DISTRICT 35-O NEWSLETTER



Message from District Governor Tito





Hello Lions, Lioness and Leos,

Happy New Year 2018 Lions of District 35 O! We finished 2017 with great success! The district through today has enjoyed a positive growth of members, and from all indications from many clubs there has been a lot more interest in recruiting new members looking to serve. Thank you all for a job well done and let us forge ahead in 2018 to make our district strong and continue to give great service.

Through the first six months of this Lions year there were several clubs who have completed 2 or more of the Centennial Service projects. Remember, continue serving and documenting your efforts to

achieve our International President's goal to serve 200 million people this year, even our smallest clubs can find ways to give back. And together we can join our International President and say: "We can and we will make a lasting impact on our communities and the world."

As we go into the New Year I still have many visitations remaining and lots of due recognitions. In addition to visiting the clubs, my time and efforts will then focus on making our clubs stronger through service. Thank you all for your continued service.

We hope to see all at the Winter Conference of Governors January 12-14, 2018, hosted by District 35 L at The Ocala Hilton, Ocala, FL. We will have special guests and also a special guest speaker, International Director Joyce Middleton, from Bridgewater Massachusetts. In addition, there is very good schedule of material lined up to help you polish on your leadership skills.

I would not like to depart without reminding you that January is Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger. Let us not forget those in need, especially at this time of the year. Host a project to fight hunger in your community during January 8-14. Help stock a local food pantry, bag school lunches or distribute food to those who need it most. No matter how you choose to serve, be sure to join us for this Centennial Service event! Join Lions the world over for the Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger and may God Bless You.

Happy New Year from both of, in friendship and Lionism,

DG Irving E. "Tito" and Lion Miriam Navarro

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Hello from 1st Vice District Governor Helene



Fellow Lions

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a happy and healthy holiday season. I love that the New Year falls right in the middle of the Lions year. It is a great opportunity to reflect and recharge. With half of the year gone, we can look at what we hoped to accomplish this year and see how we are doing.

Have we served as many in the community as we hoped? Have you added a service project that relates to diabetes? With the addition of the Global Service Team we have the tools to deal with these questions. Every club was asked to appoint a Service Chair and add them in MyLCI. Your Service Chair can work with our GST Coordinator, PDG Jacquie Tripp Spencer, on finding service projects that work for your club. There are so many ways to serve that are as unique as your club.

Are our fundraising goals being met? And have we supported our entities with some of those funds? We have a District Advisory Meeting in January at Lake Alfred. Please look at your budget at your next Board Meeting and see if you can bring checks for the entities to that meeting. Our entities are also at the half way mark and need your donations to accomplish their goals of service this year. Have we brought in new quality members? If you were involved in a holiday themed service project like food baskets or a parade, that is a great opportunity to recruit new members. Did you meet anyone at these events that seems service minded? Were there any other organizations there that you could partner with in the future? We are at our best at the holidays and other are too, so I hope you had your eyes open.

Are we engaging and encouraging our existing members? The New Year is a great time to resolve to serve our own members better. Think about the last 3 meetings. Who wasn't there at any of them. Let's find out why. And let's give them a reason to come back. Maybe just a call, we miss you. Or maybe they need a reason, why not get them involved in your next service project. Or do they have an idea for a new service project. Every good relationship is a product of commitment and communication. Our clubs are the same. We should be as committed to our membership as we are to our community. And we should have an open and ongoing dialog with our membership. Let's not take each other for granted.

And what does the next half of the year look like? I believe our future is bright. We will be adding a new club in January and that is so exciting. We welcome the new Lions of the Nature Coast Lions Club in Spring Hill. I am so happy that the needs in that community will now be better served. The rest of the year will fly by, so keep your eye on the calendar. When is your next Zone Meeting? Almost every Zone has one scheduled in January or February, so mark your calendar. The deadline to submit applications for the Youth Exchange Scholarship is in February. The Regional Lions Leadership Institute and our last District Advisory Meeting are in March. The Conklin Center Night for Sight and the election of officers for your club are in April. The Multiple District 35 Convention is in Orlando in May. And many of us will head to Las Vegas for the International Convention in June. See you in Lake Alfred! Lion Helene Thompson, FVDG

Greetings from 2nd Vice District Governor Greg Evans



New Year, new energy, more focus, more people and Lions server! Ok, now that I said that lets get started. Our newsletter has some "New Year's Resolutions" in it. When I was asked to give one, I actually had to look up the definition, as I have always kind of half-heartedly made some over the years that were just a whim and not really important. I found that it was something "a person resolves to change of an undesired trait or behavior." Because I have to report it to someone (District Treasurer and Newsletter Editor Lion Rita and you) I will have people helping me achieve my Resolution. I thank her and you for that, it's been something I have been putting off for a while. Can you find my resolution? It is listed somewhere in the District Newsletter. So, when I ask you to pass me more

bread at a Lions event you will kindly say no, that you are helping me achieve my goal.

