

LIONS ROARING NEWS



**DISTRICT 35-0
JANUARY 2014**



A Note from District Governor Al Becker

District Lions,

As we enter this new year, it's time for a New Year's Resolution that we all will continue to make our District "O"utstanding. Let us also remember those who are no longer with us. Our motto "We Serve" is better served when we have more hands to help us serve. When my year started, we had gotten off to a great start in membership growth, but reality has set in. We now find our membership is in need of those extra hands. I still have goals of membership growth of at least 10 percent and 3 new clubs.

As I continue my visits I can see that our clubs not only need membership but more fund raisers to help support their continuing eyesight, hearing and visual needs community projects for those less fortunate.

We are also coming that time of the year to start thinking about new club officers. In doing so, look seriously at those individuals who want to control and bully. It is time to stop this within our



clubs and elect those who will serve for the betterment of our organization.

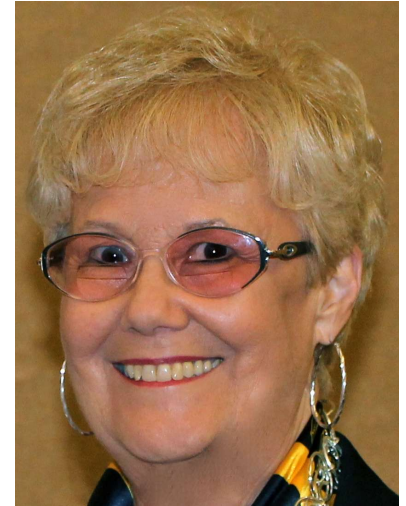
As International President Barry Palmer reminds us: *"We were all new Lions once, and we have stayed Lions for a reason. We got involved in service, leadership and club life. We've had good times as members, and great Lions have supported us along the way as there were times we had to overcome difficult challenges. It's that feeling of satisfaction that keeps our clubs healthy and our Lions coming back."*



Happy New Year!

From the Den of 1st Vice District Governor Carolyn Lloyd

A New Year, a New Beginning. Now is the time to look to the future by looking at the past. Personal and club goals provide focus on what is to be achieved. Were goals made last year? If they were, what was the outcome? Achievement is fantastic. Whatever worked, keep doing it. What was attempted with less success than was hoped? Things don't always have the expected outcome. Experience is a great teacher. Were goals set? Having simple, realistic, achievable goals will help guide toward a successful conclusion. Goals need to include what is being done, how it is being done, who is doing it, and how the end result will be determined. Example: The club membership chair will bring in at least one new member this Lionistic year by visiting local businesses. When evaluating what works or doesn't work, remember that goals are blueprints that can be changed or amended if experience indicates a need.



Confused? Make writing goals simple. Get help. The LCI website has excellent courses for members to learn techniques. Go to Member Center >Leadership Development>Lions Learning Center>Course Category: Achieving Results (or use this [Link](#)). This course will take 20-30 minutes and teaches how to easily create short, effective goals. Setting up an account will insure that courses are recorded for credit. Start off the New Year with an enthusiasm for learning.

OUR PRIDE TOGETHER IN SERVICE, Lion Carolyn

2nd Vice District Governor Jacquie Tripp

Happy New Year-Happy New You! This quote is from the BBC production of Dr. Who:

Amy: Have you seen you?

The Doctor: I'll be a story in your head.

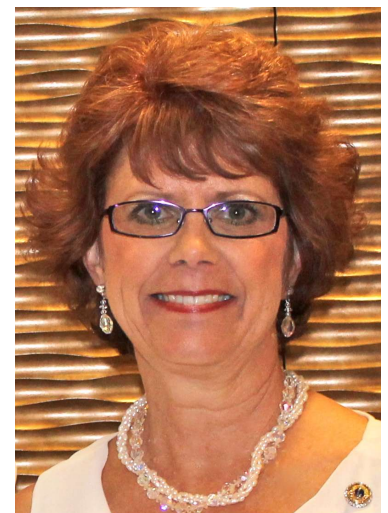
That's okay. We're all stories in the end. Just make it a good one, eh? 'Cause it was, you know.

