

LIONS ROARING NEWS



DISTRICT 35-O
MARCH 2014



A Note from District Governor Al Becker

Fellow Lions,

With the holidays behind us it is time to start following the dreams of our International President Barry Palmer. First and foremost is CEP - the Club Excellence Process. At every visit I have made to our clubs, this has been stressed as one of the most important topics and still I haven't seen or heard of clubs signing up for this valuable tool. CEP will help jump start your club and examine how you are doing overall both as a club and in the community. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

IP Barry Palmer's other dream is membership growth. We are lagging behind and it's time to bring in March like a Lion and step up our membership drives. Remember those two words "Just Ask". Yes, you may not get someone the first time, but eventually you will find that one person who has been waiting to be asked to join our great organization. LCI as come out with two plans for membership. First is the Veterans Program where as you sign up a veteran to join your club and LCI waives the \$25 membership fee. Secondly, LCI just came out with another jump start to membership called "Together We Can Grow". The club in each District with



the most growth in membership between Jan-Jul 2014 will be awarded with either a \$250 Melvin Jones Foundation or \$250 in Club supplies. Your club must have at least a 10% membership growth and a 5 member net gain during the contest period. There are many ways to grow your membership. Remember this when you choose you next membership chairperson.

In closing my wife Jo and I want to thank everyone for the hospitality and friendship we have experienced traveling around to the clubs in our district. The journey isn't over and with the help of the Lions of 35-O we can end this year on a positive note.

Yours In Lionism, DG Al Becker

From the Den of 1st Vice District Governor Carolyn Lloyd

District 35-O is an absolutely awesome district. Lions here are constantly amazing because of the number and diversity of community service projects. Diabetes screening, vision screening, hearing screening, Hunger Project, clothes for those who need, food baskets, senior transportation, and glasses to name just a few. As the 2013-2014 Lionistic year comes to a close, it is time to recognize those Lions who have given their time and their hearts in service.

Think about giving recognition by using a donation to one of the MD 35 projects or LCIF and presenting a plaque and/or pen to a deserving Lion. Gifts of \$100 can earn a life membership in the Youth Exchange Scholarship Foundation or in the MD 35 Diabetes Awareness Foundation. The Conklin Centers and the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind have different levels for life memberships. Southeastern Guide Dogs and Leader Dogs have bricks and other things. LCIF has the Melvin Jones Fellowship. These are just a few ideas.

Remember, service from local clubs can directly impact communities. Giving to our MD 35 projects and LCIF can indirectly help communities and can provide recognition to deserving Lions. Clubs, honor hard-working, dedicated Lions at the coming year's installation banquet.

OUR PRIDE TOGETHER IN SERVICE

2nd Vice District Governor Jacquie Tripp

I would like to share some quotes to live by in March or anytime:

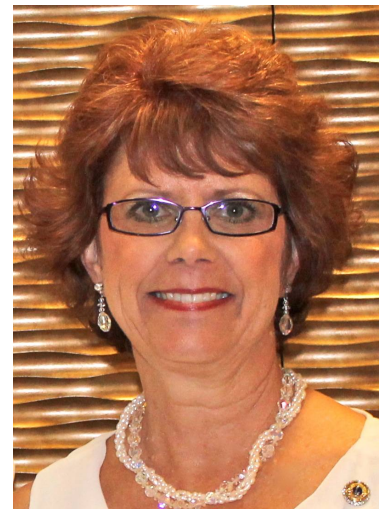
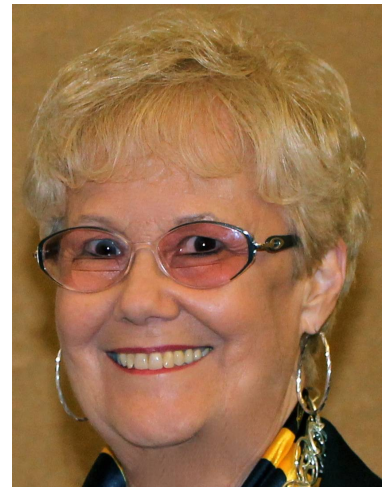
WEEK 1 "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." -Mahatma Gandhi

