



Roar 'n Growl

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Coming Events

- June 6 Crystal River Kings Bay 30th Anniversary Celebration RSVP
- June 7 South Daytona Installation
- June 7 Auction Lake Alfred 10-3
- June 11 Lake Alfred Installation
- June 12 Car Show Lake Alfred Diner
- June 13 Organizational Mtg Lake Alfred
- June 13 Mass Sort Ocoee
- June 18 Homosassa LC Installation
- June 19-21 Atlanta Mission 1.5 Summitt
- June 28 Mass sort LA
- July 4 Independence Day 250th
- July 16 Hearing Board zoom 3:00

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PDG Harry Williams, Editor

MD Convention Huge Success

Over 200 Lions registered and attended the 101 Multiple District Convention in Orlando at the Orlando Hotel and Convention Center. The first all female Council was retired and the new Council of Governors was presented and installed with service beginning on July 1st. Many attended the various classes offered and enjoyed the Friday evening entertainment.



On Thursday evening, April 30, the Council of Governors met for dinner with the guest speaker for the convention, Past International Director Justin Faber at Buco Di Peppa in the mall.

The actual convention began on Friday morning with registration opening at 7:30 A.M. Breakfast was sponsored by Lions Sav-



ing Sight. There were also a number of entity and commercial booths to visit following breakfast. At 9:30 A.M. the First General Session was called to order with District Governor Elizabeth Fisher 35-N acting as moderator. Various multiple district committee reports were presented including those by the Global Action Team, PRTS, USA/Canada, awards, environment and hearing.

Individual District luncheons were held on Friday, giving the District Governors time to acknowledge and thank those who have been involved with their cabinet throughout the year. This also included recognition of the Crusader Award and the Pilot Award winners.

The afternoon presented the opportunity for Lions to learn about better communication, the Project for Canine Companions, diabetes, and KidsSight. Also the yearly Necrology honoring our passing Lions was at 2:30 P.M.



Friday evening, focus was on the 250th celebration of the birth of our country. Lions dressed in various Americana outfits, everything from Colonial to Patriot to contemporary red, white, and blue. The entertainment was a program of musical icons throughout the years including the Big Bopper, the Blues Brothers, Ed Sullivan and Rod Stewart. Thanks to the Lake Alfred Lions Club for sponsoring this event.



Saturday morning began with the Recognition Breakfast: Melvin Jones Fellows, MD 35 Peace Poster Winner, Pilot and Crusader Awards Winners, Key Members and other awards and recognitions. PID Faber delivered a short address.

The 2nd General Session followed and continued with more committee reports the various entities and projects. The final elections report was given by PCC Lion C. David Lloyd.

The afternoon allowed time for more sessions: Creating Unlimited Hope [sponsored by the CDVCI] using AI, recognition, using the audiometer, and a report by DG Elizabeth Fisher on her trip to the Ukraine.



The closing ceremony was the Governor's Banquet where the 2026-2027 Council of Governors was installed along with their Council Chair. A number of International President Awards were presented, including recognition of service [Lion Mary Yochum of OBTS] and leadership [Lion Steve Fawcett of Lake Alfred].



The 35-O Crusader Award Winner was Lion Nina Guiglotto of Palm Coast Lions and the Pilot Award Winner was PCC Greg Evans of OBTS.



PID Justin Faber deliver a excellent keynote speech during the evening which was well received by Lions.

Sunday morning Lions Saving Sight sponsored breakfast once again and reported on the successful projects for the

year. Presiding President PDG Bobby Wright presented several awards and certificates.



The Council of Governors will officially begin their work on July 1st. Many thanks to District Governor Maggiy Williams and her council for the leadership and example their offered throughout the year, supporting Lions and their projects.

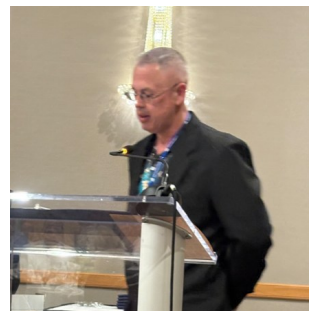
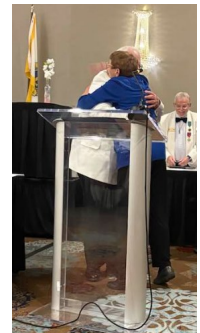
The fall conference will be again at the Orlando Hotel and Convention Center from November 6—9. The theme for the conference will be "Tropical Nights.