Throughout the year your District Governors' Team has relayed the items that are important to them (Service, Leadership and Membership), and has also relayed how we can help you as a Club or as a Lion. Because it is "out with the old and in with the new," I hope you will take a few minutes to sit back and think about a few items.

<u>#1 Do you have a "New Year's Resolution?"</u>, something you personally would like to change or improve on? I hope you will make one or more. I encourage you to broadcast it or post it on your Facebook page. If you do that, others can help encourage you or remind you of your goal. One way to organize your Resolution would be to go to the Lions Learning Center and take the course on S.M.A.R.T. Goals. It will help you mold your goal so you actually have a great chance of accomplishing it. The Lions Learning Center has many great tools for Lions. Here is a link http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/lions-learning-center/index.php

<u>#2 Can you have a "New Year's Resolution for your Club?"</u> Of course, you can! Add it on the next Board meeting or Club agenda. Think about how the past six months has gone for your Club. What goals did you set in the beginning? Are they being accomplished? If not, ask why, and then <u>use *change*</u> as your Club's New Year's Resolution. Write it down, post it and bring it up at every meeting. Change is something we often talk about in Lions. Change is something that usually does not happen on its own. I found 5,411 quotes about change.

<u>https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/change</u> They are all pretty empowering but as Second Vice District Governor, they only give me one page in the Newsletter. LOL, lucky for you.

""Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise, so I am changing myself." - Jalaluddin <u>Mevlana Rumi</u>

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person, or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." — Barack Obama

"They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself." — Andy Warhol, The Philosophy of Andy Warhol

<u>#3 Do you have an idea for a Resolution for your DG Team?</u> If so, call or email anyone of us and explain how we can improve and how you could help us. I would love to hear from you. 386-453-4099 *This will let me know* that you actually read the newsletter. As a challenge to you, for the first ten District 35-O Lions that email me their "New Year's Resolution" to **liongregevans@gmail.com**, I will have a glass of wine waiting at the Council of Governors meeting in Ocala, or I will bring you a special token to the District meeting in Lake Alfred. I can't wait to help you achieve your goals!

Notes from Donna (Cabinet Secretary)



Happy New Year! New Year's Day is the oldest celebrated holiday. Since we are an International Service Organization I thought it might be fun to look at a few New Year's traditions around the world. (*Plus, I'm last to contribute this month and the important things you need to know are already covered!*) We are publishing a few days early this month so there is still time to make one of these traditions your own! Personally I like grapes so I'm going with 13!

Brazil: Many locals believe in wearing white and throwing white flowers and candles into the ocean for good luck. **China:** Painting your door red or placing red cutouts on your windows and doors is considered to be a sign of good luck for the coming year. **Denmark:** Broken glass is said to bring good luck, which is why locals smash their broken or unused

china and drop it onto a friend's front step. The bigger the heap of broken glass on your doorstep, the more popular you are! England: The first guest to arrive at a home is believed to hold the families good fortune and should bring a gift of coal for the fire or a loaf of bread for the table. Estonia: The number seven is considered good luck. In the past food was eaten seven times on New Year's for prosperity. Modern times allow for people to indulge in seven-course feasts instead! Ecuador: Carry a suitcase in and out of your front door 12 times for good luck travelling in the New Year. Germany: Everyone eats "Krapfen" or filled doughnuts on New Year's for good luck. The donuts are usually filled with fruit jam or chocolate . Greece / Crete: In Greece and Crete, a small sea onion is hung on the front door. A sea onion continues to grow new leaves and flowers even when uprooted. Resilience and good luck is believed to rub off on those who hang one. Italy: In Italy, people wear red underwear on New Year's Eve to be lucky in love in the new year. In Argentina the lucky color is pink! (Tradition holds that yellow will bring prosperity and success, white will lead to peace and harmony and green will ensure health and well being.) In the Philippines' it's polka dot unmentionables because the circle represents prosperity. Japan: New Year's bells are rung exactly 108 times at midnight throughout Japan for good luck. Norway: Norwegians make rice pudding with one whole almond. Whoever's serving holds the almond is said to be guaranteed wealth during the upcoming year. Peru and Spain: Eating 12 grapes, one each second starting at the stroke of midnight, brings good luck in the new year. In Peru they eat a 13th grape to insure their good luck!. Siberia: Brave divers plant the New Year's Tree underneath frozen lakes-sort of like a polar plunge - as a symbol of a new start. Sicily: Lasagna is served on New Year's Day, because any other noodle served is said to bring bad luck. South Africa: People throw appliances and furniture out the window on New Year's Day in order to symbolize casting away old problems and getting a fresh start.. Turkey Opening a pomegranate on New Year's Eve in Turkey will bring wealth and prosperity in the coming year. United States: For good luck, Americans eat certain foods. Pork is one because not only does the pig's plumpness suggests plenty, but also pigs dig with their snout in a forward motion symbolizing moving forward into the new year. New Englanders often choose cabbage to go with their pork as a symbol of prosperity. In the south it's black-eyed peas with pork for good luck. Not only do the "eyes" on the peas resemble a circle -- for the completed year, but the abundance of them symbolizes the hope.. At the stroke of midnight, many people toast to the New Year with a glass of champagne. Many Americans band together and sing "Auld Lang Syne," an Irish song bidding farewell to the old year. Some people grab a loved one or a friendly stranger and bestow the first kiss of the year. Kissing someone special at the stroke of midnight sets the tone and seals your fate for the coming year.