WEEK 2 "Don't ever forget you're a citizen of this world, and there are things you can do to lift the human spirit, things that are easy, things that are free, things that you can do every day. Civility, respect, kindness, character." -Aaron Sorkin

WEEK 3 "No matter how convenient it is for us to reach out to people remotely, sometimes the most important task is to show up in person." -Blake Mycoskie

Week 4 "If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person." -Fred (Mr.) Rogers

Serving Beside You, Lion Jacquie



4TH DISTRICT MEETING - MARCH 15th, Homosassa [FLYER](#) [AGENDA](#)

The Homosassa Lions Club will host our fourth meeting on Saturday, March 15th at the Homosassa Lions Clubhouse. GPS Address: 8396 West Homosassa Trail, Homosassa, FL 34448. Their Clubhouse is on S. Indiana Avenue: [MAP](#)



- 8:30 AM Fellowship (Coffee & Goodies)
- 8:30 AM Executive Meeting
- 9:15 AM PDG and Zone & Region Chair Meetings

10:00 AM Call to Order and Welcome

TRAINING: Tax Issues & Regulations for Lions Clubs & Foundations

- 11:30 AM Lunch
- 12:15 PM Resume District Meeting
- 1:55 PM 50:50 Raffle & Drawings

FOR MORE INFO: HomosassaLions@gmail.com or CALL: Lion Dana Comeau (352) 601-3206

REGISTER NOW FOR THE MD35 CONVENTION [FORMS](#) OR [ONLINE](#)

The Multiple District 35 Convention will be held in Orlando on May 1-4, 2014 at the [DoubleTree by Hilton Downtown](#). For the first time in MD35 history, you are able register for the convention online: [Click here](#) and you can register and pay for your meal tickets. If you prefer, the registration pages are in the MD35 magazine, or use this link for a 2 page pdf file of the [Registration Pages](#). The Early Bird pricing (\$5 off each meal & registration) is valid until April 1, 2014. The District Lunches (on Friday) and the Friday Night Social will have a baseball theme.

You make your room reservations directly with the hotel and mention that you are with the Lions MD Convention to get these room rates: \$109 for a Regular Room; \$149 – Executive Suite and \$309 – Parlor Room. Rates are per night and do not include tax. There will be no charge for parking if you are staying at this hotel. Deadline for room reservations is March 31, 2014. The hotel address is 60 South Ivanhoe Boulevard, Orlando, Florida, 32804. Phone: 407-425-4455

2014 LCI TORONTO CONVENTION

[Register](#) by March 31, 2014 and the regular registration fee is \$150. After April 1, 2014, the fee is \$170. The LCI 97th Lions Clubs Annual International Convention (LCICon) from July 4 – 8, 2014 in the city of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and you are invited to join the celebration. Toronto, Canada's most cosmopolitan city, is situated on beautiful Lake Ontario and is one of the most dynamic, culturally diverse and vibrant places on earth. The [festivities](#) include our own culturally diverse International Parade of Nations along with interesting seminars, lively plenary sessions, the gala International Show, and the election of LCI's 2014-2015 International President. *Celebrities* include: Olivia Newton-John as a keynote speaker, Neil Sedaka as entertainment at the International Show and David Foster will be the Humanitarian Award Winner.

MD35 ORANGE PARADE SHIRTS & SOUTHEASTERN BREAKFAST

Shirts will be on sale at the MD35 Convention in Orlando. Shirts are \$40.00 (2XL and larger are more). Shirts may be also be ordered through the MD Office.

The Southeastern Breakfast at the LCI Convention will be on Monday, July 7, 2014 at 7:00am at the Fairmont Royal Hotel. Tickets are \$37 each payable to Lions MD-35 and send to the MD Office.

ADVERTISE IN THE MD35 CONVENTION PROGRAM [FLYER](#)

Show you're Proud to be a Lions. Advertise your Club, Candidate, Special Event, or a Lions Entity! Ad rates are: FULL PAGE AD (5" X 8") \$100.00; ½ PAGE AD (5" X 3.5") \$50.00; ¼ PAGE AD (5" X 2.5") \$25.00; BUSINESS CARD \$25.00. Submissions Deadline is April 15th. Send to Lion Catherine Walton, PDG; lionjohngirl@msn.com (813) 495-8134. Ads should be in a PDF OR JPG format.

