



MMXXVI December #6

PDG Harry Williams, Editor

Second Advisory Held in Fruitland Park

On Saturday, November 15, the Fruitland Park Lions Club hosted the Second District 35 O Advisory Meeting. From 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. there was fellowship, a PDG meeting and an executive meeting. At 10:00 A.M. Lion President David Fleming called the meeting to order. Following the invocation by PDG Vivian Henegar, Pledge to the Flag, the Lions' Toast led by PDG Dawn Countermine and the singing of "God Bless America by PDG Harry Williams, Lion David introduced SVDG Sonia Saylor. SVDG Sonia introduced FVDG John Hanna who in turn introduced DG Maggiy Williams. After making her opening remarks, DG Maggiy gave out a number of special awards. On behalf of CCE Elbio Gimenez 35 N,





District Governor Maggiy passed out membership certificates for increase and/or retention to Satellite Beach, Ormond Beach, Inverness, Ponce Inlet, Kathleen, Beverly Hills, Kissimmee, Viera, and Auburndale Lions Clubs.

Also recognized were Lions who had volunteered at the LICON in July.

Packets of chevrons were distributed to many clubs, the total number being 86. This included two 50 year chevrons, one

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Coming Events

Dec 8 **PRTS Christmas** Mt. Dora Parade Dec 6 Dec 8 **Fruitland Park Christmas Party** Dec 10 Clinic Dec 12 LALC Christmas Dec 19 High Point Show Dec 24 Christmas Eve Dec 25 Christmas Day Jan 1 **New Years Day** Jan 4 **Back to School Bash Lake** Alfred Jan 10 COG Lake Alfred Jan 24 3rd Advisory Jan 26 Zone 3 Mtg

LSLC 6:00 P.M.

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55 year chevron, two 60 year chevrons, and one 70 year chevron. Certificates were also presented to Lion Nancy Epps, Ponce Inlet, and PDG Bob Armstrong, Davenport, recognizing their work in ensuring that 100% of our District's clubs donated last year. PDG Glenn Brown LCIF chairmen assisted in





these presentations.

PDG GLT Vivian Henegar reminded Lions of the leadership opportunities. On February 7 there will be a Potential Leadership Seminar at the MD office in Winter Haven. Also there will be a Regional Lions Leadership Institute [RLLI] in Fruitland Park on March 19-22. The first ten who register and complete the course will receive a \$75 reimbursement from the governor. The total





cost of the institute is \$200.

PDG GMT/GET Steven Van Varick spoke about membership. Afterwards FVDG John Hanna inducted two new members into the Palm Coast Lions Club: Ken McGevna and Karen Kuratnick. Lion Nina Guiglotto is their



sponsor.

GST Bobbie Cheh reminded secretaries that when entering service hours into the portal to remember to click SAVE.

Lion Zuzanna Talbot, Spring Hills Nature Coast Lions Club president and Peace Poster Chair, presented the seven posters for voting. Each Lion may cast a vote for their fa-





vorite poster. This will happen during lunch.

PCC Greg Evans spoke for Lions Saving Sight, an entity that "provides sight saving surgeries to those who can't afford it." Lion Karen Stowers spoke for the Beauty of





Sight.

Following lunch, Lion Kim Rossman, District Tail Twister, auctioned off a set of three golf balls autographed by IP A. P. Singh. PCC Greg Evans won the auction



with a bid of \$50.00.

PDG Steven Van Varick was the keynote speaker for the day. His address was the initial steps to creating new clubs.

Lion Michelle Tighe spoke about the Janu-





ary initiative, Hunger.

Dr. Zuzanna Talbot presented the winners of the Peace Poster Contest, the theme being "Together as One:"1st place: Isabel Parra Giddings (13-year-old student of Union Academy), sponsored by Lakeland North Lakeland Lions Club and posted on the first page, (will receive a prize of \$100); 2nd place: Astrid Sheppard (13-year-old student of Seven Rivers Christian School), sponsored by Crystal River Kings Bay Lions Club (will receive a prize of \$50) and 3rd place: Alysse Brielle Seberiaga (12-year-old student of The Villages Charter Middle School), sponsored by Lake Sumter Lions Club (will receive a prize of \$25).

"Congratulations to the winners and all students who participated in the contest! Huge thanks to the clubs who participated in the Peace Poster contest and made this event a success!" Page 4 Roar 'n Growl



Lion Todd Saylor [for SVDG Sonia] and FVDG Johns Hanna read the club announcements and Secretary Lion Joy Helmold read out the Parade of Checks.

DG Maggiy thanked the Fruitland Park Lions Club for hosting the meeting and announced that the next advisory meeting wold be at The Villages on January 24, hosted by Lake Sumter Lions Club.

PDG Vivian Henegar delivered the benediction. Lion President David Fleming adjourned the meeting also thanking everyone for attending.

















Advisory Photo Gallery

























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A Message from Your GLT PDG Vivian Henegar





Everyone in District 35 O is aware of the need and desire for new Lion members and clubs. Many are working diligently on getting new members and forming new clubs and are to be congratulated on their hard work, enthusiasm, and success.

Lions may or may not have considered the fact that many of the leaders now serving are getting older and yes, that includes me, so the need for younger leaders also exists. This district is blessed with many young and talented individuals who can fill this role. As the MD GLT, and a concerned Lion, I am asking those who are ambivalent about stepping into a leadership role, to think about attending the February 7, 2026 Potential Leaders Seminar and then make the decision to attend. You will gain an excellent overview of what goes into being a Lions leader.

