

APRIL  
2017



# DG Steve Hilaire



DISTRICT 35 0 NEWSLETTER

Fellow Lions,

It's election time. Between now and early July we are changing the guard in Lionism from top to bottom. From International to the club level. There will be continuity because of our system. The IPP helps the incoming and the VP's should be ready to take over the reins. I would just like to advise the new Boards to continue to aim for excellence. Just a gentle reminder that the upcoming journey can sometimes be rough, humbling and there may be roadblocks but the rewards are tremendous. No matter what is the circumstance (project, meeting) the club, your lions family, is your support system. It is also ok to do things a little differently. Innovation can bring some change. Change for the better. Sometimes it is good to take the road less travelled. Don't always expect perfection. Take your time to walk before running. A key factor for success in the coming year will be training. We know some of us have held the positions before but things are always changing. Go to the training sessions planned for your position. Apart from the convention there are other sessions planned so check the newsletter and website. That is the way to ensure success. This could be the opening of the door to new opportunities in Lionism. Plan for your year, serve with your heart and continue to make a difference!



# 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Irving E. "Tito" Navarro



## A Note on Mentoring

If you look up "mentor" in the dictionary, you'll find it means a "trusted guide," a "provider of wise counsel," a "confidant."

In Greek mythology, the original Mentor was the teacher and faithful counselor, and old and trusted friend, to whom Odysseus entrusted his son Telemachus when the king of Ithaca had to go off to fight the Trojan war. Images of mentors come in many shapes and sizes, from the grandmotherly fairy godmother to the elfin Yoda to the now classic Lion King. Myths, fairy tales, fantasy, and children's stories are filled with mentor figures: Charlotte in Charlotte's Web; Shazam in Captain Marvel comics. And they have become increasingly popular in the media. Lions too, can be mentors.

A mentor may be either gender. They represent knowledge, reflection, insight, and wisdom. They offer understanding, compassion, strategy, and good advice. They engender trust, issue a challenge, provide encouragement, and offer the mentee a positive vision of themselves.

Mentors are role models. What new Lions seek is what they'll be. What kind of role models do we want them to have? Again, it comes back to a matter of choice. Mentees learn by observing the people around them. Who do we want to populate their life? Life can be hard and full of disappointments, pain, loss, and disillusionment. People have choices to make that have lifelong implications. Today's society often develop self-doubt and a doubt in the world. We can't fully protect from this. It's a natural part of the human experience. But what we can do is help those who we mentor build up their immunity to doubt. We need to help them find hope. We have to help them develop their own character. Pop culture can't do that. Immature peers can't do that. But a mentor can.

Mentoring is about teaching the newer lion "life craft," the skillful means to handle the challenges of everyday living. Yes, mentoring involves talking and perhaps teaching a skill. But at its core, mentoring is a process through which seasoned lions pass on to newer lions a legacy of life lessons and, hopefully, wisdom. A mentor doesn't impose a doctrine or values on their mentee. A good mentor tries to make a newer lion more of themselves and helps them develop the ability to make difficult life choices. Mentoring is not about giving answers; it's about helping the new generation ask the right questions in their search for meaning.

Today, we live in a "professional" world. We don't seek out "elders." We seek out "licensed professionals" for help. My big question: is it working? From the beginning of human history, there's been something to connecting with another, older human being to learn how the world is. It's a relationship that isn't "just professional." In an alienated society, isn't that what we're all looking for? An older mentor who has earned their wisdom has something of value, and the mentor relationship may just be the best way to enable it to be effectively passed on.

The greatest gift any Lion can give back to our society and our communities is to provide mentorship. Engage that new Lion, ask him/her to seek knowledge and challenge them to pay forward to society.

For ways on how you can become a mentor visit;

LCI Mentoring Program webpage:

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/strengthen-membership/mentoring-program.php>

Respectfully yours in friendship and Lionism

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Irving E. "Tito" Navarro,

District 35-O 2016-2017





# 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Helene Thompson

Fellow Lions,

Spring is such an exciting time of year for Lions. Like planting a garden that will nourish us later in the year, we nominate and elect our Club Officers for the upcoming Lion year. Hopefully most District 35-O clubs have read their nominations and are ready to vote.

We on the District Governor team appreciate your commitment to Lions. We look forward to working with you in the next year as we serve our communities.

For those of you moving into a new position, we are here for you. There are numerous opportunities for training. We encourage you to take advantage of the training so you can enter the new position with confidence and enthusiasm. If you have any questions or concerns, we are only a phone call or email away.

For those of you serving again, thanks to you for filling the need. Your experience and knowledge are appreciated.

Respectfully,

Lion Helene Thompson  
Second Vice District Governor



*Happy Spring*

# GLT Coordinator Greg Evans



Did you know Lions are “LEAPING” into the next Lions Century? Of course, you did! *But do you know about the great things LCI is doing to help our Lions Clubs prosper?*



**LCI Forward**, is one of those things.

- Primary Goal: To respond to growing needs worldwide, our primary goal is to improve the lives of at least 200 million per year (by ‘20-21) through humanitarian service – tripling our impact. I have included a link to the text version, but there is a colorful power point on the LCI web site if you search: LCI FORWARD

[http://search.lionsclubs.org/search?q=cache:6Ma1Ow2bNlcJ:www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/ppt/LCI-forward.pptx+Lci+forward&site=new\\_en&output=xml\\_no\\_dtd&client=lions\\_respon&proxystylesheet=lions\\_respon&access=p&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8](http://search.lionsclubs.org/search?q=cache:6Ma1Ow2bNlcJ:www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/ppt/LCI-forward.pptx+Lci+forward&site=new_en&output=xml_no_dtd&client=lions_respon&proxystylesheet=lions_respon&access=p&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8)

Four Areas of focus are listed as a While Lions Clubs International is this process to help our clubs as a club, Zone or District could try to go process which will generate ideas and impact on Lions and the community.

