

DISTRICT 35-O NEWSLETTER



Message from District Governor Tito



Celebrate your service!

First of all, on behalf of Lion Miriam and me, we want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would like to thank all lions that attended our Fall District Advisory Meeting to celebrate and honor our veterans on November 11, 2017. In particular, Lion John Murphy of the Auburndale-Polk County Lions for his rendition of the Francis Scott Pre-National Anthem Monologue and South Orange Lions and PDG Betty Hennighan for their support.

It is a very busy time for all of us, but I am sure that we can meet the opportunities presented to us this holiday season. We are doing well on our district goals, but monetary donations to

LCIF and our district entities are very low this year. I can only ask of you to find it in your hearts to make your donations prior to the end of the year. We've lost a lot of lions during this year and are recovering very slowly. Continue to serve your communities and don't forget those in need. Our new club development strategy is full- speed ahead. Our GMT Al Becker has submitted all documentation to get the new Spring Hill, Nature Coast Lions registered and they are already planning their charter night. Keep up the great work GMT!

The next district advisory meeting will be held at the Lake Alfred Lions, January 20, 2018. I hope you all can attend (see flyer in this month's newsletter). The planned activities will include training for all lions. Please plan on attending and get re-energized to continue your service. Hotel registrations for our upcoming Winter CoG are open, please see flyer included in our newsletter. District 35 L is sponsoring. It is going to be a memorable weekend. Registration can be found on our Multiple District December 2017 Newsletter. Registrations are also open for the 2018 Lions Convention in Las Vegas, plan ahead and, let's have another great show-up of MD-35 Lions. The early registration rate of \$130 ends January 13th. For more information see the LCI Con tab on the International Web site www.lionsclubs.org. Again, keep up the great service and continue to share your "Pride in Service" with others and JUST ASK them to assist you this holiday season. Happy Holidays, We Serve.

Yours in Friendship and lionism,

DG Irving E. "Tito" Navarro,
D35 O 2017-2018

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Hello from 1st Vice District Governor Helene



My fellow Lions

Lions Day at the United Nations

Lions Clubs International has a wonderful story on their website about the relationship between Lion and the United Nations called Touchstone Story #3. At the 1943 International Convention in Cleveland, “Lions endorsed a U.S. House of Representatives resolution calling for an international peacekeeping mechanism once the fighting ended.” This was followed up by meetings between Melvin Jones and other Lions, other national groups and representatives of our government to discuss what would become the United Nations. That was followed by “United Nations Week”, a promotion Lions Clubs International sponsored through its Clubs.

Melvin Jones and the Lions were asked to help write part of the United Nations Charter. As a leading nongovernmental organization, we helped with the NGO section of the charter. We also were helpful in developing the United Nations humanitarian mission. This was accomplished at the UN Charter Conference at San Francisco in 1945.

Lions Clubs International was recognized for our contribution by achieving consultative status with the United Nations, consulting on the United Nations Economic and Social Council. This is the part of the United Nations that deals with the welfare of all human beings. This should not be confused with the Security Council; we as Lions do not have a relationship with this Council and do not involve ourselves in the Security Council’s resolutions or actions.

Lions Day at the UN began in 1978. This educational and celebratory event includes leaders from government, business and nonprofits. There is always a compelling keynote speaker. And the Peace Poster Contest Winner is introduced. Finally, there is a reception with UN diplomats, Lions, speakers and guests.

I have attended numerous Lions Day at the United Nations (LDUN). I find it exhilarating to be surrounded by Lions from around the world. At LDUN 2017 there were almost 850 Lions and Leos from 36 countries. The 40th Annual LDUN will be held Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. The moderator will be the always entertaining Past International President Al Brandel (a Native New Yorker like myself). And the theme will be “Working Together Globally to Combat Diabetes.” Lion Gini and I will be attending and hope that some of you will join us.

Respectfully Lion Helene Thompson, First Vice District Governor, 35-O



Greetings from 2nd Vice District Governor Greg Evans



November was such a great month for our District 35-O Lions. We held our first “normal” district meeting (post Irma), and several Zone meetings were in full swing. The District Governor and his team were so excited to visit Zone meetings and hear the Clubs tell us about their service. It is always a humbling experience. Keep up the great work! As Second Vice District Governor, I have continued to visit clubs to help discuss the Lions message from Lions Clubs International President Naresh Aggarwal and District Governor Tito. After I hear about the great club service I go home and sign onto MY LCI to further see the club reporting. One improvement that could be made is Club service reporting, we still have a handful of clubs that are not reporting. I don’t understand this, as it is a simple process, and really helps others (Clubs, District). I am going to be contacting Clubs who don’t report for one reason or another to see how we can help you accomplish this.

I know most clubs are focusing on hunger and children through November and December. These are great projects. It was sad when I read the hunger statistics from International President Aggarwal. He stated, *“Sadly, many people worldwide lack enough food. Nearly 800 million people go to bed hungry each night, and a person starves to death every 15 seconds. Hunger is a problem both in developing and developed nations. Shockingly, 16 million U.S. households are undernourished, while 180 million people in my home country of India lack food. In Africa, the situation is even worse. Millions experience chronic hunger because of drought, conflict and high food prices.”* When I read things like this it really helps me appreciate my situation and also drives me to help more. As Lions we work through our Clubs and District to help. I am usually looking at the BIG picture and just focusing on what my club and District are doing. But, after hearing our clubs in action with their service, it has brought hunger closer to home, where I live. I have made a conscious effort to look closer in my neighborhood and my close neighbors. I encourage you to look closer also.

