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**Coming Events**

- Feb 2 PRTS ZOOM
- Feb 6 Deadline YESTF
- Feb 7 Potential Leaders Seminar
- Feb 9 Zone 5 Meeting  
Kathleen LC
- Feb 10 Inverness DG
- Feb 11 OBG DG
- Feb 12 Zone 1/2 Mtg  
High Point DG
- Feb 14 Marathon Bingo  
Lake Alfred
- Feb 23 Zone 3 Mtg  
Lake Sumter LC
- Feb 24 Mt. Dora DG
- Feb 20-22  
Jet Ski Races  
Lake Alfred LC
- Feb 27-Mar 1  
Jet Ski Races  
Lake Alfred LC

MMXXVI February #8

PDG Harry Williams, Editor

## Third Advisory Hosted by Lake Sumter Lions



Saturday, January 24, was a beautiful day for District 35-O's 3rd Advisory Meeting hosted by the Lake Sumter Lions Club. PID Neil Spencer, Robert Littlefield, PCC C. David Lloyd, PCC Greg Evans, PDG's Vivian Henegar, Steven Van Varick, Ken Engstrom, Glenn Brown, and Harry Williams—were all in attendance. District Governor Maggiy Williams came prepared with membership kits and learning materials, blessing bags, items for gift baskets [which included Dr. Littlefield's book and other items for each zone to auction off for LCIF] as well as district directo-

ries and DG pins.

The meeting was called to order by LSLC President SVDG Sonia Saylor. Following the invocation, pledge, toast and song, Lion Sonia turned the meeting over to her Partner-in-Service who properly introduced her as the SVDG. Lion Sonia then introduced FVDG John Hanna who in



turn introduced DG Maggiy.

The DG's message included:

- Recognition of Lions in attendance;
- Acknowledgement that the year was half over and that Lions are working harder than ever and in more unique ways;
- Vision, glucose, hearing screenings;
- Focus on increased membership; and
- Remember that LCI will bill for dues ONLY through email to the club treas.



The minutes were approval as distributed. The treasurer presented his report which was filed for audit.

DG Maggiy asked GLT Vivian Henegar PDG to make presentation of Certified Guiding Lions: Jaci Newmark and Jackie Angelo. Lion Vivian also reminded Lions of the Potential Leadership Forum to be held at Lake Alfred Lions Club on February 7

and about the Regional Lions Leadership Institute [RLLI] which would be at Fruitland Park in March.



District Governor Maggiy Williams announced that the MD Peace Poster winner was on its way to Lion's headquarters. It was from Lakeland North Lakeland Lions Club. The winner received a check [accepted by Lion Joy Helmold]; third place winner was Crystal River Kings Bay, accepted by Lion Jackie DeGraff.



PDG Steven Van Varick congratulated clubs that have inducted new members since July 1, GST Lion Bobbie Cheh continued to encourage clubs to enter service reports in the Lions' Portal.

PCC Greg Evans spoke about Lions Saving Sight and the Super Bowl fund raising activity—buy a square for \$100. There will be a \$1000 winner each quarter. He also spoke as representative of the MD Retina Foundation.



President of the Hearing Board, Harry Williams PDG, related that several non-profit organizations have worked together to screen and refer hearing patients. He asked Lion Adam Parrish to talk about the mobile unit at UCF. As District and MD Awards Chair, Lion Harry encouraged clubs to send the names of Governor Achievement Award, Anchor Award and Golden Chain Award recipients to him.

During lunch zones were encouraged to create a basket from items brought by clubs, for raffle at the next meeting, the proceeds to go to LCIF.

PID Robert Littlefield said that OWS Lions Club is doing a fund raiser [Pickleball Tournament] to match requested grant funds for a Leo project which would provide 100 meals and hygiene kits every month.

Lion Denis Dulniak gave a report for the Youth Exchange Scholarship Trust Fund. The deadline for application will be February 6.



In the absence of Tail Twister Kim Rossman, PCC Greg Evans collected funds for disaster relief by auctioning off a lion puppet [whom he named "Maggiy"], a Lion's mask, a silver medallion, and a "mystery" bag [ i.e. a peanut butter and jelly sandwich] which went for \$60. The goal established by FVDG John Hanna was \$2500. OBG helped to top out the goal with a check for \$200.00.

