

February  
2017



# DG Steve Hilaire



DISTRICT 35 O NEWSLETTER

Fellow Lions,

We always say that we are losing members at a faster rate than we can recruit. This year it is not that bad and I hope it is a trend and not a Centennial anomaly. We drop for non-attendance and indebtedness when the real cause may be membership satisfaction. Are we delivering what we promised to new Lions? The opportunity to serve, to help their community. There is another way to try and keep members involved, focused and happy. It is for members to get involved in personal projects that are near and dear to their hearts. In every neighborhood, there are needs waiting to be fulfilled. Sometimes the Lions Clubs don't get involved because we are not aware or not asked. An individual Lion can make a difference in the life of a neighbor, a student, a senior, a day care or community center. After the member has alleviated that need (it might be his personal skill that was needed), there will be a sense of satisfaction. The visibility of this Lion in the community can be a starting point for club projects on a larger scale. There is a need however for caution. If the club decides not to follow up this project we may have another unsatisfied Lion. While not advocating that Lions just go and do random projects without the club's sanction, there are many needs that are not being met where an individual can help, assist or bring relief. A personal project that can grow seems to be a worthwhile endeavor. Think about it.

I hope you have warmed up to continue on our Centennial Mission. Happy 100<sup>th</sup>

Together we can make a difference!



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



## Energizing Volunteers

You can change your world by creating communities that become powerful movements which attract volunteers.

**Communities form around a common interest.** People congregate around a shared interest or cause. They join groups by the tens, hundreds and even millions around very specific niche areas. There is a group on Facebook called “I hate to wake up during a dream and it won’t come back”. It has over three million members! Patients go to the website, [patientslikeme.com](http://patientslikeme.com) to find others who are dealing with the same medical issues. There is comfort in commonality.

**Communities can become powerful movements that attract volunteers.** Communities are changing our world. A community of relationships coupled with a compelling cause creates an environment where people want to participate. People congregate in clusters online. Pictures of internet traffic actually show the complexity and inter-connectedness. It is all about communities. All movements of the future will be highly inter-connected through an unprecedented communications capacity. We will use these new technologies to communicate, collaborate, and compete.

**Volunteers need to be mobilized.** When I was 19 I was asked to mail 8,000 letters. It was an overwhelming task. I decided to contact a couple of people who were familiar with that organization that would benefit from the letters. Before I knew it, I had the commitment of 22 people who were going to help me send the letters. I put together a plan so the time would not be wasted and that the mission would be accomplished. The evening was such a success, that these parties took place each month for the next year. I realized engaging volunteers is actually very simple when the right things were in place.

**Understand why someone would want to volunteer.** When asked why he volunteers, a design student responded “to work with people I like, to do something I enjoy, and the cause is just a bonus.” This struck me as quite fascinating and I discussed it further with others. I discovered that he was stating something rather profound. In his case, he put a higher value on relationship than “the cause”. Understand the reasons someone volunteers, and you’ll be able to recruit new Lions, Climb New Mountains, and together accomplish what seems impossible. Roar loud Lions.

With deep appreciation to all Lions of D35 O,

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Irving E. “Tito” Navarro,  
D35 O 2016-2017



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

## District 35-O Lions

By time you read this, we will have held our 3<sup>rd</sup> District Advisory Meeting at the Conklin Center. And that means only one left. So between then and now, your best opportunity to give and receive information is your Zone Meeting. On the e-District website it appears almost every one of our 10 Zones has a meeting scheduled in January/February – thank you Zone Chairs.

Please think about attending your Zone Meeting. This is where you will learn what is going on in our District and beyond. And this is where you can share your Club's successes and achievements. Each club has the opportunity to give a report on its projects and fundraisers. And often there will be an interesting program that relates directly to our service.

The Zone Meeting is also where you'll be able to interact with the other Clubs in your Zone. A few of our Clubs are currently working together on projects. I would hope that with more interaction at the Zone Meetings, we might see more examples of that.

So please, put your Zone Meeting on your calendar and make a good showing. See you at the District Advisory Meeting in March!

Respectfully

Lion Helene Thompson, SVDG

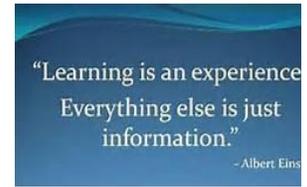




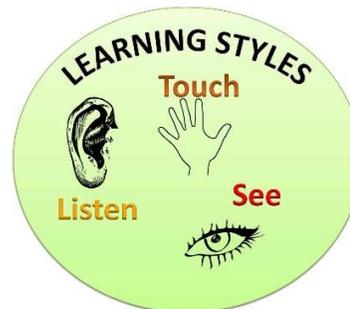
# GLT Coordinator Greg Evans

## News Letter submission GLT February 2017

**Learning and growing as a Lion** is a constant process. As part District GLT Team I am always looking to help Lions and Clubs with gaining knowledge and skills to grow as individuals and as Clubs. I have heard that everyone learns differently. LCI has a large resource center for tools, depending on which topic you desire. <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/index.php> This resource library is very detailed and covers many Lions items. When one holds an Officer position, reading the Lions version of the training in detail will help guide you in your position. It is recommended, and best, to read through these items when you take a position. They will clarify many items. Not all Officers will read through the manual, we know that. SO HOW CAN WE TEACH LIONS AND EACH OTHER IN A FUN AND ENJOYABLE WAY?