As December arrives it is mostly a celebration of the birth of Jesus. It is a time to love and the renewal of our spiritual and family ties through dinners, visits and church. In your love and visits, please try to think of those Lions who could use extra comfort this year. It seems every other week we have lost a wonderful Lion, or one has become ill. Their family’s may need more comfort this year. It could be as simple as phone call. Let them know you care.

December is a month of Christmas Lions parties and get togethers, I hope you get to visit other club celebrations and spend some “fun time” with Lions. Lions are really fun, it’s not all service work. But we do seem to tie service into our parties. Don’t forget to read the flyer about the party you’re going to. LOL. What did they ask you to bring? A toy for a children’s hospital, food for hungry family, or was it clothing for the homeless? We always have a purpose. Thank you 35 -O Lions for spreading Christmas cheer through the District.



Notes from Donna (Cabinet Secretary)



Does your club have a 'back door'? Each year many Lions come into our clubs through the bright, welcoming 'front door' only to slip out the drab "back door" a few months later - especially in December and January! Many times they simply stop showing up and when asked why say they are "*too busy*" or "*have other obligations*"! It's human nature to measure "effort" against "worth". For volunteers, especially in a service organization, it's often easier to leave than to put effort into staying. While we try to be on the look-out for significant changes in the behavior of our members sometimes they hide their dissatisfaction very well! Are you one of the Lions currently debating whether to stay or slip quietly away? Have you grown impatient and frustrated? Are you disengaging from the team by being absent more than present? Are your expectations not being met? Have you vented only to feel it fell on deaf ears? Do you feel your time would be used more productively elsewhere? Do you find yourself saying "*I don't want to quit, but!*" Do you think no one cares? Many Lions care! Many people need your help!

Give Lions another chance to be the venue through which you "give back" and serve your community and the world? If you have already talked to your Club President and Board Members or feel that you cannot, please don't go without contacting your zone chair, region chair, Global Membership Team District Coordinator, Global Leadership Team District Coordinator, Global Service Team District Coordinator, a Vice District Governor or the District Governor! Contact information for these individuals can be found on the District Website: ([Click Here](#)). Every situation is different and every Lion is important! There is a solution for every situation. These District leaders have ideas and "out of the box" ways to help that you may not have considered. Trust them to be helpful and discreet. Give them a chance to find a way for you to remain a Lion. If you don't seize the opportunity, how do you know what will happen? Perhaps you aren't the only one thinking the same way but others lack the courage to speak up. Sometimes you have to take a chance! Take a minute to remember why you wanted to be a Lion. Please don't be the member slipping out the back door! Be the member locking the back door!

Secretaries/Treasurers --did you remember to file your club's 990-N? If not, please do so asap.

In closing, I wish each of you a very safe and happy Holiday Season.

Yours in Friendship and Lionism, Lion Donna Norton, Cabinet Secretary



Cabinet Treasurer Rita Talks Money



Don't forget the entities when you are getting your Club holiday gifts and cards mailed.

They would love to receive your donations to help them continue to support the disadvantaged people of our communities. Five dollars is appreciated just like five thousand dollars would be. Each dollar received is spent wisely.

Dues statements are coming. Please have your awesome Club Secretary have all new members added to Lions Clubs International before December 31. Likewise, if you need to transfer or drop a member ☹ be sure to get it completed before January 1.

When your information in LCI is correct then my paperwork is correct. Which makes both of us happy.

Time for a budget check? We have been volunteering for almost six months, so how is the budget doing? Do you need to spend more money on entities, giving to disadvantaged families, etc. Did you get all monies received for Hurricane Irma disbursed? Do you need to raise more funds for the next six months budget?

Three clubs have not completed their PU101 reports for 2017-201. Club Secretary be sure your club has it completed by going online to LCI.

Remember each month your membership report is due to LCI, if no changes you still need to report to LCI that you have no changes.

Club Treasurer's be sure to pay your invoice from LCI. If there is a problem you need to report it to LCI as soon as possible.



from your Membership Team



December	3	Chartered 2004	Ormond by the Sea Lions Club 13 yrs
December	6	Chartered 2007	Lake Sumter Lions Club 10 yrs
December	8	Chartered 1968	Rockledge Lions Club 49 yrs
December	15	Chartered 1967	Cypress Gardens Lions Club 50 yrs
December	28	Chartered 2001	South Orange County Lions Club 16 yrs

From the GLT Corner by GLT Coordinator Vivian Henegar

Time has passed so quickly! Half of the 2017-2018 Lionistic year is over! But there's still time for more training.

The RLLI 2018 will be held in Fruitland Park March 22-25. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about Lions. For more information or an application, contact Lion Larry Feldhusen, MD35 GLT, at larryfeldhusen@gmail.com or me at vivianhenegar64@yahoo.com.

There is no one certain way to train. Face to face classes are offered, but there is another option if you cannot attend an in-person class. Some of the best ways to gain more information for your office or your club are through the archived webinars. Examples include the Treasurer Webinar which is explains the responsibilities of club treasurer and focuses on the needs of new treasurers. The Secretary Webinar is similar to the treasurer one except it focuses on new secretaries. For more experienced secretaries and treasurers, the Club Secretary Training or the Club Treasurer Training would be or more benefit as these focus on LCI features such as how to access support or to run reports.