District Governor Maggiy presented her zone chairs and GAT Team with an International Presidents pin in appreciation for their dedicated work.



PDG Glenn Brown spoke for LCIF and encouraged clubs to generously support the foundation.

PID Neil Spencer asked for funds to replace a much used KidSight camera.



Lion Jaci Newmark spoke for New Voices.

Lion Todd Saylor and FVDG John Hanna report club announcements.

DG Maggiy in her closing remarks thanked the Lake Sumter Lions Club for

hosting the meeting. The next Advisory Meeting will be hosted by OBG on April 11, the place to be announced. Finally, PDG Vivian Henegar delivered the benediction.



Peace Poster winner presented checks. OBG President presents \$1000 check to PDG Harry Williams for Hearing Board.



## **DISTRICT BULLETIN BOARD**



**There will be a  
vote at the MD  
Convention to  
increase District  
dues next year.**



**Coming Together is  
a Beginning;  
Keeping together is  
Progress;  
Working together is  
Success!**



**Those interested in a  
leadership position  
with FVDG John  
Hanna should  
contact him ASAP.**



**SAVE THE DATE  
30 April– 3 May  
MD Convention in  
Orlando at the  
Florida Hotel**



**The 4th and last  
Advisory Meeting  
will be sponsored  
by OBG on April 11.**



**Potential Leaders  
Seminar held February  
7 at Lake Alfred Lions  
Club. Contact MD  
Secretary Gary LaSpina  
if interested.**

## GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM SCRATCH OFF RAFFLE

We're at the halfway mark of our Lions Year and I wanted to give you an update on our 50 scratch off lottery ticket raffle to the Club reporting the most activities. So far, we have a three-way tie for first place. Lions Clubs of Eastport, High Point, and Inverness are tied with 50 **reported** activities to LCI. Good Job Lions!



That's not to say that other Clubs are not close – Fruitland Park, Lake Sumter, Lake Alfred, Ormond Beach, Ormond By The Sea, Oviedo Winter-Springs, Palm Coast, Satellite Beach and South Daytona Clubs are not far behind.

The winner will be the Club with the most **reported (not drafts)** to LCI. So there's still time for your Club to catch up. Remember to record your service activities and meetings.

As of this writing, we are in third place in the Multiple District with 60% of our Clubs reporting. I have sent an email to some Clubs regarding their service activity reporting. Thanks to the three that have responded. I know our District can do better. Secretaries, Presidents and/or Administrators, if you need help with reporting, please contact me at [ormondbob@aol.com](mailto:ormondbob@aol.com).



Lion Bobbie Cheh

District 35-0 GST





LIONS INTERNATIONAL

# NEW SERVICE INITIATIVE 2026

SERVICE WEEK • JAN 3-11

 MENTAL HEALTH



**IT'S OKAY  
TO TALK**

 HUNGER



**FEED WITH DIGNITY**

 ENVIRONMENT



**SERVE TO EARTH**

**HEALTHY MINDS. FULL PLATES. GREEN PLANET.**

*A Message from Your GLT  
PDG Vivian Henegar*



Dear Lions of MD-35,

I encourage all Lions to consider attending the Florida Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) on March 19–22, 2026 at the Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park, FL. RLLI is a powerful weekend of leadership development, fellowship, and Lions enrichment designed to strengthen both you and your club.

If cost is a concern, please ask your club to sponsor you. Many Lions are supported by their clubs—and it benefits everyone when members grow their leadership skills.

I'm also asking all Lions Clubs in Multiple District 35 to consider sponsoring a deserving member. The registration fee is only \$200, which includes:

3 nights lodging

8 meals

All instructional materials

Friday fun night

Registration forms will be available on the MD-35 website and each district website. Also available on the adjacent page.

Registration closes soon.