At the Zone 2 meeting recently, Zone Chair Lou Isley did a member orientation without using the typical LCI Power Point. What I saw, was a fun interactive "Orientation", were the members learned quite a bit. Zone Chair Lion Lou was able to get an interactive back and forth discussion with the members. This FUN exercise left the members with more knowledge and glad they had come. Last year, I also observed, then Zone Chair, Jacqueline Centeno do a similar fun



"Orientation" with ping pong balls. The point here is as Lions Leaders, think about *the best way to get your mission (Learning) across with your group of Lions*. Have fun with learning and teaching. Among us are many teachers, and retired teachers, who could be doing some of the programs at meetings. If you are one of these please offer your skills to our clubs and to our Leaders. Also, at the end of any District or Lions training, there is usually an evaluation of that specific training, **PLEASE** fill it out and be honest, critical if you must. This is how we learn and get better on the GLT team.

**Here is a fun learning sight to customize learning.**

<http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/WordSearchSetupForm.asp>

**If you know of another sight or resource, please send them to me at [LionGregEvans@gmail.com](mailto:LionGregEvans@gmail.com) or [kippyevans@aol.com](mailto:kippyevans@aol.com) so I can share with other Lions.**

# Lions Clubs International President Robert “Bob” Corlew



Dear Lion,

It's 2017, and our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary has finally arrived! For the past three years, Lions have celebrated our Centennial by serving more than 120 million people, inviting new Lions to serve with us, and by making lasting gifts to communities around the world. But Lions' true legacy of service was built in our communities. That's why it's important for clubs like yours to plan your own Centennial celebration.

The Centennial year is the perfect time to take your club's celebration to the next level. Planning your own celebration is not only a fun way to bring your club members and your community together, it's also a great opportunity to highlight your club's contributions and show your friends and family what being a Lion is all about. And remember, there's no better way to celebrate—or demonstrate the spirit of Lions—than by helping those in need.

Download the [Centennial Club Planning Guide](#) to create a celebration plan and take advantage of new opportunities for growth, service and success. Let's make 2017 a year to remember!



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

## Saving Peoples Sight

Project Right to Sight  
Ted Erion, President

The Lions Project Right to Sight Community Eye Clinic provides a critical resource to persons in our community who do not have access to or resources necessary to obtain adequate medical services, vision care or in many cases proper housing facilities. The Lions Eye Clinic fulfills this vital need by providing complete vision care to those who do not have insurance or cannot otherwise afford proper care. The Clinic primarily serves the homeless, the unemployed and otherwise handicapped persons in need of vision care. Many of the Lions Eye Clinic patients live in places such as the Orlando Salvation Army, the Coalition for the Homeless or the Center for Drug Free Living. People living in these circumstances typically do not have the means or access to proper medical or vision services. Many have not seen a doctor in years.

Providing these persons with a proper eye exam serves to identify a number of medical problems in addition to restoring their vision with prescription eye glasses. Results from 2016 exams include 22 cases that require referrals for advanced medical or surgical care. The Lions provide this advanced care through their many entities including the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind, Florida Lions Eye Bank as well as through a variety of business alliances including surgical facilities, eye care specialists, eyeglass providers and community contacts. The cases processed during this past year included 8 cataract surgeries, 5 retina issues, 5 cases of glaucoma, 2 cases of narrow angles requiring surgery and a cornea transplant. In all cases the advance care including surgery was provided and paid for by the Lions of Central Florida.

The results of this work include getting the patients back to work, being able to drive and leads to a much-improved quality of life for the patients. The Lions Community Eye Clinic is located at the Orange Blossom Family Health Care Center at 232 North Orange Blossom Trail and is operated by Lions of Florida District 35 O, Project Right to Sight. These Lions are all volunteers and through their work fulfill the Lions motto "We Serve".

## Zone 5 Meeting

North Lakeland Lions  
hosting Zone 5 meeting  
Feb. 6 2017

To be held at Fox Wood Village  
Club House  
4700 Fox Wood Blvd.  
Lakeland  
(turn right at BB&T Bank on N.98)  
Social at 6pm  
Dinner at 6:30pm

Guest speaker will be  
Michael Jernigan  
South Eastern Guide Dog

Menu  
Meat Loaf  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Green Beans  
Salad & Rolls  
Coffee & Ice Tea  
Deserts  
Cost will be \$10 per person  
No Meals sold at the door.

