lion and the Officers within the Club. These series will be tailored towards the new members of every club and

will help them understand who we are what we do - how we do it.

Please, let us, or let me know within the next three weeks, when would be the best time or occasion to do that.

I wish you and your families a Happy, Healthy and Roaring New Year.

Yours In Lionism,

George Letakis, 24 VDG 786.303.7447 lion.gletakis@yahoo.com



From Your Sunshine Chair

PDG Laynee Riedinger and Lion Julie SweetClub, passed away on December 28. Services en of Tri-City Lions Club reported that Lion Russell Sweeten has suffered a cranial aneurysm. He had a surgery and is at home resting. Please remember Lion Russell in your prayers to get well soon.

in Missouri, had colon cancer surgery. She reported that everything went well and he will start his chemotherapy treatments soon. ing of Lion Annie Paredes' father, Rene Paredes,



Some more bad news: The mother of Lion Lions Club, passed away December 7. Her keep Lion Annie Paredes and her family in your remains will be flown to Indiana where she will be laid to rest with Phyllis' father. May she rest in peace. Please say a prayer for Lions Phyllis and Jerry. PDG Jerry is the DisArlene George, sister of Lion Larry Schiff, NMBtrict 35-N Tail Twister.

Our thoughts and prayers are with PDG Richard and Lion Mariaelena Vidal at the passing of Mariaelena's father. Cards and condolences can be sent to: 6895 Pinehurst Dr., Miami, FL 33015-2303

Lion Juan O. Paret, Melvin Jones Fellow, member of the West Miami Sunshine Lions

were held on Sunday December 30, from 6 PM to 12 PM, at the Funeral Home located at 8200 SW 40 Street, Miami, Florida. He passed away as an active member. He was a true Lion, serving whenever and wherever he was needed. Rest in peace Lion Juan O. Parets. Please, keep Lion Sharon Franklin's father, who is a Lion him in your prayers, his wife Clarita and family.

It is with deep sadness we let you know pass-

on Tuesday, January 2A mass will be held on Friday, January 4 at the Good Shepherd Catholic Phyllis Kennerk, President of the Sebastian Church, 14180 SW 72 Street @ 6:45 PMP.lease thoughts and prayers. Condolence cards may be sent to: 15315 SW 106 Ter. #435, Miami 33196.

> Aventura Lions Club & Treas. of the Eye Bank, passed away a couple of weeks ago from complications from Type I diabetes. She was only 56 years old.

If you send good news we will publish it with joy. We also publish bad news with regret.

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

Cabinet Secretary



I want to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. Now we continue on for the last half of our Lionistic year. In reviewing the reports, I see that 28 clubs did not complete the MMR reports for December. December is such an important month because if the number of members is incorrect the next billing for dues will be incorrect. Also I want to thank the clubs that did complete the reports. Please do the LCI Activity Reports, I know that most Lions Clubs are doing community projects and fund

In our last newsletter I asked to be notified if email addresses have been changed. I'm still getting emails returned. Remember we want everyone to get the information that goes out to the Lions.

Did you remember to send LCI your activity reports? We had such a busy month with the Lions Clubs helping in their communities over the holidays and lots of club parties. By the way I think it is important to have fun times at our clubs. Also our Jr. Orange Bowl Parade, which was great, and should be reported. Lions Clubs love to collect new ideas. Happy New Year,

Yours in Service,

Lion Mary Lackey, **Cabinet Secretary**

Cabinet Treasurer

raisers.

January begins a New Year with perhaps some Our District Meeting is also this month. If your New Year resolutions. Hopefully, one of them for your club is to pay dues on time.

This month you should receive your dues invoice for the second semi-annual dues (district/multiple district) plus prorations. There are still some clubs who have not paid for the first semi-annual dues. Invoices should be paid upon receipt with a copy of the invoice accompanying the check. Just a reminder, we do have to pay our multiple district dues as well as fund the district activities. If your treasurer will be out of town, do make arrangements Colleen Pinkerton, PDG for payment of bills.

club has not made any donations, now is the time. If your club has made donations, please continue. Just a friendly reminder that checks to the projects are made payable to the Lions of District 35-N with a memo for the project. Checks for the entities are made payable to the entity. All checks should be accompanied with a club donation summary sheet.