101 MB 35 Convention Picture Gallery



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My Years as Editor: An Editorial

By PDG Harry Williams



In 2018 several things happened concurrently which have affected my life significantly: I was elected to be Second Vice District Governor for District 35 O; I was also elected to be the President of my club, the Lake Alfred Lions, and then District Governor PCC Helene Thompson asked me to be her newsletter editor. I enjoy a challenge and decided to give it a try. Prior to my tenure as editor, the newsletter had no specific name, so I decided to give it one—ROAR 'n GROWL. I liked the sound of that. Also the current DG would have a “message from the...” as the lead article. I felt like that was old hat and asked Lion Helene if I could modify it. She said it was completely up to me. And there began my years as editor of the district newsletter.

It's now 2026 and time for Lion Maggiy and I to take a well deserved rest. We have actually planned an extended cruise in September. Now that doesn't mean we are through; on the contrary, just getting our second breath. We plan to stay as active as possible, giving others the chance to step up and take the reins of leadership.

It has been my honor for the last ten years to serve the Lions of District 35 O in this capacity as well as being District Governor and partner-in-service to Lion Maggiy. While PCC Greg Evans was District Governor we focused on what we could do to help better our district. Lion Greg would often ask, “What can I do for you?” We formulated a list of communication skills, feeling that this is one way we could help our Lions. Every DG since has likewise focused on the necessity of communication. I used the newsletter as my tool, hoping to encourage clubs to work together and share ideas.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Continue to love and respect each other.

A Farewell Message From District Governor Maggiy



Thank you Lions for a year to remember. As the year progressed, we experienced both success and challenge. None of them defined us or kept us from moving forward. One challenge of which our MD is especially proud is hosting the Lions International Convention in Orlando last July. Clubs have been rejuvenated, projects have increased in number and variety and members have been inducted across the district. An Omega Leo Club was established through UCF and has increased in size to 50 members.

As your Governor, I have been treated with respect and PDG Lion Harry and I have been welcomed wherever we have traveled. The outpouring of concern, prayers and cards after my misadventure at the MD convention touched me deeply. At the very least I have a reason for thinning hair besides pulling it out over the year's challenges.

Continue to work to make our communities and the world better places to live by adopting as many of LCI's global causes as possible. Continue to respect one another, work together and show each other the love we show the world.

Show DGE Lion John as much support and respect as you have given me and our district will continue to grow and shed ourselves of the transitional label.

I would especially like to thank the members of my club, Lake Alfred Lions, for the support and love they have given to me and PDG Harry throughout the year. I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Organizational Meeting June 13th in Lake Alfred. I still have some thank you's to present to those unable to attend the convention.

Together We Will Continue to Serve,
DG Lion Maggiy Williams, 35-O



HONG KONG 2026

108th Lions International Convention

Southeast Breakfast

July 5, 2026
Grand Hyatt Hotel
3 Harbour Road
Hong Kong
Venue: Grand Ballroom

Delegation registration
will start at 6:00AM

Breakfast will start at
6:00AM

Cost: \$100 US

Cutoff Date: June 22nd

Send Checks to:

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Lafayette, TN 37083

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Email:

bjblank1322@yahoo.com

Breakfast Buffet Menu

Fresh Juices

Watermelon, Orange, Beetroot (V, GF)

Morning WakeUp Shot

Lemon, ginger & turmeric wellness shot (V, GF)

Cold Selection

Seasonal sliced fruit platter (V, GF)

Selection of cereals, assorted milks (V)

Matcha chia parfait, coconut yogurt, toasted seeds (V, GF)

Bircher muesli (V)

Homesmoked Norwegian salmon, condiments (GF)

Assorted cold cuts, pickles, cherry tomato (GF)

Assorted cheese selection, grapes, dried fruits (V, GF)

Avocado toast with lemon & chili flakes (V)

Eggs Live Station

Fried eggs, scrambled eggs, omelets (V, GF)

Pots & Pans

Crispy streaky bacon, Cumberland sausage

Smashed breakfast potatoes (V, GF)

Baked beans

Grilled tomatoes (V, GF)

Pancake Station

Freshbaked pancakes, maple syrup (V)

Seasonal berries (V)

Bakery

Homebaked Danish pastries, Croissants (V)