Reservation Deadline is Feb.2,2017  
Contact Lion Millie Blymire at  
863-858-8432



# Time for Lions Fun



**February 18, 2017**

**HOMOSSASSA LIONS**

**Texas Hold'em Tournament**

**\$40.00 Donation**

**Date: Saturday, February 18, 2017**

**Registration: 5:00 pm**

**Play Begins: 6:00 pm**

**Place: Homosassa Lions Club**

**S. Indiana Avenue**

**Homosassa**

**Information: 812-569-5024**

**Top Prize - \$500**

**Food will be available.**

## St. Petersburg Walkathon for Southeastern Guide Dogs

**Saturday, February 25, 2017**

**Vinoy Park**

**701 Bayshore Drive NW**

**St. Petersburg, FL 33701**

**Dogs Making a Difference**

**Check out our website at**

**<https://guidedogswalkathon.org/>**



**What is Your Club's Favorite  
Way to Celebrate?**

**Looking for a great way to celebrate? Visit the Ways to Celebrate webpage at LCI. With dozens of ideas to choose from, there's a Way to Celebrate that's perfect for your club. Start planning your club's celebration today!**

# Southeastern Guide Dogs

## Meet Chris and guide dog Kevin



*Chris sits with his yellow Labrador guide dog Kevin on the ground. They are sitting in front of a fountain, surrounded by trees. Chris is wearing sunglasses, a hat, a blue button down shirt, and khaki shorts.*

At just 47, Chris McNamee was forced to retire from a manufacturing business in Wisconsin when retinitis pigmentosa took his vision.

“You reach a point living with vision loss that you can’t walk safely anymore. My ‘aha’ moment came when I was a business executive attending a meeting in a building I’d never been in before. There was a pillar in the hallway that I didn’t see. I walked head on into it and cut myself above my eyebrow and there was blood everywhere. People were freaking out, shouting, ‘Call 911!’” “The injury to my pride was far worse than my head. I wanted to crawl into a hole. I had to leave the meeting for the ER where I got five stitches in my forehead. I knew I had to make a change.”

For almost ten years, a yellow Labrador named Max gave Chris the freedom, confidence, and mobility to travel everywhere with his wife, Lynn, including walking his daughter Leah down the aisle at her wedding. Max retired in June 2016, and now Chris is paired with Kevin, AKA “Mr. Wiggles,” a very affectionate yellow Labrador who “loves belly rubs, is very alert, and spot-on when working,” according to Chris.

“I had a miserable time navigating with my cane. People would trip over it and tell *ME* to watch where I’m going. Now with a guide dog, they see me coming and they make a way for me. And then they say, ‘Isn’t he beautiful!’ or ‘Can I pet him?’ That gives me the opportunity to be an ambassador for the school.

Chris is delighted to have full confidence and trust in Kevin, as he did with Max, and can’t wait for his children and grandchildren to get to know him, too. Already, Kevin is sleeping contentedly on Chris’s side of the bed, next to his good friend Max.

“My dog is so much more than my guide; he is an extension of myself. I am lost without him.”

## Breakfast in Chicago

### **Southeastern Breakfast**

Lions,  
The Southeastern Breakfast will be held at the International Convention in Chicago on Monday July 3, 2016 7:00 am at the Chicago Hilton.

Cost \$38.00 inclusive

#### Menu:

Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Potatoes, Oatmeal, Grits, Seasonal Fruit, Yogurt, Croissants, Biscuits & Gravy, Juice and Coffee.

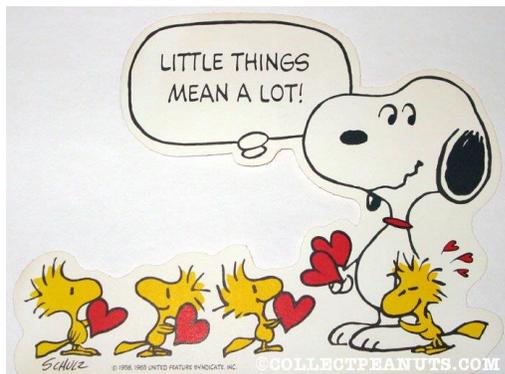
Please mark your check *SE Breakfast* and make checks payable to:

### **Lions of Florida & Bahamas**

#### Mail to:

MD 35 Lions of Florida & Bahamas  
7200 Lake Ellenor Dr. Ste. 109  
Orlando, FL 32809-5786

Tickets will be distributed prior to the convention.



