

**DISTRICT 35-O MEETING**  
**January 18, 2014**  
**Hosted by the Clermont Minneola Lions Club**

The third 35-O District Meeting for 2013-2014 was called to order at 10:02 am by Lion Nick Jones, President of the Clermont Minneola Lions Club. The meeting was held at the Minneola City Hall. Lion Ruth Levins gave the Invocation and Lion Tom Bullock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lion Nick introduced 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Jacquie Tripp, who in turn introduced our District Governor, Al Becker. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Carolyn Lloyd was unable to attend.

DG Al welcomed all to our third District Meeting and introduced the head table including Lion Neil Spencer, PID. DG Al then recognized all Past District Governors, GMT and GLT team members, Club Presidents, Zone Chairs, Region Chairs, Club Secretaries and Melvin Jones Fellows. DG Al then asked all First Timers to stand and be recognized, there were four First Timers present.

A motion was passed to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2013 as written. The motion was made by Lion Neil Spencer, PID and seconded by Lion Norma Callahan, IPDG.

A motion was passed to approve the attached Financial Report as presented by District Treasurer, Lion Dana Comeau, subject to audit. The motion was made by Lion Neil Spencer, PID and seconded by Lion Ivan Richmond. Lion Dana noted that Dues notices had gone out.

Lion Larry Feldhusen reported on the Global Leadership Team (GLT) activities. Lion Larry discussed the Club Excellence Process (CEP) and the "How Are Your Ratings?" survey available from LCI. The survey should be followed by a Community Needs Assessment. Many clubs have already participated in the CEP and the zone chairs are also involved.

Lion Norma Callahan, IPDG reported on the Global Membership Team (GMT). Lion Norma reminded us that every Lion is responsible for bringing in new members. The Ormond By The Sea Lions Club is sponsoring a new club in Bunnell and there will be a screening at the Flagler Home Show on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Lion Norma asked us to make sure that when we have to drop members that we use the correct category. There is a category for deceased members.

Lion Norma Callahan, IPDG reported on the Diabetes Awareness and Vision grant activities (a pilot project to do vision screening without dilation). Additional grant work is needed to address the follow-up on the Retina screening portion. The new Diabetes (Blood Sugar) screening forms are dated 11/6/13 on the bottom and are available on the MD35 Diabetes website. Lion Norma asked all certified screeners to stand and be recognized.

Lions Michael Venning and Diana Castillo, PDG (both from District N) presented information on an upcoming Leadership Symposium for Women to be held on April 11-13 in the Lakeland area.

Lion Larry Feldhusen did a training presentation for all of those present on "The Most Important Lion". He presented statistics on losing members and pointed out

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that if we could just keep members, our declining membership numbers would go away. Clubs need to focus on keeping members and having everyone get along. DG Al noted that prospective new members of the Freeport Lions Club must participate in a service project before they are asked to join the Freeport Lions Club.

After lunch, Tail Twister Lion Joan Golden and her partner, Lion Doris Turlo, PDG clowned around and had us all smiling as we paid our fines.

Lion Neil Spencer, PID reported on the MD35 Convention to be held the first weekend in May. The Friday night social will be Baseball themed and the District Luncheons will be on Friday. PID Neil proudly announced that February 15<sup>th</sup> will be the Charter night for a new Campus Club in Tallahassee recruited by his son, Lion Neil. They have 25 members and are still recruiting.

Lion Jo Becker's Partner in Service project at the upcoming MD35 conference, will be collecting toiletry items that will be donated to the homeless shelters. DG Al Becker reminded us that our last District meeting will be on March 15<sup>th</sup> in Homosassa and that everyone is welcome to attend the Friday Night Social at the MD35 Spring Conference in Altamonte Springs. There will also be a Diabetes Trainer Recertification class on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Lions Norma Callahan, IPDG and Lois Q. Malecky reported on LCIF. Many clubs have Melvin Jones Fellowship funds that are unclaimed and held for recipients to be named. Lion Lois reminded us of the contributing member pins that are available.

Lion David Lloyd, PCC reported on the Florida Lions Foundation For The Blind (FLF). On January 4<sup>th</sup>, 22 new cases were approved. The estimated cost for those cases is \$108,322. Club co-pays are \$4,400. Negotiated savings are \$68,459. And the cost to the Foundation is \$35,463. The Foundation's fiscal year began May 1 and year-to-date totals are: Total cases: 190; Estimated cost: \$954,144; Club Co-pays: \$37,800; Savings: \$639,431; Cost to Foundation: \$277,642

Each District has a funding raising goal of \$55,000 for a yearly total of \$220,000. As of December 31, 2013, clubs have only donated \$100,700, or 45.77% of the goal. Prior to this meeting, District 35-O had raised \$23,775, or 43% of goal. The Foundation has provided assistance to the district of \$58,716. The Foundation's budget next year cannot exceed the monies raised during this fiscal year.

Lion David encouraged us to invite a Foundation Drive Director or member of the Executive Committee to a zone or club meeting. Contact information can be found on their website at: [www.floridalionsfoundation.org](http://www.floridalionsfoundation.org).

Lion Mary Pezzo reported on the Conklin Center. Lion Robert Kelly was cruising with his wife as they celebrated their wedding anniversary. Lion Mary reminded us of the upcoming Casino Night and the motorcycle raffle.

Lion Nancy Hester reported on Southeastern Guide Dogs. February 8<sup>th</sup> will be 35-O Day at the facility. OBG Lions is attending with a bus load of 55 people. There will be puppies to pet, guided blindfolded walks and a visit to the new Vet Center.

Lion Betty Hennighan, PDG reported on the Leo Clubs. They are looking for a new advisor for the Seabreeze High School Leo Club.

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Lion Ted Erion reported on Project Right to Sight. They are serving a large homeless population in the Orlando area. Lion Ted would like to see more clubs represented at the PRTS board meetings held monthly on the second Monday.

Lion Anne Greer, PDG reported on the Youth Exchange Scholarship Trust Fund. They will be presenting the winners of this year's scholarships at the April 27<sup>th</sup> annual meeting to be held at the MD35 office in Orlando.

Lion Lynn Hawkins presented a report on Children and Youth Services.

Many awards were presented for the 2012-2013 lion year. They included Region Chair and Zone Chair Excellence awards and Club Excellence Awards.

The nominations for District Officers for next year were announced as: Carolyn Lloyd for District Governor, Jacquie Tripp for 1<sup>st</sup> VDG and Steve Hilaire (Kissimmee Lions) for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG.

The District Secretary announced the meeting attendance was 101 people with 27 clubs represented and four first timers.

The District Treasurer reported a total of \$12,325 in donations to the entities distributed as follows: Conklin Center \$1,850; MD-35 Diabetes Awareness \$950; Florida Lions Foundation \$2,250; Southeastern Guide Dogs \$1,375; 35-O Hearing Fund \$1,025; 35-O Right to Sight \$700; Florida Diabetes Camp \$300; LCIF \$250; Lions Eye Institute \$725; FL Dog Guides FTD \$875; North Florida Eye Foundation \$850; SEGD Paws for Patriots \$500; Youth Exchange Scholarship Fund \$125; and FL Lions Eye Bank \$550. The following Lions Clubs made donations: Lake Sumter, Orange Blossom Gardens, Palm Bay Happy, Satellite Beach, Viera and Winter Haven.

Lion Ruth Levins gave a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lion Mary Ann Bullock  
Secretary, District 35-O

ATTACHMENT: District Financial Report as of December 31, 2013