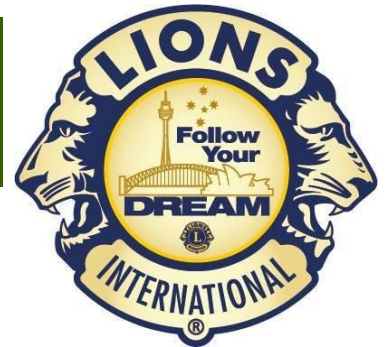


LIONS ROARING NEWS



**DISTRICT 35-0
FEBRUARY 2014**



A Note from District Governor Al Becker

Fellow Lions,

As we start of the new year it is time to start the nomination process again for incoming officers for your club. This all must be completed by April and submitted to LCI. I hope you will take a serious look at the people you elect to run your club. Many clubs just elect someone because no one else wants the position. No one should hold a position for more than two years at any one time. It's the President's and Secretaries job to attend all zone and cabinet meetings to keep their members informed of what is going on in the zone and district. Too many clubs never attend these functions and it is the club that suffers and information is given second hand. So I encourage all clubs to take a serious look at those people you elect to represent you.

As I make my visits to our clubs I cannot help but notice how many clubs need help not only in membership growth but also in understanding what Lions are all about. We need to have more training for grass root lions especially new lions to keep them focused on what we do and why we do what we do. Many clubs lose members because of clicks, boring meetings and bullying. It's time we put a stop to these problems and get back to what lions are about "We Serve".



We serve those less fortunate than ourselves and those who need help with eyeglasses, hearing aids and all the things we as lions offer in our community.

I started by year with two goals. One is building 3 new clubs which I think we are very close in doing. And the other goal was a 25% increase in membership. This was set pretty high, I realize, but if every club would bring in just 6-7 new members we can reach this goal.

In closing remember Feb 8th is 35-0 day at S.E guide dogs. March 7-9th is final conference in Altamonte Springs and March 15th is our final district advisory meeting in Homosassa.

Yours In Lionism, DG Al Becker



From the Den of 1st Vice District Governor Carolyn Lloyd

A new year, a new beginning. Think about service projects you like to do and maybe a service project you would like to start. Remember, it can be large or small. It can be a one person project or a project for many. Think and plan. Communities need us. Lions need to be out there and be seen. People need to know that help is available.

Be a leader by developing a community service project, planning it, and taking it to the finish. Yes, not all Lions want to lead but, remember, leading can mean being out front, planning, directing, instructing, and mentoring. It can also mean leading by setting an example. Think about it. Be creative. Step up and lead.

OUR PRIDE TOGETHER IN SERVICE



2nd Vice District Governor Jacquie Tripp

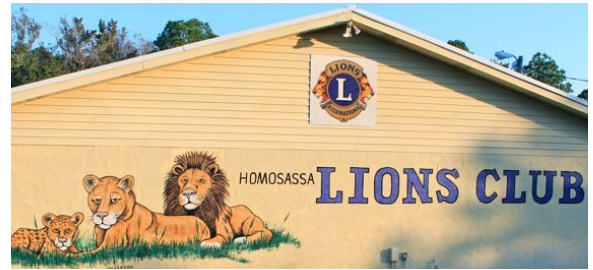
IP Barry Palmer's theme "Follow Your Dreams" sparked an idea for a zone chair in our district. He wanted to feed the hungry and he wanted to do it by combining two zones together to raise the funds and do the work. His dream was fulfilled this past Wednesday night as Zones 8 & 9 got together and packaged 10,500 meals for Stop Hunger Now. Thanks to Zone Chair Lion Jeff Follmer and his supportive Zone Chair partner, Lion Greg Evans, something very special happened. Lions, Leos, and citizens will be working together to make a difference in the world. Lions, we make a difference in our community, our state and the world. Thanks for all the work every one of you do in whatever capacity you do it. It takes all of our talents and skills to make a difference. Keep up the good works!