## Ormond Beach Lions



The Ormond Beach Lions Club Foundation honored four major contributors to its foundation's community service programs at its January 11 meeting, including (from left to right) Ted Doran, Attorney; Ryan Ochipa, Ochipa State Farm Insurance Agency; Manny Manolas, Owner, Manny's Pizza; and Hunter Wendelstedt, Major League Umpire who also manages the Wendelstedt Umpire School in Ormond Beach. Ted Doran has been a Gold Sponsor for the foundation's Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser for several years. Messers Ochipa, Manolas and Wendelstedt have sponsored the foundation's Seabreeze High School, Student-Athlete of the Month Program for the past 19 years. Each honoree was presented an Ormond Beach Lions Appreciation Award by Lion President, Al Legg.

# Ormond By the Sea Lions

## Third Annual Health Fair

The Third Annual Health Fair jointly sponsored by The Ormond By the Sea Lions Club and Riverview United Methodist Church was held on Saturday, January 7, at the Church hall. Numerous exhibitors such as Walgreens, Regions Bank, The Big Red Bus, Volusia County Fire Services and Sheriff's office participated by offering hand-outs and information to the local community

Club members screened 49 people for blood sugar, 19 were screened on the new diabetic retinopathy machine along with blood pressure checks being conducted by nurses from the Church. The Palm Coast Lions Club conducted vision screenings and New Smyrna Beach Lions Club members were giving HAM Radio demonstrations. Special guest visitor was our new Sheriff Michael Chitwood who also was screened. The Thrift shop was open for purchases, a gently used book sale was held, door prizes were awarded and lunches were available for purchase.

This event was free and is offered to the local community every year as a way to start the New Year healthy and happy.

For more information on the Club or Church, please call (386) 441-4421.



# Clermont-Minneola Lions

## Lions Club News

Clermont-Minneola Lions Club meets on the second and fourth Thursdays, 6:00 pm relocated back to IHOP on S US 27. The Club welcomes guests. One of the Club's programs is collecting and recycling used eyeglasses at Publix and Winn Dixie supermarkets. A Club fund raiser that has become regular fun event are the gun shoots held on the Saturday mornings except First Saturdays or when there are 5 Saturdays in the month. The gun range is located on SR 50 in Groveland across the road from Tractor Supply.

Pictured L-R:

Augusto Barney guest, Lion Michael Dozier, Trevor Nanga, Lion Royal Ward (new member), Lion Brenda Nanga, Guest Sabrina Wong, Shawn Nanga, 2 yr. old Ethan Nanga, Sally Nanga, 11 yr. old Matthew Nanga.



**Visit the USA/Canada Lion Leadership Forum webpage online at LCI**



## Own a Piece of Lions History

Celebrate 100 years of humanitarian service by purchasing a Lions Clubs Centennial Commemorative Coin. This exquisitely crafted, limited-edition, silver dollar coin is produced by the United States Mint and features our founder Melvin Jones.

**Purchase your Centennial Coin for US\$47.95.** \$10 from each coin is authorized to be paid to Lions Clubs International Foundation to improve the lives of even more people in need. Visit the [Centennial Coin webpage](#) for information and order your coin today!

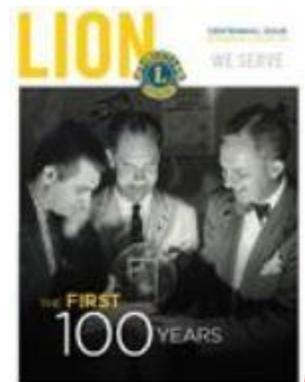
For a limited time only, you can purchase this historic keepsake for the low, introductory price of US\$47.95 only through the U.S. Mint! But hurry...offer expires at 3:00 pm EST on February 21, 2017.

The Centennial year has finally arrived! And we're celebrating it in a big way with the Centennial issue of *LION Magazine*. Read it now on your smartphone, tablet or computer.

Take a look at some Centennial highlights and digital exclusives:

- Check out more than [20 special videos](#) and hear historic audio of our founder, Melvin Jones.
- Discover 100 years of history, including how Lions stepped up to help after the 9/11 attacks in [The Day that Changed America – and Lions Clubs](#).
- Discover how Lions are planning to meet the second century of service in [The Evolution of Service](#).

Wherever you go, *LION Magazine* is already there on your mobile device. Enjoy the first century of Lions...read the [Centennial issue](#) right now!





## Come Celebrate With Us in Chicago!

This year's historic [Lions International Convention](#), June 30-July 4, 2017, will commemorate 100 years of humanitarian service in the city where it all began: Chicago, Illinois, USA. Join Lion and Leo leaders from more than 100 countries as they gather in this extraordinary city to celebrate the Centennial in grand style. [Register](#) now!



### The Future of Peace

It's the 30th anniversary of our Peace Poster Contest! To celebrate, we redesigned our Peace Poster kits. Invite young artists in your communities to submit a poster design that expresses our theme, "The Future of Peace." The contest is a great way to connect with your community and encourage youth to express their vision of peace.

Children aged 11–13 are eligible to participate. All you need to do to unlock a child's creativity is purchase a Peace Poster kit from club supplies. Purchase your [Peace Poster kit](#) today!