2013 was your story. It is the sum of all your thoughts and actions, and you left a mark for your legacy, your footprints in the sand, your distinct imprint. Now it is time to be ready for 2014's year of service. How will your story begin? Who will be the main characters? How will problems be solved? How many footprints in the sand will you leave?

Dream big! Have a new project in mind? Use your voice and set it in motion. Don't take "no" for an answer. No idea is too small or too big.

Encourage a Lion that has a dream if it isn't time for yours. Remember to ask for new members.

See you on the journey in 2014. *Serving Beside You, Lion Jacquie*



3RD DISTRICT MEETING - JANUARY 18th, Minneola [FLYER](#)

The Clermont-Minneola Lions Club will host our third meeting on Saturday, January 18th at Minneola City Hall, 800 N Hwy 27, Minneola, FL 34715. 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
11:30 AM	Lunch
12:30 PM	Resume District Meeting
1:55 PM	50:50 Raffle & Drawings

MENU: Hot Pulled Pork Sandwich, Beans, Slaw, Dessert, Coffee & Iced Tea

RSVP by Monday, January 14, 2014

Cost is \$11 each with a reservation. Meals at the door will be \$12.

For Reservations send your club name, names of those attending and payment to:

Clermont-Minneola Lions Club

c/o Lion John Wert

113 Flame Vine Way, Groveland, FL 34736

Phone/email for Reservations: Lion John Wert (352) 255-7345 werttrademore@aol.com

FOR MORE INFO CALL: Lion Nick Jones, (352) 394-4700



CRUSADER AND PILOT AWARD APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 1ST

Crusader Award District Chairperson is Lion Pat Stamm, Res: 407-971-0565, patsnpans@yahoo.com

Pilot Award District Chairperson is Lion Anne Greer, PDG; Cell: 321-514-2523, lionanne@cfl.rr.com

The Dr. Walter H. Campbell Pilot Award is designed to recognize a Past District Governor in each of the Districts and a Past District Governor in the Multiple District, with this prestigious award for their outstanding efforts, dedication and contributions during the preceding calendar year.

The Millard Conklin Crusader for Lionism Award is designed to encourage participation of "Grass Root" Lions in each district to be rewarded for outstanding dedication and contributions for their current calendar year efforts made to Lionism. The contest period is from January 1st through December 31st of each calendar year. All Lions whose membership is in a Lions Club of Multiple District 35 are eligible, except the following; Current or past District Governors, current or past Vice District Governors, cabinet secretaries and/or cabinet treasurers, current or past International Officers or Directors. Also the partner in service of a District Governor, Vice District Governor, Council Chair, International Officers or Directors, and Candidates for International Director or Higher shall not be eligible during their partners term of office.

The application forms for both the Pilot and Crusader awards are available on the [MD35 website](#).

Applications must be sent to: MD35 Lions, 7200 Lake Ellenor Drive, Suite 109, Orlando, FL 32809.

ORDER OF THE GOLDEN CHAIN APPLICATIONS DUE JANUARY 31ST

Lion Bobbie Cheh, Chairperson, ormondbob@aol.com, Res: 386-441-0955

Any Lion who completes the requirements between January 1 and December 31 of the same calendar year may earn the Golden Chain Award each year the Lion meets the qualifications. The Order of the Golden Chain contains two (2) equally important parts. Part I includes five (5) activities which are mandatory. Part II lists twenty (20) activities a Lion may participate in. To qualify a Lion must complete all five mandatory activities in Part I and complete eleven (11) of the twenty options in Part II. Forms must be signed by the Club Secretary and Membership Chair. The completed affidavit must be mailed to the District Awards Chair, Lion Bobbie Cheh with postmark deadline of January 31, 2014. The form is available on the [MD35 website](#). Lion Bobbie's address is 36 Kathy Drive, Ormond Beach FL 32176.

DIABETES SCREENER TRAINING DATES

Contact: Lion Jackie De Graff 352-563-0702 or 352-422-7046 (Cell) or jackiesdg@hotmail.com

February 8, 2014 at the Homosassa Lions Clubhouse. New Lions Training will be from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM and then the Re-Certification time is from 2 PM to 4 PM.

