



DISTRICT 35-O NEWS

**SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES IN
CENTRAL FLORIDA FROM THE
SPACE COAST TO THE GULF COAST**

DECEMBER 2014



FROM THE DEN OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR CAROLYN LLOYD



Congratulations to all 24 members of the new Auburndale Lions Club and to Guiding Lions Jeannine Thibault and Bob Armstrong from the Davenport Lions Club. Lions Clubs International issued their charter on November 14, 2014. Thanks to the hard extension work by Lion Jeannine Thibault, Lion Norma Callahan and the ever growing number of Auburndale members, the energetic Auburndale Lions Club has joined the District O Pride. Welcome, welcome!

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What a wonderful group attended the district meeting held at the Cypress Creek High School. Over 120 Lions learned about Southeastern Guide Dogs, The School for the Deaf in Jacksonville, and our entities. A huge thank you to the South Orange Lions Club and to the Cypress Creek Leos for being great and gracious hosts. Our next district meeting will be hosted by the Clermont/Minneola Lions Club. While District O Lions are always being asked to be creative and think outside the box, this club has been creative thinking “inside the box” and has an awesome project. More information is in the newsletter. Read on.

Thank you to all clubs who submitted Peace Posters. They will be judged by the Strawbridge Art League from Melbourne in December and the district winner will be submitted to the Multiple District. The other three districts will also submit their winners. One poster will be selected to represent MD-35 at Lions Clubs International.

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**FROM FIRST VICE DISTRICT
GOVERNOR JACQUIE TRIPP**



**CENTENNIAL SERVICE CHALLENGE
JULY 2014 - DECEMBER 2017**

The *Centennial Service Challenge* is an initiative to celebrate Lions' 100 years of service and challenge clubs to participate in all four areas to benefit 100 million people by December 2017. *The Global Service Action Campaigns are:*

- Engaging Our Youth-August
- Sharing the Vision-October/November
- Relieving Hunger-December-January
- Protecting our Environment-April.

Dozens of activities will qualify as needs will differ in your community. Those that count will have a *special logo* next to them on the MyLCI Service Activity Report System. Or you can also select an activity by selecting the title of one of the 4 Global Service Action Campaigns if the activity is ***NOT automatically noted*** as a CSC activity. It will then count ☺!

\$\$\$ LCIF Contributions Eligible! A club can also qualify for the Challenge by making a contribution to LCIF. Make the donation in any amount and mark "donation to LCIF" when entering the activity on the MyLCI Service Activity Report System.

VISIT www.lionsclubs.org to watch LNN VIDEOS & www.lions100.org for project ideas.

**Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services
WE CAN SERVE THE WORLD-100M!**

1VDG JACQUIE

Many of our clubs are participating in the Centennial Challenge by doing things that are part of the Global Action Campaign. These are projects that are as great as they are varied. Sadly, there are still clubs doing wonderful things that few know about because service activity reports are not being completed. Come on now! Clubs need to report what projects are being done. If a month does not have a specific project, then report that there is no activity. Contact zone chairs to find out who can be a mentor and get help to turn these reports in. Awesome work deserves awesome recognition.

Yes, it is now the season that focuses on giving to and helping others. Lions do this all year long. "Where there is a need, there is a Lion." What a wonderful organization. What a fantastic group of people who belong to our Lion's Pride both near and far. Blessings and good fortune to you all. May your days be filled with good health, glorious happiness, and bountiful peace.

Our Pride in Service



One Hundred Million Acts of Service by 2017!

**The Number of People Served By District
35-O From July 1 - Nov 30, 2014 is 28,958!**

FROM SECOND VICE DISTRICT
GOVERNOR STEVE HILAIRE



Tis the season!



Fellow Lions, Christmas is here again. We will all be happy and jolly with our families especially the young ones. Before we celebrate let us as individuals and clubs share in the goodwill with the less fortunate in our community. Food drives, toy collection and distribution are simple ways to show we care. Kids dependent on the school feeding program will need extended help over the holidays. We already help over the weekend now it will be for a longer period. This will surely make us feel happy and jolly as we relax on Christmas day. Remember it is the season of giving. I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Holy Christmas and may all that you wish for be yours in the New Year.



