

JUNE 2025

# Lions Insight

District 35L  
Informational Newsletter



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First and foremost, thank you to all the clubs and members who have made my time as newsletter editor such a rewarding experience. I've truly enjoyed sharing updates and celebrating your accomplishments in each issue.

That said, it has become increasingly difficult to gather content, as I often don't receive updates directly from many clubs. Instead, I've found myself searching through Facebook pages and websites to track down information.

Starting July 1, 2025, I will no longer be able to continue this practice. To ensure your club's news and events are featured, please appoint someone to email updates and photos to me at [fldistrict35l@gmail.com](mailto:fldistrict35l@gmail.com). Submission deadline is the 26<sup>th</sup> of every month.

I love showcasing all the wonderful work being done and highlighting your achievements—but I need your help to do it. Let's continue to keep our newsletter vibrant and informative—together.

Warm regards,  
Lion Brittny  
Your Editor

**[BE SURE TO READ BRAGGING  
RIGHTS BULLETIN TO SEE  
WHAT THE CLUBS ARE UP TO  
IN OUR DISTRICT!](#)**



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**<https://www.district35l.com>**



# District Governor Message by Lion Dr. Gregory N. Seltzer



Greetings Fellow Lions of District 35 L:

Lion Year 2024-2025 is winding down and I am happy to welcome our newest Lions Club in District L- The Gulf Breeze Lions Club. They are up and running and have elected officers and are meeting twice a month. Currently they are conducting a Needs Assessment in the community to determine which areas of service they plan to focus on. Interestingly, the oldest member of this club is 38 which is rather young by most club standards. They are planning on a Charter Presentation Night soon. We are looking forward to chartering 2 more clubs or Club Branches in District L before the end of June in Ponte Vedra Beach and Green Cove Springs. That will make a total of 5 new clubs this Lion Year in keeping with our Lions Mission 1.5 goals. Thank you all for your work in achieving International Lions President Olivera's motto of: "Make Your Mark".

As you all know, Lions International has focuses on eight global causes: Vision(and Hearing), Hunger, Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Environment, Youth, Disaster Relief, and Humanitarian Efforts. These causes are the foundation of the Lions Clubs International service programs. One that is of special interest to me is Childhood Cancer having served for many years as Childhood Cancer Chair in 2 Districts. More than 300,000 children are diagnosed with cancer each year with the average age of a child who is diagnosed just six years old. Your Lions club can help children with cancer and their families by hosting a project to support them in your community.



# District Governor Message

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Here are 15 great ways to help those impacted survive and thrive:

1. Raise club awareness about childhood cancer by holding an educational talk with a healthcare professional or public health official at your club or district meeting or related events.
2. Prepare healthy meals for families with children undergoing treatment. This can be done in collaboration with other community members to ensure the family receives food on a regular basis.
3. Collect recyclable materials and donate the profits to a childhood cancer organization. (SEE ALUMINUM CAN POP TABS IDEA BELOW).
4. Write cards with well-wishes and share them with a local cancer center.
5. Donate financial support or gift cards to families in need or a nearby childhood cancer center. This could cover expenses like gasoline, parking, food, medical expenses, etc.
6. Make or buy new hats, caps, head scarves or blankets to donate to childhood cancer centers.
7. Organize a community drive to assemble a toy library for patients to enjoy.
8. Participate in a blood donation or bone marrow registry event to benefit cancer treatment.
9. Provide tutoring services to children with cancer or their siblings, or adult learning opportunities for parents.
10. Organize an event with a cancer support center to have family photographs taken.
11. Visit a local hospital or treatment center for children with cancer and read stories to them, play games or spend time with the siblings of patients.
12. Provide funding support for essential medicines and supportive services. Crucial medical needs could include chemotherapy supplies, nutritional supplements, medical equipment, essential staff, etc.
13. Organize a community childhood cancer awareness event like a walk/run event or pamphlet distribution.
14. Acquire and equip vehicles for the transportation of patients and family members commuting to and from the hospital.
15. Make or knit yarn character wigs (example: Superhero, princess) for children with cancer.

# District Governor Message continued

In addition, our club sells entertainment books as a fundraiser each year. We donate 20 of these to the RMD House for use by parents to give them a break from hospital cafeteria food at a local restaurant, movie or entertainment venue.

Speaking of restaurants or food; our club also uses the kitchen at the RMH to prepare dinner regularly for parents who could be living at the house for up to 3 months while their child is receiving treatment. (See pictures in this edition of the Newsletter). Picture below are: DG Greg Seltzer, Lion Dave Reed, President Pensacola Lions Club and his wife Bonnie, along with Lion Glen Barbee who prepared a delicious salad, garlic bread and lasagna.