And there you have it. All around the world people wish for basically the same thing - a better tomorrow. As Lions we will spend the next year fulfilling hopes and wishes for those less fortunate than ourselves at home in our communities and around the world. It's what we do -- We Serve - We provide better tomorrows. Wishing you the best in 2018!

Lion Donna, Cabinet Secretary

Cabinet Treasurer Ríta Talks Money



HAPPY NEW YEAR

After a wonderful holiday season, it is now time to start to focus on your club's officers. Each Lion needs to look as to what needs to be done in the club and how to help get it done. Being an officer is a great way to help. Your club needs you.

Treasurers need to

- take the district leadership Treasurer's class
- be bonded
- pay club bills promptly
- make bank deposits as soon as monies are received
- have treasurer reports
- reconcile all bank accounts
- file taxes
- have books audited yearly

Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Directors, and all other positions need to take the district leadership class as soon as you can. Responsibilities change each year so you need to stay current. Call the GLT Vivian Henegar for information on the classes.



from your Global Membership Team

As we begin 2018 we have one new club chartered (Springhill Nature Coast Lions) whose charter night will be Jan 26th, see flyer. Even with the new club our membership is still on the minus side. I have been requesting all membership chairs to submit their membership plan which is required in their responsibilities, however it seems to fall on deaf ears. All club presidents please get with your chair person and get this done or find someone who can do the job. Without membership progression we will soon find ourselves redistricting again. With a new year we will be focusing on two more new clubs to charter but I need the help of all zone and district region chairs. Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

PDG Al Becker GMT 35-O



January	1	Chartered 2007	Port Orange Lions Club 11 yrs
January	17	Chartered 1950	Pierson Lions Club 68 yrs
January	18	Chartered 1946	Winter Garden Lions Club 72 yrs
January	27	Chartered 1947	New Smyrna Beach Lions Club 71 yrs



Serving with your GST Coordinator Jacquie Tripp Spencer

GST Zone Meeting Visitation Dates

Zone 12-21-18 Inglis-YankeetownZone 41-23-18 Mt. Dora



GST PDG Jacquie Spencer's spouse

"Who is it"...

who drives me to every event? who buys the 50/50 tickets? reminds me to put a smile on along with that orange jacket?

It's Neil, Just Neil!

But he's not JUST Neil. He is my coach, confidante, and springboard. He listens to my thoughts, ideas and woes. But never advises.

He might remind me of consequences of my actions, but usually helps me see them myself. He is as gentle as the wind but as strong.

He knows instinctively when it is time for me to take a break or to take the lead. He is my calm, and my peace.

Neil is always there for me, his family, and for Lions of Florida. Thank you for all your support, Dear!





Aloha Lions!

Earlier this calendar year, I visited Rovaniemi in Finland (MD 107). This is considered the birthplace of the mythical Santa Claus. However, it struck me that the essence of the mythical legend giving gifts to children in need — is not at all mythical. Any one of us can be Santa Claus to the millions of children who sleep hungry every day. Also, while Santa Claus makes an appearance just once a year, we can perform his role every day.

The world is always a happier place during this time of Christmas.

Let us make the world a permanently happier place by filling the stockings and stomachs of every good child around the world. All the best.

Thank you & Joyous Regards,



Mrs. Navita & Dr. Naresh Aggarwal International President

APPROVED CANDIDATES FOR 2018-2019 OFFICE

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

 2^{nd} **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.



Directory Updates

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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.(MyLCI)

Líons Learning Center

Welcome!

Here in the Lions Learning Center you can learn and practice key leadership skills for your role as a Lions leader and to be successful in all your projects.

If you are new to LLC, you will need to create an account. Please have your Lions Member ID number ready!

System check:

- 1. Pop-up blockers must be disabled to run LLC courses!
- 2. Adobe Flash player is needed to run LLC courses.
- 3. LLC courses cannot be accessed by iPad or iPhone at this time. Other tablets and smart phones with Flash player can be used

Courses are categorized by four key skills: Leadership, Managing Others, Achieving Results and Communication. These courses typically take 30 to 60 minutes to complete.

