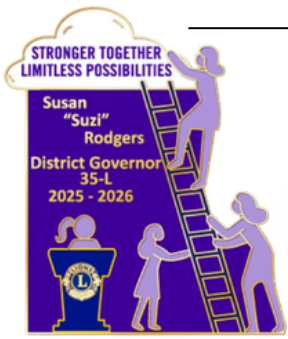


# Lions Insight

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**NEED  
LIONS  
RESOURCES?**

*Everything in One Place!*

**MD-35  
RESOURCE  
QUICK LIST**

 [lionsmd35.com/resource-quick-list](https://www.lionsmd35.com/resource-quick-list)

Visit the Resource Quick List here:

<https://www.lionsmd35.com/resource-quick-list>

Club Officer Roles & Responsibilities:

<https://www.lionsmd35.com/officer-information>

District Cabinet Roles & Responsibilities:

<https://www.lionsmd35.com/district-cabinet-roles...>

Chairpersons Roles & Responsibilities:

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Multiple District Roles & Responsibilities:

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# District Governor Message

Dear District 35L Members,

As we enter the final month of our 2025–2026 Lions year, I wanted to take a moment to explain a few things that have been going on with me.

Many of you may have noticed that I have not been as active over the past couple of months. I want you to know that this has not sat well with me—I take my responsibilities and our shared mission very seriously. If you’ve spoken with my “Uber driver,” PCC Stan, I’m sure he’s given you a glimpse into my current situation.

I have gone through many procedures and surgeries in the last few months and my focus right now is on recovery, with the hope that by the end of June I will be back to full strength.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to George Niles, Susan Oliva, and Lion Brittny for stepping up and jumping in to help “save these months.” Their leadership and dedication have kept the district moving forward, and I am truly grateful for their support during this time.

I appreciate your patience, understanding, and continued leadership. I fully intend to re-engage and support our district as we close out the year strong.

Thank you for all you are doing for District 35L and for Lionism.

In Lionism We Serve,

*Suzi Rodgers*



# Your 2026-2027 District Governor Team



Lion George Niles joined the Fleming Island Lions Club in March 2014 and has been an active and dedicated leader ever since. Throughout his Lions journey, he has served in numerous club leadership positions, including Club President and Secretary, while actively participating in fundraising and community service projects. At the district level, George has served multiple terms as Zone Chairperson and has been an active member of the Global Leadership Team (GLT), Global Membership Team (GMT), Global Extension Team (GET), and Global Service Team (GST). His commitment to Lionism has earned him numerous recognitions, including Diamond, Gold, and Silver Centennial Lion Awards, Membership Key, Membership Advancement Key, 10-Year Monarch Chevron, Extension Award, Melvin Jones Fellow (MJF), and multiple LCIF and donor recognition awards. As District Governor, Lion George brings a wealth of experience, leadership, and dedication to serving the clubs and communities of District 35-L.



Lion Susan Oliva has been a dedicated member of Lions Clubs International since joining the Ocala 200 Lions Club in 2017. Throughout her nine years of service, she has demonstrated exceptional commitment to Lionism at both the club and district levels. Susan has served as Club Marketing Chair, Club LCIF Coordinator, Club Secretary, Club President, Zone Chair, Region Chair, and District Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator for multiple years. She has been an active member of numerous district committees and has played a key role in developing and mentoring future leaders. Her dedication to service and leadership has earned her numerous recognitions, including Silver, Gold, and Diamond Centennial Lion Awards, a Membership Key, Lions of Service Recognition, Sustaining Donor Recognition, Multiple Donor Pin Awards, Melvin Jones Fellow (MJF), and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow honors through three Diamond levels. As First Vice District Governor, Susan continues to inspire Lions through her passion for leadership development, membership growth, and her unwavering commitment to the Lions motto, “We Serve.”



