

**DISTRICT 35-O CABINET MEETING**  
**JANUARY 19, 2013**  
HOSTED BY VOLUSIA COUNTY LIONS CLUB

The 3<sup>rd</sup> District 35-O Cabinet Meeting was called to order by Lion Dr. Lynn Hawkins on January 19, 2013. She welcomed all attending Lions on behalf of the hosting Volusia County Lions Club. The Invocation was given by Lion Jim Callahan. Lion Bill Schnalke led the Pledge to our flag. Lion Dr, Hawkins introduced 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Al Becker. 1<sup>st</sup>VDG Al introduced DG Norma Callahan. She gave a warm welcome to all who were attending.

Gov. Norma called for the reading of the minutes from the last Cabinet Meeting by Cabinet Secretary Carol Reichard. PDG Anne Greer made a motion that the minutes be approved as published. PDG Shel Reichard seconded the motion. The motion passed. PDG Jeannine Thibault presented the financial report. The report was accepted for audit. Gov. Norma introduced our new club, Hernando Lions Club, and welcomed them to the District.

Gov. Norma spoke with the group concerning the position of Club Treasurer. She briefly noted the problem with one of the District Clubs who had several thousand dollars taken from their club treasury by their treasurer who is now facing criminal charges. She spoke about the importance of having club books always open for any member who wishes to see them; she stated that all clubs with a foundation or trust must have their treasurer bonded. She emphasized that all clubs should do the same. No treasurer should receive a check for the club written in their name . . . all checks should be made out to the club. Each club should have their own EIN number. A financial report should be given at each General membership meeting, not just the Board Meeting. The club books should be audited each year by a neutral person outside the club.

Lion Prudy Rodriguez, District Crusader Award Chairman, announced that the deadline for applications is January 21, 2013. Gov. Norma reminded everyone of the Strides Walk for Diabetes and referred them to the flyer in the folder. Lion Mary Pezzo, President of Project Right to Sight, announced that they now have 92 Life Members. She encouraged clubs to name Life Members when they donated to Project Right to Sight. Governor Norma gave a report from Peace Poster Chairman, Lion Kevin Jarvis. He announced that the Multiple District Peace Poster Contest Winner was from District 35-O.

Lion Betty Hennighan, PDG, District Nominations Chairman, announced that the following were certified candidates for district office:

- District Governor – Al Becker
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor – Carolyn Lloyd
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor – Jacquie Tripp

The election will be held at the State Convention in May.

Lion Dianne Christian gave a brief history of the 35-O Hearing Board and announced that it was a 501c3 nonprofit group. Applicants are evaluated and then voted on by the Board. They handle 5 – 15 cases per month. For a child it costs \$1500 for a hearing aid. The board does not pay for repairing a hearing aid. She suggested that when donations are made that the clubs designate who they would like to have as Life Members.

Lion Dianne also spoke on the District Directory. She explained that the proceeds from the ads purchased to be put into the directory went to the cost of preparing and printing it. All updates or corrections should be sent to Lion Bill Christian. She asked that the PDG list has the correct information. Clubs need to turn in their contact person for Hearing, Sight and Diabetes cases. All notices of Lions who are ill or who have had a loss in their family should be turned into the Sunshine Chairman who sends cards from the district.

Lions Jacquie Tripp and Dr. Lynn Hawkins did a dual report on Leos, Lion Quest and the International Reading Project. Lion Jacquie stated there are now 6 Leo Clubs in the district. She also announced that the Port Orange Club is now sponsoring a new Leo Club at Spruce Creek High school. Lion Dr, Hawkins announced that the Omega Club at Daytona State College has 75 members who have logged 2,016 hours of service so far this year.

GLT Larry Feldhusen announced that there are Net casts every 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week each month on subjects that will help clubs. If you are unable to watch it, there are pre-recorded versions on the LCI web Site.

Dr. Lipsett spoke on what's new in Low Vision. He spoke of different techniques being used to help those with low vision and results that are being seen. It was a most interesting and educating presentation.

Gov. Norma suspended the meeting for lunch and turned the time over to Lion Rita Fawcett to perform her entertaining Tail Twister magic.

Gov. Norma reconvened the meeting at 12:30. She gave the Diabetes Report for Lion Dianne who was ill. She reported that the new training manual for Diabetes Screeners was completed. She also reported that they have done over 80,000 screenings to date.

Lion Ron Van Gelderen and his companion dog, Murray, represented Southeast Guide Dogs. He encouraged Lions to go on the SEGDOG web site to learn more about what they do. He reported on the Canine Assessment Program/Center and two of the grants they had received: a \$500,000 matching grant and another matching grant of \$75,000 from LCI... He also announced that District 35-O Day at Southeast Guide Dogs will be on February 9<sup>th</sup> and reservations need to be made.

Lion Mary Pezzo reported on the Florida Lions Conklin Center. It is important to give our donations throughout the year as they do have expenses all year long. District O is behind in their goal of donating and we need to get them in.

Awards Chair Helene Thompson gave out a 3 year Golden Chain Award to Lion Terry Murtha and a 7 year Golden Chain Award to Joe Hauser. Governor Norma then presented some Chevron Awards for membership.

Lion Ted Erion gave a brief update of the happenings of the Florida Lions Foundation. He reminded the clubs that the Foundation year ends April 30<sup>th</sup>. In order for your donations to be counted for this year, they need to be in before that date.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Al Becker announced that the Orientation Meetings for the coming year will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup> in Homosassa for the West Coast and June 8<sup>th</sup> in Viera for the East Coast. Training will be held at both meetings. If the Lions can't make one, then make the other one.

PDG Shel Reichard, Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the 35-O Youth Exchange Scholarship Trust, announced that on January 27<sup>th</sup> the Trustees had met and chosen 11 winners out of 90+ applicants to receive \$1,000 scholarships each. They will be presented at the Scholarship Luncheon on April 14<sup>th</sup> at Lake Alfred.

Gov. Norma reviewed some of the main points to the meeting:

Directory ad request need to be sent in to help cover the cost of publishing.

Membership is important. Membership Drives may result in growth.

Retention helps clubs grow stronger, using the CEP Program as a guide.

Treasurers of clubs should be bonded & treasurers of trusts/foundations must be bonded.

Stop the Bullying and Dictatorship in clubs. Work together.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Al reported on some of the dates and plans for next year. The Attendance Report given by the Cabinet Secretary showed that there were 152 in attendance. The Cabinet Treasurer gave the report on the Parade of Checks.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Governor.

Lion Carol Reichard, District 35-O Cabinet Secretary