Even if you do not have a Ronald McDonald House in your area near your club, I am sure that you have a local hospital with an Oncology Unit that treats children with cancer. You could contact them and offer to help in a service area they may desire. The Service Project Ideas Lists on the LCI Cancer page gives you a complete list of ways that your club can make a difference in the lives of children with cancer and their families.

Finally, don't forget the upcoming 107 th International Lions Clubs Convention that will be held in Orlando which is in our own backyard from July 13-17th. I am the International Hospitality Chair and looking for volunteers who wish to serve either one day or the entire Convention.

If interested, please sign-up on the Multiple District 35 website under the Sign-Up Genius. I will be assigning positions during the month of June.

My prayers for All of you for a Safe and Healthy Summer!  
May God Bless YOU ALL real good,

District Governor Greg  
"In Kindness and Love, WE Serve



# Communication by 1VDG Susan 'Suzi' Rodgers



Next month at our 107th Lions International Convention in Orlando, I will be installed with the title of District Governor for Lions International District 35 L. Being a Lion is very personal to me. I hope that I have been able to portray my sincere interest and compassion for my Lions family thus far in my journey. I know that I am not perfect, but only one being has this right, so I am doing my best.

I have always prided myself on communicating the best I can with my Lions family. Truthfully, I am learning so much from those Lions asking for advice and questions. This is a wonderful thing. I am very grateful.

My upcoming year will be stressful and tiring. I have had fair warning. I was supposed to have written goals for my upcoming year. I have recorded a few. In classes I have been informed that if I don't have clear goals, I will not succeed.

My CLEAR goal is to help Lions with **communication**. All Lions need to communicate with your club members, your Governor Advisors/Zone Chairs and of course, your District Governor. Here is my ultimate fear. That we still cannot get out of our own way.

We have stagnate clubs. By that I mean, we have clubs that socialize, eat, have a meeting and go home, and repeat. These clubs have the same projects again and again even if they are not profitable.

We have clubs that are over achievers. They are always active and doing community projects, attending cabinet and leadership meetings looking for ways to better their club and their community.

In my article titled "Is Your Horse Thirsty?" from November 2024, addresses the need for Lions to ask themselves in Lionism, and how they see themselves in their club. You can read the November 2024 district newsletter in our archived newsletters.

If we communicate with one another within our clubs, our districts and our multiple district we would be so much more likely to bring in new members, form new clubs and have successful service projects. This is a natural process.

If you are involved in your club and it is communicating the activities to your community, to coin a phrase, "they will come". Why would you not want everyone to know what Lionism is and how they help in the entire world.

Now that I have communicated, please sit, think and bring me your communications on how we can grow, help the community and our world.

*Suzi*

1st Vice District Governor 35-L



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# District 35-L Lions



**\*\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*\***

## **District 35-L Cabinet Meeting**

**Hosted by Incoming District Governor Suzi Rodgers  
And Ocala On Top of the World (OTOW) Lions Club  
Saturday August 2, 2025  
OTOW Recreation Center Ballroom  
9030 SW 99<sup>th</sup> Street Road, Ocala, FL 34481**

Come and join us for a fun-filled day with lots of good information to be shared. Start your day with coffee/tea and muffins. Lunch will be barbecue catered by Southern Pig and Cattle. Our Governor has a very informative agenda planned along with special guest speakers, including Thomas Johnson from the Florida Ocular Prosthetic's in Stuart, FL. This past September they fitted one of our clients with a new Prosthetic Eye.

Please plan to come and BRAG about YOUR club's Past and Future plans. Make sure you let all the members in your area know to come and join us for this fun day and be eligible for some pretty nifty raffles and prizes.

### ***Agenda:***

- Tentatively we begin at 8:15 with the Pre-Cabinet meeting starting at 8:30.
- The Cabinet meeting will begin at 10:30 AM.
- Lunch will be at Noon til 1:15 PM.
- Cabinet meeting concludes at 3:00 PM (approx.)
- PDG meeting starts immediately following the Cabinet meeting.

Registration Information to follow.

More information to follow, including hotel info. Watch your email.

Contact Info: PCC Ken Vaudo, President, [kvaudo@aol.com](mailto:kvaudo@aol.com), 205-296-2223 (cell)  
PDG Estelle Michelson, [OTOWLION@gmail.com](mailto:OTOWLION@gmail.com), 352-895-7598 (cell)  
Hotel Info to follow- watch your email and this newsletter.

Venue is the On Top of the World Recreation Center, 9030 SW 99<sup>th</sup> Street, Ocala, FL.

Arrangements will be made for registrants to gain gate access.



