

SEPTEMBER 2025

Bragging Rights Bulletin

DISTRICT 35L

Club Events
and News

2025 MD-35 FALL CONFERENCE



OCTOBER 16TH-19TH
THE FLORIDA HOTEL ORLANDO
DONT WAIT REGISTRATION ENDS
MIDNIGHT, SUNDAY, SEP. 28TH



Type in this link in your browser to register:
<https://buytickets.at/lionsofmd35>

[Click here to register!](#)

Club Anniversaries

Ocala Fort King 09/25/1963

Sopchoppy 09/08/1952

Memorium

Alachua Lions Club

Calhoun-Liberty Lions Club

Cedar Key Lions Club

Century Lions Club

Falling Waters Lions Club

High Springs Lions Club

Jax Beach Lions Club

Jacksonville RAW Lions
Club

Live Oak Lions Club

Ocala Lion Club

Ocala 200 Lions Club

Ocala OTOW Lions Club

Orange Park Lions Club

St Augustine Lions Club

Memorium



Obituary for Daniel Green

Daniel Curtis Green went to the arms of his father on August 17th, 2025. He was born to Martha and Harvey Green on October 1st 1964 in Lakeland, Florida. Daniel graduated from Lake Gibson Senior High School and went on to follow his passion for vehicles as a mechanic. In truth he was an all around handyman. He was well known in his community for his integrity and values of hard work, honesty, and doing a job right the first time. He was a long time member of the Crestview Baptist Church, past president of the Kathleen Lions Club and recently transferred to the Sopchoppy Lions Club serving as its vice president. He never met a stranger, and had no problem giving the shirt off of his back to help others.

In his spare time he could be found hunting or fishing and cooking up whatever he caught. He also loved Nascar and could be found watching the race on Sundays. He will be remembered for his booming voice and loud laugh, his enjoyment of mischief, and the love he had for his family.

Daniel was proceeded in death by both his parents, his brother William “Billy” Mills and grandson Bennan. His love lives on in his partner Kathleen; his siblings Suzanne (Joe), Donnie (Amy), and Keith; his children Curtis, Daniel “Danny” (Carolyn), Tricia, Heather (Shawn), and Drew; as well as his grandchildren Cashton, Ashton, Hailiee, E’Mariea, Le’Sheonia, Jeanna, Hailie, Kian, Charlotte, Gatlin, Aaliyah, and Aiden.

Share the Service Activity Information Tool

Help your clubs report service by sharing the Service Activity Information tool, which includes a list of our global causes and updated project types. [DOWNLOAD NOW](#)










Alachua Lions Club

The Alachua Lions Club provided parking services at the Irby Elementary School in Alachua, FL, for the first three days of their new school year, August 11-13, 2025. On day 3 Irby Principal Holly Burton thanked the ALC “for providing support” and she shared the many positive comments on their social media page from parents who appreciated our presence.



Leon Barrows, Don James, Ed Potts, Principal Burton, John Hopkins, Jim Emerson, and Gib Coerper

-  Hope Marie Kenyon
Love this ❤️
2w Like Reply
-  Kilara Reynoso
They did a great job! Thank you all for your help 😊
2w Like Reply
-  Nancy Burton Morrison
That has been a long standing tradition. Thank you Lions Club ❤️
2w Like Reply
-  Alicia Patterson
A great tradition!! They do such an important job each year!!! Thank you for your help!
2w Like Reply
-  Kaleigh Osmen
They did an awesome job! And helped it run smoothly. 😊
2w Like Reply
-  Christy Taylor
They were very helpful this morning! ❤️
2w Like Reply
-  Toni Marie Beyer
Thank you!!! 😊
1w Like Reply



Don James, Ed Potts, Sandy Burgess, Jay Callaway, Bill Johnson, and Gib Coerper

BOOTS
ON THE
GROUND



BACK TO TOP

Calhoun-Liberty Lions Club

[Order
Tickets
Here](#)



A night of FUN and LAUGHTER that will awaken and heighten all of your other 4 senses



Scan QR code to
order online!

