



DISTRICT 35-O NEWS

**SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES IN
CENTRAL FLORIDA FROM THE
SPACE COAST TO THE GULF COAST**

SEPTEMBER 2014

FROM THE DEN OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR CAROLYN LLOYD



CONGRATULATIONS to Lions Dr. Norma Callahan, Dr. Shalesh Kaushal, and team for receiving LCIF approval for a Sight First Grant of \$178,000 to launch a pilot program to screen retinas without dilation in order to identify diabetic retinopathy at a very early stage. The team has been working on this grant for approximately two years. Awesome! Lots more information will be coming.

What should our clubs be doing?
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This year is the beginning of the three-year Centennial Challenge which focuses on the service provided by our clubs. Lions Clubs International has created an information page on its website. (www.lionsclubs.org) Go there and click on number 4 at the bottom right corner of the picture and learn about the four Global Service Campaigns that clubs can participate in. See how LCI will recognize individual clubs for their service. To get the recognition, clubs must complete their service activity reports. Contact our cabinet secretary Donna Norton for help or to be paired with another Lion to help.

Please, please, please complete your membership reports so that I can see new Lions and recognize them and their sponsors at our district meetings. Remember that I will always ask, "How many members does your club have to be inducted?" when I come for my official visit.

This year presidents and clubs will be recognized through the Club Excellence Award. To find the requirements, go to the LCI website and search for Club Excellence Award. There are instructions and an application. There is a deadline for special recognition so, go to the website now. (Continued next page.....)

Clubs taking part in the Peace Poster Contest should be in contact with schools now. The deadline for purchasing kits is October 1, 2014 and the deadline for submission of the winning entry from each school to the district governor is November 15. Follow the rules in the kit for the entries exactly. Those that do not follow the guidelines are eliminated from the competition.

Both amateur and professional photographers in District O need to be taking pictures for the Environmental Photography Contest. The rules are on the LCI website. Let's have a winner from our district. Winners are displayed at the international convention.

Take a minute and go to the LCI website. Browse around. It is interesting. There is a lot to learn and a lot of ideas.

Remember that we are part of a proud Pride. We will roar with conviction by serving our communities and the world.

Our Pride in Service

*Losers always have an excuse
– Winners always have an idea.*

*Losers fix the blame
– Winners fix the situation.*

*Losers make promises
– Winners keep commitments.*

*Losers let it happen
– Winners make it happen.*

Losers say, 'Why don't they do something?'
Winners say, 'Here's something I can do.'

(Author Unknown)

One Hundred Million Acts of Service by 2017!

FROM FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JACQUIE TRIPP



MOVING FORWARD

As a vice district governor, we are invited to spend several days in Rochester, Michigan, touring and learning about Leader Dogs for the Blind. We spend time with the CEO, the financial gurus, and listen to wonderful testimonials from people with leader dogs. We learn about the facility update, the state of the finances, and just how important these dogs are in the daily lives of the blind.

We toured the training area downtown and observed young dogs being trained in leading. One command the dogs learn is, "Spot, FORWARD!" The dog is to guide the blind person forward toward the destination. But sometimes, he pauses, giving warning or figuring out how to go around the obstacle or danger. There is something blocking the way. Leader Dogs are taught "intelligent disobedience" meaning that the dog is to disobey when he knows there is danger. He avoids the obstacle and finds another way.

What are some of the obstacles blocking our way to success as Lions Clubs? Watch the You Tube video "Spoofs on Lions Clubs Pancake Breakfasts." This video is a

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comical way of looking at some of the ways we negate new members. We can easily squash their enthusiasm with our "ways."
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6jJiaeUE-Q&safe=active>

Are we sending the message to members that there is something in their way?
Spend the next few meetings observing how we might be placing obstacles in our way to gaining new members and keeping the ones we recruit. Lions, we need to be able to say, "Forward" without obstacles in our way.
Serving Beside You

**FROM SECOND VICE DISTRICT
GOVERNOR STEVE HILAIRE**



Fellow Lions, in 3 years it will be the 100th anniversary of the founding of Lionism. To celebrate this occasion, an initiative to benefit 100 million people by December 2017 has been conceived as a challenge to Lions clubs worldwide. You know how we love responding to challenges. The *Centennial Service Challenge* is divided into 4 areas "Youth, Vision, Environment and Hunger," called Global Service Action Campaigns, with 25 million people benefitting in each area. There are special months to focus on one specific activity area but clubs will receive credit anytime in (Continued Next Column...)