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# **LCICON 2025 Volunteers do we have a deal for you!**

**The MD-35 LCICON 2025 Host Committee  
has secured rooms from **July 11th** to **July 17th**  
at the Florida Hotel & Conference Center  
at the nightly rate of **\$145.00** w/no taxes!**

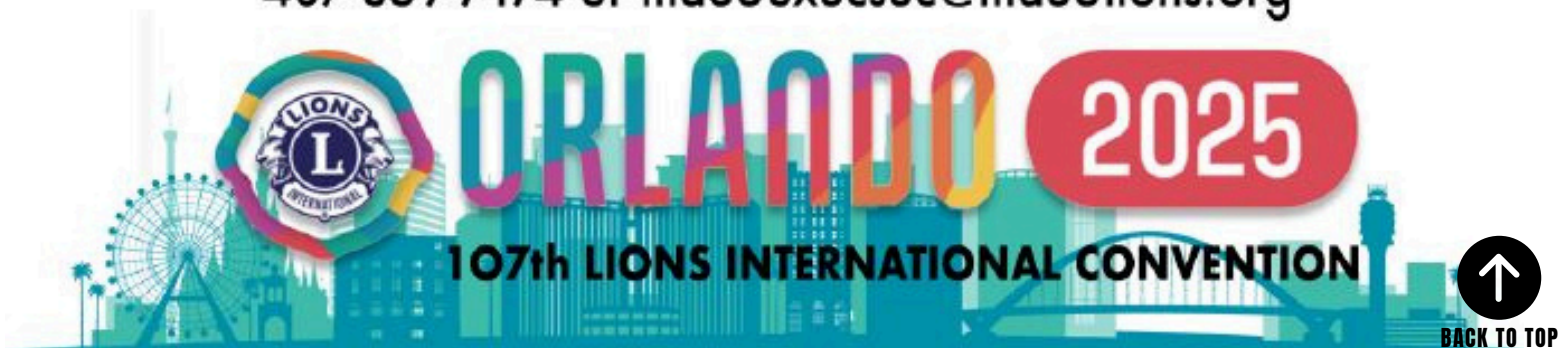
**Free** secure parking during your stay.

**Tranportation to and from your  
volunteer station will be provided.**

**But room availability is limited!  
To get the discounted rate you must reserve  
your room NLT July 2nd through MD-35 office  
by clicking on the secure Zeffy link.**

**zeffy** 

If you have any questions, contact PDG Gary LaSpina at  
407-859-7174 or [md35execsec@md35lions.org](mailto:md35execsec@md35lions.org)







Lions International

6.00 PM – 8.30 PM

**JULY 16TH, 2025**

Howl at the Moon Orlando

LIONS ROAR — PIANOS ROCK — VISION WINS!

# ROCK & ROAR!

A DUELING PIANO NIGHT FOR SIGHT

A FUNDRAISER BENEFITING

**FLORIDA DISTRICT 35-O: PROJECT RIGHT TO SIGHT**

Join Lions from around the world for a fun filled evening full of music, food and fellowship

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Project Right To Sight

8815 International Drive  
Orlando, FL 32819



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## GET YOUR TICKETS HERE:

RockAndRoar.eventbrite.com

A quick 12-minute walk from the Convention Center

Sponsorships and Group Tickets Available

**\$45**  
Per Person

## YOUR TICKET INCLUDES:

Entry to the Venue / Cover Charge  
Appetizer Buffet / 6.00pm – 8.30pm  
Cash Bar / 6.00pm – 12.00am Dueling  
Piano Show – Best Show in Town!  
Karaoke – Accompanied by Live Band  
50/50 Cash Raffle, Pull-Tabs and More