## Four Areas of Focus – Strategy ‘Wheel’



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**#1 Enhance Service Impact & Focus**

**#2 Reshape Public Opinion & Improve Visibility**

**#3 Pursue Club, District and Organizational Excellence**

**#4 Improve Membership Value & Reach New Value Markets**

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## CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

As Officers and District Positions are being filled in the next month please monitor and make plans to take District training for your incoming positions. The first officer training is scheduled for Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup> at

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the West side of the District. It will be held (were the Inverness Lions Club meets) at Mama's Kuntry Kafe 1787 West Main St, Inverness, FL 34453.

Please rsvp: to GLT Greg Evans @ [kippyevans@aol.com](mailto:kippyevans@aol.com) or  
Region Chair Vivian Henegar @ [vivianhengar64@yahoo.com](mailto:vivianhengar64@yahoo.com)

**Presidents, Secretary's, Treasurers, and Membership Chair training will be held.**

There will also be Officer trainings at the MD Convention and a few more times in the District. It is the GLT Teams goal to have *every Club Officer go to training*. Incoming DG and current FVDG Tito has made training a priority and said he make sure Officer training is available to all in several areas and different times.

**Next available training:**

**Lions Club Officer Training Orlando area** Saturday April 22nd 9:30-11:30 Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chair will each have a one hour class. Any current officer, incoming Officer and prospective Club Officer may attend. To be held at: **Marks Street Senior Center Recreation Complex 99 E. Marks Street Orlando FL 32803** Please RSVP to GLT Greg Evans at [kippyevans@aol.com](mailto:kippyevans@aol.com) or Incoming GLT Vivian Henegar at [vivianhengar64@yahoo.com](mailto:vivianhengar64@yahoo.com)





# Lions Clubs International President Robert “Bob” Corlew

Dear Lion,

Lions have changed lives at home and around the world for a century. We matter because every act of kindness makes a difference in someone's life. And Lions matter now more than ever because the needs of the world are growing.

We are introducing a new global service framework to help Lions meet the emerging needs of our second century of service. The service framework will help us achieve our LCI Forward goal of serving 200 million people per year by 2021—tripling our impact—so we can help more people than ever before.

It's an honor to introduce our new global service framework to you and your club:

- The new service framework includes **vision, hunger, the environment, pediatric cancer and diabetes**.
- Lions will continue to support young people by **engaging youth as volunteers and service leaders** in the five areas of service.
- **We will announce diabetes as a new global service focus** at our 2017 Centennial convention in Chicago, and we'll be asking Lions and Leos to rally around this global health emergency that results in 5 million deaths a year.
- **Lions and Leos will continue to serve local community needs** just as they always have.
- Lions Clubs International Foundation will support the service framework by aligning the work of our charitable arm with the efforts of Lions to create large-scale, lasting change where it's needed most.

The global service framework gives Lions new ways to serve and unite other caring people in service. We will continue to share updates about the service framework and diabetes with you and your club.

Together, we can meet the challenges of our next century of service. And just like the first 100 years, the world is depending on us.



Dear Lions and Leos,

We're on our way to serving 200 million people per year by 2021—and we'll reach that incredible goal by adding great new ways to serve! We're introducing a **new global service framework** that builds on our first century of service and our history of serving sight.

Our new service framework focuses our efforts on five service areas: **vision, hunger, the environment, pediatric cancer and diabetes**. It gives Lions and Leos new ways to meet emerging humanitarian needs in their communities and around the world. As always, your club will decide how to best meet your community needs.



Want to learn more? Watch our inspiring [service framework video](#) online and visit the [service framework webpage](#) today!



Very truly yours,  
**Chancellor Bob Corlew**  
**Your International President**



# Lions Club International Foundation

Dear Lions,

What seemed like routine flood warnings to the community of Rapid City, South Dakota, USA, soon turned into ravaging floods that took the lives of more than 200 people, left more than 5,000 people homeless, and created more than US\$100 million in property damage. Local Lions did what would soon become our legacy, being among the first to arrive with relief. This event also marked the first grant ever awarded by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), US\$5,000 to help the community rebuild after the catastrophic floods.

Since then, every day, LCIF works to fulfill its mission: "To support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants." Serving alongside many dedicated Lions, LCIF has made a significant impact on the world. In fact, I am proud to announce LCIF has awarded more than 13,000 grants totaling over **US\$1 billion** since being founded in 1968.

We reached this milestone through our continuous efforts to support Lion-led initiatives in the areas of sight, youth, disaster relief, and other humanitarian initiatives. Every day, Lions are working to make a difference. Whether you are helping a grandparent see their grandchild for the first time, educating school children in your town, cleaning up a community after a flood, or working to end measles, you are making this world a better place.