Five of the twelve months of this Lions Year have come and gone in what seems as quick as the wink of an elf's eye. During those months some clubs have been **Naughty**, some have been **Nice**, and some have been both! It would be naughty of me to name names so let's look at numbers. District 35-O has fifty-eight (58) clubs. **Twenty-three (23) clubs have not reported service activities this year.** **Thirty-five (35) clubs have reported activities ---over 20,460 hours and over 26,940 people served!** **Ten (10) clubs have not reported membership in the past 60 days.** **Forty-seven (47) clubs have reported membership in the last 60 days!** **Since July 1st eighty-three (83) members have dropped.** **However, one hundred and fourteen (114) new members have been added for a District Net Gain of thirty-one (31) members!** More than 25 days remain in this calendar year. That's plenty of time for those that have been **Naughty** to ask for help if you need it. And, for those that have been **Nice** to ask around to find out if any club in your zone needs a partner to help them with reports! Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas!

Lion Donna Norton, Cabinet Secretary

**SPOTLIGHT
ON HOMOSASSA
LIONS**



The Homosassa Lions have been serving the residents of Citrus County since 1970. Homosassa adopted eyesight preservation as the primary focus of their charitable giving. Although the club supports many charities and assists community organizations in many ways, eyesight receives most of the club's effort and resources. Eyesight assistance takes many forms from cataract surgery for the (Continued Next Page....)

elderly to eyeglasses for youngsters whose families cannot afford the prescription glasses themselves. The club provides free vision screening to the Citrus County school system each fall.

The Homosassa Lions held their annual school used eyeglass collection contest. Every year they ask the students of the Homosassa Elementary School to collect used eyeglasses. The three classes with the largest number of glasses collected each win a gift card for class room supplies. The first place class has a pizza party hosted by the Lions.



This year Ms. Chambers' third grade class collected 125 pairs of glasses and received a \$150 gift card along with the party!



Mr. Barlow's class took second place and Ms. Bennett's class took third. The total amount collected was 233 pair. This year another elementary school is being included. Results for that school will in soon!



Join us!

Lions Eye Institute Foundation is excited to be participating in #GivingTuesday, an international day of giving on, December 2, 2014. Following Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday is designed to help emphasize the importance of Helping others in our communities at the start of the Holiday Season.

On this very special day the Lions Eye Institute Foundation will focus on supporting the 2015 West Florida Braille Challenge: The Wizarding World of Braille and other initiatives of the Foundation's mission including education, outreach and corneal transplantation so we can continue to change the lives of people in our community.

[Click Here To Learn More About The Lions Eye Institute!](#)
(Be Patient - It Will Open)



Help Lions Eye Institute provide gifts that reach beyond the Holiday Season! Teach a child to become Braille literate and give someone the gift of sight!

FIGHTING HUNGER

LIONS ZONE 8 & 9 INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM TO FIGHT HUNGER

On February 4, 2015 Zone 8 & 9 will have a combined Zone meeting where they will be packing 20,000 meals for club *local distribution* to needy families and children.

The event will be a bit more complex than the one held last February with Stop Hunger Now. This coming February, they will be working with a different organization, Hunger Fight (www.hungerfight.org), out of Jacksonville to help conduct the event. Because they will be distributing the packed meals *locally* to people in need in your Zones 8 & 9, club leaders in those areas need to start now identifying the organizations where the food packets need to go. To do 20,000 packets out the door in under 2 hours, it is anticipated 125 to 140 Lions, Leos and guests will need to participate. Please share the event flyer with your club members as soon as you can and feel free to call me with any questions/comments or concerns.

[CLICK HERE FOR EVENT FLYER](#)



Lions Clubs International President Joe Preston is inviting Lions around the world to celebrate the *JANUARY 13th Birthday of Melvin Jones* by serving their communities during the week of *January 10-15, 2015*. To honor the legacy of our founder, Lions around the world are invited to join the Worldwide Week of Service on January 10-16, 2015 Go to this site for more info:

<http://www.lions100.org/EN/worldwide-week-of-service.php>



FIRST TIME IN ORLANDO!

