

FROM THE DEN OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR CAROLYN LLOYD



Congratulations to all Lions worldwide. The first six months of the 2014-2015 Lions year has seen 20,000,000 acts of service. "Where there is a need, there is a Lion." Proudly, District 35-O Lions have performed 63, 931 acts of service. What a stupendous accomplishment. The interesting thing is that in reality, that number should be much larger. Many district Lions are out there serving and their efforts are not reflected in their club's service activity report. The service reports are the only way acts of service can be identified for everyone to see. Clubs not completing these reports need to contact their zone chairs for help. Also, don't forget the intrepid 35-O cabinet secretary. She is ready, willing, and able to offer assistance. Come on now! Complete those reports and get them in.

The 2014-2015 Lions year is rapidly coming to a close. Clubs need to remember that now is the time to recognize outstanding Lions. Think about choosing a "Lion of the Year" and presenting president's appreciation medals and certificates. Recognize those who are contributing members. Those who are committed, dedicated, and hard-working.

Also, remember to make club donations to District 35-O entities. Entities can be looked upon as silent partners. They do their work, Lions know what they do but, many times they are not thought about until they are needed. Outright donations are always welcome and will be gladly received at the last District Meeting in Cocoa Beach. District entity donations are very low this year. One way to help out is to recognize deserving Lions with a Melvin Jones Fellowship, a Grand Lion, or a life membership. Contact the various entities to see what kind of recognitions they have.

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Cost ranges from very small to very large. Every donation counts. Something for everyone.

The final 2014-2015 District Meeting is being held at the Spring Council of Governor's conference March 13-14 at the International Palms Resort on Cocoa Beach. All Lions are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Refer to this and past newsletters for information on activities. March 3 is the last day to register for meals.

This District Meeting on March 14 at 2:00 PM will be somewhat different from most. Some reports but, mostly there will be recognition and remembrance. Come celebrate our Lions work and our Lions.

Our Pride in Service

FROM FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JACQUIE TRIPP



IT HAPPENS

Lions of District 35-O and MD 35,

Be careful with your words. Once they are said, they can only be forgiven, not forgotten." We just don't filter before we

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speak. It happens. Then, it's out there, and we can't take it back. It happens.

It slips. There is no rewind after the words come spilling out of our mouths. It happens.

So, Lions, be careful. Stop and think before you state your opinion, your retort, or your rebuttal. Words do hurt. And they are not forgotten. They sting and they resonate. These actions tear down relationships, and our clubs. It happens.

Remember the adage " *If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all?*" Let's follow that suggestion. Let's build each other up. Let's complement each other. Let's just be nice!

FROM SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR STEVE HILAIRE



It's that time again. It's always that time in Lionism. The Lions routine begets order and effectiveness. It's time for nominations and elections. Firstly, appoint a nominations team to report to the club nominations meeting in March. The team usually consists of some of the past presidents. Then set a Nomination meeting

date and inform all club members. This is very important as nominations can be made from the floor at this meeting for any position. Members, ensure you have someone to second and the consent of the Lion being proposed if you are going to make a nomination. Remember one of the principles of Lionism is the development of Leaders. We all know the club's President has been doing a great job for the past 5 years but, it is time to develop somebody else. Let the Immediate Past President (IPP) do a great job as an adviser. The IPP might be longing to move from the head table back to the middle of the meeting. Always try new blood, that's why we have Vice Presidents (and VDGs:)) . Get ready for the voting in April and let members know the date and the slate of Candidates. No further nominations are possible at the elections meeting. So you want to be on the Board? Let people know! You can get nominated and the members will get a chance to decide on elections day. Early congrats to the incoming board. Start meeting and planning when you get your remit. Together we can make a difference!

"YourLCI"



Donna Norton, Cabinet Secretary

For many people there's an anecdote your family has told and most likely embellished over time. Something you did that no one forgets. It's said that my Mom told me that

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we were going to Miami to visit relatives. This must have been at the age I was beginning to use pronouns. But I could not grasp the concept of "*My* Ami". She had pronounced it to be her "ami" and I believed. To me it was "Mommy's Ami" and I refused to say differently!