### Hosts:

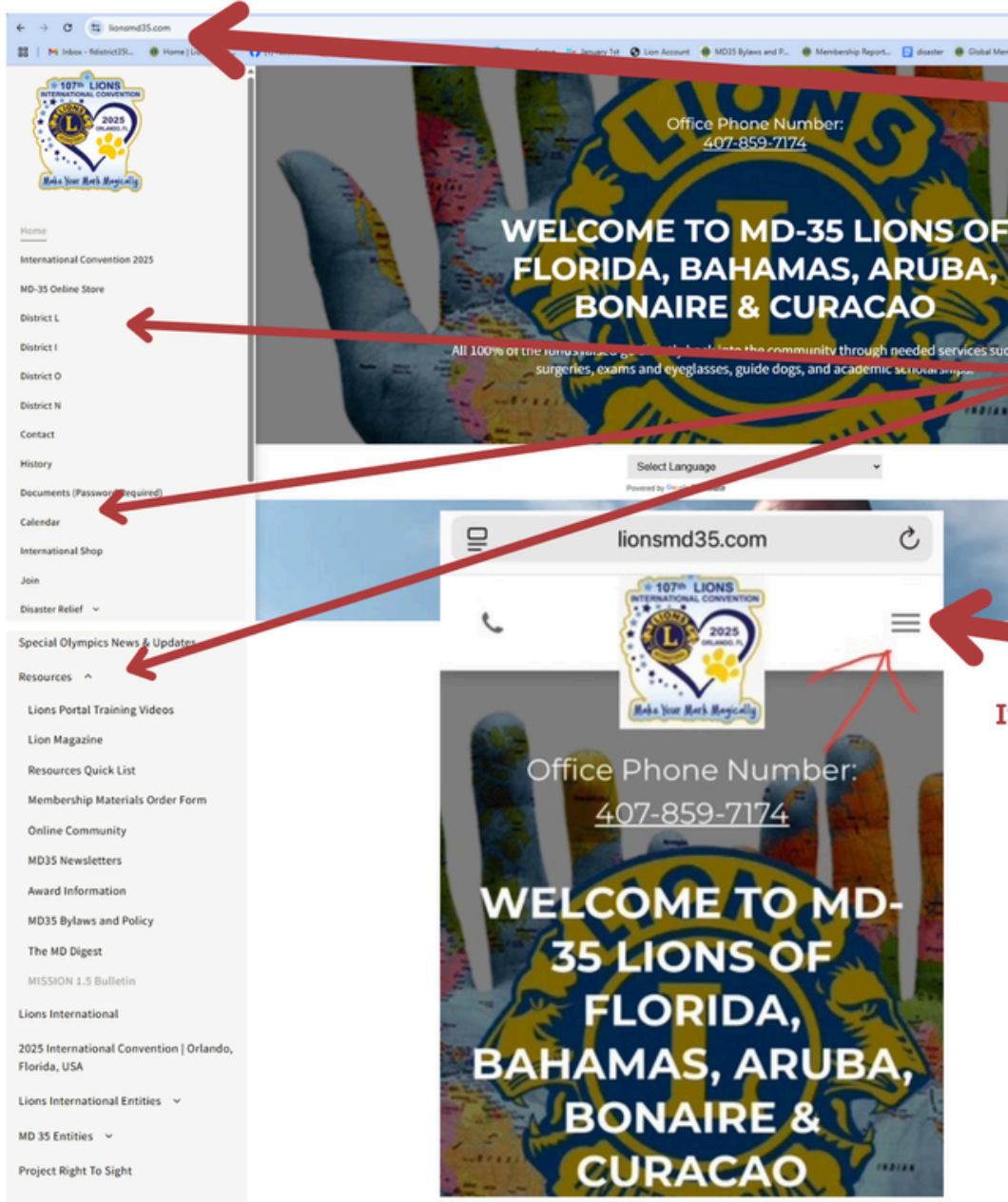
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# LIONS MD35 WEBSITE

*Check it out*



Go to  
**lionsmd35.com**  
in a web browser

From here you can  
choose any districts  
page or other  
resources

If you're viewing this on a  
mobile phone, tap the  
three lines in the top  
right corner.

From the Lionsmd35 website you can view any  
District's website, calendar, Entities, and other  
Resources



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# Year Entity Donations

	<b>Club Total for the Year</b>	
	Alachua	\$5,800.00
	Crestview	\$50.00
	Fort Walton Beach	\$1,900.00
	Fort Walton Beach Sonic City	\$600.00
	Gainesville	\$1,225.00
	Jacksonville River City	\$7,000.00
	Jacksonville RAW	\$100.00
	Madison	\$100.00
	McIntosh	\$9,500.00
	Middleburg Black Creek	\$1,300.00
	Newberry	\$7,175.00
	Ocala	\$3,000.00
	Ocala 200	\$11,040.00
	Ocala Ft. King	\$15,627.39
	Ocala On Top Of The World	\$6,515.61
	Quincy	\$1,200.00
	Silver Springs	\$7,000.00
	St. Augustine	\$6,500.00
	Turkey Creek	\$5,852.00
	<b>Entity Total Donations for District 35L</b>	
	Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind	\$5,250.00
	Paragon Service Dogs	\$1,950.00
	LCIF	\$10,500.00
	Conklin Center	\$3,050.00
	Disaster Relief	\$4,500.00
	North Florida Lions Eye Foundation	\$5,650.00
	Dogs, Inc.	\$8,825.00
	Leader Dog	\$2,625.00
	KidSight	\$650.00
	Diabetes Awareness Foundation	\$3,475.00
	Florida Center for the Blind	\$6,260.00
	Florida School for the Deaf & the Blind	\$5,200.00
	Arlington Eye Clinic/Recycling	\$1,150.00
	Lions Quest	\$1,740.00
	Other	\$30,660.00
	<b>District Total for the Year</b>	<b>\$91,485.00</b>





<https://www.cvicentralflorida.org/>

## **OUR MISSION**

The Conklin Davis Center for the Visually Impaired's long term commitment to our mission has been in place since 1988. Our mission is to provide a lifetime of comprehensive services that create unlimited hope, opportunity, and independence for blind and visually impaired people.