the fiscal year for CSC activities. There are Banner patches to be earned each fiscal year for participation in the challenge. Dozens of service activities qualify and those that count will have a special CSC logo next to them on the MYLCI Service Activity Report system. If a particular activity is not automatically noted, secretaries can select the title of one of the 4 Global Service Action Campaigns and it will count as a CSC activity. Reporting is the key to surpass this target and it is the number of people served, not hours or funds donated, which are equally important. Donations to LCIF also count if they are earmarked for CSC campaigns. LCIF will calculate the number served in these cases. For more information and helpful guidelines visit www.lionsclubs.org/servicechallenge Don't let the numbers intimidate us (Approx. 1.4 million lions, 100 million to serve), we are doing this together. Most of us remember how easily we surpassed the tree planting target, so now let us get to work and hit this challenge out of the ballpark. Together we can make a difference

100% Club Secretary Award 2014-2015
Donna Norton, Cabinet Secretary

The 100% Secretary Award is something every club secretary in the district can achieve this year! The award signifies membership & activities were reported, the secretary attended training, Zone and District meetings to help keep a strong communication flow going, the club is in good financial standing, voting delegate forms for the convention were submitted, new officers (PU101's) were completed and a smooth transition was made to the 2015-2016 secretary.

The award application for this year is posted on the District Website [Click Here](#)

Remember to thank your club secretary for a job well done with this prestigious award!

Good Luck To All 2014-2015 Secretaries!

**THE WEATHER IS TURNING COOLER AND
LIONS ARE STARTING TO TALK ABOUT GOLF!**

**Make reservations now to support one of
more of these District O projects!**



**Ormond Beach Lions
13th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
October 4th, 2014
Lion Trish Vevera**

The Ormond Beach Lions Club will host its 13th Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, October 4, at the River Bend Golf Club off Airport Road. The tournament brings sponsors and golfers together in support of the Club's community service projects. The tournament format features an 18-hole, *Four Person Flighted Scramble*. The entry fee is \$50, which includes.....cart; greens fee; complimentary Bloody Mary's, Screwdrivers, coffee & donuts; 2 free drink tickets for the round; plus a great Cash Awards Lunch following play. Tournament prizes include \$15,000 to the winner of the hole-in-one competition, airline tickets, golf clubs and Big screen TV for competitions on designated par 3's; as well as cash payouts to winners in all divisions. Ladies are welcome and have their own payouts and prizes. In addition, all tournament players receive a ditty bag full of goodies at the Awards Luncheon.

Contact Scott Ryals at 386.882.0889 for tournament details, or to sign up for this special fund raising event benefiting our community.

**Satellite Beach Lions
25th ANNUAL
TOURNAMENT FOR SIGHT
November 8th, 2014**

Shotgun Start — 8:00 A.M.

Check-In Time — 7:00 - 7:50 A.M.

Rules Brief — 7:50 A.M.

\$65.00 Entry Fee Includes: Green Fees, Cart, & Lunch Buffet with Drink Tickets, Closest-to-Pin, Range Balls, Team Prizes, & Goody Bag.

Select Shot/Four Player Teams -Pick your team or sign-up individually. Mulligan tickets also used for numerous door prizes *Field Limited to 128 Paid Entries* For the flyer and entry form [< Click Here >](#) .

**CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER OF
PROFESSIONAL OPTICIANS OF FLORIDA
3rd ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
To Benefit
LIONS' ENTITIES OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
January 25, 2015**

Lake Nona's EAGLE CREEK GOLF CLUB
10350 Emerson Lakes Blvd. Orlando, Florida
Registration: \$99.00 per golfer
Registration includes: Greens fees, cart fee, pre-round range balls and Awards Luncheon
SCRAMBLE START 8:00 AM
HOLE IN ONE PRIZE: 2015 Chevrolet Malibu (if over 80 players) Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and more Call Wes 321-285-6135 or Doreen 407-765-5600 Or email cflchapter@pof.org for more information
Flyer [< Click Here >](#)
Sponsor and Entry Form [<Click Here>](#)



**What a great
opportunity to put "Ask 1" in action!**

FLORIDA LIONS CONKLIN CENTER NEWS

Mary Pezzo, Mount Dora Lions
President, Florida Lions Conklin Center Board

The state wide Used Shoe Fundraising Project brought in about 2,000 pairs of assorted foot wear. We don't have an accounting of the pounds of shoes yet – but we know that the Conklin Center receives 40 cents a pound – thanks to all who participated! This fund raising event will not only profit the Conklin Center, but also benefits microenterprise ventures in developing nations for impoverished people to start, maintain and grow a business by repairing and selling the shoes, being able to feed and clothe their families. Plus it keeps shoes out of our landfills. This is a short term fund raising event, so don't feel bad if you didn't have a chance to participate.