As we prepare to celebrate LCIF's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, look for messages about the impact that this US\$1 billion has on the world. Watch this [video](#) to learn how LCIF is changing lives for students in the Philippines who are visually impaired.



Sincerely,  
Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

# RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR MD35 FLORIDA & THE BAHAMAS CONVENTION

## **THE FOLLOWING RULES SHALL APPLY TO THE 2017 CONVENTION**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:** the order of business as published in the official program shall be adhered to. Any new business to be included for discussion shall be done at the conclusion of the regular program. The presiding Council Chair or District Governor shall have the right to make appropriate changes to the order of business as they deem necessary. They shall announce any changes immediately subsequent to bringing to order any such session affected.

All meetings shall adjourn at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to any regular scheduled convention session as published in the official program. No meeting or any activity will begin while a convention session is in progress. This rule applies to all approved hospitality rooms, meetings of Eye Banks, the Florida Lions Foundation, the Florida Lions Conklin Center, the MD 35 Diabetes Foundation, the Florida Lions Diabetic Retinopathy Foundation and any and all activities not otherwise specified that would, or might, interfere with attendance at the scheduled convention sessions, luncheons and/or dinners.

Official projects of the Multiple District, with approval of the convention coordinating staff, shall be furnished, gratis, a display booth consisting of one 6' table. Any available tables not reserved prior to the convention will be assigned on a 1st come 1st serve basis to those who apply.

**RAFFLES:** Public sale of raffle tickets shall be located only in areas set aside by the MD 35 Convention staff during the Convention. This being a Multiple District event, sale of raffle tickets shall be limited to the Convention Host Committee and official MD 35 approved projects. Local clubs and sub-district project raffles are not allowed during this event, thereby allowing the host committee the opportunity of covering necessary expenses. The sale of raffle tickets and door prizes shall end at 5:00 PM on Saturday of the Convention and all prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the Governors Banquet. The exception to this rule will be the Florida Lions Foundation. Since their last meeting is on Sunday morning after the closing of the Convention, they shall be allowed to continue the sale of raffle tickets during the Sunday morning meeting, with their drawing at the conclusion of their meeting.

**REGISTRATION:** All persons, whether delegates, alternate delegates or convention participants must pre-register to receive a badge, program or participate in any and all proceedings of the Multiple District or any sub district convention held within the Multiple District Convention, including certification. The registration tables and the Certification tables will adhere strictly to the hours as outlined in the official convention program.

**RESOLUTIONS:** All proposed resolutions must be typewritten and double spaced on one side of paper only. A copy of all resolutions must be delivered to the Resolutions Committee Chairperson no later than ten (10) days prior to the opening day of the convention. Resolutions are not to be introduced or read from the floor.

**SPEAKERS:** No person, exclusive of those who have been assigned set speeches and discussions shall be allowed to speak more than twice, nor be permitted to speak more than three (3) minutes each time on any one subject without consent of the convention.

**VOTING:** On all matters presented, each chartered club in good standing in MD 35 shall be entitled at this convention or any sub district convention within the MD Convention, to one (1) voting delegate and one (1) alternate (who must be present in person) for each ten (10) members of said club or major fraction thereof as shown by the records of Lions Clubs International on the first day of the month, one year preceding the month in which the convention begins. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be

five (5) members. Voting shall be by secret, separate ballot in such manner as fixed by the election committee in accordance with the By Laws of the Lions of Florida, Multiple District 35, Inc. Partially voted ballots, with all the blanks ignored are allowed in MD 35. A majority vote of 50% plus one shall be required of the delegates present and voting to elect a District Governor or 1st or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor or to endorse a candidate for International Director. All ballots for each particular district shall contain the name(s) of the nominees with a “yes” and “no” line for the delegate to circle one and with a “no endorsement” line if there is more than one candidate, thus allowing for proper measures to safeguard the rights of the delegates. In the case of Multiple District resolutions, a “yes” line and a “no” line to circle one will be added to the ballot for clarification. Amendments to the MD By-laws require 50% + One (1) vote for ratification and amendments to the MD Constitution require a 2/3rd’s majority for ratification.

**BALLOTS:** The Multiple District or sub district elections chair (for sub district conventions), shall have all printed ballots that will be utilized in the election. The individual that causes the printing of the ballots must maintain custody of same until after the entire election process is complete. They are then to be tallied by the Elections Chair within each sub district. All ballots will be inserted in envelopes marked for each individual sub district and turned over to the Council Chair, who will have them stored at the Multiple District Office until there is no possibility of a recount being ordered or protest filed under rules provided for in these circumstances, for a period of six months.

On election day, each delegate shall present their voter verification card to their district elections chair, who will validate the card with an appropriate mark and give them the proper ballot for the election, which, when completed shall be placed into a sealed box labeled for the proper sub district, until the ballots are counted or results determined. In Districts where there is more than one candidate for a position, the elections chairperson shall have ballots prepared in the event of a second ballot being necessary.

**CREDENTIALS CERTIFICATION:** No Delegate shall be certified should their club be in arrears with outstanding bills due to Lions Clubs International or the Multiple District or District and the bill(s) have not been paid 15 days prior to the close of Certification. Certification shall be within the hours as printed in the official program of the convention. Certification shall be open on Friday at the designated hours and on Saturday from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM. However, all delegates waiting in line at the time of closing shall be certified for voting if eligible. All delegates or alternates must be wearing or displaying their badge and be prepared to present picture identification, if requested, and have been designated prior on Credential Form #1, with their signature in place, to be certified to vote at the convention. However, at the Multiple District Convention and sub district conventions, any Lion in good standing from a club in good standing may be certified to vote by their respective District Governor, prior to the closing of the Certification tables, if for any valid reason their clubs designated delegates or alternates are not in attendance.