## **VISION STATEMENT**

Conklin Davis Center for the visually impaired is a regional and national leader in transforming communities and lives so that blind and visually impaired individuals achieve personal success.

## **HISTORY**

The Conklin Davis Center for the Visually Impaired is a hidden jewel in the heart of Daytona Beach. It is the only comprehensive Blind Services complex in the United States. The 42-acre campus is home to the Florida Division of Blind Services District Office, the State Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, the largest Braille & Talking Book Library in the world, and the Conklin Davis Center for the Visually Impaired. Our, 27,000 square-foot facility on an 8-acre campus includes 16 dorm rooms, 3 apartments, a commercial kitchen, workshops, classrooms, offices, a nature trail, greenhouses, gardens and much more.

The Conklin Davis Center for the Visually Impaired is a non-profit agency dedicated to serving blind and visually impaired individuals. Our goal is to enhance the lives and opportunities of our clients through job training, and employment, Independent Living, Technology training and children's services as well as a multitude of community services. To ensure that blind and visually impaired individuals lead successful lives in their workplace, at home, and in their community, the Conklin Davis Center's for the Visually Impaired's long term commitment to our mission has been in place since 1979.

Each year the Conklin Davis Center serves over 500 individuals giving them the self-confidence to overcome the obstacles vision loss presents.



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# CONKLIN DAVIS CENTER

FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

## Programs

- **Blind Babies Program**

- The goal of our program is to provide parents and caregivers the tools and resources they need to help their child with vision impairment reach their full potential.

- **Teen Transition**

- For Youth and Young Adults 14-22 Years of Age
- Blindness can be a challenging condition, especially for teenagers who are going through significant changes in their lives. They may have to deal with the pressures of school, social relationships, and their future careers. Our teen transition program can help them navigate these challenges and prepare for a successful transition to adulthood.

- **Vocational Rehabilitation**

- Vocational rehabilitation services for the blind include training and education to help individuals gain the skills they need to be successful in the workplace may include training on assistive technology, such as screen readers and magnification software, as well as training on job-specific skills.

- **Senior Independent Living**

- Visually impaired seniors face a range of challenges that can impact their quality of life, including social isolation, depression, and difficulty accessing information and services. The Senior Training Program addresses these challenges by providing seniors with the tools and resources to live independently, stay connected to their communities and advocate for their rights.

- **Step Children's Program**

- For school age children app. 6-13 years of age
- Children who are blind face unique challenges in their lives, and it's important to provide them with the necessary resources and support to help them thrive. The STEPS Program makes a significant difference in the lives of these children by providing them with education, socialization, adaptive technology, vocational training, and emotional support. By prioritizing these important resources, the STEPS program helps children who are blind to reach their full potential.



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# CONKLIN DAVIS CENTER

FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

## Programs Continued

- **Supported Living**

- Conklin Davis Center's Supported Living Program offers a broad range of services to support adults who are blind with additional disabilities to live in their own homes in the community, rather than in an institutional setting such as an assisted living home or a nursing home

- **Supported Employment**

- Supported Employment training focuses on instruction for blind individuals who have an additional significant disability. Our program helps blind individuals compete in the workplace on terms of equality by providing them with the skills and confidence necessary to achieve employment outcomes that are commensurate with their talents and abilities.

- **Residential Life**

- Our residential program for individuals who are multi-handicapped and blind provides a specialized environment that caters to their unique needs. Training involves intensive daily instruction in a variety of areas such as Daily Living, Assistive Technology, Orientation & Mobility, Adult Basic Education (budgeting & money management), Job Readiness and Job Placement as well as socialization skills.

- **Residential Vocational Program**

- The vocational curriculum for residential clients is based on the premise that for each person, the best way of working is to be determined individually. The program provides a framework for integrating personal, social and educational needs into every aspect of daily life. This not only helps learn how to work with others but also build a sense of independence and a strong sense of self-esteem. The curriculum focuses on individual needs, with an emphasis on self-advocacy and career exploration. It's all about developing competency and confidence that sets our graduates up for success at each stage of their lives.

