



The Serving Lion

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DG Juan J Tejera
A New Star of Service



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District Governor's Message

My fellow Lions:

Last week we conducted our first District Meeting of the current Lionistic year. I want to personally thank each and every one of the 141 Lions that attended. I also want to express my gratitude for the group of Leos that, not only attended, but worked so very hard to provide us with whatever assistance we needed to make the meeting flow smoothly.

Our main objective was to provide you, as Lions in the District, with timely, meaningful and useful information that you could take home and share with the other Lions in your clubs to better carry out your mission of service to your communities. A "red" booklet was distributed with the information and reports discussed at the meeting for you to refer to when you got back. The booklet also included a list of "100 Simple Service Ideas," as well as the "Community Needs Assessment Questionnaire." We encourage you to use these.

LCI President Wayne Madden has challenged us to start a literacy program this year.

September 7th has been designated as "International Literacy Day." At the meeting, we provided you with access to "Read Conmigo," a literacy program to help launch your involvement in this campaign. By completing the online application, you can tag it to your club's name and accumulate information regarding your participation.

Not to forget our sight mission, Lion Liz made a fantastic presentation on how to use the "Donor Registry," and again how to tag your club's name to it so that we can accumulate information about your participation. This program

replaces the old donor card program.

PCC Carl conducted a training session on how to recruit new members for your club. He gave us great pointers, but to get the benefit, we must implement them.

In addition to the new DG Pin and an "official" District coin, each attendee received a copy of the ne District 35-N Directory. This Directory includes the complete roster of the Lions in the District as of July 1, 2012. The source of this information is the information on records with LCI. If it is incorrect there, it is incorrect in the Directory. We will be publishing in the District Newsletter corrections as we become aware of them. It will be up to you and your Club Secretary to correct the information in the LCI records.

Many Lions have voluntarily told us how pleased they were with the meeting. I trust that this is communicated to the other Lions in your clubs so that they may also attend our next meeting in October. These meetings are held for YOU!

On September 13 to 15, our Multiple District will be hosting the USA/Canada Forum in Tampa. This is, by far, the best event that the Lions of North America hold every year, and this year it is in our own "backyard." Every Lions that can possibly attend should not miss this great opportunity, and bring another Lions along. There is still time to register. I hope to see you there!

Yours in Lionistic Service,
DG Juan



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Int'l President Wayne A. Madden

2nd Vice District Governor

Fellow Lions and friends of District 35N,

We are already on the 3rd month of this Lionistic Year, and now it is time to think and prepare for Leadership.

Lion Clubs and Lion Leaders should be constantly looking for new Leaders. They are out there—ready to perform and be recognized, with fresh ideas and abilities for bringing Lionism to a higher level.

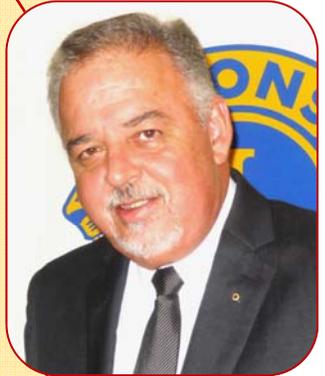
Lions International is offering, through Lions Leadership Institutes, the following exciting courses:

1. Emerging Lions Leadership Institute, September 17-20, 2012, Tampa, FL. The Lions Leadership Institute for Emerging Lions Leaders focuses on building the skills of Lions members in preparation for leadership opportunities at the club level, particularly the position of club president. It will be held right after the USA/CANADA Forum in Tampa. Details at: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/development-programs/emerging-leadership/index.php>

2. Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute, October 12-14, 2012, Lake City, FL. Brings Lions Clubs Leaders together, to learn and share the best practices for making Lions Clubs stronger, and prepares them for a higher level Leadership. Details can be found at: http://www.lionstraining.us/Lions_Training/SELLI.html
3. Senior Lions Leadership Institute, February 22- 25, 2013, Oak Brook, IL. The purpose of the Advanced (Senior) Lions Leadership Institute is to provide Lions leaders with an opportunity to enhance skills in preparation for leadership responsibilities at the zone, region and district levels. Details at: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/development-programs/senior-lions-leadership-institutes/index.php>

“A great leader is one that develops better leaders than him.”