Cost of the class: New - \$25 which includes manual, lunch and training. Re-Certification is \$15, NO LUNCH. New Shirt cost is \$25. If you have a manual please bring it with you so you can insert the new sheets. *RSVP Required – Deadline is February 1, 2014. And Prepayment is a must! Money must be received by February 4th.*

Make checks out to FL Diabetes Awareness Foundation and mail them to: Lion Jackie De Graff, 1620 NW 22nd St., Crystal River, FL 34428

MEETING CHANGES FOR PALM COAST LIONS

The Palm Coast Club meetings have been changed to the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Pub Room at The Grand Club (Pine Lakes Golf Course) located at 400 Pine Lakes Parkway, Palm Coast 32164. The exception will be their second meeting in January. It will be on Thursday, January 23rd at the Flagler County Library at 6:30 p.m. (Note: this is the 4th Thursday.)

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE MD35 CONVENTION [FLYER](#)

The Multiple District 35 Convention will be held in Orlando on May 1-4, 2014 at the [DoubleTree by Hilton Downtown](#). 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

DISTRICT O HOSTS THE SPRING MD35 COG's CONFERENCE [FLYER](#)

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](#). Activities 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 Dec/Jan issue of the MD35 Lions Magazine.

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

[2014 LCI TORONTO CONVENTION](#)

[Register](#) by January 10 to lock in your 5-day registration at the lowest fee of only \$110 and secure your hotel reservation while rooms are still available at our specially [discounted Lions rates](#). From January 11 through March 31, 2014 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.

The most important part of our international convention, however, is you – the Lions and Leos from around the world whose commitment to serving those in need remains constant in our ever-changing world. Join the fun July 4 – 8, 2014 in Toronto.

JANUARY IS GLAUCOMA AWARENESS MONTH

Glaucoma, the second most common cause of blindness in the world, is an eye disease that causes progressive damage to the optic nerve at the point where it leaves the eye to deliver information to the brain. Glaucoma is a series of eye diseases that occur over a long period of time. When left untreated, which is very common among those who suffer from the disease, blindness is often the end result. Once acquired, glaucoma is typically irreversible. People who are more than 45 years of age, have a family history of glaucoma, have abnormally high pressure in the eyes, are of African descent, have diabetes, are nearsighted (have myopia), or have a history of regular, long-term steroid or cortisone use are more likely to incur the disease. You should have a complete eye exam with an eye doctor. An estimated 4.5 million people throughout the world are blind due to glaucoma; however, an astounding 50 percent of these people in developed nations are not aware that they have the disease. Even more startling is that 90 percent of people with glaucoma in underdeveloped nations are not aware that they are living with the disease. By the year 2020, it is predicted that over 11 million people in the world could suffer from the disease (Note: Statistics are from 2008 LCI article).

LIONS CLUBS ONLINE INTERNET RADIO

Lions Clubs online internet radio is free streaming music for your listening pleasure, as well as news and announcements for and about Lions. Listen to your favorite songs on stations including Greatest Hits, Oldies, Country Hits and Classic Country. Access the Lions Radio directly from the LCI website, or just click on the logo to the right.



WHEN IS A ZONE MEETING SO MUCH MORE?

Submitted By Lion Ed Kocis, 570-466-2549

When 50 plus Lions gather in fellowship to achieve a common goal of providing 10,500 meals for starving people/families and have a little fun in doing so. Lion Jeff Follmer (Zone 8 Chair) and Lion Greg Evans (Zone 9 Chair) have arranged for a joint Zone meeting to be a service project. The "Stop Hunger Now" event will be on February 5, 2014 at the Ponce Inlet Community Center.

Since 1998, [Stop Hunger Now](#) (SHN), a non profit organization, has coordinated the distribution of food and other lifesaving aids to children and families all over the world. In advance of the combined Zone meeting, each participating club was asked to contribute \$325 to support their share of the total amount required to purchase food stuff, water purification devices, packing material and shipping costs.