MEETING CHANGES FOR PALM BAY PROGRESSIVE LIONS

The Palm Bay Progressive Lions Club meetings have changed location to Comfort Suites Hotel, 1175 Malabar Road Northeast, Palm Bay, FL 32907.

LCI MARCH NEWSWIRE

Subjects covered in the link above: learn about this year's Peace Poster and Essay Contest winners, Family and Friends Month in April, Leo Club Awareness Month and more. [CURRENT and past issues](#)



MOUNT DORA LIONS CELEBRATE 75th [FLYER](#)

The Mount Dora Lions will have a Charter 75th Celebration on March 29, 2014 at the Historic Lakeside Inn in Mount Dora at 6:30 pm. The same place the Charter Night was held in 1939! A Silent Auction will proceed the dinner. For \$25, Lions Clubs, Lions and friends can have their name listed under "Thanks for your Service" in the Program. Send your check made out to the Mount Dora Lions Ritterband Foundation by March 6, 2014 to be on the list, PO Box 131, Mount Dora, FL 32756. Visit our website at www.mtdoralions.org or email Lion Mary Pezzo at mtpezzo@yahoo.com.

KISSIMMEE LIONS CELEBRATE 75 YEARS [FLYER](#)

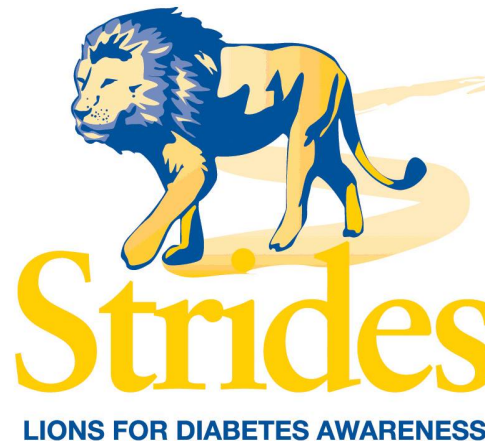
The Kissimmee Lions Club 75th Anniversary Celebration will be on Saturday, May 17th at 6.30 pm at the Flamingo Waterpark Resort in Kissimmee. There will be a silent auction before dinner. Special hotel rates and reservation information are on their [FLYER](#).

9th ANNUAL DIABETES WALK - APRIL 5th

[Flyer & Shirt Sponsors](#) [Registration](#) [Waiver](#)

Contact: Lion Bobbie Cheh, Ormond By The Sea Lions,
ormondbob@aol.com

Walk the beautiful Ormond by the Sea beach starting at Bicentennial Park, 1800 Ocean Shore Boulevard, Ormond Beach at 8 AM. The funds raised support scholarships for children with type 1 diabetes to attend the Florida Diabetes Camps. Please support this walk with donations and shirt sponsorships.



ZONE MEETINGS

ZONE 1 (Lion Jackie De Graff)

April 2, 2014 at Inglis-Yankeetown Lions Club

[Flyer](#)

ZONE 10 (Lion Helene Thompson)

March 19, 2014 hosted by Rockledge Lions (6pm)

[Flyer](#)

LCI ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

Have you seen a Lions ad while viewing an on-line newspaper? Lion Don Kruck (New Smyrna Beach) spotted the "Be A Lion" 30 second LCI Lions ad when he was on the home page of the [Daytona News-Journal](#). You can view the video at: <http://www.bealion.org/>

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

BOB LASTINGER AWARD – DEADLINE MARCH 31, 2013

This award is given in memory of Past International Director Bob Lastinger, a very loyal and dedicated Lion. It is given to a grass root Lion who attends meetings regularly, is willing to help the Club with projects, serve on committees and always willing to lend a hand. This Lion will go above and beyond what is expected of them. Every Club has someone who should be nominated for this award. It's that extra special Lion. Write a letter nominating your grass root Lion. Include in the letter your reasons for nominating this Lion and examples of things they have done in service to Lionism. Please send your letter of nomination postmarked by March 31, 2014 to our Cabinet Secretary: Lion Mary Ann Bullock, 8133 Old Tramway Drive, Viera, FL 32940 or email to maryannbullock@hotmail.com

WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM WORKSHOP: "WOMEN, WORKING OUT THE LEADER WITHIN"

April 11 -13, 2014. A three-day leadership extravaganza of intellectual pampering on a journey of discovery to what it is like to 'just be you' in the world of leadership. Learn from Lions certified by Lions Clubs International to "light the way to future Lions Leaders" just like yourself at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites Lakeland North. Sponsored by the American Diabetes Association and Lions for Diabetes Awareness of District 35N. Pre-Register for \$100.00 (by March 26, 2014 - after \$125.00). Registration includes: Db occupancy lodging, training materials, meals included (except Friday night), snacks and Friday night social. For complete information contact U35@juno.com [FLYER](#)



LCI MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP WEBINARS

Head over to the [LCI Monthly Membership Webinars](#) page to register.

March 26, 2014 Chartering Special Interest Clubs, 5 pm–6 pm

April 29, 2014 Conducting Informational Meetings for New and Existing Clubs, 1 pm-2 pm

May 22, 2014 Membership Planning for Next Fiscal Year 11 am-12 noon

THE 2013-2014 LCI WEBINAR SCHEDULE. Head over to the [Webinars page](#) to register.

Is it Your Dream to Be a District Governor?

Friday, April 4, 2014 at 8 PM

Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 1 PM

Conflict Resolution

Friday, May 9, 2014 at 8 PM

Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 1 PM



William Henry Schnell Sr. (*pictured left*) of DeLeon Springs and Deland passed away peacefully on February 6, 2014. He had been a member of the De Leon Springs Lions Club and had served as President for one year. He loved watching baseball on TV or going to the games. A Celebration of Life was held on February 11th. He was 94.

Lion Cecile Meyers (*no picture*) of the Inverness Lions Club passed away on March 5, 2014 in Lecanto, FL at the age 76. Lion Cecile worked as a food service representative and enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family and she was a certified diabetes screener with the Lions. Services were held on March 15th.

DG AL BECKER'S Remaining CLUB VISITATION SCHEDULE

MARCH 20, Thur: LAKELAND North Lakeland, 7PM MARCH 25, Tues: SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY, 6PM

2013-2014 DISTRICT DIRECTORY NEW UPDATES ([PDF OF ALL UPDATES](#))

Page 72: Update meeting location for Palm Bay Progressive Lions to Comfort Suites Hotel, 1175 Malabar Road Northeast, Palm Bay, FL 32907.

Page 75: Update Ponce Inlet Lions Membership to Laura Stapleton, 2 Mar Azul N, Ponce Inlet 32127, 386-316-4016 lstapleton@cfl.rr.com

LCI PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNER [Website](#)



Tongbram Mahesh Singh, a 12-year-old boy from Manipur, India, was named the grand prize winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Entries were judged for originality, artistic merit and portrayal of this year's contest theme, "Our World, Our Future." Singh represented his image of peace through children of different countries coming together to paint the world in peace. "Like me, other children also want to play with their friends. We can play when we are free from violence and war," said Singh. "Peace is [the] most loving word to me," said Singh. "Where there is peace, there is harmony. Where there is harmony, people will be happy."

LCI ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

The Essay Contest Grand Prize Winner is Ashish Karki, Age 12 from Nepal. Her essay titled "Our World, Our Future" starts out: "We are a bud today and hoping blossom for tomorrow. We are the cardinal pillar of the world by saying man is the architect of his own future. We need to do something for mankind. Our earth is our mother who always nurtures and cares for us like our own birth mother. . . ." The entire essay can be read at this [LCI Website link](#). The contest offers visually impaired young people a chance to express their feelings of peace.

