



Roar 'n Growl

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Coming Events

- Aug 15 1st Advisory Mtg
Deland Lions
- Aug 14-16 LCIF Training
New Orleans
- Aug 27 Zone 5 Meeting
Lake Alfred
Lions
- Sept 12 Kailynne Quarter
Mile—SDLC
- Oct 17 2nd Advisory
Mtg
Davenport Lions
- Oct 31 Marathon Bingo
Lake Alfred
Lions
- Oct 31 Trunk or Treat
- Nov 6-7 Fall Conference
Orlando Hotel &
Convention Ct.

New Beginnings

A new Lion Year and new leaders throughout the District. DG John Hanna is off to a roaring start attending meetings in the district to install new officers. Some of these installations have been captured in photos and will be added as received by this editor.

I am looking forward to continuing the work the PDG Harry Williams has laid the foundation for. Please send me your project and club updates so that the whole district will be able to share in your successes.

You will continue to see important reminders and documents in each of the newsletters to make your tasks as easy as possible. If your club uses a form that you feel would benefit other please send to be included in future publications.



Lions International has already designated the dates for its upcoming focus. All of our clubs will plan their events, however, we are a district and if you have an event idea for a focus event, please don't hesitate to send that idea forward for inclusion in our newsletter. Your idea might just spark the creative juices in another club. Provide a name of your event along with a short description and a point of contact phone number that other clubs may reach out to to get more information. Remember Lionism isn't a competition, it is an ideal to be shared to all communities and your idea(s) might be the spark that ignites the interest and participation that spreads our mission throughout our district communities.





VISION

OCTOBER 8-18, 2026

Opening eyes. Changing lives.
Promote eye health and support sight-saving initiatives in your community and around the world.



YOUTH

FEBRUARY 13-21, 2027

Empower today. Lead tomorrow.
Invest in our youth through service, mentorship, and programs that build brighter futures.



ENVIRONMENT

MAY 29-JUNE 6, 2027

Protect today. Preserve tomorrow.
Take action to care for our planet through sustainability, conservation, and clean community initiatives.



Leadership Starts Within.



GOOD LEADERS FIX PROBLEMS.



BETTER LEADERS FIX THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE PROBLEMS.



BUT THE BEST Leaders ACTUALLY FIXES THEMSELVES.





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.**

Special gratitude and respect to the great founder
MELVIN JONES
whose vision united millions of caring hearts around the world.

Melvin Jones



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



— *Lion Nalin Wijesekera MJF*

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International Lions club



International Executive Board 2026-2027



Mark S. Lyon
President



Dr. Manoj Shah
First Vice President



Tony Benbow
Second Vice President



C. Robert Rettby
Third Vice President

International News

ANNOUNCING OUR NEW
**FIRST-YEAR
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS**
2026–2027

We are proud to announce the election of five exceptional Lions to serve as First-Year International Directors for 2026–2027.
Their leadership. Their passion. Our global impact.
Together, we serve.

JIM BARBARE

GREGORY K. "GREG" CRAPO

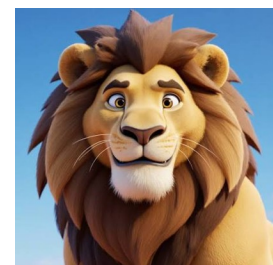
DIANA M. CASTILLO

KATHLEEN DORMAN

DANIEL MARNEY ELKINS

Thank you for stepping forward to lead and inspire.
We look forward to the incredible impact you will make
in our global Lions family and the communities we serve.

WE SERVE. WE LEAD. WE IMPACT.



MD 35-O, Can I get a roar?

Leadership Notes

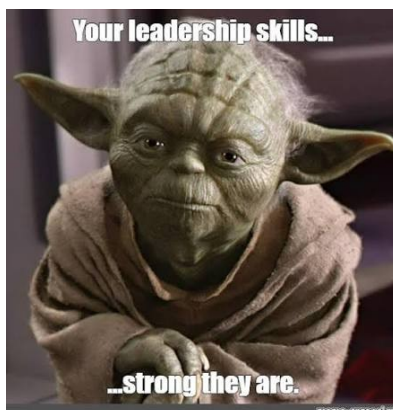
Mission 1.5 – At the time, DG Elect John Hanna, PDG Harry Williams, And PDG Steven Van Varick attended a Mission 1.5 meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. Look forward to Mission 1.5 info monthly and I'm Sure we will be hearing more about it, from DG Hanna at our Advisory Meetings, and from our respective Zone Chairs.

Disaster Preparedness - One of DG Hanna's main focuses this year. Rumor has it he has selected some "lucky" Lion to raise at least \$3,500.00 for the District Disaster Preparedness fund. Haircuts have increased with inflation, especially when it includes a shave. Get Ready to fill the hat when the DG is around.



It can't happen to me!? Ask the citizens of Venezuela. On Wednesday, June 24, 2026 they experienced two major earthquakes that leveled many buildings leaving citizens with little to nothing left of their homes/belongings. Let's fill the Disaster Preparedness fund So we are prepared for the hurricane season and any other disaster that comes our way.

