## **DISTRICT 35-O NEWSLETTER**



### Message from Dístrict Governor Títo



Hello again, District 35 O Lions,

We are rapidly approaching the finish line at a fast speed. While I am jotting notes down, can't help to think in retrospect, how great of a year we've had. A surmounting number of too many good things took place, more than I could recount to in this short letter. Lions of D 35 O, you should be proud of your accomplishments, recognize those uncompleted things and move them into the to-do list.

Having just returned from our fantastic MD-35

Lions of Florida and the Bahamas State Convention, all that attended should have a renewed sense of what we need to do and how to improve service as Lions. We completed an all-hands on project, assembling gift packs to furnish our disaster preparedness efforts. We had a multitude of Lions in attendance while Leos help get that project done in a fast pace time frame. Thanks to all that helped.

We heard several inspiring messages from Past International Director Kembra Smith. What a dynamic Lion! She understands what needs to be done and is working hard to improve Lions. We heard her message of "not letting boundaries of imaginary lines disrupt our work and truly unite in service", while providing inspiring messages. We had a recognition luncheon and welcomed Lion Harry William (Lake Alfred) become our incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG. We also witnessed DGE Helene Thompson being elected as our next District Governor. Let's get ready for Las Vegas and ready for all of us to provide support for her. Don't forget my theme, working together we serve better, this should not be a one-year initiative.

I strongly urge all clubs to keep improving the lives of those of your

### surrounding communities and take advantage of any opportunity to help those in need. Clubs, by now your officers for 2018-2019 should have been elected. Get behind them, encourage them to obtain leadership training and help to make this year the best one yet in your club. If you need help, don't forget that you have an entire Cabinet ready to step in and provide it. Talk with your Zone chairs, GMT/GLT/GST coordinators and your DG for guidance.

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Don't be afraid of change, embrace MyLion communications and make sure you are moving in the right direction. Watch for major changes flowing from LCI, there will be many over the next several months. All for the betterment of Lions. Lions, your District does need your help with leadership. At this time of the year, we should be working diligently to inspire others to embrace a leadership role. I know that there are many in our District that have the skills and ability to fill these positions. I have always said: "If I can do this, so can any other Lion in our district."

In closing, I must say that this year was a great year to be a lion for me, being able to meet with every club and to get to know our Lions better. I found that in every club there is hidden talent and service beyond that which is reported; and very unique in their ways. Keep up the great work and keep your club strong. As I leave this role, I am moving on to continue serving with you and DGE Helene. I hope that all the efforts our team put forth, will inspire you to move forward in providing leadership. Finally, on behalf of my Partner in Service Miriam and myself, thank you for allowing me to serve as your District Governor, for the year 2017-2018. We Serve.

In friendship and Lionism, DG Irvin E. "Tito" Navarro

### Hello from 1<sup>st</sup> Více Dístríct Governor Helene

### **HELP WANTED**

Fellow Lion, our District still has some positions available. Please think about serving.

**Cultural and Community Activities**: This Lion oversees the Lions Community Service (Lion Crew at Work) and Lions Culture programs in the District.

**Environmental Chair**: This Lion supports Lions or Leos engaged or interested in projects to meet environmental challenges at the local and global level. He/she may collaborate with the leadership throughout the organization, including the Global Service Team (GST).



**International Relations**: This Lion provides Clubs with the assistance they need to organize international relations service projects in their District.

**Nominations and Resolutions**: This Lion would announce any Nominations of Officers at each District Advisory (Cabinet) Meeting as well as any Resolutions that will be voted on at the Multiple District Convention (if any).

**Peace Poster Contest**: This Lion would coordinate the collection and judging of this year's Peace Poster Contest submissions. This year's theme is Kindness Matters and the submission deadline is November 3<sup>rd</sup> with judging at the November 10<sup>th</sup> District Advisory (Cabinet) Meeting.

**Public Relations & Information**: This Lion would assist the Club's "Marketing Communications Chairperson" (new Board position this year) in formulating and implementing a PR plan for their Club.

**USA/Canada Forum**: This Lion promotes the upcoming USA/Canada Forum in Columbus, Ohio and shares the information about next year's University when available. This would include encouraging Lions to attend Lions University and seek Bachelor's Degrees.

Please contact me at 203-731-1964 or <u>helenevt63@aol.com</u> for more information or to accept a position. Thank you so much.

