

CLEARWATER LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER



As September begins, the Clearwater Lions returned to active service.

I am excited for our club and members as we begin a new year of serving our community as we ***"Lead to Serve and Serve to Lead."***

On August 6th, we gathered together for an afternoon of bowling! It was so much fun and several Lions brought guests and potential new members.

On September 18th, we were delighted to host our Zone 4 Chair, Lion Teri Barnett and partner Lion Joker at our Thursday Evening Meeting. Lion Teri shared DG Linda's list of monthly service projects supporting our global causes. And a district recognition contest to nominate a non-officer Lion who exemplifies our motto "We Serve" — as a Super Hero!

**CLC District Officers:
Congratulations to PP
Ken Murphy and Lion
David Blauers, District
Disaster Chair and
District Chaplain!!**

Speaking of service, there are many opportunities to investigate for service projects encompassed in our LCI global causes: diabetes awareness, hunger, vision, youth, disaster relief, childhood cancer. environment, hearing, the elderly, mental health, humanitarian, and veterans/military.

**What are your
ideas? Please come
to a meeting and
share.**

Take Note

**1st Wednesday of the
month
Noon Meetings
are back!
October 1, 2025
Clearwater Family
Restaurant**

**3rd Thursday
Evening Meeting
October 16th
6:30pm
Applebee's on
East Bay, in
Clearwater**

**Zone 4 Meeting
October 8th 6pm
Lighthouse of
Pinellas**

Guest Speaker at October 16th Evening Meeting

Lion Karen Douglas, Director of Lions Vision Care of Upper Pinellas and BOD member Lion Carolyn Tinney will be our guest speakers at our October meeting.

Sight preservation is what Lions do and you will learn how our club supports eye exams and eyeglasses for those individuals in need of assistance. You won't want to miss it!



Sight Report

We received a request for assistance for cataract surgery from a young man. It was referred to Lion Karen Douglas who referred them to the "Lions Saving Sight Foundation," formerly known as the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind, for the surgery. There was also a request for assistance for an eye exam and glasses that Lion Karen approved. She mailed the person a voucher from America's Best program for \$79.99. Both of these vision assistance requests came through our CLC website email.

***So far reported this month,
270 pairs of glasses collected.***

*Thank you to our members, **Lions Pete Spennato, Tammy Loebell, Ken Murphy, Skip Dobowolski, Cheryl Morales, Michael Murphy, and Ed and Diane Budd**, who continue to regularly pick up those donated eyeglasses and deliver them to our storage room provided by **Lion Cheryl** at Talking Books Library.*



WELCOME COME JOIN US!



"Together as One" 2025 - 2026



We are again partnering with Clearwater Fundamental Middle School's Visual Arts teacher, Mrs. Karen Santangelo for this year's Peace Poster Contest.

Our last year's Peace Poster Grand Prize Winner

**Clearwater Lions Club and
Clearwater Fundamental Middle School**

**Peace Poster Contest
"Peace Without Limits" 2025**

**Hannah Willetts
Grand Prize Winner**



"Peaceful Posterity"



Diane Budd, Clearwater Lions Club President

Bags to Benches

460 pounds of plastic have been reported so far this month. **Thanks to Lions Ken, Cheryl, John, Farley, Ed and Diane. Special thanks to Lions Ken, John, Farley and Ed for weighing and dropping them off at our Winn Dixie and Publix partners.**



Honor Flight of West Central Florida

Lion Nicole Blauers represented the Clearwater Lions Club as a Guardian on the most recent Honor Flight, Mission #54, September 16th, from PIE to Washington, D.C.

Thank you, Lion Nicole and the Lions that were in the welcoming home celebration:

Lions David Blauers, Rex Doty, Ed and Diane Budd

If you are interested in writing a Thank You note to Veterans to be handed out during "Mail Call" we have note cards available from our Clearwater Lions Club.



**"Wreaths Across America" - December 13th
District 35-I Project at Bay Pines National Cemetery**

White Cane Walk

Clearwater Lions have an opportunity to support Lighthouse of Pinellas in this year's White Cane Walk on November 8th at Largo Central Park, from 9am to 2pm.