Leadership: Courses focused on a broad range of leadership skills to succeed as a Lion leader.

- Introduction to Lions Leadership
- Writing your Personal Mission Statement
- Creativity
- Mentoring
- Promoting Innovation
- Managing Change
- Servant Leadership

Managing Others: Courses geared toward gaining the skills to effectively create and maintain successful and productive relationships with people.

- Coaching
- Conflict Resolution
- Delegation
- Effective Teams
- Member Motivation
- Valuing Member Diversity
- Team Motivation

Achieving Results: Courses designed to assist in setting and achieving goals, both personal and professional.

- Setting Goals
- Decision Making
- Managing Meetings
- Providing Community Service
- Time Management

Communication: Courses that increase interpersonal skills and success in public speaking

- Effective Listening
- Public Relations
- Public Speaking

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 <u>mtpezzo@yahoo.com</u> or call 386 256 2032 for reservations.

International Convention



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 <u>101st Annual</u> <u>International Convention</u>! 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. <u>Registration information</u> is now available.

DIABETES AWARENESS & RETINOPATHY

Keep the Momentum Going

We hope you have had a productive club meeting about diabetes, and that you're energized to take on the fight against this deadly disease.

Please stand firm in your commitment to participate in service activities that promote diabetes awareness, prevention, and treatment in your community.

And please, keep encouraging more Lions and Leos to get involved through your social media channels. Share your World Diabetes Day photos and use hashtags #LionsWDD and #WorldDiabetesDay to be featured on our feeds!

P.S. For access to all the diabetes education materials we've prepared for you, please visit **lionsclubs.org/fightdiabetes**.

We will be holding Diabetes / Retinopathy train the trainer in the MD office February 10, 2018 from 10-2. Lunch will be provided.

Please review and bring with you the newest manual to the training. You will be asked to present a part of manual.

I need a count by the Tuesday February 6, 2018.

Norma Callahan, PDG



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- Lanch

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

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The 2017—2018 Council of Governors Invites YOU to the MD-35 LIONS OF FLORIDA AND THE BAHAMAS WINTER COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS CONFERENCE JANUARY 12 – 14, 2018





JOYCE MIDDLETON

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



Hilton, Ocala 3600 Southwest 36th Avenue Ocala, FL 34474 Reservations (352) 854-1400 RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL. RATES \$115.00 = Tax, per night Pets allowed—\$25.00 per day Service Animals allowed Ask For LIONS group rate with code: LIONS MD35 CONFERENCE CUTOFF DATE FOR RESERVATIONS IS: **JANUARY 3, 2018**

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	(Please Specify Meal Choice where Noted) LUNCHEON	\$28.00	\$29.00	x	
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	LION & IN THE JUNGLE Friday, January 12th, 7:00 PM Jungle Buffet, Music, Danoing & Fun Wid Bay Rice, Crocodie Kabobe, Tiger Tipe, Jungle Rice, Workey Drains As Gratin, Zebra Bread Pudding	\$38.00	\$36.00	<u>×</u>	.
	BREAKFAST Saturday, January 13th, 7:30 AM Saxana Frak, Scrawbled Eggs, Illam, Country Potnow, Climation French Towa	\$23.00	\$28.00	<u>x</u>	
	STUMP THE DIRECTOR LUNCH Saturday, January 13th, 12:00 Noon Check Your Choice Turkey Croiscant Roast Beef & Cheese	\$21 <u>.</u> 00	\$24.00	<u>x</u>	
	GOVERNOR S' BANQUET Saturday, January 13th, 7:15 PM Check Your Choice Atlantic Salmon Baked Choken Dijon Terlyski London Broll	\$38.00	841.00	<u>x</u>	-
22	FOUNDATION BREAKFAST Sunday, January 14th, 8:30 AM Severated Fruit, Scrambled Eggs, Decar, Populars,	\$21.00—	\$24.00	<u>×</u>	C.
	Departie Discuss	lease specify)		TOTAL	72
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MD 35 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS PARTNERS IN SERVICE PROJECT FOR JANUARY 2018 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

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

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

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





Dear International Directors, Past International Directors, Council Chairpersons and District Governors,

I am excited to announce that for the 2017-2018 Lions year, I will be giving out several presidential and leadership medals for special initiatives. I am asking you to recognize Lions who have made a real difference within their clubs and communities by nominating them for the **Clubs with the Best PR and Marketing Award** and the **Best of the Best Award**.

Learn more about these awards and how to nominate a Lion below:

Clubs with the Best PR and Marketing Award

Best of the Best Award

Thank you for helping us recognize and reward excellence in Lions service this year.

This is the **Power of We** in action.

