

DISTRICT 35 L

# LIONS INSIGHT

## District Governor Message

Greetings from Hong Kong!! I'm here in Hong Kong being sworn in as District 35L District Governor. Excited to have the opportunity to serve the district and the last year of Mission 1.5.

We have this year to finish the Mission 1.5 year and bring new members into our clubs. I know that some clubs are struggling to find new members. We must know others who want to serve others like we do. "Just Ask" was a program a few years ago and we as Lions need to ask others to join us in serving our communities. Whether it be for vision, hearing, hunger, diabetes, youth, youth cancer, disaster, environment, humanity, we need to serve together.

I am confident that we can raise our club membership and finish strong with Mission 1.5.

Also, Congratulations to the new club officers and directors for this up coming year.

I am looking forward to working with each club and reaching new goals for service and membership this next year.

Yours in Lionism  
George Niles DG35L



**Save the Date!**

**2026-2027**

**FIRST DISTRICT CABINET MEETING**

**AUGUST 12 2026**

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12, 2026**

**JACKSONVILLE ARLINGTON LIONS CLUB**

**TOGETHER, WE SERVE**

Let's come together to plan, collaborate, and continue making a difference in our communities. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Action Required: Lions Foundation Annual Report Due July 15, 2026

Dear Lions Club Presidents, Secretaries, and Foundation Representatives,

If your Lions Club has a foundation or any entity operating under the Lions International or Lions Club name that is organized as a foundation, this reminder applies to you.

Action Required: Complete the Lions Foundation Annual Report Form and submit it by July 15, 2026.

Please note:

- This requirement applies to all foundations or foundation entities operating under the Lions International or Lions Club name.
- It is recommended that you include a copy of your Foundation By-Laws with your submission.

This report helps Lions Clubs International maintain accurate documentation and updated contact information for each foundation, while ensuring compliance with relevant association policies.

Below is the reminder from Lions Clubs International:

Dear Lion Leader,

As a reminder, we are asking district and club leadership to provide information on any Lions foundation by completing the Lions Foundation Annual Report Form by July 15, 2026.

Completing the form, including service conducted by the foundation that has not been previously reported, will ensure that Lions Clubs International has the appropriate documentation as well as updated contact information for each foundation, allowing us to provide necessary information for the foundation to remain compliant with relevant association policy.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Legal Division directly at [legal@lionsclubs.org](mailto:legal@lionsclubs.org).

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Legal Division

Lions Clubs International

Thank you for taking care of this important requirement and for all you do in service to your communities.



**July 1**  
**New Lion Year Begins!**

**Month of July**  
**[Dry Eye Awareness Month](#)**

**July 4**  
Independence Day

**July 14**  
Orange Park Anniversary 7/14/1948

**July 30**  
International Day of Friendship

**August 12**  
District Cabinet Meeting  
Jacksonville Arlington Lions Club

**District  
35L**

**ROAR with Pride!**  
**Share your clubs  
achievements.**

**NEWSLETTER  
CONTACT DETAILS**

[FLDistrict35L@gmail.com](mailto:FLDistrict35L@gmail.com)

All submissions due by the 26th of the month.



***JUST DO IT....Join us for diabetes screening training***



**Florida Lions Diabetes Foundation**

- 1. New Screener Training :** 10am-2pm
- 2. Re-Certification Class:** 1pm-3pm

**When:** Thursday August 13, 2026

**Where:** Jacksonville Arlington Lions Club House-  
6523 Commerce Street, Jacksonville FL 32211

**Lead Trainers:** Lion Norma Callahan and  
Lion Judi Seltzer (addl trainers if needed)

- \*Please bring your screening kits if applicable for updates.
- \*Lunch /Snacks will be provided.
- \* Since training will be ongoing, **no** child care provided
- \* To avoid longer times, training will begin on time.

RSVP: Lion Judi/ [lionseltzerjudi@gmail.com](mailto:lionseltzerjudi@gmail.com) 443-910-7604



- 1 in 12 people have diabetes.
- 50% of people with diabetes do not know they have it.
- Diabetes affects every community.
- 1 in 3 adults have pre diabetes.
- To know diabetes could mean no diabetes.
- Get screened for diabetes .



**JOIN THE DISTRICT 35L LIONS ALERT TEAM**  
**"WE SERVE" WHEN OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS US MOST**

**Be Ready. Be Trained. Be the Difference. Emergencies don't wait — and neither can we.**

The Lions Alert Team is a dedicated group of Lions members who help communities during disasters, emergencies, and times of crisis. Whether assisting with communication, coordination, logistics, or community support, Lions step forward when help is needed most.

**WHY JOIN?**  
**MAKE A REAL IMPACT**

Help support families and communities during emergencies and disasters. Your actions can provide hope, safety, and critical assistance when it matters most.

**LIVE THE LIONS MOTTO: "WE SERVE"**

Serving on the Alert Team is a powerful way to demonstrate leadership, compassion, and commitment to your community.

**GAIN VALUABLE SKILLS**

- Disaster preparedness
- Emergency communication
- Team coordination
- Leadership and community support

**THERE'S A ROLE FOR EVERYONE**

Not everyone responds in the field.  
You can help with:

- Alerts & communication
- Logistics & coordination
- Volunteer support
- Community outreach
- Flexible participation

**WHY IT MATTERS**

When disasters strike, communities need people who are prepared, organized, and ready to serve.

Lions have always answered the call.

Now we need YOU.

**JOIN THE DISTRICT 35L LIONS ALERT TEAM TODAY!**

- Be the calm in the storm.
- Be the helping hand.
- Be the difference.
- Emergencies don't wait — and neither can we.