Other webinars that are of interest to clubs and club members are those on Conflict Resolution, Meeting Management, Goal Setting and Action Planning or even Harmony Among Generations. Please take the time to increase your knowledge through one of the many available webinars. After you view a webinar, please email me with your thoughts on it. We serve together and the knowledge one gains can help everyone.

Have a safe and blessed holiday season and a service filled new year!

Serving with your GST Coordinator Jacquie Tripp Spencer

GST Zone Meeting Visitation Dates

Zone 1 2-21-18 Inglis-Yankeetown
Zone 4 1-23-18 Mt. Dora



PEACE POSTER



The winner of the MD 35 peace poster is Vram Dnoyan. Vram is a 5th grade student at RJ Longstreet Elementary in Port Orange. He was sponsored by the Ponce Inlet Lions Club.

Vram's view on peace: "Peace means very much to me. Peace is important because it needs to be everywhere and in everyone. If the world will be peaceful, then we will have happiness forever."

With DG

Tito's signed approval it has now been sent to LCI for the final round of competition.



GLT PDG Al Becker's spouse



Lion Jo Becker serves as an outgoing and personable companion and partner in service to PDG Al Becker. Yocasto Troncoso was born in Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic as the oldest in family of seven children. A heart attack claimed the life of her father leaving her mother to raise the family providing the background for her daughter's understanding, compassion and dedication to her own family and Lionism that Lion Jo, as we know her, easily demonstrates. Lion Jo moved to the states in 1965 and attended Northenn Essex College and University in Haverhill, MA. Lion Jo met Lion Al in 1979 and they married in 1981. Lion Jo's hobbies include cooking, painting and traveling when she isn't working with Lion Al or as owner of BN Scrubs, LLC. Lions Jo and Al have 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. One son and four grandsons serve in the Marines and Air Force. Lion Jo is a member of the Inglis Yankeetown Lions club and served as our district's first lady during the 2013-2014 Lion's year. Lion Lo is a certified diabetic screener. Lions everywhere look forward to seeing Lion Jo's genuine smile at any event.

APPROVED CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

1st VDG Helene Thompson has submitted the paperwork and has been approved to run for the office of District Governor for 2018-2019.

2nd VDG Lion Greg Evans has submitted the paperwork and has been approved to run for the office of First Vice District Governor for 2018-2019.

Elections will be held during the MD 35 Convention May 3-6, 2018 at the Wyndham in Orlando.

Reducing Hunger is One of Our Top Priorities

For Americans, Thanksgiving is a celebration of their blessings. Yet, in most nations, giving thanks also is a part of the culture. In India, Hindus begin their day in their home shrine venerating the divine with fresh flowers and prasadam (a food offering). Every Hindu festival involves counting one's blessings and thanking God.

Giving back out of gratitude also is part of the culture of Lions. We serve because we are thankful. We recognize our advantages and deeply desire to give others what they lack.

Sadly, many people worldwide lack enough food. Nearly 800 million people go to bed hungry each night, and a person starves to death every 15 seconds. Hunger is a problem both in developing and developed nations. Shockingly, 16 million U.S. households are undernourished, while 180 million people in my home country of India lack food. In Africa, the situation is even worse. Millions experience chronic hunger because of drought, conflict and high food prices.

Thanks to the “green revolution” that increased crop production, hunger can be conquered. It's largely a matter of getting food we have to people in need. Well, with Lions, we've eliminated the middleman. We have an army of volunteers, foot soldiers willing and able to defeat hunger.



Understanding how vital food obviously is and how well positioned Lions are to lessen it, Lions Clubs International has prioritized hunger as one of Lions' five core concerns. So, Lions, support your local food pantry and bank. Help feed low-income children at schools. Donate to LCIF, which routinely supports highly effective Lions' projects to lessen hunger.

Do what you can. As Mother Teresa said, “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” So with your club or district feed the hungry. Lions will not fail those in such desperate need. This Thanksgiving, indeed each and every month, I give thanks to all 1.4 million Lions and an estimated 175,000 Leos, men and women and youths grateful for their blessings and determined to save and enrich lives by stamping out hunger.

Naresh Aggarwal
LCI International President 2017-2018

Directory Updates

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71	Rockledge Lions Club From: 2 nd & 4 th Wednesday To: 2 nd & 4 th Tuesday
49	Lake Sumter President From: President Elaine Teetsel To: Ralph E Long 882 Pickering Path The Villages FL 32163 352-775-9090 Ralph.e.long456@gmail.com
49	Lake Sumter Membership Chair From: Diana M Zahorak To: Edmund Mello 2128 Heather Hill Loop The Villages FL 32162 Home 410-273-6024 Mobile 443-504-5835 Work 410-273-6024 E-mail gevmello@comcast.net

Be sure to send corrections to Lion Rita Fawcett or Lion Donna Norton to be placed in the next newsletter.
Your club secretary needs to make corrections to Lions Clubs International.



Club Bulletin Contest

Send all issues from September 2017 to
March 2018 to

Steve Fawcett

Email: SteveFawcett2003@gmail.com

or US Mail

Steve Fawcett
475 West Orange Street
Lake Alfred FL 33850

Lions University

The USA/Canada Forum in Portland has been completed. Awards for those who received their bachelors, masters or doctorate degree from Lions University were presented. The Lions University is back open and ready for you to continue working on your degree.

If you haven't yet started, let's start Today. This is a wonderful place to learn about Lions.