We can form a team and then ask family and friends to join us in the walk and donate to our team to help raise funding for this worthy organization. It sounds like a great day of fun and fellowship while servicing those in our area with impaired vision or blindness. Visit their website <https://lhpfl.org/>

Reminders

- **Service Hours** - please remember to report your service hours to PDG Ed before the end of each month so that LCI and our district know the number of hours our club gives to service. This includes those picking up eyeglasses and associated work like cleaning, sorting, reading prescriptions. Also "Bags to Benches" - your time picking up, sorting, weighing, dropping off plastic bags.
- **Please** let Membership Chair, PDG Ed Budd know if you have a change in email or phone number so we can update our roster and keep you informed of our club's activities.
- **Remember** to bring in your donated items each month - **Lion Greg** collects activity kits, small toys, art supplies (you can buy a bunch at Dollar Stores) every month for his foundation, "All Kids are Gifted" for children at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital in St. Pete.



Upcoming Dates

- **October 1st:** noon club meeting at Clearwater Family Restaurant on S. Highland in Clearwater
- **October 6th:** 6:30pm- Finance meeting at Talking Book Library
- **October 8th:** 6pm- Zone 4 Meeting at Lighthouse of Pinellas
- **October 9th:** 6:30pm- BOD meeting, Talking Book Library
- **October 16th:** Evening meeting-Guest Speaker, Lion Karen Douglas-Vision Care at Applebee's on East Bay in Clearwater
- **November 5th:** Noon meeting at Clearwater Family Restaurant on S. Highland in Clearwater
- **November 8th:** White Cane Walk, 9am - 2pm Largo Central Park
- **November 10th:** 6:30pm, Finance Meeting, Talking Book
- **November 13th :** 6:30pm BOD meeting at Talking Book Library
- **November 20th:** Evening Meeting 6:30pm at Applebee's East Bay, Clearwater

World Sight Day



World Sight Day, observed annually on the second Thursday of October, is a global event meant to draw attention to blindness and vision impairment. It was originally initiated by the **SightFirstCampaign of Lions Clubs International Foundation in 2000.**

It has since been integrated into VISION 2020 and is coordinated by the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) in cooperation with the World Health Organization.

Happy September Anniversary

Sandy Sorrentino
2 Years! 9/2023



Happy September Birthdays



Greg Farley Jr 9/14
Courtney Schultz 9/29
Pete Spennato 9/22



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PLEASE read the District Newsletter
It is packed with great information
for YOU and the Lions of District 35-I

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller

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Lion David, (the man in black) District Chaplain, at the first District 351 Cabinet Meeting



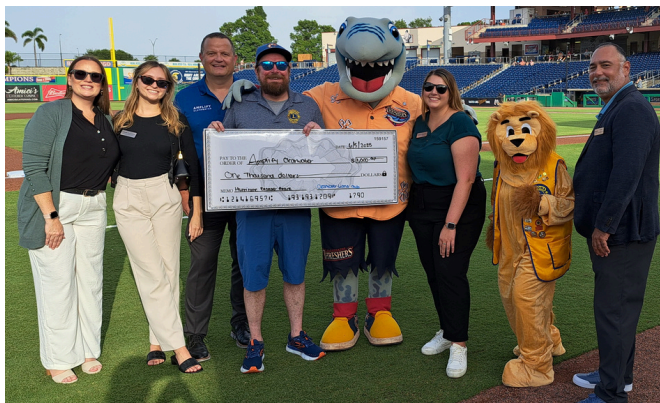
President Mike and family at CLC Social at Maple Lanes in Countryside.



Lion Nicole Blauers and her Veteran



Welcome Home!



CLC donated \$1000 to Amplify Clearwater for local disaster relief at the Threshers Fundraiser in June. The Phillies matched our donation!



CLC donated \$2,700 to the Beauty of Sight Lions Eye Bank associated with the Bascom Palmer Eye Center at the University of Miami. A generous benefactor matched our donation. We are designated as a Model Club because we donated \$100 per member and CLC is recognized in the foyer with other MD35 Lions Clubs!

Farewell and Best of Luck to Lion Jim Mutschler who relocated to North Carolina-maintaining his membership with us until he finds another club.

