

101st ANNUAL Multiple District 35 Lions of
Florida, Bahamas, Aruba, Bonaire & Curaçao Convention
April 30 – May 3, 2026 – Florida Hotel & Conf. Center, Orlando, Florida

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

Friday – May 1, 2026

7:30 AM – 5:30 PM	Registration (closed for lunch)	Mezzanine
8:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Breakfast Sponsored by Lions Saving Sight	Salon 1
8:30 AM – 9:15 PM	MD-35 Store	Forum East 3
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	MD-35 Store	Forum East 3
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Lions Projects Booths	Mezzanine
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Entity & Commercial Booths	Mezzanine

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	General Session Presiding Officer Elizabeth Fisher, DG 35-N	Legacy North 1 & 2
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District Luncheons - Americana

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	District 35-L	Symposium West
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	District 35-I	Legends 2
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	District 35-O	Legends 3
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	District 35-N	Salon 1

Seminars

1:30 PM – 2:20 PM	Do you say what I thought you said? Choosing Words Wisely. – DG Maggiy Williams	Forum East 4
1:30 PM – 2:20 PM	MD35 Diabetic-Retinopathy Foundation Annual Meeting – Dr. Norma Callahan, PDG	Legacy South 2
1:30 PM – 2:20 PM	Lions Project for Canine Companions – Sarah Haberthur	Forum West 1
2:30 PM – 4:20 PM	<i>Memorial Service</i> <i>– PID Neil Spencer</i>	<i>Legacy North 1 & 2</i>
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Diabetes Updates & Screener Training – Dr. Norma Callahan, PDG	Legacy South 2
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Using the Plusoptix Vision Camera – Lion Rebecca Christensen	Forum East 4
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Creating Unlimited Hope Conklin Davis Center – Nancy Epps	Forum West 1
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Fun Night – Ye Olde Studio 35 <i>(must have ticket)</i>	Salon 2

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Saturday – May 2, 2026

7:30 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration (closed for lunch)	Mezzanine
8:30 AM – 5:00PM	MD-35 Store (closed for General Session & lunch)	Forum East 3
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Lions Projects Booths	Mezzanine
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Entity & Commercial Booths	Mezzanine

7:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Recognition Breakfast <i>(must have ticket)</i> Presiding Officer Rod Wright, PID	Salons 1 & 2
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Recognition of Melvin Jones Fellows	Rod Wright, PID
Recognition of MD-35 Peace Poster Winner	Jimmy Gregory, CC
Recognition of Pilot Winners	Tony Montes, PDG
Recognition of Crusader Winners	Lion Steve Fawcett
Recognition of Key Members	Elizabeth Fisher, DG
Recognition of Awards and Honors	Harry Williams, PDG
Justin K. Faber, Past International Director	Neil Spencer, PID

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	General Session Presiding Officer Suzi Rodgers, DG 35-L	Legacy North 1 & 2
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12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Luncheons <i>(must have ticket)</i> Lions Luncheon	Salon 1
	Tarnished Brass (PDG)	Legends 2
	Senior Leadership	Legends 3

Seminars

1:30 PM – 2:20 PM	Kids Sight: Enhancing Early Detection to Save Vision – Lion Rebecca Christianson	Legacy South 2
1:30 PM – 2:20 PM	Using AI for Club Marketing & Fund Raising – Lion Andre Doren	Forum East 4
1:30 PM – 2:20 PM	Recognition – Honoring Those Who Serve – PCC Bob Jenkins	Forum West 1
1:30 PM – 2:20 PM	What’s really Service & How to Post in the Lions Portal – Lion Bobbie Cheh	Forum West 2
2:30 PM – 3:20 PM	AI Technology for the Visually Impaired – Bob Schrepfer, The Magnification Co.	Forum East 4
2:30 PM – 3:20 PM	Using Hearing Audiometer in Screenings – Lion Dennis Dulniak	Legacy South 2

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Saturday – May 2, 2026 (Continued)

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Protecting the Mental Health of Lions: PTSD – Lion Dr. Barbara Klingensmith	Forum East 4
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Ukraine – Lions Service from the Heart – DG Elizibeth Fisher, 35-N	Legacy South 2
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Governors Banquet <i>(must have ticket)</i>	Salons 1 & 2
10:00 PM – 12:00 PM	<i>Hospitality Room</i>	<i>Legacy South 3</i>

Sunday – May 3, 2026

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Breakfast <i>(must have ticket)</i> Sponsored by Lions Saving Sight	Salons 1 & 2
COG & Companions in Service Orientations		
10:30 AM–11:30 AM	2026-2027 COG Orientation CCE Elbio Gimenez	Legacy South 2
10:30 AM–11:30 AM	Companions in Service Orientation Lion Diane ‘Lady Di’ LaSpina	Forum West 3

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2026 District Governors' Banquet

Presentation of Reserved & Head Tables Past Council Chair Helene Thompson
Call to Order & Introductions of Special Guests Council Chair Jimmy Gregory
Dinner Blessing District I Governor Linda Gregory

DINNER

Reconvene Council Chair Jimmy Gregory
Toast District N Governor Suzi Rodgers
Oath of Office - *Vice District Governors* Council Chair Jimmy Gregory
Oath of Office - *District Governors* Past International Director Neil Spencer
Oath of Office - *Council Chair* Past International Director Neil Spencer
Presentation of *Multiple District Pilot Award* Tony Montes, PDG

- **Districts 35-O & 35-N Recipients**

Presentation of *Multiple District Crusader Award* Lion Steve Fawcett

- **Districts 35-I, 35-O, 35-N Recipients**

Introduction of Keynote Speaker Past International Director Neil Spencer

Feature Address **Past International Director Justin K. Faber**

Response District O Governor Maggiy Williams

Awards PID Justin Faber & PID Neil Spencer

Presentations Council Chair Jimmy Gregory

Closing Remarks Immediate Past Council Chair Jimmy Gregory

Benediction District I Governor Linda Gregory

Adjourn Convention Council Chair Elect Elbio Gimenez

Drawings: 50/50 & Baskets

Hospitality Room 10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Legacy South 3

Thanks for attending the IOIst Multiple District 35 Convention.

Safe travels to you as it's time for you to return to the places from whence you came.

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end."

- Dan Wilson, Semisonic, Closing Time