Looking forward to receiving lots of checks

Cabinet Treasurer



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, 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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The Gift of Sight

The Florida Lions Eye Bank opened its doors and began its mission to "Give the Gift of Sight" in January of 1952. Fifty years later this eye bank has continued to fulfill its mission and has given sight to over 50,000 recipients. To celebrate the Lions commitment to forming, leading, and continually giving to this organization, we have created a commemorative 50thAnniversary patch. All clubs and individual Lions who have made a donation totaling \$50 or more during our 50thAnniversary will receive this patch. The deadline to give is January 31, 2013. Please contact the Florida Lions Eye Bank at 305-326-6359 for more information or to make a donation by credit card.



The Dania Lions Club held it's Annual Lions Christmas Party on December 14 at the winter wonderland home of the Fosters. Th home was aglow with lights from the 15 Christmas trees and Christmas cheer was shared by all. We welcomed the Dania Lions, along with friends from the Hollywood Kiwanis and the Hollywood Rotary Club. Everyone brought a gift for a young girl or boy with disabilities for the Spina Bifida Christmas Party on Dec 15. As the Christmas cheer spread and the yummy smell of home cooked meal added to the festivities, our thoughts went out to the children and teachers who lost their lives in Sandy Hook The Invocation was given by ID Stacey Jones. We prayed for their community and we must continue to live our motto "WE SERVE".

As Saturday arrived at the Dania Lions Club house the Lion Elves gathered the 100+ toys around the Christmas tree. At noon the 21st Annual Dania Lions Club/ Spina Bifida Christmas party for children and adults with disabilities begun. We were very excited to welcome the families and share in their joy, all the Lion elves held back tears as they



watched the children get their face painted, with anticipation of seeing Santa. It's hard to imagine how anyone could hurt a child so dear, as our minds and hearts drifted back

Spirit of Christmas

to the families of Sandy Hook. We welcomed the Mayor of Dania Beach, Walter Duke and Commissioner Bobbie Grace to say a few words. A little while later we got a call from BSO/Dania Beach Fire Rescue that Santa was

on his way on the Dania Beach Hook and Ladder #93. When Santa arrived everyone's face lit up and smiles were a mile wide as he gave out the gifts, what a Christmas to remember!

Before Santa went back to the North Pole, Lion Jim Silvernale presented Penny Cukier of the South Florida Spina Bifida Association, with checks for \$350 from Robert Giacin & George and June Silvernale so they can contin-

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ue helping families with these disabilities.

Please remember the New Town CT Lion's Club, These families are in shock and going thru a very difficult time. They have established a scholarship's fund in the names of the Sandy Hook Elementary School Angels .

It would be wonderful if you could send a note or donation to their scholarship fund to let them know that you are thinking of them.

www.newtownlions.com

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1st Place Winning Poster



3rd Place Winning Poster

"Imagine Peace"

The 25th Anniversary Peace Poster event was held on November 20, where the top three winners were selected. Once again, Miami Dade College North Campus opened its doors to host this exciting event.

Lion Norma Amaro, President of Miami Buena Vista Biltmore, was the Master of Ceremony, Welcome by Dean Malou C, Har- A total of 18 schools participated and the rison; Invocation by PDG Martin Murphy; Pledge of Allegiance by PDG Lino de la Hera. Biltmore, Miami Lakes, Miami West Ken-Lion Norma introduced Lion Teresa San Miguel, Peace Poster Chair, at the same time Dean Malou Harrison introduced the Panel of Judges: Dr. Robert Remek, Associate Professor; Victor Gomez, Professor; and Alejandro Valencia, Frances Wolfson Art Scholarship Award Honorary. Lion Norma read a letter from DG Juan J. Tejera, who was unable to attend due to a previous commit-



2nd Place Winning Poster

taries from District 35N, who were treated to refreshments and sandwiches during the deliberation period.

A heartfelt thanks to the many students who participated this year. There are no losers, they are all winners in our eyes. It was an amazing experience.

following Lions Clubs: Miami Buena Vista dall, Miami Doral, Ft Pierce, Boca Raton, Five Stars and Miami Lautaro.

First Prize Winner

Stephanie Martinez, Omni Middle School Sponsored by Boca Raton Lions Club

Second Prize Allison Yu, Boca Raton Middle School Sponsored by Boca Raton Lions Club

Third Prize Giovanna Falcon, Mater Academy Sponsored by Five Stars Lions Club

Thanks to all of the participants in this year's contest. A job well done!! We look forward to next year!!

Getting To Know You

What better person to Get To Know than ours Vice President?!! Dudley Orlando Bent comes to us from the beautiful island of Jamaica but has lived in the Bahamas for the past 20 years. He has been married to his lovely wife, Celestina, for 5 years and just celebrated an anniversary (Dec. 17). Dudley has a son, Javanie Orlando Bent, who turned 19 on the 14th of November.