Serving Beside You, Lion Jacquie



4TH DISTRICT MEETING - MARCH 15th, Homosassa [FLYER](#)

The Homosassa Lions Club will host our fourth meeting on Saturday, March 15th at the Homosassa Lions Clubhouse. GPS Address: 8396 West Homosassa Trail, Homosassa, FL 34448. Their Clubhouse is on S. Indiana Avenue: [MAP](#) (Note: Use PO Box below for Reservations) The preliminary agenda follows:



8:30 AM Fellowship (Coffee & Goodies)
8:30 AM Executive Meeting
9:15 AM PDG Meeting 9:15 AM Zone & Region Chair Meeting

10:00 AM Call to Order and Welcome

TRAINING: Tax Issues & Regulations for Lions Clubs & Foundations

11:45 AM Lunch 12:30 PM Resume District Meeting
1:55 PM 50:50 Raffle & Drawings

RSVP by Friday, March 7, 2014

Cost is \$10 each for lunch with a reservation. No meals will be served without a reservation! If you are attending, but not eating; You still need to make a reservation.

MENU: Roast Pork, Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, rolls, Desserts, Coffee & Tea

For Reservations with lunch send your club name, names and payment to:

Homosassa Lions Club

PO Box 1401, Homosassa Springs, FL 34447

For Reservations without lunch Email: HomosassaLions@gmail.com

FOR MORE INFO: HomosassaLions@gmail.com or CALL: Lion Dana Comeau (352) 601-3206

DISTRICT O HOSTS THE SPRING MD35 COG's CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

DG Al Becker will be the host of the Lions of MD 35 Spring Conference to be held in Altamonte Springs on March 7-9, 2014 at the [Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs](#).

DG Al & Lion Jo hope that you will join in on the fun at the Friday night social. It will be a dinner/dance with music from the 50's, 60's and 70's. Everyone is welcome to come and you can dress like you did in that era (but please, no birthday suits).



Pre-registration is required. Then on Saturday afternoon there will be a Free Diabetes Recertification class. Activities for the weekend will include: Friday Conklin Center Lunch, Friday Night Social, Saturday Morning Open Meeting Session, Saturday Lunch with [International](#)

[Director Harvey F. Whitley](#) , Saturday Afternoon Training Sessions, Saturday Night Banquet, and Sunday Florida Lions Foundation Breakfast.

All meal reservations are made using the form in the latest issues of the MD35 Lions Magazine. The deadline for meal reservations is February 28, payable to the Homosassa Lions Club.

You make your room reservations directly with the hotel and mention the "MD 35 Lions Rate" to get a room rate of \$89 per night, plus tax. Deadline for room reservations is March 1, 2014. The hotel address is 350 Northlake Blvd, Altamonte Springs, Florida, 32701. Phone: 407-830-1985

MEETING CHANGES FOR ORMOND BEACH LIONS

The Ormond Beach Lions Club meetings have changed location to Mario's Restaurant, 521 S Yonge Street (U.S. 1), Ormond Beach, FL 32174.

DIABETES SCREENER TRAINING DATES

Contact: Lion Norma Callahan, PDG; lionnormacallahan@yahoo.com; 386-479-9896

FREE DIABETES RECERTIFICATION TRAINING: Has it been longer than a year since you have been trained or certified for blood sugar screening? We are offering a free recertification class at the Spring COG's Conference on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 2pm. The class is about 2 hours long and will get you re-certified. This training is at the Hilton Hotel AT350 Northlake Blvd, Altamonte Springs, Florida, 32701. Please let me know if you plan to attend. You must have taken the complete training class in the past, all screeners welcome. Normally there is a \$15 fee so come and save and get updated.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING DATES: The following are the dates for diabetes training to become a certified screener and recertification: Feb 8th Homosassa, Feb 22nd Miami Springs, March 1st Zephyrhills, March 8th COG meeting (Recert only), and March 22nd Gulfport. The fees are the following: certification is \$25 which includes lunch (4 hours) the recertification is \$15 (2 hours) which does not include lunch. Remember you must re-certify yearly. When you come bring your screening bags.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE MD35 CONVENTION [FORMS](#) OR [ONLINE](#)

The Multiple District 35 Convention will be held in Orlando on May 1-4, 2014 at the [DoubleTree by Hilton Downtown](#). For the first time in MD35 history, you are able register for the convention online!

