

LIONS BLOOD BANK

GROUP A 32

In 2012, Florida's Blood Centers Orlando, merged with the blood banks in Tampa and Miami to create the largest blood bank in Florida "ONE BLOOD INC".

The Lions Blood Bank started as a Lions Zone Blood Bank in 1977 with 100 pints donated by the Navy base in Orlando. It then became a District 35-O project, and now will be a state project.

The Lions Blood Bank (A 32) is an active group and as of August 31, 2013 we have 353 pints. You do not have to call to release any blood that a Lion or family member may need. The blood is always there for you.

Presently, any Lion who wishes to donate blood who was covered under Florida's Blood Centers in the following counties; Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Flagler, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion, Martin, Miami-Dade, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Sarasota, Seminole, St Lucie and Volusia may do so using the Group # A 32.

In the future, about March, 2014, approximately 75% of Lions in the state will be covered. At that time, a new group number will be issued for all. There will be 17 counties from the Duval county area southwest to the Hernando county area which will not be covered.

Remember, when donating, tell them to credit The Lions Blood Bank A 32, so you and your club will get recognition.

Also, one of the 20 optional activities for The Golden Chain Award is to contribute a pint of blood or get someone else to contribute to the Lions Blood Bank.

You can go on line to: www.oneblood.org and find stationary and mobile locations in your area.

For more information, call Lion Ed Werner, PDDG, Chairperson for Lions Blood Bank at 407-920-5401 or email: ed247@aol.com.