PDG Vivian Henegar

GLT

Global Leadership Team



**Lions Club International  
MD-35 Florida Regional Lions Leadership Institute**

**Life Enrichment Center  
4991 Picciola Road  
Fruitland Park, FL 34731**

**March 19-22, 2026**

**Check in after 3:30 Thursday - Depart Sunday 11:30**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Name (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Office Held \_\_\_\_\_

Current Office if any \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attended a RLLI? Y\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_

**Institute Topics:**

- Opening Session
- Diversity
- Lions Fundamentals
- Motivating Club Members
- Personal Mission Statement
- Public Speaking
- Time Management
- Working in Teams
- Global Membership Approach Success Plan
- District Success
- Setting and Reaching Club Goals

**Registration Fee of only \$200 includes:**

- Lodging 3 Nights
- Eight Meals (Thu Din through Sun Bkfst)
- Instructional Materials
- Friday Night Campfire / Fun Night.

Please inform us of any special needs or diets.

*Lodging Accommodations  
Double Occupancy*

(Single Occupancy available add \$75)  
Roommate (if applicable - list below)

**Registration Cut  
off is  
January 15th**

**Make Checks Payable to:  
Lions of Florida MD-35  
Mail Checks and Registration to:  
Lion Vivian Henegar  
9069 High Point Blvd.  
Brooksville, Florida 34613**

**Checks must be  
received NLT  
February 15th.**

Lions of Florida and the South East come and enjoy 3 days of Lions Learning, Lions Fellowship, and Lions Enrichment with 30 Lions from MD-35 and beyond. You will experience a Lions event you will remember for years to come. You will go home energized and ready to help Lead your Club and District to success while making lifelong friends. Sounds like when you were a kid at camp, well you could be right. All for the **LOW** price of only \$200. Any questions? Call Lion Vivian at 810-444-4109. Reserve your spot now before they're gone! **Registration ends January 15th, 2026.**

# **Potential Leaders Seminar**

## **Saturday, February 7, 2026**

### **10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

### **Lunch Provided**

#### **WHO:**

1. 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.
3. 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  
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407-859-7174

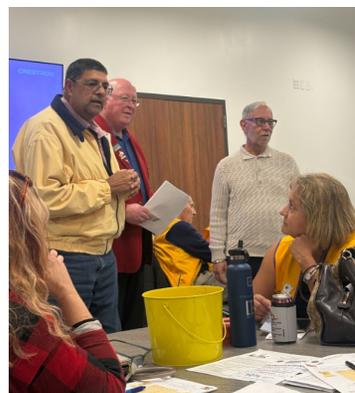
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810-444-4109

If no answer when calling leave a message!



### ZONE NEWS - Zone 6/7

Tuesday, January 27—What an awesome Zone 6 & 7 meeting night by Zone Chairs Abby Baker and Marcia Hilliard! Great speaker from Care Cupboard Food Pantry, at least eight Clubs in attendance, one Governor's Achievement Award [Ormond By The Sea Lions Club President Aleta Dick presents Lion Jennifer Helmer with her Governor's Achievement Award], two new Lions installed by PDG Michael Ryan, donations for the food bank and lots of Club information. That's got to be some kind of record to top! Thanks to everyone for attending.



# CONGRATULATIONS!





## CLUB NEWS - South Daytona Lions Club

South Daytona Lions Club members helped prepare food for the homeless and also residents of Hope Place. Our club meets again next Wednesday at 7am at Hannah's Family Diner on Reed Canal Road. We are an active team helping those in need. Join us. WE SERVE!



Lion President of South Daytona Lions Club, Carene Darcy, said that Lion Harold Lucas is "an amazing man, generous to the fault. Always gives back to the community and a terrific Lion. Thank you Harold." On November 18, 1985, Harold V Lucas Jr. was invited by Florida Governor Bob Graham to be a part of the first statewide planning session of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration. While President Reagan signed the bill making MLK Day a federal holiday in 1983, the first official federal observance of the holiday took place in January 1986.

Lion Harold was a member of The City of Daytona Beach first Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday Committee. Last week he was honored by the MLK Day Committee as a Legacy Leader! Also, last night he was recognized at the Our Youth Matter Gala 2026 as the Lifetime Neighborhood Role Model of the Year by the Mr. & Ms. Mentoring Program. At 93 years old, Mr. Lucas continues to serve through The Harold V Lucas, Jr. Foundation, Inc.