At first "MyLCI" seemed a rather strange name but it's becoming clear there was vision behind the title. Have you visited the international website in the past few weeks? Major rework has been done to improve the entire site!

Open the link <u>www.lionsclubs.org</u> and take a look. Scroll across and hesitate the cursor on the titles on the yellow bar "Who We Are, How We Serve, Be A Lion, and News & Media, to view the drop down menu subject lists! Click on "Member Center" in the white space and do the same with the drop downs for the Member Center yellow bar subjects: Lions, Leos, Clubs, Districts, Serve!, Events and Resources. Take some time to explore the info under all the headline topics.

The website really is becoming "YourLCI" Not just a website for club officers to report membership and service activities but a true user friendly, easy to navigate, guidebook for anything YOU want or need to find about Lions!

I say, "*Thanks International! Much Improved! Job well done!*" I think you will too when you take a trip to visit

"YourLCI" Website



COCOA BEACH CONFERENCE! THE DEADLINE IS

UPON US!



Hi Lions,

DG Carolyn's last district celebration for her year as District Governor is coming up quickly! The Viera Lions are hosting the weekend's events in Cocoa Beach. Some may be a little confused because DG Carolyn is doing things a little bit differently. DG Carolyn has planned two full days of events. Please share this info! All Lions are welcome and encouraged to attend any of the weekend events. All events with meals require prepaid reservations. The deadline for meal reservations is March 3rd. Please use the Meal Order form. ((Click Here For Form or Access From the District 3-O Website)

Take a look at the schedule of events below. There are luncheons, training, a social, a district meeting and evening parties. The District meeting is Saturday afternoon and there is no meal at this meeting. Also there is no charge for the training sessions. There will be a Lions Store where you can shop!

Everything takes place at the International Palms Resort in Cocoa Beach. For anyone wanting to stay at the hotel, there are discounted room rates good until Feb 28th. Information is on the bottom of the <u>flyer</u>.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY EVENTS, March 13th

TRAINING on Friday (no charge)



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- > 3 pm 5 pm Line Dancing Class
- MEALS & FUN on Friday (prepaid reservations required by March 2nd)
 - Noon-1:30pm DIABETES
 FOUNDATION LUNCHEON, Deli Buffet \$23
 - 7:00 pm St Patrick's Dinner & Fun Night, Wearing of the Green, Corned Beef & Cabbage Buffet, \$27, cash bar

SATURDAY EVENTS, March 14th

- TRAINING, DISTRICT MEETING & SOCIAL on Saturday (no charge)
 - 9:30am-11:30am Diabetes
 Recertificatio
 n Training
 - 2:00pm-4:30pm
 DISTRICT 35-O Meeting
 with District
 Necrology
 Service



- 5:30pm Musical Social with your District 35-O Officers, cash bar
- MEALS & FUN on Saturday (prepaid reservations required by March 2nd)
 - Noon-1:30 pm LUNCH before the District Meeting WITH INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR ESTHER LAMOTHE: Come and join in on the fun as we try to "Stump the Director", Deli Buffet, \$23

> 7:00 pm DISTRICT 35-0 **RECOGNITION BANQUET "A** Roaring Twenties Extravaganza", choice of Chicken, Fish or Beef; \$35, Formal/Dressy Attire, Cash Bar, costumes encouraged but not required!

All meal reservations must be prepaid by March 2nd. Lion C. David Lloyd will be handling all of the meal reservations. All information is on the Meal Order. (Click Here For Form or Access From the **District 3-O Website**)

Contact any of us if you have any questions or concerns.

Lion Mary Ann Bullock Secretary, Viera Lions 321-757-0238





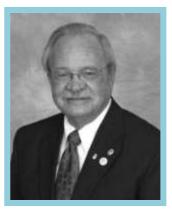
Bob Lastinger Award

International Director 2003-2005 E. Robert "Bob" Lastinger (Lois)

This award is given in memory of Past International Director Bob Lastinger from Multiple District 35, a very loyal and dedicated Lion. It is given to a grass root Lion who attends meetings regularly, is willing to help the Club with projects, serve on committees and always willing to lend a hand. This Lion will go above and beyond what is expected of them.