Here's an ongoing chance to help the Conklin Center and 16 other agencies throughout the state that help the visually impaired – purchase **A State of Vision** plate for your car. Because the Conklin Center serves the whole state of Florida, the Conklin Center receives about \$5 for each of those “mini billboards” you see on the highways! One of my goals for the Conklin Center is to have 2,500 of those plates on cars by June 30, 2015. As of August 1, 2014 there were 1,997 Can you help out – the cost is \$25 for the plate when you have to renew your registration!

The Conklin Center had two student graduations in August!

Members of the Ormond By The Sea Lions Club answered the call for help

Lion Bobbie Cheh

Ormond By The Sea Lions helped count, and package, 1,025 pairs of shoes for shipment

The fundraiser runs thru the end of September so gather any new and/or gently used shoes, and donate them Drop off locations for the shoes include The Conklin Center, 405 White Street, Daytona Beach, Florida ; Memorial Medical Center in Daytona Beach, 301 Memorial Medical Parkway, Daytona Beach, Daytona Ice Arena, 2400 South Ridgewood Avenue, South Daytona and Alfie's Restaurant, 1666 Ocean Shore Boulevard, Ormond Beach.

The goal is to collect 7,500 pairs of shoes. For further information, call (386) 258-3441 for the Conklin Center and/or (386) 441-4421 for the Ormond By The Sea Lions Club.

We Serve



Photo is of Ormond By The Sea Lions Club Members standing in 41 bags of wrapped shoes.

Florida Lions Conklin Center for the Blind Lion Charlann Wrlak

The Conklin Center is reorganizing and revitalizing its fund- raising activities for 2014-2015. Watch this newsletter and check our web site (www.conklincenter.org) for news about how you and your club can support opportunity for blind Floridians and for details about **a major Gala event scheduled for March 26th 2015** ! Thanks for your help.

EVERY COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT NEEDS TO HELP YOU SERVE

Lion Dr. Lynn Hawkins



You need young blood—and their parents. They need you even more to get required service

hours for college. Every high school student in Florida needs 100 hours of community service to qualify for the Bright Futures scholarships. They need community service hours to be a finalist for the Lions scholarships. But counselors tell me they have a hard time finding useful volunteer projects.

Finding menial jobs such as cleaning alongside highways may beautify the landscape or recruiting their help to serve lunch at our meetings may serve us, but it doesn't teach them anything about the real reason we are Lions. We need to let them serve beside us on meaningful projects. It doesn't matter if they are our "normal" projects nor that we don't have our own members to supervise. High school clubs will provide supervision. Or you can offer to provide supervision at one of our events.

The first step is to write an email to the high school guidance counselors' department of every middle school and high school in your area. Suggest that your club be a community partner and tell them you will help create service projects and provide certificates of service. It's important that we are a non-profit volunteer organization for the students to qualify for the service hours they need. Send a "Help Wanted" to the school newspaper and web site.

Provide a list of projects they can help with: white cane days, eyeglass collections, shoes for the Conklin Center project, diabetes walks,

book collections, or the peace poster contest. Create a "Leaders of the Future" training event and offer certificates.

Also agree to co-sponsor events they would like to do. Suggest they start an anti-bullying campaign (we have lots of materials from Lions Quest on how to do this). Or have them throw a party for elementary school students with disabilities—or a reading project. We can come up with projects they can do with Key Clubs (yes, I know that's Kiwanis)—but it doesn't matter. The students earn the hours and both non-profits get the benefit of youth in service and an increase in numbers. That's true for every church youth group, too.

Once the students' parents help their children to do the Lions projects, we increase our awareness in the community and can help recruit those folks for our clubs.

This is a win-win for your Lions Club—and for those students just waiting to serve with you. I'm here to help, too, as MD co-chair for children and youth. drlynnhawkins@aol.com.



In The Spotlight ...CLERMONT- MINNEOLA LIONS FOUNDATION

The Club has gotten off to a great new fiscal year starting with new Lion, John Bomm having launched his Boxcar Racing for kids in Groveland. The Club will be become involved by sponsoring the race car shown in the following photo. For information call John at 407 325-5942 or email: cmboxcarracing@gmail.com.

