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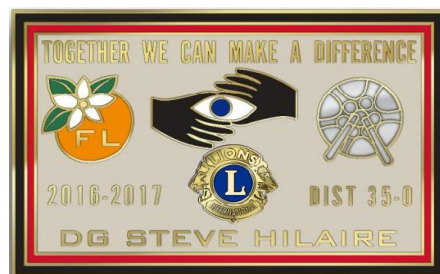


DG Steve Hilaire

Fellow Lions,

Where there's a need there's a Lion. Easy words to say but sometimes not so easy to do. As ordinary people, we are expected to respond to the need of others by being charitable as part of our daily living experience. As Lions, we have to go a little further, we have to confront it day and day out, as we have been doing for almost 100 years. We have to find out who is really in need and fill that need. Some come to us, some are referred and sometimes we have to do the groundwork and do a community needs assessment. Who is in need, who needs us and what will we do? Seems like easy questions but the response defines Lionism. There are some needs however that are beyond our capacity to fulfill. Some that even LCIF cannot handle. We will continue to give back to the community to the best of our ability. To serve for a pat on the back, an Atta boy or a simple thank you. That is how we get paid and it is worth much more than its weight in gold. That "thank you" brings a smile to your lip, joy to your heart and the energy to keep on working. Again, that is Lionism. That is far better than any certificate presented at the end of the year. We did not join for awards, we did not even know about awards. We joined to help, to serve. We do it to help others, that is why we joined and why we stay. We all get tired and frustrated now and then but we continue for the greater good. If there is a slight burnout you can go at large for a couple months. You will be back sooner than you think because you will miss the camaraderie and the satisfaction of fulfilling your community needs. So I would like to say thank you to each and every lion for the great work you are doing. I may not see you doing it but we all see the results. **THANK YOU**

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



1st Vice DG Irving “Tito” Navarro



Relieving the Hunger Projects, How is your Lions club helping to feed the hungry? Make an impact!

November is upon us Relieving the Hunger is one of the four Centennial Projects that we can take as an action campaign during this month. Visit LCI for project ideas, Lions stories and videos that show how Lions help feed the hungry in their communities. We have the means to end hunger in America as the first step to ending global hunger. In fact, God has provided so abundantly that there is enough food produced to feed everyone.

According to “USDA Releases U.S. Household Food (In)Security Data for 2014” in the United States, 27 percent of all the food produced each year is lost at the retail, consumer, and food service levels. That turns out to be about nearly 1.5 tons of food per year for every man, woman, and child in the United States who faces hunger. To put it another way, in the U.S. we throw away about 263 million pounds of food a day... every single day! And much of what is wasted actually is just surplus food. It is perfectly edible. And that doesn't even count the food left in the fields or discarded before delivery.

Much of what goes to waste is surplus food. It is nutritious and edible. And while all that good food is being wasted, there are more than 40 million Americans who struggle daily to get enough to eat. Nearly half of these people are children. A large number are elderly. But no matter whom they are, or where they live, or why they are impoverished, there is no excuse for anyone to go hungry in America when so much food goes to waste.

Lake Alfred Lions pack food each month for students who need food for the weekend. Food items are placed in a box then placed in a book bag so the students do not have to be embarrassed that they do not have enough food in their homes. Food is enough for two breakfasts, two lunches and two dinners. Ravioli, pop tarts, crackers, fruit cups and fruit snacks are a few of the items they pack.



U.S. Hunger Facts

Poverty is the leading cause of hunger in America. More than 40 million people in the United States live below the poverty line and are at risk of hunger. More than 14 percent of U.S. households struggle to put enough food on the table. More than 48 million Americans—including 16.2 million children—live in these households.

More than one in five children is at risk of hunger. Among African-Americans and Latinos, nearly one in three children is at risk of hunger. Source: Household Food Security in the United States, 2010. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, September 2011. (Table 1B, Table 3).

Solving Hunger in America

There is not just one cause of hunger, which means there is not just one solution. But one thing is clear: hunger in America is solvable. It isn't an issue of producing more food, because we produce more than enough to feed everyone already. It is instead an issue of will. The simple truth is that hunger exists in the United States because we Americans tolerate it.

As Lions we can do something to end hunger in the U.S. Involvement begins with being informed. Read the reports about hunger linked on this page and from other sources, and consider the solutions they propose. You can also get personally involved in helping those in need by providing financial assistance, and volunteering with our ministry.

Below are Lions from Ponce Inlet and Lions from Region 3 under the direction of Region Chairperson Lion Jeffrey Follmer, engaged on a region project that included Lions from Zone 7, ZC Gwenyth Wilson; Zone 8, ZC Donald Kruck; Zone 9, ZC Mary Yochum.



Yours in friendship and lionism,
1st VDG Irving E. "Tito" Navarro
D35-O 2016-2017

together we can help to stop hunger



2nd Vice DG Helene Thompson



So Thankful

The month of November, the start of the holiday season, has always been one of my favorites. The holidays, for me, are a time to be with family. My birthday, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's all provide opportunities to gather, embrace and celebrate. Some of my favorite and most poignant memories are from these events.