Every Club has someone who should be

nominated for this award. It's that extra special Lion. Write a letter nominating your grass root Lion. Include in the letter your reasons for nominating this Lion and examples of things they have done in service to Lionism. Please send your letter



of nomination postmarked by March 31, 2015 to:

> **Cabinet Secretary** DONNA NORTON 4780 N WILLIAMS AVE **CRYSTAL RIVER, FL 34428**



Daylight Saving Time will begin in the United States at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 8, 2015. At that time clocks will "spring forward" one hour. Of course that means the weekend will be an hour shorter.

MEET VICTOR - A Recent FLORIDA LIONS Conkin Center Graduate! A Special Contribution To the District 35-O Newsletter Written Prior To Graduation



Victor receiving certificate from Conklin Center Executive Director Robert Kelly

Hello, my name is Victor & I am a student at the Conklin Center in Daytona Beach.

Before my car accident in which made me become legally blind in 2006, I was a very active teen who loved to play sports, hang out with friends, my girlfriend, & do my best in high school (well for once at least until we had finally moved to Florida from the Bronx, N.Y.). My vision was above average, because I had 20/10 vision.

When we moved to Florida, we thought it would be a new start in life for us & we could do so much better in our lives until that dreaded date of November 24th, 2006 in which I was involved in a car accident that nearly took my life away & sadly took my best friend, Michael Angel Mumford's life away. I suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury (aka T.B.I.). I was given 24 hours to live, in a coma for 3 weeks, & was told I would never walk, nor see again. I was involved in different kinds of therapy before I could ever walk, see, talk, or write correctly again.

Thankfully, after months of rehabilitation, I was walking, talking, & writing again, and even seeing a little bit. That is how I truly found out how Jesus Christ is our Lord & Holy Savior, because He redeemed my mind, body, & soul after a surgery to fix my broken left femur & 2 failed brain (Continued Next Column) surgeries (Shunt placements).

From 2007-12, I was a member of Lighthouse Central Florida Program for the Visually Impaired in Orlando which was a great source of rehabilitation for me to learn how to be mobile, sociable, & active again. I met a lot of nice people who had different kinds of visual impairments. I was a member there until I aged out at 22 years old in 2012. I had some nice, fun, & memorable moments there.

After months of not doing much at all, I was finally approved to be a student at the Conklin Center which is the only program in the country that helps people who are visually impaired & suffer from a secondary disability like I do with my T.B.I. I've been in evaluation & training for nearly a year & this has truly been one of the greatest chapters of my lifetime. This program has taught me how to be independent, how to cook, clean, work, walk outside in public, live in my own apartment (training apt. of course), earn money, & manage my money.

One of my favorite classes here is Workshop with Ms. Colleen, because we helped build car parts that were sent to the factory to help build car ignitions & other car parts. Then we would also cut plastic tubing that was used for electrical wiring. We would receive a paycheck every 2 weeks from Workshop class for my participation & productivity in it.

It has truly been so much fun, an honor, & such an exhilarating experience & blessing being a member of this wonderful program. I appreciate every single staff member I've worked with & student I've been affiliated with. It just saddens me that I'm graduating already on the 6th of February.

I will forever be grateful for my time spent here & pray for the staff members & students here, they've all been so wonderful & special to me. I will always cherish their presence in my life & hold them in my heart. This is definitely one experience I will never forget, may God *(Continued Next Page)* continue bless everyone who's a part of this wondrous program & all that's prosperous in their lives. -Victor





Dear Lions,

Last year, we set a goal to help 100 million people in celebration of our Centennial in 2017. I'm happy to announce that Lions have helped 20 million people worldwide in the first six months of the challenge. That means we're on our way to achieving our goal thanks to the incredible response from Lions like you!