**RLLI (Regional Lions Leadership Institute) is scheduled for March 30-April 2 in Fruitland Park, Florida, less than a tankful of gas away for District 35-O Lions. Follow the link below for information and to enroll. Only 40 Lions can attend. A low-cost Lions life changing event.**



Lions Clubs International  
**Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute**

Life Enrichment Center  
 4891 Picciola Rd.  
 Fruitland Park, FL 34731

**March 30 – April 2, 2017**

(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 \_\_\_

**Institute Topics:**

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

**Registration Online:** <http://sell2017.com/>

Or by snail mail (see below)

**Registration Fee \$140 Includes:**

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

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

Mail to: Lion Larry Feldhusen  
 11 Magnolia Ave  
 Yanketown, FL 34438

Tel: 352-447-0609

Email: [lflmd35larry@gmail.com](mailto:lflmd35larry@gmail.com)

**Accommodations**

Motel Accommodations

Double Occupancy

(Single Occupancy available – add \$60)

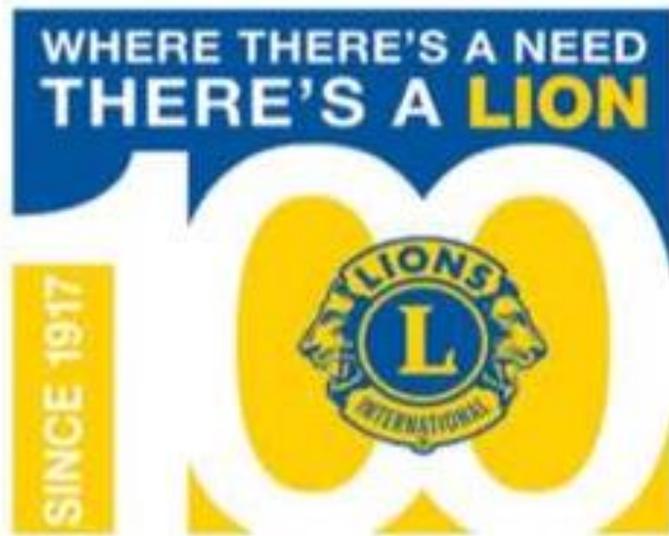
Roommate (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

(Enter "Private" for Single Occupancy)

Check in at the Lobby/Dining Hall

(3<sup>rd</sup> Bldg. on Right, Inside the Gate)





# MAY 4-7, 2017 CRUISIN' INTO THE CENTENNIAL

## 93<sup>rd</sup> MD 35 Convention

DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando Downtown  
60 South Ivanhoe Blvd.  
Orlando, FL 32804

Single/Double Rate: \$114.00 p/night +taxes  
(Group Rate is applicable 3 days prior and 3 days post-convention)  
Parlors: \$350.00 +Taxes (based on availability)  
Free parking for 1 car p/room for overnight attendee  
Deadline for room registrations: April 10, 2017

Book your room  
through Hiltons  
customized website  
at

<https://aws.passkey.com/e/48974311>

or

Call the local or toll  
free number and  
reference the group  
name and/or code.

The phone # to call is

[866-247-3571](tel:866-247-3571)

or

[407-425-4455](tel:407-425-4455)

Option #1

Reference the  
group name:

Lions of Florida Code: LIO

### MD 35 LIONS OF FLORIDA & BAHAMAS

7200 Lake Ellenor Dr. Ste 109  
Orlando, FL 32809  
(407) 859-7174

[Md35lionsoffloridaandbahamas@gmail.com](mailto:Md35lionsoffloridaandbahamas@gmail.com)

## 2017 Multiple District 35 Convention Registration and Meals Order Form

Person #1	Person #2					TOTAL
		REGISTRATION FEE	\$ 10.00 -	\$ 15.00	X	
		LEO REGISTRATION FEE	\$ 5.00 -		X	
		<b>EVENT</b>	Ticket Price if Order Placed BEFORE April 1, 2017	Ticket Price if Order Placed ON or AFTER April 1, 2017	NUMBER OF TICKETS	
		(Please Specify Meal Choice where Noted)				
		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	
		Check Your Choice				
		_____ 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/onlineRegistration.asp?eventcode=SR9>

**Did you Include your Registration Fee???**

You are cordially invited to attend the

## **FOURTH DISTRICT 35-0 CABINET MEETING**

Lake Alfred Lions Club

11 March 2017



The cabinet members' meeting will be 9:00 a.m. with Past District Governors' Meeting to follow at 9:30 a.m. (if necessary).

General meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Donuts, juice and coffee available for early arrivals.

Donations appreciated



LUNCH \$12.50

Choice of Country Fried Steak or Grilled Chicken

Garden Salad

Green Beans

Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

Bread and Dessert

Tea and Coffee



50/50 tickets and Gift Basket tickets for sell at 2 for \$1 or 12 for \$5.