At this time, and subject to change if needed, the seminar will be held in the MD Office Conference Room, 331 W. Central Avenue, Suite 246, Winter Haven.

A flyer is being posted to give more information.

Once again, please consider stepping forward to lead.

Vivian Henegar, PDG

GLT



A Message from Your Hunger Initiative Chairman Lion Michelle Tighe





LIONS HUNGER INITIATIVE

It's a privilege to come before you today as we come together for a cause that truly defines who we are as a community — our **Hunger Initiative**.

Hunger is not just a distant problem affecting faraway places. It exists right here, in our neighborhoods, sometimes even on our very streets. Families struggle to put food on the table. Children go to school without breakfast. Seniors skip meals to pay their bills. These are not statistics — these are our neighbors, our friends, our fellow human beings.

The truth is simple: no one should have to face hunger in a world that has enough for everyone.

That's why our community has decided to take action. Through this Hunger Initiative, we aim to:

- Collect and distribute food to families in need.
- Partner with local farmers, stores, and restaurants to reduce food waste.
- Raise awareness about food insecurity and nutrition.

Build volunteer networks so everyone can lend a helping hand.

But this initiative is about more than food. It's about compassion, connection, and care.

When we feed a person, we also feed hope. We remind one another that our community is strong — not because of wealth or numbers, but because of our unity and kindness.

Every contribution matters — whether it's a bag of rice, an hour of your time, or simply spreading the word. Together, we can create a ripple of change that ensures no one in our community goes hungry again.

Let's make this initiative not just a project, but a promise — a promise that hunger will have no place here.

Potential Leaders Seminar Saturday, February 7, 2026

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Lunch Provided

WHO:

- Potential Governors (SVDGs & FVDGS).
- 2. Open to all Lions intersted in District Leadership.

Where:

MD35 Office Conference Room 331 W. Central Avenue, Suite 246 Winter Haven, Florida 33880 (any change of loction will be announced in advance)

Topics:

- 1. Constitutional Requirements & Guidelines.
- 2. Duties of a District Governor.
- Role of the Partner/Companion in Service.
- 4. Time Commitment.
- 5. Preparing a Budget.
- 6. Expenses and Reimbursements.
- 7. Chosing your Cabinet.
- 8. Chosing MD Officers & their Duties.
- 9. Protocol.
- 10. Recognition.

AND MUCH MORE!

Contact either PDG Gary LaSpina or PDG Vivian Henegar NLT January 23, 2026 to reserve your spot!

PDG Gary M. LaSpina md35execsec@md35lions.org 407-859-7174 PDG Vivian henegar vivianhenegar64@yahoo.com 810-444-4109

If no answer when calling leave a message!

ZONE NEWS - Zone 6/7 Zone Meeting

One Meeting on November 18 at the Southern Recreational Center. The event was sponsored by Palm Coast Lions Club. Following dinner, President Shara Brodsky of Palm Coast called the meeting o order and welcomed everyone. Guests who were present included District Governor Maggiy Williams PDG Harry Williams, PCC Greg Evans, PDG Vivian Henegar, and PDG Mike Ryan.

Chevrons were handed out. Those receiving 20 year chevrons were Lions Hank Lunsford, Mary Yochum, and Ken Crowley; Lion Joe Langello received a 40 year chevron, and Lion Norm Orel received his 55 year chevron.

Three new members were inducted by DG Maggiy into the Palm Coast Lions Club with sponsor Shara Brodsky: Jacqueline Montez, Jeannette Mendozza, and Leslie Artesona.

The program for the evening centered around diabetes, Lion Abby Baker, Zone 6 Chair, asked everyone to play Diabetic Bingo using cards that had words instead of numbers. PDG Mike Ryan won the prize. Next Lion Hank Lunsford spoke about the importance of glucose screening. He allowed his partner to test his blood, took a reading. Then he drank some sugary soda, spoke for a few more minutes, and then had his blood sugar checked again. There was a considerate change in the readings.

PDG GLT Vivian Henegar spoke about the Potential Leaderships Institute and RLLI. PCC Greg spoke about LSS and the football lottery. Club reports followed. The clubs in these two zones are doing amazing projects

















On the First day of Christmas, my true love gave to me a Lions Portal to report our service.





On the Second day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, "We Serve" as our motto and a Lions Portal to report our service.

On the Third day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, three Club reporters (President, Secretary, and Club Administrator,) "We Serve" as our motto and a Lions Portal to report our service.

On the Fourth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, four members serving, three Club reporters, "We Serve" as our motto and a Lions Portal to report our service.

On the Fifth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, five Club supplies (hat, vests, shirts, pens, signs), four members serving, three Club reporters, "We Serve" as our motto and a Lions Portal to report our service.

On the Sixth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, six Club activities to be reported, five Club supplies, four members serving, three Club reporters, "We Serve" as our motto and a Lions Portal to report our service.

On the Seventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, seven photos to show our service, six Club activities to be reported, five Club supplies, four members serving, three Club reporters, "We Serve" as our motto and a Lions Portal to report our service.



On the Eighth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, eight Global Service Causes, seven photos to show our service, six Club activities to be reported, five Club supplies, four members serving, three Club reporters, "We Serve" as our motto and a Lions Portal to report our service.

On the Nineth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, nine Leos to help with our projects, eight Global Service Causes, seven photos to show our service, six Club activities to be

reported, five Club supplies, four members serving, three Club reporters, "We Serve" as our motto and a Lions Portal to report our service.