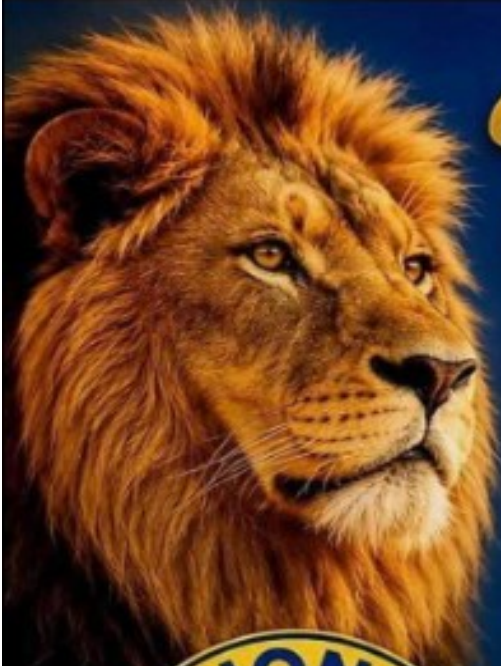
Doughnuts, Glutenfree muffins (V, GF)

Home baked rolls, French baguette, butter, jam, honey (V)

Coffee or tea

GF = Gluten Free, V = Vegetarian

Valid from 1 January to 31 December 2026. We commit that our Food & Beverage venues are ISO22000:2018 certified, an internationally recognized food safety management system. In the case of unforeseeable market price fluctuations for any of the menu items, Grand Hyatt Hong Kong reserves the right to alter the above menu price and items. However, the hotel undertakes to guarantee the menu price and items two months prior to your event.



Proud — TO BE A — LION



Being a Lion is not just wearing a badge — it is carrying a heart full of **kindness, compassion, and service.**



Lions members always smile because they bring hope to others.



Through this beautiful organization, I have met many truly **kindhearted Lions** who dedicate their lives to **helping humanity.**

“WHERE THERE IS A NEED, THERE IS A LION.”

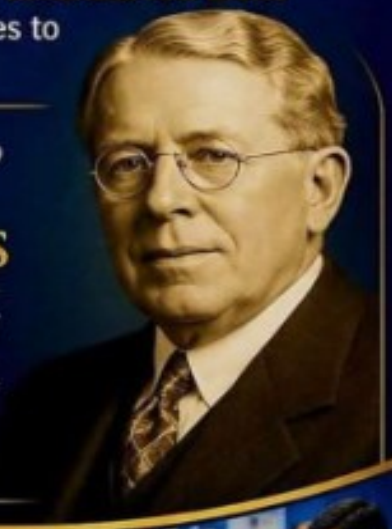


Special gratitude and respect to the great founder


MELVIN JONES

whose vision united millions of caring hearts around the world.

Melvin Jones



— *Lion Nalin Wijesekera* MJF

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International Lions club

Multiple District 35 Entities

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.

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.

Lions Saving Sight *(formerly 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.

Dogs Inc. *(formerly Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc.)*

They raise, train, and provide guide dogs for those who are visually impaired; service dogs for veterans healing from physical and invisible wounds; skilled companion dogs for those facing isolation, loneliness and coping with grief; and therapy dogs for patients and healthcare workers at military facilities across the U.S. as well as first responders in the Tampa Bay area.

Lions World Vision Institute *(formerly Lions Eye Institute for Transplant & Research)* – Tampa

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

Diabetes Awareness Foundation of MD-35, Inc.

Provides supplies and training to MD Lions Clubs as certified blood glucose screeners and perform free diabetic screenings to identify and refer potential diabetics. Provides educational material for the screenings. Supports three Florida Diabetes Kids Camps for youngsters from around the Multiple District.

Beauty of Sight *(formerly Florida Lions Eye Bank)*

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

Florida Lions Diabetic Retinopathy Foundation, Inc.

Raise public awareness of the problems associated with diabetes. Work with Lions Clubs in the multiple district to screen for diabetes. Facilitate early diagnosis and treatment to prevent blindness. Obtain grants and donations in order to further these purposes.

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.

Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF)

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APPLICATION FORM

2027 LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT 35-0 YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP

(A PROGRAM FOR SENIOR CLASS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN LIONS DISTRICT 35-0)

DEAR APPLICANT: This Scholarship was created by the Lions Clubs of District 35-0 to establish a suitable Memorial to commemorate the untimely death of Rakvi Harittu, from Palmico, Finland. Miss Harittu, a Youth Exchange student traveling under the auspices of Lions Clubs International Youth Exchange Program, lost her life in a tragic automobile accident in Orlando on the evening of July 4, 1983. Scholarships are for \$1,500. They will be presented to outstanding students and may be used for educational purposes or other educational travel.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING (POSTMARKED OR EMAILED) THIS APPLICATION IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2027.

TYPED OR PRINT IN INK ONLY – INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ E-MAIL CLEARLY PRINTED: _____

CURRENTLY EMPLOYED? ___ OUT ___ PART-TIME ___ FULL-TIME; HOURS PER WEEK: _____

EMPLOYER: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

PARENT/GUARDIAN #1 NAME: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN #1 NAME: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EDUCATION INFORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL: _____ SCHOOL COUNTY: _____ GRAD YEAR: _____

FUTURE EDUCATION PLANS: _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT

ATTACH A TYPED ORIGINAL ESSAY (LIMITED TO ONE SEPARATE PAGE AND NO MORE THAN 350 WORDS; EXCEEDING EITHER WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION) THAT MUST ADDRESS EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

- DEMONSTRATE FINANCIAL NEED
- PERSONAL OR FAMILY ADVERSITY THAT HAS BEEN OVERCOME
- EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT, LEADERSHIP AND AWARDS (IN SCHOOL)
- VOLUNTEER SERVICES AND/OR EMPLOYMENT (OUT OF SCHOOL)
- FUTURE CAREER OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

I ATTEST THAT ALL INFORMATION IS ACCURATE, AND THE ESSAY IS MY OWN CREATION WITHOUT USING AI.

ACTUAL SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

RANK IN CLASS: _____ OF _____ UNWEIGHTED GPA: _____

NAME (PRINT): _____ TITLE: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL CLEARLY PRINTED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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**THE *DEADLINE* FOR SUBMITTING (POSTMARKED OR EMAILED) THIS APPLICATION IS
FRIDAY, *FEBRUARY 5, 2027.***

FLORIDA DISTRICT 35-0 ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOLS ARE IN BREVARD, CITRUS, FLAGLER, HERNANDO, LAKE, PART OF LEVY, ORANGE, OSCEOLA, POLK (NORTH OF HIGHWAY 60), SEMINOLE, SUMTER, AND VOLUSIA COUNTIES.

SEND TO: YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

C/O DR. DENNIS DULNIAK

1772 CARILLON PARK DRIVE

OVIEDO, FL 32765

TELEPHONE: 407-592-6670

EMAIL: OWSLIONS@GMAIL.COM



LIONS of DISTRICT 35-O HEARING PROGRAM 1 CLIENT APPLICATION AND LION INTERVIEWER'S GUIDE

CONTEXT The Lions Club 35-O Hearing Board's goal is to provide hearing aids for those in financial need, particularly clients who otherwise would be unable to obtain hearing aids without outside assistance.

OBJECTIVE The purpose of this guide is to provide suggestions and intention for those Lions who volunteer to screen clients applying for hearing aids from the Lions Hearing Board. Clients in need are required to file a completed Application, which captures the client's living/marital/financial status. It is the goal of the "Lion Interviewer" to communicate with the applicant and verify that the client fully completes the application and meets the initial eligibility criteria for receiving Lions Hearing Board assistance in providing hearing aids. The goal is NOT to validate the applicant data by seeking evidence, but to better understand the applicant's situation. **CLIENT ELIGIBILITY Eligibility**, simply stated, means that the client is unable to afford hearing aids without outside support. Lions Club International suggests this means that the client has income less than 200% of the current Federal Poverty Level. Practically speaking, the Hearing Board 35-O equates that to the client's income and expenses are less than \$400 per month discretionary funds available to spend from their budget. The budget is verified with the client via a discussion of income vs. expenses; if monthly income minus expenses is less than \$400, the client is eligible to be submitted to the Hearing Board for review. Applicants with more than \$400 per month discretionary funds will need additional personal documentation to support their case.