Leaders - The "Eyes" have it. Leadership doesn't just rest with the District. It extends to the club officers and down to the individual members. Leaders are often "seen" rather than "heard". Show your stuff, lead a project, lead a group, lead a discussion. Lead by your actions. Be seen!



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.

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CLUB NEWS - Lake Sumter Lions Club

Meet Our Newly Installed 2026-2027 Officers:

Club President Dennis Ryan; 1st VP Art Staus; 2nd VP Steve Frederickson; 3rd VP Todd Saylor; Board of Directors Esther Ann Walton, Jean Hatten, Ed Mello, and Molly Staus ; Club Secretary Doris Brennan; Club Treasurer Dennis Gilbert; 3rd Membership Chair Linda Ryan (Absent were Membership Chair Cheryl Pavel and 2nd Membership Chair Doug; 3rd Membership Chair Linda Ryan; Tail Twister Gary Nelson and Lion Tamer Bob Hatten).

DG John Hanna, with Partner in Service Bernice Hanna, received his District Governor's Banner for 2026-2027 from his home club of Lake Sumter Lions. Presenting the banner is FVDG and IPP Club Prez is Sonia Hernandez Saylor.



CLUB NEWS—Lake Sumter Lions Club

Lake Sumter Lions Club welcomed Dr. Cameron Brown as our guest speaker at a recent meeting. Dr Brown is a Chiropractor from Legacy Clinic in The Villages. Lion **Chuck LeGare** introduced Dr Brown.



Congrats to Lake Sumter Lions **John Thomson** and **Chuck LeGare** who were presented by District Governor **John Hanna** Certificates of Appreciation from the Past International President A.P. Singh. Lion John initiated and ran the Club's VIP monthly golf for 10 years. Lion Chuck initiated and heads the Club's KidSight program. The awards were in recognition of these distinguished achievements. Thank you for your service.



CLUB NEWS—Oviedo Winter Springs Lions Club

Our Officers: President Keith Koons.



CLUB NEWS - Eastport Lions Club

Our Officers: Sorry, Saw your induction photo's but didn't see a list of names.



Our club out at Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch



6,000 Pairs of glasses packed in less than 2 hours thanks to this team.

CLUB NEWS—Fruitland Park Lions Club

Our Officers: President Dawn Countermine, Vice President Russell Casson, Secretary, Priscilla Lewis, Treasurer Linda Stevenson, Directors Leon and Cindy, Tail Twister Tom Borst



CLUB NEWS—Fruitland Park Lions Club



Past President, Lion David Fleming Jr., Recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.



Lion Tom, Recipient of the Beauty of Sight Life Membership Award.



Recently received glasses and hearing aid donation stands and boxes from Eastport Lions. Thanks for sharing this valuable resource. It will be put to good use!

CLUB NEWS—Inverness Lions Club

“The Inverness Lions Club once again demonstrated their commitment to the motto, "We Serve". During a recent meeting, Lions club members assembled individual first aid kits using donated hard glass cases. Members filled the cases with band aids, antiseptic ointment, Tylenol, aspirin, alcohol wipes, an emory board and a pocket comb. The assembled kits were delivered to the Citrus County Family Resource Center to be given to indigent members of the community. Lion Beth Rossman is pictured delivering the cases to Jordan Fontana, Deputy Director of the Family Resource Center”.



CLUB NEWS—Inverness Lions Club

Members of the Inverness Lions Club & Foundation, Inc were out in full force for the 2026 City of Inverness "July 4th Patriotic Evening" For the 10th consecutive year the Inverness Lions had a booth selling delicious cheeseburgers, hamburgers, chips, sodas and water to a hungry community. All the while having fun and enjoying each other's company. One of our members Lion Vickie even brought her friends from the "Traveling Tramps" club to help with "grillin and sellin" The money raised from the event will be used to support the club's vision and diabetes services for the disadvantaged members of Citrus County" The Inverness Lions exemplify the motto, We Serve!



CLUB NEWS—Highpoint Lions Club



Congratulations to Robert (Bobby) Skidmore for receiving the 2026-2027 "Lion of the Year" Award!





DISTRICT 35-0 ZONE 5 MEETING AUGUST 27, 2026

TOGETHER
WE
SERVE



— @ Lake Alfred Lions Club —



**FELLOWSHIP &
REGISTRATION**
6:00 PM



DINNER
6:30 PM
*Spaghetti with garlic toast,
salad, and dessert*



MEETING
7:00 PM



GUEST SPEAKER:
PDG TOM SENGER
"Alphabet Soup"



RSVP BY
8/24/26:



HARRY WILLIAMS
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— ♥ — *Together We Serve* — ♥ —



We're back for another epic car show fundraiser at the [American Muscle Car Museum](#) Oct. 3rd from 9AM-2PM. We will have awesome cars, awards, raffles, music, food, and vendors. The 15th Annual Satellite Beach Lions Club Car Show is FREE to spectators and only \$30 per car to enter the show.

But wait! There's more.

You'll have the opportunity to go inside the American Muscle Car Museum, which will be open to the public for a donation of \$30 per person. Every registered car includes one FREE admission to the museum. The museum is not open to the public normally, so this is a big treat!