Southeastern Guide Dogs will hold it's very first Orlando walkathon on March 28, 2015 in [Baldwin Park](#) , a residential community, located at 4990 New Broad Street, Orlando, FL The Walkathon, presented by Publix, features a scenic 3k walking route around a lake, as well as a wide lawn and plenty of shade. It is a fun event that is family oriented with food, music and shopping. Family dogs are also welcome! Please visit our [web page](#) or call 941.729.5665 for more information and to sign up your team.

Team fund-raising is a great way to pull together friends, family and co-workers and challenge them to reach a team goal. Another easy way to fundraise for the Walkathon is to sell [raffle tickets](#) for the cash prize of \$1,000 to be drawn at the Orlando Walkathon. And every entry is also eligible to win the Grand Prize drawing of \$10,000, to be drawn at the Southeastern Guide Dogs Palmetto location on Monday, April 20, 2015. Will you be the winner?

TRIP TO SOUTHEAST GUIDE DOGS IN PALMETTO



Quite a few Lions have said that they'd like to tour SE Guide Dogs but the distance to drive is too far.

The Ormond By The Sea Lions Club invites you to join them! They have the (Continued Next Page...)

opportunity to charter a bus for 50 people to drive from Ormond By The Sea to Palmetto, Florida on Saturday, February 7, 2015 for District 35-0 Day at Southeast Guide Dogs.

Please promote this to your members and send reservations in as soon as possible. First come first served. Email ormondbob@aol.com or call (386) 441-0955 with any questions.

SEE YOU ON THE BUS!

MARCH SPRING CONFERENCE

Plan ahead! At the Spring Council of Governor's Enhanced Executive Conference in Cocoa Beach, there will be a lot of fun to be had by District 35-O Lions. All Lions are invited to come in on Friday, March 13. We will be starting with a St. Patrick's bash on Friday evening. It will likely not be a surprise to find corn beef and cabbage along with some other goodies. The "wearing of the green", is strongly encouraged.

On Saturday even the recognition banquet will be a "Roaring Twenties Extravaganza" with good food, great outfits, and awesome recognitions for many very deserving 35-O Lions. International Director Esther LaMothe, from the great state of Michigan, will be joining in the excitement. Roaring twenties or Great Gatsby costumes are welcomed. Yes, it is still formal. Be creative and whimsical.

At the Saturday afternoon district meeting, a very special necrology service will be held to recognize and honor all those 35-O Lions who, this year, have crossed the Rainbow Bridge to the Great Pride in the Sky. This will be a beautiful and moving service to both remember the

fellowship and dedication of these many Lions.

The dates of the Spring COG are March 12 - 14, 2015. The Friday night social will be on March 13, the district meeting and necrology service on the afternoon of March 14, 2015 and the Roaring Twenties on the evening of March 14, 2015. There will also be a Florida Foundation for the Blind meeting on Sunday morning, March 15, 2015. All these festivities will be held at the [International Palms Resort in Cocoa Beach](#). The rates will apply three days before and three days after the conference for anyone wanting to play at the beach.

Spring Conference Room Rates

(Say You Are A Lion!)

Standard Plus	\$99.00
Double	
Standard Plus	\$99.00
King	
Ocean Front	\$119.00
Double	
Ocean Front King	\$119.00
Loft	\$159.00
Suite	\$169.00

LCI Webinars

Show Your Lions Pride through Awards and Recognition *Lions Clubs International offers many awards to recognize Lions, clubs and district for outstanding efforts. This webinar will review ways to earn recognition in areas of membership growth, years of service, member satisfaction and more!*
Tuesday, January 29, 2015 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. (CDT)



RELIEVING THE HUNGER -

Hunger affects rural, urban and suburban areas of every nation and every

community. Your club can help those who don't have enough to eat by participating in the [Relieving the Hunger Global Service Action Campaign](#) during December and January, or at any time throughout the year. Projects include volunteering at a local food bank, delivering food baskets to people in need or sponsoring a food drive for a local pantry. Get started now! [Find a food bank at the Global Food Banking Network](#). Be sure to report your project on [MyLCI](#) to qualify for the [Centennial Service Challenge](#), and help us reach our goal of serving 100 million people by 2017.