**Saturday
September 20, 2025**

6:00 PM CT / 7:00 PM ET

Panhandle Pioneer Settlement
17869 NW Pioneer Settlement Rd
Blountstown, FL 32424

Tickets Available at:

Calhoun County Supervisor of Elections
The Diamond Corner
Calhoun County Senior Citizens
Blountstown Drugs

**OR FROM A LIONS CLUB
MEMBER**

- ✓ Debbie Duncan 850.643.7753
- ✓ Teresa Forbes 850.447.1584
- ✓ Jennifer Dunham 850-447-3122
- ✓ Sherryl Norris 850.643.8766
- ✓ Sharon Chason
- ✓ Sharon Guilford

Tickets
\$35
/Person

Tickets
\$240
table of 8

All money raised from this event remains in Calhoun County and Liberty County.



BACK TO TOP

Cedar Key Lions Club

Mark Your Calendars: Oct 18-19 2025!



54th Cedar Key Lions Seafood Festival
Saturday Oct 18, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday Oct 19, 2025 10 am to 4 pm

Hungry for Seafood?
Arts & Crafts?
Live music on the Gulf?
A Seafood Festival Parade?



Hurricane Helene canceled the Cedar Key Seafood Festival last year. But the coming 2025 Cedar Key Seafood Festival has the island town fully energized and preparing for a great festival weekend celebrating our seafood heritage and Cedar Key's come-back resiliency.

Organized by the Cedar Key Lions Club, this 54th annual festival marks over a half-century of great food, entertainment, shopping and family fun.

The Seafood Festival celebrates the area's fishing heritage, offering two days of fantastic food prepared by locals, a Seafood Festival parade, 2nd Street lined for blocks with 100 arts and crafts exhibitors, free live music in the park by local musicians as well as a family fun Seafood Festival parade (with two marching bands!) on the beautiful Old Florida island city of Cedar Key.

The fun continues across town all weekend at local shops, and at restaurants and lounges throughout the day and evening with fine dining, drink, and entertainment.

Cedar Key is the Place to Be Oct 18-19, 2025!

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

FREE ADMISSION

Food in the Park: Sat. and Sun. from 10 am until sold out

Arts & Crafts fair Sat. Oct 18 from 10 to 5, Sunday, Oct 19 from 10-4.

The Seafood Festival Parade is on Saturday Oct 18 at 11 am.

Cedar Key Lions Club



Cedar Key Lions Club

August 16 at 7:00 AM · 🌐

...

Lion Steve Rosenthal speaks at Cedar Key School.



Cedar Key School · Follow

August 15 at 7:40 PM · 🌐

Being a high schooler in Cedar Key means worlds of knowledge and experience can show up in your classroom in the form of a local guest speaker. On Friday morning it was attorney and long-time Lions Club member Stephen Rosenthal who brought his perspective on the importance of charitable work to share with the junior class. Students learned how and why the Lions Club was formed, the significance of the organization's work, and how just a few people can make a profound influence at home and around the world. While the students were impressed and slightly awed by the depth and breadth of the Lions' impact, Mr. Rosenthal was downright impressed that the students had read about Helen Keller, whose own charitable work left an indelible mark on the world.

Thank you Mr. Rosenthal, for sharing what you know! 🗣️🌐👓

Century Lions Club

Century Lions Cross Country



5K Run/Walk
Anthony Pleasant Park



October 11, 2025
5K Run/Walk & Awards

Arrival: 6:30AM
Race begins at 8:00AM
(refreshments & music)

All registered participants will be
entered for a chance to win a \$200 gift card.

Early Registration
\$10.00 - School Age (12th Grade & Under) / \$20.00 - Adults

Race Day Registration
\$15.00 - School Age (12th Grade & Under) / \$25.00 - Adults

Register on line at www.active.com or mail your form to:
Century Lions Club, PO Box 634, Century, FL 32535

For more information call or email:
Barnie 850-207-7051 or Mary 850-503-4401
jbarnie77@yahoo.com

Matt Dobson (Race Director)
850-217-2603

ChIPLEY Falling Waters Lions Club



We had a wonderful night at our meeting with guest speaker Tony Daniels from the Washington County Economic Development Council.

Working together with organizations like the WCEDC is so important for our Lions Club because strong community development goes hand in hand with service. By supporting local growth, job creation, and opportunities, we help ensure that families in our area can thrive—allowing us to better serve the needs of our neighbors and carry out the Lions’ mission of service.