Great things happen when Lions work together for the benefit of their communities and the world. From the Centennial Service Challenge to the Lions Worldwide Week of Service in January, Lions everywhere are coming together to serve and celebrate LCI's 100th anniversary.

We're off to a great start, but we still have a ways to go. I hope you'll keep serving and supporting the Centennial Service Challenge. Visit Lions100.org for more info and start planning your next Centennial service project today. Remember, when Lions come together to serve, we can change the world!

Together in service,

Joe Preston Your International President

LET'S HELP ERADICATE MEASELS





Dear Lions, As a Lion, I truly

believe that there is strength in numbers. There's tremendous strength in partnerships, too. That's why Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) decided to partner with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. With our help, Gavi has averted the deaths of seven million children.

I recently represented LCIF at "Reach Every Child," a pledging conference for Gavi, hosted by German Chancellor Angela Merkel in Berlin. To help fight this deadly disease, Lions have committed to raising US\$30 million to improve access to vaccines through Gavi.

I am sure that I don't need to remind you that measles is an extremely infectious disease. Every single day, 330 children die from measles. You can <u>make a contribution</u> to LCIF today to create a healthier, brighter tomorrow for the children who need you most.

Thank you for continuing to <u>fight against</u> <u>measles</u> to ensure all children everywhere receive life-saving vaccinations.

Sincerely,

Barry J. Palmer Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



Just imagine if every

Lion, 1.35 million, asked one person to join their club...

Ask One in April and Be Recognized

Ask One is a small step that can make a big difference in your membership efforts. And when you Ask One friend,

family member or neighbor to join your club in April, you can earn special recognition. Invite a member to join your club in April and you'll receive a <u>Membership Growth</u> <u>Award Pin</u>! Plus, if you invited a member in October, you'll receive a gold pin and a banner patch for your club.

To view the "ASK ONE" Video Click Here

Earn Centennial Recognition for Your Club

When you sponsor a service project benefiting Youth, Vision, Hunger or the Environment, your club can earn a special <u>Centennial Banner Patch</u> with a progressive gemstone design. Go for a diamond-level patch by participating in all fours campaigns. Remember to report your activities through MyLCI to earn your recognition.

Start planning your next project today, and visit Lions100.org for Centennial news and updates throughout the Centennial Celebration.

2014-2015 Multiple District 35 Convention

April 30—May 3, 2015



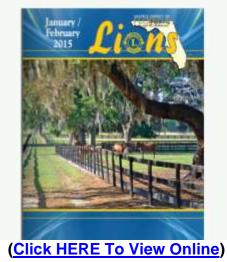
The Council of Governors requests your presence at the <u>2015</u> <u>Multiple District 35</u> <u>Convention</u>. Join us in the horse capitol of the

world, Ocala, Florida where you will have an opportunity to discover classic Florida charm while enjoying unforgettable presentations and speakers.

Relax all day or take in a spirited seminar or two. Search through Lionistic treasures or soar sky-high on a rip roaring adventure with your fellow grassroots Lions at the Friday night social. Then close out the weekend with your friends at the closing banquet on Saturday.

Find your inner Lion at the MD-35 Convention. Ocala is the perfect place for a Lions family weekend. <u>Click here to register</u> <u>online...</u> Whatever happens at your convention is only the beginning. You'll find everything you're looking for at the convention the weekend, April 30—May 3, 2015.

LOOKING FOR MORE DETAIL ABOUT THE CONVENTION? It's In the January/February 2015 Multiple District 35 Florida and the Bahamas Magazine!



Night At The Races at the Multiple **District Convention!**

How's Your Club's Horse Coming Along?



Win With Horses, Hats & Outfits!

Remember, they are off and running on Friday Evening May 1, 2015 at the 91st **Annual Multiple District Convention in OCala at THE NIGHT AT THE RACES!**

The January District 35-O Newsletter featured the rules and information for A Night At The Races at the 91st Annual **Multiple District Convention in Ocala on** Friday evening May 1, 2015 (May Day). If you missed it or need to find out how to get your horse for decorating review the archived Jan. 2014 newsletter on the **District 35 O website.**

Click on the "Newsletters & Sunshine" tab, then click on the month you would like to review!