- Step One – Log on to <http://www.lionsuniversity.org>
- Step Two – Setup an account
- Step Three – Choose a topic – bachelors area is about being a Lions Club leader, masters area is about learning to be a leader at the district level, doctorate area is about learning to be a training facilitator.
- Step Four – Start learning

Next forum will be held in Columbus, Ohio.

Zone 4 Meeting

Ocoee Lion Zone Chairman Steven VanVarik announces the Mount Dora Lions Club will be hosting the Zone 4 District O meeting on January 23, 2018 at the Historic Lakeside Inn in Mount Dora at 7 PM, social hour at 6:30 PM in the Tremain Lounge at the Historic Lakeside Inn.

Zone 4 Clubs are encouraged to attend, Clermont -Minneola Lions Club, Lockhart Lions Club, Ocoee Lions Club, Winter Garden Lions Club and Mount Dora Lions, visiting Lions are welcome, also!!! Reservations by January 15, 2018. All Lions who make a reservation by January 15, 2018 will be eligible for a \$25 Gift Card to Olive Garden.

Lions may bring used eye glasses and used hearing aids for recycling. Lions are also asked to bring information about their latest and future events.

Please email Mount Dora Lion Mary Pezzo at mtpezzo@yahoo.com or call 386 256 2032 for reservations.





The Centennial Celebration Continues in Las Vegas!

Let's close the Centennial in style as Lions take the stage, June 29-July 3, 2018, in Las Vegas for the [101st Annual International Convention!](#) Join Lion and Leo leaders from more than 100 countries as they gather in the entertainment capital of the world to celebrate service and friendship in grand style. [Registration information](#) is now available.



Provide Disaster Relief by Supporting LCIF

1. In recent months, our world has been impacted by several devastating natural disasters. Thanks to the generosity of Lions, LCIF has been able to respond, working with local Lions to deliver relief where it's needed most. There are many reasons to consider a donation to LCIF to support disaster relief, including

2. Accountability and transparency: LCIF just received our sixth consecutive 4-Star Charity Navigator rating, an accomplishment that only 5% of evaluated charities receive.

3. Immediate response: LCIF proactively contacts local Lions when disasters hit, and in many instances, awards Major Catastrophe grants within 48 hours.
4. Recognition: Donations to LCIF disaster relief are Melvin Jones Fellowship eligible.
5. Oversight: LCIF follows up on all grants awarded to ensure proper reporting and utilization of funds.
6. Expertise and Impact: LCIF has extensive experience in providing long-term relief following disasters. Working together, and with the support of Lions globally, we can achieve more.



Dear Lions,

I need your help. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has a goal of raising US\$50 million this year. To date, we have received less than a third of this amount, and the year is nearly half over! Can you help me to promote LCIF in your district?

Please know that this US\$50 million goal is not arbitrary. We need to raise this money in order to continue supporting the compassionate work of Lions around the world. As of November 1, 2017, Constitutional Area I have already received US\$3,118,757 in grant funding this year. However, Lions in Constitutional Area I have only donated US\$2,410,308 to LCIF this year.

(See below for a list of constitutional areas)

Would you help us raise additional money in your district so we can continue our important work? Please make a donation at lcif.org/donate. You can share this link with fellow Lions to help us meet our goal.

Sincerely,

Chancellor Bob Corlew
Chairman, Lions Clubs International Foundation



Keep going, Lions

Walk the World with LCIF

LCIF is proud to partner with Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Companies to provide [Sight for Kids](#). Now, you can walk, run, or bike to raise money for Sight for Kids wherever you are in the world. Simply download the [Charity Miles](#) app on your smartphone, select "Sight for Kids," and take a walk! LCIF will receive a donation for every mile logged. Supporting this vital initiative has never been easier! To date, Lions have raised nearly US\$15,000 through Charity Miles! This equates to almost 150,000 miles biked or almost 60,000 miles walked or run.

DIABETES AWARENESS & RETINOPATHY

Lions:

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that those board members of both of our Foundations who have responded to my recommendation, that Lion Norma Callahan, PDG be acknowledged as Executive Director, have been unanimous in their approval.

In both Foundations, those responding constitute an overwhelming majority.

I am pleased to announce that Lion Norma Callahan, PDG will now have the official title of Executive Director of both The Diabetes Awareness Foundation of MD-35 and The Florida Lions Diabetic Retinopathy Foundation.

Yours in Lionism,

**Lion Joel Levenston
Second Vice District Governor, District 35-N
President, Diabetes Awareness Foundation of MD-35**

Rest in Peace

George Bekemeyer

It is with great sadness that we must report on the passing of Lion George Bekemeyer. He has been a Winter Garden Lion since 1955. George passed away Friday, October 27, 2017.

Edward S. DuRose, (1939-2017)

Edward S. DuRose, 78 of DeLand passed away October 28, 2017 at Florida Hospital DeLand. He was born in Port Henry, NY on July 4, 1939 and served in the US Navy. Edward was a US Postman and a member of St. Peter Catholic Church. He was a life member of VFW Post 2380, life member of the Military Order of the Cootie, life member of the Orange City Lions Club, member of Knight of Columbus Council 6274 and Loyal Order of the Moose 1126.