## Greetings from 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Greg



As we approach Lions Clubs International's 101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, I cannot help but get so excited about the next Lions year. As I have watched clubs get new officers installed and have seen DGE Helene's DG Team formulate, I see many new names. It has been exciting to see Lions except the challenge offered. I must say, it was stressful not to have a Second Vice District Governor Candidate going into MD Convention. **But as Lions do, they step up** and we had two highly qualified Lions answer the challenge. I'm sad that only one could get the nomination but thank both Lion Jacquie and Lion Harry for being willing. I hope that whomever has had a thought about running for SVDG will do so early this upcoming year. I must say it has been the most rewarding year for me as Second Vice

District Governor to be able to be on District Governor Tito's Team. He has been a great mentor and motivator for me (along with First Lady Miriam). So, my advice is if you ever thought about it, do it, I don't think you'll have a better year.

I am still focused on finishing strong this Lions year. If there is unfinished business that your District can help you with, please reach out to that Officer. Is it training? Reach out to GLT Lion Vivian. Is it Membership? Reach out to GMT PDG Al. I am excited to see many clubs asking for inductions to be done. I know you are working hard to bring in new Lions, let's keep it going. The last scheduled Officer training is going on June 9<sup>th</sup> at Ponce Inlet. Please make plans to attend it and the District Organizational meeting the following Saturday.

As incoming First Vice District Governor, I am charged to focus on Membership and work with the GMT. I have talked with many of you this year that would like to grow your clubs and even start new clubs. Let's get started, contact me to start now with your plans. LCI has put out some great Webinars recently with some great ideas. The catch is, you need an organized plan. Even though we don't want to, it is natural to lose some Lions members. We know we need to retain and work on better retention skills, GMT PDG Al has stressed that this year. I would like to stress that EVERY club be bringing in additional members. To grow we need to bring in one more than we lose. So, I'll help set your goal for you. I challenge you to make this upcoming years goal, *one more member than your total lost this year*. If you lost 3 then this year's goal would be 4, if you lost 2 then you could have a goal of 3. I know I make it sound simple but WE can do it. Please approach me and let's

get started. Let's also not forget about the new clubs we are going to start in the next few years. I challenge us to start 6-8 clubs in the next two years. READY, SET, GROW!

I want to thank all those who came to the District 35-O Luncheon to celebrate the great service year. Our attendance numbers were strong and the DG Team appreciates your support. I really appreciate DG Tito's Team of leaders and the work they did for him and our District. Thank you!



Notes from Donna (Cabinet Secretary)





## Cabinet Treasurer Ríta Talks Money



Let's finish strong Treasurers. You are the keeper of the club's money. Do your final reports showing how much the budget was for 2017-2018 and where the money was spent. This will be a big help for the new officers. They count on you to be sure the banking records are correct. Your books need to be audited so find someone to do that for you. I appreciate all you do for your

club. Thank you and looking forward to working with you next year.

# from your Global Membership Team



June	7	Chartered 1996	Crystal River Kings Bay Lions Club 22 yrs
June	16	Chartered 1953	Floral City Lions Club 65 yrs

Serving with your GST Coordinator Jacquie Tripp Spencer

# OUT SERVING

# Learning with GLT Vivian

### From the GLT

The eastern part of the district will have a training on Saturday, June 9 in Ponce Inlet at the Community Center. This training is for all newly elected officers and all others who are interested in becoming an officer. Training will encompass the offices of president, secretary, treasurer, and membership chairperson.

Also keep in mind the dates of September 15 for Boot Camp for zone chairs and region chairs and September 29 for all interested in becoming a Guiding Lion.

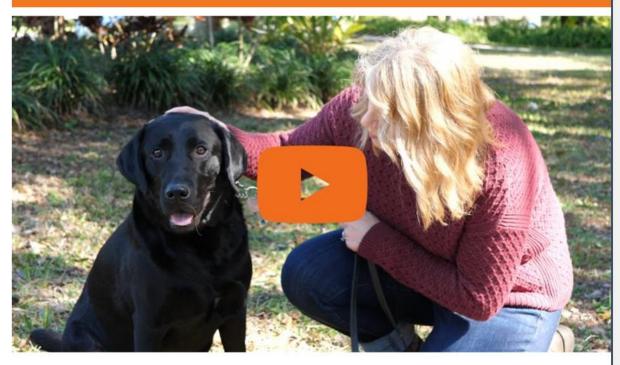
If you have questions, please contact me at vivianhenegar64@yahoo.com.