[Click here](#) and you will be transported to the special registration page where you can register and pay for your meal tickets. If you prefer, you can wait for the registration pages to be printed in the next MD35 magazine, or use this link for a 2 page pdf file of the [Registration Pages](#). The Early Bird pricing (\$5 off each meal & registration) is valid until April 1, 2014.

You make your room reservations directly with the hotel and mention that you are with the Lions MD Convention to get these room rates: \$109 for a Regular Room; \$149 – Executive Suite and \$309 – Parlor Room. Rates are per night and do not include tax. There will be no charge for parking if you are staying at this hotel. Deadline for room reservations is March 31, 2014. The hotel address is 60 South Ivanhoe Boulevard, Orlando, Florida, 32804. Phone: 407-425-4455

ADVERTISE IN THE MD35 CONVENTION PROGRAM [FLYER](#)

Show you're Proud to be a Lions. Advertise your Club, Candidate, Special Event, or a Lions Entity! Ad rates are: FULL PAGE AD (5" X 8") \$100.00; ½ PAGE AD (5" X 3.5") \$50.00; ¼ PAGE AD (5" X 2.5") \$25.00; BUSINESS CARD \$25.00. Submissions Deadline is April 15th. Send to Lion Catherine Walton, PDG; lionjohngirl@msn.com (813) 495-8134. Ads should be in a PDF OR JPG format.

[2014 LCI TORONTO CONVENTION](#)

[Register](#) by March 31, 2014 and the regular registration fee is \$150. After April 1, 2014, the fee is \$170. The LCI 97th Lions Clubs Annual International Convention (LCICon) from July 4 – 8, 2014 in the city of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and you are invited to join the celebration. Toronto, Canada's most cosmopolitan city, is situated on beautiful Lake Ontario and is one of the most dynamic, culturally diverse and vibrant places on earth. The [festivities](#) include our own culturally diverse International Parade of Nations along with interesting seminars, lively plenary sessions, the gala International Show, and the election of LCI's 2014-2015 International President.

MD35 ORANGE PARADE SHIRTS & SOUTHEASTERN BREAKFAST

Shirts will be on sale at the Spring Conference in Altamonte Springs and at the MD35 Convention in Orlando. Shirts are \$40.00 (2XL and larger are more). Shirts may be ordered through the MD Office. The Southeastern Breakfast at the LCI Convention will be on Monday, July 7, 2014 at 7:00am at the Fairmont Royal Hotel. Tickets are \$37 each payable to Lions MD-35 and send to the MD Office.

[LCI FEBRUARY NEWSWIRE](#)

Subjects covered in this LCI website link above: learn about the Lions World Lunch Relay, the 2014-15 Peace Poster Contest theme, Eye Donor Awareness Month and more. [CURRENT and past issues](#)



MOUNT DORA LIONS CELEBRATE 75th [FLYER](#)

The Mount Dora Lions will have a Charter 75th Celebration on March 29, 2014 at the Historic Lakeside Inn in Mount Dora at 6:30 pm. The same place the Charter Night was held in 1939! A Silent Auction will proceed the dinner. For \$25, Lions Clubs, Lions and friends can have their name listed under "Thanks for your Service" in the Program. Send your check made out to the Mount Dora Lions Ritterband Foundation by March 6, 2014 to be on the list, PO Box 131, Mount Dora, FL 32756. Visit our website at www.mtdoralions.org or email Lion Mary Pezzo at mtpezzo@yahoo.com.

KISSIMMEE LIONS CELEBRATE 75 YEARS [FLYER](#)

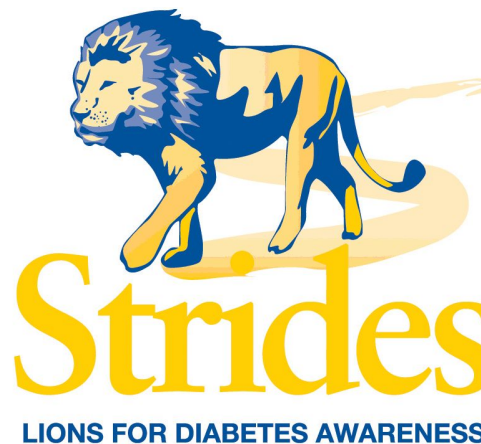
The Kissimmee Lions Club 75th Anniversary Celebration will be on Saturday, May 17th at 6.30 pm at the Flamingo Waterpark Resort in Kissimmee. There will be a silent auction before dinner. Special hotel rates and reservation information are on their [FLYER](#).