THE PROCESS CLIENT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Have your client contact the nearest Hearing Center or Miracle Ear store for a free hearing test. Applicants must receive a hearing test before the Hearing Board will review the Application.
- 2) If qualified at a Miracle Ear store, they may verify bank information, household income, and perform a credit check. If deemed qualified for the Miracle Ear Foundation, the store may refer the client to the local Lions Club hearing representative or Lions Hearing Board to complete the Hearing Program Application. The client should NOT sign up for any monthly payment plan. If eligible and approved by the Hearing Board, all related fees will be covered, sans \$25.
- 3) Have the applicant complete the Hearing Program Application, providing any additional explanation on the back of the application. 2
- 4) If the applicant has Medicaid, VA, or any other insurance that will pay for Hearing Aids, explore how much support they will receive through that agency and indicate this on the back of the application.

INTERVIEWING LION INSTRUCTIONS: 1. The process begins with the receipt of a client Application and have Lions Club Hearing Chair or another Lion volunteer conduct an interview with the applicant. a. The Lion Interviewer receives a completed copy of the Application. b. If \$25 check received with the Application, the Lion makes note.

2. The Lion Interviewer carefully reviews the Application taking note of the number of individuals in the household and examines the income and expenses and considers questions to ask the applicant.

3. The Lion Interviewer calls the applicant. a. Calls should be made no earlier than 8:30 am and no later than 8:00 pm.

4. The Lion Interviewer should identify him/herself a. Ex: "Hi, this is <Lion Interviewer 's First Name>, from the Lions Hearing Program. I'm looking to speak to <Applicant> to discuss their application for help with hearing aids." b. If the Applicant voice message greeting answers, the Lion Interviewer should provide a phone number for the Applicant to reach him/her and suggest they will try again in a day or so.

5. The Lion Interviewer should verify that the basic information from the application is correct: a. Correct address information? Read the address aloud and verify. b. Correct age? Read aloud the age. c. Correct household situation? Read the information aloud about household members, spouse, family, etc. Ask if there have been any changes that need to be updated. d. Correct monthly income data? Read aloud the income items and inquire about vague areas (e.g., Other Income). Ask if there have been any changes that need to be updated. e. Correct monthly expense data? Read aloud the expense items and inquire about vague areas (e.g., Other Expenses). Ask if there have been any changes that need to be updated. f. Overlooked income and especially expenses are key to assessing the applicant's financial needs. If there is more than one person in the household, all monthly income and expenses must be included. g. Tally up the Total Income, Total Household and Other Expenses and Difference (discretionary funds). There should not be a difference of more than \$400. If so, document any extraordinary circumstances. Most of our applicants are living at poverty level and can barely get by.

6. Applicant signature on page 1 and 2?

7. Has the applicant received a hearing test? Applicants must receive a hearing test before the Hearing Board will review the Application. a. Yes - write down the Hearing Center, location, and email, if available. b. No – Application placed on HOLD. Have the applicant schedule an appointment at a local Hearing Center or Miracle Ear, then call you with the results.

8. Write down any other specifics that you may learn about the applicant's situation. 3

9. Ask the applicant if they or any other family/friend can pay \$25 toward the application process of the hearing aids? a. Yes, check made out to "Lions of District 35-O Hearing Program." b. No: i. ii. Can the sponsoring Lions Club submit the \$25 payment, or Indicate when submitting the Application that the Club does not have the funds to support this case and requests the Lions Hearing Board cover the \$25 fee.

10. Closing the interview: Thank the client for their time and let them know that you will report back to the Hearing Board and the Application will be submitted for consideration; also inform them of the likely timeline. The Hearing Board usually votes by email following the 15th of each month. Following a majority vote, the applicant, sponsoring Lions Club/Interviewing Lion and Hearing Center are notified.

11. Review your findings from the interview and determine if you believe the client is eligible. Total Income is less than 200% of the current Federal Poverty Guideline Chart based on Household/Family size and Difference between monthly Income and Expenses is less than \$400, pending exceptional circumstances.

12. Sign and date the application and forward it to the Hearing Board Secretary with your findings.

13. Lions Hearing Program Secretary, Lion Dennis Dulniak, 1772 Carillon Park Drive,

Oviedo, FL, 32765, 407-592-6670, centralfloridalionshearing@gmail.com 9/18/22

CLUB NEWS—Beverly Hills Lions Club

On Saturday evening, May 16, the Beverly Hills Lions Club held its annual Installation of Officers. The installing officer was District Governor Elect John Hanna. Those officers were Lion Wayne Ourfee [President], Lion Eddie Stoute [Secretary], Lion Susan Gunyon [Treasurer], Lion Brian Timmons [1stVP], Lion Janet Mize [2nd VP], Lion Karen Quinn [TT/LT], Lion Tom Mize [Membership], and Lions Ken Lewis, Ron Smith, Marsha Smith, Wayne Nagel, Barbara Durfee, and Tony Blankensgip [Directors].