Members of the South Daytona Lions and Port Orange - Volusia Lions teamed up to provide FREE Blood Sugar screening at the annual MLK Health Fair. Of the 21 people screened, 6 had sugar readings outside of the American Diabetes Association's guidelines and were offered counseling on what steps to take to reduce their blood sugar levels.

CDC statistic shows 50% of adults going blind are because of Diabetes. This is why Lions Clubs all over the world (over 200 countries!) are encouraging Diabetes Awareness.

Family history of diabetes is only one cause of diabetes. Overweight and lack of physical activities are also leading causes (ADA, CDC). Contact your local Lions Club for dates and locations of the next and nearest FREE screenings! (Google "Find a Lions Club").



**Be an encourager.  
The world has  
plenty of critics  
already.**



## **CLUB NEWS - Lady Lake Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club**

### **Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club Surpasses \$100,000 in Community Giving Since July 1, 2025 but Much More Still to Be Done**

Lady Lake, FL — The Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club (OBG Lions Club) today announced it has distributed more than \$100,000 in charitable funding since July 1, 2025, marking a significant milestone in the club's mission to serve individuals and families in need throughout Lady Lake, the surrounding communities, the region, and the nation.

These funds were generated through two primary community-supported efforts: Friday Night Bingo, held every Friday evening at North Lake Presbyterian Church, located at 975 Rolling Acres Road; and fundraising activities at the Bob Johnson Legacy Driving Range, 230 Rolling Acres Road, operated in partnership with American Legion Post 347. Proceeds from both initiatives are reinvested directly into charitable programs and emergency assistance efforts that align with the Lions' core service pillars.

Impact highlights from the year-to-date include: Over \$10,000 in relief assistance for individuals and families impacted by severe weather events in North Carolina and Texas, helping communities begin the recovery process after significant loss. Hunger relief and food security support, including funding for the purchase of new refrigerators for the Community of Gratitude Food Pantry, which currently provides food assistance to nearly 1,000 families each month, and providing Beyond the Walls food pantry with 150 hams for their annual holiday dinner program.

Education and workforce development, with more than \$45,000 in scholarships awarded to local students pursuing four-year college degrees and technical training programs, including hands-on workforce pathways such as the Marion County Fire Rescue training program.

National health initiatives, with financial support provided to the Parkinson's Foundation and the Alzheimer's Association, advancing research, advocacy, and patient support. Vision care initiatives, including assistance for eyeglasses and vision services, and supporting Beauty of Sight research programs, reflecting the Lions' long-standing commitment to preventing avoidable vision loss.

Youth and community enrichment, such as pajama and book drives for children (please use the youth soccer instead and supporting Special Olympics), support for the Leesburg

High School Choir, helping students raise funds to perform at Carnegie Hall, and support of community events in Lady Lake and Belleview.

"Crossing the \$100,000 mark since July is an important milestone, but what matters most is what those dollars represent," said Robert Vass, Treasurer of the Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club. "Every contribution comes from community members attending bingo, supporting the driving range, or volunteering their time, and every dollar goes back out to meet real, immediate needs. We've seen firsthand how hunger, vision loss, and unexpected emergencies affect our neighbors, and we take our responsibility to steward these funds very seriously."

Vass added that the growing scale of need reinforces the importance of sustained local fundraising. "This is a moment to recognize what's been accomplished, but it's also a reminder that demand continues to increase. Our work doesn't slow down once a goal is reached—it accelerates."

"I am incredibly proud of our Lions, our volunteers, and our supporters," said Barbara Crewell, President of the Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club. "This achievement reflects countless hours of service and a shared belief that local action truly changes lives. We've been able to respond to disasters, invest in education, fight hunger, and support vision care, but there is still so much more to be done. Our motto is "Where there is a need, there is a Lion". While we are here in Lady Lake, we gladly share our good fortune to help those in need, wherever they may be. I am pleased to say we are only halfway through the year and will continue to fund as many initiatives as possible."

The ongoing need - Hunger and food insecurity: Millions of Americans experience food insecurity each year, with seniors, families on fixed incomes, and children among the most affected. Local food pantries are experiencing sustained demand, making infrastructure investments crucial to maintaining a steady supply of food.