And the same applies for my Lion family. We have 2 opportunities to gather together in November. The first is the Council of Governor's Conference at the International Palms Resort in Orlando November 4th - 6th. This Lion family gathering brings our family members from all over the state as well as International Director Bill Phillipi. This conference offers the opportunity for fellowship at the Friday western themed fun night. There will be many opportunities for learning offered. And we will get caught up on all the on goings in our Districts and with our entities. We look forward to sharing meals and renewing friendships. And, perhaps most exciting, we will be building the Centennial Parade Float in the parking lot at the close of the conference. What an unusual and fun project.

The second family gathering is our District Advisory (Cabinet) Meeting on November 12th hosted by the South Orange Lions Club. The Cabinet Meetings are always a wonderful opportunity to gather and conduct our District's business. The District Governor's Team, including the Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Region and Zone Chairs make the time to participate, share and learn. The South Orange Lions Club has always put on a great meeting with the help of their Leos and the ROTC, who are part of our extended Lion family.

I wish each of you a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving. Hopefully it will be the start of a holiday season filled with love.

Respectfully,

Lion Helene Thompson, SVDG





Cabinet Secretary Harry Williams

A FEW THOUGHTS FROM YOUR CABINET SECRETARY...

November is a time of year when we pause to reflect about our lives and express thanksgiving for all of the many things we have. As Lions, we are aware of those around us who do not have the basic essentials of life or who need medical or humanitarian assistance. Therefore, as we come together at Cypress Creek High School for our next cabinet meeting, let us continue to think about those in need. Many areas of Florida are still dealing with the effects of Hurricane Hermine while many more are digging out from the devastation of Hurricane Matthew. These areas need disaster relief. If your club has collected funds for disaster relief, bring it to the meeting. Also, having been challenged by Helen Keller to be the “knights of the blind,” also bring your used eyeglasses for recycling. Finally, remember to bring your project report and share with our Lion community what you clubs are planning to serve those in your community during this bountiful season.

As always, I want to thank to South Orange Lions Club in advance. This club has always provided Lions with a marvelous selection of breakfast items as well as a wonderful lunch. They are known for their hospitality.

The table is set and you are all invited. Please come and join us at Cypress Creek High School on November 12. See you there!

Lion Harry



GLT Coordinator Greg Evans



November is a time of giving Thanks. I hope you have a lot to be thankful for. As Lions we are serving the community and most of the time those less fortunate who do not have as much to be thankful for. I am “Thankful” to be a Lion, as when I am able to serve someone, it makes me happy and thankful that I can do so. *This month*, take a moment to think about what you are thankful for. *(I know your District Governor and his team are thankful for all the hard work our District Lions and team are doing)* After that, think about who, in your Lions circle, you are “Thankful for” and **GO THANK them.** Send them a card, call them on the phone, stop by and bring them a coffee, send them a special Text. This will make them feel special and also build more leadership bonds.



We need leadership and we need new leaders; which come from Lions who develop naturally or are developed by other leaders, who see potential and interest. There has been a class offered over that last few years called “The Art of Recognition”. If you have time read through the attachment from which it was developed and recognize and thank others.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/ldsp003.pdf>

The Deadline for ELLI is quickly fading away. It is November 7th. The clock is ticking. Call your Zone Chair if you would like to go.

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/development-programs/emerging-leadership-institutes/index.php>

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/elli-chicago.pdf>

The next ELLI (emerging Lions Leadership Institute) is scheduled for January 21-24, 2017 in Chicago.

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL

President Robert Corlew



Dear Lion,

Lions do inspiring things. For 100 years, we have joined together to change the lives of neighbors next door and underserved populations around the world. Now that's reason to celebrate.

Your club's Centennial celebration is the perfect opportunity to share your achievements and spread the word about what Lions do in your community. When people learn about the difference you're making as a Lion, I know they'll be inspired to join you in service. And there are so many ways to include your community in the celebration.

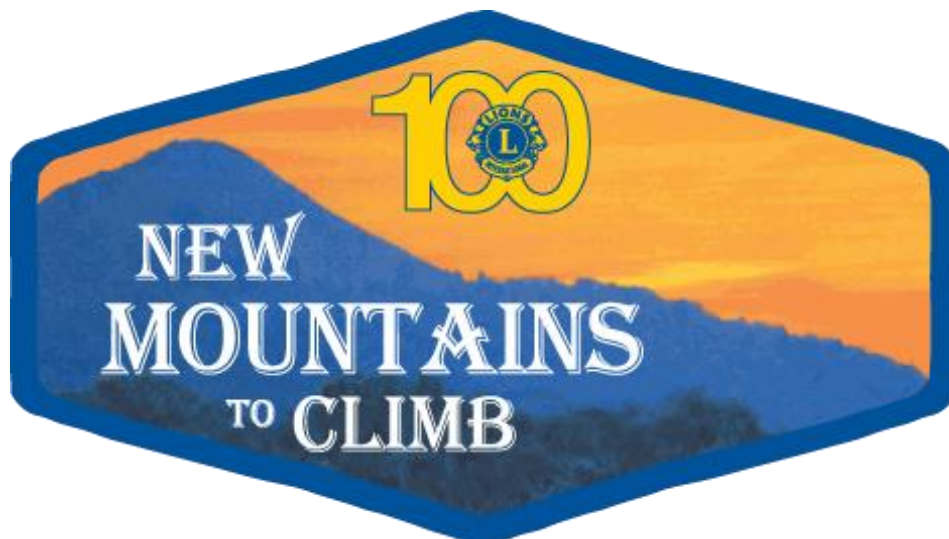
Invite family and friends to serve with you on your next Centennial Service Challenge project so they can experience the power of service. Plan a Legacy Project to showcase your club and connect with community. Host a special Centennial celebration that highlights your achievements, your projects and the opportunities to serve with you.