Please RSVP by 6 March 2017 to:

Lake Alfred Lions Club, P.O. Box 140, Lake Alfred FL 33850

## 2ND ZONE 1 MEETING



You are Cordially Invited to:  
**HOMOSASSA LIONS CLUB**  
8405 W Homosassa Trail (CR 490E)  
HOMOSASSA, FL

### 2ND ZONE 1 MEETING

Lion Jackie DeGraff  
District 35-0, Zone 1 Chair

**FEBRUARY 16, 2017**

6:00-7:00 pm. Social and Fellowship

7:00 pm Dinner

Menu: Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable,  
Salad, Roll, Dessert

\$10.00 per person

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Please return this portion with a check for  
\$10.00 for each person attending by  
February 8, 2017 to:

Please make checks payable to:  
Homosassa Lions Club  
Mail to:  
P. O. Box 1401, Homosassa Springs, FL 34447

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
# of Meals: \_\_\_\_\_ Ck Amt: \_\_\_\_\_  
# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ # Not eating: \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP to: Lion Judy Geary  
352-697-2166 or email:  
[wayneandjudy6@gmail.com](mailto:wayneandjudy6@gmail.com)

by February 8, 2017

## New Centennial Campus Lions Club to Form at UCF

UCF will have a new student organization this Spring in the form of the Knights' Lions Club. PID Robert Littlefield has been working with two faculty members in the Nicholson School of Communication to get things started. Dr. Adam Parrish and Dr. Regina Francies will serve as club advisors and PID Robert will be the Guiding Lion. Both Adam and Regina plan to become members of the Oviedo-Winter Springs Lions Club.

Several informational meetings before Christmas to identify a few key leaders and potential advisors. Students are working with the advisors to completed the necessary paperwork to be recognized officially as a registered student organization. Club President Dennis Dulniak has been instrumental in helping to get the new club underway. Through his efforts, t-shirts have been purchased for the new members of the club and inroads into UCF Service Learning courses will provide students to serve as potential volunteers with OWSLC.

Once 25 students are recruited to join the club, the charter fee and member applications will be submitted. With some luck, Charter Night for the new Knights' Lions Club should be in early April.



# Roses Parade 2017

## **“Celebrating 100 Years of Service” ... What a Start!**

What an experience ... what a privilege ... what a joy it was to have participated in building and then riding on our Lions Centennial float in the Rose Parade January 2, 2017 with our American International President Bob Corlew, First Lady Dianne and daughter Melissa along with fellow Lions and Leos! My First Lady Lion Nancy and I had a WONDERFUL time in Pasadena meeting the many California Lions highly motivated and dedicated to Lionism with a spirit that flowed to hundreds of Leos who volunteered over 31,000 hours to the preparation and building of our **“Celebrating 100 Years of Service”** float!

Florida was represented not only by Lion Nancy and myself, but PDG Lion Jacquie Tripp and husband PID Lion Neal Spencer. Lion Nancy and I volunteered over two days in the floats preparation by snipping petals off small dried flowers, pinching stems off small purple flowers for gluing onto the book face, preparing roses by stripping and cutting stems, inserting into vials of water and placing onto Styrofoam trays. The amount of volunteers of Lions and Leos working together over the two days was phenomenal ... staff worked from 8 am to 11 pm in shifts supervised by the Phoenix Decorating Co. Lions volunteers also provided transportation to and from the airport and hotel, though we did rent a car twice allowing for greater independence, including over five hours to view the Post Parade float display on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. WOW – what an experience to then appreciate the handiwork and creativity in each of the 44 floats where 16 million flowers were used as adornments.

While over an estimated million people viewed the Rose Parade through the 5 ½ mile route, over 20 million are believed to have watched worldwide. Our Lions float highlighted the key missions of service for Youth, Hunger, Environment and Vision with our huge lion dominating the magnificent Centennial float. During the festivities, IP Bob Corlew spoke about the latest efforts to help those who suffer from diabetes, the 8<sup>th</sup> leading killer that also blinds and immobilizes individuals, along with a \$10 million effort to provide worldwide vaccinations against measles and rubella.

As the largest service organization in the world with over 1.4 million in 210 countries, membership remains integral to deliver the services needed. IP Bob cited that each Lion member serves 70 people in their communities. We are constantly challenged to bring in new members and Clubs ensuring our enduring legacy of service to our local and worldwide communities.

We are looking forward to Chicago where we can renew our friendships and make more acquaintances with Lions worldwide for our Chicago Centennial Celebration!