Celebrate International Leo Day in December

On December 5, we celebrate International Leo Day. This is an annual occasion to commemorate the organization of the first Leo club on December 5, 1957 and applaud Leos for their dedicated service in their



communities. If your Lions club isn't involved in the Leo Club Program, [consider sponsoring an](#)

[Alpha Leo club today!](#) Leo clubs offer young people an opportunity to develop valuable leadership skills and gain experience as project organizers and motivators. Join Leos and fellow Lions around the world as they celebrate International Leo Day next month.

Guardian Ad Litem Needs Children's Books

The Guardian Ad Litem program is in need of books for all school children. The books will go to children in the program. These children are presently in foster care due to neglect, abuse etc. Many are behind in school because of their problems.

If your Lions Club or any organization you may be involved in is concerned about illiteracy, please contact your local library. All the libraries put their older books up for sale. Sometimes it is ongoing and sometimes they have special sales. The books are good and usually sell for .25 per book. Check with your local Guardian Ad Litem program to find out if they are a 501c3 if you need to know.

UPCOMING EVENTS



(Want your event listed here? Send your Club & Entity Events (and flyers) to this [email](#).

For more info visit the frequently updated Events Page on the [District Website](#)

December 6, 2014:

Community Break!

Claus to be held at Alfie's Restaurant, 1666 Ocean Shore Blvd. in Ormond Beach from 9 to 11 AM. Each child attending receives a small gift from the Claus'.

December 20, 2014: CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY - Palm Bay Happy [FLYER](#)

January 9-11, 2015: MD35 COG Conference, at Hilton, Ocala (open to all)

January 10-15, 2015: Lions Clubs International President Joe Preston is inviting Lions around the world to celebrate the **Birthday of Melvin Jones on January 13** by serving their communities. To honor the legacy of our founder, Lions around the world are invited to join the Worldwide Week of Service on January 10-16, 2015 Go to this site for more info:
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January 17, 2015: 35-O District Meeting, Minneola City Hall, Clermont Minneola hosting.

Jan 25-28, 2015: GAMBLING GETAWAY ON THE BEAUTIFUL MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST! There are 48 seats available on a first come, first serve paid basis. If you are interested but not ready to commit, just let Terry Murtha know to put you on the list of potential travelers.

For a letter from Lion Terry Murtha (Hernando Lions Club) explaining the trip [Click Here!](#) then see the **FLYER**! and [Trip Guidelines](#) including a Cancellation Waiver Protection.

January 25, 2015: CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER OF PROFESSIONAL OPTICIANS OF FLORIDA - 3rd ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT To Benefit LIONS' ENTITIES OF CENTRAL FLORIDA **FLYER** [Sponsor & Player Registration Form](#)

January 31, 2014 , CLUB EXCELLENCE PLAN FACILITATOR TRAINING CLASS- 10:30 am to 4 pm Multiple District Office,

7200 Lake Ellenor Dr., Suite 109, Orlando, Florida. For additional information contact GLT Coordinator District 350 – Lion Greg Evans

February 2, 2015 Combined Zone 8 & 9 Zone Meeting -Lions working together to Fight Hunger Non-perishable Food Packaging Activity for the less fortunate. Event Packing Activity from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm (all participating Lions should be at event site by 4:15pm wearing Lion's apparel. (Dinner Begins at approximately 6:30 pm) ALL LIONS INVITED Sponsored by the South Daytona Lions Club (**FLYER**)

February 7, 2015 OFFICIAL DISTRICT 35-O Day At Southeastern Guide Dogs!

The Ormond By The Sea Lions Club invites your members to join us. Quite a few Lions have said that they'd like to tour SE Guide Dogs but the distance to drive was too far. We have the opportunity to charter a **bus for 50 people to drive from Ormond By The Sea to Palmetto, Florida** on Saturday, February 7, 2015 for **District 35-0 Day at Southeast Guide Dogs**. All of the information is on the attached [flyer](#). Please promote this to your members and send reservations in as soon as possible. First come first served. Email ormondbob@aol.com or call (386) 441-0955 with any questions. Looking forward to seeing you on the bus!

