

DISTRICT 35-O DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 16, 2013
Hosted by the Viera Lions Club

The 3rd District 35-O District Meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Lion Ruby Jackson, 1st Vice President of the Viera Lions Club. The meeting was held at the Regional Park Gym in Viera. Lion Jim Callahan gave the Invocation. Lion Joe Jackson Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Lion Tom Bullock led the Lion's Toast.

Lion Ruby introduced 2nd VDG Carolyn Lloyd, who in turn introduced 1st VDG Al Becker. He warmly introduced our District Governor, Lion Norma Callahan. Gov. Norma welcomed all to her last District Meeting and expressed her appreciation for all their service this year. She introduced special visitors PDG Geoffrey and Lion Nancy Wade and PDG Roger Messer from District N and the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind.

Cabinet Secretary presented the minutes. The minutes were approved as published. Cabinet Treasurer, PDG Jeannine Thibault, presented the Financial Report for approval. PDG Anne Greer made a motion to approve the report to audit. Lion Juan Molina seconded the motion. The report was approved for audit.

Lion Sherie Aston-Shell spoke on behalf of the Center for the Visually Impaired. Giving a history of the Center and the ways they served. Lion Amy Solieau spoke about events and needs of the Diabetes Camps. Lion Mary Pezzo spoke on the many types of glasses and cases that can be used for distribution besides regular eyeglasses.

Lion Mary reported on the Loose Change Campaign for the Conklin Center. They have received approximately \$3,000 since the beginning. This campaign will continue until June 2014.

Gov. Norma announced that the District Prize for the Peace Poster Contest would be awarded at the District Luncheon during Convention. Lion Donna Norton, Technology chairperson, reported that there were no current problems with reporting on line to International. If problems occur call her.

Lion Ron VanGelderren, Southeastern Guide Dogs District Chair, reported that SEG D are now in a fundraising campaign to build a new Canine Assessment Center.

Lion Mary Yochum reported on the MD 35 Convention being held in Daytona Beach May 2-4. She reminded the members that the deadline for early registration was April 1st. No meal registrations will be accepted after April 20th and no meals will be sold at the door. If a person is planning on attending and no meals, they will still have to pay the \$10 registration fee in order to attend any of the training or sessions.

Lion Dianne Christian reported on the Hearing Board. She said they average 12 – 14 cases a month. Children under 17 will receive new hearing aids at a cost of \$15,000. Applications are to be sent to Lion Dot Myers, PDP (5428 Pecos Street, Orlando FL 32807).

Lion Dianne, Directory chairperson, asked that all clubs send to her a copy of their PU101 and the names of their Speech and Hearing, Vision, and Diabetes Chairs for inclusion in the Directory. The deadline for ads to help pay for the District Directory is May 15th.

Lion Tom Hamilton gave a brief explanation of what happens after the eyeglasses, lens, cases etc. are collected. Lion Tom took a 53' trailer loaded with surplus glasses collected over the last 18 months to Houston and delivered them to the Feed the Children organization to be distributed.

Lion Jacquie Tripp, District Leo chairperson, reported that there are now 8 Leo clubs sponsored in District 35-O. She welcomed the Spruce Creek Leo Club, sponsored by Port Orange Lions Club as the newest one. She also announced that there will be a Leo Convention held in conjunction with the MD35 convention this year. GLT Larry Feldhusen announced that he and his team would help those clubs who wanted to participate in the Club Excellence Program.

Gov. Norma introduced our featured speaker Lion Dr. Hetal Vaishnav. His topic was what's new in Diabetic Eye Conditions. It was a most interesting and educational talk. He closed with: "If there is HOPE in the Future . . . there is POWER in the Present"

The meeting was recessed for lunch and the work of the Tail Twister.

Meeting was called back to order. PDG Anne Greer read the certified candidates for District 35-O Officers to be voted on at the Convention. They are: 1st VDG Al Becker for the office of Governor, 2nd VDG Carolyn Lloyd for the office of 1st Vice District Governor and Lion Jacquie Tripp for the office of 2nd Vice District Governor.

GMT chairperson, 2nd VDG Carolyn announced that there are 1,514 members in 62 clubs in District 35-O. She also announced there will be an Extension Workshop on April 10-12 in West Cocoa Beach. More information will come out on a flyer.

Lion Helene Thompson, District Awards chairperson, presented the Golden Chain Awards. PDG Shel Reichard, Youth Exchange Scholarship Trust Executive Secretary-Treasurer, reported that there were 95 applications received for the 11 available scholarships. The winners have been chosen and will be presented their \$1000 scholarships at the YEST Luncheon at Lake Alfred, April 14, 2013.

1stVDG Al Becker announced there will be 2 Orientation meetings held in June – June 1st in Viera and June 8th in Homosassa. Training will be given during these meetings.

Gov. Norma announced that Lion Jo Becker and her committee will be in charge of the District Luncheon at Multiple District Convention. The attendance was announced at 108 and the Parade of Checks received \$34,650 in donations for the various Lion Entities.

The meeting was turned back to Lion Ruby, who then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Carol Reichard, Cabinet Secretary