Thank you, Tony, for sharing your insights and for all you do to strengthen Washington County!



REMINDER
NEWSLETTER
SUBMISSIONS
DUE

26TH OF THE MONTH
FLDISTRICT35L@GMAIL.COM



High Springs Lions Club



The High Springs Lions Club will host the fourth Gold Star Family Festival Friday September 26th to Sunday September 28th. The weekend will be filled with camping, music, amazing food and awesome folks! Proceeds will go to local Gold Star families.

**COMMUNITY****YARD SALE**

Saturday 10/11/25
8 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

Rain Date Saturday 10/18/25
10x10 Space Available First Come First Served
Set up 6:45 a.m. - Shoppers 8:00 a.m.
Christmas and Craft Vendors Welcome!
No tables, canopies or power provided.
Fee to be Collected Day of Event !
\$10.00 per 10 x 10 Space
For More Info Please Call 386-454-4521
(Please leave message)

We will have Baked Goods, Pancakes, Hotdogs, and Beverages Available for Purchase
Proceeds to Benefit H.S.L.C. Childrens' Christmas Charities

4TH ANNUAL**\$25 REGISTRATION**
Includes 1 Free Lions Club Meal

OCTOBER 25, 2025
REGISTRATION 9 - 11
AWARDS 2 P.M.

N.E. Railroad Ave.
High Springs, Florida

DOOR PRIZES
50/50
RAFFLE
MUSIC AND MORE...

Proceeds Benefit


BEST OF SHOW
TOP 20 CARS
TOP 5 MOTORCYCLES
HALLOWEEN AWARD
CLUB PARTICIPATION AWARD
JOHN SULLIVAN MEMORIAL AWARD



FOR MORE INFO :
EMAIL: CHAIRWOMAN LION MARSHA
marshatogg65@yahoo.com



BACK TO TOP

High Springs Lions Club



On Saturday March 22, 2025, the High Springs Lions Club held a music event - Feel the Music - for the Florida School for Deaf and Blind in Saint Augustine. We are honored to hold this annual event to support such a worthy cause.



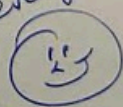
Dear High Springs Lions Club Friends,

Thank you to EVERYONE involved with making this years fundraiser absolutely amazing!! I truly appreciate everyone's time, passion, & dedication to raising these generous donations to support our amazing students.

It's always so wonderful to see the bands and the community come out in such inspiring support of FSDB. Thank you for all you do!

With much appreciation
Traci ★

Traci Anderson
Executive Director of Advancement
(904) 827-2235
anderson4@fsdbk12.org

P.S. It's always so nice to see everyone again! Love you all! 



High Springs Lions Club

On Monday, July 28th, the High Springs Lions Club surprised our beloved Lion Leslie Flage with the coveted Melvin Jones award! Lion Tony Stefanowicz was on board to present the award.

Lion Leslie has been a member since November of 2010, has held multiple offices, is truly knowledgeable in all aspects of the organization and is a true leader.

Our heartfelt congratulations!



Celebrate Community Is Almost Here!

Finalize your Celebrate Community event happening September 14-20, 2025, and kick off a strong season of service for your club. This annual initiative, led by Kiwanis International, Lions International, Optimist International and Rotary International, showcases the power of volunteerism to unite communities and engage neighbors in impactful service. [LEARN MORE](#)



Jax Beaches Lions Club



Teamwork in Action!

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated Lions Club members who spent time sorting, cleaning, and packing hundreds of donated eyeglasses. It may have been a quick session, but it was incredibly impactful!

This effort goes beyond just cleaning glasses; it's about restoring the gift of sight. For many, a pair of glasses can be life-changing—helping them read, learn, and work more effectively.

Providing vision care is a key mission for Lions Clubs globally, and we're proud to contribute to this cause right here in Jacksonville Beaches.

Thanks to your generous donations, we can ensure these glasses reach those who need them the most. We Serve!



Did you know that "We Serve" isn't just a motto, but a way of life for Lions around the world?

Every day, in communities just like ours and across continents, Lions are working hard to make a positive impact.

At Lions Club Jacksonville Beaches, we're proud to be a part of this global network, bringing help and hope right here to our Community.