Let's make the most of our Centennial. So, keep serving, keep celebrating and keep inspiring your community!

Very truly yours,

Chancellor Bob Corlew

Your International President



The Meaning of Lions—Same Today as Before

The pages of LION Magazine during the early years of Lions in the 1920s were filled with stories such as “The Purpose of Lions,” “The Meaning of Lionism” and “The Value of Lions.” A businessman’s club dedicated to service was still a novel concept, and it was as if Lions had to convince themselves that they were on the right track. The uncertainty led Lions to question whether Lions Clubs would even survive. “During my lifetime I have seen organizations formed with the highest ideals flourish for a time, then drop into comparative unimportance. Will that be the fate of Lionism? I hope not,” wrote District Governor A. Baker of Cheyenne, Wyoming, in January 1922.

But Lions stayed the course. They stuck with service. Fellowship was part of membership. But service was paramount. “Activities Make the Club” was the headline for a column in 1927 by International President Irving Camp of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. “Show me a club that simply meets and eats, and I will show you a club that has failed to respond to the call of service as invited in the very principles of our great, unselfish organization,” he wrote.

Rapidly approaching our Centennial in 2017, we now know that our forebears were right. Service is what makes a Lion. It’s what we do. It’s who we are. That has never been more evident than over the past couple of years. We set a goal to serve 100 million people by June 30, 2018. The four campaigns have been Engaging Youth, Sharing the Vision, Relieving the Hunger and Protecting the Environment.

We wondered whether we’d reach the goal because clubs typically had reported to Lions Clubs International serving 8 million people annually (but we knew the true figure was higher). **I’m elated to tell you that in early September we reached our goal of serving 100 million people.** Take pride in being part of an association that lives up to its amazing ideals.

Like Lions of yesteryear, we put service first. But unlike them, we are confident we will be here for a long, long time! Thank you for all you do as a Lion, and I hope to see you at the 100th International Convention in Chicago June 30-July 4, 2017.

2017 LCI Chicago Convention Registration and Hotel



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Fee:

- Registration Fee through January 13, 2017 is US\$130
- From January 14 through March 31, 2017 the regular registration fee is US\$180
- April 1, 2017 through onsite registration, the fee is US\$200.

New Video: The Foundation

The final video in our historical Centennial series focuses on Lions Clubs International Foundation, the charitable branch of Lions Clubs International that has been impacting lives since 1968. LCIF helps Lions around the world provide assistance in times of disaster, providing nearly US\$100 million for disaster relief in the last decade alone. LCIF programs include Lions Quest, SightFirst, Sight for Kids and the One Shot, One Life: Measles Initiative. [Watch now to learn the history and power of LCIF.](#)



World Diabetes Day is November 14



This year's World Diabetes Day theme is "Eyes on Diabetes."

According to the [International Federation of](#)

[Diabetes](#), one in two adults with diabetes is undiagnosed. A diabetes screening can identify asymptomatic individuals who may have diabetes but don't know it. Lions, this November 14 conduct a diabetes screening in your community! Help raise awareness about diabetes, and give community members the resources and information they need to lead healthier lives. [Learn how to organize a diabetes screening.](#)

Start Planning Your Centennial Legacy Project

How is your club celebrating Lions' Centennial? Centennial Community Legacy Projects are a great way to connect your club with your community and spread the word about Lions Clubs International's 100-year anniversary. Legacy Projects are lasting gifts to your community that raise your club's

visibility and build your Lions legacy. With three levels of projects to choose from, there's an opportunity for every club to get involved. [Visit the Legacy Projects webpage](#) for project ideas and start planning your project today!

Lions Commemorative Coin Available Soon

The Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin will provide a worthy tribute to the millions of Lions who have served their communities during the last 100 years. The US\$1 coin will be available in early



2017 to celebrate Lions Clubs International's 100th anniversary. In addition to highlighting a century of charitable services to people in need, a surcharge of US\$10 for every commemorative coin sold – without any cost to taxpayers – will be donated to Lions Clubs International Foundation. These funds will support ongoing Lions programs that assist the visually impaired, disabled, youth and those affected by major disasters. Watch for updates as we get closer to the launch of the coin.