**RULES OF PROCEDURE:** after adoption of these rules, they shall not be altered or rescinded except by two thirds (2/3) vote of the convention.

**HOSPITALITY ROOMS:** Rooms shall be closed fifteen (15) minutes prior to and remain closed during any regularly scheduled session or event, as published in the official program. The rooms shall close each night no later than 1:00 AM. There shall be no large groups congregating in the hallways around the various hospitality rooms, causing loud disturbing noises for other non-Lion hotel guests. No alcohol shall be consumed in the hospitality rooms during the hours of elections and certification.

Election time for the 2017 convention will be Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 7:00 AM to 9:30 AM. If necessary, second ballot voting will begin immediately following the official reading of election results. There will be a thirty-minute time frame allowed for second ballot voting.



MAY 4–7, 2017  
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Single/Double Rate: \$114.00 p/night +taxes  
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## 2017 Multiple District 35 Convention Registration and Meals Order Form

Person #1	Person #2	EVENT	Ticket Price if Order Postmarked BEFORE April 1, 2017	Ticket Price if Order Postmarked On or AFTER April 1, 2017	NUMBER OF TICKETS	TOTAL
		REGISTRATION FEE	\$ 10.00 -	\$ 15.00	X	
		LEO REGISTRATION FEE	\$ 5.00 -		X	
		<b>(Please Specify Meal Choice where Noted)</b>				
		FLORIDA LIONS FOUNDATION BREAKFAST Friday May 5th 8:00 a.m.	\$ 25.00 -	\$ 30.00	X	
		DISTRICT LUNCHEON Friday May 5th 12:00 Noon	\$ 29.00 -	\$ 34.00	X	
		_____ Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad _____ Grilled Steak Caesar Salad				
		CRUISING INTO THE CENTENNIAL Friday May 5th 7:00 p.m. Dinner Buffet, Music, Dancing & Fun	\$ 43.00 -	\$ 48.00	X	
		RECOGNITION BREAKFAST Saturday May 6th 7:30 a.m.	\$ 25.00 -	\$ 30.00	X	
		FLORIDA LIONS LUNCHEON Saturday May 6th 12:00 Noon	\$ 29.00 -	\$ 34.00	X	
		_____ Roast Beef & Boursin Wrap _____ NY Style Deli Sandwich				
		TARNISHED BRASS LUNCHEON Saturday May 6th 12:00 Noon	\$ 29.00 -	\$ 34.00	X	
		_____ Roast Beef & Boursin Wrap _____ NY Style Deli Sandwich				
		VIP LUNCHEON Saturday May 6th 12:00 Noon	XXXXXX -	XXXXXX	X	XXXXXX
		_____ Roast Beef & Boursin Wrap _____ NY Style Deli Sandwich				
		GOVERNORS BANQUET Saturday May 6th 7:15 p.m.	\$ 45.00 -	\$ 50.00	X	
		<b>Check Your Choice</b> _____ Herb Crusted Salmon _____ Breast of Chicken w/Crabmeat _____ Teriyaki Marinated Flank Steak				
		FOUNDATION BREAKFAST Sunday May 7th, 8:30 a.m.	\$ 25.00 -	\$ 30.00	X	
		<b>Total</b>				

CHECK HERE FOR SPECIAL MEAL (Please specify)

CHECK HERE FOR CONVENTION BADGE ONLY

To register online: <https://conference.com/eventmanager/online/Registration.asp?eventcode=588>

**Did you include your Registration Fee???**

**2017 MD-35 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

***PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY:***

*(\* = MANDATORY FIELDS)*

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SPECIAL MEAL ( )

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NICKNAME FOR BADGE

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\*PHONE # (in the event we need to contact you)

\*EMAIL ADDRESS (A Confirmation Email will be sent)

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Remit to:

**Lions of Florida & Bahamas**

7200 Lake Ellenor Dr. Suite 109

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**Southeastern Guide Dogs**

## New to Southeastern Guide Dogs: Gold Star Family Dogs



*Laura (left) and Molly (right) pose with their yellow Labrador named Lumen.*

“My daughter is totally in love. She’s very, very happy. She’s become Lumen’s main caretaker and they’ve really bonded.” – *Laura, wife of a Navy Seal killed when his helicopter crashed during the Operation Redwing rescue mission in Afghanistan*

At Southeastern Guide Dogs, we care deeply about the men and women who serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, as well as their families. In the spirit of compassion and caring, we have introduced a new type of placement for calm, people-loving dogs who don’t fit in a guide or service dog career: our **Gold Star Family dogs**.

### **What is a Gold Star Family?**

While not universally understood, the term Gold Star Family dates back to World War I. American families would fly a flag with a blue star for every family member actively serving. If that family member passed away, the star would be changed to a gold star. In 1947, Congress began distributing gold star lapel pins to the families. Our nation recognizes the sacrifice made by families when a husband, wife, father, mother, brother, sister, son, or daughter dies in service to the nation.