New Officers and Partner in Service for 2018-2019

DGE Helene Thompson and Gini Black
1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Greg Evans and Katie Hamlin
2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Harry Williams and Maggiy Williams





# Gold Star Dog Bruno Comforts Annette

Memorial Day is about remembering the sacrifices. And nobody knows those sacrifices better than the ones left behind.

We remember. We care. And we know that you do, too. That's why we thought you'd like to meet Annette and her dog, Bruno.

Watch the Video

P.S. Thanks for caring about our veterans, their families, and the dogs that bring them joy.

You are invited to Crystal River Kings Bay Lions Club Installation Dinner at Oyster's Restaurant in Crystal River.

Date: 06/11/2018

Time: 5:30 PM Social 6:00 PM Dinner





Crystal River Kings Bay Lions Club

## Installation Dinner

Seating is limited, so please send PAID reservations in by June 6, 2018. Send your check to CRKB Lions Club and mail it to

1620 NW 22<sup>nd</sup> St, Crystal River, FL 34428. First come, first served. There will be 50/50 AND 2 raffles.

Menu: Salad, Lemon Chicken, mashed potato & gravy, vegetable, roll, tea or coffee and dessert.

Cost is \$12 per person

#### 2017 - 2018 Officers

President: Lion Prudy Rpdriquez 1st VP: Lion Jackie Smith Rec. Sec: Lion Martha Brown Treas: Lion Jackie DeGraff Corres. Sec.: Lion Janice Griffin Lion Tamer: Lion Phyllis Smith Lion Tail Twister: Lion Janice Griffin Dir. Act.: Lion Cynthia Childs Dir. Prog/Pub/Scrap: Lion Ruth Levins Dir. Spesight: Lion Peg James Lion Caller: Lion Casey Gaylardo Sunshine: Lion Lucille Perry Chaplain: Lion Audrey Jonas-Strutt LCIF Ch.: Lion Jackie DeGraff Service Actives Ch.: Lion Marty Brown

Oysters address: 606 SE US Hwy 19 *Crystal River, FL 34429* 

Contact persons: Lion Prudy Rodriguez – 352-777-2180 Lion Jackie DeGraff-352-422-7046

Crystal River Kings Bay Lions Club

## International Convention

**REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!** 



### 101st LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION JUNE 29 - JULY 3, 2018/LAS VEGAS, NEVADA ONLINE CONVENTION REGISTRATION & HOTEL RESERVATION

- Please have your credit card ready, you can only use the online system with a credit card payment. Visa, Mastercard and Discover are accepted.
- Type all information in CAPITAL letters.
- You will receive an email confirmation upon completion of your registration. **Please print and bring with you onsite to receive your name badge**. LCI will not mail out name badges in advance.
- Please check your spam mailbox if you do not immediately receive an email confirmation.
- All fees are quoted in U.S. Dollars.
- If you need to register more than one person, you have the option to do so after submitting and paying for your registration. After completing your registration, return to this page to register another person.
- For Group Registration & Housing contact LCI at <u>registration@lionsclubs.org</u>.
- If you have any questions contact us at <u>registration@lionsclubs.org</u>.

We look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas!



SPRING HILL NATURE COAST LIONS CLUB

INVITES YOU TO THE INSTALLATION DINNER

When: JUNE 13, 2018

Time: 7:00 PM

Location:

SILVERTHORN COMMUNITY CENTER

4470 Golf Club Ln

Spring Hill, FL 34609

**Guest Speaker: Vivian Henegar** 

Menu: Lemon Chicken, Yellow Rice, Salad, Dessert, Coffee and Tea

\$5 Donation, there will be raffles too

R.S.V.P: 813-388-1735 or

paola.araujo@gmail.comby June 11



Come Join Us . . .

# International Grillin'

## Fund Raiser &

## **Membership Drive**

Saturday, June 23, 2018 7:00 pm

It's all about networking!

Invite a friend or two to learn more about our fantastic

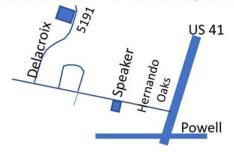
### Spring Hill Nature Coast Lions Club

as we together engage in an evening of fun with tasty finger foods, followed with grilled international favorites and libations.\*

Where?

