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District Newsletter

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DG Steve Hilaire



Fellow Lions,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Isn't it great to be a Lion? Along with the privilege of helping others, you get to celebrate New Year twice. Aren't we lucky? New plans, new goals, new hopes and continuing to serve. This is why we joined. Not to be President or "DG" but simply to give back to our community. It is also a time for new leaders, a changing of the guard across the organization. From the International President to the Club President. This year I have the honor to be in the middle of this mix as your new District Governor. I wish to thank you for having the confidence in me to lead our endeavors this Lionistic year. I will do better than my best to ensure I don't let you or this great organization down. With that said, although club elections are over, you would notice that the IP never repeats a term and we must take example by giving other members a chance to lead the club. They must start as VP's but they will learn, be mentored and eventually perform. Some of our repeat Presidents are getting tired and will one day just leave to get away from it. It has happened. But let's get ready for our year. At our organization meeting on July 16 at the MD office we will outline the goals we want to achieve this year. There will also be training in 4 key positions that any Lion is welcome to attend. Remember we need a headcount. You know we have "New Mountains to Climb" this year while continuing our centennial challenge. I should get more information at the Convention in Japan which I will share with you. As an individual, who 27 years ago wanted to give back, I knew I could not have any impact alone. LCI allowed me help in a meaningful way and that is why my slogan for this year is "Together we can make a difference"

Wherever there is a need, there is a Lions club. Together we can make a difference!

1st Vice DG Irving “Tito” Navarro



Training is Essential to Support Our Service Commitment

The beginning of a new Lionistic year is marked by the desire of our district leadership investment in the training efforts. The reason is simple, to develop Lions personal skills, to encourage individual growth and development. Not in a philosophical sense, but rather from a practical, business-focused perspective, let's invest in one in order to invest in many.

The training investment brings several benefits. For example, a quality training strategy boosts employee morale and motivates Lions in our daily activities. Training also stimulates competitiveness, and in its absence only a modest professional development may "preserve."

In addition, training programs help retain valuable human capital that will not make them feel the need for a "change" to develop professionally. Furthermore, and this is a key point, training is an investment that brings profit in the medium and long term, increasing efficiency and maintaining high professional standards — it directly contributes to the quality and efficiency of our organization.

There is no denying that times are tough and money is tight, it is critical to find the best practices that will bring the biggest return on our organization's investment. Training can produce the aimed results only if strategic thinking and quality time are invested into its creation.

To that endeavor, our team of experts separated July 16, 2016 as DG Steve Hilaire's and we look forward to help make a difference in our community. Training is an integral part of our organization's culture, and if you missed the 2015 Lions Convention in Jacksonville, you still have a chance to make the most of the training opportunities offered.

Because training is seen as an ongoing, constantly evolving process, come open and more motivated to learn and achieve success in our work life. New information will be provided with the aim of improving individual and collective performance and can be an important source of motivation. When everything is designed in accordance with our organization's life, training becomes a real support in our daily activity.

All Lions of District 35-O in a key position are cordially invited to attend. And remember that working together, we serve better.

Sincerely yours in Lionism,

Lion Irving E “Tito” Navarro,

1st VDG District 35-O

2nd Vice DG Helene Thompson



I am thrilled to be joining the District 35-O District Governor Team. Thank you to those delegates who voted for me in Jacksonville. And thank you to those delegates that didn't, I am glad you showed up and I'm glad you voted. Lion Gini Black (my partner in service) and I enjoyed getting out in the District this past year to meet as many of you as possible. If we haven't met you yet, we look forward to meeting you soon.

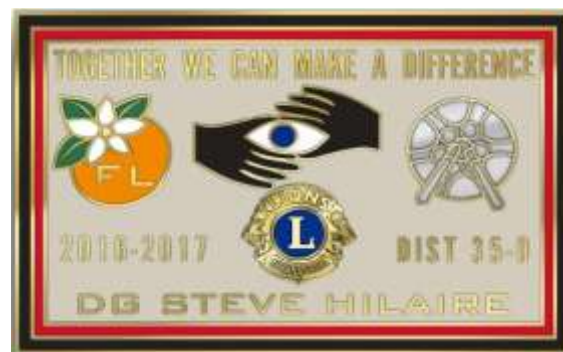
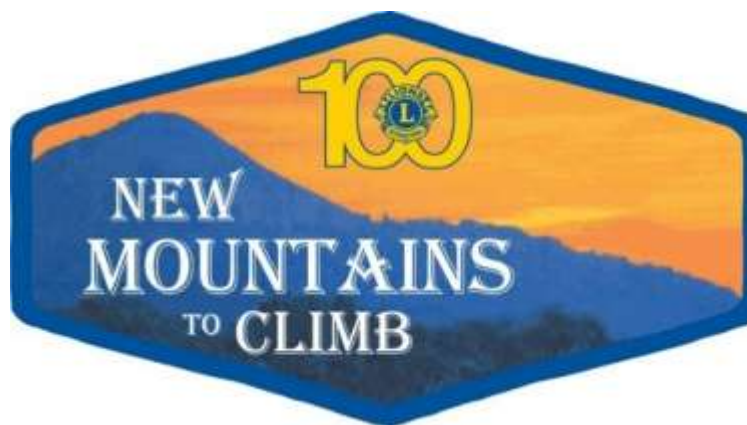
Recently I attended a training session led by GLT Lion Greg Evans where I found my new favorite acronym – S.W.A.T. It stands for Start Working as a Team and it is so meaningful to me. I am looking forward to working with District Governor Steve, 1st Vice District Governor Tito and the rest of our Cabinet this year. I am also looking forward to working as a team with my brother 2nd Vice District Governors from around our Multiple District.