DGE John also had the privilege of inducting three new members: Robert Daniels, Valerie Daniels, Dianne Terry.



CLUB NEWS—Ormond By The Sea Lions Club

On May 11 the Ormond by the Sea Lions Club invited students from Seabreeze High School who were to be presented with YESTF scholarship to the meeting. Pictured are Maggie Harris (in the white jacket) and Savannah Key (in the red sweater). Checks were presented at our Club meeting and the students will be recognized again at the Seabreeze High Awards night. They were two of the twelve YESTF Scholarships awarded this year from 163 Applications received.



CLUB NEWS—South Daytona Lions Lions Club

Our first Mother's Day Brunch on Saturday, May 9, was such a great success. Everyone enjoyed the food, fruit cup, and desserts prepared by our own special South Daytona Lions. Mother's, grandmothers, sons, fathers, granddaughters and other family and friends were there today. I especially want to thank the following Lions (not in any order) for helping make this a great event. Lions Ming, Mari, Pam, Jean, Joyce (fun trivia), Marcia, Vera, Gwen, Karen and all those Lions who made donations. Also, Suzanne, Vivian and Rob from the Piggott Center for all their support and Becky from the City. This is just one of the many great events and fundraiser that we hold.



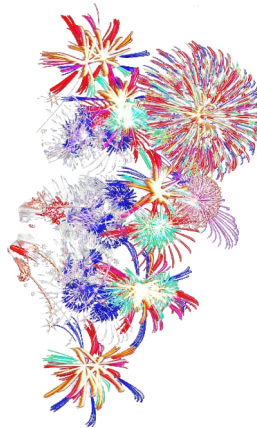
One of the many projects which SDLC supports is the giving of gift cards to the South Daytona Elementary School. These cards are used to encourage students to attend school with regularity. As a result of this program, student absenteeism is down 8% for the 3rd quarter. Way to go SDLC!!

CLUB NEWS—Ormond by the Sea Lions Club

May 15, members of the Ormond by the Sea Lions Club assisted in celebrating at the Coquina Nursing and Rehab Center. The group "Two of A Kind" entertained while the OBTS Lions helped by preparing food and passing out gifts.



Congratulations to Lion Mary Yochum on receiving the second highest award in Lionism, the International President's Leadership Award at the MD Convention in Orlando. This honor was well deserved.



Also, PCC Greg Evans was honored with the Walter Campbell Pilot Award for District 35 O! Congratulations to these OBTS Lions!!

Ormond by the Sea Lions with Past International Director Justin Faber.

CLUB NEWS—Clermont-Minneola Lions Club

Great visit May 14 with the Lions of Clermont Minneola! PDG Steven Van Varick was at the meeting as well. We were welcomed by Lion President Kevin Cunningham. This club has been active in their community for 77 years and is still going strong. The club is seeking new projects in an effort to attract younger Lions, activities such as pickleball. Thank you Lions. DG Maggiy and I really enjoyed your meeting and your hospitality.



CLUB NEWS—Palm Coast Lions Club

On May 6, the Palm Coast Lions Club proudly honored Ken Crowley with a Life Membership, one of the highest recognitions in Lionism. A Life Membership is not simply given for time served. It is earned through years of dedicated service, leadership, commitment to humanitarian efforts, and making a lasting impact within both the club and the community. It recognizes Lions who consistently embody the mission of service above self.



CLUB NEWS—Lake Sumter Lions Club



On April 28, Lake Sumter Lion Chuck LeGare , Lion Ralph Long , & Lion Jon Joel screened the vision of 28 children at Saint Patrick Early Childhood Center in Mt. Dora. Thanks for your serve, Lions!

Lake Sumter Lions conducted diabetes screening at the Veterans Health Expo at the American Legion Post 347. The following Lions screened 20 individuals: Bill Sheehan, Esther Ann Howell Walton , Steve Frederickson, Bob Irvine , and Todd Saylor. [April 27]



Lake Sumter Lions at Friday Fun Night at 101st Multiple District 35 Convention. FVDG John Hanna and Todd Saylor; Lion Bernice Hanna ; SVDG Sonia Hernandez Saylor and Lion Jaci Newmark .