Special Visit by Lions President Corlew to Conklin Center for the Blind



International President Lion Chancellor Bob Corlew recognizes the efforts of local responders to help those in need following Hurricane Matthew.

What a treat it was for us to attend a special event in Daytona Beach on Wednesday, October 19, when the Ormond By the Sea Lions Club hosted a dinner meeting at the Conklin Center with International President Chancellor Bob Corlew as the honored guest. It proved to be a wonderful event with many Lions from across Florida in attendance.

Since Lion Kathy and I had never been to the Conklin Center, we considered ourselves so fortunate to be in the historic place where tremendous efforts by dedicated professionals and volunteers alike provide education, training, support, and service for blind children and adult students with additional disabilities.

The Conklin Center is the only facility of its kind in the United States dedicated exclusively to the empowerment of blind students living with multiple physical challenges for employment and independence.

Conklin Director Robert Kelly, who is a Lion, shared with us that the Center's mission is to enable its students to become independent, active citizens. He proudly added that 85% of students who complete the program each year obtain jobs and continue their education and

vocational training, therefore becoming more self-reliant. With support from Lions Clubs International as well as other agencies, the Conklin Center continues to serve its students with guidance and support long after their "graduation." Another tremendous part of the Center's role is the educational service for blind children from birth to age five who live across a four-county area in Florida.

Fortunately, Hurricane Matthew only caused minimal damage to the Center. President Corlew toured the area from Gainesville over to the eastern coastal region and actually had to evacuate the hotel where he was staying in Daytona Beach when it was discovered that there were some lingering problems with water damage from the hurricane.



Conklin Center Director Lion Robert Kelly and PID Robert Littlefield



District Governor Steve and IP Bob Corlew collaborate on presentations of chevrons and awards to several deserving Lions.

President Corlew presented a number of awards to central Florida Lions and he was presented a Life Membership from the Florida Lions Diabetes Foundation.

The presence of two Past International Directors—Lion Stacy Jones and Lion Neil Spencer—along with past and current district officers added to the festivities.

President Corlew brought the Centennial Banner for all to sign that will be on display at the Centennial Convention in Chicago next summer. We enjoyed meeting. Florida lions and look forward to the upcoming events in November. When we got on the road to our home in Oviedo, we reflected on the warm reception we received from the Florida Lions. What they say is true, Lions share a common bond where all are welcomed and appreciated for the service they provide. Thanks to all who serve in need!

PID Robert Littlefield

Ormond By the Sea Lions Club Hosts Lions Club International President

Members of the Ormond By the Sea Lions Club were honored to host International President Chancellor Lion Robert (Bob) Corlew from Tennessee for a visit to their Club. Lion Bob was invited to visit our District by Past District Governor Lion Dr. Norma Callahan, Volusia County Lions Club to learn about, and participate in, diabetic retinopathy screening. Lion Dr. Norma has secured a Sight First Grant to purchase screening cameras to conduct the screenings for people who are in high-risk categories for Diabetic Retinopathy. Diabetic Retinopathy is one of the leading causes of new adult blindness in America. Our Lions program detects this disease as well as many cases of macular degeneration and other retinal disorders. The grant covers the entire state of Florida and the Bahamas. At this time, Lions Clubs have conducted over 2,500 diabetic retinopathy screenings and over 10,000 Blood sugar screenings. Screenings are free of charge by the Lions Clubs.

Lion Bob met privately with members of the Ormond By the Sea Lions Club for Dinner on Tuesday evening. Wednesday morning, accompanied by Lions Dr. Norma and Past International Director Neil Spencer and his wife, Past District Governor Jacquie Spencer, they traveled to Gainesville to attend a luncheon sponsored by the Alachua Lions with District L Governor Larry Masters welcoming him and 45 Lions attending. The University of Florida Pediatric Diabetic Clinic was next on his schedule. They sponsor the FL Diabetic Camps and Lion Bob met with them to discuss an on-going study with Dr. Silverstein, MD and Dr. Jacobson, MD where all diabetic children are screened for diabetic eye conditions.

Wednesday evening, he attended the Ormond By the Sea Lions Club meeting held at the Conklin Center. Ormond By the Sea Lions Club President Bobbie Cheh welcomed the International President as well as three Past International District Governors Neil Spencer, Tracey Jones and Robert Littlefield along with current District Governor Steve Hilaire and Second Vice District Governor Helene Thompson.

Over 60 Lions Club members enjoyed dinner catered by Alfie's Restaurant (OBTS Lion Greg Evans) and listened to International President Lion Bob review the great strides Lions Clubs are making throughout the world and thanked us for our service. The International President also installed Peter Caputo as the newest member of the Ormond By the Sea Lions Club. Conklin Center Director Robert Kelly then gave Lion Bob a personal tour of The Conklin Center and the work that they do to assist blind children and adults with additional disabilities to be independent and contributing citizens.