SWAT can be applied at the Club level. You all have just installed your 2016-2017 Board of Directors. They need to Start Working as a Team right away to ensure your Club continues to be successful and active. Through teamwork your Club will hopefully grow in membership and service.

SWAT can be applied at the Zone level. The Clubs in your Zone can work together on projects. And you can Start Working as a Team by attending your Zone Meetings. Your team will be strengthened by the camaraderie and exchange of ideas that are the hallmark of a successful Zone Meeting.

SWAT can be applied at the District level. As members of the District Governor Team your Club President and Club Secretary will Start Working as a Team when they attend the District Cabinet Meetings and the Organizational Meeting.

This acronym also works well with District Governor Steve's theme – together we make a difference. As a team we can continue to serve the needy in Central Florida and beyond. So please, join the team and live our motto – We Serve.



"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE;
TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH"

-Helen Keller

let's get together...



2016-2017

You're invited
All District Lions Welcome
and Encouraged to Attend!

DISTRICT 35-0
ORGANIZATION MEETING

SATURDAY JULY 16TH, 2016 10 AM

MULTIPLE DISTRICT OFFICE

7200 LAKE ELLENOR DR., SUITE 109

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Introduction of District Cabinet

LCI President Goals/Special Programs

DG Goals - GLT plans - GMT Plans

Training - President, Secretary, Treasurer,
Membership Director

Please Notify Lion Harry Williams by 7/11/2016
If You Plan To Attend.

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LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL

Lions Worldwide Week of Service for Youth in August

This August 8 –14, join International President Chancellor Bob Corlew and Lions around the world for a special Worldwide Week of Service event dedicated to engaging youth in our communities.



From organizing a new Leo Club to inviting youth to serve alongside you, there are countless ways to join the Worldwide Week of Service for Youth. To learn more about how your club

can serve, visit Lions100.org and start planning your service project today!

Submit a Photo and Share Your Lions Year!

Show Lions everywhere how you served your community and made a difference in people's lives this year. Visit the website to submit a Photo page on the LCI website and upload photos of your club in action, doing hands-on service, reaching out to people in need and having fun. Your photo and story might be featured on our official social media channels, including Facebook and Twitter.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE DISTRICT



2VDG Helen Thompson, Rocky Saracusa PDG, Wendy Wilson at Deland Lions Club



A festive night with Orlando Hispanic Lions Miriam Rivera Navarro, Julio Ochoa, Irving Navarro, Awilda Camacho, Patricia Maza, Francisco Mendez, Damaris Mendez, Jacqueline Centeno and Gerardo Zaid Morillo



The Ponce Inlet Lions recently celebrated the induction of their incoming officers at the Halifax Yacht Club. Seated L-R: Treasurer Ruth Snyder, and Board of Director (BOD) Carol Reichard. Standing L-R: BOD Robert LeDone, Membership Chair Sandra Stephenson, 1st Vice Pres. Ed Kocis, Immediate Past Pres. Nancy Epps, Secretary Jeff Follmer, President Shirley Okhovatian, Tail Twister Jay Thompson, Directors Simon Kokis and Bill Wester. Absent when photo was taken: Lion Tamer Bill Sileo and Directors Jack Stefano, Bahador Jamshidi and Mahyar Okhovatian.



Cypress Gardens Lions getting ready for the new year



Orange Blossom Gardens Members Lion Kay Hart and Lion Norris Dodge are recipients of the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.