9th ANNUAL DIABETES WALK - APRIL 5th

[Flyer & Shirt Sponsors](#) [Registration](#) [Waiver](#)

Contact: Lion Bobbie Cheh, Ormond By The Sea Lions,
ormondbob@aol.com

Walk the beautiful Ormond by the Sea beach starting at Bicentennial Park, 1800 Ocean Shore Boulevard, Ormond Beach at 8 AM. The funds raised support scholarships for children with type 1 diabetes to attend the Florida Diabetes Camps. Please support this walk with donations and shirt sponsorships.



ZONE MEETINGS

ZONE 1 (Lion Jackie De Graff)

April 2, 2014 at Inglis-Yankeetown Lions Club

ZONE 2 (Lion Vivian Henegar)

date and time TBA at Inverness

ZONE 3 (Lion Anne Ireland)

February 13th at Tavares Lions Club, 6pm

ZONE 4 (Lion Mary Pezzo)

March 13, 2014 at IHOP, Clermont, 6pm

ZONE 5 (Lion Naomi Davis)

March 4, 2014 hosted by Davenport Lions

ZONE 7 (Lion Ted Erion)

March 1st at Sanford (picnic style)

ZONE 8 (Lion Jeff Follmer)

February 5 2014 at Ponce Inlet (Zones 8 & 9)

ZONE 9 (Lion Greg Evans)

February 5 2014 at Ponce Inlet (Zones 8 & 9)

ZONE 10 (Lion Helene Thompson)

March 19, 2014 hosted by Rockledge Lions (6pm)

ZONE 5 MEETING INFORMATION

The Davenport Lions host the Zone 5 meeting on March 4, 2014 at the Community Ctr., 5 Allapaha Ave S, Davenport, FL 33837 at 6:00 PM. Meal: Chicken Cordon Blue, potatoes, veggies, dessert, beverage. Cost is \$10. RSVP by February 27 to Lion Jeannine at 863-421-2255 or jlthibt6111@verizon.net

BOB LASTINGER AWARD – DEADLINE MARCH 31, 2013

This award is given in memory of Past International Director Bob Lastinger, a very loyal and dedicated Lion. It is given to a grass root Lion who attends meetings regularly, is willing to help the Club with projects, serve on committees and always willing to lend a hand. This Lion will go above and beyond what is expected of them. Every Club has someone who should be nominated for this award. It's that extra special Lion. Write a letter nominating your grass root Lion. Include in the letter your reasons for nominating this Lion and examples of things they have done in service to Lionism. Please send your letter of nomination postmarked by March 31, 2014 to our Cabinet Secretary: Lion Mary Ann Bullock, 8133 Old Tramway Drive, Viera, FL 32940 or email to maryannbullock@hotmail.com

WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM WORKSHOP: "WOMEN, WORKING OUT THE LEADER WITHIN"

April 11 -13, 2014. A three-day leadership extravaganza of intellectual pampering on a journey of discovery to what it is like to 'just being you' in the world of leadership. Learn from Lions certified by Lions Clubs International to "lighting the way to future Lions Leaders" just like yourself at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites Lakeland North. Sponsored by the American Diabetes Association and Lions for Diabetes Awareness of District 35N. Pre-Register for \$100.00 (by March 26, 2014 - after \$125.00). Registration includes: Db occupancy lodging, training materials, meals included (except Friday night), snacks and Friday night social. For complete information contact U35@juno.com [FLYER](#)



LCI MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP WEBINARS

Head over to the [LCI Monthly Membership Webinars](#) page to register.