Sincerely, International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal

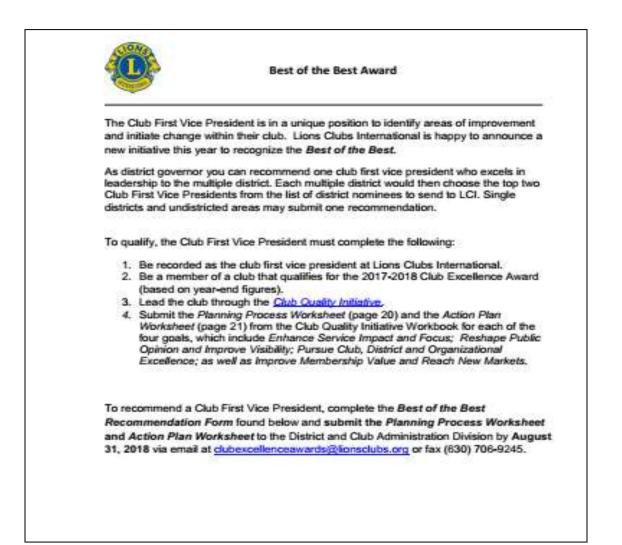


Clubs with the Best PR and Marketing Award

This is a special award that recognizes Lions who have created or contributed to a high profile public relations and marketing program that has instilled pride in Lions and showcased our brand during the year. This could be traditional, digital or social.

You can recommend one Lion for this award.

To recommend a Lion for the *Clubs with the Best PR and Marketing Award* complete the *Best PR and Marketing Recommendation Form* found below and include examples of their public relations and marketing strategies. This can be done by attaching pictures or providing URL links. Please send all completed recommendation forms via email to <u>marketing@lionsclubs.org</u>.





LIONS DAY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS



Be one of the first Lions to **reserve your spot** to two of the biggest events of the year.

Lions Day with the United Nations in Nairobi, Kenya Tuesday, February 27, 2018



To make a hotel reservation, please contact: <u>reservations@trademark-hotel.com</u>

Lions Day with the United Nations in New York, USA Saturday, March 24, 2018

> REGISTER FOR LDUN NEW YORK

Lions Day with the United Nations in Nairobi and New York will invite Lions, Leos and dignitaries from around the world to continue the conversation about the global fight against the diabetes epidemic. Both events feature prestigious speakers and will be attended by Lions Clubs International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal.



You Are Cordially Invited

to Nature Coast Lions Club Charter Night Celebration

Friday, January 26, 2018

At

Silverthorn Country Club 4550 Golf Club Lane, Spring Hill, Florida

Cost: \$25 per person

Formal Attire

Reservations due by January 19, 2018

For reservations call, text or email: Paola Araujo: (813) 388-1735 <u>naturecoastlionsclub@yahoo.com</u>

Social Time at 6:30 pm, Dinner time at 7:30 pm

Please Join Us for celebration of this new charter Lions Club Entertainment, raffles & memories

Club News

CYPRESS GARDENS

Introducing Barker!!

The newest member of the club, she is a 4-month-old yellow lab that has been sponsored by the CGLC. She was named in honor of the members of a very active family. Lions Nancy, Kim, Kenneth and our very special Bobby. She is being raised by Lion Nancy Hester who also is a member of the CGLC.



ORMOND BY THE SEA

Ormond By the Sea Lions Club had a busy November.

In honor of National Diabetes Day, members listened to speaker Joan Royal, RN, Certified Diabetes Educator from Florida Hospital on November 1 with good information on diabetes awareness.

On Monday November 6 members of the Club held their successful fish dinner fund raiser at Alfie's Restaurant. Lions Club District 35-0 Second Vice District Governor Greg Evans is owner of the restaurant and allowed the Ormond By the Sea Lions Club to use the restaurant for our fund raiser. Almost all members participated, we served 186 dinners and made over \$3,000.

Saturday November 11 seven members of Ormond By the Sea Lions Club traveled to Cypress Creek High School to attend the District 35-0 meeting along with 65 others Lions from across the District. Guest speakers were Jamie Farrell, Foundation Donor Coordinator and J.L. Bielon, Foundation Director of the Lions Eye Institute in Tampa

November 12 saw nine Lion members and friends conducting their quarterly Adopt a Highway and Adopt a Beach Clean Up. Items found were socks, roofing shingles, nails (on A-1-A by beach parking), tooth brushes, cigarette lighters, plastic bottles, aluminum cans and even a hypodermic needle (sorry to say).

Ending on November 25, members held their Thanksgiving Gently Used Book Sale in the Ormond Mall parking lot to raise funds. The Club welcomed two new transfer members Lion Jack Rowles and Lion Chance Eriksen and one new member, Lion Maureen Washington.



Beach and Road cleanup crew.



Zone Chair Lion Mary Yochum installing Lion Chance Eriksen and Lion Jack Rowles.



Zone Chair Lion Mary Yochum installing Maureen Hamilton with Sponsor Aleta Dick.