Yours in Lionism,



Dennis





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Total Edition Size of All the Framed and Gallery Wrap Prints 30x40, 22x30, and 18x24 will be 310

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email: lionnormthegovernator@gmail.com

## The Lions Rose Float is Centerpiece For Worldwide Public Relations And Membership Awareness

### 2016 Float continues to receive Inquiries on how to register For Lions Camps

#### "Camps for All Abilities"

The float depicted various camping activities, such as; archery, Arts & Crafts, Bicycling, Canoeing, Fishing, and Hiking, that Lions Clubs throughout the world provide for hundreds of thousands of individuals of all abilities and ages.

### 2016 "Ride of Your Life" Testimonial

After watching the Rose Bowl Parade on TV for over sixty years, we started to research how to experience the parade firsthand including working on a float. The "Ride of Your Life" gave us this awesome opportunity and was way beyond our dreams. Not only did we ride on the float down Colorado Boulevard with over 700,000 watching; we got to work on the Lions Float which had over 11,055 flowers and more than 100,000 seeds of 50 different types on the inspiring float. Working with Lions nationwide was terrific. PDG Philip & Donna Wheeler, District 45 Vermont

### 2015 Float created Membership Queries

#### "Inspiring Challenges"

The float depicted challenging recreational activities that Lions around the world provide for hundreds of thousands of blind and visually impaired individuals. These "Inspiring Challenges" are: Blind Fishing Derby, Blind Surfing, Blind Buddies Golf Challenge, Blind Bicycling, and Miracle League Blind Baseball.

### 2014 Float Helped Increase Membership in the Community where park was built and inspired a New Club

#### "Lions Built Matteo's Dream"

Received the Tournament of Roses Special Trophy for exceptional merit in multiple classifications."

## Six Ways Clubs and Individuals Can Help Fund the Float

Individuals and clubs can help fund this valuable public relations tool through the Club Banner Patch program, purchasing float merchandise, the "Ride of Your Life" package, an Out-Walker position, awarding Fellowships, and participating in Annual Golf Tournament.

### Banner Patch Program

Float donors of \$100 or more receive a patch to add to their club service banner. Individual Lions can also make a donation and receive a patch for display. Order the 2017 patch at the LFI website:

<http://www.lionsrosefloat.com>

### "Ride of Your Life"

The International President and his wife will be seated in front by the Lion's paw. The deadline to purchase the other four positions on the float is September 30, 2016. Seats go on auction after that date. The package includes up to three hotel nights, one ticket to the parade (for spouse or guest), a reception with the International President, a New Year's Eve breakfast with the Pasadena Host Lions, a tour of the float barn, and transportation to and from the parade. Cost is \$7,500. The package is available to any Lion who wishes to ride on the float. To secure a seat, the purchaser must send a check made out to Lions Float, Inc., mailed to:

Norm Mackenzie,

1578 Palomar Drive,

San Marcos, CA 92069.

No reservations will be taken without payment. Should there be more requests than seats available, the packages will be allocated based on date of receipt of the check. It is recommended that checks and accompanying information be sent by registered mail, return receipt requested.

### Four Out-Walker Positions

The Out-Walker positions are available to anyone who wishes to participate by helping riders on and off the float and can walk six miles. Cost is \$1,000 and includes a New Year's Eve breakfast with Pasadena Host Lions, tour of the float barn and transportation to and from the parade.

## Honor a Lion with a Fellowship

A fellowship is a terrific way to honor a deserving Lion while supporting the Lions Float. There are four fellowships, each providing a handsome plaque and a decorative lapel pin. Samples may be seen and fellowships ordered at: <http://www.lionsrosefloat.com>

### Donald E. Banker Fellowship

- Memorializes International President Don Banker who was the first International President to ride on the float on New Year's Day, 1992.
- Donation: \$500 US

### Garry Lozaun Fellowship

- Memorializes Past District Governor Garry Lozaun, founder of the Fellowship program and a 14-year member of the float committee.
- Donation: \$350 US

### Will LeBlanc Fellowship

- Memorializes Past District Governor Will LeBlanc, who was deeply involved from the project's inception in 1991 until his death in 2002.
- Donation: \$300 US

### Chuck Overbey Fellowship

- Memorializes Past District Governor Chuck Overbey, administrative director of the Fellowship program and member of the committee until his death in 2012.
- Donation: \$250 US

## Merchandise

Pins, shirts, sweatshirts, caps and more are available for purchase. Use the attached order form or visit:

<http://www.lionsrosefloat.com>

## 2017 Memorabilia Order Form

(price includes sales tax)

### Tee Shirts

Small @ \$20 each  
Med @ \$20 each  
Large @ \$20 each  
XL @ \$20 each  
XXL @ \$25 each

### Golf Shirts

Small @ \$40 each  
Med @ \$40 each  
Large @ \$40 each  
XL @ \$40 each  
XXL @ \$45 each

### Zipper Sweatshirts w/ Hood

Small @ \$45 each  
Med @ \$45 each  
Large @ \$45 each  
XL @ \$45 each  
XXL @ \$50 each

Larger sizes on any item 3XL & 4XL add \$5.00

Embroidered Cap @ \$25 each  
Tote Bag @ \$20 each

### Shipping & Handling

Flat Label Ptn \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00  
Donor Patches \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$100.00

### Total Enclosed

Other merchandise available on our website.