**Lions Spotted on the Halifax**

Lions, Ann Medlar (Ormond Beach) and Kathleen Trutschel (Ormond by the Sea), members of the Halifax Rowing Association's, Vision Impaired Persons Rowing Society, were spotted testing a prototype, Stay-on-Course Navigation System, while rowing on the Halifax River. The navigation system permits blind and vision- impaired persons, to stay on a straight course, while rowing recreationally or competitively. The system is compass-guided electronically, and uses beeps, left and right, to alert the rower when he/she veers off course. A beeper is attached to each shoulder. The system, in effect, serves as a set of electronic eyes, enabling vision-impaired users to enjoy their rowing experience without fear of veering off course. After testing by two experienced rowers, the navigation system has been declared a success. Both, Lions Ann and Kathleen, are truly meeting Helen Keller's challenge to Lions International in 1925, when she challenged Lions to become....."knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Two Lions, and Coach Bob, are helping plow new ground, so that other blind and vision-impaired persons may enjoy this wonderful sport. Pictured left to right: Coach, Bob Van Twyver and Lion, Ann Medlar.



Highway signage available at  
the Lions Store



# Eyeglass Recycling



Lake Alfred Lion Tabitha Fawcett helped with the pickup of the processed glasses from Polk Correctional Institute.



Boxes on table will have the glasses mixed into the boxes on the shelves. These will be used for mission projects.

## Lions Clubs and Baseball in Central Florida

Fourteen stadiums held 236 teams playing 1046 games during the RussMatt Baseball Tournament. On February 23<sup>rd</sup> baseball started at Chain of Lakes Park in Winter Haven and continued until March 28<sup>th</sup>, while baseball started at Historic Henley Field in Lakeland March 6<sup>th</sup> and continued until March 17<sup>th</sup>. The Cypress Gardens Lions had the pleasure of working 267 games over that time period at Chain of Lakes, while the Lake Alfred Lions worked 26 games at Henley Field. Both clubs worked very hard during this time and Lake Alfred Lions even pitched in to work at Chain of Lakes. One thing we realize during this time, the young men on the field work hard, are polite and friendly. Strike up a conversation with their parents and you learn how much snow they have at home; how much more is coming and they love the Florida weather. As the chairman of the Henley project I want to express my appreciation to all the Lake Alfred Lions for their help with this project. I'm sure Lion Nancy Hester of Cypress Gardens also appreciates all of the Lions & puppy raisers that worked.

Lion Marilyn Anderson  
Lake Alfred Lions

# New Smyrna Beach Lions/Mayor Challenge Food Drive

**I am happy to report that NSB collected 82 bags of food weighing about 1,500lbs. All the food has been delivered.**

**A special acknowledgement goes out to acknowledge the efforts of Lion Jake Sacks, NSB Vice-Mayor and Commissioner. Lion Jake set-up boxes at the Mayor Challenge. By the end of the event all boxes were full and overflowing! Because of his position as a commissioner, he cannot attend many meetings, but he is always there to help with projects.**

**Respectfully, Regional Chair Zone 8 Lion Don Kruck**

## Lions Food Project Assists Volusia Students



The Ormond Beach Lions Club Foundation participated in the Lions, Region 10 Food Drive, to aid needy and deserving, Volusia County School System children during the Spring Break. The program is supported by Halifax Urban Ministries, and Food Brings Hope, both, organizations that continually support the area's neediest, and homeless. Food, or cash donations, were accepted from area Lions Clubs membership, and passed on to HUM, or Food Brings Hope, who prepared bags of food for delivery to area schools in time for distribution by Spring Break. The Ormond Beach Lions donated a total of 100 bags of food for distribution to students at Ormond Middle School and Seabreeze High School. Approximately 1,300 children, in 23 area schools, are beneficiaries of this special HUM-FBH program. Included in the photo are representatives of HUM; Mamie Oatis of FBH; Principal, Matt Krhaewski; OMS students; and Ormond Beach Lions, Tom Millen and John Kerr.

# Roar Through Ybor



**Thank you for being a part of Roar Through Ybor,  
the 16th annual Race for Sight**

**Roar Through Ybor** is a signature FUNraising 5K race and one mile fun walk in historic Ybor City that benefits Lions Eye Institute Foundation. It is an opportunity for individuals in our community who share our passion to come together to help provide hope, possibilities and solutions for people who are blind or visually impaired by raising money while having fun!

This year we are featuring a '**Run from Home**' category where individuals, teams and clubs who can't make it to Ybor City can still participate in the race.

Prior to the event, registered runners, walkers and those participating from Home will design their own webpages through this **Roar Through Ybor** website in order to garner support from their family and friends to fund raise on behalf of Lions Eye Institute Foundation.

Then, on **April 1st**, runners and walkers will gather at Centennial Park for an exciting morning of racing, music, and fun. Medals and prizes will be awarded to the race category winners and for the most money raised.





## **Golf Discounts & Free Personalization on Hats!**

Take advantage of discounts offered through the Play It Forward golf program and, for a limited time, get free personalization on hats to raise awareness of Lions wherever you go!

**SHOP NOW**



**Play it Forward Golf™**

Here's your chance to tee up savings of up to 70% at nearly 5,000 golf courses in your area, around the U.S. and around the world!