Vision loss: Vision impairment impacts millions nationwide and can significantly limit independence, employment opportunities, and academic success. Access to basic eye care and corrective lenses remains one of the most effective ways to improve quality of life.

Education and training: Students pursuing higher education or technical certification often face financial barriers that delay or derail their goals. Scholarships and workforce training support play a vital role in building a stronger, more resilient local economy.

The Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club is a proud member of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service organization, with a global mission centered on vision, hunger, health, youth, and disaster relief.

## CLUB NEWS - Lady Lake Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club

Orange Blossom Gardens (OBG) Lions Club has named John Holmes as a recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, the highest form of recognition presented by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), honoring individuals whose dedication, service, and leadership exemplify the core values of Lions Clubs International (LCI): humanitarian service, community impact, and personal integrity.

"John represents everything this award stands for," said Barbara Crewell, President of the Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club. "He is not a Lion by membership, but he lives the values of Lionism every day through his service, his humility, and his willingness to step in wherever he is needed. The Melvin Jones Fellowship is about impact, compassion, and leadership, and John has consistently demonstrated all three. Our club is proud to recognize him for the difference he makes in our community."



*Congratulations*

The Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club (OBG Lions) proudly recognizes Theresa Kress, a resident of the Village of Sunset Pointe, for her outstanding dedication to service, philanthropy, and community engagement throughout The Villages and surrounding areas. "In everything she does, Theresa leads with heart, consistency, and purpose," said Barbara Crewell, President of the Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club. "Her ability to bring people together through music, games, and service has made a real and lasting impact on families in need and on our Lions Club mission." Theresa Kress's dedication exemplifies the Lions Club motto, *We Serve*, and highlights the powerful difference one individual can make through sustained service and community connection.

### CLUB NEWS - Lake Sumter Lions Club



Lake Sumter Lions also enjoyed fun and fellowship at the quarterly fundraiser at Culvers. "Thanks, fellow Lions, for all your help at this event. Thank you Jane for the great photos!" said Lion Annette Thompson.



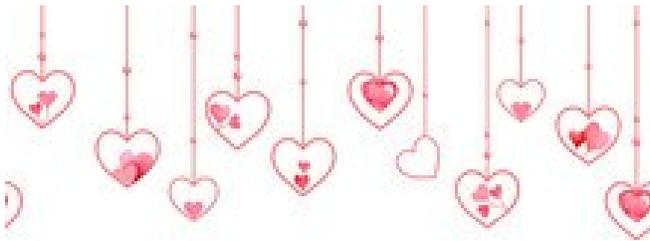
Lake Sumter Lions assisted Visually Impaired Persons (VIP) golfers in their monthly golf outing at the El Santiago Golf Course in The Villages. Thanks Lion Bill Sheehan for organizing this event. Thanks Lion Annette Thomson for the photos.

Lake Sumter Lions Cheryl Pavell and Doug Seiders delivered to Operation Shoebox various items that the Lake Sumter Lions collected for OSB. Thank you Annette Thomson for taking photos and John Thomson for accompanying her. A Group Effort.



### CLUB NEWS - Lake Sumter Lions Club

Lake Sumter Lions Joanne Lex Sheahan and Betty Lloyd prepare a meal for the SOZO Kids After School Program. Lake Sumter Lions prepare meals (almost) every Tuesday during the school year at the Sandy Acres SOZO facility



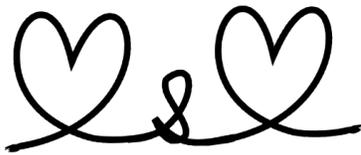
### CLUB NEWS - Inverness Lions Club



We always have a good time getting together! Tonight, we packed 109 blessing bags! 93 will go to Citrus County Citrus Cold Weather Shelter and 16 are going to the Citrus County Homeless Coalition. We also received a donation from Culver's! Thank you, so much for your generosity! It will allow us to help several people.

**CLUB NEWS - Palm Coast Lions Club**

Congratulations, Lion Michael Ryan!  
We are proud to recognize PDG Michael Ryan for receiving the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for the third year in a row — one of the highest honors in Lions Clubs International. Said PDG Michael, "Thanks for the recognition. I'm proud to now be a 3rd Diamond Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Now to start working on the 4th Diamond!"