Florida Lions Eye Foundation Life Memberships to Ormond by the Sea Lions Dr. Ruth Hyatt, Kathleen Trutschel and Katie Hamlin



Past International Director Lion Neil Spencer, District Governor Lion Jacquie Spencer presenting Melvin Jones Award to Ormond by the Sea Lion John Thomas



Osceola Latin America Lions

Peace Poster Contest

The 2016-17 theme is "A Celebration of Peace."

ORDER YOUR KIT

Paying It Forward: Opportunities We Owe Our Youth



Unless and until we give youth opportunities to serve, our mission as Lions cannot continue to serve the community. By learning how to work in partnership, youth not only discover ways to help those in need, but they can get the required community service hours they must have for Bright Futures scholarships and for a dozen different majors at college.

Please remember that youth learn the reason for serving and the satisfaction of meeting those needs when you create opportunities for them to learn how to serve at-risk populations within the community and understand why those people need their help, not when you ask them to serve as day labor for the Lions club itself.

Here are specific ways to enable youth to work with our local Lions clubs:

This summer:

- Looking at your calendar of events for the school year, create a list of specific jobs that a student could do for each one, including exact times, places, and dates. Offer bonus hours for any

student that comes up with a marketing/promotion plan.

- Plan some project for each month that one or more student could assist. Offer to sponsor any community service project the students come up with themselves. Then plan to provide certificates you will award publically with service hours.
- Offer a \$25 reward for any student originating and carrying through with a community service project. Offer a recognition event for those qualifying for our silver (50 hours) or gold (100 hours) international certificates of recognition.
- Call your middle schools and high schools and ask for the student government association advisor's name and email address. In your email or letter, include a flyer that explains what Lions do to serve the community. Also mention our Lions scholarship program.
- Call your area college and ask the name of the director of student services. When you reach that person, get an email address and send out the same information you did to the area high school. Ask if the college has a service learning or community engagement program. Get that director's name and email.
- Call and email the director of service learning/community engagement and tell him/her your Lions club would like to become a community partner with the college.
- Give the advisor your name and email and the date and place of your September meeting. Invite that advisor to come to a meeting. If s/he cannot, arrange a time to meet in person and

discuss how students can be served by participation in our community service projects. Show them short video from our web sites or from YouTube.

Week of Sept. 6—right after Labor Day:

- Email the SGA advisor and request they show a LEO or Lions short video or YouTube video or KidSight video to the SGA students. Also send the project idea list and mention that your Lions Club will help sponsor any of their own community service projects.
- Find out the name of the AVET advisor at the middle and high schools and ask them to show the video to their students. Then email project ideas to the AVET advisor also. Again, mention our scholarship opportunities and community service awards.
- Sponsor a speech contest with the school speech teachers. Offer \$25, \$10, and \$5 prizes for the best speech on how to prevent diabetes or why students should serve others in the community. Ask the teacher for permission to visit and video record the winning speeches. Present the awards at a school assembly program or at your club meeting.
- Suggest that the SGA or one of its organizations sponsor an Abilities Awareness Day. Students create their own projects—such as blind basketball, white canes, etc. Give service certificates to the participants. The certificates should be presented publically so others will have a chance to applaud when the recipient walks up to get the paper.
- Call your local/area college and get the names of the SGA director and what might be called either the Center for

Community Engagement or the Service Learning center. For SGA, do the same protocol that you follow for high schools.

- For Community Engagement/Service Learning, suggest ways that the Lions organization could provide opportunities for students to combine academic learning with community service. For example, computer students could create data bases of services for students with disabilities or food insecurity or homelessness. Students could research and create a pilot project for an at-risk group within their community: teen moms, addiction issues with teens, bullying at their school. Be sure you have your Lions Club award community service certificates in a public ceremony. You could also offer help from your members to help students design those projects.
- Remember we still have a Reading Action Program. Suggest to schools that they collect books and offer service hours for reading to children in low income day care centers and to those older adults in assisted living centers.

While it's wonderful to offer scholarships, we also need to have a list of what Lions do for the community attached to those applications. Invite students who apply for a scholarship to bring a parent and attend a Lions club meeting as part of the application process.

For every project, please remember to write a thank you letter for their service to the community, reminding them what a difference one person can make.

I am available to help any club to develop projects. You can reach me at drlynnhawkins@aol.com. I am also willing to visit your club and talk about opportunities for youth.

UPCOMING DISTRICT MEETINGS 2016-2017

DATE	LOCATION
August 20	Homasassa Lions Club
November 12	South Orange County Lions Club
January 21	Conklin Center
March 11	Lake Alfred Lions Club



DG Steve Hilare with International 2nd Vice President Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir from Gardabaer, Iceland at the International Convention in Japan



DG Steve's Daughter carrying the flag at the International Convention in Japan



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