Treasurer Katie Hamlin, Chance Eriksen, Secretary Shirley Graham, Vice President Peggy Bull, President Bobbie Cheh, District 35-0 Second Vice District Governor Greg Evans and Zone Chair Mary Yochum at District Meeting in Orlando.

AUBURNDALE-POLK COUNTY

The Auburndale-Polk County Lions Club host a Monthly Fishing Derby ~ Catch and Release at the Auburndale Flee Market on the Lake in back of the Market. Kids and adults are welcome to fish for free. Meet Lion {Coach} John Abel every last Saturday of the month. Lion John has spearheaded this event since the inception of our club. Bring your kids, grand kids, neighbor kids and family and friends out for a day of fun. Meet Lion John at the lake about 9am until. FREE, FREE FREE!!! Poles and bait provided.





INGLIS YANKEETOWN LIONS CLUB

The Grinch stole Christmas in the movie but on the Inglis Yankeetown Lions Christmas Parade Float PDG Al Becker, as the Grinch, stole the show!

Placing 3rd in the Inglis Christmas Parade the Lions float rolled down Hwy 40 on a chilly Saturday Dec. 9, 2017, while club members alongside gave out goodies to the crowd.

The Lions 3rd place float was followed by the Lions Grinch-Cart. The float was designed and built by the Lions local business partner *"Bungalows Home Décor and More"* with assistance from Lions Club members and family members.





Shown Left to Right: (Front Row) Lions Karen Klein, Poco French, Lynne Tate, (Middle Row-Standing) Lions Al Becker, Donna Norton, Steve Norton (Club President). Jeanne Brennan, Jim McGrath, (Back Row) Lions Rob French, Peter Bloomfield, Larry Feldhusen; Di Bradley and in the rear riding atop the Grinch-Cart overseeing the festivities...Lion Leo.

Lake Sumter

Lake Sumter Lions Club's 10-Year Anniversary of their Charter celebration took place on December 1, 2017 with 62 in attendance including 14 of the Charter Members: Lions Hal Bellis, Harriet Hansen, Ken Jeffries, Bob Jones, Steve Miller, Bob Mills, Gary Nelson, Sharon Nelson, Roe Occhipinti, Paul Occhipinti, Elaine Teetsel, Esther Tranby, and Jane Trinkle. Joining by special invitation was District Governor Irving E. "Tito" Navarro and his wife Lion Mariam. District Governor Navarro also inducted a new Lion into Club.

The Lake Sumter Lions Club was started as a branch club of Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club in 2006. In a short time, it grew to 20 members and received its Charter on December 8, 2006. As time went on, the club continued to build membership and raise funds in order to carry out the ambitions of the new club . . . to serve individuals and the community, particularly in the areas of sight, hearing, and diabetes.

As the club grew, men and women - some of whom transferred from Lions Clubs in their home states and some of whom were new to Lionism - came together and began to serve. Friendships were made that would continue over the years. Members enjoy fellowship with fellow Lions within the club and in other clubs in the District.

The community was responsive - in some measure because they or someone they knew had been helped by the Lions and some because they knew of the Lions and what they represented. Businesses, too, supported the Lions in their endeavors and continue to do so. Throughout the last 10 years the Lake Sumter Lions Club has expanded its services to the community in such projects as KidSight, and regularly-scheduled golfing for the visually impaired just to mention two. They continue to support and contribute to the raising of seeing eye dogs, diabetes screenings, the Peace Poster awards, scholarships, judging the science fair, and the collecting of glasses and hearing aids. All of this is made possible by the efforts of all the members in such fundraising events as the Chinese Auction, Re-Sell It Day, White Cane Days, the Can Run, and donations.

The Lake Sumter Lions Club has 54 members and meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 9 am at Canal Street Recreation Center in The Villages, Florida.







Mount Dora

57TH Annual Mount Dora Christmas Parade

It was a beautiful day in Mount Dora on December 2, 2017, when 65 Units marched down Donnelly Street to participate in the 57th annual Christmas parade. This year, the theme was "Parade with a Purpose". A total of two tons of non-perishable food items were collected from parade participants and watchers which benefited the Lake Cares Food Pantry.

The parade was sponsored and organized by the Mount Dora Lions, but a special recognition goes to Parade Chairman Lion Terry Askins for once again arranging a successful event.

Thanks to the Lions Leo Club, one of the Mount Dora High School students' community service group, who followed along the parade route collecting the donations. Thanks to the Mount Dora Parks and Recreation and to the Police and Fire Departments for their cooperation insuring the parade participants and watchers had a safe day!

And a special thanks to Santa Clause, Mrs. Clause, and Rudolph for putting a smile on every face.

Plans are already in the works for next year's parade. Hope to see you there!

The Mount Dora Lions meet at the Historic Lakeside Inn the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Join us!