Thanks to our partnership with Tee Time Marketing Group, you can take advantage of the *Play it Forward Golf program*. If you currently use services like GolfNow or Golf18, give *Play it Forward Golf* a try. Same courses and same great savings AND, **each time you purchase a round, Lions Clubs International earns funds for club programs and services.** Everyone wins!

**It's easier than sinking a one footer...and it's free to use.**

- Go to the *Play it Forward Golf* website. [www.pifgolf.com](http://www.pifgolf.com)
- Type in your email address
- Choose Lions Clubs International in the organization drop-down menu
- Start playing golf for less!

With no cost to you, great prices, access to thousands of courses and a chance to help the Lions Clubs International every time you play, this is a great way to play more golf at home or when you're traveling. Hit 'em straight!

## Congratulations to the 2016-17 Peace Poster Contest Winner



Lakkana Meepara from Thailand is the 2016-17 International Peace Poster Contest winner! The theme was "A Celebration of Peace." Thirteen year-old Lakkana, who is in her school's art club and passionate about volunteering for environmental issues, says she "wants everyone to build peace together, because peace is something that makes everyone happy." Lakkana will receive a cash award of US\$5,000, and will be honored at Lions' upcoming international convention in Chicago.

2017-18 Peace Poster kits are on sale now. Don't miss your opportunity to engage youth in your community. Visit [lionsclubs.org/peaceposter](http://lionsclubs.org/peaceposter) today to learn more!

## Ormond Beach Lions SHS Student-Athlete of the Month

Samantha Harrison, member of the Seabreeze High School's, Tennis Team was honored as the Student-Athlete of the Month, by the Ormond Beach Lions Club at its March meeting. Samantha has earned a 4.11 GPA, ranking her 28<sup>th</sup> in the Class of 2017. She is a member of Gold Bright Futures. Samantha is a 4-year varsity tennis player, and serves as Team Captain. She has received the Coach's Award and has been named team MVP. Samantha has served as Sailing Camp Counselor, as well as Photographer for the school's baseball and football teams. Principal, Joe Rawlings characterized Samantha as leader, a goal setter, and achiever. Saying she will be successful at whatever she chooses to do in life. Samantha will attend the University of Florida, where she will major in Management. She subsequently plans to attend Law School. Samantha ultimately aspires to a career in contract law for the NFL.



# Project Right To Sight



Pictures on the left show lions at work.

OWSLC Toniann Arias supervises the Knights Lions to pull over 1000 Readers for Haitian mission.

PRST President Ted Erion pulls prescription glasses at the Ocoee warehouse.

UCF's new Knights Lions Club with OWSLC members Nancy and Dennis Dulnaik and co-advisor Regina Franc.

Knights Lions enjoy the pizza after a successful day of cleaning and pulling readers.

OWSLC and Knights Lions sort readers for Philippine and Haiti missions.

OWSLC and Knights Lions wash and sort readers at Ocoee Warehouse.

OWSLC and Knights Lions wash readers at Ocoee Lions Clubhouse.

# Conklin Center

The Daytona Beach News-Journal's Volusia/Flagler Business Report recently celebrated "40 Under 40," 40 outstanding young professionals in Volusia and Flagler counties who were selected because of their achievements both professionally as well as volunteers in efforts to make the community a better place to live and work. Congratulations to our Development Coordinator Ciara Ocasio for being honored as one of this years "40 Under 40"!



## **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

We'd like to shine the light on one of our student's most recent accomplishments! This student just moved into his own apartment yesterday and he couldn't be more excited.

"If it wasn't for the Conklin Center I wouldn't be where I am at today. So, I really thank them a lot for what they've done."

Though our students often thank us, we'd like to thank them for always persevering and doing the very best that they can!



## **NIGHT FOR SIGHT**

April 20th, 2017 - The Shores Resort & Spa

6:00pm - 9:00pm

It's officially 2017 and planning for our 3rd annual Night for Sight is in full swing! Each year this event gets bigger and better and this year, we want you to be a part of it. Join us for an amazing evening and upscale dinner (business attire) to benefit the Conklin Center. A cocktail reception, silent auction, entertainment and testimonials shared by students and family are part of this special evening. Without your support and services offered by the Conklin Center, full participation in community life remains just a dream for our students and the reality is custodial care at taxpayers' expense. For silent auction and ticket information, please contact [cocasio@conklincenter.org](mailto:cocasio@conklincenter.org)



## Centennial Commemorative Coins on Sale Now

Dear Lion,

Thank you for your interest in the Lions Clubs Centennial Coin!

These exquisitely-designed coins are a piece of Lions history, celebrate our Centennial *and* support the life-changing work of Lions Clubs International Foundation.

If you do not have your coins yet, they can be purchased directly from the US Mint or through Club Supplies from our Commemorative Coin webpage, [LionsClubs.org/coin](http://LionsClubs.org/coin).

We would very much appreciate your sharing your interest in the coin with your fellow Lions. To assist you, the Coin webpage also contains links to a [flyer](#), [presentation](#) and a [questions & answers page](#).

Thank you for joining in the Lions Centennial Celebration!

Best regards,

Your Lions Clubs Centennial Celebration Team

# Satellite High School Leo Club

## Leos Raise \$1300 to Fight Cancer

The Satellite High School Leo Club hosted a Winter Gala in February to raise money for American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The Leos were hoping to raise \$1000 for the charity; they exceeded their goals by raising a little over \$1300.

