

35-O DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

**August 2, 2015 - Hosted by the Ormond by the Sea Lions Club
District Governor Jacqueline Tripp - Meeting Theme "Servin' In the Sun"**

The first District 35-O Meeting for 2015-2016, hosted by the Ormond by the Sea Lions Club Lions Club, was held at the Daytona Beach Resort , Daytona Beach, FL on Sunday August 2, 2015. Lion President Les Walter, from the Ormond by the Sea Lions Club, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and welcomed everyone. Lion Ruth Levins, District Chaplin, gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Greg Evans, District GLT Coordinator from Ormond by the Sea Lions. Lion Donna Waag, Zone Chair, from Lake Alfred Lions Club, led the singing of "God Bless America". President Les Walker welcomed everyone to Daytona Beach and introduced 2nd Vice District Governor Irving "Tito" Navarro. 2nd Vice President Navarro introduced 1st Vice District Governor Steve Hilaire. 1st Vice President Steve Hilaire introduced District Governor Jacqueline "Jacquie" Tripp.

District Governor Jacquie welcomed everyone to the first District Meeting for 2015/2016.

PID Neil Spencer made a motion to dispense with the reading of and to approve minutes for the 4th District Cabinet Meeting (2014-2015), held March 15, 2015 in Cocoa Beach, FL and the District 35-O Organization Meeting held in July 18, 2015 at the Multiple District Office in Orlando, FL. The motion was 2nd by VDG Irving Navarro. The motion passed unanimously. Presentation of the Treasurer's Report was postponed.

District Governor Jacquie recognized Past International Director Neil Spenser, International Director Karla Harris, and all Past District Governors, GLT, GMT, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, Region Chairs, Zone Chairs, Club Presidents, Melvin Jones Fellows and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows in attendance.

Region 1 Region Chair Vivian Henegar reported she had visited two clubs. Both clubs are active and interesting. She announced upcoming Zone meetings and talked about the ongoing activities in her region. She congratulated Homosassa Lions Club for having nine business partners!

Region 2 Zone Chair Donna Wagg, on behalf of Region Chair Jeannine Thibault reported her zone has 15 clubs with 383 members. She shared the ongoing activities in her region.

Region 3 Region Chair Jeff Follmer introduced his region as the "We Region" -- "We want to think big and bold!" and increase membership through awareness. He announced the One Voice for Volusia Health Fair coming up in November where Lions will be doing diabetes screening and testing as well as retina screening. He wants consistent policy and procedures established for eyeglass and hearing aids. The region will be participating in seminars about how to act & behave. He ended with a quote from Vincent Van Gogh. "*Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together*".

Region 4 Region Chair Helene Thompson reported she has six clubs in her region. They are holding steady on membership numbers. She announced the first zone meeting and the speaker for the zone meeting.

Social Media Multiple District Chairperson Donna Waag announced a new Facebook contest for 2015-2016. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes awarded. This year's focus will be Facebook. Next year the focus will be on Twitter.

2nd Vice District Governor Irving Navarro told the group how happy is to be serving as 2nd VDG this year and thanked everyone for allowing him to have "*this wonderful job!*" He shared that so far there is one candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor for 2016-2017 and encouraged anyone interested to express that interest.

1st Vice District Governor Steve Hilaire discussed portions of International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada's presentation given at the International Convention in Hawaii. Children's Dignity, the Environment and increased service projects are goals for 2015-2016. VDG Hilaire asked, "*Can we do this?*". He assured us, "*With ability, determination and attitude we can do it and will do it very well!*"

District Governor Jacquie Tripp began her presentation by reminding everyone that "*Service is our Duty*". Growth is a goal, She asked the District to strive for an increase of 88 members this year. She will be meeting with the Cabinet on a monthly basis. "*If anyone needs something call us*". Every club should establish a relationship with businesses in their community. "*Approach your partners and sign them up!*" Send business partner names to DG Jacquie and she will send a Lions Sticker for partner to display at their business. Next she shared information from Jon Gordon's "One Word Will Change Your Life" article. She asked each club to come up with one word for the year as a focus word and to send the word to her. A "wordle" will be created and shared consisting of all the words. DG Jacquie would like to be invited to participate in service projects--especially weekend projects. She reminded everyone that the District needs a new Kid Sight Chair.

PID Neil Spencer introduced guest speaker, International Director Karla Harris.

ID Karla thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and expressed appreciation for being invited to speak. "*Meetings are key...Leaders getting together to do the business that needs to be done so members can do what the need to be doing.*" She asked the club presidents to stand and while they were standing she said, "*We cannot say enough about how important you are as club presidents.*" She challenged the District to have vibrant, big, bold service activities and every Lion to be a change agent ... "*Be the next Melvin Jones!*" She commented that Lions are doing great things in Florida. "*Wear your shirts! Wear your pins! Be a walking, talking, Lions Billboard!*" She closed by saying "Dr Yamada says "*Thank You*".

Lion Shirley Okcovatian, President Ponce Inlet Lions, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation.

The Parade of Checks totaled \$8,125.00. Way to go Lions!

Following DG Jacquie's closing remarks and the Benediction by District Chaplain Ruth Levins, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 pm.