He is survived by his son Edward S. DuRose, Jr of Clay City, KY; daughter Mary A. Cross-Lindsey of DeLand; brother Michael Wasuck of Loretto, TN; sister Kim E. Schmidt of Poughkeepsie, NY; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

James "Jim" Hennighan (1936-2017)

James "Jim" Hennighan, 81, of Orlando, FL, passed away on November 12, 2017. He was born in Wilkes-Barre, PA on May 5th, 1936. James graduated from Kingston High School and received a B.A. of Science in Secondary Education and a Masters in Special Education and Reading from Trenton State College. He married the love of his life, Elizabeth "Betty" Hennighan on June 6th, 1959 in Kingston, PA.

Jim had an illustrious career in education, most recently spending 24 years at Cypress Creek High School (Orlando, FL). He also worked at St. Cloud High School (FL), Bishop Grimes Catholic High School (NY), Fayetteville-Manlius High School (NY), Basking Ridge High School (NJ), Neshaminy High School (PA), Greene High School (NY), and Wyoming Seminary (PA).

He was a longtime member of the Lions Club, holding many offices in the South Orange County Lions Club and the Fayetteville Lions Club. He served as the District Governor for New York in 1986-1987.

Jim was passionate about football and coached at both the high school and semi-professional levels for over 45 years. You could always find him cheering on his Eagles and, when they weren't playing, watching whatever team happened to be on TV. In addition to Football, Jim spent over 35 years coaching wrestling where he coached multiple state champions. He was an avid reader and was a regular at his local library where he was always looking for the latest mystery or thriller novel.

Jim is preceded in death by his grandson, Zaryn. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Betty, his two children, Doug (Shari) and DeeAnn, and 6 grandchildren, Erynn (Adam), Ryanne (Joel), Becan, Keelyn, Shay and Brady.

Third District Advisory (Cabinet) Meeting Hosted By:

Lake Alfred Lions Club

January 20, 2018 (Saturday)

At Lions Park Clubhouse, 175 N Nekoma Avenue, Lake Alfred, FL

8:30 - Coffee

9:15-PDG Meeting

10:00- Cabinet Meeting

11:30- Lunch

Menu

Choice of Sandwich

Choice of Soup

Assorted Desserts

Glutton-free lunch must be pre-ordered

Price: \$10.00

RSVP by January 13, 2018

(Meals may not be available without a prior reservation.)

For Reservations, mail the below form with your check to

Lake Alfred Lions Club

PO Box 1401

Lake Alfred FL 33850

Club Name: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Of Lunch Reservations: _____

of Glutton-free Lunch _____

**The 2017—2018 Council of Governors
Invites YOU to the
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WINTER COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS CONFERENCE
JANUARY 12 – 14, 2018**



**JOYCE
MIDDLETON**

**INTERNATIONAL
DIRECTOR**

Joyce Middleton from Bridgewater, Massachusetts, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 99th International Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan, June 24 through 28, 2016.

Director Middleton is a computer engineer.

A charter member of the Bridgewater Community Lions Club since 2008, and a Lion since 2002, she has held many offices within the association, including club president, LEO advisor, district membership, leadership, extension and retention chairperson, zone chair, cabinet secretary, district governor, multiple district GMT coordinator and council secretary. Director Middleton was also co-chairman of the multiple district Youth Camp & Exchange program and a chairperson of the Peace Poster Contest.

In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards, including the Membership Key Award, two Club President Excellence Awards, District Governor Excellence Award, Extension Award, three International President's Certificates of Appreciations and three International President's Medals. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director Middleton has been active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts and the National Braille Press.

Director Middleton and her husband, Martin, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son



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Ask For LIONS
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RESERVATIONS IS:
JANUARY 3, 2018

2018 MD—35 Winter Conference January 12—14, 2018



Person #1	Person #2	EVENT	Ticket Price if Order Postmarked On or BEFORE December 9, 2017	Ticket Price if Order Postmarked on or AFTER December 16, 2017	TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS
		(Please Specify Meal Choice where Noted) LUNCHEON Friday, January 12th, 12:00 Noon On the Deck (Weather Permitting) Check Your Choice <input type="checkbox"/> Cranberry Stuffed Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Herb Crusted Tilapia	\$28.00	\$28.00	X
		LIONS IN THE JUNGLE Friday, January 12th, 7:00 PM Jungle Buffet, Music, Dancing & Fun Wild Boar Ribs, Crocodile Kabobs, Tiger Tips, Jungle Rice, Monkey Brains Au Gratin, Zebra Bread Pudding	\$36.00	\$36.00	X
		BREAKFAST Saturday, January 13th, 7:30 AM Seasonal Fruit, Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Country Potatoes, Cinnamon French Toast	\$23.00	\$26.00	X
		STUMP THE DIRECTOR LUNCH Saturday, January 13th, 12:00 Noon Check Your Choice <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Croissant <input type="checkbox"/> Roast Beef & Cheese	\$21.00	\$24.00	X
		GOVERNOR'S BANQUET Saturday, January 13th, 7:15 PM Check Your Choice <input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic Salmon <input type="checkbox"/> Baked Chicken Dijon <input type="checkbox"/> Teriyaki London Broil	\$38.00	\$41.00	X
		FOUNDATION BREAKFAST Sunday, January 14th, 8:30 AM Seasoned Fruit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Potatoes, Dutchess Cheese	\$21.00	\$24.00	X
					TOTAL

CHECK HERE FOR SPECIAL MEAL (Please specify)

Deadline for Ticket Requests: December 31, 2017

Please make Check payable to:
 Ocala 200 Lions Club
 8360 Southwest 83rd Lane Unit D
 Ocala, FL 34431-4548



Southeastern Guide Dogs
GuideDogs.org

'Tis the season! Holiday cards are now available.