February 12, 2015 VISION SUMMITT- "Save The Date" 9am to 12 pm, The 22nd Floor, The Florida Capitol **FLYER**

February 12-21, 2015: Viera Lions Valentine Cruise, RC's Explorer of the Seas, Port Canaveral **FLYER**

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March 12-13, 2015: *MD35 COG Executive Meetings*, Cocoa SPRING CONFERENCE

March 14, 2015: *35-O District Meeting (1:30pm) & District Recognition Banquet (7pm)*, Viera hosting at Cocoa Beach, International Palms Resort, Special Guest- ID Ester LaMothe

March 26, 2015: *Conklin Center Gala at Ocean Center in Daytona Beach.* More details soon!

March 28, 2015: *10th Annual STRIDES WALK* - Walk with Us on Saturday, March 28, 2015 along the beautiful Ormond By The Sea Beach. This walk supports Lions Scholarships for the Florida Diabetic Camps for diabetic children. [FLYER](#)

March 28, 2015: *Southeastern Guide Dogs will hold it's very first Orlando walkathon on March 28th in Baldwin Park ,4990 New Broad Street, Orlando, FL* ([More Info](#))

April 30 - May 2, 2015: *MD35 Convention*, Ocala Hilton

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



Deadline Approaching – Register Now! January 9 is the deadline to [register for the International Convention](#) at the lowest rate of \$110 – a savings of over

35% off the full registration fee! Be sure to book your hotel through LCI. Complimentary

bus shuttles provided to all official convention events when you book your hotel room through LCI. Make plans to join your fellow Lions in Honolulu for an experience to remember. [Register now!](#)

HOLIDAY MUSIC



Lions Clubs online internet radio is free streaming music for your listening pleasure, as well as news and announcements for and about Lions. Click a play button to enjoy a station of your choice, or below a player click an icon to listen to a station in the media player of your choice.

[CLICK HERE](#)



MAGIC MOMENTS

LIONS MAKING MEMORIES ONE PHOTO AT A TIME!

HERNANDO LIONS CLUB OF CITRUS COUNTY



EYEGLOSS SORTING IS FUN! The Hernando Lions Club of Citrus County sorted, counted and boxed 631 used eyeglasses and cases which were taken to the District Meeting on Nov. 15th. After the last box was counted, they enjoyed pizzas and the fellowship of Lions. It is not work when you are helping people to see again and enjoying the company of the members of your club.





ORMOND BEACH LIONS CLUB ANNIVERSARY

Four members of the Ormond By The Sea Lions Club attended the Ormond Beach Lions Club's 60th Anniversary Celebration on November 12 Representing the Ormond By The Sea Lions Club were GLT Lion Greg Evans and wife Dina, President Lion Les Walter (in the Lions Suit) and Past President Lion Mary Yochum.

Members of the Club also conducted their Adopt a Highway and Adopt a Beach clean ups in November.

Special guest to join the Club on the beach cleanup was Zone Chair Lion Janice Davids from Aurora, CO, Multiple District 6C, visiting with her husband at their Time Share in Ormond Beach. 30 MPH winds and overcast skies didn't stop the Club from making their Community cleaner.



Lion Janice Davids from Aurora, Co.

A group shot of participating clean-up members



Club Members are now getting ready for their Community Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus to be held Saturday, December 6 at Alfie's Restaurant, 1666 Ocean Shore Blvd. in Ormond Beach from 9 to 11 AM. Each child attending receives a small gift from the Claus'.



Ormond by the Sea Lions

Five members of the Ormond by the Sea Lions Club attended the second District Meeting held in Orlando on Saturday, November 15. GLT Lion Greg Evans, Past Presidents Lion Mary Yochum and Lion Frank White and First Vice District Governor Lion Jacquie Tripp and her husband Director Lion David Dunlop were among the 100+ Lions attending at Cypress Creek High School in

Orlando. District Governor Carolyn Lloyd also presented Lions Greg and Mary their Guiding Lions Certificates.

Left to right, GLT Lion Greg Evans, Director Lion David Dunlop, Past President Lion Mary Yochum, First Vice District Governor Jacquie Tripp and Past President Lion Frank White.)