For information or to sign up:

Please Contact District 35L Alert Team Chair - Lion Barbara Kowats High Springs Lions Club

Email: [humbledbygodstudios@gmail.com](mailto:humbledbygodstudios@gmail.com) With the following:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



**DISTRICT 35L**



DISTRICT 35N  
LIONS CLUB



# VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF DRIVE

RELIEVE · RESTORE · EMPOWER

A PARTNERSHIP FOR HUMANITY

Lions Clubs International · District 35N

**WE SERVE.** For over a century, Lions Clubs International has united neighbors to meet humanitarian needs around the world — and District 35N is answering the call for Venezuela.

On **June 24**, two powerful earthquakes struck near Caracas within minutes of each other, displacing families across Venezuela. The **District 35N Lions Club**, part of **Lions Clubs International**, is collecting urgently needed supplies. **All items must be new** unless noted.

## IMMEDIATE NEEDS

### NON-PERISHABLE FOOD

- Canned protein & goods (tuna, beans, vegetables)
- Dried fruit & vegetables
- Snacks, protein bars, ramen
- Meals ready to eat (MREs)
- Cases of bottled water

### SHELTER & EMERGENCY

- Tents, cots, air mattresses
- Sleeping bags, blankets, pillows
- First-aid kits, water filters
- Flashlights, batteries, power banks
- Tarps, duct tape, work gloves

### BABY & CHILDREN

- Diapers & wipes
- Bottles
- New children's clothes
- Children's hygiene products

### HYGIENE

- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Deodorant & soap
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toilet paper & wet wipes

### PET NEEDS

- Canned dog & cat food, treats
- Bowls, leashes, crates
- Brushes, shampoo & conditioner
- Chew toys, heavy-duty pads

### DROP-OFF LOCATION

#### Miami Springs Lions Club

301 Swallow Drive  
Miami Springs, FL 33166

### DONATION TIMES

**Morning** · 8:00 – 11:00 AM  
Sunday · Monday · Tuesday

**Evening** · 5:00 – 8:00 PM  
Sunday · Monday · Tuesday

### CONTACT

**Elizabeth Fisher**, District Governor · 305.434.2003 · lionelizfisher@gmail.com

**Panos Kourtesis**, Disaster Chairman · panos@realitymiami.com

We cannot accept clothing, shoes, linens, or similar used items.



Lions: Serving with Heart



**BE READY WHEN  
DISASTER STRIKES**

# HELP US STOCK OUR DISASTER RELIEF TRAILERS

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



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# NEED LIONS RESOURCES?

*Everything in One Place!*



**MD-35  
RESOURCE  
QUICK LIST**

 [lionsmd35.com/resource-quick-list](http://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:

<https://www.lionsmd35.com/chairpersons-roles...>

Multiple District Roles & Responsibilities:

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



# Official District 35-L Entities

Arlington Eye Clinic/Recycling  
6161 Arlington Expy in Jacksonville, FL

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

Diabetes Awareness Foundation  
Lions Diabetes Foundation of MD35  
PO Box 1407, Deland, FL 32721

Disaster Relief\*  
Mail Check to District Treasurer

[Dogs Inc](#)

[Florida Center for the Blind](#)

[Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind](#)

[KidSight Project\\*](#)  
Mail Check to District Treasurer

[Leader Dog](#)

[Lions Club International Foundation](#)

[Lions Quest](#)

[Lions Saving Sight](#)

[Paragon Service Dogs](#)

\*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

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



# Official MD-35 Entities

## [Lions Saving Sight](#)

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.

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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.

MD Chair:	35L Chair: Tony Clum
Mercy Ceron	850.273.0580
ceron_7@hotmail.com	24 Oakdale Rd NW
	Ft Walton Beach, FL
	32547
	<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.

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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.

MD Chair:  
Jim Campbell  
954.592.8018  
jimmyc\_sr@yahoo.com

35L Chair: PDG Tommy Dover  
904.318.2540  
6027 Greenberry Ln  
Jacksonville, FL. 32211  
tdover@comcast.net

## 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:  
Amy Gephart  
amygephart@ymail.com

35L Chair: Marge Holton  
904.716.8744  
PO Box 1344  
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/for](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.



# 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 determine 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 determine 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**

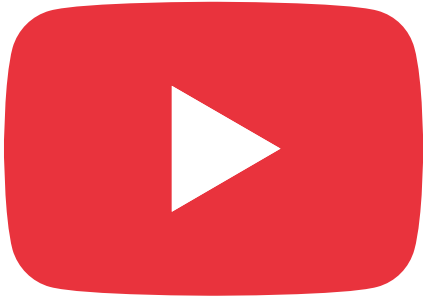
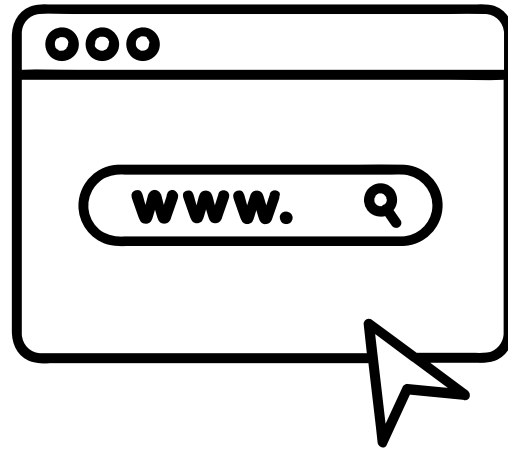
This award is to recognize the District Governor’s selection of the Lion of the Year for his/her tenure as the DG.

# 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](#)



# 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](http://FloridaDisaster.org/Kit)



## Back to School Sales Tax Holiday

August 1 - 31, 2025  
For a list of qualifying items, visit [floridarevenue.com/BacktoSchool](http://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](http://floridarevenue.com/HuntFishCamp)

# Florida Lions History



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