Our new designs are sure to add extra cheer this holiday season. And the best part? These paws-itively delightful holiday cards support the life-changing puppies and dogs at Southeastern Guide Dogs -- now that's a great gift!

Visit our gift shop, online or on campus, and order by November 30th to receive your cards in time for your own holiday mailing.

Order online at

[GuideDogs.org/holidaycards](https://www.GuideDogs.org/holidaycards)



COCKTAILS AT CONKLIN

This was our second year hosting our Cocktails at Conklin event, and we're happy to say it continues to be a huge success! We had a fabulous audience in attendance eager to learn more about the Conklin Center.

The intent of Cocktails at Conklin is to open our doors to the general public for an opportunity to learn more about our programs and meet some of our students with the backdrop of exploring our beautiful grounds and enjoying food, beverages and the opportunity to win some prizes.

Although this event is more of a friend-raiser, through tickets sales and raffle tickets, we were able to net over \$700! This would not have been possible without our amazing community members.

NIGHT FOR SIGHT 2018

April 5, 2018 - The Shores Resort & Spa

Planning for our fourth 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, so save the date! 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.

National Federation of the Blind - VISION FAIR 2017

Ciara Ocasio, Development Coordinator, recently had the opportunity to represent the Conklin Center at the 2017 National Federation of the Blind Vision Fair! Want to learn more about the National Federation of the Blind, visit their website <https://nfb.org/>

Club News

Kissimmee Lions Club

White Cane Day Activity including donations and diabetic screening



Rockledge Lions Club

The Rockledge Lions have changed their meeting night from Wednesday to the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays effective Nov to Mar 2018.

Winter Gardens Lions

Lion Jason Walker representing Winter Garden Lions presents a donation to Mr. Mark Anthony, Southeastern Food Bank, for their continual work in feeding those in need. Lions also volunteer at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter helping to sort and distribute food to hundreds in our community.

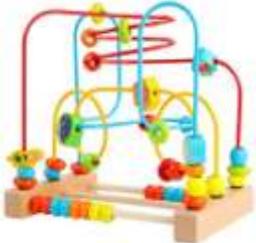


**MD 35 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS PARTNERS IN SERVICE PROJECT FOR
JANUARY 2017 CONFERENCE**

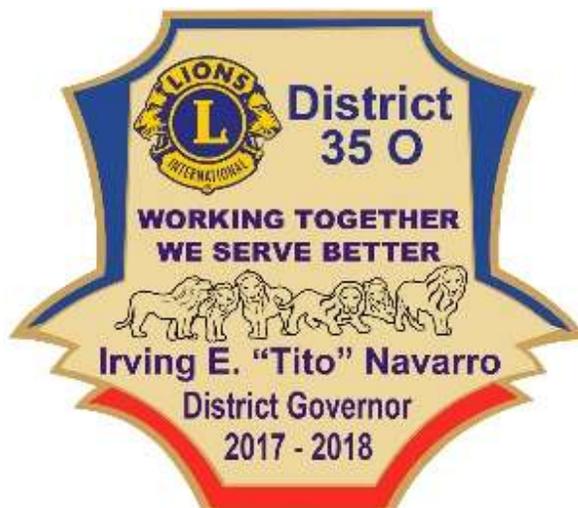
The MD 35 Council of Governors Partners in Service have adopted a project for the January 2018 conference. The Florida Center for the Blind, located in Ocala, Florida serves children. They are in need of developmental toys that offers educational benefits. The Partners in Service are looking to provide tactile, audible or sensory toys for the new Blind Babies program. Recommendations for toys that help develop sensory perception and fine motor development is shown below. All Lions are invited to participate by purchasing the items or donating cash or check. Purchased items should be brought, unwrapped, to the January Conference. Thank you so much for your support.

*Lion Jacquie Tripp-Spencer, PDG
Partner in Service Mentor*

<p align="center"><u>Toy Description</u> <i>Hyperlinks to Amazon Prime -Most available from other sellers.</i></p>		<p align="center"><u>Price</u> <i>Prices Vary More or Less Depending on Source</i></p>
<p><u>Tolo Toys Rolling Shape Sorter</u></p>		<p align="center">\$14.91</p>
<p><u>Fisher Price Roll- a-Rounds Swirlin Surprise Gumballs</u></p>		<p align="center">\$36.73</p>
<p><u>Fisher-Price Piggy Bank</u></p>		<p align="center">\$14.99</p>
<p><u>Lamaze Octotunes</u></p>		<p align="center">\$32.99</p>
<p><u>Lamaze Soft Chime Garden Musical Toy</u></p>		<p align="center">\$15.89</p>

<p><u>Lamaze Musical Inchworm</u></p>		<p>\$12.99</p>
<p>Lamaze Sensory Development Toy Clips: <u>-Freddie the Firefly</u> <u>-Rusty the Robot</u> <u>-Captain Calamari</u> <u>-Jacques the Peacock</u></p>		<p>\$12.99-15.99</p>
<p><u>Wooden Bead Roller Coaster</u></p>		<p>\$29.95</p>
<p><u>Winnie the Pooh Phone</u> <u>(eBay/Amazon only)</u></p>		<p>\$16.99 & up</p>
<p><u>LeapFrog Picnic Basket</u></p>		<p>\$17.89</p>
<p>LeapFrog Cook and Play Potsy <u>(eBay/Amazon only)</u></p>		<p>\$16.99 & Up! (Collectable)</p>

