

35-O DISTRICT MEETING AUGUST 18, 2012 HOSTED BY THE CLERMONT-MINNEOLA LIONS CLUB

The meeting was called to order on at 10 A.M. at the First United Methodist Church Wesley Center, 950 7th Street, Clermont, Fl. 34711. Clermont-Minneola Lion President Charles Neville welcomed all the Lions to the first District Meeting of the new year. Lion Carl Cohen, Chaplain, gave the Invocation. Zone Chair Nick Jones led the Pledge. Lion Charles introduced 2nd VDG Carolyn Lloyd and turned the meeting over to her. 2nd VDG Carolyn introduced 1st VDG Al Becker who then introduced 35-O District Governor Norma Callahan.

DG Norma established protocol, introduced her Cabinet and gave a special acknowledgement to PID Neil Spencer and Council Chair Donna Spencer. The Governor welcomed all the Lions to join in on an active year of a World of Service.

Cabinet Secretary Carol Reichard presented the minutes from the March 17, 2012 Cabinet Meeting. PID Neil Spencer moved that the minutes be approved as published. PDG David Lloyd seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Cabinet Treasurer PDG Jeannine Thibault presented the 2012-2013 Budget for approval. Motion was made and seconded to accept the budget as presented. Motion passed.

DG Norma introduced our special guests, the newest club, Brooksville Lions and Becky Gaiter of Altamonte Springs Lions Branch Club which is close to being chartered. She presented Lions Juan and Carmen Molina, Bill Schnalke and 2nd VDG Carolyn Lloyd their Certified Guiding Lions Certificates.

GLT Larry Feldhusen was presented the Victory Circle Award, established by DG Norma, for his outstanding work in helping to set up the Orientation Seminars at the first of the year and his service during the Extension Workshop in August.

PDG Shel Reichard was honored by receiving the Victory Circle Award given by DG Norma for his dedicated service to the District and help and guidance to her for the year.

Governor Norma introduced Lion Donna Norton, Drive Director and Lion Robert Kelly, Executive Director, of the Lions Conklin Center for the Blind and Multi-Handicapped. Lion Donna brought us up to date on coming events for the year:

Ride for Sight Poker Run will be held on September 30, 2012. There will also be a free barbeque at the Iron Horse Saloon at the end of the Run. There are raffle tickets available to win a week's stay at a Condo at Daytona Beach. Drawing will be at the barbeque.

White Cane Awareness Walk held October 6, 2012 at the Conklin Center from 11-2. There will also be a "Sensory Walk" in conjunction with the event.

2nd Annual Halloween Bash held on October 26, 2012 held at the Elks Lodge in Ocala.

Casino Night held on February 16th.

Lion Donna then turned the mike over to Lion Robert. He gave a brief status report on the Conklin Center. He stated that there had been 4,465 service days in the last year, there had been 41 blind infant and toddler cases worked and 75 students have graduated in the last year. He also announced that the donation goals have been set for the Multiple District (\$150,000) and District 0 (\$37,500).

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Lion Ted Erion, President of the Florida Foundation for the Blind spoke on the history of the Foundation. He explained that the Foundation provides service for advanced eye problems and major eye surgery. One of the key attributes is that the Foundation is able to get medical professionals for lower rates to assist them, He announced the goals set for the Multiple District (\$220,000) and District O (\$55,000)

Cabinet Secretary Carol Reichard reported on the guidelines of billing clubs for their Multiple District and District Dues. The statements are issued based on the total membership of each club as of June 30, 2012 as indicated by International records. Billing statements have been sent to all the clubs and all dues are now due.

Lion Diane Yates, Trainer Coordinator, gave an update on the Diabetes program. They will be starting new classes for trainers soon.

Lion Mary Pezzo, President of Project Right to Sight, gave a brief explanation of how the organization operates. Eye glasses and lens collected by the different clubs are sent and eye exams are available to those who are unable to afford them. Clinics are held once a month. Donations in the amount of \$100 each may be made for a Life Member to honor a person.

Lion Terry Murtha, Drive Director for Leader Dog for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan, spoke on the activities which occur at the school. She made a point of emphasizing the importance of Lions support so they can continue to give service to those in need. She also announced that the School will be serving clients in West Palm Beach for the first time.