### "Casa Rado"

Hernando Oaks Community 5191 Delacroix Drive Brooksville, FL 34604 Say, "Lions and Rado" at the Security Gate Speaker



R.S.V.P.

By June 14th to jrado@billingsly.com Please include your full names along with the names of your guests.

Come Enjoy a Casual Evening Filled with Conversation, Games, Prizes and Special Raffles! Separate Depositories for Member & Guest Lions Club Donations will be available.

\*A selection of soft drinks, beer and wine will be offered, but please bring any other favorites or special choices you may have.



District 35-O Organizational Meeting June 16, 2018



Held at the Multi-District Office 7200 Lake Ellenor Dr Suite 109 Orlando, FL 407-859-7174

DGE Helene Thompson invites all Current and Incoming Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Cabinet Members including Zone Chairs, and any interested Lions.

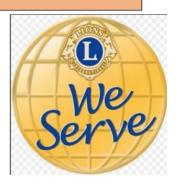
Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

with coffee and donuts provided.

Program runs from 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Working lunch provided

RSVP: Katie Hamlin 386-453-0890 (Leave message) obtslionkatie@yahoo.com



## "Doing it for the Kids"

The Auburndale-Polk County Lions Club are taking on a new project!!! We host our very 1st" Family Game Night" April 21st at the Club House!!! It was a huge success.

We will continue this project each 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month 226 Bennett St Auburndale, FL. 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Advance tickets are \$8.00 at the door \$10.00. Admission includes Food, Games and Entertainment. There is be door prizes and a 50/50 Raffle.

At our Second "Family Game Night May 19, 2018 we will have tickets available for sale of a \$100.00 cash raffle. So, get your tickets as you need not be present to win. \$1.00 per ticket. All Proceeds will go to Auburndale Elementary Schools Project. Along with all the fun events we designed a "Do it for the kids Box and will be collecting school supplies for the 2018-2019 School Year.

Save the Date: June 9th Community Field Day at the club 226 Bennett St 10 am - 2 pm. All invited Free!!! Volunteer are needed.



June 16, 2018 Men's Game Night!!! Call all men to come out and have a night of fun, food and entertainment. Support the kids while enjoying an evening out.



"Do it for the Kids"!!!

April 21 several Lions met at the club to do a "Clean up the Neighborhood" collecting trash along the road.



Happy Mother's Day the All Mothers! You deserve a Rose!!!

We Serve.

Cypress Gardens Installation

On Thursday evening, May 10, the Cypress Gardens Lions Club held its dinner and installation service for

officers for the 2018-2019 Lions year. PCC Lion Jackie Cameron and partner-in-service PDG Lion David Skillin were present to act as installing officer. Several members of Lake Alfred, Davenport and Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club were also in attendance.



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Following the invocation and pledge to the flag, there were brief introductions and a welcome. Dinner of



lasagna and salad was served. Dessert was actually provided by PCC Lion Jackie as part of her service of installation. She was assisted by sous chef PDG Lion David. Each Lion was given a cupcake as a sign of their office. Each office was an ingredient to prefect cupcake.

As Lion Nancy was unable to attend the MD Convention in Orlando, PCC Lion Jackie presented her with a certificate of appreciation from DG Tito.



Officers for 2018-2019 Lion Michelle, Lion Judy, Lion Jayme, Lion Kim, Lion Nancy





#### TAKE A TOUR WITH BOB

Have you ever wanted to take a personal tour of the Conklin Center? Get to know the inner workings of what makes the center so unique? Join Bob Jarvis on June 7 for a tour you won't soon forget! Bob was a member of the Crystal Lake, IL Lions Club for eight years. He is currently a member of the Ormond Beach, FL Lions Club and has been so since moving to Daytona Beach in June 2017. Bob now graciously volunteers his time to host tours at the Conklin Center, informing people of the great work done here!

#### The tour is June 7 at 10:45 am and complimentary lunch will be provided.

Call 386-258-3441 to secure your spot

#### **IF WE DID NOT EXIST**

We debuted a harrowing video at our *Night for Sight* that briefly explores the consequences of what it would be like if the Conklin Center did not exist.

#### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smdrzQfRu5U

#### **MOST RECENT GRADUATION**

Congratulations are in order for the Conklin Center's most recent graduate, Robbie! Robbie has been with the Conklin Center for about two years and in his time here he has progressed tremendously!