On the Tenth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, Ten happy Board Members, nine Leos to help with our projects, eight Global Service Causes, seven photos to show our service, six Club activities to be reported, five Club supplies, four members serving, three Club reporters, "We Serve" as our motto and a Lions Portal to report our service.

On the Eleventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me at least Eleven other organizations to partner with (at least), ten happy Board Members, nine Leos to help with our projects, eight Global Service Causes, seven photos to show our service, six Club activities to be reported, five Club supplies, four members serving, three Club reporters, "We Serve" as our motto and a Lions Portal to report our service.

On the TWELTH DAY of Christmas, my true love gave to me, Twelve different reasons to report, eleven other organizations to partner with, ten happy Board Members, nine Leos to help with our projects, eight Global Service Causes, seven photos to show our service, six Club activities to be reported, five Club supplies, four members serving, three Club reporters, "We Serve" as our motto and a Lions Portal to report our service.

(My Apologies to the Twelve Days of Christmas)

Now that we've all stopped singing, I'd like to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season! As of this writing, we're at 57% of Clubs reporting their service. How about giving District Governor a GREAT Christmas Present and ALL Clubs in District 35-0 Report Your Service. We can do it!!! Email me at ormondbob@aol.com if you need help.



Lion Bobbie Cheh, District 35-0 Global Service Team Coordinator.



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Millard Conklin Crusader Award

Thank you for your continued dedication to the spirit of Lionism. As we celebrate another remarkable year of service across our clubs, it's time once again to recognize one of the highest honors within our district — the **Millard Conklin Crusader Award**.

This prestigious award is given to a grassroots Lion who embodies the very heart of our motto, "We Serve." It honors a Lion whose passion, integrity, and selfless dedication have made a lasting impact on their club, their community, and the lives of those they touch.

The *Millard Crusader Award* is not about holding titles or seeking recognition — it's about consistent, quiet leadership. It's for the Lion who steps up when help is needed, inspires others to serve, and carries forward the values that make our District 35 family so strong.

I encourage every club in our district to take a moment and reflect on those Lions who go above and beyond — the ones who show up early, stay late, and give from the heart. **Nominate them** for this meaningful award. And if you've been dedicating yourself to service in ways that uplift others, don't hesitate to **apply yourself** — this award honors your courage and commitment.

Nomination forms are available through the MD District 35 website and can also be requested from your Zone Chair or Cabinet Secretary. All applications must be in the MD 35 office by **JANUARY 31**, **2026**.

Let's take this opportunity to celebrate the Lions who keep our mission alive — those true crusaders of service who remind us of what it means to serve with pride, purpose, and compassion.

Together, let's continue to make District 35 a shining example of Lionism at its best.

Thank you, Lions, and keep serving with heart.

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EYEGLASS SORTING & READER PROCESSING

Project: Right to Sight

Saturday, January 17th
Ocoee Lions Club
108 Taylor Street, Ocoee, FL
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon







Everyone is welcome. Bring friends! Volunteers!

Bright Futures Community Service Hours Available for further information contact: Lion Dennis Dulniak at: ddulniak@ucf.edu 407-592-6670 Page 14 Roar 'n Growl

ZONE NEWS - Zone 1 Homosassa Lions Club



On November 6, District Governor Maggiy Williams and CIS PDG Harry Williams traveled to Homosassa for the Zone 1 Meeting. President Lion Beverly Yost welcomed them to the club and called the meeting to order. Following normal protocol [invocation, pledge, toast, song], Lion Beverly introduced that head table. Also present at the meeting were FVDG John Hanna and PDG GLT Vivian Henegar.

After dinner, the meeting was turned over to Region 1 Chair Lion Jackie Angulo who introduced Zone 1 Chair Lion Linda Copestick. The special guest speakers for the evening were Karen and Elljan Hartzig with Citrus United Basket (CUB). This organization does amazing work towards feeding the community.

Club reports followed. Lion Beverly Yost reported for Homosassa Lions Clubs which has a number of ongoing projects: stuffing stockings for Day Care, Senior Bingo, donating readers to the detention center, Bunco party, Craft Show in March and 9 new members to be inducted on December 4; Crystal River Kings Bay Lions are meeting at Jesse's Place, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, packing food bags, and doing screening at the VA; Crystal River Lions are without a building but still plan to ring the bell for the SA; Inglis Yankeetown Lions are still working from their club house which was severely damaged by the hurricane but work with the Achieve Program, distribute snow cones at the schools K-8, sponsored a haunted house at Halloween, and attended an arts and crafts festival. Beverly Hills Lions did not attend but are still having bingo.

District Governor Maggiy spoke about membership and the upcoming advisory; FVDG John Hanna is collecting for disaster relief; and PDG GLT Vivian Henegar thanked everyone who attended classes during the October conference. She reminded everyone about screening training on November 21 at Inglis-Yankeetown beginning at 10:00 A.M. as November is Diabetes Awareness Month and the Regional Lions Leadership Institute on March 19-22 which will cost \$200. Those Lions from 35 O may claim a rebate of \$75 after completion of the course. There is a planned Potential Leadership Institute at the MP office in February.

It was a great meeting. Thanks to all who attended. The next zone meeting will be in combination with Zone 2 and will be hosted by the High Point Lions Club on February 12, 2026.