He has three siblings: Chis Bent who lives in Miami, Danielle Bent who lives in Birmingham, United Kingdom, and Marlon Bent who live in Jamaica.

By profession, Dudley is an Electrical Technician (Hutchinson Ports Holding) and has several birds as

pets. He also enjoys collecting money (as he calls them "Notes") from other countries.

Something you might not know about him is that he was a FIFA referee (football) for four years. Also, he was a Leo in high school (MD 60B), then becoming a Lion in this District in 1996. He is an Associate member of Bonita Springs Lions Club. You may see a lot of red ties on 1VD Dudley be-

cause it's his favorite color! And if you want to make "brownie points", invite him over for Oxtails and beans!!!

We are proud to having you serving!



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Diabetes Screening Training Class

Lions for Diabetes Awareness of District 35N is have not done any screening; they need to happy to announce that we finally have a date for the Diabetes Screening Training. This will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2013. The ad-

dress and the time will be given as soon as we Each participant will receive an updated manhave it. It is a complete training that lasts one day, usually from 8 or 9 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

The training will be given by Lion Norma Callahan, District O Governor, Lion Betsey The due date to register for the training is Messer, District N Co- Chair, who will be involved in the practice area of doing the actual screening; Lions Norma and Betsey are from Lions Diabetes Awareness Foun- Lion Martin Murphy: santiana1@excite.com dation of Multiple District 35. Lion Luis Olarte will do the translation for those Lions that do not speak English.

This training is for Lions that want to be certified and be able to work with the community doing Diabetes Screenings. Also it is a "must" for the Lions that were certified before but attend the training to be re-certified.

This time the class will cost \$15 per person. ual and they can buy a new shirt for \$25 (These prices are asked by the Multiple District).

January 15. Lions can register through the following emails:

Lion Betty Barrera: bettyalidab@hotmail.com

The \$15 registration fee must be sent before January 15 to Lion Luis Olarte, 16455 SW 236 St. Homestead, FL 33031 Checks must be made to: Lions for Diabetes Awareness, District 35N

District Award Luncheon June 9, 2013 **Tropical Acres Restaurant** 2500 Griffin Road Dania, FL 33312

Media Ad Launch News!

Lions Clubs International is launching our nationwide online advertising campaign to increase public awareness of our organization and mission. The campaign will feature banner advertisements posted on various local and national websites in all 50 states for the next six months.

The ads include a link to our updated Be A Lion webpage, showcasing club members serving their communities, along with links to our Facebook and Twitter pages.

The ads also feature a club locator tool, enabling potential new members to input their city and state to find a club in their community. Due to the potential increase in club inquiries, we ask that you reach out to your clubs and remind them about the importance of keeping their club contact information up to date, and to monitor email inquiries on a regular basis.

Although advertising is important, service remains our best means of raising awareness, and Lions remain the global leader in community service. Thank you for your help in spreading the word about who we are, where we are and what we do.

Sincerely,

Dane LaJoye **Public Relations Division Manager** Lions Clubs International

Please check out a sample of the new online ad. The content within the ad will change during the course of the campaign. As always, we welcome your feedback.





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: _____

Bank.

Florida Lions Eye Bank Memorial Wall Donation

The Florida Lions Eye Bank Memorial Wall is a generous way to honor family, friends and fellow Lions who have passed away. For a contribution of \$100, the name of the deceased will be placed on the Eye Bank's Memorial Wall and the monies will be deposited in the Eye Bank Investment Fund. In addition, a letter can be mailed to the family to inform them of the donation made in honor of their loved one. The Memorial Wall is located in the hallway outside of the Florida Lions Eye Bank in the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute.

For the past 50 years, the Florida Lions Eye Bank has provided South Florida with every

day miracles. In this time, the "Gift of Sight" has been given to over 50,000 recipients and the impact of research has touched countless more. None of this would have been possible without cor tributions to the Florida Lions Eye

Bank's Investment Fund. These funds have been invested for long term growth and are used to guarantee that future generations will continue to benefit from the everyday miracles of the Florida Lions Eye



The Serving Lion

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Corral Your Cords

Now—why didn't I think of that?!!! Just hook your plug in the handle of those big heavy-duty binder clips and clip it on the side of your desk

or table so it doesn't fall down behind your computer/printer.



