BRAGGING RIGHTS BULLETIN

District 35L Club Bragging and Events Newsletter



The 2025 Lions International Convention in Orlando is just days away, and we want to extend our best wishes for safe travels to all the dedicated volunteers and members heading to this exciting global event. As we come together to celebrate service and fellowship, please remember that Florida summer heat can be intense. If you're volunteering or attending outdoor activities, be sure to stay hydrated, wear sunscreen, and take shifts or breaks as needed to avoid heat-related issues. Thank you for representing District 35L with pride. Stay safe and enjoy the convention!

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION
GOING ON IN THE DISTRICT

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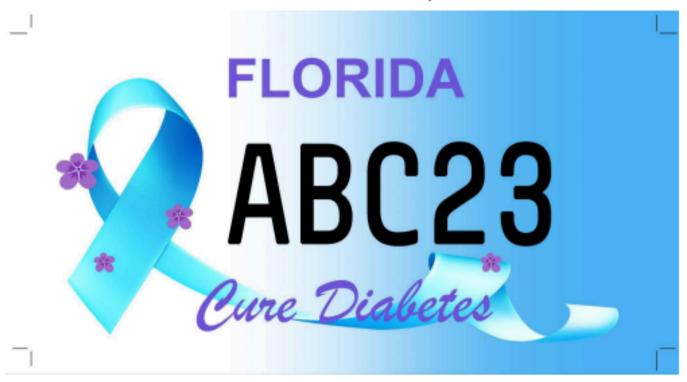
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New Membership Dues Billing and Fees -- Effective July 1, 2025, \$50.00

Billing for a new member begins the first of the month in which the member enters a club at the average rate of \$4.17 per month and billed through the end of that semi-annual period. Billing is issued semi-annually thereafter. Below is a schedule of the new member dues throughout the year:

Member accepted by club in the month of	Billing date for new members	Semi-annual dues billed for each new member	New member entrance fee (not pro- rated)	Total dues & fees billed
July	July 1st	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 60.00
August	August 1st	20.84	35.00	55.84
September	September 1st	16.68	35.00	51.68
October	October 1st	12.50	35.00	47.50
November	November 1 st	8.34	35.00	43.34
December	December 1 st	4.17	35.00	39.17
January	January 1st	25.00	35.00	60.00
February	February 1st	20.84	35.00	55.84
March	March 1st	16.68	35.00	51.68
April	April 1st	12.50	35.00	47.50
May	May 1 st	8.34	35.00	43.34
June	June 1st	4.17	35.00	39.17

GET YOUR CURE DIABETES LICENSE PLATE VOUCHER FOR \$33!





To purchase, use this QR code! OR

- Search "Florida license plate vouchers Escambia County" on Google.
- 2. Click on the first link titled "Escambia County Tax Collector
- Payments & Services."
- Find the Cure Diabetes plate.

All of the proceeds go to diabetes cure research at:

the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation, which supports the Diabetes Research Institute at the Miller School of Medicine at the University of Miami;

JDRF International Incorporated, which supports the JDRF Northern Florida Chapter (JDRF is now known as Breakthrough T1D); and

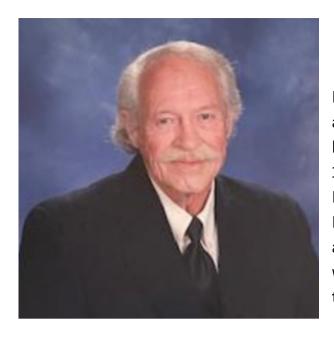
the University of Florida Foundation, Inc., which supports the University of Florida Diabetes Institute.

For more information, please visit

https://diabetesresearch.org/diabetes-license-plate-available-in-florida/



MEMORIUM



Obituary for Billy E. Miller

Billy Miller, 80, of Geneva County, Alabama, passed away on Friday, June 6, 2025, surrounded by his beloved family. Born in Geneva County on June 18, 1944, to the late R.V. Miller and Dixie Blount Miller, Billy was a proud graduate of Slocomb High School. He dedicated over 30 years of service as a mechanic at Fort Rucker, Alabama (now known as Fort Novosel), where he worked on helicopters and contributed to the safety and success of countless missions.

Billy was an avid outdoorsman who found joy in cutting grass, gardening, and riding his motorcycle. He cherished traveling with his close friend, Joe Jernigan, and had a deep appreciation for reading, watching Western movies and the "Dirty Harry" film series. His passion for history was evident in his extensive collection of Civil War memorabilia.