February 12, 2014 Conducting Your Own New Club Development Workshop, 4 pm-5 pm

February 18, 2014 Family and Friends Month, 3 pm–4 pm

March 26, 2014 Chartering Special Interest Clubs, 5 pm–6 pm

April 29, 2014 Conducting Informational Meetings for New and Existing Clubs, 1 pm-2 pm

May 22, 2014 Membership Planning for Next Fiscal Year 11 am-12 noon

THE 2013-2014 LCI WEBINAR SCHEDULE. Head over to the [Webinars](#) page to register.

The Dream Continues: Lionism as a PDG

Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 1 pm

You've been Club President . . . What's Next?

Friday, March 7, 2014 at 8 PM

Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 1 PM

Is it Your Dream to Be a District Governor?

Friday, April 4, 2014 at 8 PM

Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 1 PM

Conflict Resolution

Friday, May 9, 2014 at 8 PM

Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 1 PM

DG AL BECKER'S *UPDATED* CLUB VISITATION SCHEDULE (Feb-Mar)

FEB 3, Mon: SANFORD LAKESIDE, 12PM

FEB 3, Mon: PIERSON, 7PM

FEB 4, Tues: CRYSTAL RIVER, 7PM*

FEB 6, Thurs: OSCEOLA LATIN AMER., 6:30PM

FEB 10, Mon: KATHLEEN, 7PM*

FEB 11, Tue: ORLANDO COLLEGE PARK, 6:30PM*

FEB 13, Thurs: PORT ORANGE, 5:45PM*

FEB 17, Mon: OCOEE, 7PM

FEB 18, Tues: PALM BAY HAPPY, 8AM*

FEB 18, Tues: PALM BAY PROGRESSIVE, 6PM

FEB 19, Wed: ORMOND BY THE SEA, 6:30PM*

FEB 20, Thurs: PALM COAST, 6:30PM*

FEB 25, Tues: MOUNT DORA, 6:30PM*

FEB 26, Wed: ORANGE BLOSSOM Gardens, 8AM*

MARCH 4, Tues: SATELLITE BEACH, 6:30PM

MARCH 10, Mon: DE LEON SPRINGS, 6:30PM

MARCH 11, Tues: BEVERLY HILLS, 7PM

MARCH 20, Thur: LAKELAND North Lakeland, 7PM*

MARCH 25, Tues: SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY, 6PM

(* denotes confirmed by Club)

2013-2014 DISTRICT DIRECTORY NEW UPDATES (PDF OF ALL UPDATES)

Page 67: Update meeting location for Ormond Beach Lions to Mario's Restaurant, 521 S Yonge Street (U.S. 1), Ormond Beach, FL 32174.

Pages 55 & 176: Correct email for Longwood/Lake Mary Lions Secretary to bmckenna3@cfl.rr.com

Page 75: Update Ponce Inlet Lions Secretary to Lion Jeff Folmer with same contact info as page 11.

Pages 84 & 177: Update email for Winter Garden President to iworkteeth@gmail.com

UPCOMING MD-35, DISTRICT & CLUB EVENTS [PRINTABLE PAGE](#)

February 14, 2014: Conklin Center "Night for Sight", The Shores Resort & Spa (7-11pm) [Website](#), [FLYER](#)

February 15, 2014: 36th Annual Lions Day with the United Nations in New York City

February 22 – March 1, 2014: Viera Lions Cruise, RC's Oasis of the Seas, Ft. Lauderdale

March 2, 2014: Satellite Beach Lions Car Show, DRS Community Ctr, Lion Ron Stevic 321-600-4393 (9-4)

March 7-9, 2014: MD-35 Spring Conference, Hilton Altamonte Springs, hosted by 35O, [FLYER](#)

March 8-10, 2014: Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, for past club presidents, Oakbrook, IL, [Website](#)

March 15, 2014: 4th District O Meeting, Homosassa Lions Hosting, \$10, (10am-2pm) [FLYER](#)

March 15, 2014: Southeastern Guide Dogs Walkathon at the Villages, [Website](#)

March 22, 2014: Viera Lions BBQ & Auctions, Viera Regional Park, \$10, 11:30am [FLYER](#)

March 29, 2014: Mount Dora Lions 75th Charter Celebration, Lakeside Inn, [NewFLYER](#)