The Lions Club Annual Peace Poster Contest, with the 2014 theme of Peace, Love & Understanding, was held with the assistance of Art Teacher Linda King at St. Brendan's Catholic School in Ormond Beach. Students were judged on the posters they drew about the theme. Judges from the Club were Past Presidents Lion Mary Yochum and Lion Frank White along with Member Peggy Bull. Prizes from the Ormond By The Sea Lions Club were awarded to: \$50 for First Place winner Emily Hawes, \$30 for Second Place winner Tia Kearney and \$20 for Third Place Aleksandra Coughlin. The first place poster will now be sent to the District Competition.

Peace Poster Photo left to right, Lion Mary Yochum, Student Emily Hawes, St. Brendan Catholic School Principal Mr. Philip Gorrasi, B.A., M.A., P.D., Student Tia Kearney, Student Aleksandra Coughlin and Past President Lion Frank White.)



CLERMONT – MINNEOLA LIONS CLUB

Now here's a way to really get kids excited and away from the Internet and TV. Moms and Dads get just as excited too. Our new Lions, John and Malinda Bomm have brought their CM Boxcar Racing, LCI, a 501-c3 program to our community. This is their second event this year held on a closed portion of Wilson Parkway just north of Minneola and the Lakeridge Winery approximately a mile west of US 27, just past the entrance to the Trilogy community. For \$500.00 the Clermont-Minneola Club has sponsored a car. Kids can either bring their own car or pick out one of the 40 or so cars available. Since the race is nationally sanctioned, rules governing car construction must be adhered to. Winners can qualify to compete at regional and national levels.



This photo is the Morales family with PDG Robert E. Lee. Orlando and Alicia Morales are pictured with their 5 children, 12 yr. old Jessica-Anne with second place trophy, 11 yr. old Emily Anne, a shy 9 yr. old Tyler, 5 yr old Aiden, and 3 yr. old Lilly-Anne. The Morales family were amazed to find such a wonderful way to spend the day and with absolutely no cost to them. The zero cost was quite a pleasant surprise, so we were not surprised how popular this event was for larger families with limited incomes.



Cars are launched on ramps and reached speeds of 25 mph on this track. Three divisions create a very “level” field of competition, Stock, super stock and masters.



Lions Sonny Rambo and PDG Robert E. Lee and Nick Jones tow race cars with drivers back up the hill.

Lion Bomm says he plans to add tandem cars. These would be special cars for special kids. An experienced driver can be paired with a child dealing with any number of limitations, whether it be vision, autism, or just about any condition that makes participation in many sporting events nearly impossible. Needless to say, all Lions have to be proud that we have such a dedicated family as the Bomms. John encourages Lions from all over to come and check his program out and share in all the fun. For more information contact John Bomm at 352 708-4207 or cmboxcarracing@gmail.com



Photo taken at Clermont – Minneola Lions Club meeting venue: IHOP located approximately a mile south of SR 50 on US 27. Club meets second and fourth Thursdays, 6:00 pm.

Zone 4 Ch. Lion Mary Pezzo, Lion John Bomm, Malinda Bomm, PDG David Lloyd, DG Carolyn Lloyd, Lion Donna Becker, Lion Janette Cruz, Lion Betty Sue Jones, Lion Pres. Nick Jones, Lion Tony Radogna, Lion Vivian Jay, Lion Vern Jay, Lion Charlie Neville, Lion Ed Whetzel. JJ Bender behind the wheel with daddy, Lion James Bender

Lion Nick Jones, Clermont-Minneola Club President says this soapbox derby has been a great boost for his Club and has the most potential for engaging and capturing younger Lions than any project in his 42 years as a Lion.

INGLIS YANKEETOWN LIONS CLUB ART, CRAFT & SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

"Always The Weekend Before Thanksgiving"

The Inglis Yankeetown Lions Club held the 33rd Annual Festival Nov. 22-23, 2014. Lions From Ocala and Crystal River Kings Bay assisted the local Lions with eye exams and diabetes testing. The festival is the major fundraiser for the Inglis Yankeetown Lions Club.