**CLUB NEWS - Ormond Beach Lions Club**



Ormond Beach Lions Club welcomed 1st Vice District Governor to the January 22nd meeting..

## CLUB NEWS - Mount Dora Lions Club

AN EDITORIAL *from* President Glenn Brown

Election of our Mount Dora Lions' Club Board of Directors is coming up in 2 months. Our Lions' Club needs more of you to help direct our Lions' Club service work. Our current officers have done wonderful work. Some of them for many years. But, every organization benefits from new blood with new ideas and new energy.

Consider being one of our Mt Dora Lions who will be giving some of that new energy and ideas to our very important service work. Service to our friends, to our neighbors and to other people in need. To help prevent blindness and to enable better vision. To help others have more complete and richer lives.

I have copied the description of officer's responsibilities put out by LCI. The responsibilities are mostly pretty simple and easy to do. Please see that list in the following section (Section A – Board Officer Job Descriptions).

LCI's description is very good, but a little bit incomplete. How does a Club Officer know the details of what to do and how to do it? Please see the final section (Section B – Learning the What and the How).

### SECTION A. BOARD OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTIONS

**President** – He/she is the chief executive officer of the club and presides at all regular meetings and special meetings of the board of directors of the club and appoints the standing and special committees of the club while cooperating with chairpersons to ensure regular functioning and reporting of such committees. The president also coordinates with the Zone Chair, District Leadership and other clubs.

**Vice-Presidents (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>)** – If the President is unable to perform the duties of his/her office for any reason, the vice-president next in rank shall occupy his/her position and perform his/her duties with the same authority as the president.

**Administrative Secretary – (aka Office Secretary)** – File monthly and annual reports on the LCI website and/or the Portal, be the contact person for the club, order supplies, keep member records up-to-date including on the LCI website) and coordinate with the Zone Chair and other Clubs.

**Recording Secretary** – Take minutes, prepare meeting agendas, keep the calendar, read the announcements at the end of meetings, write letters (such as Thank-You letters) and receive correspondence. (NOTE: In most clubs, these two sets of secretary duties are done by a single person.)

**Treasurer** – He/she shall

Receive all monies from the secretary and deposit them in a bank.

Pay the club's obligations authorized by the board of directors. All checks and vouchers shall be signed by the treasurer.

Have custody of and maintain general records of club receipts and disbursements.

Prepare and submit monthly and semiannual financial reports to the international office of the association and the board of directors of the club.

Give bond for the faithful discharge of his/her office in the sum and with surety as determined by the board of directors.

Send out dues invoices, collect membership dues, take care of dues and member packets for new members, give receipts (for dues, etc.), make out donation checks.

**Lion Tamer** – The lion tamer is responsible for the property and paraphernalia of the club (including flags, banners, gong, gavel, song books, etc.). He/she puts each item in its proper place before every meeting and returns the items to their storage area after each meeting.

**Tail Twister** – He/she provides harmony, good fellowship, and enthusiasm in the meetings through appropriate stunts, games and the judicious imposition of fines on club members.

**1 Year Director** – He/she serves on the board of directors to assist with decision making by discussing and voting on initiatives for the club.

## SECTION B. LEARNING THE WHAT AND THE HOW

First, there is extensive training classes available for new and experienced officers. This training is given throughout every year at district and multiple district meetings and on the Lions website.

Second, each officer is part of a group of officers with wide and deep experiences. Officers do not work in isolation. Assistance and mentoring are constantly available.

Third, you might not have had the exact same responsibilities in the past, but you have done a lot of similar things many times. You have done a lot of things a lot more complicated and difficult to do than being a Lions Board Member. You are not starting from scratch. Have confidence in your ability to adapt and extend your countless similar past experiences and in your ability to learn from your fellow board members and from the training opportunities offered by LCI.

## CLUB NEWS - High Point Lions Club

On January 11, Lion Arthur Keegan was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. "This was a total surprise to receive this recognition. To say that I am humbled is an understatement. I want to sincerely thank the High Point Lions Club, for voting for me for the highest form of recognition given to a member of the Lions Club."