Along with a new board of directors the new season starts with the addition of 5 new members, Janette Cruze, Micki Blackburn Nagel, James Bender, John Bomm, and Betty

Sue Jones. The Club has formed its own Foundation with a gift from the Arthur Parker estate. The late Arthur Parker was the mayor of Minneola in the mid seventies and served as the president of the Club. A generous gift of the Parker estate along with a generous gift from new member Micki Blackburn Nagel has enabled the Club to distribute \$5,000 toward our charities. In addition to state and national charities, local support has been given to the Faith neighborhood Center Scholarships, Best Little Thrift Shop of Clermont, & Lakes Symphony Orchestra. Plans for the coming year include diabetes screening with high school volunteers, expanding our gun shoots held from September through April on SR 50 across from the Tractor Supply Co. in Groveland with the addition of skeet shooting (call Lion Charlie Neville 352 536-6833 for information); a spaghetti dinner; golf tournament in the Spring of 2015; Toys for Trucks – for the Clermont police department domestic calls; food and clothing donations to the Neighborhood Center.



Pictured from left to right: Mary Pezzo, New members John and Malinda Bomm, Past Dist. Gov. David Lloyd, Dist. Gov. Carolyn Lloyd, new member Donna Becker, new member Janette Cruz, Betty Sue Jones, President Nick Jones, Tony Radgona, Vivian and Vern Jay, Charlie Neville, Ed Whetzel. Kneeling, new member James Bender with son J.J. Bender.

Want Your Club in the Spotlight next month? Send info & picture(s) to Newsletter Editor Lion Rita Fawcett. hwearl@aol.com

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

The Ormond Beach Lions Club Twins with the Nepalese Lions Club in Kathmandu, Nepal. The following letter and accompanying pictures are from the Nepal Club to the Ormond Beach Club.

Pictures tell a story that we may not want to hear, but we must hear in order to become better Lions.



The Nepalese Lions Club in Kathmandu, Nepal has started a program entitled *The Street Children Program* to help with the major problem of street children and to find out how they come to the Kathmandu Road area.

Lions found that all of the street children came from the Slum Community because their families are very poor and were not able to survive daily life and fulfill the basic needs of the children.

Most of the children do not go to school because their family cannot afford the cost of an education. Many households cannot find work. The Lions found not only the children but adults and senior citizens too are from these slum communities. Major problems in these communities include lack of Food, Shelter, Health Care, Education, Sanitation, Eye Care, Play Ground areas etc. and the

photos show how many take a risk to stay on the riverside.



The Nepalese Lions Club distributed stationary, sports materials, toys and musical instruments for the underprivileged students in the schools which you can see through photos. From this program 100 students got benefit and more children, family and community will get our services through the school



We hope all of the Nepalese Lions Clubs bring services to all the slum communities soon.

They have released our social music video to support street children on Kathmandu Road. The Lions Club decided to cut to the root of the problem of street children by going to the Slum Area and give to the children and the

school. That school had nothing, no properly setup office, class rooms, toilets, play ground etc.



They gave their small services in that school for brighter future of the underprivileged students and children. They were able to encourage a few children to join school to make their quality life better through education.



Please watch our social music video link:

[< Click Here >](#)

For more information about this program contact :

Lion Sunit Shrestha
International Relationship Chairperson
Lions Club of Kathmandu Gliese
Kathmandu, Nepal

More Photos From Nepal





(Want your event listed here? Send your Club & Entity Events (and flyers) to this [Email](mailto:HWEARL@aol.com) (HWEARL@aol.com)

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

September 11-13, 2014: *USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum*, San Juan, Puerto Rico, [Website](#)

September 17, 2014 BoxCar Racing For Kids in Groveland. For more information call John at 407-325-5942 or email : cmboxcarracing@gmail.com

September 20, 2014: *Diabetes Screener Training & Recert* at Inglis Yankeetown Lions, contact Lion Norma Callahan, PDG (lionnormacallahan@yahoo.com)

September 27 2014: *Diabetes Screener Training & Recert* at Ormond By The Sea Lions, contact Lion Norma Callahan, PDG (lionnormacallahan@yahoo.com)

October 4, 2014: Ormond Beach Lions Club Golf Tournament Call Wes 321-285-6135 or Doreen 407-765-5600 Or email cflchapter@pof.org for more information

October 17-19, 2014: International Boat Racing Contact Marilyn Anderson for more information Malion250@aol.com

November 7-9, 2014: *MD35 COG Conference*, at Chateau Elan, Sebring (open to all)