Zone 8 & 9 Lions will meet at the Ponce Inlet Community Center (4670 S. Peninsula Drive, Ponce Inlet) prior to 4:30 pm to start the process which will take about 1-1/2 hours to complete. At the completion of the process and celebration, the host club, Ponce Inlet, will provide a dinner at a cost of \$10 each.

ZONE MEETINGS

ZONE 1 (Lion Jackie De Graff)

March 26, 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)

January 6, 2014 hosted by Ocoee, 7pm

March 8, 2014 at FL Lions Conklin Center, 11am

ZONE 5 (Lion Naomi Davis)

March 4, 2014 hosted by Davenport Lions

ZONE 7 (Lion Ted Erion)

January 7th at Ovieda-Winter Springs

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)

THE LCI LEADER NETWORK

The Leader Network Newsletter is available quarterly and provides you with information and ideas you can use in your training and leadership development efforts. The September issue includes information on New Pilot Program: Faculty Development Excellence Series (FDES), Webinar schedule for 2013-2014, Welcoming Zone and Region chairperson to GLT, What's New in the Leadership Resource Center and much more. Take a look at the [current issue](#) or [past issues](#) of the newsletters.

THE 2013-2014 LCI WEBINAR SCHEDULE.

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

Effective Club Meetings

Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 1 PM

Leadership Lessons from the Angry Birds

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 1 PM

Friday, January 24, 2014 at 8 PM

The Dream Continues: Lionism as a PDG

Friday, February 7, 2014 at 8 PM

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 (Jan-Mar)

Click for [COMPLETE SCHEDULE](#)

JAN 6, Mon: KISSIMMEE, 6:30PM*
JAN 14, Tues: SPRING HILL, 12PM*
JAN 14, Tues: WINTER GARDEN, 7PM
JAN 21, Tues: OVIEDO-WINTER SPRINGS, 7PM
JAN 22, Wed: SOUTH DAYTONA, 7:15AM
JAN 22, Wed; DAYTONA BEACH, 6PM
JAN 23, Thurs; ROCKLEDGE, 12PM*
JAN 23, Thurs: COCOA BEACH SEASIDE, 6PM*
JAN 27, Mon: FLORAL CITY, 7:30PM
JAN 28, Tues: VIERA, 6:30PM*
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, 9AM*
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](#))

Pages 34 & 172: Update email for Clermont Minneola President, Nick Jones to njarkitect1@gmail.com

Page 34: Update listing for Clermont Minneola Treasurer to John Wert, 113 Flame Vine Way, Groveland, FL 34736 ; 352-255-7345 werttrademore@aol.com

Page 44: Update Hernando Lions Treasurer to James "Jim" Thomas, with the same information as already listed for him as club Secretary.

Pages 46 & 168: Update email address for Homosassa Secretary to ggrothier@yahoo.com

Page 135: Add a PDG listing: 68-69 Robert Mitchell (Joyce) 33-K, 9620 W Gardeners Lane, Crystal River, FL 34428, 352-564-0212, joycemitchell106@yahoo.com, Homosassa Lions

Pages 134 & 175: Update info for Lois Q. Malecky to: 8804 41st Street N, Pinellas Park FL 33782-5824

Page 144: Add email for PDG Doris Hollins as: deejay2530@att.net

Page 152: Update Club info for Lois Q. to Homosassa and email to flionsfoundation2012@gmail.com

SUNSHINE NEWS

Funeral Services were held on December 23rd near Gainesville, Florida for **PCC Rosemarie Watson**. Rosemarie was known to many for her years of dedicated service to Lionism and the Florida Lions Foundation. Rosemarie joined Lionism in 1979 and in 1999 she was elected District 35L Governor, and was the first woman to serve as a DG in 35-L.

She passed away on December 20th. The family requests that Memorial contributions be made to [The Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind](#).



SAVE THE DATE – KISSIMMEE LIONS 75th

The Kissimmee Lions Club 75th Anniversary Celebration will be on Saturday May 17th at 6.30 pm at the Flamingo Waterpark Hotel in Kissimmee. Save the date for this festive occasion.

