



CLEARWATER LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Clearwater Lions Club Welcomes Spring

Welcome to our latest quarterly newsletter! It has been an incredibly productive and rewarding start to the year for the Clearwater Lions Club. Thanks to the dedication of our members and the generosity of our neighbors, we've had a fantastic quarter together, strengthening our bonds and expanding our impact across the community.

As we move into these brighter months, we have an exciting calendar ahead of us. We are especially looking forward to:

Annual Clearwater Threshers Night (May 14): Grab your ball caps! Join us at BayCare Ballpark for an evening of baseball, fellowship, and community spirit as we cheer on the Threshers.

Beyond this highlight, we have several other service projects and social gatherings in the works. As the weather warms up, so do the opportunities to get outdoors and make a difference. We wish everyone a joyful and healthy quarter ahead—let's continue to work together to serve our community with pride.

- Michael Murphy
Clearwater Lions Club President

January Zone Meeting

On January 15 at Fairway Pizza and Grill Pub in Palm Harbor, the Clearwater Lions Club hosted the 2nd Zone 4 Meeting. Five out of six clubs in our Zone were in attendance: Palm Harbor II, Safety Harbor, Largo, St. Petersburg, and Clearwater.

The evening began with "Happy Hour BINGO" conducted by CLC Marketing Chair Sandy and Tail Twister John, then continued with Zone 4 Chair Teri Barnet, who led an informative and inspiring meeting. We were also honored by 2nd VDG candidate Christine Malone, who attended with two Lions from her home, Zephyrhills Lions Club.



Eyeglass Sorting

On February 7, CLC members and the Talking Book Library team volunteered their Saturday to sort, clean, and package donated eyeglasses for use on missions by optometric students and others at our partner, the University of Miami's Optometry Department. A total of 12 volunteers worked diligently and prepared 1671 eyeglasses for shipping!



February Club Meeting

We had the pleasure of hosting DG Linda Gregory and CC Jimmy Gregory at our club on February 19 during our monthly meeting. DG Linda presented District Disaster/Emergency Chair PP Ken Murphy with International President A.P. Singh's Certificate of Appreciation for his work during the district's disaster relief efforts after Hurricane Helene.

We all received the DG's pin and encouraging words about new clubs forming in the district and the importance of retaining existing members. Lion Tail Twister John celebrated February birthdays with another delicious "Nothing Bundt Cake," this time chocolate at the request of the birthday Lion!



Road Clean-Up

Our club started the quarter off with a Saturday road clean-up on S. Highland Ave from Court to Lime Street in Clearwater, FL, on February 21.

Big thanks to Service Chair Dave, who coordinated the volunteer event, as our proud club collected over 20 pounds of litter and kept our word of Keeping Pinellas Beautiful.

Medical Equipment Closet

The Clearwater Lions Club recently donated surplus durable medical equipment to a Cuban Mission sponsored by our partners at Victory Fellowship Largo. They graciously offered us a room to store our Durable Medical Equipment Loan Closet.

Our club donated 28 walkers, five pairs of crutches, nine boxes of adult disposable underwear, and 250 pairs of "readers" to help ease the needs in Cuba during this humanitarian crisis.



March Club Meeting

"Baseball in Pinellas County" author, Dan Hirshberg, was our honored guest speaker at our monthly club meeting on March 19.

Pinellas County in Florida is known for hosting spring training for Major League Baseball teams over the years, such as the Yankees, Mets, Cardinals, and currently the Blue Jays and Phillies, as well as the Tampa Bay Rays, calling St. Petersburg home. Yet there is another side to the county's baseball history—its local people and teams.

We also had another special guest from the Salvation Army visit, and give the Clearwater Lions Club an award!





Lions Club News & Updates

Join the Leadership Team: 2026-2027 Officer Elections

Consider stepping into a leadership role as we plan for the Clearwater Lions Club's future. Serving as a club officer is a rewarding way to shape our impact, bring fresh ideas to the table, and help guide our community service efforts.

If you are interested in running for an office position or learning more about the responsibilities, please mark your calendars for these important upcoming dates:

- **April 16th Meeting:** Reading of nominations will take place, where we will accept nominations from the floor.
- **May 21st Meeting:** Votes will be taken to elect our new officers.

Don't miss this chance to make a difference and help lead our club forward! Contact Lion Ed today with your questions or to express your interest—step up and shape the future of the Clearwater Lions Club!



Clearwater Lions Club Events

April

CLC Noon Meeting

- April 1, 2026
- Clearwater Family Rest.
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Zone 4 Meeting

- April 2, 2026
- Outpost 611
- 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

CLC Finance Committee

- April 6, 2026
- Talking Book Library
- 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

CLC BOD & Monthly Meeting

- April 16, 2026
- Applebees Restaurant
- 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Keep Pinellas Beautiful Clean-Up

- April 25, 2026
- Clearwater
- 9:00 am - 11:00 am

May

CLC Noon Meeting

- May 6, 2026
- Clearwater Family Rest.
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm

CLC Finance Committee

- May 11, 2026
- Talking Book Library
- 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Threshers Baseball Game

- May 14, 2026
- BayCare Ball Park
- 6:00pm - 9:00pm

CLC BOD & Monthly Meeting

- May 21, 2026
- Talking Book Library
- 6:00 pm - 8:00pm

June

CLC Noon Meeting

- June 3, 2026
- Clearwater Family Rest.
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm

CLC Finance Committee

- June 8, 2026
- Talking Book Library
- 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Installation of Officers & Club Celebration

- June 18, 2026
- Talking Book Library
- 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- Taco Bar
- Special Guest: Teri Barnett

Clearwater Lions Club



THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026

**BAYCARE BALLPARK
601 N. OLD COACHMAN RD, CLEARWATER**

TICKETS- \$35 PER PERSON

TO PURCHASE TICKETS, EMAIL OR CALL:

MURPHY.LIONSCLUB@GMAIL.COM | (727) 678-5326

GATES OPEN AT 5:30 PM

GAME BEGINS AT 6:30 PM

TICKET INCLUDES:

- SUITE ACCESS
- BASEBALL GAME
- ALL-YOU-CARE-TO-EAT BALLPARK
FARE & WATER, SODA, & BEER



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