Congrats to Lake Sumter Lions Patrick Pignataro and Chuck LeGare who received a Certification of Appreciation for serving as District 35-O Chairs for Long Range Planning and KidSight respectively. DGE John Hanna and FVDGE and Lake Sumter Lions Club President Sonia Hernandez Saylor presented the certificates on behalf of DG Maggiy Williams.



Lake Sumter Lions DG-E John Hanna and FVDGE and Club President Sonia Hernandez Saylor presented to the Club the District 35-O Environmental Award that Lake Sumter Lions were awarded at the MD35 Convention.

Congratulations to Lake Sumter Lions Cheryl Pavell and Jane Gevecker-Mello for being nominated for District 35-O New Voices in Membership and Marketing respectively. DGE John Hanna and FVDGE Club President Sonia Saylor presented each of them with a Certificate of Recognition.



The following Lake Sumter Lions were recognized at a recent Club meeting for preparing meals on a monthly basis for the SOZO Kids After School Program: Jane and Ed Mello, Jean Hatten, Bernice Hanna, Joanne Lex Sheahan, Betty Lloyd, Esther Ann Howell Walton, and Dave Walton. Each were presented with a whisk and a small box of candy. Thank you Lions!

CLUB NEWS—Lake Sumter Lions Club

Congrats to Lake Sumter Lion Jaci Newmark who received the Patron Member Certificate of Appreciation from the Lions Saving Sight at the Multiple District 35 Convention last weekend.



Lake Sumter Lions Club announces their scholarship recipients for 2026. The Club provided scholarships to 12 students in three high schools: The Villages Charter High School; Leesburg High School; and Wildwood Middle High School. The Lions Club coordinates these scholarships through the Educational Foundation of Lake County.

Lake Sumter Lions Club 2026 Scholarship Recipients

The Villages Charter High School

Quinn Kiley
Alexis Farkus
Matthew Ngo
Maggie Byrne
Fiona Li

Leesburg High School

Ella Prator
Ryan Thompson
Peyton Franks
Demetryanna O'Neal
Ramon Morgan Jr

Wildwood Middle High School

Yousra Abumouilish
Keyoni Blue

Congratulations to these Recipients!



CLUB NEWS—Ormond Beach Lions Club

Ormond Beach Lions Club presented the Andy Romano Scholarship to Lucky Boren at the May 14th meeting.



CLUB NEWS—South Daytona Lions Club

The Domestic Abuse Council would like to extend a sincere thank you to the South Daytona Lions Club for inviting us to speak during your breakfast meeting this morning about the work of Domestic Abuse Council and the services we provide to survivors and their children throughout our community. We are grateful for the opportunity to share our mission and raise awareness about domestic violence, prevention, and survivor support. Thank you as well for your monetary donation toward our efforts. Community partnerships and support like yours help us continue lighting the way to safe futures for those we serve. We appreciate your kindness, hospitality, and commitment to making a difference in our community



CLUB NEWS—Tavares Lions Club

Lion Maggij and I enjoyed a District Governor visit to Tavares Lions Club May 17 and even played a little bingo! Lion Jamie Iglione welcomed us and introduced us to the other members.



CLUB NEWS—Eastport Lions Club

Thank you Eastport Lions and visitors for coming out to Ezell rec center yesterday to get nearly 3000 pairs of glasses sorted and packed! There were so many glasses in my van there was only room for a driver! This doesn't count all the used glasses we collected, sorted, read, washed and bagged at people's homes. Today these glasses go back to VOSH in Ocala to be traded for another load. We will do this again in 2 weeks(1st and 3rd Thursdays). Attached are some photos from Guatemala and Nicaragua mission trips where our work ends up! Thanks again!



CLUB NEWS—Ormond by the Sea Lions Club

May 21 - Congratulations to our awesome Seabreeze High School seniors who have been given scholarships from the Ormond by the Sea Lions Club and the Lions of District 35-0 Youth Scholarship Exchange Trust during their recent graduation ceremonies. Supporting our youth is a fundamental tenet of Lionism, one which the Ormond by the Sea Lions Club supports wholeheartedly.



CLUB NEWS—Lake Alfred Lions Club

Thanks to our friends at Harvey's, the Lake Alfred Lions Club was able to donate a volume of magazines and puzzle books to the local assisted living facility. Thanks again!