"Relay for Life is the biggest event that Leos participate in every year. We do all we can to support the community," said Satellite High Leo Club Vice President, Lexi Roberts

The gala was possibly the biggest fundraising event attempted by Satellite High Leos. It was a semi-formal affair with door prizes, theme basket raffles, a 50/50 raffle, silent auctions, music from Satellite High band members, and an interactive bingo game. Leos took the stage to talk about Leo Club, what they do, and their long history. Other speakers included Satellite Beach Lions Club President Lance Smith and 2nd Vice District Governor 35-O Helene Thompson. The event was MC'd by Satellite Beach Lion and Chief of Police, Jeff Pearson.

Angela Warwick, a representative from the American Cancer Society, gave a moving speech about why she participates in Relay for Life. In her speech, she congratulated the Leos on the fundraiser saying the event was the best Relay for Life fundraiser she had ever attended.

The 50/50 raffle was a big success, selling over \$200 dollars in tickets. The winner of the raffle graciously gave back half his winnings to surprised and grateful Leos.

"This Winter Gala was an opportunity for community members, including anyone touched by cancer, to come together to raise funds to support the American Cancer Society," said Leo Advisor and Satellite Beach Lion, Jacki Simpson. "The Leos worked so hard arranging music and working with merchants to get raffle prizes. This is a remarkable group of teens."



Leos Alix Amorig and Maggie Hatzenbuhler sell raffle tickets at the Satellite High Leo Club Winter Gala to raise money for the American Cancer Society.



# Meet Lois and guide dog Kelly



*Blind since she was only two, Lois Butterfield was in her fifties when she got her first guide dog. She likes to stay fit and have fun, and now her second guide helps enjoy an active lifestyle.*

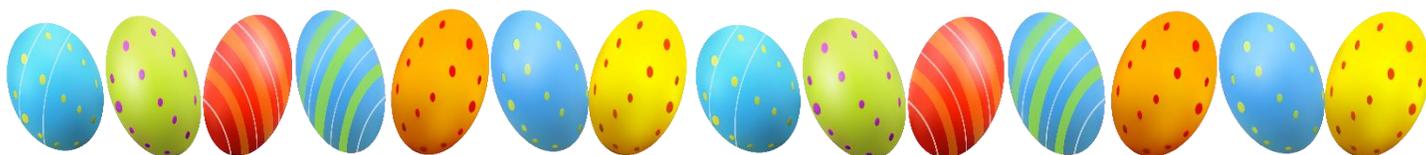
Retinoblastoma is a rare cancer that destroys the retina, primarily affecting young children. Lois Butterfield was two when it struck, resulting in total blindness. She grew up to be confident using a cane, and relied on it throughout her career doing clerical work for the State of Vermont, working at a switchboard for the U.S. Postal Service, and as a medical transcriptionist.

While in her fifties, Lois met a guide dog handler and decided it was time to apply for her own. This encounter led her to Southeastern Guide Dogs and her first guide, Jib. She discovered how much more confidence a guide dog provided, and since then returned for her second guide, a sweet and cuddly black Labrador named Kelly.

“Kelly is an amazing dog and I love her,” says Lois. “And she learns very quickly.” The team enjoys an active lifestyle as Lois likes to stay fit, have fun, and has taken up the sport of rowing. With Kelly leading the way, Lois is expanding her skills with public transportation and exploring new destinations back home in Ponce Inlet, Florida.



*Lois works with Kelly at a street corner.*



# Ormond By the Sea Lions Club Keeps Busy

Zone Chair Lion Mary Yochum, Club President Lion Bobbie Cheh and GLT Lion Greg Evans traveled to the Palm Coast Lions Club Dining in the Dark event. Our members joined other Lions and guests and ate their salad, penne pasta with meatballs, garlic bread, dessert and beverage blindfolded to simulate the process a visually impaired person uses to eat. It was a great learning experience.



Club President Lion Bobbie Cheh and Past President Lion Frank White assisted the Ponce Inlet Lions Club conducting blood sugar screenings at the Port Orange Family Days helping screen close to 200 people during the two-day festival.

Five members of the Club traveled to Lake Alfred on March 11 to attend the Lions District 35-0 meeting. They joined 70 other Lions from across the District to hear Stephanie Watts from the Diabetes Camp tell how much a difference the camp makes in children's lives each year. Information was also presented on the Multiple District Convention coming up in May and the 100th International Convention in Chicago in July.



To allow all members the opportunity to run a Lions Club Meeting, Club President Lion Bobbie turned the March 16 meeting over to her Vice President, Lion Paul Alexander to run. Lion Paul did an excellent job and remaining members of her Board will have the opportunity to conduct a meeting in the near future.

Ormond By the Sea Lions Club meetings are the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 PM at Alfies Restaurant in Ormond Beach. For more information on this active Club, please call (386) 441-4421.