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The Florida Lions Conklin Center for the Blind will be hosting its 1st Annual

ing Daryl Tol, CEO/Presi

Thursday, March 26th, 2015 at the Ocean Center 6:00pm - 10:00pm

Tickets - \$75 each

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE FLORIDA LIONS CONKLIN CENTER FOR THE BLIND TO HELP BLIND PEOPLE WITH ADDITIONAL DISABILITIES

Hotel Accommodations: A block of beachfront rooms has been reserved in the name of the Conklin Center at the Hampton Inn Daytona Beach/Beachfront 1024 North Atlantic Avenu Daytona Beach, FL 32118 Reduced rate of \$139/meh (please make reservations by February 25th)

Visit www.conklincenter.org/nightforsight for all of the details or call Mary Beth Hansen at 386-258-3441

1 1000 HELPPLA, OR VIA THE INTERNET AT

CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINKS FOR MORE **INFORMATION:**

FOR A FULL SIZE PRINTABLE FLYER **AUCTION DONATION FORM PROGRAM AD FORM SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SPONSORSHIP FORM**





SATURDAY, March 21, 2015

HACIENDA HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB Tee Times START @ 11:56 A.M.

\$80 FEE INCLUDES: •GOLF (CART IF NEEDED) HOT DOGS & SODA FOR LUNCH(starting@ 11am) •REFRESHMENTS ON THE COURSE DINNER @ Laurel Manor •CHICKEN & BEEF BUFFET DINNER (EXTRA DINNER TICKETS - \$20.00) Doors open @ 5pm-cash bar-Dinner@ 6:30pm



•HOLE-IN-ONE - PUTTING & CHIPPING - CLOSEST TO PIN CONTESTS •MAKE UP YOUR OWN FOURSOME IF YOU WISH

> GROSS & NET PRIZES AWARDED NET PRIZES REQUIRE ESTABLISHED HANDICAP

REGISTRATION BEGINS FEB. 9TH AT HACIENDA HILLS GOLF AND C.C. PRO SHOP



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: LION JOE DONLON - 259-6013 HACIENDA HILLS PRO SHOP - 753-5155

The Inglis Yankeetown Lions Club invites you to participate in the 4th annual Nature Coast Challenge – A Kayak "Catch-Photo-Release" Fishing Tournament for men, ladies and all ages! Join in the fun at the Captain's Meeting starting with an old fashioned fish fry on Friday evening April 17th, 2015. Fish at first safe light on Saturday April 18th, 2015 for the longest redfish and sea trout to win cash prizes and trophies. Photograph everything you catch for a chance at the "mixed bag' trophy! Win the new category this year for the best Jr. Angler! And wear home a souvenir tournament t-shirt! All for a \$40 donation if paid before March 18th. Complete info can be found at www.naturecoastchallenge.com







Diabetes Training and Recert Classes If you have questions please email Lion Norma Callahan. Remember – advance notice is needed in order to have the correct training materials, supplies, etc. email: lionnormacallahan@yahoo.com

March 7. Crescent City (Saturday) March 14 DISTRICT MEETING – Cocoa Beach – Recertification Only (Saturday) April 11 Multiple District Office in Orlando (Saturday)

April 18 Ormond By the Sea (Saturday)

MD35, DISTRICT 35-O, CLUBS & ENTITY UPCOMING EVENTS!