"Before coming to the Conklin Center, it was rare that I ever got out of the house.", Robbie professed to us about a year ago. Aside from now having an avid social life, an apartment of his own, and a fiancé, Robbie has continued to work on his musical talents and happily sang 'Hellraiser' by Motorhead as his send off on his graduation day!

Watch Robbie's graduation video on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/conklincenter/



## **LCIF Newsletter**

Lions, you may already know this, but you are leaders. You are leaders in service, you are leaders in kindness, and you are leaders in your community. Where there is a need, there is a Lion willing to step up and take on the job. Your community members look to you for strength when times are tough.

I, myself, have seen the courageous leadership of Lions time and time again during my travels, maybe most notably in the face of disaster. In Texas, USA, Lions showed up with force, making sure their neighbors had food and water after Hurricane Harvey took everything they owned. In Japan, I saw Lions begin to rebuild after flooding washed away their homes. In Ecuador, after an earthquake destroyed many, many homes, Lions stepped up to help provide housing for families, many given to families with single mothers or families who have children with disabilities. Lions restore hope and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is there to empower their service.

LCIF has been there to help Lions boost their service and impact more lives, now for almost 50 years. Whether Lions see children who need help in school, families who do not have enough to eat, or neighbors who are losing their vision to avoidable diseases, Lions lead the way to providing care and LCIF helps them do that.

To help your fellow Lions impact more lives, consider making a donation to LCIF.

Sincerely,

Chancellor Bob Corlew Chairman, Lions Clubs International Foundation



## Districts and clubs will have the option to report their service activities in fiscal year 2018-19 using either MyLion for web or MyLCI

#### **Dear Lion Leaders and Officers,**

We received feedback from district and club officers about their challenges with the July 1, 2018 launch of MyLion as the new service activities reporting system. And we listened. We understand that clubs and districts need more time to prepare for this important transition. By giving clubs and districts the option to report through MyLion for web or through MyLCI in fiscal year 2018-19, we can:

- Provide more time for training our club and district officers
- Give officers at all levels more time to communicate with their members and clubs to ensure a successful transition to MyLion
- Ensure that club and district officers have the time they need to test MyLion so they can use it with confidence

We are still planning to release MyLion for web on July 1, 2018. We encourage everyone who is ready to use MyLion web to begin using it next year, but MyLCI can still be used for service activity reporting throughout the coming year. We will be combining service activity reports for both systems so that reports will be accurate no matter which platform you or your Lions are using.

Innovations like the new MyLion for web reporting system are important to the present and future of Lions. It also takes time, training and communication to make sure innovative technologies like MyLion work most effectively for our clubs and districts.

To better support you, we will send out more information including FAQs and training schedules in the coming days. We look forward to working with you over the coming year to prepare all clubs and districts for a successful transition to MyLion for web in fiscal year 2019-20.

Thank you for your continued support and leadership in making your districts and clubs the top destinations for serviceminded men and women around the world.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Rodwell, on behalf of the LCI Product Team

Dear Lions,

I would like to share this special fee waiver announcement with you as a district and international leader. I will also be sending the following message to your club leaders and then to members. Please join me in encouraging our clubs to take advantage of this unique opportunity so we can make June our best membership month of all time. We're so close to our historic goal of 1.5 million members, so let's keep pushing to the end of the Lion year.

### Entrance fees waived June 7-30!

To close out our incredible Centennial Celebration in style, **we're waiving entrance fees for new members who join between June 7 and June 30!** For more than 100 years, we've delivered hope and change to the world. Now, as we prepare for an innovative second century of service, there has never been a more exciting time become a Lion, and we want to make it as easy as possible for new members to join us.

So how does it work?

- Invite family and friends to join your club between June 7 and June 30.
- **Report** your new member to Lions International by 11:59 p.m. CDT on Saturday, June 30.
- Save money when your club billing automatically reflects this special promotion
- Earn a Centennial Sponsor Pin for inviting a new member, and wear it with pride.

This is a limited offer that does not apply to new members added prior to June 7 or after June 30, 2018. No exceptions will be approved. Charter and transfer charter fees do not qualify for this special waiver. If you have any questions, please contact <u>membershipdev@lionsclubs.org</u>.

Invite your family and friends to join the greatest service organization in the world as we write the history of our second century together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal

Your International President



Photos from

MD 35 Convention

May 3-6, 2018

Orlando











Peace Poster District Winner



In Memory of District O Lions







































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