- **Experimental Mixed Media Artist (EMMA's Corner)**

- Our talented artists have been hard at work creating stunning artwork not only to be seen but also to be touched.



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## Lions Club Brand Formation

The original agency, the Conklin Center for the Blind, was developed in 1979 as a Florida Lions project, and the Daytona Beach Lions Club served the Conklin Center for many years, but at one point, the Daytona Beach Lions Club ceased to exist.

After the 2021 merger with the Center for the Visually Impaired, the Conklin Davis Center for the Visually Impaired was formed, and it became apparent that a new Lions club should be developed. Lions Clubs International allows for a club branch to be formed with fewer than the twenty members required to start an independent club.

So, to facilitate the birth of the new club, the Ponce Inlet Lions Club agreed to serve as the parent club of a branch club, and the Daytona Beach - Conklin Davis Lions Club Branch was formed in January 2024.

## Our Members

There are ten members, all of whom are either current or past employees or board members of the Center. The club is actively holding meetings and planning projects, and the members have agreed that the club's mission is to support and advocate for the Conklin Davis Center.

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## ONLINE DISTRICT CALENDAR

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[Click here to view the  
online calendar!](#)

### Month of June

[Child Vision Awareness Month](#)

[Children's Awareness Month](#)

[Vision Research Month](#)

**June 5**

[World Environment Day](#)

**June 6**

[Visually Impaired People Day](#)

**June 7**

Lions Club International Birthday

**June 10-11**

[Mission 1.5 Worldwide Reporting Day](#)

**June 14**

[Flag Day](#)

**June 15**

Father's Day

**June 19**

[Juneteenth](#)

**June 27**

[Helen Keller Day](#)

**July 13-17**

**LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL IN ORLANDO  
SEE YOU THERE!**



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# Official District 35-L Entities

Arlington Eye Clinic/Recycling  
Conklin Davis Center for the Visually Impaired  
Diabetes Awareness Foundation  
Disaster Relief\*

Dogs Inc (Formally Southeastern Guide Dog)

Florida Center for the Blind

Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind

KidSight Project\*

Leader Dog

Lions Club International Foundation

Lions Quest

Lions Saving Sight

Paragon Service Dogs (formally International Hearing Dog)

\*Disaster Relief to be made out to District 35L with "Disaster Relief" in Memo  
KidSight to be made out to District 35L with "KidSight Project" in Memo

If you are interested in donating to any of the District's Entities please  
mail checks to:

PDG Tony Stefanowicz

District Administrator

476 Turkey Creek

Alachua, FL 32615

Note: Clubs must also record the donation under service on Lions Portal to  
ensure they receive credit for the donation.



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# Official MD-35 Entities

## [Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind](#)

Assists in providing funds to pay for eye surgeries for individuals who either can't afford it or if their insurance doesn't cover.

## [Florida Lions Diabetic Retinopathy Foundation](#)

### [Diabetes Awareness Foundation of MD-35](#)

Work on preventing blindness caused by diabetes by providing diabetes and vision screenings. Supports the maintenance on cameras utilized to check vision and supplies needed for diabetes testing kits.

## [Beauty of Sight](#) (formerly known as Florida Lions Eye Bank)

Located at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute – University of Miami Health System. Supports research and transplants.

## **35-I Hearing Foundation**

Assists in funding hearing tests and providing hearing aids.

## **35-I Sight Foundation**

Assists in funding in support of Digital Retinal Imaging Eye Cameras.

## [Conklin Davis Center for the Visually Impaired](#)

Their goal is to enhance the lives and opportunities of our clients through job training, and employment, Independent Living, Technology training and children's services as well as a multitude of community services.

## [Florida Lions Eye Clinic – Bonita Springs, FL](#)

Provides eye care for those who have no insurance.

## [Leader Dogs for the Blind – Michigan](#)

Train people who are Deaf/blind and instructed in using American Sign Language (ASL) with a guide dog, provide orientation & mobility (cane travel) training, offer free GPS units and training, and run a Teen Summer Camp for those visually impaired.

## [Dog's Inc.](#) (formerly Southeastern Guide Dogs)

Provide guide and service dogs for people, veterans, and children with vision loss and those battling depression throughout the United States—at no cost to the recipients.

## [Lions World Vision Institute](#) (formerly Lions Institute Eye Transplant & Research)

Recover, process and distributes organ, eye, and tissue from donors to hospitals, do Ocular Research to improve cornea transplant surgical procedures.

## [Lions Club International Foundation \(LCIF\)](#)

Provides grants to Lions clubs to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services that impact lives locally and globally.