LCI'S TOGETHER WE CAN GROW CONTEST [Website](#)

Want to be rewarded for growing your club? The Together We Can Grow contest rewards high-performing clubs for exceptional membership growth. Building a strong club takes teamwork and leadership. Your club can do even more when the current and incoming club presidents work together this year to increase club membership. Be the top club in your district with the largest net membership gain (by percentage) between January 1 and July 31, 2014 and Your Club can win \$250 in LCI club supplies or a \$250 donation toward your club's next Melvin Jones Fellowship. Winners will also receive a congratulatory letter and certificate for the current club president and the incoming club president, A Together We Can Grow banner patch, and Special recognition on the LCI website. So work with your club leaders now to invite new members to join your club. Together we can grow! [FLYER](#)

Contest Rules:

LCI will count new members who join between January 1, 2014 and July 31, 2014, as reflected in LCI's official records. Reinstated members do not qualify.

At least a 10% membership growth and a five member net gain are required during the contest period.

The winning club in each district shall have the highest net membership gain (by percentage) in the district for the contest period, and shall have already submitted to LCI (prior to January 1, 2014) names for the persons of Club President, Secretary and Treasurer.

To receive the US\$250 prize, winning clubs must pay their first membership dues billing for 2014-15 by August 31, 2014.



UPCOMING MD-35, DISTRICT & CLUB EVENTS [PRINTABLE PAGE](#)

March 15, 2014: 4th District O Meeting, Homosassa Lions Hosting, (10am-2pm) [Flyer](#) [Agenda](#)

March 15, 2014: Southeastern Guide Dogs Walkathon at the Villages, [Website](#)

March 16, 2014: Ormond by the Sea Miniature Golf Tournament, Pirates Cove, (1:30pm), 386-441-4421

March 21, 2014: Deadline to order Rockledge Lions Easter Lily, \$7 ea, [Lion Kevin Jarvis](#) , [FLYER](#)

March 22, 2014: OBG Golf Scramble, Hacienda Hills, \$75, Lion Joe Donlon 352-259-6013, [FLYER](#)

March 22, 2014: Viera Lions BBQ & Auctions, Viera Regional Park, \$10, 11:30am [FLYER](#)

March 29, 2014: Mount Dora Lions 75th Charter Celebration, Lakeside Inn, [FLYER](#)

April 5, 2014: Diabetes Walk, Bicentennial Park, Ormond By The Sea (8am) [FLYER](#), [Registration](#), [Waiver](#)

April 5, 2014: LEITR 13th Annual Race For Sight, Ybor City, super hero themed [Registration Website](#)

April 11-13, 2014: Women's Leadership Workshop, Holiday Inn Express, North Lakeland, [FLYER](#)

April 12, 2014: Conklin Center Sensory Walk, Daytona Beach(8am-11am), [Website](#), [Registration](#), [Donate](#)

April 12, 2014: Palm Coast Pancake Breakfast & Walk for the Blind, Mantanzas HS; \$5, (7:30am) [FLYER](#)

April 19, 2014: Palm Bay Progressive Fish Fry & Bake Sale, Fred Lee Park, \$10 (11am-4pm), [FLYER](#)

April 25, 2014: On Top of the World Trashy Fashion Show, Ocala, \$15 (6:30pm-9:30pm), [Website](#)

April 26, 2014: Inglis Yankeetown Lions Nature Coast Challenge, 352-505-7936 \$40 [WEBSITE](#) [FLYER](#)

May 1-4, 2014: MD-35 Convention, Doubletree Hotel Downtown Orlando, [Hotel Information](#) [Registration](#)

May 2, 2014: District O Luncheon at the MD35 Convention (Baseball theme-convention registration)

May 17, 2014: Kissimmee Lions Club 75th Celebration, Flamingo Waterpark Hotel (6.30pm) [FLYER](#)

July 4-8, 2014: LCI 97th Annual Convention in Toronto, Canada , [Website](#)

September 11-13, 2014: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, San Juan, Puerto Rico, [Website](#)

February 12-21, 2015: Viera Lions Valentine Cruise, RC's Explorer of the Seas, Port Canaveral [FLYER](#)

June 26-30, 2015: LCI 98th Annual Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii

CONKLIN CENTER SENSORY WALK

[Registration Form](#)

[Donate On-Line](#)

By Denise Harlow; 386-258-3441 or धारlow@conklincenter.org

On April 12, 2014 the Conklin Center will hold its *Sensory Walk* to support programs and services that enable people who are blind to work and live on their own in the community. We ask every Lions Club in Florida to help us raise funds and see firsthand how Florida Lions have been changing the lives of people who are blind for the past 35 years. Registration opens at 8 a.m., the Walk will begin at 9:00. Refreshments will be served. Everyone who collects or donates a minimum of \$20 will receive a free t-shirt. There will be drawings for prizes at the levels of \$100, \$250, \$500 and \$1,000 raised.