## CLUB NEWS - Lake Alfred Lions Club



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Mass eyeglass sorting every Wed. from 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- Marathon Bingo February 14. Email to [lakealfredlionsclub.com](http://lakealfredlionsclub.com) for reservations.
- Auctions 2/1, 2/3, 2/15, and 2/24.
- Jet Ski Races 2/20—22 and 2/27—3/1.



On Thursday, January 22, the Lake Alfred Lions Club presented District Governor Maggiy Williams with her Governor's Banner which was on display at the January 24th Advisory Meeting in Lake Sumter.

On January 8 SVDG Sonia Saylor and her PIS Todd visited Lake Alfred Lion Club. During her visit, DG Maggiy presented her with a check for the 2nd place winner of the Peace Poster Contest

## CLUB NEWS - Crystal River Kings

The Lions of Crystal Bay Kings Bay collected food for Serving Our Saviour Inc. as part of their service project for the Hunger Initiative.



**GIRL SCOUT COOKIE MONTH**

## CLUB NEWS - South Daytona Lions Club

On Wednesday, January 21st, 2026, the South Daytona Lions Club welcomed Mamie Otis as the guest speaker from Food Brings Hope, which was founded in 2007 with the Vision that every child should be given a chance to reach their full potential. Pictured here are King Lion Carene Darcy and Mamie Otis. Our Club showed our support by donating food, can openers, and a check for \$300. Donations may be dropped off at Hannah's Family Diner, located at the corner of Reed Canal and Nova Road. For more information, Food Brings Hope is located at 207 White St, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 or 386-317-5767.



Here is a quick update on the support for South Daytona Elementary's Truancy Program. A few weeks ago President Carene Darcy dropped off a couple of \$10 movie gift certificates and noticed how much this program was helping the kids. "If you're able," said Lion Carene, "I'd love to keep this going through February vacation. A \$10 gift certificate to Dollar General, Walmart, Family Dollar, or anywhere similar would be wonderful." These \$10 donations have made a big difference in helping a child come to school more regularly. "Thank you so much for your kindness and support. It truly means a lot to the school and the kids."





*MD 35-0 Zone 3 Meeting*

*Date/Time: February 23, 2026 at 6:00 P M*

*Location: 3470 Woodridge Dr., The Villages, 32162*

*Menu: Salad, Beef Stew Shepard's Pie, Dessert,  
with Iced Tea or Lemonade*

*Meal Cost: \$15.00*

*Program Presentation by:*

*Advocates for Early Defibrillation*

*RSVP NLT February 12, 2026 to:  
secondvp@obglions.com*

One Zone, Several Clubs, Many Members, limitless opportunities to serve!

# **RAGE ON THE STAGE** **INSIDE A** **STEEL CAGE!**



**BRICK CITY  
ENTERTAINMENT**  
**BCE** 1980



**APRIL 25TH 2026**  
**CITRUS COUNTY AUDITORIUM**  
3600 S FLORIDA AVE • INVERNESS, FL 34450  
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 P.M. • BELL TIME 7:00 P.M.  
**TICKETS: ADULTS \$20**  
**KIDS AGES 6 TO 15 \$10 • 5 AND UNDER FREE!**

# **PICKLEBALL POWER FOR SIGHT**

**PLAY FOR FUN. PLAY FOR A CAUSE.**

**Presented By:**

**CFO**

**CENTRAL  
FLORIDA  
OPHTHALMOLOGY**

**Saturday, March 7, 2026 | 10 AM – 2 PM**

**Crush Yard Indoor Courts**

**7840 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy, Kissimmee**

**SCAN ME!**



**REGISTER BY FEB 21**

**\$130 per team | \$65 single player  
Includes \$10 Crush Yard Food Voucher**

**Recreation & Intermediate/Advanced (3.5+) Divisions**

**Men's, Women's, Mixed**

**Double elimination with championship and consolation brackets**

**Two-Match Minimum; Medals Will Be Awarded**



*Proceeds will support Lions Club programs that provide free eye exams, glasses, and vision care - bringing the gift of sight to those most in need.*



Questions: [owslions@owslions.org](mailto:owslions@owslions.org)  
Oviedo-Winter Springs Lions Club Foundation, Inc. | 501(c)(3)