YIL,
Lion George Letakis, 2nd VDG
District 35N



From Your Sunshine Chair

PDG **Roger Messer** had surgery on August 7 for the herniated disc in his neck. His doctors said the operation went well and he will be recuperating at home for the next week. I'm sure he would appreciate some "Get Well" cards to cheer him up.
Roger Messer, 1172 SW Mirrorlake Cove
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

Pedro Miguel Ramos from the West Miami Sunshine Lions Club had an eye operation and is doing well.

PDG **Jack H. Hagopian** had surgery, and is doing well and is in Pembroke Pines resting. He cannot talk easily, so you should wait for awhile.

Newborn's: Lion **Nadia Delgado** is waiting for her second child, her father Lion **Alex Delgado** is very happy about the new arrival. The Lord blesses them.

Birthdays

9/9—**Lizzie Arvelo**, West Miami Sunshine Lions
9/15—**Henry Wickett**, Miami Lakes Lions Club
9/18—**Olga Ortega**, West Miami Sunshine Lions
9/25—**Ruth Lovell**, Miami Lakes Lions Club
9/27—PDG **Colleen Pinkerton**, Miami Lks Lions

The Sunshine needs ALL clubs to share items of interest about their members to be published in the District 35-N newsletter. For example: birthdays, newborns, sickness, deaths, etc.

The District suggests that clubs should send the name of any deceased Lion, their photo, date of birth and good news. The photo and information will be included in the yearly Necrology Service.

Please, send the photos to:
C/C Olga B. Ortega, Sunshine Chair
5851 SW 11 Street
West Miami, FL 33144



Cabinet Secretary



Great First District Meeting! It was so good to see all my friends in Lions. We had a good show of Lions and even Leo's. District Governor Juan planned this meeting so it would be very informative and his goal was to end by 12:30 pm. He looks forward to working with us this year as we continue to provide the needed services to our communities.

Again, it was mentioned that all reports are so important. We can tell through these reports if a club is doing well or needs some help. We have Lions that are great leaders, that if needed will go and help a club grow and become active. Even if you don't know how to file your reports, there is always some Lion that will help you learn. Call me, and if I can't help you I will find

someone to help. Remember club secretaries your position is a very important one and your complete and prompt filing of all reports is vital to a smooth operation of your club and district.

Again I remind you of the Monthly Membership Reports (MMR). Even if you have no changes for the current month go in and click on "To report no membership activity for this month." I mention this again because we had 24 clubs that DID NOT do a report.

Yours in Service,

Lion Mary Lackey,
Cabinet Secretary

Cabinet Treasurer

The semi-annual dues statements have been sent to the clubs. Thanks to the clubs who have promptly paid their dues and to those that I should be receiving soon. Do include a copy of the statement when you send your check. It is also appreciated to keep me informed of any changes in your e-mail addresses, especially the treasurers.

It was good to see so many Lions at the first District Meeting. Thank you to the clubs for your hard work that made possible the donations to the projects and entities.

Do note that the figures have been adjusted from those reported at the District Meeting. Several clubs turned in their donations after the conclusion of the meeting. A special thanks to Lions Sharon Franklin, Dottie Seipp, and Bill Sweeney for their assistance in the tabulation of the donations.

Colleen Pinkerton, PDG
Cabinet Treasurer



Calling All Newsletters



If your club publishes a newsletter or bulletin, please send a copy to Lion Mary Ann Bullock (maryannbullock@hotmail.com) for the Bulletin Contest, which runs from September through March. The contest rules are posted on the MD35 website at:

http://www.lionsofFlorida.org/awards/Club_Bulletin_Contest.pdf

Also, she pulls information on club projects and sends it to the FL Lions State magazine. It's a great way to get your club recognized and maybe win the contest!

Around the District



Twining with Club de Leon in Chile



Zone 12 meeting on August 4, 2012



Welcome to Dania's newest members, John and Lucette Fitzgerald with Sponsor Ron and 1st VDG George



At the Installation Dinner of District T1 North of Chile, DG T1 Sylvia Concha with Maria Augusta Pusey, Miami Five Stars Lions Club

Congrats to the Dania Lions Club for collaborating with Memorial Regional Hospital for the collection of used eye glasses.



WHITE CANE DAY WALK

Celebrate White Cane Day with Miami Lighthouse!



Miami Lighthouse has planned a fun-filled day of entertainment and education promoting awareness about blindness issues and the White Cane Law, which protects blind and visually impaired pedestrians. Join fellow Lions, government dignitaries and keynote speakers Paul Edwards, President, Florida Council of the Blind and Earl Oaks, President of the National Federation of the Blind Greater Miami Dade Chapter, as we celebrate the annual White Cane Day Walk. Enjoy a Burger King luncheon, with special recognition to Michelle Levy and her team at Division of Blind Services as well as District Governor Juan Tejera and participating Lions.

Miami Lighthouse was founded by the Miami Lions Club in 1931 and is the oldest and largest private agency in the state providing services to the blind and visually impaired. In 2006 with the closing of the Lions Home for the Blind, its many participants joined the Miami Lighthouse Social Group Activities Program. We are counting on your help in raising money for the programs we offer that are funded by generous donations like yours. Special prizes will be given to the participants that raise the most funds!

Where: Miami Lighthouse for the Blind
601 Southwest 8th Avenue
Miami, FL 33130

Cost: \$5 suggested contribution
for the visually impaired
\$20 for all other participants

When: Monday, October 15, 2012
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Breakfast is provided courtesy
of Lions Club Miami-Guatemala



Register: Kristina, (786) 362-7514 or
kpham@miamilighthouse.org

Back To School Shopping Spree 2012

The District 35-N Back to School shopping spree was a huge success again this year. The Herald did a nice article with photos in the Neighbors section. Channel 7 News was at West Chester store. They conducted interviews and ran a short piece on the nightly news.

We were in seven WalMart's (4 in Broward and 3 in Miami-Dade) on August 4th and served a total of 577 elementary school students with \$50 each for back to school supplies and uniforms. Students came from 73 schools and 6 churches.

Nine computers, all donated and refurbished, were raffled, free of charge, to students at the various stores.

There was a total of 281 hard-working volunteers, of which 153 were Lions or Lions family members (54% of the total volunteers). The others were special interest groups (Kohl's Kares, Kiwanis, church groups, Explorers, etc.) and even some WalMart employees and a couple of mothers!

To promote literacy, which is one of Lions Internationals goals this year, we had Read Conmigo at six stores signing up kids to receive a free bookin the mail at their home every other month for a full year. At three locations, they also gave out nylon string shoulder bags/packs.

To make sure each student has good vision for the upcoming school year, the Lighthouse for the Blind Heiken Program was at five locations, with one actually having a van with doctors performing vision screenings. The other locations gave out certificates so the child could receive a free exam at an eye doctor in their neighborhood. If any child needs prescription glasses, they will get a free pair of glasses in the next three weeks.

At the NMB store, the local Kiwanis Club gave out 100 back packs stuffed with supplies. Kiwanis are great partners in this project, donating lots of sup-

plies and volunteers.

At the Red Road (Hialeah-Miami Gardens) location, the SE FL Venezuelan Lions Club bought 100 book bags and 100 calculators, which was a very generous donation.

At the Westchester store, the police performed DNA kits on the students. And at the Plantation-Sunrise location, the police performed fingerprint kits on the students.

In Coral Springs, a teacher gave an enthusiastic seminar to the parents on how to have a successful school year with your child.



At the NMB store, parents were told to "pay it forward" and help someone else. Also the children were taught about gratitude and saying 'thank you' to the volunteers and WalMart personnel during the event.

Also thanks to PDG Diana for the Calle Ocho fundraiser and for transferring \$800 into the Back To School account.

TD Bank donated 1,000 pens. Other corporate partners included Einsteins Bagels, Subway, Starbucks, Publix, and Target.

Community grants were completed with Walmart contributing a total of \$7,200 to the project, or 20% of the monies.

A BIG thank you goes out to everyone involved in this huge undertaking, especially the committee and the seven store leaders. Your clubs continued donations throughout the year and your volunteerism at the event made this all possible. All Lions should be extremely proud of the accomplishment and lives we've touched.

Back To School Shopping Spree Chair
Lion Kathy Katerman



**36TH ANNUAL USA-CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM
SEPT. 13-15, 2012
TAMPA, FLORIDA
“LEADERSHIP IN A WORLD OF SERVICE”**



“TO DEVELOP LEADERS, MOTIVATE AND EDUCATE ATTENDEES, PROVIDE AN OPEN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS, AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND GOALS OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL.”

Fellow Lions,

It is now your opportunity to attend and experience the USA- Canada Forum because it is right in your own backyard.

Get Inspired by a self-made millionaire, entertained by a motivational humorist and stand-up comedian, and educated by a dreamer who had believed and made things become, plus 72 very informative and exciting seminars to choose from.

The event takes place at the **Tampa Bay Convention Center**.

For the first time, our **Past International Presidents** will be presenting several seminars.

There are many hotels in and around the convention center. All registrations and reservations are made on a first come, first served basis.

Tampa Bay has a lot of attractions to offer; from Theme parks to Riverside walks, Cafes, Shops, Museums, Boat Tours and many more...

We are still in need of volunteers. For those of you, who are planning to come and would like to volunteer, please contact Lion Mary Lackey or myself as I need five people to assist during the General Sessions on the big stage.

Lions of Florida, let us show the Lions of USA and Canada how it is done with Florida's flair, hospitality and fun! Get Involved and let's join together to make this a memorable convention for all to remember!

For more information, please visit the USA-Canada Forum website at: www.usacanadalionsforum.org

Together In Service,

Lion Dorothy S. Letakis
USA/Canada Forum District 35N Chairperson
USA/Canada Forum Opening/Closing Chairperson - Host Committee

Getting To Know You

Each month, I will highlight one of our District dignitaries so everyone can “get to know them.” We will start with our District Governor, Juan J. Tejera.

DG Juan, who came to the U.S. from Havana, Cuba, in 1961, had only sister who passed away in 1998. He attended USF, where he meet his lovely wife, Elizabeth, and moved to Miami in 1979. They have been married for 44 years. They have two daughters: Sandy, who passed away in 1992 and Tania, who is married with three children (the grandchildren are Johannes 17, Kristine 15, and Hannah 11).

DG Juan is, by profession, a CPA and belongs to many professional, civic and religious organizations. He first joined Lions in Tampa in 1974 and has been heavily involved in serving others ever since. He says he feels happiest when he's being of service to someone else and that is very evident as he always has time for anyone that needs to talk.

His favorite color is blue.

Thanks for sharing and letting us get to know you.





**LIONS QUEST USA/CANADA
FORUM WORKSHOP**

Tampa, FL
 September 13, 2012
 Marriott Tampa Waterside Hotel
 (Room to be assigned in September)
 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



You are invited to attend the Lions Quest USA/Canada Forum Seminar: Make a Difference to Youth – Lions Quest (session 46)!

Seminar Goals and Highlights:

- ✓ Learn about Lions Quest K-12 curriculum and workshop training
- ✓ Learn what social and emotional learning is and why it's important
- ✓ Hear testimonials and receive advice from Lions promoting the program in the field
- ✓ Learn about resources and best practices to promote the program to Lions and local schools and educators
- ✓ Explore LCIF grant opportunities
- ✓ Find out what to expect from Lions Quest in the coming year

What is Lions Quest?

Lions Quest is a K-12 positive youth development program that teaches:

- Character education
- Drug and bullying prevention
- Service-learning
- Social and Emotional Skills

Why Is Lions Quest Important for Lions?

- Lions Quest is owned by LCI
- It's a practical extension of the service ethic of Lionism
- It complements youth initiatives such as Leos and Peace Poster Contest
- Lions are critical to building relationships with local schools

Who Can I Contact If I Have Questions about Lions Quest?

Chris Bunch
 Education Programs Coordinator
 630-468-7024
christopher.bunch@lionsclubs.org

Or visit www.lions-quest.org.

How Can I Register for Forum?

Visit www.usacanadalionsforum.org

Why Should I Attend?

- Get some sun
- Have some fun
- And work toward a better future for everyone!

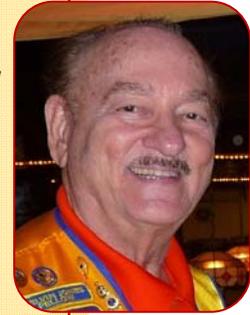
GMT Report

The Global Membership Team had an Extension Workshop from August 19–22 for the formation of a new club in Weston. PCC Carl Harrell visited the District and volunteered to conduct the Workshop and participate by visiting with District Governor Juan J. Tejera, District GMT Coordinator, Ildefonso Ortega, and a group of Lion candidates who will form the new Weston Lions Club.

The group worked in the area and visited the offices of the Chamber of Commerce, The Weston City Mayor, the Chief of Police, the Chief of the Fire Department, several banks, insurance

companies, and several large and small businesses inviting them to join the new club and attend the first meeting which will held Wednesday, August 22nd at lunch time at the W Restaurant. The group made arrangements with the manager of the restaurant to hold the meeting at his place, and also invited him to join the new club.

We expect the new club to be successful and encourage our members to form more new clubs, and have a good growth in this starting Lionistic year.



Donations From 8/18 District Meeting

District Projects

<i>Back to School</i>	\$450
<i>Disaster Relief Disaster Alert</i>	150
<i>Peace Poster</i>	550
<i>Youth Camp & Exchange</i>	<u>25</u>
TOTAL	\$1,175

Lions Entities

<i>FL Dog Guides for the Deaf</i>	\$475
<i>FL Lions Comm. Hearing Bank 35-N</i>	700
<i>FL Lions Conklin Center</i>	1,225
<i>FL Lions Eye Bank</i>	1,700
<i>FL Lions Foundation for the Blind</i>	4,450
<i>Jose Sanchez Clinic</i>	850
<i>Leader Dogs for the Blind</i>	575
<i>LCIF (Lions Club Int'l Foundation)</i>	3,125
<i>Lions Diabetes Awareness Found. 35-N</i>	575
<i>Lions for the Blind-Dist. 35-N</i>	1,075
<i>Lions for Diabetes Aware. Dist. 35-N</i>	975
<i>Southeastern Guide Dogs</i>	<u>1,625</u>
TOTAL	\$18,525

Club Name	Donation
Boca Raton	\$ 2,400
Coral Gables	\$ 1,000
Dania	\$ 700
Delray Beach	\$ 1,000
Ft. Pierce	\$ 900
Freeport	\$ 1,000
Hialeah Pan American	\$ 1,000
Hollywood Colombian Am	\$ 550
Key West	\$ 700
M. Buena Vista Biltmore	\$ 500
Miami Dade Interamerican	\$ 150
Miami Lautaro Chilean	\$ 1,200
Miami Northside	\$ 650
Miami Springs	\$ 1,700
Palm Beach Hispanic	\$ 50
Port St. Lucie	\$ 600
Port St. Lucie West	\$ 200
S. Fl. Asian American	\$ 400
South Florida Maritime	\$ 3,000
West Miami Sunshine	\$ 425
West Palm Beach	\$ 400

Total	\$ 18,525
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MIAMI LAUTARO CHILEAN LIONS CLUB

!GREAT NOTTE ITALIANA GREAT!

Ud. Familiares y amigos están invitados a celebrar nuestra Gran Fiesta Italiana Anual, a celebrarse el sábado 20 de Octubre de
You, your family and friends are invited to celebrate our Yearly Great Italian Party on

Saturday October 20. 2012 from 8:00 PM - to 12:00 AM

Place/Lugar: Big Five Club

600 SW 92 Ave. Miami, FL 33174



Donation: VIP \$ 26 per person. Regular Donation: \$22 per person, Children under 10 years \$5.

Donación: VIP \$26 por persona. Donación Regular: \$22. Niños menores de 10 años \$5.



Delicious Italian menu, dessert, tea and coffee. Open bar.
Exquisito Buffet Italiano, postre, té o café. Bar abierto.

Music, raffles, dancing. Free Parking.

Música, Baile, rifas, entreteniciones. Parqueo gratis

For reservations please call/Para reservaciones llamar:

Betty Barrera 786-271-9152; Mireya Quintana: 305-763-0540

Alicia or Joel Vargas: 786-443-6008



Special Olympics Report

The Miami Dade County will be holding the Special Olympics March 3rd 2013 at Traz Powell Stadium 11380 N.W. 27th Ave Miami Fl between the hours of 8a.m. and 3p.m.. So far three Lions Clubs have signed up already to volunteer:- Floridas' E-Club, South Florida Asian American and South Florida Maritime) as well as the Leos. For any other clubs who are interested in volunteering and wants to sign up can do so on the website [http:// nmbtrackandfield.com/](http://nmbtrackandfield.com/).

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Peace Poster Contest 2012-2013

School started and the Peace Poster Contest is ready to roll. Would love to have a LARGE participation this year! I have a simple flyer to give you some points to make it easier to interact with the Art Teachers.

Rules are easy to follow. Just think how important it is for children to display their Imagination on Peace. It does not matter if it is a small area or a small school. Talent is everywhere. Just make a phone call to your area school(s), either public, private or a youth group, and ask if they have an Art Department. Just mention to them this is a worldwide effort to promote peace among children, ages 11-13. Tell them approx. 350,000 children enter this Contest every year. District 35N has been the winner in

our Multiple District for two years in a row. Won't it be lovely if we could be the first prize in the world this year?

Give it a try. Just make that phone call, perhaps not the first school week, but soon thereafter. It will be a small financial investment for your Club. The kit is \$10.95 + taxes and shipping. You will have full details in each kit. Looking forward for your participation this year, I remain

Yours in Lionistic Service

Lion Teresa G San Miguel, Chairperson
Peace Poster Contest
2012-2013 "Imagine Peace"
Cell: 305-205-8043



"A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees."

Amelia Earhart

Dania Lions Honor Liz!

The Florida Lions Eye Bank was very proud to have the Executive Director Elizabeth Fout-Caraza honored by the Dania Lions Club with the Lions Clubs International Merit of Honor. She was recognized for her outstanding work with the Eye Bank. Elizabeth has truly been an asset to the Lions in expanding the awareness and the work of the Eye Bank.

As shown in the photo on the right, the Eye Bank Board of Directors were also present to see Elizabeth honored at the Dania's Installation/65th Anniversary Celebration were (left to right) ID Stacey Jones, Past President; Carlos Vargas, Director; 2nd VDG George Letakis, Secretary; Elizabeth Fout-Caraza, Executive Director; Colleen Pinkerton, PDG, Vice President; DG Juan J. Tejera, Past President; John De Souza, Director and Dania Lions Club President, Jim Silvernale.

Clubs please note. Letters have been sent to the clubs asking for a club representative to the Eye Bank. It would be appreciated if you would respond with your representative's name. There will be an orientation for the club representatives on Wednesday, September, 19, 2012 from 7:00 –8:00 PM at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, 900 NW 17 Street, Miami, 33136.



We look forward to your support and participation in the Florida Lions Eye Bank.

To all Lions in MD35

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is in Tampa this year and starts in just 5 short weeks. This is a tremendous opportunity for all of you to visit the Forum and get some quality training, hear excellent speakers, and meet new friends from around the United States and Canada.

The Forum Host Committee is in desperate need of volunteers. We need volunteers to help with VIP transportation, registration, airport greeters, goody bag stuffers, Forum Store, and countless other areas in and around the Tampa Convention Center.

I ask that you seriously consider joining us in Tampa next month. This is the perfect opportunity for our Multiple District to shine and with the awesome Lions of this MD we will be sure to accomplish this. BUT, we need YOU! We need Lions from the Panhandle to the Keys to the Bahamas to the I-4 Corridor. WE NEED YOU!

If you volunteer in the registration area at hotels, transportation, or any area outside of the convention center there is no registration fee involved. However, you still

need to fill out a volunteer form even if you are not attending any of the events in the convention center. We do need volunteer forms (attached) filled out and sent in ASAP.

Following is the link for the Forum Host Committee <http://www.tampabayforum2012.org/>. Take your time and check this website out.

Following is the link to the Planning Committee <http://usacanadalionsforum.org/>. Please take your time and review the seminars and the speakers for the Forum.

Getting around downtown Tampa <http://m.tampasdowntown.com/getting-around.aspx>.

Once again, please consider joining us in Tampa next month. You will not be sorry!

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Donna Spencer
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Attention MD-35 Past District Governors

Let it be known that the 2013-2014 Council of Governors will hold interviews for the position of 2013-2014 MD-35 Council Chairperson during the Winter Conference to be held on January 11-14, 2013, on the MD-35 Bahamas Cruise out of Miami.

Only those requests for an interview, including resume, received on or before December 28, 2012, via email will be considered.

Send your email to all 1st Vice District Governors and MD Secretary Gary Nieskes at:
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We appreciate your service. See you on board!



On the Rise

According to Lions Clubs International (July 2012), membership has risen for the 5th straight year! Congratulations to all the Lions who have brought in new Lions to the Pride. We are now 1.35 million Lions strong with 1,500 new clubs chartered in 207 countries, bring the total clubs to 46,300

Lions around the world have also planted more than 13.5 million trees last year.

Caller ID Scam Alert

Next time your phone rings and the caller ID says it's your bank or other trusted business, HEADS UP! There's been a sharp rise in "caller ID spoofing." That's when scammers hide behind face caller ID numbers and names. Once you pick up, they ask for personal information, like your account number and Social Security number. They may even already have some of that info and ask you to verify it.

Don't be fooled, real companies rarely ask for these details. So instead of answering the questions, hang up, then call the company back using the number on your credit card, bill or website. If the call was legitimate, then the customer service rep will simply pick up where you left off. If the call was a phony, then you just dodged a bullet!

Source: *Woman's World*, 2/16/12



Highway Code



Did you get your kicks on Route 66? There's method to the madness of highway numbers. You can tell a lot about a road just from its number.

Interstate highways are the roads with numbers on blue shields, such as the one in the picture to the left. Odd numbers run north and south, even numbers run east and west. The larger routes end with a "0" or "5." The smaller numbers start in the south or west, such as I-10 which runs through Tallahassee and I-5 runs north and south through California. I-95 runs from Florida to NY. I-90 is the longest route,

spanning 3,021 miles.

Three digit routes are spurs if the begin with an odd number or a beltway if it starts with an even number.

The government doesn't make anything easy, so here's the curve ball. State highways, which are posted on white shields, run the opposite direction. The numbers are higher in the north and east. Route 1 parallels I-95. A large number of the old state roads have been phased out and officially, there is no longer a Route 66. But Route 77 is still in service...remember Kookie?

Disability Parking Permit Changes

For those of you that have blue permanent disabled parking permits, some new rules have been put into place by that you may not be aware of.

The Florida lawmakers, through The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles have implemented new rules to curtail the abuse and fraud in obtaining disabled parking permits. Effective October 1st, any one issued a blue permanent disabled parking permit MUST renew the permit every four years. In addition, it must be done with a certificate of disability completed and signed by a certifying

authority within the last 12 months. You will need to complete For HSMV 83039. Good news—there is no charge!

Also, beginning July 1st, if your blue permanent parking permit is lost or stolen, a replacement will only be issued if you submit the above-mentioned form.

The new law does not affect red temporary permits or those who have the disabled license plates (wheelchair).

Source: *Miami Herald Neighbors* 7/29/2012



FL LIONS CONKLIN CENTER



2nd ANNUAL

HALLOWEEN BASH



DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2012

TIME: 6:30 P.M. - Cash Bar

7:00 P.M. - Dinner

WHERE: Elk's Club Lodge

702 NE 25 Ave

Ocala, FL 34470

Cost: \$25.00 per person

DINNER AND DANCING



Costumes Optional = Costume Prizes

Gifts for all Ladies Present

Auction

For more information call: Delores Farris - 352-245-6092

Miami Springs Lions Club



Sunday, September 2, 2012

301 Swallow Drive

Miami Springs, Florida 33166

305-888-6346

Fried Fish or Shrimp Dinner or Combo Dinner
(Grilled Fish by special order)

With Hush-Puppies, Coleslaw, Onion Rings,
and Cheese Grits

Oktoberfest

September, Saturday, 29th

Oktoberfest at Miami Springs Lions clubhouse

More to come



DISTRICT CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

- 4 **Hearing Bank Meeting - THIS MEETING ONLY**
7:30 pm—Larkin Hospital
6129 SW 70 St, S. Miami
- 7 Hollywood Colombian American installation
Hampton Beach Club \$35 7 pm
Rita Jose 954.297.6981
- 10 **Diabetes Awareness Meeting** (2nd Monday)
3363 S Miami Ave 7:30 PM
Mercy Hospital—Room 352
- 13-15 USA/Canada Forum—Tampa
- 17 **Lions For the Blind Meeting** (3rd Monday)
7:30 pm Miami Lighthouse for the Blind
- 19 **FL Lions Eye Bank** Dist. 35-N Rep. Orientation
Bascom Palmer 7-8 PM
- 30 **Conklin Center** Ride for Sight Poker Run

Important Dates to Remember

- Oct 11 World Sight Day
- Oct 6 The Eye Ball @ T. Pepin's Hospitality Centre 7PM
- Oct 18-21 MD 35 Fall Conference, Altamonte Springs
- Oct 27 District Meeting—Frost Park, Dania
- Jan 11-13 Winter Conf Cruise—leaving Ft. Lauderdale
- Jan 26 District Meeting—Port St. Lucie
- Mar 10 District Meeting—Deerfield Hilton
- April 5-7 Official visit to Freeport Club, Bahamas