Ever wonder how a person with little or no vision manages their money, medication or all the items in the kitchen? This is your chance to find out. As you walk along the woodsy paths on the Center's grounds you will stop at stations where you can (with instructions) try everyday activities while wearing a blindfold or special glasses that simulate eye disorders.

Please join us – form a team of Club members and have family & friends sponsor you. Ask your Club to sponsor the event. Detailed information and the forms needed can be found on our website:

http://www.conklincenter.org/ai1ec_event/conklin-sensory-walk/

Unable to attend the Walk on April 12? No problem, walk with us “in spirit.” Develop your spirit team.

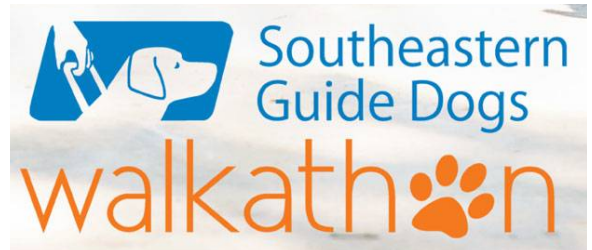
All you need to do is get pledges, collect money, and send it in! Or Donate on line using the link above.

Thank you for your support of this and other Conklin Center events.



SOUTHEASTERN GUIDE DOGS WALKATHONS

Our dogs are making an extraordinary difference. And now you are invited to share the joy of making an impact. Join us at one of our 2014 Walkathons! (or make an on-line donation – just click on the logo to the right.) At SEG D our Walkathons represent our biggest fundraisers of the year.



We rely on the proceeds to help us raise, train, and match our amazing dogs with our visually impaired students, whose lives are transformed.

Event festivities include a fun walk for our two and four-legged supporters, music, food, shopping and more! Will you join us at one of our Walkathon locations? We need you! You can help us change peoples' lives, and we can't wait to see you there. Here is the list of upcoming Walkathons:

March 15, 2014 THE VILLAGES, The Polo Club

March 22, 2014 TAMPA

March 29, 2014 SARASOTA

If you are looking for a team to donate to for the March 15th walk, Lion Ron Van Gelderen has a goal of raising enough money to name a future guide dog puppy. Lion Ron moved to Florida several years ago after losing his sight. He attended the SEG D School and received his guide dog Murray. You can donate on-line at www.GuideDogsWalkathon.org/ronandmurray . [Ron's Letter](#)

LEITR 13th ANNUAL RACE FOR SIGHT - APRIL 5, 2014

[Registration Website](#)

The 13th annual Race for Sight is inviting runners to wear their favorite superhero attire and sprint, run or walk through Historic Ybor City.

The super hero themed 5k race or one-mile fun walk funds the sight-saving projects through the Lions Eye Institute. The Race for Sight will include a 5k run, a 1-mile walk as well as an awards ceremony with trophies going to the top male and female competitors. Groups and corporate teams are also encouraged to participate. Those wearing their best hero outfits will also be recognized. Running as your favorite super hero is encouraged. Don't let the others outshine your super powers! Tie on your favorite cape and get started!



Saturday, April 5, 2014, Registration 6:30 a.m. to 7:15 am; Awards and celebration at 9:00 am at Centennial Park in Historic Ybor City, 1800 E. 8th Ave, Tampa, Fla. 33605. The participation fee is \$25 for individuals and \$15 for groups.

FLORIDA LIONS FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND

[Website](#)

By President Lion C. David Lloyd, PCC

Our Foundation continues to provide more and more eye care surgeries for needy individuals in our communities. At our directors meeting on March 9th, 32 new cases were approved at an estimated cost of \$156,946. Club co-pays of \$6,300. Negotiated savings are \$102,002. Cost to Foundation is \$48,644.

Ten of those 32 new cases were from District 35-O, with an estimated cost of \$42,964; club co-pays of \$2,000; negotiated savings of \$28,598, and a cost to the foundation of \$12,366.