April 5, 2014: Diabetes Walk, Bicentennial Park, Ormond By The Sea (8am) [FLYER](#), [Registration](#), [Waiver](#)

April 5, 2014: LEITR 13th Annual Race For Sight, Ybor City, super hero themed [Registration Website](#)

April 11-13, 2014: Women's Leadership Workshop, Holiday Inn Express, North Lakeland, [FLYER](#)

April 12, 2014: Sensory Walk at the Conklin Center, Daytona Beach

April 26, 2014: Inglis Yankeetown Lions Nature Coast Challenge, 352-505-7936 \$40 [WEBSITE](#) [FLYER](#)

May 1-4, 2014: MD-35 Convention, Doubletree Hotel Downtown Orlando, [Hotel Information](#) [Registration](#)

May 17, 2014: Kissimmee Lions Club 75th Celebration, Flamingo Waterpark Hotel (6.30pm) [FLYER](#)

July 4-8, 2014: LCI 97th Annual Convention in Toronto, Canada, [Website](#)

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

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

LAKELAND DIXIELAND HAS TRADING PINS

Lakeland Dixieland Lions Club is having a fundraiser selling Lions trading pins. A deceased Dixieland member donated over 2,000 pins from all over the U.S. and the world to raise money for our charitable projects. If anyone is interested contact Lion Chuck Bryce at 863-683-2339 or chuckbryce@aol.com.

Lion Dennis Walton (*pictured right*) died peacefully at home on January 2nd, 2014 after a long battle with brain cancer. Lion Dennis loved life and Lions and Pin Trading. He was a charter member of the Wesley Chapel Lions, associate member of the Lutz-Land O Lakes Lions (4-Ls) and a member of the Florida Pin Traders, Lions Clubs International Pin Traders and several other pin trading clubs around the world. Memorial donations may be made to the Lions Eye Institute for Transplant & Research (LEITR) in Tampa. Condolences may be sent to Lion Catherine Walton, PDG, 4339 Whittner Drive, Land O Lakes, FL 34639.



H&R BLOCK & YOU CAN HELP FLORIDA DIABETES CAMP

To anyone doing their taxes with H&R Block in Florida ... If you take [this FLYER](#) in and give it to the tax accountant, part of the proceeds from your visit will go to Florida Diabetes Camp!!! Spread the word!!!

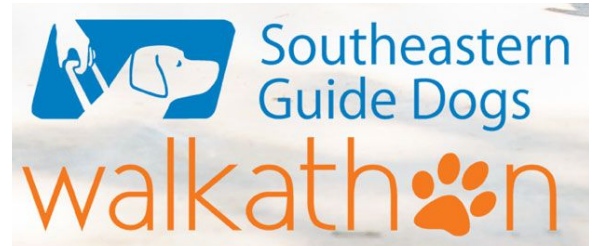
THE FLORIDA LIONS CONKLIN CENTER FOR THE BLIND [WEBSITE](#)

Take a look at the new website to see how you help children from birth to age 5 and adults who are blind with additional disabilities through your support. Here's a listing of upcoming events:

- **February 14, 2014 - Night for Sight:** We hope you can join us at The Shores Resort & Spa (Daytona Beach Shores) where you'll enjoy dinner, a silent auction, and casino style games. Contact Denise Harlow at 386-258-3441 to purchase tickets, sponsor a table or for more information. [Website](#)
- **March 16, 2014 - Motorcycle Giveaway** at the 'World Famous' Iron Horse Saloon, Ormond Beach. Tickets can be ordered anytime online at our website. Would you help by displaying a poster at work or at a friendly local business? Contact Denise Harlow at dharlow@conklincenter.org.
- **April 12, 2014 - Sensory Trail Walk** At the Conklin Center

SOUTHEASTERN GUIDE DOGS WALKATHONS

Our dogs are making an extraordinary difference. And now you are invited to share the joy of making an impact. Join us at one of our 2014 Walkathons! (or make an on-line donation – just click on the logo to the right.) At SEG D our Walkathons represent our biggest fundraisers of the year.



We rely on the proceeds to help us raise, train, and match our amazing dogs with our visually impaired students, whose lives are transformed.