On the final day of his visit on Thursday, five members of the Ormond By the Sea Lions Club with assistance from Lion President Donna Norton and her husband, Lion Steve, of Inglis Yankeetown Club and Lion PDG Dr. Norma Callahan conducted both diabetic retinopathy screenings and blood glucose screenings at the Halifax Urban Ministries Homeless shelters. Thirty blood glucose screenings were completed along with 30 diabetic retinopathy screenings. In the evening, International President Lion Bob and Past International Director Stacey Jones along with Lion Dr. Norma Callahan met with Lion Dr. Shalesh Kaushal, MD, PHD, an Ophthalmologist and Medical Director of the FL Lions Diabetic Retinopathy Foundation, who was instrumental in helping set up the program and reads the screenings.

Ormond By the Sea Lions Club thanks the International President for visiting their Club and our area. Members are looking forward to attending the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Lions Club in Chicago next June. For more information on the screenings or if you would like to join us as we serve our Communities, please call (386) 441-4421 for more information.



Ormond By the Sea Lions Club Members Past President Mary Yochum, current President Bobbie Cheh, International President Chancellor Bob Corlew, Past Presidents Les Walter and Greg Evans



Dignitaries touring family homeless shelter.



OBTS President Bobbie Cheh, as sponsor, watches as new member Peter Caputo is inducted by International President Chancellor Bob Corlew.



OBTS Lions Club members after meeting with International President, each member received the New Mountains to Climb pin.



OBTS Lions Club members who conducted diabetic retinopathy screenings and blood sugar screenings at Homeless Shelter (not shown Frank White)



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Ormond by The Sea

Saturday, September 10, saw six members of the Ormond by The Sea Lions Club gathering to help paint the Children's and Teen rooms at the Halifax Urban Ministries for families in Daytona Beach (Homeless Shelter).

Working with Miguel Rodriguez, Housing Coordinator, from Halifax Urban Ministries on selection of colors and teaming up with Sherwin Williams Paints, which helped provide the paint at a discounted cost, OBTS Lions members were able to paint both rooms in half a day. It was a win/win project in that members enjoyed serving and making a difference at the Shelter for the Children and the shelter benefited by having the rooms freshened up, cleaned and ready for use.



Happy Painters Lions (left to right) Lions Les Walter, Gwen Dean, Bobbie Cheh, Harry Dean, Frank White and Mary Yochum.

The Ormond by the Sea Lions Club meets the first and third Wednesdays of every month at Alfie's Restaurant, 1666 Ocean Shore Blvd, Ormond Beach, FL 32176. Meeting time 6:30 PM. We invite all who want to make a difference in their community. For information on the active service-oriented Club, call (386) 441-4421.

Ormond Beach



From left to right, are Dylan, Sondra Cary(mother), James Cary(father) and Lion President, Al Legg.

The Ormond Beach Lions Club honored Seabreeze High School's, Dylan Cary, as its Student-Athlete of the Month, at its September 28 meeting. With Dylan's family in attendance, Principal Joe Rawlings; Defensive Coach Saunier; and Lion President Al Legg recalled his accomplishments as an athlete and student. Dylan, who has earned a 3.7 GPA, is a member of the National Honor Society. He is a leader on the football field...described as a "coach on the field", often offering suggestions for improving team performance. Dylan, always encourages teammates to do better. Dylan plans to enter Daytona State following graduation, followed by UCF. He plans to major in Sports Science. Dylan was presented the Student-Athlete of the Month Plaque by President, Al Legg. He will also be included on the Annual Student-Athlete of the Month Plaque which will be on permanent display at the School.





Multiple District 35 Florida and the Bahamas Lions Magazine

My Fellow Lions,

I am Lion David Skillin, the publisher of the new Multiple District 35 Florida and the Bahamas Lions Magazine. Allow me to introduce you to the October 2016 issue of the LIONS Magazine. Within its pages you will find all you would expect to find in your Lions Magazine submitted by you the Lions of MD-35. The October 2016 issue can be found by clicking the link below.

<http://www.md35lionsmagazine.com/pdf/October 2016.pdf>

As of this writing there are approximately 5500 Lions in MD-35, with 3700 Lions with e-mail addresses registered with MyLCI. The District Governors and I are asking that you contact your fellow Lions who do not have an e-mail registered to have them contact their Lions Club Secretaries and ask them to update MyLCI so that it includes the email addresses for all members in your Lions Club.

We will be looking for your articles on projects, fundraisers and events your Lions club has upcoming or will have just completed. No matter how big or small your event is let the Lions of MD-35 know when and where it is. The MD-35 Digital Lions Magazine will be happy to advertise your events at no cost to the Lions of MD-35.

We ask that all submissions be typed using Microsoft Word or compatible format with photographs in JPEG or compatible format. Send via e-mail to: davidskillin@verizon.net. You can also send your photos via postal mail to Lion David Skillin, PO Box 1306, Brandon, FL, 33509. Please remember to use high quality photo paper, do not use plain paper as the quality of the photo would be lost which makes it impossible to reproduce for use in the magazine. Remember to properly spell the names of every person included in the photo. The deadline for submissions will be the 15th of every month.