Lion John Hopkins joined the Alachua Lions Club in 2011 and has been a dedicated servant leader ever since. Throughout his Lions career, he has faithfully served his club as Treasurer for many years and has also served as Club President. At the district level, John has provided invaluable guidance as District Financial Advisor, helping ensure the sound financial stewardship of District 35-L for many years. His commitment to service, leadership, and responsible management has earned him recognition as a Melvin Jones Fellow (MJF) and recipient of the 10-Year Monarch Chevron. As Second Vice District Governor, Lion John brings a wealth of experience, integrity, and dedication to supporting the clubs and Lions of District 35-L.

# Why Reporting Service Matters – District 35-L

Lions, the work you do every day changes lives – but are we reporting it?

When your club reports service activities, you do more than check a box. You strengthen our story.

✦ Saying you fed 87 families is more powerful than saying you organized a food drive.

✦ Saying your club contributed 1,265 volunteer hours is more impactful than saying you serve the community.

Service reporting helps us:

- ✓ Strengthen storytelling – Details give your impact power
- ✓ Inform better decisions – Know what’s working and what needs improvement
- ✓ Inspire Lions worldwide – Your projects can motivate clubs across the globe
- ✓ Grow partnerships – Reports provide tangible proof of your effectiveness
- ✓ Support leaders – Healthy reporting reflects healthy clubs
- ✓ Take pride – Lions and Leos served more than 350 million people in one year because clubs reported their impact

When we report, we show the world how We Serve.

Let’s make sure District 35-L is accurately reflecting the incredible work happening in our communities every single day.

**LIONS INTERNATIONAL**

## REPORT YOUR SERVICE

*Because Numbers Tell Our Story.*

**87 Families Fed**  
**1,265 Volunteer Hours**

### Why Report?

- ✓ Strengthens Our Story
- ✓ Builds Partnerships
- ✓ Shows Our Pride



# Only ONE Month Left!

The District 35-L Membership Contest is entering its final month, and there's still time for your club to make an impact!

Every new member brings fresh ideas, new energy, and additional hands to help serve our communities. More Lions means more service projects, more lives touched, and a stronger future for District 35-L.

Contest Ends: June 30, 2026

Now is the perfect time to:

Invite a friend to a meeting

Share what Lions do in your community

Encourage service-minded individuals to join

Help your club finish the year strong

Remember: **\*\*More Lions = More Service!\*\***

Let's work together to grow our clubs, strengthen our district, and expand our ability to serve.



The banner features the Lions Club logo on the left with the text "WE SERVE" and "MEMBERSHIP CONTEST" in large blue letters. Below this, it says "District 35-L" with a star. A yellow bar contains the dates "January 1 – June 30, 2026" and the goal "Positive net gain in membership". The slogan "More Lions = More Service" is followed by "When we grow, our impact multiplies." and an illustration of a lion holding a box of supplies. At the bottom, it says "Learn more at District35L.com" with a right arrow, and includes the Florida Lions District 35-L logo and name.

**WE SERVE MEMBERSHIP CONTEST**  
**District 35-L** ✦

**January 1 – June 30, 2026**  
Positive **net gain** in membership

**More Lions = More Service**  
When we grow, our impact multiplies.

Learn more at **District35L.com** →

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**BE READY WHEN  
DISASTER STRIKES**

# HELP US STOCK OUR DISASTER RELIEF TRAILERS

Thank you  
Turkey Creek  
for all your  
donations!



**SHOP OUR  
AMAZON REGISTRY**



**NO PERISHABLE  
ITEMS  
(FOOD, ETC.)**



**HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE?  
EMAIL US FIRST!**  
[fldistrict35L@gmail.com](mailto:fldistrict35L@gmail.com)  
so we can remove them  
from the list.



**SUGGEST AN ITEM?**  
Let us know if there's  
something we should  
add to the list!



**TOGETHER, WE CAN BE PREPARED, EQUIPPED & READY TO SERVE.**

**👉 View the registry here:**

[https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/28AAL6RVPR2K6?ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_cp\\_ud\\_ggr-subnav-share\\_GNCSAD04XT3Y3MZEM22K](https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/28AAL6RVPR2K6?ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_ggr-subnav-share_GNCSAD04XT3Y3MZEM22K)



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# Disaster Relief Needs – Amazon Registry



As part of our ongoing efforts to strengthen our disaster response, we are building and stocking our Disaster Relief Trailers so we can be ready to serve immediately when disaster strikes.