An active member of the Graceville Lions Club, Billy served as the tail-twister, bringing humor and camaraderie to the group. He was also a devoted member of the First Baptist Church in Graceville, where he actively participated in church activities and supported the community.

Billy was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Martha Miller Habbard. He is survived by his sister, JoAnn Forehand; brother-in-law, Addis Habbard; nephews and nieces, Byron Forehand (Rita), Janet Deel (Doug), Lisa Dukes (David), Michelle Turvin (Keith), and Adam Habbard (Leslie); as well as numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

A Home-going service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 9, 2025, at the First Baptist Church in Graceville, with Dr. Naethan Hendrix and Dr. Jerry Windsor officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church Cemetery, with James & Lipford Funeral Home in Graceville, directing.

The family will receive friends at the church on Monday, 10 a.m. until time of the service.

Billy's legacy of service, kindness, and love for his family and community will continue to inspire all who knew him.



ALACHUA LIONS CLUB

Alachua Lions Club Receives Model Club Award



District 35L Global Service Chair, Tony Stefanowicz, presented the Alachua Lions Club with a "Model Club Award" from the Beauty of Sight program. The Alachua Lions Club was the "Top Contributor" in District 35L for the Beauty of Sight building campaign.

Pictured with GSC Stefanowicz is Lion Katy Plein who accepted the award for the Alachua Lions Club. Lion Plein serves on the Sight and Hearing Committee and the Hospitality Committee for the Alachua Lions Club.

Alachua Lions Club Delivers 963 Pairs of Glasses



Alachua Lions Club members Pamela McElroy, John Hopkins and Gladys McMillian delivered 963 pairs of glasses at the District 35L Officer Training Meeting on June 7, 2025.

Pam is in training to assume the Secretary position next year, that is currently held by Gladys. They found this an excellent opportunity for Pam to get a head start on her training. John Hopkins is the Treasurer for the Alachua Lions Club and presented the Treasurer's training for the district meeting.

Did you know?

The newsletter is completely interactive. Anytime you see **BLUE TEXT** or

f you can click on it to check out the website or Facebook page.

If your club has a Facebook or current website that is not linked in the newsletter then please email me at FLdistrict35L@gmail.com so I can get it updated.

When you see a QR Code open the camera app on your phone and scan the code. Press the link that comes up to go to the site.

All <u>blue font</u> and



are links to a web page.



CALHOUN-LIBERTY LIONS CLUB

Thank You, Calhoun & Liberty County!

The Calhoun-Liberty Lions Club would like to give a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who came out and made Family Fun Day such a success! Your incredible support, smiling faces, and community spirit made the day one to remember.

From the laughter on the water slides to the sweet treats and everything in between — we couldn't have done it without YOU. Your support helps us continue our mission of serving our local community through scholarships, vision care, and service projects.

Thank you for showing up, having fun, and standing with your local Lions Club.

We are proud to serve — and even prouder to serve you.



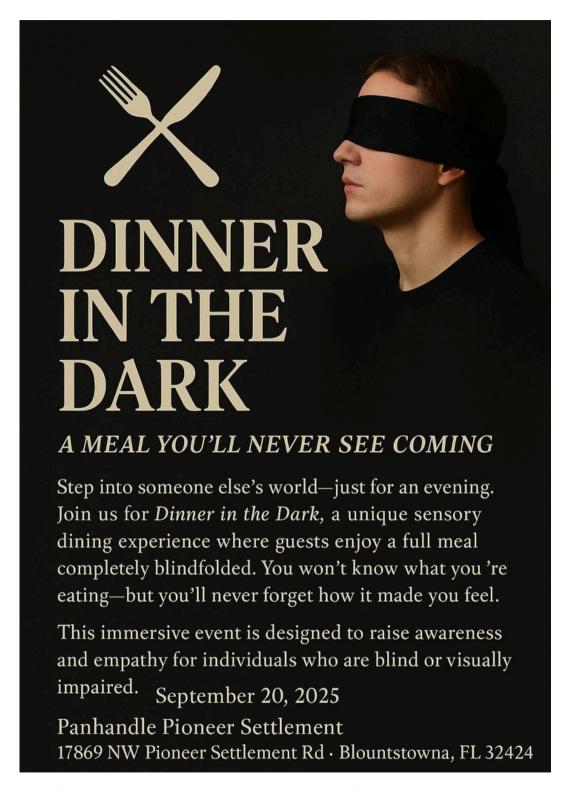








CALHOUN-LIBERTY LIONS CLUB



If you have not attended a Dinner in the Dark, I encourage you to attend this one! Tickets will be available for sale soon.



