

## **35-O DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES**

**November 14, 2015 - Hosted by the South Orange County Lions Club  
District Governor Jacqueline Tripp - Meeting Theme "Birds of a Feather"**

The second District 35-O Meeting of 2015-2016, hosted by the South Orange County Lions Club, was held at Cypress Creek High School, 1101 Bear Crossing Dr, Orlando, FL 32824 on Saturday November 14, 2015. Lion Mary Jean McSorley, President of the South Orange County 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 and opening song "God Bless America" were led by Lion Dani Dilks, South Orange County Lions. President Mary Jean McSorley welcomed everyone to Orlando and introduced 1st Vice District Governor Steve Hilaire. 1st Vice District Governor Steve Hilaire introduced District Governor Jacqueline "Jacquie" Tripp.

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

PID Neil Spencer made a motion to dispense with the reading of and to approve minutes for the 1st District Cabinet Meeting (2015-2016), held Sunday August 2, 2015 in Daytona Beach, FL. The motion was 2nd by PCC C. David Lloyd. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by PID Neil Spencer and seconded by 1VDG Steve Hilaire to approve the Financial Report as presented by District Treasurer, PDG Lois Q. Malecky, subject to audit. The motion passed unanimously.

District Governor Jacquie recognized Past International Director Neil Spencer, 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.

A skit "*Birds of a Feather*" based on the book *A Peacock in the Land of Penguins* by B.J. Gallagher Hateley and Warren H. Schmidt was presented by a talented group of Lions in noteworthy costume. The skit echoed the dilemma facing clubs---how to manage increasing diversity of the membership and how to capture the talent, creativity, energy and commitment of all members.

PCC C. David Lloyd presented "Lions Kidsight". He reminded us that the purpose of Kidsight is to safeguard the vision of children six months to six years. Vision problems, if not corrected, become being permanent by age 7. Every child deserves to learn and see the world clearly. Poor vision causes poor literacy and behavior problems. More info about Lions Kidsight can be found at [www.kidsightusa.org](http://www.kidsightusa.org). The District 35O Kidsight Chair is Lion Toniann Arias- Ovideo Winter Springs Lions Club. Lion Dr. Lynn Hawkins reminded us that while technology is wonderful there is still a "25 Cent Way" to test children's eyes ---an eye chart!

District Governor Jacquie thanked the South Orange County Lions for a wonderful luncheon. She thanked the Leos for serving with us and told them "You are our future!". She thanked Inverness Lions for their assistance with meeting decorations.

She expresses gratitude to all veterans and their families and asked that they stand and be recognized. She reminded everyone about the Environmental Photo contest, deadlines and rules. She announced the January 7-10, 2016 35-O Conference in Celebration and provided details. She discussed the "Lions Handbooks" that were distributed at the forum which are now available for purchase for \$10.00 each. The handbook is described as a complete encyclopedia of Lion information! DG Jacquie announced the District Convention which will be held in Jacksonville at the Lexington Riverwalk April 28th - May 1st, 2016. Look for information in the next MD magazine. The District Governor spoke about donations to LCIF and why it is important to donate. *"Just \$5.00 helps to achieve the goal. Please give what you can"*. She recognized the following clubs for their LCIF donations: Homosassa, Lady Lake/ Orange Blossom Gardens, Lakeland North Lakeland, Ormond Beach, Ormond by the Sea, and South Daytona. She asked that everyone read and answer emails! *"You know what happens if no one answers at the volunteer fire department!"*. DG Jacquie has or will have attended all 10 zone meetings by November 23, 2015. All clubs in attendance are considered to have had their official visit unless they specifically invite(d) her to their club. Please feel free to continue to invite the DG to your events and if she can she will be there. She asked that clubs consider projects that benefit the homeless and that they remember the Centennial Challenge. Lions continue to fight hunger and poverty.

Many awards were presented at this District Meeting. These included Club Excellence Awards, Leo Excellence Award, Centennial Challenge Banner patches, and Service Awards.

Always popular at District Meetings -- the puppies made an appearance! Thank you to Mike and Rosemary Cliburn, puppy raisers, for sharing their stories and puppies with us.

Region 1 Region Chair Vivian Henegar reported Zone 1 has 23 clubs with 680 Lions. She thanked the zone chairs for doing a fabulous job . She thanked the clubs that have hosted zone meetings. She reported all clubs collect eye glasses and that most clubs do various other projects. She commended all clubs in the region saying *"You truly live the motto " We Serve"*.

Region 2 Zone Chair Jeannine Thibault reported most clubs in Zone 2 do pretty much the same. Every club collects eyeglasses. Zone meetings have been held in the region. She discussed the economy and how clubs are doing a good job albeit donations are hard to come by.

Region 3 Region Chair Jeff Follmer shared that he is enjoying visiting and being part of region activities. There are three zones in his region consisting of 14 clubs. He commended the Zone Chairs for the work they have done this year. He highlighted a new orientation PowerPoint that consists of nine slides(charts). It tells what a sponsor or new Lion needs to know. He will send it to anyone wishing to use it. There is an emphasis in his zone to get clubs working together on projects. The Zone 9 meeting was held at the Conklin Center and had 60 lions from 'all over' in attendance. He reported two Lions Clubs have joined "One Voice For Volusia". This is a first for Lions!

Tail Twister Lion Mary Yockum presented Thanksgiving Turkey Facts and gave gifts for various achievements such as oldest Lion, longest married couple, youngest Lion,

longest length of military service, etc. Her segment of the meeting was entertaining but it also reminded us, as she put it, "*Everyone has a story in life. Don't judge people before you really know them. The truth might surprise you!*"

1st Vice District Governor Steve Hilaire thanked everyone for the work done this year. He made special note of the work district Lions are doing for the public. He asked that everyone present let members know we appreciate what they do and encouraged all Lions to "*Keep On Doing It*".

The Parade of Checks totaled \$13, 675.00. (August Meeting \$8,125.00 -Total Parade of Checks at 2015/16 meetings: \$21,800) Way to go Lions!

Following DG Jacquie's closing remarks and the Benediction by District Chaplain Ruth Levins, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Donna Norton, Cabinet Secretary 35-O