# AWARDS AND CONTESTS

Lions do not serve others in order to receive rewards. The rewards they seek are less tangible, but no less real. Lions' rewards lie in the satisfaction of demonstrating their commitment to the work of Lionism; serving as an effective team member on club, district and international projects and activities; and focusing on the community in terms of less fortunate individuals and projects and activities for the betterment of the community.

While the purpose of being a member of this wonderful organization is not to receive awards, we do recognize that members who make a significant contribution are deserving of recognition, encouragement, and appreciation.

We encourage every club and every member to become familiar with the available awards and work toward obtaining one or more. Nominations should be submitted to the appropriate Awards Chair by the dates indicated for each award.

See [www.district35l.com/award-information](http://www.district35l.com/award-information) for ALL Awards information and applications.

See [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org) for International Awards.

## Governor's Achievement Award – New Lion

This award is designed to assist the NEW LION member to become thoroughly familiar and fully involved in the activities and purposes of Lionism. This award is available only to NEW members in their first year of membership, beginning with induction.

See [www.district35l.com/award-information](http://www.district35l.com/award-information) for ALL Awards information and applications.

## Order of the Golden Chain

Any Lion who completes the requirements between January 1st and December 31st shall earn the Golden Chain Award. The award may be earned each year the qualifications are met.

See [www.district35l.com/award-information](http://www.district35l.com/award-information) for ALL Awards information and applications.

MD Chair: Karen Douglas	35L Chair: Tony Clum
727.585.7470	850.273.0580
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	<a href="mailto:tony57talla@yahoo.com">tony57talla@yahoo.com</a>

## Governor's Achievement Award – Transfer Lion

This award is designed to assist the new Transfer Lion to become thoroughly familiar and fully involved in the activities and purposes of Lionism. This award is available only to new Transfer Lions in their first year of membership, beginning with induction into the club they transferred.

See [www.district35l.com/award-information](http://www.district35l.com/award-information) for ALL Awards information and applications.

## Peace Poster

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.

[www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster](http://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster)

35L Chair: Blanche Day  
[lionblanche2015@gmail.com](mailto:lionblanche2015@gmail.com)

## Anchor Award

The purpose of this award is to provide recognition for the "Grass Root Lions" who are the anchors and stability of our association.

The club secretary shall collect each tally sheet, tabulate its points, and submit it to the District Awards chair by July 31st of each year to be eligible.

See [www.district35l.com/award-information](http://www.district35l.com/award-information) for ALL Awards information and applications.

# AWARDS AND CONTESTS

## **Dr. Walter H. Campbell Pilot Award for Lionism**

The Pilot Award is designed to recognize a Past District Governor (PDG) in each of the Districts, and a PDG in MD-35, with a prestigious award for outstanding efforts, dedication, and contributions during the preceding calendar year on behalf of Lionism. All entries must be submitted to the Multiple District 35 (MD) Office and postmarked no later than January 31st of the following year to the contest.

See [www.district35l.com/award-information](http://www.district35l.com/award-information) for ALL Awards information and applications.

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## **Millard Conklin Crusader for Lionism Award**

The Millard Conklin Crusader for Lionism Award is designed to encourage participation of "Grass Root" Lions in each district and club and to select one from each district to be rewarded for outstanding dedication and contributions for their current calendar year efforts made to Lionism, and to be presented for a District award. The award shall cover the accomplishments realized only during the contest period from January 1st through December 31st of each calendar year

See [www.district35l.com/award-information](http://www.district35l.com/award-information) for ALL Awards information and applications.

MD Chair: Elizabeth Fisher  
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35L Chair: Marge Holton  
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Welaka, FL.32193  
[beachgatorgranny@aol.com](mailto:beachgatorgranny@aol.com)

## **Membership Satisfaction Award**

When a Lions club meets or exceeds the expectations of its members, it leads to membership satisfaction and retention. Satisfied members will keep coming back, which will keep your club healthy and vital to the community

See [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org) for International Awards.

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# District Club Sponsored Awards

District Awards recognition period is January 1 to December 31.

Submission Date:

Nominations are to be submitted as identified in each award by February 15th.

District Awards Program Coordinator:

PDG Jerry Skufe

## Awards:

Listed below are the current District Awards. Clubs are encouraged to submit nominations for these awards, if appropriate.

### **Austin Drinkwater Award – Sponsoring Club: Orange Park**

This award is to recognize the club with the most outstanding community betterment and civic improvement activities. Nominations are to be submitted to the District Governor for the review and selection of the winner.

### **Carl Suber Award – Sponsoring Club: Jax Arlington**

This award is to recognize the club donating the largest sum per member to the Davis-Conklin Center as determined by the District Administrator.