Cedar Key Lions Receive Grant from Community Foundation

Cedar Key Lions are proud to announce the receipt of a grant from the Community Foundation of North Central Florida. This grant will be used to expand the vision services offered by Cedar Key Lions in Levy, Dixie and Gilchrist Counties. A portion of the grant will be used to increase awareness of our services. The remainder will be dedicated directly to vision services for individuals in our area. So far this fiscal year CK Lions have paid for 111 people to get eye exams and glasses with 69% of the people from Levy County, 22% from Dixie County, and 9% from Gilchrist County. Vision screenings were also provided to preschoolers at all of Levy and Dixie Counties' public, charter schools and daycare centers. More information and applications for services from CK Lions are available by scanning the QRTY box

Cedar Key Lions always welcomes new members who are interested in serving our communities and enjoying the fellowship of like minded people. Contact President Robert Belair at 407-799-7330 for meeting dates and times.

Thank you to the Community Foundation of North Central Florida for support of the CK Lions Vision services mission and the missions of other local organizations.





link to our interactive online vision application form





Cedar Key Lions president Stephen Rosenthal receives a testimonial award in appreciation of his five years of service as club president from incoming club President Robert Belair.

2025 CEDAR KEY LIONS SEAFOOD FESTIVAL and ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR Celebrating our 54th Festival Year!

Mark your calendars now and plan to be in Cedar Key October 18 and 19, 2025 for a seafood and shopping-filled weekend of unforgettable experiences.

Admission to the Cedar Key Lions Seafood Festival is FREE, making it an accessible and enjoyable family friendly event for all.

Location:

Cedar Key, Levy County, Florida 32625. State Route 24 and Second Street and at the Beach-Front City Park.

Date & Time:

Saturday, Oct. 18 and Sunday Oct. 19 from 10 am until sold out.

Arts and Crafts Fair:

Saturday, Oct 18 from 10 am until 5 pm Sunday, Oct 19 from 10 am until 4 pm.

Seafood Fantasy Parade:

Saturday Oct.18 at 11 am





FALLNG WATERS LIONS CLUB

The Falling Waters Lions Club of Chipley hosted their scholarship winners at their June Meeting. It was great getting to personally know the students and also some of the parents.





CRAWFORDVILLE LIONS CLUB



Crawfordville Lions Club completed
Trice Ln street clean up.
Thank you for serving your community!



Congratulations to the newest member of the Crawfordville Lions Club, Donna!





CRESTVIEW LIONS CLUB

What a Wonderful Night!

The 2025 Crestview Lions Club Officer Installation was a fantastic success! Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate with us — your presence and support truly made the evening special.

A heartfelt thank you to Lion Greg Seltzer for being our inspiring guest speaker — your words reminded us why we serve and how powerful our mission is.

Please join us in congratulating Lion James Wtulich, our newly installed Club President! We're excited for the leadership, heart, and vision he brings to the upcoming year.













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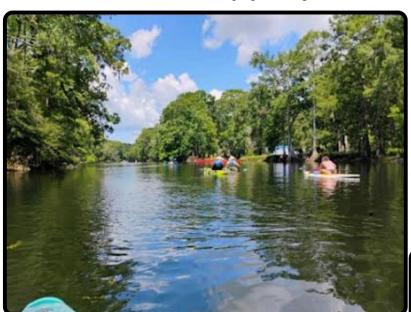


HIGH SPRINGS LIONS CLUB

On Friday 6/20 to Sunday 6/22, The High Springs Lions Club hosted Roscoe's Gold Star Rockers Santa Fe River Jam. A weekend of fun was enjoyed, including great food, amazing bands, a pickin' tent, a river float, camping, a yoga class and a martial arts demonstration.

So much work was put into the planning, website and volunteers.

An awesome time was enjoyed by all!!!











HIGH SPRINGS LIONS CLUB













HIGH SPRINGS LIONS CLUB







A huge shout-out and very big thank you to our amazing outgoing President, Gary Pellizzaro, for his outstanding leadership and dedication over the past year.

As we look forward to the new Lions year beginning on July 1st, we are absolutely thrilled to welcome our new President, Linda Zepp! Linda is making history as our club's first female president. а truly significant milestone for the Jacksonville Beach Lions Club, established in 1938! We wish her all the very successful best for a and impactful year ahead.

We honored were to welcome @Michelle Ash from the American Legion, who presented the Lions Club Jacksonville Beach with а Certificate of Appreciation for our support of their 8th Annual Charity Casino Night!





Here are some more pictures of our End of Year Awards Ceremony we had yesterday at the Lions Club Jacksonville Beach!



















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Huge congratulations to Susan Tomasov, our well-deserved Lion of the Year!







RIVERSIDE ARGYLE WEST LIONS CLUB



TURKEY CREEK

Lion Ralph Vierling was recently named Lion of the Year by the Turkey Creek Lions Club members. Presenting the award to Lion Ralph is President Sue Black.





Ocala Lion Bob Cubbage performed "Debussy Illuminated" at the Dunnelion Presbyterian Church on Saturday, June 21, 2025. Bob is an exceptional pianist and he welcomed the opportunity to play "Clair de Lune" and other Debussy works.

In the second half of the program, Bob was joined by other musicians: Mike Holton the Saxophone, Jerome Robinson on the String Base, Margaret Sherman – Vocalist and Lion Bill Thomas – Vocalist.

Great entertainment on a Saturday afternoon!





Join Us for the New Weeks of Service Initiative!

Check out the new Weeks of Service initiative webpage. It highlights service resources and motivating videos to help you plan your events so you can join Lions around the world in supporting these impactful weeks of service for mental health and well-being, hunger and the environment. So get inspired, and get ready for our Weeks of Service in the new Lion year. LEARN MORE

Ocala Lions Club Installs New Officers

By Diane Renyhart

The Ocala Lions Club held its 100th Anniversary Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet on Thursday, June 19, 2025 at the Empath Health/Hospice of Marion County's Elliot Center. The Ocala Lions Club is a member of the Lions Club International District 35L. LaCasella Catering provided dinner service and Lion Michael MarksdeMartino provided the entertainment.

The Installation of Officers was officiated by Lion Susan Oliva, Second Vice District Governor assisted by Helen Anderson. Both are members of the Ocala 200 Lions Club. New officers inducted were: President - Barry Fies, First Vice President - Renee Thompson, Second Vice President - Kathy Snyder, Third Vice President - Diane Renyhart, Secretary - Tricia Evans, Treasurer - Craig Silverman, Directors - David Leigh, Lou Barnes, Bill Thomas, Chuck Savage, Garry Adel and PDG Jerry Skufe. Other positions are Lion Tamer - Jim Evans, Tail Twister - Michael MarksdeMartino and Membership Chair - Libby MarksdeMartino.

The Lion of the Year Award was given to Lion Diane Renyhart and Lion Lou Barnes in recognition of their outstanding service to the Ocala Lions Club and the Ocala Community.

The Goals for the Ocala Lions Club this year include continuing the Kidsight Program to be co-chaired by Emily Leithauser and Kristi Hannen, White Cane Day to raise funds for the vision and hearing impaired and the I.E.S. Food 4 Kids Program for local schools. The 32nd Annual Ocala Lions Club Charities Foundation, Inc. Jerry Cullison Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at the Ocala Palms Golf & Country Club on Saturday, December 6, 2025.

The Ocala Lions Club will celebrate its 100th Anniversary with a special banquet at the Klein Center College of Central Florida on March 21, 2026. Officers from the International Lions Club and local dignitaries will be invited to attend.

The Ocala Lions Club meets each Thursday from noon-1:00 p.m. at the Ocala Golf Club on Silver Springs Boulevard. For information about membership, contact Libby MarksdeMartino at 352-441-0073.

OCALA LIONS CLUB



SUSAN OLIVA - BARRY FIES



DIANE RENYHAR - SCOTT CROSS



SUSAN OLIVA - JERRY SKUFE-BILL THOMAS-DAVID LEIGH-CHUCK SAVAGE



LOU BARNES - SCOTT CROSS



OCALA 200

Northeast Region Swimming



Athletes will compete in the Northeast Region Swim on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at Florida Aquatics Swimming & Training (FAST), 4635 SW 67th Ave., Ocala, 34474 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help with set up, water and lunch distribution, assist swimmers on lanes, score runners, staging, timekeeping, and more.

Volunteer duties will be assigned upon check-in on competition day.

Please plan to stay the entire shift.

Register Here!

Area 3 Bowling



Athletes will compete in the **Area 3 Bowling Competition on Saturday, August 16, 2025** from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Area 3 Bowling will take place at 2 separate locations in Ocala. Please sign up for the specific location that is best for you.

Volunteers are needed to help as lane monitors, assist with score reporting, lunch distribution, and awards.

Volunteer duties will be assigned upon check-in on competition day.

Please plan to stay the entire shift.

Register Here!

Benefits of Service Reporting

Service reporting allows your club to showcase the positive impact you are making in your community now and provides insights to guide your club in the future. Clubs that report service also become eligible for awards and recognition. REPORT NOW



SERVICE RECOGNITION

Lions Clubs International recognizes members for their commitment to, not only LCI, but years of service to our community. Our club is fortunate to have a number of our members with long-term chevrons. The following members were presented with membership chevrons:

John Aaron 45 years

Patti Barto 25 years

Berenice Moore 25 years

John Redden 25 years

Bonnie Livingston 20 years

Peggy Trousil 20 years





Lion Susan Oliva was also presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Lions Clubs International at the MD-35 Convention.



LION SUSAN OLIVA HAS BEEN ELECTED 2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR 35-L AND SWARN IN AT THE MD-35 CONVENTION IN ORLANDO. WE, IN THE OCALA 200 LIONS CLUB, ARE EXTREMELY PROUD TO HAVE LION SUSAN REPRESENT OUR CLUB AND THE LIONS OF DISTRICT 35L. 2ND VDG SUSAN WILL SERVE AS OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR IN 2027/2028.





MEET LION TONI ANCRUM



DGE SUZI RODGERS INDUCTS LION TONI ANCRUM, AS LION PEGGY TROUSIL, SPONSOR, LOOKS ON.

Hi everyone! My name is Toni Ancrum, and I'm excited to join the Lions Club. I'm 63 years old, born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts, but I've spent my entire adult life in sunny South Florida. I'm a proud mom of two wonderful sons. I'm passionate about community service and love running my own jewelry business. I'm really looking forward to getting involved and meeting everyone who shares a passion for helping others!"

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2025/2026







RECOGNIZING OUR PEACE POSTER DISTRICT 35L WINNERS



Lion Laurel Kessler, Peace Poster Chair, with Lila Williams, 1st Place Winner, Lion Susan Oliva, President, Raelyn Avery, 2nd Place Winner.

RECOGNIZING OUR MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP RECEPIENTS
LIONS SANDY AND ALAN VERRIER



RECOGINIZING LION SUSAN OLIVA AS A PROGRESSIVE MELVIN JONES FELLOW





LION GRAY HENSCHEN AWARDED LION OF THE YEAR BY LION SUSAN OLIVA, PRESIDENT.





INTERFAITH MINISTRIES SERVICE PROJECT

Thanks to Lions Laurel Keesler, Don Keesler, Pat Greaves, Susan Oliva, Toni Ancrum, Patti Barto and Bob Barto





OCALA FORT KING LIONS CLUB

Huge shoutout to the Ft. King Lions Club of Ocala for hosting their
White Canes event outside Publix.





Ocala Fort King Breakfast Lions Club, Inc. Ocala, Florida "Serving Since 1963" District 35-L Newsletter June 2025



District Governor Elect Lion Susan (Suzi) Rodgers inducts Lion Malcolm Hay to serve as the Club President for the 2025-2026 Ocala Fort King Breakfast Lions Club



ORANGE PARK LIONS CLUB

The Orange Park Lions club has a special night as our Past District Governor Tony Esposito was on hand to swear in our new board members and give out a special award.

The Orange Park Lions Club had a special night recently as it was time to swear in our new board for 2025-2026. PDG Tony Esposito was there to swear in the new board members by presenting them each a token automobile that represented the positions they are taking. He then presented the prestigious 20-year Cheron award to Mr. James Hoffer. All enjoyed a great evening of Lion fellowship.

Figure 1 Our 2025-2026 board members: (back row left to right) 1 st VP Ken Groleau, Tail Twister Melanie Groleau, Social Media director and Assist Treasurer Mat Oliger, Head of Internet security Coner Check, (Front row left to right) Secretary and Club service Chairperson Mike Poweleit, President Carl Crosby, Treasurer Dave Vencil, PDG Tony Esposito, 2nd VP Kezia Check, and Sgt. At Arms and Lion Tamer Celia Vencil





Figure 2: Cars representing the important roles of our new board.



Figure 3 PDG Tony Esposito presents James Hoffer with his Cheron award



ORANGE PARK LIONS CLUB

Orange Park Lions helps fuel the latest Impact Clay Train stop in Clay Hill!