Thank you,

Lion David J. Skillin, PDG

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Project Right to Sight

As a District 35 O Entity, our success depends on the support of 35 O Lions! We certainly receive lots of support with your efforts to collect, sort and bring the recycled “raw stock” to the District Meetings. Once the volunteer PRTS Lions prepare the “raw stock” for distribution; we -as Lions- send hundreds of thousands of glasses on Mission Trips, provide thousands of glasses for Eye Clinics and Health Fair right here in Central Florida! **We Serve!**

We operate with a fairly small budget for the amount of work we do – but it is a budget and it needs to be funded. Clubs in District 35 O have been very generous to PRTS, but supplies need to be purchased, equipment replaced and repaired, maintenance at the warehouse and rental fees for trucks to pick up the “raw stock” at District Meetings.

PRTS would like to thank you all for your past support and remind you that Life Memberships in PRTS are available. At present, we have 202 Life Members, the list is on the PRTS website. Life Membership forms are available on the website also. Another thoughtful use of the Life Membership may be to purchase one in Memory of a special person.

Lion Mary Pezzo, Past President PRTS



DISTRICT 35-O YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

In 1961 a Lions Youth Exchange program was adopted by Lions International. The program was founded upon the first object of Lionism: to create and foster a spirit of understanding of the people of the world. The program is committed to broadening international awareness among the youth of the world. The Youth Exchange Trust Fund in which we are now involved had a tragic beginning. It is a memorial that was founded in 1984. On July 4th of that year, an exchange student: Paivi Harittu from Paimio, Finland visiting the Orlando area as part of the exchange program lost her life in an automobile accident. Our district governor at the time, Lion Joe Rembaum, now deceased, undertook a task of creating a living memorial to the student. He along with other Lions and outside benefactors established the trust fund that we have today. The trust continues to be supported by donations from the Lions of District 35-O and others who wish to contribute. The corpus of the trust is never touched. It is the earnings of the trust that is used to provide the scholarships.

In the beginning we were fortunate if one scholarship could be awarded. Today we are all the more fortunate because we are able to provide more scholarships to outstanding students in the amount of \$1,000.00. Our focus on youth exchange was curtailed with the sad events of September 11, 2001. The board of trustees determined that it was probably not in the best interest of the students or the trust to continue arranging for students to visit overseas. Therefore, during the last several years students have been permitted to use the scholarship money for further education, educational seminars, educational travel or any other needs. We offer life memberships for \$100.00. With a life membership, you will receive a certificate and a pin to proudly display on your vest to prove you support the future of our youth. This is how the YESTF continues to provide students help with their expenses or travel. They are our future. Many are so very grateful...

You will be receiving notification of applications for students in December. Please make sure they get into the schools, that the students are aware of help from Lions of District 35-O.

Wendy Wilson



Mount Dora

The Mount Dora Lions participated in the NATIONAL NIGHT OUT October 4 in the Mount Dora Target parking lot sponsored by the Mount Dora Police and the Sheriff's departments. The National Night Out is a community-police awareness-raising event in the United States. Lions manned a table, passed out pretzels and fliers to let people know what their local Lions are doing.

The Lions were looking forward to their annual support of the Mount Dora Bike Fest however, hurricane Matthew derailed the event on Oct 7. We were all set to go but got blown away. We'll be back next year.

Mount Dora Lions are attending 2nd Annual CHILI COOK OFF! Saturday, the 15th of October, located in Downtown Mt. Dora at Evans Park. Proceeds benefit Lake Cares Food Pantry which the Mount Dora Lions strongly support.

The Mount Dora Lions are gearing up for the Mount Dora Lions Annual Christmas Parade held the first Saturday in December. Lions and Leos will collect food for Lake Cares, march in the Parade with our very own Santa and Mrs. Santa.

Also in December will be the Mount Dora Lions Annual Christmas party which is great fun. Toys for children will be collected.

Throughout this last year the Mount Dora Lions have supported PDG Norma Callahan with diabetes screening and retina scanning.

Support for eye care at the Orlando clinic is an on-going activity. The Mount Dora Lions support several individuals each month with cataract surgery and other needed eye care.

Mark Your Calendar

November 3-6	Fall Council of Governors Conference Orlando
November 12	District 35-O Meeting Cypress Creek HS
January 12-15	Winter Council of Governors Conference Celebration
January 21	District 35-O Meeting Conklin Center
March 4	Spring Executive Session
March 11	District 35-O Meeting Lake Alfred
May 4-7	MD Convention Orlando
June 30 – July 4	International Convention Chicago, Illinois
September 21-23	USA/Canada Forum Portland, Oregon





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Hurricane Matthew affected several areas, including the Caribbean and the United States. It was the deadliest hurricane in the Atlantic Ocean since 2005. Many main roads are impassible and many bridges have been washed away. Food and drinking water are in short supply and many of those who need aid the most are still waiting for it to arrive. When disaster strikes, Lions are among the first to offer help to the victims, even though they are often victims themselves. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is right there beside them, ready to support their efforts with funding assistance through Lions disaster relief programs. Working together, LCIF, local Lions and Lions leaders assess the urgent needs and quickly deliver the aid most required by victims.