November 8, 2014: Satellite Beach Lions Club Golf Tournament contact Joe Hauser at josephhauser@bellsouth.net for more information



November 15, 2014: *District 35-O Meeting*, Cypress Creek High School, South Orange County hosting

January 9-11, 2015: *MD35 COG Conference*, at Hilton, Ocala (open to all)



January 17, 2015: *District 35-O Meeting*, Minneola City Hall, Clermont Minneola hosting

February 7, 2015: District 35-O day at Southeastern Guide Dogs

February 12-21, 2015: *Viera Lions Valentine Cruise*, RC's Explorer of the Seas, Port Canaveral [FLYER](#)

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



March 14, 2015: *District 35-O Meeting (1:30pm) & District Recognition Banquet (7pm)*, Viera hosting at Cocoa Beach, International Palms Resort, Special Guest- ID Ester LaMothe

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

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

Mark Your Calendar!

February 7, 2015 will be the official District 35-O Day at Southeastern Guide Dogs.



Blood Needed!

A request has been made for blood donations to be made in the name of Delores Palmore (Lake Alfred Lions Club). PDG Norma Callahan says "Anyone can donate anywhere. Just ask for it to be in Delores' name." For additional information please contact Lion PDG Norma.
lionnormacallahan@yahoo.com

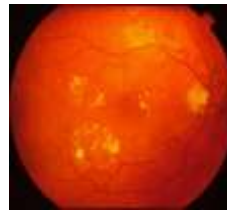
Free Diabetes, Diabetic Retinopathy and Macular Degeneration Screening

**Saturday October 11, 2014
9am - 3pm**

**131 South Citrus Avenue
Medical Office Bldg, 2nd floor, Pod B
Inverness, Florida 32605**

**ALL AGES ARE ENCOURAGED
TO BE SCREENED**

**Sponsored by the Retina Specialty
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Club Diabetes Foundation**



Diabetic Retinopathy



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In the United States alone there are over 10 million who have diabetes. According to the American Diabetes Association there are another 5.5 million who are unaware that they have diabetes.

Diabetic Retinopathy is the leading cause of preventable blindness in the US

Macular Degeneration is the number one cause of blindness is the now the number one cause of blindness in the developed world.

The severity of both retinal diseases is directly correlated to elevated blood sugars.

To View A Larger Copy of this Flyer <[Click Here](#)>.





PEACE POSTER CONTEST

If you haven't already done so it's time to get busy with the Peace Poster Contest. Lions clubs can sponsor this art contest for kids in their community, for children in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups. The deadline for ordering kits from International is Oct. 1st , 2014 . **"Peace, Love and Understanding"** is the theme for this year's contest.

- **October 1: Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.**
- **November 15: Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district Peace Poster Chairman.**

The cost of the kit is US\$11.95 plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. To order a kit, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822. To order online, go to [Club Supplies](#) (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit). For complete info including a video [< click here >](#) .

Send District 35-O Contest Entries To:

**Steve Zawadzki
470 West Rd., Merritt Island, FL 32952**

LIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Clubs must submit their winning photo to District 35-O with a postmark of November 1, 2014 or earlier.

The Lions Environmental Photo Contest provides a way for Lions to portray, through an original photo, their pride and commitment to improving, protecting and preserving the environment. Every Lion from a club in good standing can enter a photograph of his or her immediate surroundings into the club-level Lions Environmental Photo Contest. The contest begins at the club level and winning photographs will advance to the district, multiple district, and international competitions. Lions can submit only one photograph of their environment.

This year's Lions Environmental Photo Contest includes the following five categories:

- Animal life
- Plant life
- Urban or natural landscape
- Weather phenomenon
- **Special theme:** Lions' Pride in our Environment
 - Capturing the magnificent beauty and grandeur of our natural environment

For Complete Contest Rules on the International Web Site [<Click Here>](#)

For the District 35-O Entry Form Go To Our District 35-O Website or [<Click Here>](#)

MAGIC MOMENTS

LIONS MAKING MEMORIES ONE PHOTO AT A TIME!

Find These Photos And More on our FACEBOOK Page: [Florida Lions District 350](#)



Orlando Hispanic new lions Rick & Vera Clark sponsored by Carlos Ubina, PDG Lion Julio Ochoa assisted in the



Lion Julio Ochoa assisting Carlos Ubina, PDG with the new members.

Scenes from the District Cabinet
Meeting in Homosassa Aug. 16, 2014



Find these photos and more on our
FACEBOOK Page: [Florida Lions District 350](#)