Event festivities include a fun walk for our two and four-legged supporters, music, food, shopping and more! Will you join us at one of our Walkathon locations? We need you! You can help us change peoples' lives, and we can't wait to see you there. Here is the list of upcoming Walkathons:

February 22, 2014 BRADENTON March 1, 2014 ST PETERSBURG

March 15, 2014 THE VILLAGES, The Polo Club

March 22, 2014 TAMPA March 29, 2014 SARASOTA

If you are looking for a team to donate to for the March 15th walk, Lion Ron Van Gelderen has a goal of raising enough money to name a future guide dog puppy. Lion Ron moved to Florida several years ago after losing his sight. He attended the SEG D School and received his guide dog Murray. You can donate on-line at www.GuideDogsWalkathon.org/ronandmurray . [Ron's Letter](#)

[LEITR 13th ANNUAL RACE FOR SIGHT - APRIL 5, 2014](#) [Registration Website](#)

The 13th annual Race for Sight is inviting runners to wear their favorite superhero attire and sprint, run or walk through Historic Ybor City.

The super hero themed 5k race or one-mile fun walk funds the sight-saving projects through the Lions Eye Institute. The Race for Sight will include a 5k run, a 1-mile walk as well as an awards ceremony with trophies going to the top male and female competitors. Groups and corporate teams are also encouraged to participate. Those wearing their best hero outfits will also be recognized. Running as your favorite super hero is encouraged. Don't let the others outshine your super powers! Tie on your favorite cape and get started!



Saturday, April 5, 2014, Registration 6:30 a.m. to 7:15 am; Awards and celebration at 9:00 am at Centennial Park in Historic Ybor City, 1800 E. 8th Ave, Tampa, Fla. 33605. The participation fee is \$25 for individuals and \$15 for groups.

JANUARY 2014 EDITION OF [LIONS QUARTERLY VIDEO MAGAZINE](#)

See how Lions are providing disaster relief to victims of Typhoon Haiyan. Lions address bullying through various youth programs. In Iceland, Lions plant trees and grass to make their environment green again, and Wisconsin Lions held a statewide "Stuff the Bus" event that collected school supplies and books for children. Get a sneak peek of what's to come at the 2014 Lions International Convention in Toronto!

FLORIDA LIONS FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND [Website](#)

By President Lion C. David Lloyd, PCC. Report as given at the January 18th District O meeting
Our Foundation continues to provide more and more eye care surgeries for needy individuals in our communities. The Foundation's fiscal year began May 1 and our year-to-date totals are: 190 cases; Estimated cost: \$954,144; Club Co-pays: \$37,800; Cost to Foundation: \$277,642.

Each of our Districts has a funding raising goal of \$ 55,000 for a yearly total of \$ 220,000. As of December 31, 2013, clubs have only donated \$100,700, or 45.77% of the goal. Prior to this meeting, District 35-O had raised \$23,775, or 43% of goal. The Foundation has provided assistance to the district of \$58,716. Granted we will receive more funds with the upcoming district meetings. But for the record, an additional \$119,300 will be needed between January 1st and April 20th 2014 to meet the goal of \$220,000. Our district's share of that is \$31,225. The Foundation's budget next year cannot exceed the monies raised during this fiscal year.

I encourage you to invite a Foundation Drive Director or member of the Executive Committee to your zone or club meetings to bring your members up-to-date on this long-serving Foundation. Contact information for our Drive Directors, Projects Chairs, and Foundation Officers can be found on our website at www.floridalionsfoundation.org/Officers.html

Other News: Our Multiple District recently lost another Past President of the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind, Lion Lee Woods, PDG on January 14, 2014. Lion Lee had been the Executive Secretary/Treasurer for many years until he handed the reins over to Lion Lois Q. Lion Lee was known for his bright jackets and flashy ties. Cards may be sent to Juanita Woods, 4111 SE 10th Place, Ocala, FL 34471 and donations can be made in his name to the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind, Inc.