# Take Me Out to the Ball Game...

**CALLING ALL LIONS!**



**Lions Club Night at the  
Jackie Robinson Ballpark  
Sunday, April 23, 2017**

**4 P M**

**Daytona Tortugas Vs. St. Lucie**

**Bases Loaded Picnic at the Pavillion. Includes  
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Dustin's Pulled Pork,  
Potato Salad, Dustin's Baked Beans, Green Salad,  
Peanuts and Soft Drinks.**

**\$20 Per Person**

**Reservation Deadline Friday April 21, 2017**

**Make Checks Payable to:  
Ormond By The Sea Lions Club**



**and Mail checks to:  
Lion Bobbie Cheh  
36 Kathy Drive  
Ormond Beach, FL 32176**

**If possible, please send one check along with names of Lions and Guests who will attend.**

**Information: (386) 441-4421 or (386) 441-0955**





# Ponce Inlet Lions Club

(The Ponce Inlet Lions Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization. ID number: 17053149001041)

## Saturday, April 1, 2017 Golf Tournament Spruce Creek Golf & Country Club

Spruce Creek Country Club  
1900 Country Club Drive  
Port Orange, FL 32128

Registration 7:30 AM  
8:30 Shot Gun start  
Lunch to follow

Includes: Lunch, Prizes, Complimentary Beverages on the course, Money Holes, Raffle Prizes, Driving Range, and morning coffee. We welcome men and women to participate in this Fun event.

Proceeds to benefit: RJ Longstreet Elementary School indigent families/children  
Implemented by Food Brings Hope ([www.foodbringshome.com](http://www.foodbringshome.com))  
Sponsored by Ponce Inlet Lions Club

Tee Sponsors: \$100 (Please attach tee sign information)

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Player fee : \$75/person (event fees must be received by March 30, 2017)

Lunch Only: \$20/person

Make checks payable to "Ponce Inlet Lion Foundation"

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# Understanding Childhood Hunger

## Childhood Hunger is the Invisible Contagion in Our Community

Children who go without meals due to personal/family hardship are the most vulnerable and underserved of our community's citizens. The reasons for hunger in a community that values its comparably attractive quality of life, are complex and challenging. The impact of poor childhood nutrition has an insidious effect on the overall health of a community, well out of proportion to the resources needed and available to prevent the problem.

In an area with wealth and abundant agricultural resources, no child living in our community need be hungry. Together we can end childhood hunger.

**At Food Brings Hope, Inc.** we work closely with the Volusia County School System and other caring partners to provide assistance for homeless and economically disadvantaged students. We believe by removing the "food insecurity" stress from the lives of these children and offering additional programs to address their other needs, we are able to break the poverty cycle in these families and ensure a brighter future for them as well as for the overall community. **Food Brings Hope, Inc.** offers several key programs to help at-risk students in Volusia County.

### Childhood Poverty and Homelessness Exists in Every One of Our Communities

East central Florida has been declared as one of the best areas for children and their families to live, grow, recreate, and be educated. Yet the number of children living in single parent households below the poverty level here are steadily increasing, and a steadily increasing population of those children are homeless.

#### THE FACTS

- The percent of children living in single parent households is over 41% of total family households in Volusia/Flagler Counties, compared to 36% in the state of Florida. (These families are statistically more likely to be low-income.)
- The population of homeless children under the age of 18 identified in Volusia/Flagler Counties school systems was 1,700 in 2006, a nearly 300% increase since 2004. (The following situations are which a child is considered homeless: sharing housing of others due to loss of housing and economic hardship, living in motels, hotels, FEMA trailers, campgrounds, transitional shelters, awaiting foster care placement, living in cars, parks, public places, bus or train stations or similar settings.)
- Percent of total homeless population under the age of 18 was 16% in 2007, a 400% increase since 2004.
- Percent of all ages living in poverty in Volusia/Flagler Counties is 11%.
- Percent of children under 18 living in poverty is 17%.



## Oviedo-Winter Springs Lions Club



*Oviedo-Winter Spring Lions led by President Dennis Dulnaik with Pat and Joe Schulte, Pat Stamm, Tom and fellow Lions making the world a cleaner place to live.*

## Clermont-Minneola Lions Club



Think twice before messing with these ladies, Joyce Chapman and Gerri Carter. They are honing their shooting skills at the Clermont-Minneola Lions Club range and are rapidly becoming skilled at the marksman level.

The Lions Club meets on the second and fourth Saturdays at IHOP on S US 27, 6:00 pm. Guests always welcome.

The Club invites the public to their gun range in Groveland, across from Tractor Supply on SR 50. The range is open on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th Saturdays, 8am - noon. Hand guns (45 cal. or less) at \$15.00 per hr. on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays. Shotgun 4-10, 12, 16, 20 ga shells provided for target shooting at \$3.00 per round. Skeet shooting - \$5.00 for 10 clays. Use own ammo or Club's for \$1.00 per shell. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LION'S CHARITIES. For information call Lion. Charlie. Neville 352 536-6833.



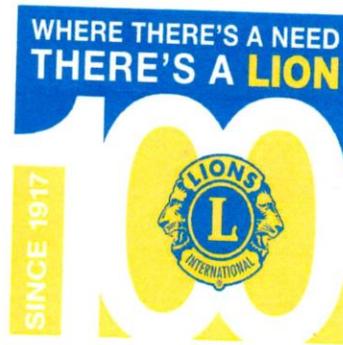
## What Can You Do?

- Hold an E-Cycle Day
- Appoint some helpers
- Gather collection receptacles
- Label each receptacle to separate items
- Create a simple flyer to promote the day, time and location.
- Post & Distribute flyers in your community at least 2 weeks prior to event.
- Use your website to spread news of your event.
- Wear blue and/or green
- Create contests for highest number of items collected.
- Announce success and winner(s).



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