UPCOMING MD-35, DISTRICT & CLUB EVENTS

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- January 1, 2014: Beginning of Period 3 for the LCI Dream Achiever Awards (DG, Region & Zone Chairs)
- January 4, 2014: Florida Lions Foundation meeting at the MD35 office in Orlando, 1pm-3pm
- January 10-12, 2014: MD-35 Winter Conference, Freeport, Hosted by 35-N, Guest ID Stephen Glass
- January 12-18, 2014: LCIF Week
- January 13, 2014: Melvin Jones' Birthday
- January 15, 2014: Peace Poster Kits go on sale from LCI Club Supplies Sales
- January 18, 2014: 3rd District O Meeting, Clermont-Minneola Lions, RSVP by Jan 14, \$11 [FLYER](#)**
- January 26, 2014: Oviedo Winter Springs Lions Golf Tournament, Lake Nona's Eagle Creek, \$99, [FLYER](#)
- January 29, 2014: Satellite Beach Lions Play Night, Surfside Playhouse, Cocoa Beach, \$20 (7pm) [FLYER](#)
- February 1, 2014: Potential Governor's Seminar, MD35 Office, Orlando
- February 8, 2014: District 35-O Day at Southeastern Guide Dogs, save the date
- 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**
- March 15, 2014: Southeastern Guide Dogs Walkathon at the Villages
- March 22, 2014: Viera Lions BBQ & Auctions, Viera Regional Park, \$10, 11:30am
- March 28 & 29, 2014: Mount Dora Lions 75th Charter Celebration, Lakeside Inn, special rates, [NewFLYER](#)
- April 12, 2014: Sensory Walk at the Conklin Center, Daytona Beach
- May 1-4, 2014: MD-35 Convention, Doubletree Hotel Downtown Orlando, [Hotel Information](#)
- May 17, 2014: Kissimmee Lions Club 75th Anniversary Celebration, Flamingo Waterpark Hotel (6.30pm)
- 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

EDITOR'S NOTES:

If you are viewing this newsletter electronically – anything that is underlined is a link to a website, document or an email address. Many of the graphics/pictures also contain links. The [newsletters](#) are also available to download on our district website. Articles for future newsletters should be submitted via email to maryannbullock@hotmail.com.

FLORIDA LIONS CONKLIN CENTER UPDATES

LIONS GIVING UPDATE

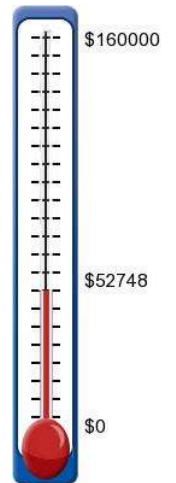
By Char Wrlak, Development Coordinator, 386-258-3441

Thank you Florida Lions for your contributions to the Conklin Center for the Blind. As of December 16, 2013, Lions have raised \$52,748 (33%) towards the goal of \$160,000 (\$40,000 per district). District L \$21,529; District I \$4,070; District O raised \$22,021; and District N \$5,128. Thank you all for your help.

LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT

By Lion Mary Pezzo, 352-735-9629, mtpezzo@yahoo.com

Conklin Center Loose Change Project has collected more than \$6,000! The Project will conclude in March 2014. Let's try and reach \$10,000 by then. Project Chair Lion Mary Pezzo (Mount Dora Lion) or a Conklin Center representative will be at the January - March Advisory Meetings to collect the loose change and the containers (we plan to recycle the containers). Many thanks to the Clubs throughout the state that supported the Project thus far.



THE FLORIDA LIONS CONKLIN CENTER FOR THE BLIND

By Lion Robert Kelly, Executive Director, 386-258-3441 [WEBSITE](#)



Wishing you happiness this Holiday Season and health, peace and joy in the New Year. We appreciate your support this past year and look forward to seeing you in 2014.

Take a look at our new website [here](#) to see how you help children from birth to age 5 and adults who are blind with additional disabilities through your support. Then let us know what you think [here](#).

We'd love to hear from you. 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. [FLYER](#)
- **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

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND [Website](#)

By Lion Terry Murtha, District Chairperson, liondawg@hotmail.com



Happy New Year, Everyone! There is exciting news about Leader Dogs for the Blind coming up this year. The [Summer Experience](#) youth program has been designated for **June 20-27, 2014**.