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ZONE NEWS - Zone 3 Meeting Eastport Lions Club



November 17^{thirty-seven} members of the Lions Clubs of MD35-O, Zone 3 gathered for a night of learning, sharing, camaraderie, and good food. We were honored to have FVDG John Hanna and his Partner in Service Bunny as well as SVDG Sonia Saylor and her partner Todd. This was the first time the Eastport Lions Club had the opportunity to host a zone meeting and boy did they excel. The meeting was attended by members of Eastport, Lake Sumter, Fruitland Park, and Lady Lake Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Clubs. The focus of this zone meeting was on leadership; however our District guest also talked with us about Disaster Preparedness (the key focus of FVDG John Hanna) and Membership and the exceptional work our zone has accomplished (championed by SVDG Sonia Saylor). The focus of the meeting was on leadership and how each member of every club is a leader in one form or another. Zone 3 Chair Bruce Scheel talked briefly about leadership, it's meaning, it's traits, and then asked questions that demonstrated how each member present was able to identify as a leader of some measure. After Bruce finished his discussion, he addressed the handouts and directed the group to participate in a leadership activity that practiced one of the key traits of a leader, communications. Each member was to partner with another member and describe the picture on a card to the partner member, without directly telling them what the picture was, and have them draw/color that picture. After 5 minutes the picture was reviewed to see how well they were able to communicate the picture. The partners then switched roles and completed the activity again with a different card. After the second round Bruce then wrapped up the activity by recommending that activity and other handout (A Leadership Style Self Quiz) be taken back to each of their clubs as a club activity. A proposal for a zone project was handed out for clubs to review with their individual membership and report back to Bruce. Clubs reported on activities and fundraisers they were working on. During our meeting we were able to pass the hat and collect \$66.00 to be added to the District Disaster/Emergency Preparedness fund. The meeting was adjourned, and members were left to absorb the information provided to them, develop ways to share with individual club members, and continue the great community work that Lions pride themselves on accomplishing.

[Zone 3 Chair, Lion Bruce Scheel]









Purpose is our strength.
Unity is our Power.
Humanity is our purpose.

We Serve because we are proud to be members of this brilliant organisation that is Lions International.



CLUB NEWS - Lake Sumter Lions Club



Lake Sumter Lions welcome District 35-O Governor Maggiy Williams to our club meeting today as our guest speaker. After the DG speech, Club President Sonia Saylor presented DG Maggiy with a Lions pinata and a donation check to Project Right to Sight (PRTS), one of DG's favorite District projects. During DG Maggiy Williams' visit to the Lake Sumter Lions Club, she presented an International Convention pin to PDG Patrick Pignataro and Janet Pignataro for their work during the convention. Lake Sumter Lions welcome 3 new members: Betty Lloyd, Patricia Pasquini, and Lilliana Whittington. We were fortunate to have DG Maggiy Williams to induct these new members and we thank her. [Lion Jane Mello]





















November 11—It was an evening of fun and fundraising at the Lake Sumter Lions' Jukebox Bingo. Thanks goes to FVDG and Lake Sumter Lion John Hanna for leading this event and to Lake Sumter Lion Jaci Newmark for organizing the additional raffle events.





On November 8th, Lake Sumter Lions held their monthly golf outing with VIPs (Visually Impaired Persons) at the El Santiago Executive Golf Course in The Villages. Lions guide VIP golfers in playing and also drive the golf carts.

















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CLUB NEWS - Lake Sumter Lions Club



November 7—PDG and Lake Sumter Lion Ed Mello presented Krystal at Miracle Ear with a donation for a woman's application fee to the Miracle Ear Foundation.







November 6—Lake Sumter Lion Esther Ann Howell Walton presented a donation check to Dana Osmanski to support the world-wide Tim Tebow's "Night to Shine" event. Specifically, the donation will help fund the Prom Boutique which is held beforehand for the special needs attendees to select donated gowns and tuxedos. The Prom will be held on Feb 13, 2026 world-wide, locally at the New Covenant Methodist Church.

November 11—Lake Sumter Lions screened the vision (aka KidSight) of students at the Amazing Grace Early Learning Center in Oxford on Veteran's Day. Lions included Dennis Ryan, Barbara Goeske, Joanne Lex Sheahan, Chuck Le-Gare, Linda Ryan, and Doris Ann Brennan.





At the Lake Sumter Lions Diabetes Screening at the American Legion. SVDG and Lake Sumter Lion Sonia Hernandez Saylor handed out small American flags to participants.





Lake Sumter Lions Chuck LeGare, Jon Joel, Dennis Ryan, Linda Ryan, Ralph Long, Barb Goeske, Deb Mehr, and Rebecca Christensen conducted Vision Screening at King's Academy in Summerfield. Rebecca demonstrated the new PlusOptix screener. (Lion Chuck and Lion Jon gave it a good workout.) 76 children were screened.

Great teamwork between Lake Sumter Lions and Eastport Lions Club , bagging candy treats for the SOZO Kids Christmas party at Sandy Acres and Forest Lake Park facilities. The two Lions clubs also shared the expenses for providing cupcakes for both Halloween and Christmas SOZO Kids parties.