LCIF awarded an initial Emergency grant to Haiti to address immediate needs of disaster victims. Lions and Leos from Port-au-Prince traveled to Petit-Goâve to work with clubs there. Together, they have packed and distributed over 2,000 relief kits of medicine and food to residents in need.

LCIF has also awarded an Emergency grant to the Lions of 31-N in North Carolina, USA. Lions there are braving the conditions to bring much needed food, water, blankets and medical supplies to those affected most by the storm. More updates about the relief work there is forthcoming.

The situation is dire, but Lions are working to bring hope to their neighbors. You can show your support for Lions and their work by making a donation to LCIF's disaster relief fund today.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation





Lions Clubs International

Dear Lions,

Please remember that all Lions Clubs, Districts and Multiple Districts that have annual gross receipts less than \$50,000 and do not have to file Form 990 or 990-EZ, must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N). Please note that this is an IRS requirement.

Please note that this is an IRS requirement and that the 990-N electronic filing system moved from Urban Institute's website to IRS.gov in February 2016. **All filers** must register at IRS.gov prior to filing their next Form 990-N. This is a one-time registration if the designated Lion files annually. If the designee changes from a prior year, the new designee must register with the IRS.

Please refer to the below regarding annual filing requirements:

- Gross receipts normally less than \$50,000, file a 990-N
- Gross receipts greater than \$50,000 and less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000, file a 990-EZ or 990
- Gross receipts greater than \$200,000 or total assets greater than \$500,000, file a 990

The e-Postcard is due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year. Lions Clubs operate on a fiscal year, July 1 – June 30, and the e-Postcard will be due by November 15th each year. Please note that *an organization cannot request an extension for filing the Form 990-N*.

If you do not file, you risk losing your tax-exempt status. Any Lions Club that fails to meet its annual reporting requirement for three consecutive years automatically loses its tax exempt status under the new law. A club may get reinstated if they complete an application for recognition of exemption even if they originally fell under a group exemption.

Every Club and/or District must have an employer identification number (EIN), even if it will not have employees. The EIN is a unique number that identifies the organization to the Internal Revenue Service. To apply for an EIN, you should obtain a Form SS-4 and its Instructions from the IRS. You may also apply for an EIN online, by telephone (1-800-829-4933), or by fax (fax number at the location accepting applications from your state). It is important that the Clubs and Districts are using the correct EIN for their annual filing.

For frequently asked questions about tax issues and regulations affecting Lions clubs and leadership, go to the Lions Tax FAQ. Go to www.irs.gov/eo for complete details and while you're there sign up for Exempt Organization's free email newsletter, EO Update, to receive up-to-date information posted on the charity pages of irs.gov.

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Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind

The Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind (a “not for profit” corporation) became a Florida Lions entity by the vote of the delegates at the 34th annual MD convention on May 20, 1958. Since then members of Lions organizations statewide have testified to the effectiveness and integrity of the Foundation. Many requests come from many other states for advice on forming a similar foundation.

The mission of the service for the Foundation is to provide assistance to patients for sight related cases. Over the life of the Foundation we have provided the necessary surgeries and procedures to thousands of individuals that have been directed to us through our Lions Clubs. We have helped many children, young adults, and the elderly needing assistance in order to lead a normal life again. We have guidelines that take into consideration family income, insurance, and possible other agencies that provide assistance.

Within each four districts of our state we have a project chair that works with each of the doctors, clinics, etc. to obtain the lowest costs for each individual case. We have many that work within the guidelines of the Foundation. We are extremely grateful to each of them for offering to discount their fees for the Foundation to be able to handle as many cases as presented.

We are well on our way to serving more clients than ever this year. With the new laws concerning The Affordable Care Act, the Foundation has had to make adjustments to accommodate these changes. You may contact your District O Chairperson to submit your questions about these changes. In the event there is an emergency case, please contact MD Projects Chairperson—PP Beverly Kruger to expedite the processing and approval of your case.

The Foundation is hopeful that all clubs in the MD will continue to support their endeavor in providing assistance to all those in need. The fund will grow with continued support from Lions clubs and individuals making contributions.

There is a four step fund raiser program starting with a Life Membership, progressing to Builder, Patron, and commencing with the membership becoming a Grand Lion. The original Life Membership is a donation \$100.00. Builder is \$150.00; Patron is \$250.00 and commencing with \$500.00 for the Grand Lion. A gift to the Foundation in memory or to honor a loved one is a wonderful way to support the Foundation and to help those in need. Help us keep this dedicated program going.

Yours in Lionism and Service,

Anne B. Greer, PDG-President



Auburndale Polk County

The Auburndale-Polk County Lions Club host 3 Bazaars each year as fund raisers and to network with the community at our Club House. October 1, 2016 was our Fall Bazaar. A number of vendors came out and brought their products and businesses to share with the community. We were visited by Our Club Mascot "Lenny the Lion". Who took pictures with each vendor and guess who dropped in for the day.