<p><u>LeapFrog Magnetic Letters</u></p>		<p>\$19.89</p>
<p><u>Rainbow Sound Blocks</u></p>		<p>\$34.99</p>
<p><u>LeapFrog Music Table</u></p>		<p>\$29.59</p>
<p><u>Tolo Toys Roller Ball Run</u></p>		<p>\$24.99</p>
<p><u>LeapFrog Number Lovin' Oven</u></p>		<p>\$13.59</p>



Global Leadership
Team



Lions Clubs International
Florida Regional Lions Leadership Institute

Life Enrichment Center
4991 Picciola Rd.
Fruitland Park, FL 34731

March 22nd -25th, 2018
(Check in after 3:30 pm Thursday - Depart noon Sunday)

Name: _____

Badge Name: (if different) _____

District: _____ Club: _____

Highest office held _____

Current office (if any) _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Have you ever attended a RLLI? Y ___ N ___

Registration Online: <http://rlli2018.com/>
Or by snail mail

Registration Fee \$140 Includes:

- Lodging 3 nights
- Seven Meals (bksat Fri - bksat Sun)
- Instructional Materials

Checks payable to: **"Lions of Florida MD-35 RLLI"**

Mail to: Lion Larry Feldhusen
11 Magnolia Ave
Yankeetown, FL 34498

Tel: 352-447-0809

Email: gltm435.larry@gmail.com

Institute Topics:

- Working in Teams
- Diversity
- Public Speaking
- Time Management
- Member Motivation
- Lions Fundamentals
- Personal Mission Statement
- Setting & Reaching Club Goals

Accommodations

Motel Accommodations
Double Occupancy
(Single Occupancy available - add \$60)

Roommate (if applicable)

Check in at the Lobby/Dining Hall
(3rd Bldg. on Right, Inside the Gate)





The Mount Dora Lions host the
57th Annual
Mount Dora Christmas Parade & Food Drive
Supporting



*Feeding the Body, Educating the Mind
and Lifting the Spirit of All Individuals.*

Sponsored by



THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
with Trust and Investment Services

Collection at the Parade 12/2/17, 10am, Donnelly St

Help us collect a TON of food!!!

Instructions:

- Bring your donated items in this bag to the Parade
- Place bag of food in front of you on Donnelly St
- Bags will be collected at the beginning of the parade.
 - The collection trailer will be the 2nd vehicle in the parade so be sure to get to the parade early!

Priority Items are:

- Pasta and Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned meats and fish such as Tuna, Salmon, and Chicken
- Soups of every flavor
- Shelf Stable Milk such as Parmalat
- Baked Beans, Beans and Chili
- Baby Food
- Fresh produce and fruit
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
- Laundry and Dish Detergent
- Diapers for babies and adults

Auburndale-Polk County Lions Club Christmas Banquet

December 16, 2017

226 Bennett St, Auburndale, FL

6:30 P.M.



Gift Exchange

Bring a gift to exchange

Limit to \$10



Entertainment

by

Eddy Rivers



RSVP by December 8



Wanda Wiggs 863-409-7690

Make check out to: Auburndale-Polk County Lions

Mail to P O Box 1271 Auburndale, FL 33823

ZONE 1 MEETING & HOLIDAY CELEBRATION



DECEMBER 7, 2017 HOMOSASSA LIONS CLUB

3705 S Indiana Terrace & CR 490E Homosassa, FL

Thursday Evening 6 PM-Social / 7 PM-Dinner

DINNER- \$10.00 Per Person

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad, Dinner Roll & Dessert

WHITE LION GIFT EXCHANGE

**TO PARTICIPATE BRING A WRAPPED
GIFT TAGGED FOR "MAN", "WOMAN"
OR "ANYONE". *the only rule...*
IT MUST BE A GENTLY USED
PREOWNED ITEM!
Something Fun or A Real Treasure!**



ALL LIONS ARE INVITED

Club Presidents & Club Secretaries your attendance is important!

RSVP TO LION JUDY GEARY BY NOVEMBER 28, 2017

wayneandiudy6@gmail.com or call 352-697-2166

**Make checks payable to: Homosassa Lions Club, PO Box 1401,
Homosassa Springs, FL 34447**

(Or make your reservations now and pay at the door.)



New Member Orientation by Lion Michael Venning

RAFFLES!

Zone 1 Chair- Jackie DeGraff

50/50!



*Ormond By The Sea Lions Club
Community Holiday Party*

Monday, December 4, 2017

Allies Restaurant, 1666 Ocean Shore Blvd.
Ormond Beach, FL 32176
Social 6:00 PM - Dinner Buffet 7:00 PM

Menu

*Prime Rib (Hand Cut) Medium
Stuffed Baked Potato Vegetable Bread
Dessert Coffee Tea Cash Bar
Cost: \$25.00*

*Special Holiday Entertainment
EMBRY RIDDLE ACAPELLAS
All Male Acapella Singing Group*

You May Mail Your Check or Pay at the Door
Please Return Reservation Form by December 1 to
Lion Bobbie Chel, 36 Kathy Drive, Ormond Beach, FL 32176

Names: _____

No. of Attendees: _____

@ \$25.00 each = Total Enclosed \$ _____

If You Are Paying Upon Arrival, Please email ormondbob@aol.com
And Make Your Reservation



Ormond By The Sea Lions Club Invites You To

JOIN US FOR
BREAKFAST
with **SANTA**
& MRS. CLAUS



Saturday
12-2-17

Time: 9 to 11 AM

Place: Alfie's Restaurant

1666 Ocean Shore Boulevard

Ormond Beach, FL 32176

Gifts for the Children. Breakfast purchase not necessary to see Santa & the Mrs. They're waiting for your wish list!