Leader Dogs for the Blind *Summer Experience* is a free, one week camp experience for 16 and 17 year olds that is all about fun, learning new things, challenging yourself and making new friends. But most importantly, it's one week of strengthening independence in new ways. I would, respectfully, request each Zone Chair and Club President to inform their clubs and club members of this program. Additional information may be found about the program at www.leaderdog.org or contact me.

At our fall District meeting, a total of \$430 was collected from the Winter Haven Lions Club and the Hernando Lions Club of Citrus County. Thank you, Lions. Lions Clubs are the backbone of Leader Dogs for the Blind and each donation large or small is appreciated.

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 SEGDOG 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, Rossi Water Front Park

March 1, 2014 ST PETERSBURG, Vinoy Park

March 15, 2014 THE VILLAGES, The Polo Club

March 22, 2014 TAMPA, Cotanchobee Fort Brooke Park

March 29, 2014 SARASOTA, Payne Park

LEITR NEWS AND EVENTS, [THE VISIONARY](#)

The Winter edition of the newsletter for the Lions Eye Institute for Transplant & Research (LEITR) is now digital.



Click the link to view the 2013 Winter edition: www.lionseyeinstitute.org/visionary/.



Pictured Left: **Palm Coast Lion Dick Perlman congratulates Lion Ray Fowler at his 100th Birthday Party.** Both of these amazing Lions have reached their Milestone 100th Birthday which only 75,000 Americans attain. Your chances of living to be 100 years old are 0.48%. We congratulate them not only on their longevity but also their combined 63 years of service to their community and the world as they follow the Lions Motto of "We Serve."

PICTURES FROM ORMOND BEACH LIONS 60TH ANNIVERSARY



On October 27th, the Ormond Beach Lions celebrated 60 years of service at the new Andy Romano Beachfront Park. Lion Andy Romano was honored for his 59 years of service.

Pictured Upper Left: President Greg Winquist presenting trophy to Lion Andy Romano
 Pictured Upper Right: 2VDG Jacquie Tripp, Lion Andy Romano and Leo President Morgan Lopez
 Pictured Left: 60th Anniversary Pin shown with designer Heidi Carhide (Lion Andy's daughter).

PICTURES FROM THE YANKEETOWN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

The 32nd annual Yankeetown Seafood Festival was held on November 23-24. (It's always the weekend before Thanksgiving.) The Ocala Lions were there with their screening van.



Lion Nick Jones with his family



The crowd at the Bill Haley, Jr and the Comets concert



Lion Steve Norton and Lion Donna Norton



**Lions Clubs 2013-2014
International President
Barry Palmer**



INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT BARRY J. PALMER

JUST ASK!

SPECIAL END OF YEAR MESSAGE FOR YOU

We're nearing the end of the calendar year, and the holiday season is upon us. It's a time to gather with family and friends. It's an opportunity to reflect on the past and look forward to the future. It's a moment to celebrate, and there is much for Lions to celebrate.

Every day, we are adding new Lions around the world and increasing our ability to serve. Every day, clubs are changing lives in their communities, and Lions are changing the world through our global humanitarian efforts. And we couldn't do it without you.

The success of our organization depends on the strength of our clubs and the vision of our club leaders. On behalf of Lions Clubs International, I'd like to thank you and your members for your hard work and service!

RELIEVE THE HUNGER!

Our [Relieving the Hunger](#) campaign in December and January is great opportunity to involve new members in a service project that addresses hunger. By feeding the hungry, we build stronger families and communities – now and for the next generation. Empowering women is a critical part of ending the cycle of hunger and poverty. Here are some ways your club can help:

- 1) Work with community programs to provide healthy food to new mothers and their babies.
- 2) Start or support a school meal program.
- 3) Work with community partners to distribute food vouchers to needy families.
- 4) Assist educational programs for women – educated mothers have healthier families with children more likely to attend school.

Get your [Relieving the Hunger planning guide](#) today, and get help to those who need it!



2013-2014 DISTRICT 35-O LIONS OFFICERS

District Governor Al Becker (Jo)

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