The Foundation's fiscal year began May 1, 2013 and our year-to-date totals are: Total cases: 222;

Estimated cost: \$1,111,090; Club Co-pays: \$44,100; Savings: \$740,704; Cost to Foundation: \$326,286.

Each of the four MD-35 Districts has a funding raising goal of \$55,000 for a yearly total of \$220,000. As of the end of February, clubs in our multiple district have only donated \$122,540, or 56% of the goal.

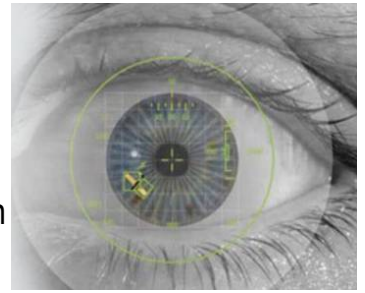
Prior to the March district meeting, District 35-O clubs have donated \$29,200, or 53% of goal, while the Foundation has provided assistance to the district of \$75,218. Granted we will receive more funds at this district meeting, but we will not meet our goal.

An additional \$97,460 will be needed from the four districts by April 20, 2014 to meet the goal of \$220,000. Our district's share of that is \$25,800. The Foundation's budget for next year cannot exceed the monies donated during this fiscal year for serving all those needing our assistance in 2014-2015.

MD-35 LIONS DIABETIC RETINOPATHY SCREENING PROJECT [Website](#)

Lion Norma Callahan, PDG; lionnormacallahan@yahoo.com; 386-479-9896

We need the complete MD-35 support in our Lions Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Grant proposal with LCIF. We are looking for volunteers and we need your help. Information is on our website: <http://lions-drs.weebly.com/>. Four categories of positions are available for volunteers with a wide range of talents or interests. For more information or to apply just click on the position title either here or on the website:



[Screening Organizer](#) (organize screenings in your District)

[Screening Follow-up Coordinator](#) (conduct follow-up with subjects; ensure they receive a referral)

[Screening Follow-up Supervisor](#) (requires medical background; assist with complex cases)

[Fundraiser Chair](#) (organize fundraising events to support ongoing operations)

We will conduct all interviews via web conferencing using Zoom. You will be sent the link prior to the interview. The job descriptions are on the website and please read them thoroughly. Also if you know of someone who may fit any of the positions, please forward this information to them.

There will be a Sight First Organizational meeting on Friday, May 2nd at the MD-35 Convention.

LIONS OF DISTRICT 35-O HEARING PROGRAM

By Lion Wendy Wilson, Secretary, 386-738-1020, lionheart815@cfl.rr.com

How our program works: Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday each month. We require that a club submit an application (which we provide) and a \$25 check. The check is given to the hearing specialist or audiologist testing the client and making the mold. The hearing board reviews the application and makes a decision. If applicant is not accepted, the \$25 check is returned. The decisions are based on the applicants income verses expenses. It is important to ask about insurance. Medicaid, Veteran's Administration and some rehab programs provide new hearing aids.

Adults 18 and over receive refurbished aids. We do make some exceptions if they can not be fitted with refurbished aids and new aids are then approved. Children 17 and younger are fitted with new aids.

Applications for children must be accompanied by a letter from a school nurse, doctor or hearing specialist. The hearing board pays for all additional expenses.

Also, we have a "Honorary Life Membership" program. \$100 gives a Lion or friend a certificate and pin into the program. This money is not set aside. It is used to purchase more hearing aids.

Our needs are great. We need used hearing aids. They are to be sent to: Lion Dot Myers PDP at 5428 Pecos St., Orlando, FL 32807. Lion Dot is also receiving the applications until June 30th at which time she is turning her duties over to an other Lion. She has worked tirelessly for many years to keep the hearing program working. Thank you Lion Dot. We will advise you of the changes at that time.

We need audiologists and hearing specialists in your area wishing to help. If you know of any, please let us know. Last but not least, we need your support. We help many to hear. Let's keep up the good work. Who knows who they might become! Thank you for all your hard work.