### **Donald Helmly Award – Sponsoring Club: Jax Arlington**

This award is to recognize the club with the most significant K through 12 projects and activities for students (school or non-school oriented). Nominations are to be submitted to the District Governor for the review and selection of the winner.

### **Francis E. “Rocky” Fowler Award – Sponsoring Club: Jax Arlington**

This award is to recognize the club donating the most money per member to the Hearing Aid Bank as determined by the District Administrator.

### **Glenn Afred Award – Sponsoring Club: Orange Park**

This award is to recognize the club having the highest percentage of participants on service projects, reported to the LCI service reporting system, based on hours divided by the average membership for the period as determined by the District GST.

### **H. E. “Buck” Murphy Award – Sponsoring Club: Orange Park**

This award is to recognize the best athletic program for school-aged students. Nominations are to be submitted to the District Governor for review and selection of the winner.

### **H. V. Griffin Award – Sponsoring Club: Mcclenny**

This award is to recognize the club having the largest percentage of members with perfect attendance for the calendar year 2024. Clubs wishing to be considered for this award are to submit their nomination to the District Governor for review and selection of the winner.

### **Maines F. Finley Award – Sponsoring Club: Mcclenny**

This award is to recognize the club with the largest percentage of net gain in membership as determined by the District GMT.

### **Riley Bracklin Award – Sponsoring Club: Jax Arlington**

This award is to recognize the club promoting the most significant interaction among other clubs in the district visitation club, zone, and district meetings. Clubs wishing to be considered for this award are to submit their nomination to the District Governor for review and selection of the winner.

### **LCIF Donations Award – Sponsoring Club: Turkey Creek**

This award is to recognize the club donating the largest sum per member to LCIF programs and activities as determined by the District LCIF Coordinator.

### **Perry Rockwood Award – Sponsoring Club: Orange Park**

This award is to recognize a Lion who contributes to the most time and effort to the upkeep and maintenance of the clubhouse. Nominations are to be submitted to the District Governor for review and selection of the winner.

### **Ron Matthews Champion for Children Award – Sponsoring Club: Ocala**

This award is to recognize a Lion who has demonstrated commitment, dedication, and compassion to helping children through personal time and effort. Please contact the club for specific information on the selection criteria. Nominations are to be submitted to the Chair of the Ocala selection Committee for review and selection of the winner.

### **District Lion of the Year – Sponsoring Club: Jax Arlington in the name of Thomas Dover**

This award is to recognize the District Governor's selection of the Lion of the Year for his/her tenure as the DG.

# Website for your club

Guerrilla Marketing can produce and host a website for your club for an annual fee of \$250 per website. This includes an optimized website with all of the information for the individual club. It also includes hosting for 12 months. Each club website can have a DONATE button that is linked to the club bank account to obtain more outside donations and the ability for members to pay their dues directly from the website. In addition, the website can offer ads to local businesses to help support the community and other charitable organizations. The amount of revenue earned could easily pay for the cost of the annual hosting fee. Each club has a calendar of events that populates the district website and therefore the [lionsmd35.com](http://lionsmd35.com) website. Here are two examples, [www.fortmyerslions.com](http://www.fortmyerslions.com) & [www.puntagordalionsclub.com](http://www.puntagordalionsclub.com) There are so many possibilities for each club to have its own website that is optimized for mobile devices. Yes, LCI does offer a landing page for each club, but we have found them difficult to edit and quite outdated. We develop websites in the latest internet language HTML5 and we host on a national platform. Please contact us direct at the information below if we can be of service. Your website will also include ADA Compliance. There is an ADA Law that states that any person or organization must make their website readily accessible and usable by individuals with disabilities if it is for use by the public. It means that your site must be navigable to disabled people using assistive technology. This is all included in the yearly fee.

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## District 35-L Newsletter

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Send all newsletter and website items by the 26th of the month.

Photos are used if the quality and content are suitable. If possible, the name or names of the person or persons shown in a photo must accompany the photo.

Photos can be accepted as JPEG or PNG.

Email articles as plain text typed body of email, PDF, or as a Microsoft Word attachment. Include Club Name, Contact person's email, phone number, and a physical address. All Events must have a date, location, and time. Raffles need to be sent with where to buy tickets.

## MARKET YOUR CLUB WITH SOCIAL MEDIA KITS

Lions International's social media kits are designed to help you raise awareness about Lions and being a Lion. They include: • Flat graphics that are ready to post on your social media accounts. □ Sample graphic • Templates that can be customized for your club and region using [Canva](https://www.canva.com/), a free design tool for non-designers. (Available for select kits.) Check out this [how-to video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) to help you get started. Check out the kits at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/social-media/kits?48>.

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