Our Holiday Bazaar will be December 10, 2016 at our Club House 226 Bennett St Auburndale FL 8 am to 1 pm. and our Winter Bazaar will be February 4, 2017 same location and time. Come out and support the Lions and meeting the local vendors.

The Auburndale-Polk Lions Club host a monthly Catch, Kiss and Release Fishing Derby at the Auburndale Flee Market Lake the last Saturday of each month under the direction of Lion John Abel. Free to the public. Fishing poles and bait is provided. Each month Lion John Abel aka "Lenny the Lion" and meet and greet people attending Lakeland's 1st Friday. Networking and canvassing for new members and possible partners to grow and support our club.

Friend us on our Facebook Page Auburndale Polk County Lions Club today.



Lake Sumter

The newest project for the Lake Sumter Lions Club is the Kidsight program. Instrumental in getting the project off the ground was Lion Chuck LeGare, seen in both photographs.

Chuck brought his experience from the Iowa Lions to Lake Sumter. Several daycares in the area have already been screened as have Kindergarten and First graders at the Villages Charter Schools. It is indeed rewarding to identify those children who can be helped by the early detection of vision problems.



Linda Jefferies



Homosassa Lions Club

20 Weekly prizes of \$20.00

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Weekly winner's names put back in pot

Banquet Saturday March 25, 2017

Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres 6:00 Dinner 7:00 PM

Banquet free to paid ticket holders

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Prizes

One \$200.00 winner

Three \$100.00 winners

Two \$50.00 winners

First Drawing November 3, 2016

Contact the Chairman as soon as possible to be in the first the first drawing!

Thank you for your support

Lion Bill Stoll, Chairman 352-628-7628

LAKE ALFRED LIONS CLUB HOST SENIOR BINGO

On Monday, October 17, members of the Lake Alfred Lions Club invited residents from the local nursing homes and health care facilities to join them at the clubhouse for a round of bingo. Some 40 residences participated in the games. They were served a variety of cookies (both regular and sugar free) and lemonade. Midway through the afternoon a representation from Vitas Health Care provided ice cream sandwiches for the entire group.

Everyone who attended had a great time. Anyone who won a game received a small cash prize. In addition, each participant was given a door prize ticket for a chance to win one of two beautiful handmade afghans created by one of the Lion's members, Lion Micki Cove. Finally, everyone received a gift item just to complete the day.

Chairperson Lion Christine Whitten expressed thanks to the workers for their help throughout the day: Lions George Caley, Micki Cove, Donna Figura, Florence Grace, Fran Pullin, Ovid Stinson, and caller Harry Williams.





Winter Garden Lions Club

"We would like to invite all MD 35 0 Lions to our 70th Anniversary celebration on Tuesday, November 22, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. It will be held at the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation, 23 East Plant Street, across from the First Baptist Church of Winter Garden. Please RSVP to me, Linda Lucero, Secretary, at r.l.lucero@att.net or call [407-341-1695](tel:407-341-1695) and leave a message. You may also contact our president, Raymond Grimes, Jr., at [407-656-8911](tel:407-656-8911) or by e-mail at grimesr1@embarqmail.com. Thank you! We hope you all can make it!"



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November 4 - 6, 2016

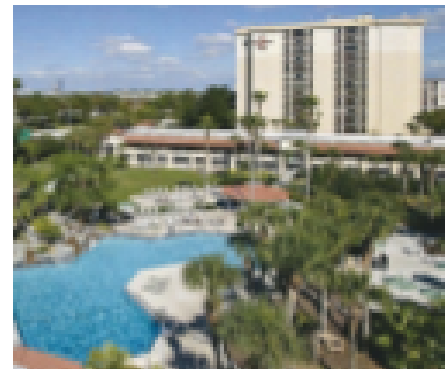


International Director
William "Bill" Phillipi

Bill Phillipi from Marysville, Kansas, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 98th International Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii, June 26 through 30, 2015.

A member of the Marysville Lions Club since 1974, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, secretary, treasurer, district governor, district convention chairperson, council chairperson, multiple district GMT coordinator and multiple district convention chairperson. He was also the associate chairman of the host committee for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in 2013.

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CONFERENCE MEAL TICKET REQUEST

Early Bird Pricing in Effect! Deadline October 4, 2016	Ticket Price if Order Postmarked Before Oct. 4	Ticket Price if Order Postmarked After Oct. 4	NO.	\$ TOTAL
Friday Luncheon Diabetic Retinopathy Foundation Friday, November 4, 2016 Club Croissant _____ Chicken Caesar _____	\$21.00	\$26.00	X_____	\$_____
Friday Night Country/Western Friday, November 4, 2016 Country Western Fiesta	\$34.00	\$39.00	X_____	\$_____
Saturday Conklin Center Breakfast Saturday, November 5, 2016	\$21.00	\$26.00	X_____	\$_____
Lunch with the Director Key Lime Chicken _____ Beef Stroganoff _____	\$24.00	\$28.00	X_____	\$_____
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