Allow 2-4 weeks delivery time on mail orders  
once request is received.

Make check payable to **LIONS FLOAT, INC.**

Mail check & order form to:

FDG Ken Myers  
2131 Albrigt  
Upland, CA 91794

Send the merchandise to:

Prefer to use a credit card? Go to our website at  
<http://www.lionsrosettefloat.com>. We have PayPal.

## “Celebrating 100 Years of Service”

The float depicts the 1.4 million Lions in 210 countries and geographic areas serving the world in humanitarian efforts which make a positive impact on many lives through Vision screenings, Feeding the Hungry, serving Youth, and many Environmental projects. The Centennial Theme is:

“Where There is a Need, There is a Lion”  
with the Centennial goal of serving 100 million people by July 2018. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest volunteer service organization.

### Lions Float, Incorporated

Lions Float, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, is charged with fundraising, overseeing design, organizing and directing volunteer float decorating and the general oversight of all preparation of the Lions Float. Lions Float, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 corporation. Tax exemption for contributors qualify under applicable IRS codes.

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## Ormond Beach Lions



Seabreeze High School, senior, Dylan Oakes, was honored by the Ormond Beach Lions Club as its January, Student-Athlete of the Month. Dylan plays guard on the school's Basketball Team. He will serve as Team Captain for both the Track and Cross Country Teams. Dylan has an unweighted 3.91 GPA, ranking him number 10 in the Senior Class. He scored 1370 on the SAT, and 28 on the ACT. Dylan has earned a number of awards and honors, including: National Honor Society Member; the Certificate of Excellence for earning straight A's in all subjects, all year; and the Presidential Physical Fitness Award. He has also attended the National Society of High School Scholars, hosted by the CIA in Washington, DC. Dylan is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is active in community service, volunteering as a teacher in his church, assisting with the Celtic Festival, and volunteering at the Taste of Ormond. Dylan is also attending Embry Riddle University, earning a four-year degree in Homeland Security. Included in the photo, from left to right are: Lion President, AL Legg; Assistant Principal, Stephon Jenkins; Student-Athlete, Dylan Oakes; and Coach Don Staller.

## Kissimmee Lions Club



Kissimmee Lions donated food collected by their club and at the Council of Governors Conference along with a check in the amount of \$200 to their local tent community of homeless persons.



First lady Sabrina delivering the food collected to the homeless.





# 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 of Port Orange

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)

Company/Individual: \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

City : \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip : \_\_\_\_\_

Contact : \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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"

4670 S. Peninsula Drive  
Ponce Inlet, FL 32127

Player in your foursome:

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Email : \_\_\_\_\_

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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%.

# OUR FOUNDATION

Dear Lions,

Perhaps you have heard that Lions Clubs International (LCI) approved a new service initiative in June. This is a very exciting time to be a Lion! Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is eager to support future Lions' service initiatives just as it has for nearly 50 years.

Lions, Leos and LCIF will continue working to save sight, fight hunger and protect our environment, just as we always have. But emerging global needs also require our attention. We are developing new ways to expand our capacity to serve in unique areas, including childhood cancer and diabetes, to ensure that we meet the needs of our changing world.

We have accomplished so much together, saving lives and offering hope to those who need us most. But our work is not done. I know that we will continue to have a positive impact all over the world and I am delighted to stand beside you as we head into a new and exciting era of service. Remember, LCIF stands with Lions and is here to help you make a difference.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



## 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 or run 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 more than US\$ 6,000 just by walking!



# Viera Lions

Effective immediately our meeting Location has changed

from: Amici's Italian Restaurant in Suntree, 7720 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne, FL

**TO: Charlie & Jake's Brewery Grille, 6300 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne, FL**

6th Annual Inglis Yankeetown Lions Club

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Make checks payable to: **OBG Lions**



**March 12, 2017**  
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**Mount Dora**



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Mount Dora, Florida  
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# CONKLIN CENTER FOR THE BLIND'S *Night for Sight*

## **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.

## **SPONSORSHIP & SILENT AUCTION**

*Secure your support*

We are currently accepting sponsorships and silent auction items. Our needs for financial support are great and we hope you will consider supporting this exciting, signature event! For more information on sponsorship or silent auction opportunities please email [cocasio@conklincenter.org](mailto:cocasio@conklincenter.org)

## **BUY TICKETS ONLINE**

You can now purchase Night for Sight tickets on our website!

You will also have to opportunity to purchase the Illumination Lounge add-on. This VIP experience includes live entertainment, preview of silent auction items, light appetizers and signature Conklin Cocktail.

Buy tickets at <http://www.conklincenter.org/tickets/>

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