PID Neil Spencer gave a brief overview of the upcoming US/Canada Forum being held in Tampa, FL on September 13-16, 2012. He said there is a definite need for more volunteers to help work the Forum. He asked that the Lions sign up to be volunteers.

The Report on the Hearing Board was given by Lion Dianne Christian, Secretary. She explained that the purpose of the District 35-O Hearing Program, Inc., a 501C3 organization, is to provide hearing exams and hearing aids to those financially unable to pay for them. Hearing aids are given to children up to the age of 17 at a cost of \$1500 each. People who are 17 and older receive refurbished hearing aids. Since July there have been 14 cases with the usual number of cases averaging about 12 cases monthly. The Program relies on donations only to provide for their services. Life Memberships are also available at \$100 each.

Lion Dr. Lynn Hawkins presented a power point program on the Reading Action Program, a special project of International President Wayne Madden and on activities of the Youth. More than 1000 books have been collected to distribute to migrant camps in Pierson and DeLeon Springs, homeless shelters in DeLand, and to pre-schoolers of homeless and indigent mothers at Chiles Academy in Daytona Beach. Among those donating books have been the Friends of the DeLand Library and Sacred Heart Academy in New Smyrna Beach. Students at Daytona State College have created a rap video encouraging students to read. One Student Lion got the George Marks Elementary School to establish a Walking School Bus program in response to 27 children hit and 2 killed on the way to and from in School in Volusia county. Lions are working with her to get this mandate to be passed in all Volusia Schools.

Lion Jackie Tripp, District LEO Chairman reported on the activities of the Leo Clubs in the District.

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Lion Larry Feldhusen, Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator spoke on the purpose of the GLT and how it will have a positive impact on the District. He asked all to fill out the Survey that had been placed on the tables regarding what types of training and what topics need to be covered in the upcoming training sessions. He spoke on the possibility of having webinars used as training tools.

DG Norma announced that Lion Anne Greer, PDG, had resigned as 2nd VDG. The Executive Board, following the Constitution and By-Laws procedure, recommended that Lion Carolyn Lloyd, PVDG, be appointed 2ndVDG. Acting on their recommendation, Lion Carolyn was appointed as District 35-O 2nd VDG and has accepted the position.

The meeting was recessed for lunch and Tail Twisting activities.

The meeting was reconvened by the Governor. She introduced Council Chair Donna Spencer who spoke on the Kidney Foundation. She explained the purpose and told how the Cocoa Beachside Lions were partnering with them for the Cocoa Beach Surf Festival and invited all to come.

2nd VDG Carolyn Lloyd a member of the GMT Team spoke on the GMT Team's role in working with clubs on membership.

Gov. Norma discussed the themes and projects for the District this year. One of the main projects is the International Project on Reading and Literacy. Membership and Retention is another important project. She encouraged donations to the Florida entities and working in the community.

IPDG Doris Turlo presented some awards that were from her term of office. She also presented three Melvin Jones Awards to Lions Karen Colson, Larry Feldhusen and Jackie DeGraff. She also presented an International President Achievement Award to Lion Mary Pezzo and the International Presidential Medal to Lion Mary Yochum.

Governor Norma announced that Immediate Past International President Tam will be coming to Daytona Beach in September to observe the District's Diabetes Screening Program at work and learn more about the Program. This visit will be filmed by LCI. They will also be filming the Conklin Center and the Talking Book Library. This is quite an honor for District 35-O.

Lion Gerry Laird of the Palm Coast Lions Club announced their Golf Tournament to held Oct.6th at Princess Place Golf Course. Lion Prudy Rodriguez, Chairman of the Crusader Award Committee urged each club to submit an application for the Award for this year.

Cabinet Secretary announced the attendance at 150. She also reminded club secretaries to update their member files with International. Cabinet Treasurer Jeannine announced that she had received a total of \$10,645 to the various Lion Entities.

The Governor announced that the next DISTRICT Meeting will be held at and hosted by the Homosassa Lions Club on November 3, 2012. The next Council of Governors meeting will be hosted by our district in Altamonte Springs. It is the MD35 Fall Conference and the registration information will be in the September issue of the MD35 Lions magazine. There will be training sessions for ALERT, LCI, Diabetes Update, Leadership and Paws for Patriots.

Lion Chaplain Carl closed the meeting with an inspirational reading. The meeting was adjourned by the Governor at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Carol Reichard

District 35-O Cabinet Secretary