Congrats to the following Lake Sumter Lions who were awarded Chevrons for their years in Lions service: Chuck LeGare-35 years; Linda and Dennis Ryan - 30 years each; John Bradshaw - 25 years; Kaye Ward Phelan - 15 years; Kathy Shivery and Art Staus - 10 years. And finally ... **Norman Rose - 60 years.**

CLUB NEWS - Lockhart Lions Club



November 3 District Governor and PDG Harry Williams visited the Lockhart Lions Club. This is the home club of PDG Arvada Kindstom (deceased). President Lion Lena Isaacson greeted the governor. Before dinner there was time to look around the clubhouse which is a veritable museum of Lionistic activity and projects. There is an area with a number of items for babies and toddlers, food items, and of course eyeglasses (readers). There are also medical supplies such as walkers and crutches, all available to the community. Members of the community planted flowers in front of the clubhouse as a butterfly garden. The club does a tremendous amount of work within the community and hand in hand with other non-profit organizations. The club is planning a Breakfast with Santa for December 6 and will participate in the Fall Festival on November 15.

It was great to visit with the members of the Lockhart Lions Club. Keep up the great work Lions!

P.S. DG Maggiy received chevrons days after the visit. PDG GMT/GET Steven Van Varick delivered the chevrons for DG Maggiy to Lockhart, recipients being Lion Bryan Isaacson (20 yrs) and Lion Mary Isaacson (20 yrs).





CLUB NEWS—Lake Alfred Lions Club

For the third year the Lake Alfred Lions Club participated in Trunk or Treat with the City of Lake Alfred. Over 1200 hot dogs and bottles of water served along with hundreds of bags of candy. Sherry Parker, event organizer, awards Lake Alfred Lions with a second place award for best table presentation. We enjoy engaging with the Lake Alfred community and this event is perfect for that.





CLUB NEWS—Oviedo Winter Springs Lions Club

November 15, two Oviedo Winter Springs Lions and two Omega Leos at UCF members joined forces with other local volunteers to feed over 75 persons experiencing homelessness at Samaritan Resource Center in Orlando. Every third Saturday of the month this group provides a complete meal and call their event Hungry Saturdays. The Leos helped unload supplies and set up the event as well as provide reading glasses donated by Project Right to Sight. They screened almost 20 individuals using a simple visual acuity test and distributed 15 pairs. Lion Teresa Pedroza and Carlos Alberto Pedroza helped serve the meal and enjoy the camaraderie with both the people that were served and the other volunteers. Soon to be Lion Carleen provided and served coffee and tea as well as other big responsibilities!





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CLUB NEWS - Lake Alfred Lions Club

On November 15, the Lake Alfred Lions Club celebrated 80 years of service to the Lake Alfred community. The clubhouse was scrubbed and festively decorated, thanks to Lion Stacey Houston and her cadre. Acting on behalf of President Rosemary Daniels, Past President Steve Fawcett was the Master of Ceremonies. The music and food were reminiscent of 1945 when the club was chartered.

Special guests included PID Buster Hall and his wife, Lion Cheryl, MD Secretary PDG Gary LaSpina and Lion Diane, Council Chair Jimmy Gregory and DG Linda Gregory, PDG Glenn Brown and Donna, Davenport President Michele Tighe, civic leaders, family and friends...

District Governor Maggiy Williams presented LA Lions with chevrons: Lion Tabitha Bryant (10 yrs), Lion Rita Fawcett (30 yrs) and Lion Marilyn Anderson (40 yrs). PID Buster Hall presented Lion Steve Fawcett and Lion Stacey Houston with Certificates of Appreciation from the International President A P Singh.

In his address, Lion Steve spoke about the long history of the club. Attendees received a club pin reflecting the 80 years of service as well as a carved wooden medallion as a gift.

Many thanks to those who helped prepare for the evening and to those who attended and celebrated with us. May the Lake Alfred Lions club continue to serve for another 80 years!

























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CLUB NEWS - LoInverness Lions Club



Lions from the Inverness Lions Club made and served food at the Nature Coast Church Cold Weather Shelter in Homosassa on Monday, November 10. About 95 people were fed that evening. Lions Tara, Vickie, Jackie, Beth all made food for the event, Lions Chris Smith ordered Garlic Bread for us to serve. Lions Tara, Vickie, Chris Frohnheiser, Gary and Kim all served the food.





Then on Tuesday, November 11,Lions went to the Family Resource Center in Hernando and wrapped gifts for children. Family Resource Center is working on getting presents for approximately 1900 children for this Christmas. Lions Karen, Mat, Linda, Kim, Beth, Tara, Michele, Gary, Carolyn, Jack and Jackie were all there, plus special help by Karen's son Hunter and Tara's two kids Christa and David.







The club also gave Citrus United Basket (C.U.B.) in Inverness a donation of \$300 to help with their food pantry.





CLUB NEWS—Davenport Lions Club









On Tuesday. November 25th, members of the Davenport Lions Club, in collaboration with Fundacion Mana Del Cielo, is distributing Thanksgiving baskets to those in need. Lion Margie and Lion Angely, our two newest recruits, are demonstrating their commitment to serving the community. The Davenport Lions are indeed fortunate to have two remarkable new members who share their dedication to community service. We Serve.























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CLUB NEWS - Lady Lake Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club





Lady Lake, FL — The Orange Blossom Gardens (OBG) Lions Club has presented a \$5,000 donation to The Villages Lady Lake Elementary School to support the lease of essential copiers used daily by teachers. The check presentation took place this week, with Lion Joe Sepia of the Village of Silver Lake representing the OBG Lions.

This contribution ensures that educators have reliable access to the printing and copying equipment necessary for lesson planning, classroom materials, parent communication, and resource preparation. Copiers are among the most heavily used support tools in schools, yet they often fall outside standard operating budgets—making community support like this especially meaningful.