The latest stop of the Impact Clay Train of 2025 was at Clay Hill Elementary School in Middleburg on a beautiful Saturday Morning from 10 AM till noon. The train served with the help of over 100 volunteers served over 150 folks who showed up to visit the latest "Train Stop." Some of the services and items offered included Clothing from Seeds of Love Outreach, Medical services from the Emmanuel project, haircuts provided by American Academy of Cosmetology, and hot meals that were served by the Orange Park Lions Club and others. The Lions who served food included Mike Poweleit, Celia Vencil, Dave Vencil, and Richard Campbell.





Pictured here standing left to right are Richard Campbell, Dave Vencil, Celia Vencil, and Mike Poweleit.

Check out this
Youtube video for the
"Hope" Press
Conference that
spotlight the Orange
Park Lions Club for
their help with Impact
Clay.



ORANGE PARK LIONS CLUB

PDG Tony Esposito inducted the new Board Members of the Orange Park Lions Club tonight. He also presented Jimmy Hoffer the 20 year member Chevron award.





It was a rewarding day serving food at the Impact Clay Train in Clay Hill Saturday.



PENSACOLA LIONS CLUB

Pensacola A1C Avengers Pensacola Lions Club

The Pensacola A1C Avengers is on the move for a successful summer of screening.

Pictured below are: Lions Virlane Rothfus, Nancy Reavey, Sharon Deyton Shireen Merrill, Sue Smith and Judi Seltzer provided both Diabetes and Vision screening at the Santa Rosa County Library in Gulf Breeze.





Lots of community engagement at the Library with a truly welcoming staff!





Training with the team to provide vision screening was a total success!

This summer, the A1C Avengers will put their focus within the libraries of Pensacola and Santa Rosa Counties to provide the needed screenings for young, old and of course in between, for both Diabetes and Vision and as we gear up for a successful summer of activity.

Enjoy your SUMMER fellow Lions!!!!



MEET THE CLUBS OF 35L

CLICK THE BLUE LINKS TO VIEW WEBSITES OR FACEBOOK

- >>> <u>Alachua Lions Club</u>
- >>> Calhoun Liberty Lions Club
- >>> Callahan Lions Club
- >>> Cedar key Lions Club
- >>> Century Lions Club
- >>> Chattahoochee Lions Club
- >>> Falling Waters Lions Club of Chipley
- >>> Crawfordville Lions Club
- >>> Crestview Lions Club
- >>> Defuniak Springs Lions Club
- >>> Dunnellon 2 Lions Club
- >>> Fleming Island Lions Club
- >>> Fort Walton Beach Lions Club
- >>> Fort Walton Beach Sonic City Lions Club
- >>> Gainesville Lions Club
- >>> Gainesville University City Lions Club
- >>> Graceville Lions Club
- >>> High Springs Lions Club
- >>> Interlachen Lions Club
- >>> Jacksonville Arlington Lions Club
- >>> Jacksonville Beaches Lions Club
- >>> Jacksonville River City Lions Club
- >>> Jacksonville Riverside Argyle West Lions Club
- >>> Jax Lions Quest of 35L Cyber
- >>> Jefferson County Lions Club
- >>> Keystone Melrose Lake Region
- >>> Lake City Lions Club

- >>> Live Oak Lions Club
- >>> Lynn Haven Lions Club
- >>> Macclenny Lions Club
- >>> Madison Lions Club
- >>> McIntosh Lions Club
- >>> Middleburg Black Creek Lions Club
- >>> Newberry Lions Club
- >>> Niceville Valpariso Lions Club
- >>> Ocala Lions Club
- >>> Ocala 200 Lions Club
- >>> Ocala Fort King Lions Club
- >>> Ocala On Top of The World Lions Club
- >>> Orange Park Lions Club
- >>> Palatka New Vision Lions Club
- >>> Panama City Lions Club
- >>> Pensacola Lions Club
- >>> Port St Joe Lions Club
- >>> Quincy Lions Club
- >>> Silver Springs Lions Club
- >>> Sopchoppy Lions Club
- >>> South Putnam Lions Club
- >>> St Augustine Lions Club
- >>> Tallahassee Lions Club
- >>> Turkey Creek Lions Club
- >>> Williston Youth Lions Club
- >>> Yulee Nassau County Lions Club



LIONS, LET'S GET SOCIAL

Social media is a powerful tool to attract new members and raise awareness of your club and your service. Boost your social presence by watching social media how-to videos and put it into action with our customizable social media kits.

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