MARCH IS EYE DONOR AWARENESS MONTH

Lions, you can play a key role in promoting the importance of eye donation and its life-changing effects on corneal recipients. Contact your nearest Lions Eye Bank to learn how to get involved with educational activities, community awareness events, donor recognition ceremonies and other functions. Learn how to register to become an eye donor, invite a speaker from an Eye Bank to a club or district event, or organize a fundraiser for your nearest Eye Bank. The two Florida Lions Eye Banks are:



Florida Lions Eye Bank, Inc., 900 NW 17th Street, #347, Miami, FL 33101; 305-324-4340; www.fleb.org

Lions Eye Institute for Transplant & Research, Inc. (LEITR), 1410 North 21st Street, Tampa, FL 33605; 813-289-1200; www.lionseyeinstitute.org

YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND (YESTF)

By Lion Shel Reichard, PDG; 386-597-2510; ser88ce2pc@cfl.rr.com

The Youth Exchange Scholarship Trust Fund Board of Trustees met on January 26th and selected the District 35-O student seniors to receive the 10 scholarships for this Lion Year. There were over 50 applications. An Awards Luncheon for the students and their parents will be held on Sunday, April 6th. Students receiving scholarships are: Rebekah Schwartz - Deland H.S.; Carissa Pintello - Deland H.S.; Carli Turngren - Spruce Creek H.S.; Omeshia Joseph - Winter Haven H.S.; Kayla Regazzi - Space Coast H.S.; Angelique Jacques - Poinciana H.S.; Ian Alexander II - Palm Bay H.S.; Elyse Frezza - Flagler Palm Coast H.S.; Olivia Murphy - Flagler Palm Coast H.S.; and Destiny Gray - Lake Wales H.S. It is only with the continuing support of the clubs in District 35-O that these scholarships are possible. As we approach the end of the Lion Year and budgets are being reviewed, please remember the Youth Exchange Scholarship Trust Fund, a 35-O Entity. Donations can be either directly to the Trust or designated for Life Memberships (\$100 each) to recognize club members. Donations should be forwarded to: Youth Exchange Scholarship Trust Fund, c/o Lion Shel Reichard PDG, 63 River Trail Drive, Palm Coast, FL 32137.

H&R BLOCK & YOU CAN HELP FLORIDA DIABETES CAMP

To anyone doing their taxes with H&R Block in Florida ... If you take [this FLYER](#) in and give it to the tax accountant, part of the proceeds from your visit will go to Florida Diabetes Camp!!! Spread the word!!!

PICTURES FROM DG AL BECKER'S VISITATIONS



DG Al visits the Orlando College Park Lions Club



DG Al gets served his "favorite foods" at the Satellite Beach Lions visitation



DG Al visits with the Flagler Palm Coast High School Leos



INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT BARRY J. PALMER

JUST ASK!

START PLANNING TODAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS MONTH IN APRIL

No one is more important than family and friends, but many of the people we're closest to don't know about the important work we do as Lions. That's why Lions clubs around the world are inviting family and friends to join them in a special Family and Friends Month event in April.

Family and Friends Month is an opportunity to learn, serve and celebrate with your club. It's a time to show family and friends how much they mean to you, and how much your Lions club means to the community. It's a moment to show your Lions' pride.

I am encouraging clubs to host a special event in April. It's an opportunity for Lions to share their clubs, their service, and the difference they are making in the community with the people they love!

START PLANNING NOW

Here are some great ways to make your Family and Friends Month a success:

- 1) Plan an Open House** so family and friends can learn more about your club and the difference you are making in the community.
- 2) Organize a Service Project** for family and friends so they can feel the satisfaction of service.
- 3) Host a Picnic or Barbecue** to celebrate your club achievements with family and friends.

Download the [Family and Friends Month flyer](#), share it with your club and start planning your Family and Friends Month event today!

[Learn more at the LCI Family and Friends Website Page](#)

JOIN the LIONS WORLD LUNCH RELAY

Celebrate Family and Friends Month by joining the Lions World Lunch Relay on April 4th.

It's a 24-hour international event that brings families and friends of Lions together in their local communities with families and friends of Lions around the world. Don't miss this special day of food, family and fun!

Learn more about the [Lions World Lunch Relay](#) and our special Lunch Relay contests!



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