"Teachers deserve every resource we can provide," said OBG Lions Club President Barbara Crewell. "By supporting the school's copier lease, we are helping make sure educators have what they need to do their jobs effectively every single day. When our teachers have the tools they need, our students thrive, and that strengthens the community."

The Villages Lady Lake Elementary School expressed its gratitude to the OBG Lions for stepping forward to assist with an operational cost that directly affects classrooms across grade levels. With this support, the school can continue providing the essential equipment teachers rely on to create worksheets, assessments, take-home materials, enrichment activities, and more.





CLUB NEWS—Pierson Lions Club

On Monday, November 17, District Governor Maggiy Williams and Companion-Service PDG Harry Williams traveled to Pierson Lions Club for an official visit. President Phillip Hughes was there to greet DG Maggiy and PDG Harry and made them feel welcomed to the Pierson Lions Club. Also present at the meeting was Zone 6 Chair, Lion Abby Baker.



Following an excellent dinner, DG Maggiy assisted by Zone Chair Abby handed out a number of chevrons. Those present receiving chevrons were Lon Jackie North (10 yrs) and Lion Lamar Dixon (30 yrs). Those not present yet receiving chevrons were Lion Jimmy Braddock (35 yrs), Lions Randall & Kimberly Hutcherson (10 yrs), Lion Reynolds Richardson (10 yrs) and Lion Samuel Bennett (15 yrs). Lion Jackie was also awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Leadership as President.

DG Maggiy asked that the secretary double check the membership information in LCI to make sure that it is correct. She also urged the service hours be recorded. If help is needed please let DG Maggiy know.

The remainder of the meeting was used to discuss the Rodeo in October. This is a trademark project of the Pierson Lions Clubs. Many thanks to all who had anything to do with its success. Planning continued for the Duvall Kids Christmas Party and Sponsor Appreciation Party, both to be held on December 8. It was also reported that Big Dog Signs and Banners would be replacing the club sign (see below0.

There is much going on here. Keep up the great work LIONS!

















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CLUB NEWS - Fruitland Park Lions Club



On Monday evening, November 10, District Governor Maggiy and CIS PDG Harry found themselves on the way to Fruitland Park Lions Club for an official Governor's visit. As always Lions David and Pat Fleming greeted them upon arrival. One of the reasons for this visit was to check out the room for the upcoming advisory meeting which would be held there at the end of the week.

Following a short board meeting President David called the meeting to order. After the invocation and pledge to the flag, Lion David introduced his visitors. Since dinner was about ten minutes out, PDG Harry regaled everyone with a series of jokes. "I rent him out for special occasions," said DG Maggiy.

Dinner, prepared as always by Lion Pat (with assistance from Lion David), was excellent. There was a little business to attend, including reports on contributions to entities and preparation for the food drive for the food pantry. After which DG Maggiy was asked to speak. She awarded several chevrons while there: William Hayes (35 yrs), Richard Lucier (10 yrs/pictured below), and Russell Casson (45 yrs). As a gift of thanks DG Maggiy was presented with a beautiful stained glass piece of art created by Lion Pat.

Having received a letter from PCC Greg Evans, VP for LSS, Lion David requested that the club donate \$500 to acquire the first three steps of a Grand Lion Award for Lion Tom Vorst, a senior Lion who has done so much for the club. Other projects were mentioned including the Advisory Meeting on November 15 and the Christmas Party on December 8.

Thank you for a great visit Fruitland Party Lions! ROAR!!













CLUB NEWS—South Daytona Lions Club

This week Wednesday, November 5th, our South Daytona Lion's Club welcomed our guest speaker, Michelle Fredette from the Salvation Army where we were happy to present her organization with a \$300 donation. Pictured here are Lion Pam, Michelle Fredette, and Lion Carene. Michelle spoke about all the new changes this year, including a new location at 340 North St, called the Center of Hope which will help provide those in need and the homeless with food, clothing, which includes a laundry and shower facilities. Other projects include a Red Shield Youth Center after school and summer programs as well as their Christmas Bell Ringer program and Angel Tree Program.





CLUB NEWS—Lakeland North Lakeland Lions Club





Congratulations to Lion Donna Ritch who was honored with a Melvin Jones Fellowship on November 6 by the Lakeland North Lakeland Lions Club. This presentation was well deserved. Thank you, Lion Donna, for all that you have done for your club and your community.



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CLUB NEWS - Ocoee Lions Club

November 6—The Ocoee Lions Club welcomed our newest member, Mark Anthony from Southeastern Food Bank. Now when Southeastern Food Bank has an event, it is also a Lion's club event. Thanks to SVDG Sonia Saylor for performing the induction ceremony during her official visit to the club.



CLUB NEWS—Davenport Lions Club



November 6—The Davenport Lions Club has gained a new member, Angie Velez. Her sponsor, Lion Margie Maldonado, was present as PDG Bob Armstrong inducted Angie into the club. We are proud to have Lion Angie as our newest member!





CLUB NEWS—Palm Coast Lions Club

Saturday, November 8th, the Palm Coast Lions Club made Palm Coast a cleaner place to live. They picked up enough trash to fill two 55 gallon bags, along their stretch of their Adopted Highway, Old Kings Road North from Farmsworth to Forest Grove. Join us in keeping Palm Coast Beautiful, and please don't litter.