CLUB NEWS—Lake Alfred Lions Club



Lions Club Special Recognition



Steve Fawcett, of the Lake Alfred Lions Club, presented Public Safety Director Art Bodenheimer with a certificate of appreciation.

CLUB NEWS—Lake Sumter Lions Club

Lake Sumter Lions Cheryl Pavell, Doug Seiders, and Annette Thomson visited Operation Shoe Box (OSB) at Lake Miona Rec Center and presented to them a donation check, as well as various items collected by the Lake Sumter Lions Club members.



At the Lake Sumter Lions meeting today, Club President Sonia Hernandez Saylor presented PAW pins to new members who have participated in a service or fundraiser activity. Pictured below are: Lions Rock Daze (KidSight); Liliana Whittington (fundraisers at Culver's and DQ); Pat Pasquini (Diabetes Screening); and Dennis Knutson (VIP Golf). Thank You Lions!



CLUB NEWS—Oveido Winter Springs Lions Club

Earlier this week, the Oviedo-Winter Springs Lions Club proudly celebrated the 2026 recipients of the Lion Dennis Dulniak Book Scholarship.

Congratulations to our outstanding winners:

- Sophia Orama, Hagerty High School
- Hailey Bundy, Oviedo High School
- Aryelle Caraballo, Winter Springs High School

For 21 years, our club has remained committed to supporting local students as they pursue higher education and work toward their future goals. Each year, these scholarships recognize students who demonstrate leadership, service, academic dedication, and a commitment to their community.

We are honored to continue this long-standing tradition of investing in the next generation of leaders and are incredibly proud of all of this year's applicants and recipients.



*Crystal River Kings Bay
30th Anniversary*

You are invited to come celebrate with us our 30th Anniversary

June 6, 2026

4pm - 7pm

At

First Presbyterian Church

206 Washington Ave.

Inverness, Florida

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Saturday, June 13th

Ocoee Lions Club

108 Taylor Street, Ocoee, FL

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon



**Everyone is welcome. Bring friends!
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Escorted Ride followed by lunch at the
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STARTING POINT

9.00 AM at South Daytona Police Department
1672 S. Ridgewood Avenue, South Daytona

Route for the Escorted Ride: South Daytona Police Department, The Half Wall
Restaurant & Brewery (New Smyrna), Deland Police Department, and Teddy Morse's
Harley Davidson Destination Daytona. End at Piggotte Community Center for lunch.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

Giving away my
extra vegetables.
Stop by and take
a leek.

I won't boil soup.
They say that I'm
stir crazy.

The unknown baker
was named John
Dough.

You can try to drive
me crazy ... but I'm
close enough to walk.

Your average
potato is a
commentator.

Do manicurists
file their
own taxes?

The Frenchman
mauled by a tiger
was Claude.

I just got my shingles
shot. Next I'm doing
vinyl siding.

I used up all my
sick days. So I
called in dead.

The chocolate bunny
was depressed. He
felt so hollow inside.

Time wounds all
heels.

The cross dressing
pilot spent much of
life in da skies.

I keep planning to
exercise ... but it's
not working out.

Keep a guitar in
your car. It's good
for traffic jams.

Do calendars
enjoy eating
dates?

JOYS AND CONCERNS



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the departure of Lion Keith Holder, who passed away on May 11, 2026. He was a longtime member of the Kissimmee Lions Club. A gentle and compassionate individual, Keith's life was a testament to the strength of human spirit, and his legacy will continue to inspire all who knew him. His unwavering integrity and undying dedication to his loved ones were the hallmarks of his character. He will be greatly missed, yet his memory will continue to be cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Friends and family are invited to attend a Viewing for Keith, to be held on June 5, 2026, at 10:00 AM, 1709 North John Young Parkway. This will be followed by a Celebration of Life at 11:00 AM, at the same location. The day will conclude with a Repass at 2:00 PM, providing all those who have been touched by Keith's life an opportunity to come together in remembering and honoring his valuable contributions.

As we mourn the loss of Keith, we also celebrate the remarkable life he led and honor his memory in our hearts. While we grieve his absence in our lives, we find comfort in the knowledge that his spirit lives on in those he loved and influenced.

The family kindly requests that floral arrangements be sent to: Osceola Memory Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Homes & Crematory, 1717 Old Boggy Creek Road, Kissimmee, Florida 34744.

Your love, prayers, and support during this difficult time are deeply appreciated by the family.



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