Register now to save \$5 off the registration fee!



CALL FOR VENDORS

for the

SATELLITE BEACH LIONS CLUB

CAR SHOW FUNDRAISER

Amazing opportunity for car care vendors, craft makers, and more!
We invite you to be part of this highly anticipated, lively event.

- ✓ 10'x10' Outdoor Space
- ✓ No Repeat Products
- ✓ \$45 Per Space



Saturday
October 3, 2026



Time
9:00AM - 2:00 PM



American Muscle Car Museum
3500 Sarno Rd. Melbourne

The Satellite Beach Lions Club is a non-profit raising money to serve community needs. We use 100% of the money we raise to support charitable causes, such as vision services for low-income children and adults. Learn more at satellitebeachlionsclub.com.

- We are looking for a mix of vendors with interesting items for both men and women - **mainly car related, but arts, crafts, and other products are welcome**, too.
- Sorry, no food/drink concessions/trucks allowed - the Lions Club is also raising money by serving food and drinks.
- Family-friendly event - All items must be appropriate for any age to view and free of political statements.
- Limited space available - sign up today!



To apply to be a vendor, or for more information, email Julie at jboleware1@gmail.com.

Satellite Beach Lions of Florida Foundation Inc is a 501 (c)(3) public charity, EIN 46-2104503. Donations are tax deductible. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll-free (1-800-435-7532) within the State. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the State. FDACS.gov



SATELLITE BEACH LIONS CLUB *15th Annual Car Show*

ALL MAKES AND MODELS WELCOME

Saturday, October 3, 2026

9AM - 2PM (Registration 8AM- 12PM)

AMERICAN MUSCLE CAR MUSEUM

3500 Sarno Rd. Melbourne

Early-bird Registration \$25 until Sept. 15th

Registration \$30 beginning Sept. 16 through day of the show

Awards to Top 25 and Best in Show

**All Registered Vehicles Receive 1 Free Admittance
to the Museum and 1 Free Raffle Ticket.**

The Museum Will Be Open to the Public for a Donation of \$30 pp.

50/50 - Raffle Prizes - Music - Food - Vendors

100% of all proceeds go to charitable causes

For more information contact Lance 321-403-3971 or Steve 610-742-7878



3 Options to Register and Pay

- 1. Follow the QR Code, register and pay securely online.**
- 2. Fill out the form below and mail it with the fee. Address below.**
- 3. Register the day of the show - most credit cards will be accepted.**

***Please make checks payable to Satellite Beach Lions Club
and mail to P.O. Box 372462 Satellite Beach, FL 32937***

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Vehicle Year/Make/Model: _____

By execution of this form, I hereby release the Satellite Beach Lions Club and the American Muscle Car Museum from any and all damages during this event.



**BECOMING
A LION IS
GREAT.**

**STAYING A
LION IS
EVEN
BETTER.**



WE SERVE



WE CARE



**WE MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**



**TOGETHER
WE CAN**



*Join us for diabetes screening training for 2 classes
In August- Recertification and Certification*



Florida Lions Diabetes Foundation

1. Re-Certification Class: Friday August 14

Time: 10am-1pm

Where: 400 N Garfield Ave, DeLand Florida

2. New Screener Training : Sunday August 16

Time: 12noon-4pm

Where: 400 N Garfield Ave, Deland Florida

Lead Trainers:

Lion Norma Callahan, Lion Judi Seltzer and
Lion Marcia Hilliard

*Please bring your screening kits if applicable for updates.

*Lunch /Snacks will be provided.

* Since training will be ongoing, **no** child care provided

* RSVP: Lion Dr Norma Callahan- 386-453-4877

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✚ 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 .



**South Daytona Lions Club & Hannah's
Family Diner (968 Reed Canal Rd)**

**School Supply Drive for South Daytona
Elementary School**

July 8th-August 10th

What we need

Scissors	Black pens
Notebooks	Erasers
Glue sticks	Highlighters
Pencils	Crayons
Black pens	Clear school bags
Erasers	Colored pencils

**South Daytona Lions thank our community for
your continued support.**



THE LIGHTER SIDE

What is the difference between a Hippo and a Zippo? One is pretty heavey, and the other's a little lighter.

Sheep get their wool cut at the Baa Baa shop.

What do you call an angry acid?

A-mean-o acid.

What did the leafy greens say when they were trapped in the fridge?

Lettuce out of here

What do you call a BBQ by the pool?

A Swim Meat

What do you get if you feed gunpowder to a chicken?

An egg-spllosion

What's an avocado's favorite genre of music?

Guac 'n' roll!

When does the devil get all of his shopping done?

On Black Friday

Why did the cat go to the bathroom in the trash can?

Because it's a "litter" box

What a bears favorite movie?
Pirates of the Care-bear-ean

What kind of bird can write? "

A PENguin

Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud.

Maya Angelou

Take the risk or lose the chance.

Unknown

Be a voice.

Not an echo.

If youth knew; if age could.

Sigmund Freud

Do you have an appropriate favorite joke or quote?
Send it to uncgrad2005@aol.com and you might see it here.

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