CLUB NEWS - South Daytona Lions Club

This Wednesday, November 12th, our South Daytona Lion's Club delivered 16 sets of hand crocheted hats and afghans to the Barracks of Hope - Halifax Urban Ministries in Daytona Beach, and with the help of Norman Beatty, case Manager at HLM and Suzanne these items will help our Veterans to stay warm. A huge thank you to Veteran, Rich Powers, who worked throughout the year personally making these items to honor and support our local veterans!

Our South Daytona Lion's Club meets every Wednesday morning at Hannah's Family Diner. We welcome you to stop in and see how we serve our local Community.



Pictured here are Lion Carene Darcy , Suzanne Forlenzo, Resident Advocate, and Lion Judy Visnic.









CLUB NEWS - Ocoee Lions Club

So much spirit at the Palm Coast Library as we put up the Lions Club





















PARTY

GRACELIFE BEACHSIDE CHURCH HALL 6 SANDRA DRIVE ORMOND BEACH, FL 32176

5:30 PM

WE'RE HOSTING A POT LUCK DINNER SO BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE.

ENTERTAINMENT BY MAGICIAN HARRY ALLEN!

TOYS ARE ALSO WELCOME FOR BEACHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
AGES 9 - 11.

PLEASE JOIN US!
RSVP LION MARY YOCHUM
AT

FIREMARY@BELLSOUTH.NET



Saturday, December 13th @ 4:00 PM

The City of Davenport presents our annual Winterfest Christmas Parade at 207 North Blvd West, Davenport, FL 33837

MENU:

LOADED NACHOS
TAQUITOS (CHICKEN)
CHILLI
HOT DOG (LOADED)
CHOCOLATE CANDY BARS
DRINKS, HOT APPLE CIDER, HOT COCOA
COQUITO WITHOUT ALCOHOL

We Davenport Lions provide free vision screening and eyeglasses to those in need, We support the Special Olympics and the Pediatric Cancer. We also provide food to the local food pantries, mats and hygiene kits to the Displaced People.

Lions District 35-0 Youth Exchange Scholarship Trust Fund

(YESTF)

The Youth Exchange Scholarship Trust Fund (YESTF) awards \$\frac{\$1000 \text{ scholarships}}{2000 \text{ scholarships}}\$ annually to graduating high school seniors. These scholarships are selected from applications submitted to the YESTF Board. Applications can be obtained from the 35-0 District website and must be submitted by February 6, 2026. Nine \$1000 \text{ scholarships were awarded in 2025.} For more information about your District Youth Exchange Scholarship Trust Fund or if you are interested in joining the YESTF Board, please contact Recording Secretary Dennis Dulniak at ddulniak@ucf.edu or 407-592-6670, or reach out to any Board member.

Honor a Member of your Club, local Teacher of the Year or someone who helps your Club with a LIFE MEMBERSHIP into the Youth Exchange Trust Fund with a \$100 donation.

Please send donation Checks to YESTF Executive Secretary:

PDG Lion Harry Williams 1980 Stonebridge Dr SW Winter Haven, FL 33880

This is a great way to invest in our Youth!





APPLICATION FOR YESTF LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Name	Member Num	ber (if active Lion)
	Lions Club	
	Street Address Where Mailed	
	City, State, Zip	
	Contact Phone Number	
	Contact Email	
Signatura Chi	h Officer/Individual	

Send donation Checks to YESTF Executive Secretary:

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APPLICATION FORM

2026 LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT 35-O 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 15-0 to establish a suitable Memorial to commemorate the untimely death of Paivi Harittu, from Paimio, 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 \$1,000. 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 6, 2026.

PRINT IN INK ONLY - INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS:					
CITY, STATE, ZIP:					
PHONE: () E-MAIL:					
CURRENTLY EMPLOYED? OJT PART-TIMEFULL-TIME; HOURS PE	R WEEK:				
EMPLOYER:					
FAMILY INFORMATION					
FATHER'S NAME:OCCUPATION:	OCCUPATION:				
ADDRESS:					
MOTHER'S NAME:OCCUPATION:					
ADDRESS:					
EDUCATION INFORMATION					
HIGH SCHOOL:SCHOOL COUNTY:	GRAD YEAR:				
FUTURE EDUCATION PLANS:					
PERSONAL STATEMENT					
ATTACH A TYPED OR PRINTED IN INK ESSAY (LIMITED TO ONE PAGE AND NO MORE THAN 350 WORDS; EXCEEDING EITHER OF THESE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION) THAT MUST ADDRESS EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:					
- 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.					

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:				
SIGNATURE:						

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FLORIDA DISTRICT 35-O 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





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LIONS CLUB INVITES:

FREE EYE TESTS FREE

GLASSES AND READERS FOR ADULTS &CHILDREN



SUNDAY February 1, 2026 10 AM to 2:30PM

NOTE: Registration Closes at 2:00 PM Immokalee Technical College 508 N. 9<u>TH STREET</u> IMMOKALEE

EYE SCREENING FOR GLAUCOMA CATARACTS – MACULAR DEGENERATION TESTS FOR DIABETES & BLOOD PRESSURE FREE EYE GLASSES

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:	
COLLIER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	
FLORIDA LIONS EYE CLINIC	
FIRST SIGHT GLASSES, INC	
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We Serve * We Share * We Care



February 8th, 2026

FL Lions Diabetic Retinopathy Foundation

Super Bowl Fundraiser 2026

\$5,000.00 IN PAY OUTS

\$1,000 1st Quarter, \$1,000 Half Time \$1,000 3st Quarter, \$1,000 4th Quarter and \$1000.00 Final Score

\$100.00 a Square

The Florida Lions Diabetic Retinopathy Foundation provides free services to 1,000's of Floridians each year, educating them on the effects of Diabetes and providing free screening for Diabetic Retinopathy. This is our major annual fundraisers, and we thank you for participating.