👉 **View the registry here:**

[https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/28AAL6RVPR2K6?ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_cp\\_ud\\_ggr-subnav-share\\_GNCSADO4XT3Y3MZEM22K](https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/28AAL6RVPR2K6?ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_ggr-subnav-share_GNCSADO4XT3Y3MZEM22K)

## **How the Amazon Registry Works**

An Amazon registry is simply a list of needed items that supporters can purchase directly.

You can click the link and browse the list

Choose an item you'd like to donate

Purchase it directly through Amazon

The item is automatically marked as “purchased” to prevent duplicates

It ships directly to us so we can organize and deploy quickly

This helps ensure we receive exactly what is needed and stay organized.

## **Important Notes**

! Please do NOT donate perishable items (food, etc.)

These trailers must be stocked with items that can withstand long-term storage and Florida heat conditions.

## **Already have items to donate?**

If you have supplies but prefer not to purchase through Amazon, please email:

fldistrict35L@gmail.com

So we can remove those items from the registry and avoid duplicates.

## **Have ideas for items we may have missed?**

We welcome your input! Please email suggestions so we can continue improving the list.

## **Why This Matters**

These supplies will go directly into our disaster trailers—allowing Lions to respond quickly, efficiently, and effectively when our communities need us most.

Together, we can make sure we are prepared, equipped, and ready to serve.





## ONLINE DIRECTORY

### 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 19

*Juneteenth*

### June 21

Fathers Day

### June 27

*Helen Keller Day*



## Newsletter Reader Challenge!



If you've made it this far, congratulations—you've found the hidden Lions trivia challenge!

### Who was the first District Governor of Florida?

Email [fldistrict35L@gmail.com](mailto:fldistrict35L@gmail.com), call, (850) 832-6777 or text your answer to Lion Brittny Young. Everyone who responds correctly by June 26 will be entered into a drawing for a Multiple District 2026 Pin!

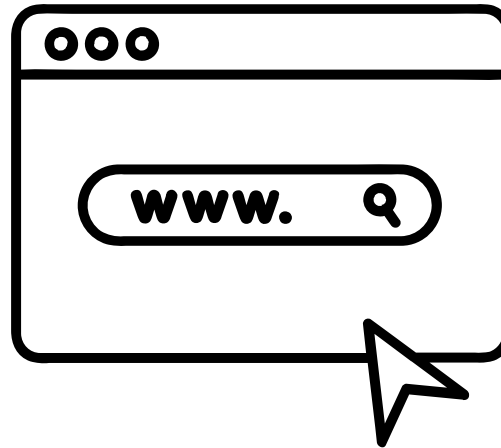
Hint: The answer can be found on the Florida Lions History page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/floridalionshistory>

# L I O N S   O N L I N E R E S O U R C E S

## WEBSITES

- [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org)
- [LCIF Website](#)
- [lionsvirtual.org](http://lionsvirtual.org)
- [Lions Portal](#)
- [Lionsmd35.com](http://Lionsmd35.com)
- [district35L.com](http://district35L.com)
- [district35i.com](http://district35i.com)
- [district35o.com](http://district35o.com)
- [district35n.com](http://district35n.com)
- [lionsdistrict35n.org](http://lionsdistrict35n.org)



## YOUTUBE

- [Lions International](#)
- [@LionsVirtualLive](#)
- [@USLionsRock](#)
- [Lions Video Center](#)

## FACEBOOK

- [Lions International](#)
- [LCIF](#)
- [Lions USA](#)
- [Lions Virtual](#)
- [Global Lions Forum](#)
- [Lions of Multiple District 35](#)
- [Florida Lions District 35-L](#)
- [Florida Lions District 35-I](#)
- [Florida Lions District 35-O](#)
- [Florida Lions District 35-N](#)