BACK TO TOP

Jax Beaches Lions Club

Our Immediate Past President, Gary Pellizarro, had the honor of presenting not one, but two Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards! This is the highest honor a Lion can receive. We are incredibly proud of our two members Tricia Hamer and Shawn Ludlam. Congratulations to our two amazing Lions!

The awards are so well deserved!



Our President Linda Zepp had a great day attending the cabinet meeting of our District 35-L, hosted by On Top of the World Lions Club in Ocala.

It was a super event, connecting with lots of Lions from across our district. Linda enjoyed catching up, exchanging ideas, and feeling that strong sense of our Lions family.

These district meetings are so valuable for sharing experiences and getting new inspiration for our community service.



HEY... it's time for Barktoberfest



The Jacksonville Beach Lions
are proud to present our annual fundraising event to benefit
Guiding Eyes for the Blind dog training school

October 18th 2025
6:30-9:30 pm

American Legion Post 129
1151 4th Street South • Jax Beach

Live Music:
Matt Altman
Band

Raffles

Catered Dinner
& Cash Bar

TICKETS

\$25 in advance
\$30 at the door

www.jaxbeachlions.org

904.249.8558

The Jacksonville Beaches Lions Foundation is a 501(c)(3) that provides eye care, hearing aids, and guide dogs, while meeting the humanitarian needs in our Community. Your donation helps us to provide these much-needed services.

A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE: 1-800-HELP-FLA OR ONLINE AT www.FloridaConsumerHelp.com. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE.

JACKSONVILLE BEACHES LIONS FOUNDATION INC. REGISTRATION #: C19888



BACK TO TOP

JACKSONVILLE BEACH LIONS CLUB PRESENTS

Barktoberfest

A Fundraising Event to Support
Guiding Eyes for the Blind Guide Dog School

Sponsorship Levels

\$150 ■ Bronze

Name of sponsor in event brochure,
on social media and your company logo
with link on our website.

* Plus...ONE free entry ticket!

\$500 ■ Silver

Name of sponsor in event brochure,
on social media and your company logo
with link on our website.

* Plus...TWO free entry tickets!

\$1000 ■ Gold

Name of sponsor in event brochure,
on social media and your company logo
with link on our website.

* Plus...FOUR free entry tickets!

\$3500 ■ Platinum

Name of sponsor in event brochure,
on social media and your company logo
with link on our website.

* Plus...A table for SIX with free entry,
AND sponsor gets to name a new
Guide Dog puppy!

October 18th 2025
6:30-9:30 pm

American Legion Post 129
1151 4th Street South ■ Jax Beach

☐ YES! I will be an Event Sponsor

Please select a sponsor level below:

- ☐ Bronze — \$150 Level Sponsor
- ☐ Silver — \$500 Level Sponsor
- ☐ Gold — \$1,000 Level Sponsor
- ☐ Platinum — \$3,500 Level Sponsor

☐ YES! I will make a Raffle Donation

- ☐ Gift Card
- ☐ Merchandise

Questions?
Contact Lion:

The Jacksonville Beaches Lions Foundation is a 501(c)(3) Foundation that provides eye care, hearing aids, and guide dogs, while meeting humanitarian needs in our Community. Your donation helps us to provide these much-needed services. Thank you!

Learn more at:

www.jaxbeachlions.org



Company / Sponsor

Phone

Email

Website

Please make checks payable to:
Jacksonville Beaches Lions Foundation

Jacksonville Beach Lions Club
PO Box 50555
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32240



A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE 1-800-HELP-FLA OR ONLINE AT www.FloridaConsumerHelp.com. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE.

JACKSONVILLE BEACHES
LIONS FOUNDATION INC.
REGISTRATION #: 01936655



BACK TO TOP

Jacksonville RAW Lions Club

Jacksonville RAW Lions hosted Soulful Bingo- a "Name That Tune" -inspired Bingo game. The theme was 70s music- all genres.

Proceeds from this fundraiser were donated to the Beauty of Sight Foundation. The Beauty of Sight Foundation focuses on raising funds to support vision-related philanthropic efforts and community outreach. It identifies, collaborates with, and funds researchers and skilled physicians dedicated to curing blindness and preventing vision loss.