"Adopted Family"

The Miami Buena Vista Biltmore Lions Club has "adopted" a need family every year during the Christmas Season for the last fey years. These pictures were take on December 24th when DG Juan J. Tejera and Lions Luis and Teresa San Miguel delivered toys and a complete Christmas Dinner to this deserving family.





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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



Our International Guest



Joe Al Picone International Director

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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.

MD-35 District Convention—May 2-5, 2013

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Dr. Walter H. Campbell Pilot Award 2012

(Dedicated to the Memory of Dr. Walter H. Campbell, bership is in MD-35 are eligible for the sub district Miami Beach Lions Club member, President of Lions award. Candidates must be active and participate International 1965-1966)

nize a Past District Governor in each of the Districts and a Past District Governor in the Multiple District 35, with a prestigious award for outstanding efforts, dedication and contributions during the preceding calendar year on behalf of Lionism.

CONTEST PERIOD: The award shall cover ONLY the Governor, Council Chair, International Director or accomplishments realized during the contest period, January 1st through December 31st 2012 at the Club and District level. Any other information shall make the inquiry unacceptable and void.

All 2012 entries must be postmarked or e-mailed to the Multiple District 35 (MD) Office on or before February 1st 2013 at:

the beginning of the contest period and whose mem-

646 North Indiana Av. Englewood, FL 34223

Or, nieskes@comcast.net

only in Club to MD activities to qualify for the Pilot Award. Only the winners of the District awards each

PURPOSE: The PILOT AWARD is designed to recogyear are eligible for the Multiple District Award. The Past District Governor, spouse, partner in service, or anyone serving in the capacity shall be eligible for the award after the term of office has ended prior to the beginning of the contest period, and not overlapping any fiscal year of said office, which the partners in service includes District Governor, Vice District

> Officer, International Officers or Directors, candidates for International Director or higher, or President of any of the Florida Entities.

A committee of former Pilot Winners will meet at the Spring Conference in March to determine the MD-35 Winner. The application must be signed by a present Pilot Award Winner or by two members of the

applicant's club. See MD-35 website: lionsofflori-da.org for application and detailed rules. (Revised May 2011).

PDG Edgar E. Roa

MD-35 Dr. Walter H. Campbell Pilot Award Chair ELEGIBILITY: All Past District Governors and all pastMD-35 Millard Conklin Crusader Award 2005-2006 Council Chairs whose term of office ended prior to ertech20@bellsouth.net

> The night of January 20 is "Saint Agnes's Eve," which is regarded as a time when a young woman dreams of her future husband.

Monthly Health Crusade

The Coral Gables Merrick Lions Club is tism, Physical Therapy and some othhappy to announce that it has partnered with the Colombian Consulate to participate in their monthly Health Crusade. The health fair will be held on the last Saturday of each month, starting in 2013 at the Colombian Consulate, located at 280 Aragon Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33134.

To name a few, we are planning to have Warmest regards, Eve Screenings, Diabetes Tests, Blood Pressure Tests, Advice on Post Polio Awareness, Alzheimer, Epilepsy, Au-

er illness prevention tips.

If you are willing to join us, you are

more than welcome to do so – we believe in "together we can." Our Club opens its doors to any fellow Lions; remember our motto is WE SERVE.

Lion Elizabeth Maloff, Charter Pres. Dr. Cesar Blumtritt, Wellness Director



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DISTRICT CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2013

- Hearing Bank Meeting (1 Monday) 7:30 pm—Larkin Hospital 7031 SW 62 Ave, 1 Floor, S. Miami
- 11-13 Winter Conference Cruise-leaving Ft. Lauderdale
- ¹³ Melvin Jones' birthday
- 14 Diabetes Awareness Meeting (2Monday) 3363 S Miami Ave 7:30 PM Mercy Hospital—Room 352
- 21 Lions For the Blind Meeting (3 Monday)

Martin Luther King Day

- ²³ Eye Bank Meeting—7 PM, Bascom Palmer
- 26 District Meeting-^{\$t} Baptist Church 114 NE Solida Dr, Port St. Lucie 34983

Important Dates to Remember

Feb 15	Night for Sight/Conklin Center
Mar 7-9	Spring Conference, Deerfield Beach
Mar 10	District Meeting—Deerfield Hilton
April 5-7	District Meeting—Deerfield Hilton DG Official visit to Freeport Club, Bahamas
May 2-5	MD-35 District Convention-Daytona Beach
June 9	Dist. Award Luncheon, Tropical Acres Restaurant, Dania
July 5-10	Lions International Convention-Hamburg, Germany



The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket