

District 35-O Meeting on November 3, 2012

Hosted by the Homosassa Lions Club

The 2nd District 35-O Cabinet meeting was called to order on November 3, 2012 by Lion President Dan Fox of the hosting Homosassa Lions club at 10:00 A.M. It was held at the Homosassa Lions Club Clubhouse. Lion Dan welcomed all Lions and guests to the meeting. Lion Jim Callahan gave the Invocation. Lion Jo Becker led the Pledge to the Flag. Lion President Dan introduced 2nd Vice District Governor Carolyn Lloyd and turned the meeting over to her. Lion Carolyn introduced 1st Vice District Governor Al Becker. He then introduced 35-O District Governor Norma Callahan who then took charge of the meeting.

District Governor Norma established protocol and welcomed all the Lions and guests to the meeting. She brought attention to the "Super Storm Sandy " that has ravaged the northeastern coast of the United States. She asked that in keeping with the Lions motto "We Serve" that a collection be taken for help for those affected by the storm and that it be donated to Lions International Foundation Disaster Fund. The collection raised \$500 by the end of the meeting. 1stVDG Al Becker moved that \$500 from the District 35-O Disaster Fund be given to the LCIF earmarked disasters. PDG Shel Reichard seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Cabinet Secretary Carol Reichard was called to give the minutes of the August Cabinet Meeting. PID Neil Spencer made and PCC David Lloyd seconded a motion to accept the minutes as published. Motion passed. Cabinet Treasurer PDG Jeannine Thibault presented the financial report. PID Neil Spencer made and PCC David Lloyd seconded a motion to accept the financial report and file subject to audit. Motion passed.

DG Norma updated some of the ongoing happenings in the district: Hernando Lions Club will be chartered on November 20th, A new club is being branched by the Volusia County Lions Club with Zone Chair Bill Schnalke serving as President, High Point Lions Club is also branching a new Lions Club.

Representatives from Canine Companions for Independence gave a brief history of the organization and its accomplishments. They were available for questions after the meeting.

Lion Prudy Rodriguez, District Crusader Chairman, gave an update on applications for the Crusader Award. The time period for qualification for the Crusader Award is from January 1 – December 31 of each calendar year. Applications are to be sent to Multiple District Office Manager, PCC Gary Nieskes by registered mail, return receipt requested and Crusader Award written on the envelope.

DG Norma reported on the progress and activities of the Diabetes Program. She emphasized the importance of supporting the Diabetic summer camps through donations, scholarships and supplies.

Lion Mary Pezzo reported on Project Right to Sight. She announced that there had been 2003 volunteer hours in helping the Project. There has been a manual published on How to Sort Eyeglasses and is one that all clubs collecting eyeglasses should have and use. Contact Lion Tom Hamilton for more information.

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Gov Norma read a report from Peace Poster Chairpersons Kevin and Patty Jarvis. Peace Posters from clubs are to be sent to and received by the Chairpersons no later than November 15, 2012. They will be judged by non-lion artists to select the District 35-O winner. The Chairpersons will then send it on for Multiple District Competition.

Lion Terry Murtha reported on the activities of Leader Dog for the Blind. She urged each club to remember Leader Dog when making their donations for the year.

Council Chair Donna Spencer gave the Nomination Chairperson's report in her absence. Those who have filed and been certified for office of the 2013-2014 year are:

1st Vice District Governor Al Becker for the office of District Governor

2nd Vice District Governor Carolyn Lloyd for the office of 1st Vice District Governor

Lion Jacquie Tripp for the office of 2nd Vice District Governor

The election will be held at the MD35 State Convention in May.

Southeastern Guide Dogs reported that 2,800 matches have been for guide dogs and owners since the beginning, there are now 500 working teams, 240 of which are in the state of Florida. There are 265 clubs in the Multiple District; 156 of them have given monetary support; 109 have not.

Lion Dr. Lynn Hawkins presented two reports. The first was on the Reading Project initiated by International President. She reviewed what has taken place to date. She also reported on the Lions Quest Program. There is a new part of the program that is geared to after school programs. The cost of the program is \$90 for the training class. This opens a new avenue for Lions to serve.

Lion Jacquie Tripp reported on the LEOs in our district. She presented the 2011-2012 International LEO Excellence Award to Lion Dr. Lynn Hawkins for her work with the LEOs. A member of her LEOs Club received the highest distinction that a LEO can achieve.

Global Leadership Team District Coordinator, Lion Larry Feldhusen thanked the Zone Chairs for the hard work they are doing and making their presence known the clubs. He reminded the Lions that there are several resources available for leadership development including training at the cabinet meetings, State Convention, LCI webinars, and courses listed under Club Resources on the LCI web page. Also available are the Zone Chairmen, GLT Chairman and other Lions. And use their knowledge and ideas to help develop your club's own ideas.

The meeting was recessed for lunch and Tail twister Rita Fawcett worked the crowd quite successfully and a good time was had by all.

The meeting was called back to order by Gov. Norma at 12:30 p.m. She introduced the representative from the Florida Lions Eye bank in Miami who gave a look into the history of the eye bank and what they do with their donations in a power point presentation.

Gov. Norma announced that this was Diabetes Awareness Month. The training Manual is finished. Recertification Classes are being scheduled as well as new training classes. She also reported on the visit of Past International President Tam, at his request, to observe the Diabetes Screening Process developed and used in District 35-O. LCI was here at the same time filming the screenings as well as doing a filming of the Conklin Center and its work.

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Lion Mary Pezzo, Director of the Conklin Center for the Blind spoke on a new project that clubs could easily participate in called "Change for Change ". Ask each member to keep a jar and put all their pocket change at the end of the day into the jar for the Conklin Center. At each meeting bring the jars and turn in the money. She asked the Lions to bring their containers to the last Cabinet meeting.

The Conklin Center for the Blind and Multi-handicapped Executive Director, Robert Kelly spoke on what's happening at the Center. In the Blind population who have at least one additional handicap, the unemployment stands at 95%. The Center is preparing its students to be able to get jobs. He announced that the goal for District O is \$27,000 and to date \$8000 has been raised.

Lion Helene Thompson announced that 24 anchor awards have been given out this year. She also reminded the clubs to check on their members who have been members less than a year or who have transferred into the club from out of state and make sure they are getting the qualifications for the Governor's Achievement Award . Club Secretaries should be keeping track of the hours of service each member has served toward the 125 hours to earn the Golden Chain Award.

PDG Shel Reichard, Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the District 35-O Youth Exchange Scholarship Trust, gave an update on the Youth Exchange Scholarship Trust Fund. The deadline for applications for this year is November 21st. There will be eleven \$1000 scholarships awarded at the Awards Luncheon in April.

Gov. Norma expressed her appreciation to Lion Dan Fox with a certificate of appreciation and membership in her District 35-O Victory Circle.

Immediate PDG Doris Turlo received an International President's Appreciation Award from IPP Tam for her year of service as District Governor.

Immediate Past International Director Neil Spencer and PDG Shel Reichard presented a PDG's Lion of the Year 2011-2012 award to Lion Mary Ann Bullock from Viera. PID Neil reported on the USA/Canada forum. Lion Sharon Irwin from Homosassa was recognized for her volunteer work as an airport greeter with an International President's Appreciation Award.

While reporting on membership, Global Membership Team District Coordinator 2nd VDG Carolyn Lloyd announced that the district was at a plus 9 as of October 31st.

Cabinet Secretary Carol announced that there were 140 attending the meeting. Tail Twister announced there was \$132 raised during tail-twisting time. District Cabinet Treasurer, Jeannine announced that \$12,642 had been given during the parade of checks. Gov. Norma announced that there would be about \$1000 donated to the LCIF disaster fund for Super Storm Sandy.

Lion Jim Callahan gave the benediction. There being no further business, District Governor Norma adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Carol Reichard
District 35-O Cabinet Secretary