Live Oak Lions Club



75

Join us to celebrate
LIVE OAK LIONS CLUB
75th Anniversary

6PM EST

28TH OCTOBER

SUWANNEE COUNTY

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

212 OHIO AVE N, LIVE OAK, FL 32064

A meal will be provided and dress is semi-formal. District Governor Suzi Rodgers is the keynote speaker.

Contact: Stevie Harris stevieharris2012@aol.com



Ocala Lions Club

32nd Annual Jerry Cullison Memorial Golf Tournament

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Ocala Palms Golf & Country Club

The tournament is a four person scramble and includes a pancake breakfast and lunch for the players.

Please consider partnering with the Ocala Lions Club Charities Foundation Inc., a 501(c)(3) charity in service to our community. There are many opportunities for sponsorships.

For additional information, Contact:

Garry Adel – 352-895-1084 or Barry Fies – 352-362-7713

The Food 4 Kids Program is off to a good start with the schools reopening. Ocala Lions Club collects food donations and takes them to Interfaith Emergency Services to be delivered to the schools in Wheeled Backpacks. The food is given each weekend during the school year to hungry school aged children and their siblings. The program reduces the negative effects of hunger on learning and feeds 1700+ children. We all believe that no child should go to bed hungry.

The KidSight Screening program continues to be a focus of the Ocala Lions Club. The Preschools are being scheduled and trained volunteers from the Club are using the Plusoptix Cameras to screen the children.



We Serve



Patricia Tomlinson & Barry Fies,
President Ocala Lions Club



Ocala Lions Club



Ocala Lions Club Learns About Arts in Health Ocala Metro

By Diane Renyhart

Patricia Tomlison was the guest speaker at the August 14, 2025 Ocala Lions Club weekly meeting. She is the Executive Director of Arts in Health Ocala Metro (AIHOM), a nonprofit organization that supports mental and physical health through the Arts by delivering the healing power of the Arts to those who need it most. Its program has reached over 9000 area residents.

Miss Tomlinson states that art can help reduce anxiety, symptoms of depression and manage chronic pain. She stressed that it is important to keep a regular schedule of creative activities. The founder of Arts in Health is Lisa Irwin with support from the Grace Dunlevy & Bob Levenson Foundation. Miss Tomlinson proudly announced that her organization has recently received funding through the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The Creative Forces Grant will support non-clinical military connected art workshops and other opportunities at the Ocala Vet Center. The goals of the grant include advancing creative expression, social connectedness, and supporting life transitions for military vets.

Arts in Health artist practitioners regularly visit the Memory Cafes at Empath Hospice of Marion County each month as part of the Nancy Renyhart Dementia Education Program. Musicians Becky Hudson and David Reinwald perform for attending caregivers and their companions, singing and dancing to the music. Artist DeNaya Wilkerson conducts art projects allowing each attendee to create a work to take home.