Lion Mary Pezzo

KISSIMMEE



A visit from Kissimmee Lion Nelton Dzousa, thanks to him and his wife making the trip to See Alfie's and our Alligator – 2VDG Greg Evans

PONCE INLET



Ponce Inlet Lions celebrated the holidays with their annual Christmas dinner and toy drive at the Halifax River Yacht Club. Sandy Wester, Bill Wester, event chair; Shirley Okhovatian, club president and Mahyar Okhovakian thank members for delivering a sleigh full of gifts destined for Toys for Tots



Earlier in the month, Lions were on hand for the town's Christmas parade. Club president Shirley Okhovatian, in Lion regalia, waves to the crowd together with Lion cub Gregory Jackson.



No, Bianco, these doggie treats are not for you. Bill Sileo with his Westie, Bianco.



Lions on Parade

AUBURNDALE-POLK COUNTY

The Auburndale-Polk County Lions celebrated their Annual Christmas Celebration December 16th at the Auburndale Club House













New Year's Resolutions

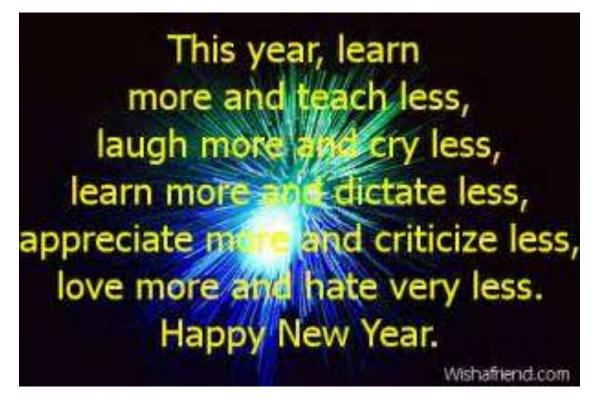
GMT PDG Al Becker wants to make District 35-O the outstanding district by building membership with more new clubs

CS Donna Norton's 2018 New Year's Resolution is to get more sleep –in both quality and quantity.

2VDG Greg Evans' 2018 New Year's Resolution is to lose 30 pounds before MD Convention. He says, "Wish me luck!"

1VDG Lion Helene Thompsons' 2018 New Year's Resolution is to listen better. Whether its verbal or an email she resolve to give each communication the time and attention it deserves.

CT Lion Rita Fawcett's 2018 New Year's Resolution is to get better organized, be kinder to others, and continue to do her best to uphold our Lions motto "We Serve."



South Eastern Guide Dogs

When you give, you give Robbie freedom to explore.



"I moved to a new community and had to start all over finding my way around. When I didn't have a dog, I wasn't really a recluse but I had a lot of anxiety trying to get familiar with the new property. Now it's so easy working with Sara. I wake up happy now, and I'll be doing more traveling for sure. Sara loves to learn; she's very excited and proud to learn. She finds things with such enthusiasm."

Robbie Esper and guide dog Sara



A NEW VIEW UPCYCLED FASHION SHOW



Conklin Center for the Blind will benefit from an incredibly unique cool event that's sure to attract your attention! Join us the evening of March 2, 2018 at the beautiful Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort for the first-ever Upcycled Fashion Show in Daytona Beach!

Be stunned as artists transform items like plastic bags, coffee filters, newspaper and more into gorgeous, wearable fashions. You won't believe your eyes as you take in this magical runway event. One person's trash is another person's couture gown in this one-of-a-kind, high-fashion evening of fun, function and everything fabulous.

Proceeds from this show will benefit Conklin Center for the Blind's Early Intervention Program, which serves infants, toddlers and children who are blind or severely visually impaired, along with their parents, in their most natural environment - their homes. Be part of history and partner with the American Quilter's Society as they celebrate fashion and give back to the Daytona Beach community while bringing convention business to our area.

Tickets are \$35 a person and can be purchased by visiting: <u>http://www.quiltweek.com/workshops/a-special-never-</u> before-seen-aqs-event-12203/

WOMEN UNITED Volusia Chapter



Many thanks to Women United Volusia Chapter for its generous \$1,400 grant to support our Early Intervention program serving visually impaired children (infants to six years) and their families.

Women United's mission is to inspire, educate and engage women in philanthropy, community service and advocacy in order to positively impact the lives of

service and advocacy in order to positively impact the lives of people and our community.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

12/19 - 1/1 Conklin Center will be CLOSED from December 19 - January 1. Normal office operations will continue to take place excluding Christmas and New Year's Day. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns email us: info@conklincenter.org



INTERPRETERS NEEDED

A request for volunteer interpreters for the April 2018 International Board Meeting, which will be held in Miami, FL, has been received by the District.

There are a number of International Directors from different countries around the world who serve on the International Board.

Volunteers are needed as interpreters for spouses who do not speak English. It is requested that you assist in identifying as soon as possible

any PID, DG, Lion or their spouse/companion who would be able to help provide onsite translations during the spouse programs. Volunteers

will attend all spouse programs. They will be welcome to fully participate in the activities, ride the bus with spouses and enjoy lunch as well.