(Want your event listed here? Send your Club & Entity Events (and flyers) to this <u>Email</u> HWEARL@aol.com)

March 7, 2015: 37TH ANNUAL LIONS DAYS at the United Nations

March 7, 2015: Viera Lions Clubs Eleventh Annual BBQ and Auction

March 12-13, 2015: *MD35 COG Executive Meetings*, Cocoa Beach (DGs & VDGs only)

March 14, 2015: District 35-O Meeting (2:00 pm) & District Recognition Banquet (7pm), Viera hosting at Cocoa Beach, International Palms Resort, Special Guest- ID Ester LaMothe

MARCH 17, 2015 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



March 21, 2015: OBG Lions Club 27th Annual Golf Scramble

March 26, 2015: Night for Sight Gala Florida Conklin Center for the Blind

Auction Donation Form Program Ad Form

Sponsorship Opportunities Sponsorship Form

March 28, 2015: 10th Annual STRIDES

WALK - Walk with Us on Saturday, March 28, 2015 along the beautiful Ormond By The Sea Beach. This walk supports Lions Scholarships for the Florida Diabetic Camps for diabetic children. <u>FLYER</u>

March 28, 2015: Southeastern Guide Dogs

will hold it's very first Orlando walkathon on in Baldwin Park ,4990 New Broad Street, Orlando, FL (<u>More Info</u>)

April 11, 2015 (Saturday) - DIABETES SCREENING CLASS will be at held at the Lions Multiple District Office in ORLANDO. RETINA TRAINING will also be included.

Get Certified or Recertified Saturday! If you are interested in learning but not certification you can <u>sign-up to AUDIT</u> a class. ---no fee to audit --just pay for your own lunch and learn! New forms and other important information will be covered! Contact PDG NORMA

CALLAHAN to sign up....remember to ask how you can reduce your class fee by printing your own materials for class! PDG Norma's eMail address is: lionnormacallahan@yahoo.com Her phone number is: (386) 479-9896 The Multiple District Office is located at 7200 Lake Ellenor Dr., Suite 109, Orlando, Florida

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April 24-26, 2015: Lake Alfred Lions Club US Title I Series Hydroplane Races

April 30 - May 2, 2015: *MD35 Convention*, Ocala Hilton

May 1, 2015: *Night At The Races during multiple district convention*

May 16, 2015: Hernando Lions Golf Tournament <u>FLYER</u> Contact: Lion Al 352 257-1388

June 6, 2015: *Helen Keller Memorial Dedication in Tuscambia, AL.*

June 26-30, 2015 *LCI 98th Annual Convention* in Honolulu, Hawaii

June 26-30, 2015: *LCI 98th Annual Convention* in Honolulu, Hawaii Aloha Lions! The 98th Lions Clubs International Convention will be held in the beautiful city of Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, June 26th – June 30th, 2015. For an overview and links to other specific information click <u>HERE</u>. <u>Registration</u> <u>Fee</u> Regular (10 January through 31 March, 2015) US\$150 Late(1 April, 2015 – onsite) US\$170)

NOMINATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS CHAIR REPORT

MD35-O

March 14. 2015

The deadline having passed for being certified to move up in position to District Governor or First Vice District Governor and candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor, here is the slate for the year of 2015-2016 officers of District 35-O

1st Vice District Governor Jackie Tripp endorsed by the Ormond by the Beach Lions Club , has presented her paper work and has been certified to move up to the position of District 35-O Governor for the 2015-2016 year.

2nd Vice District Governor Steve Hilaire, endorsed by the Kissimmee Lions Club, has presented his paper work and has been certified to move up to the position of District 35-O 1st Vice District Governor for the 2015-2016 year.

Lion Irving E Navarro, endorsed by the Orlando Hispanic Lions Club has presented his paperwork and has been certified as a Candidate for the position of District 35-O r2nd Vice District Governor for the 2015-2016.

The election for these offices will be held at the Multiple District 35 Convention to be held in Ocala, Florida on May 2, 2015.

Lion Carol Reichard, Chairman District 35-O Nominations and Resolutions Committee



* Find More Pictures on our FACEBOOK Page: Florida Lions District 350



Winter Garden Lions Club getting ready for the 2015 Easter Egg Hunt



La C/L Ana Chaparro haciendo las pruebas de glucosa.



El C/L Jerry Morillo realizando pruebas de la visión.

Orlando Hispanic Lions Club



LOOKIN' GOOD!

Inverness Lions Club models at this year's Citrus Recycled-Trashy Fashion Show!