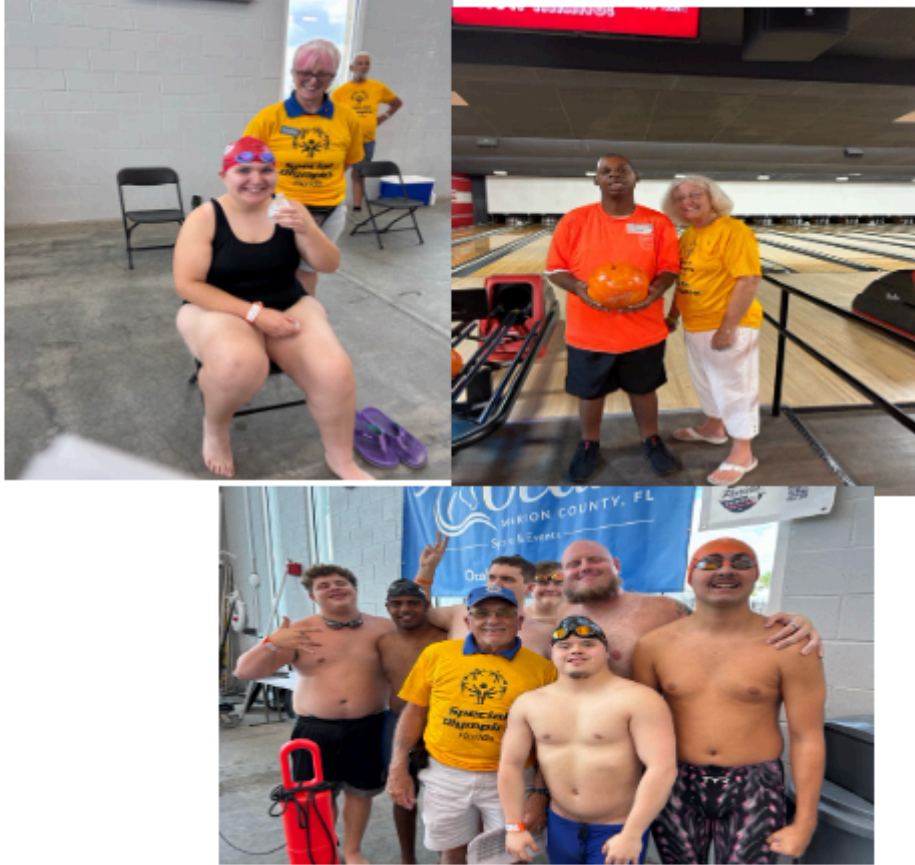
Miss Tomlinson has been at Arts in Health for three years and is the former curator at the Appleton. She recently received support from a local sponsor for a grant underwriting the event entitled "Move Together and Dance for All Ages." As part of the grant there is a Free Community Event with an Arts in Health dance practitioner. This program is scheduled for Saturday's 10:00-11:00 a.m. August 23-September 20 at the Heart of the Park facility at Tuscawilla Park and will be indoors.

For further information, please contact Patricia Tomlinson, Executive Director at (352)723-5444 or ptomlinson@aihocala.org.

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



Ocala 200 Lions Club



A special thank you to the Ocala Elks, Ocala-Fort King Lions Breakfast Club, Ocala 200 Lions Club, and On Top of The World Lions Club, for coming out in full force! We truly would not have had such a successful event without you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts—these events simply wouldn't be possible without your dedication, passion, and generous spirit.

Melanie Matias, Special Olympics
Manager, Community Engagement
Area 3



Ocala OTOW

Ocala OTOW Lions Club has been very busy. The Special Olympics Bowling was in Ocala. Then, they delivered their school supplies to one of their three area sponsored elementary schools, Dunnellon Elementary School.

They continued gathering up supplies to be delivered to one or more of their three schools.



Orange Park Lions Club

Orange Park Lions double up service events in one week, serving both 2 legged and 4 legged friends

The group of Lions knew the third week of August was going to be a challenging week to serve the community, but several Lions came out roaring to offer help. Their first task was to serve at the Impact Clay Train in Green Cove Springs on a hot Saturday Morning. The Lions are no stranger to this monthly event haven served several times all over the county. In the past they had always helped with serving hot food and helping out with haircuts. This month was different. With the help from Staples and donations from the club, school supplies were distributed to several families just in time for the start of the school year. Another service was offered at the train for the first time. The Lion's Club is all about vision and vision screening was performed on dozens of children and adults. Results were given and if needed, information was offered on how to get additional vision assistance and how to get aid with eye exams and glasses. Vision screening will be offered at future Impact Clay Train stops. On this day at the Clay Train, 158 people were served with the help and support of 94 volunteers including 7 Lions. Learn more about Impact Clay Train at www.ImpactClay.org.

Two days later, another task awaited the Lions. Safe Animal Shelter at 2913 County RD. 220 in Middleburg Florida was in desperate need of food and supplies for their fast-growing feline population as well as recent additions of floppy eared k-9s. Due to area road construction, the shelter became hard to visit and traffic going by was cut to very low numbers. Carl Crosby, Vicky Crosby, Celia Vencil, Dave Vencil, Ken Groleau, Melanie Groleau, Catherine Minor, and Dave Minor from the Orange Park Lions Club stepped up and once again became needed "friends"! Hundreds of dollars' worth of cat and kitten food, dog food, blankets, supplies and a check were brought in by the group of Lions from Orange Park to help with the always growing population of animals. Time was also spent at the shelter visiting workers and the animals who were there. The shelter is always in need of forever homes and foster homes. Becoming a foster caregiver is an amazing experience where you get to take part in saving the lives of animals. To get started becoming a foster caregiver, contact the shelter.