Interpreters are needed for the following languages: Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, French, Japanese, Korean and Chinese.

Should you be able to identify someone who can serve as an interpreter, in any of the languages listed, please notify DG Tito, 1VDG Helene or 2VDG Greg as soon as possible to ascertain 'next steps'.



Pam Sweat (daughter) of Helen Young Cordially invites you to a **Surpríse** Celebration of 95 years. When: January 7th Where: Emerald Lakes Clubhouse Time: 2:00—5:00 P.M. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

RSVP: By 1-4-18 to Barb McGunnis

Please no gifts

352-536-6833



10th Annual KAILYNNE QUARTIER Memorial Ride Saturday, January 6, 2018 10:00 AM

The South Daytona Lions Club, with the South Daytona Police Department and the South Daytona Citizens Alert Council, is hosting the 10^{rs} Annual Kailynne Quartier Memorial Ride, Saturday, January 6, 2018. This is a police escorted ride and all types of vehicles are welcome.

Kailyans Quartier, a beautiful 13-year-old, lost her heroic battle with brain cancer on July 16, 2007. Kailyans was the daughter of Retired Captain Doug Quartier, a 35-year vetoran with our Police Department.

The South Daytona Lions Club are sponsoring this Memorial Ride as a fund-raising event, with the proceeds benefitting numerous local charities, programs and foundations. The picnic lunch is a fundraising event by the South Daytona Citizens Alert Council with proceeds going to support crime prevention programs and purchasing hallistic vests for our Police Officers.

On January 6, registration will start at \$:45AM, an the Ride will start at the South Daytona Police Department at 10:00 AM, with the last vehicle out by 10:15 AM. Stops will be made at New Smyrma Beach Harley Davidson, DeLand Police Department, and Destination Daytona. The final stop will be at the Piggotte Community Center, 504 Big Tree Road, South Daytona. After the ride, lunch will be served. A 520.00 donation for each participant is appreciated. Refreshments will be provided at each stop.

Please call the South Daytona Police Department at 386-322-3030 to proregister or send registration information, along with your donation, to:

South Daytona Police Department 1672 So. Ridgewood Ave South Daytona, FL 32121-4960 www.aeuthdistore.org

ZONES 7 and 9 MEETING

Monday, January 22, 2018 6:30 pm Dinner

Hibachi Buffet and Grill 301 E International Speedway, Deland 32724

Price \$10.99 (plus tax and tip)

Speaker: Lion Dennis Dulniak Oviedo-Winter Springs Lions Club

Topic: Project Right to Sight District 35-0 Youth Exchange Scholarship Program

Hosted by Volusia County Lions Club

Please RSVP if you are attending to Lion Mary Yochum, Zone 9 Chair <u>firemary@bellsouth.net</u> or 386-295-5489

RSVP by January 19, 2018

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FEEL FREE TO TRAVEL WITH FRIENDS.



Ocoee Lions Club 1st Annual Cruise aboard the Norwegian Dawn

Each cabin gets to choose from one of the following complimentary amenities!

- Ultimate Beverage Package (incl. gratuities)
 Pre-Paid Service Charges
 4 Meal Specialty Dining Package (incl. gratuities)
- 250 Minute Wi-Fi Package (per stateroom)
 \$50 Shore Excursion Credit per stateroom (up to 4 ports)
 Complimentary Photo Package (20 Photos per stateroom)
- + \$75 Onboard Credit per stateroom

NORWEGIAN DAWN

Mar 18, 2018 - Mar 25, 2018 7-DAY WESTERN CARIBBEAN FROM TAMPA



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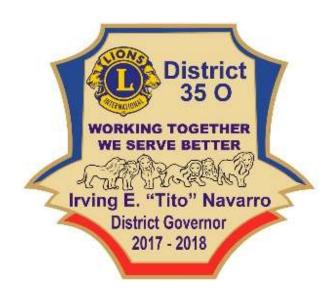


Calendar of Events

Dates are subject to change

Month	Date	Description	Place or Club
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 1936	Winter Garden Lions Club 72 yrs
January	20	District Meeting	Lake Alfred Lions Club – Lake Alfred
January	23	Zone 2 Meeting	72 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills
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	Multiple District 35 office
January	51	Award Deadline	Multiple District 55 office
January	31	Golden Chain Award Deadline	Send to ormondbob@aol.com
February	2		United States of America
	3	Groundhog Day Chartered 1987	
February	3	Chartered 1987 Chartered 2009	Wildwood Sumer County 44 31 yrs
February	5	Zone 6 Meeting	Osceola Latin American Lions Club 9 yrs
February	8	8	Orlando Hispanic Lions Club
February		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 Stevefawcett2003@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
			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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