Your \$100 secures a football square that corresponds to a score at key points in the 2026 Super Bowl. You will be notified before the game what scores your box corresponds to. It truly adds excitement to the game.

When your funds are received, your name will be put on a Square. Squares are first fund, first allocated. The board will be frozen, and the numbers assigned when all the squares are sold but no later than the day before the Super Bowl. We will publish the board at that time. Winners will be determined by the official NFL score.

If you square is a winner, you will be contacted, and the prizes issued within 10 days of the event.

All net proceeds benefit the FLORIDA LIONS' DIABETIC RETINOPATHY FOUNDATION, INC and the services it provides to the community.

The Entry the Form is Online

Use the QR code or this link to open form https://zfrmz.com/3LTaBiGlc1yQPgwDVSrI

Pay online or

Mail payment to Greg Evans P.O. Box 2885 Ormond Beach FL 32175
If you have question you may contact

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Lions & Friends to China



Post-Convention 8-Nights July 8 to July 16, 2026

This tour will be escorted by Lion Amy Fink and PID Ken Ibarra

Take advantage of this culturally enriching getanney after the Lions International Consention in Hong Kong







Lion Amy Fink, CTC
Blue Ribbon Travel Arrangements
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amyefink@yahoo.com
CST# 1000233-10





Trip Highlights:

- I-night hotel accommodation in Macau
- 3-night hotel accommodation in Metropark Jichen Hotel Shanghai
- 4-night hotel accommodation in Novotel Peace Hotel Beiling
- · 8x breakfasts, 4x lunches, 1x dinner
- Roundtrip transportation from airport to hotel and vice-versa (when traveling with group)
- · Half-day Macau City Tour
- · Full-day Exploring Historic Shanghai
- · Half-day Zhujiajiao Water Tour Shanghai
- · Full-day Imperial Beijing Tour
- · Half-day Great Wall of China Visit
- · Half-day Beijing includes Hutongs and more
- Domestic airfare Macau/Shanghai/Beijing (incl. taxes and IPC 20KG luggage per person)
- · All entrance and admission fees
- · All taxes and fees included

Trip Excludes:

- · Excludes international flights
- Travel Insurance (contact Amy for an insurance quote)
- · Meals not listed · Personal items
- · Tips/gratuities · Early check in/late check out
- · Government taxes at existing rates until paid in full

Price Starts
(land only min. 25 participants)

us \$ 2,750

(in double/twin room)

Deposit: USD\$250 will secure your spot! *Balance/Final Payment: Due on May 1, 2026 (Payment plans available)

TO MAKE A DEPOSIT - COPY THIS LINK INTO YOUR BROWSER

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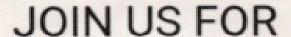
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Marathon Binge

02.14.2026 | 7AM

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THE LIGHTER SIDE

I ordered 2000 pounds of Chinese soup.
It was wonton.

I tried to start a professional hide-andseek league... but good players are hard to find. My son went bald but still caries a comb.

He just can't part with it.

Why do eggs come in flimsy Styrofoam cartons and batteries come in a carton only a chainsaw can open?

I gave my son an apple. He said he likes pears.
So I gave him another apple.

Would you call a cow's knees a burger joint?

My friend learned to play the piano by ear. Now she used her hands.

If wisdom come with age then wrinkle must be wisecracks.

If you get locked out, talk to the lock calmly.
Communication is the key.

Some people are wise.
Some people are otherwise.

My neighbor said try manure on my strawberries. I'm going back to whipped cream.

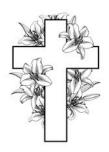
Where did the Terminator find toilet paper?
Aisle B, back.

Sign language... It's very handy. If cars have to be roadworthy, shouldn't roads have to be carworthy?

I used to be am Accountant. I stopped when I started hearing invoices. Volume I, Issue 6 Page 47

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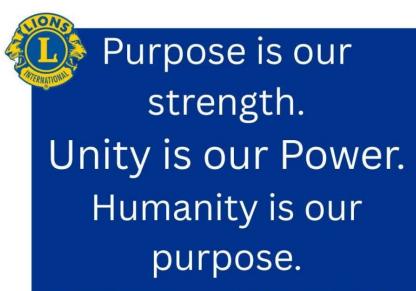




We have been informed of the passing of Lion Christine "Cris" Hirsch last evening. She is the wife of Past District Governor Gunter Hirsch and a member of the Alachua Lions Club. Lion Cris served as First Lady of District 35-L 2005-2006. Members of the Council were: G. Anna Pasqualrello, 35-F (Deceased); James A. Arnold, 35-O (Deceased); Roger T. Allen, 35-R (Deceased); Jim Fitzpatrick, 35-I (Deceased); Dorothy "Dotty" Scherer, 35-D (Deceased); and Mario Echevarria, 35-A. Council Chair was Carl Harrell.

Information on Arrangements is pending however, as soon as we have it becomes available we will pass it on. For those wishing to send messages of condolence, you may do so to: Lion Gunter Hirsch, PDG, 6109 N.W. 112th Place, Alachua, FL 32615-7423

Please keep the family in your thoughts & Prayers.



We Serve because we are proud to be members of this brilliant organisation that is Lions International.

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