Safe Animal Shelter is the oldest no-kill shelter in Clay County. It receives no government funding and the homeless cats and dogs they take in, are provided quality care only through private donations. Their goal is to reduce the number of cats and dogs euthanized in Clay County and NE Florida. All the great care the animals receive is all from community support. There are "wish lists" provided on Amazon and Chewy websites and on the Orange Park Lions Website what to bring when you visit the lovely animals.

All donations of time, money, food and supplies are much appreciated. Contact the shelter with any questions about fostering or for more information on any of their programs: (904) 375-9122. Hours Wednesday-Sunday Noon-5PM.

Lions Clubs International is the worlds largest service club organization with more than 1.4 million members in approximately 46,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world. The local Orange Park Lions Club recently celebrated their 75th Anniversary. They meet the 2nd and 4th Monday at 7 PM at their meeting hall at 423 McIntosh Ave. Orange Park, FL 32073. We do things like: provide vision screening and eye glasses to those in need, accept donated used glasses, used cell phones, and hearing aids, provide eye exams and glasses for those who can't afford them, provide diabetes research, help veterans with pancake breakfasts, host community events like National Night Out, help local food banks, serve ats at all the Clay Impact Trains, Help out at Back to School bashes, and many other services like the Safe Animal Shelter. For those that are interested, drop in on a meeting or call us at (904) 264-5866 . The website is www.orangeparklionsclub.com or visit us on Facebook.

Mike Poweleit

Secretary Orange Park Lions Club



Orange Park Lions Club

By: Connie Thomas
CEO Impact Clay

I have a heart for our Orange Park Lions for so many reasons! My Dad was an OP Lion and I remember happy times at their club as a kid. When we first started the Train, it coincided with an invitation to speak at the Lions Club. Part of my presentation was about the Train and encouraging them to come out and volunteer (they were a small group but mighty). They agreed to volunteer only at the OP Train stop due to lack of members. However, that Train Bug bit hard, and they now arrive at every stop! Today, was the first day they conducted vision screenings! It was so awesome to witness. They are a group with a great heart for people and they have been yearning to bring back this historic Lion program!

It was also great to see the collaboration taking place among our Train Cars. The Lions had the screening, The Way Free Medical Clinic, Inc. had the glasses. The Salvation Army of Clay County had the food, the GCS First Responders who served at the train now have an evening meal for their entire team! The Train has not only better connected us all with our community, it has better connected us to one another!



Orange Park Lions Club



Community comes together thanks to Orange Park Lions Club and Orange Park PD.

The community of Orange Park had a chance to meet local law enforcement officers, along with other first responders and representatives from helpful organizations and groups, at the annual National Night out event that was co-hosted by the Orange Park PD and the Orange Park Lions Club.

The August 6th event, held at the Orange Park Lions Club Clubhouse this year, is part of a national and state-wide campaign designed to promote police-community partnership and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live.

Several police officers and employees were at the event doing meet and greets with the kids and adults. Several booths and displays were featured for the kids including: A table from DARE, The Junior Officer Marksmanship Booth, Fingerprinting Booth, Officer Orange game and Popo Plinko. Several fire fighter folks were there demonstrating some of their tools including the Jaws of Life and a firetruck parked outside.

The Lions Club handed out goodies to the kids which included: sunglasses, pencils and baby Lion toys. Other organizations with information booths and goodies to hand out were the Garden Club of Orange Park, Clay Behavioral Health Center, Clay County Health Department, Clay County Public Library, LifeQuest Organ Donor information, AAA Car Seat information, Basca Bargain Boutique, and It Takes a Village. Hot Dogs and hamburgers were provided by Winn-Dixie. Pulled Pork Sliders were provided by Mission BBQ.

A fun time was had by all, and Police Chief Randy Case and Lions Club spokesman Mike Poweleit would love to continue making this an annual event for the community.

Mike Poweleit
Secretary Orange Park Lions Club



Orange Park Lions Club

Community comes together thanks to Orange Park Lions Club
and Orange Park PD.



St Augustine Lions Club

August 12th at the St. Johns County School Board meeting, the St Augustine Lions Club was recognized for its vision screening service to the students and community.



BACK TO TOP