Calendar of Events

Dates are subject to change

Month	Date	Description	Place or Club
December	3	Chartered 2004	Ormond by the Sea Lions Club 13 yrs
December	6	Chartered 2007	Lake Sumter Lions Club 10 yrs
December	8	Chartered 1968	Rockledge Lions Club 49 yrs
December	13	Hanukkah begins	United States of America
December	15	Chartered 1967	Cypress Gardens Lions Club 50 yrs
December	25	Christmas Day	United States of America
December	26	Kwanzaa	United States of America
December	28	Chartered 2001	South Orange County Lions Club 16 yrs
January	1	New Year's Day	United States of America
January	1	Chartered 2007	Port Orange Lions Club 11 yrs
January	6-9	1st VDG Training	
January	11-14	Council of Governor's Meeting	Ocala
January	14	Zone 3 Meeting	Fruitland Park Lions club
January	15	Martin Luther King Day	United States of America
January	17	Chartered 1950	Pierson Lions Club 68 yrs
January	18	Chartered 1946	Winter Garden Lions Club 72 yrs
January	20	District Meeting	Lake Alfred Lions Club – Lake Alfred
January	23	Zone 4 Meeting	Mount Dora Lions Club
January	23	Zone 10 Meeting	Rockledge Lions Club
January	27	Chartered 1947	New Smyrna Beach Lions Club 71 yrs
January	31	Dr. Walter Campbell Pilot Award Deadline	Multiple District 35 office
January	31	Golden Chain Award Deadline	Send to ormondbob@aol.com
February	2	Groundhog Day	United States of America
February	3	Chartered 1987	Wildwood Sumer County 44 31 yrs
February	3	Chartered 2009	Osceola Latin American Lions Club 9 yrs
February	5	Zone 6 Meeting	Orlando Hispanic Lions Club
February	8	Zone 5 Meeting	Cypress Gardens Lions Club
February	12	Chartered 1924	Daytona Beach Lions Club 94 yrs
February	13	Mardi Gras	United States of America
February	14	Valentine's Day	United States of America
February	21	Zone 1 Meeting	Inglis Yankeetown Lions Club
March	2	Chartered 1987	Lady Lake Orange Blossom Gardens 31 yrs
March	4	Chartered 1953	Crystal River Lions Club 65 yrs
March	10	Council of Governor's Meeting	Executive Session
March	11	Daylight Savings Time	United States of America
March	12	Chartered 1953	Kathleen Lions Club 65 yrs
March	15	Facebook Contest Deadline	Send to ormondbob@aol.com
March	17	Cabinet Meeting	Beverly Hills Lions Club – Beverly Hills
March	17	St Patrick's Day	United States of America
March	18-25	Cruise to Western Caribbean	Ocoee Lions Club
March	21	Chartered 1939	Kissimmee Lions Club 79 yrs
March	29	Chartered 1960	Satellite Beach Lions Club 58 yrs
March	29	Chartered 1949	Clermont-Mineola Lions Club 69 yrs
March	30	Chartered 1939	Mount Dora Lions Club 79 yrs
March	30	Chartered 1976	Inverness Lions Club 42 yrs
March	31	Club Bulletin Contest Deadline	Send to Stevfawcett2003@gmail.com

March	31	Bob Lastinger Award Deadline	Club president nominations send to ?
March	31	Passover begins	United States of America
April	1	Easter	United States of America
April	2-10	International Board of Directors	Miami
April	10	Chartered 1939	Deland Lions Club 79 yrs
April	12	Chartered 2000	Oviedo-Winter Springs Lions Club 18 yrs
April	12	Chartered 1926	Lakeland Lions Club 92 yrs
April	15	PU 101 Deadline	Lions Clubs International
April	17	IRS Tax Day deadline	United States of America
April	20	Chartered 1950	Orlando College Park Lions Club 68 yrs
April	30	Chartered 1970	Homosassa Lions Club 48 yrs
May	1	Chartered 1957	Cocoa Beach Seaside Lions Club 61 yrs
May	2	Chartered 1978	South Daytona Lions Club 40 yrs
May	3-6	MD 35 Convention	Orlando -Wyndham Resort
May	3	Chartered 2005	Palm Bay Progressive Lions Club 13 yrs
May	5	Cinco de Mayo	United States of America
May	13	Mother's Day	United States of America
May	20	Chartered 1999	Orlando Hispanic Lions Club 19 yrs
May	23	Chartered 1974	Longwood-Lake Mary Lions Club 44 yrs
May	24	Chartered 1971	Inglis Yankeetown Lions Club 47 yrs
May	28	Chartered 1992	Ponce Inlet Lions Club 26 yrs
May	28	Memorial Day	United States of America
May	29	Chartered 1975	Palm Bay Happy Lions Club 43 yrs
June	7	Chartered 1996	Crystal River Kings Bay Lions Club 22 yrs
June	14	Flag Day	United States of America
June	16	Chartered 1953	Floral City Lions Club 65 yrs
June	17	Father's Day	United States of America



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**Items for the next edition of the newsletter
needs to be submitted no later than the 15 of the
month**