LIONS DIABETES AWARENESS FOUNDATION OF MD-35

[Website](#) **Consent Forms:** [English](#) [Spanish](#)

By Past President Lion Norma Callahan, PDG. Report as given at the January 18th District O meeting
We have already screened over 4,000 people this year. We will screen another 2,500 in the next 2 months with screenings at the St Lucie County Fair, Flagler Home Show, Strawberry Festivals.

We are currently reworking our Sight First Grant proposal with LCIF. Much time has been spent working with the company IRIS and the retina specialists. We will be going before the Sight First board in the summer. We also have received our first donations for this project - "Lions Diabetic Retinopathy Screening". We will be looking for Follow-up Coordinators in the near future.

We are expecting the delivery of our Progressive Life Membership pins in the near future and already have orders for nine. Life memberships are \$100 and the funds go towards our screening program.

Currently we have 500 certified diabetic screeners. Remember each year you need to be re-certified as required under LCIF guidelines. Also we have changed the protocol and equipment. Please use the new screening forms, they are dated 11/6/2013 in the lower left corner.

Please remember that all paperwork should be returned to Lion Norma Callahan at PO Box 1407, Deland FL 32721 as soon as possible after the screenings. Orders for supplies require 2 weeks notice and always provide an address and details of the type of meter being used.



LION MARY YOCHUM - CABOT CELEBRITY AWARD WINNER

Since 2010, the farmer-owners of Cabot Creamery Cooperative have presented the Cabot Community Celebrity Awards to honor the achievements and contributions of volunteers from every part of our great nation who have made a difference in their communities. Lion Mary Yochum was one of 50 Community Celebrities selected for the 2014 Community Celebrity Cruise. Lion Mary and her guest were honored on an all-expenses-paid, six-day, seven-night, Caribbean cruise, airfare included, onboard Celebrity Cruises® SUMMIT ... all courtesy of the farm families of Cabot Creamery Cooperative. Read all about Lion Mary's selection on the [Cabot Celebrity Website](#).

MORE PICTURES FROM ZONES 8 & 9 FOOD PACKING EVENT

The joint zone project to “Stop Hunger Now” ran as smooth as silk. It was a humbling experience for all. A great turnout and goal accomplished! 10,500 meals packaged, with over 100 Lions and Leos from two Leo clubs participating in helping feed the hungry. The gong, shown in the top picture, was rung every time they packaged 1,000 meals.



PICTURES FROM JANUARY DISTRICT MEETING IN MINNEOLA



*Pictured Top Left to Right: DG Al Becker, Lions Mary Ann Bullock & Dana Comeau, Lion Nick Jones, Lion Nancy Hester.
Pictured Bottom Left to Right: Lion Doris Turlo, PDG & Lion Joan Golden ; and 50/50 Winner Lion Elmer Blum, PDG*



INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT BARRY J. PALMER

JUST ASK!

START PLANNING TODAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS MONTH IN APRIL

No one is more important than family and friends, but many of the people we're closest to don't know about the important work we do as Lions. That's why Lions clubs around the world are inviting family and friends to join them in a special Family and Friends Month event in April.

Family and Friends Month is an opportunity to learn, serve and celebrate with your club. It's a time to show family and friends how much they mean to you, and how much your Lions club means to the community. It's a moment to show your Lions' pride.

I am encouraging clubs to host a special event in April. It's an opportunity for Lions to share their clubs, their service, and the difference they are making in the community with the people they love!

START PLANNING NOW

Here are some great ways to make your Family and Friends Month a success:

- 1) Plan an Open House** so family and friends can learn more about your club and the difference you are making in the community.
- 2) Organize a Service Project** for family and friends so they can feel the satisfaction of service.
- 3) Host a Picnic or Barbecue** to celebrate your club achievements with family and friends.

Download the [Family and Friends Month flyer](#), share it with your club and start planning your Family and Friends Month event today!

[Learn more at the LCI Family and Friends Website Page](#)

JOIN the LIONS WORLD LUNCH RELAY *Celebrate Family and Friends Month by joining the Lions World Lunch Relay on April 4th.*

It's a 24-hour international event that brings families and friends of Lions together in their local communities with families and friends of Lions around the world. Don't miss this special day of food, family and fun!

Learn more about the [Lions World Lunch Relay](#) and our special Lunch Relay contests!



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