# Facebook Photo Tips



**Get close.**  
Show action.



**Have light behind  
the photographer.**



**Action beats posing.**



**One photo only.**



**Tell us who you serve,  
how they benefited,  
how many Lions,  
and from what club.**

*We Serve*



*Together  
We Make a Difference*



# DISASTER SUPPLY KIT CHECKLIST



## General

- Two week minimum supply of medication, regularly used medical supplies, and a list of allergies
- A list of the style, serial number, and manufacturer information of required medical devices
- Batteries
- Flashlights  
*Do not use candles*
- NOAA Weather Radio  
*Battery operated or hand cranked*
- Cash  
*Banks and ATMs may not be available after a storm*
- Cell phone chargers
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

## Phone Numbers

- Maintain a list of important phone numbers including:  
*County emergency management office, evacuation sites, doctors, banks, schools, veterinarian, a number for out of town contacts, friends and family*

## Clothing

- Rain gear such as jackets, hats, umbrellas and rain boots
- Sturdy shoes or boots and work gloves

## Special Needs Items

- Specialty items for infants, small children, the elderly, and family members with disabilities

## First Aid

- First Aid Manual
- Sterile adhesive bandages of different sizes
- Sterile gauze pads
- Hypoallergenic adhesive tape
- Triangular bandages
- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Sewing needle
- Moistened towelettes
- Antiseptic
- Disinfectant wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Thermometer
- Tube of petroleum jelly
- Safety pins
- Soap
- Latex gloves
- Sunscreen
- Aspirin or other pain reliever
- Anti-diarrheal medicine
- Antacid
- Laxative
- Cotton balls
- Q-tips

## Food and Water

- Food  
*Nonperishable packaged or canned food and beverages, snack foods, juices, baby food, and any special dietary items to last at least 7 days*
- Water  
*1 gallon per person per day*
- Non-electric can opener
- Paper plates
- Napkins
- Plastic cups
- Utensils

## Important Documents

- Insurance cards
- Medical records
- Banking information
- Credit card numbers
- Copies of social security cards
- Copies of birth and/or marriage certificates
- Other personal documents
- Set of car, house, and office keys
- Service animal I.D., veterinary records, and proof of ownership
- Information about where you receive medication, the name of the drug, and dosage
- Copy of Will

*\*Items should be kept in a water proof container*

## Vehicle

- Keep your motor vehicle tanks filled with gasoline

## Pet Care Items


- Pet food and water to last at least 7 days
- Proper identification
- Medical records/microchip information
- A carrier or cage
- Muzzle and leash
- Water and food bowls
- Medications
- Supplies for your service animal


Find more disaster preparedness tips at [FloridaDisaster.org](http://FloridaDisaster.org)



# DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX EXEMPTION

Select disaster preparedness supplies are permanently tax-free!

 Batteries (AA-cell, AAA-cell, C-cell, D-cell, 6-volt, or 9-volt)

 Fire extinguishers


 Insect repellent

 Life jackets


 Portable gas or diesel cans (max 5 gal)

 Portable generators

 Smoke detection devices and carbon monoxide alarms

 Waterproof tarps (1,000 sq. ft. or less)

 Sunscreen

 Ground anchor systems and tie-down kits



[FloridaDisaster.org/Kit](https://FloridaDisaster.org/Kit)



## Back to School Sales Tax Holiday

August 1 - 31, 2025

For a list of qualifying items,  
visit [floridarevenue.com/BacktoSchool](https://floridarevenue.com/BacktoSchool)



## Hunting, Fishing, and Camping Sales Tax Holiday

September 8 - December 31, 2025

For a list of qualifying items, visit [floridarevenue.com/HuntFishCamp](https://floridarevenue.com/HuntFishCamp)



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# 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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

## **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)

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# 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.

## **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.

## **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.

**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.**

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## **District 35-L Newsletter**

Brittny Young

FLdistrict35L@gmail.com

### **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.