# 35-0 ZONE 1 & 2 MEETING

## WHEN

**Thursday, Feb 12, 2026  
6pm – 8pm**

## WHERE

**High Point Community**

**12249 Club House Rd., Brooksville. FL 34613**

**GUEST SPEAKER –  
FROM OPERATION HEARTFELT**

**HOSTED BY HIGH POINT LIONS CLUB**



## AT THE DOOR

**\$12 Donation for  
Dinner  
Fried Chicken  
Vegetables  
Salad  
Bread  
Dessert  
50/50 tickets  
Gift basket tickets**

## RSVP TO:

**LION KAREN STOWERS  
(806) 679-1355  
SURGNURTZ0507@GMAIL.COM**

**BY MONDAY, FEB. 9**





# WANTED



DISTRICT 35 0

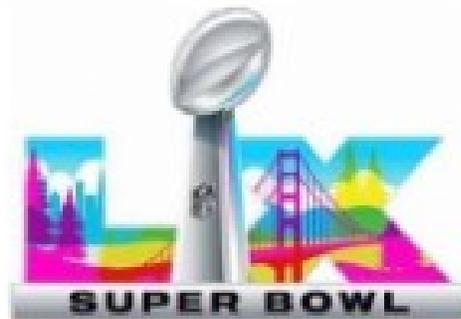
## District Newsletter Editor

If interested please contact  
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If you are interested in any other  
**Leadership Positions**

Please attend the  
Potential Leadership Seminar  
February 7, 2026 at the  
Multiple District Office  
Winter Haven

For more information contact  
MD Secretary Gary LaSpina  
<[md35execsec@md35lions.org](mailto:md35execsec@md35lions.org)>



February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

FL Lions Diabetic Retinopathy  
Foundation  
**Super Bowl Fundraiser 2026**  
**\$5,000.00 IN PAY OUTS**  
\$1,000 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, \$1,000 Half Time  
\$1,000 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, \$1,000 4<sup>th</sup> 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://zfrma.com/3L7a8iGk1yQPaw0V5r/>

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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# VALENTINE'S DAY MARATHON BINGO

*Hosted by the Lake Alfred Lions Club*



**Saturday,  
February 14**



**Doors Open  
at 7:00 AM**



## BINGO ALL DAY!

- ✓ Over 80 Games
- ✓ Over \$3,000 in Payouts

**\$45**  
Per Person



**Fried Chicken Lunch Included!**

**Lake Alfred Lions Club**

175 North Nekoma Ave  
Lake Alfred, FL 33850

**For More Information:**

[www.LakeAlfredLionsClub.com](http://www.LakeAlfredLionsClub.com)

or Visit Us at the Club!



# Zone 5 Meeting

February 9, 2026

Kathleen Lions Club  
1st Street & Central Avenue  
Kathleen Fl 33849

Registration 6:00-6:30

Meal 6:30-7:00

Cost \$15.00

Meeting 7:00 -8:00

RSVP by February 6  
[lionhwilliams01@gmail.com](mailto:lionhwilliams01@gmail.com)

**THE LIGHTER SIDE**

**Eat alphabet soup.  
Have a vowel  
movement.**

**A bike in town keeps  
running me over.  
It's a vicious cycle.**

**You know you're ugly if  
you go to the haunted  
house and come out with  
a job application**

**I was told not to steal  
kitchen utensils.  
It's a whisk I'm  
willing to take.**

**I wonder if the people  
who send \$300 for a  
colon cleanse know  
about Taco Bell's  
meal deals?**

**People who take  
care of chickens are  
chicken tenders.**

**I buy my guns from  
a guy named T-Rex.  
He's a small arms  
dealer.**

**Exercise makes you look  
better naked...  
So does whiskey.  
Your choice.**

**My wife says  
I never listen to her...  
Or something like  
That.**

**Finally, my winter  
fat is gone.  
Now I have  
spring rolls.**

**Be the "fun" in  
Dysfunctional!**

**Guys with three  
fingers and an eye  
patch sell the  
best fireworks.**

**I bet aliens ride  
past Earth and  
lock their  
doors.**

**Never iron a 4 leaf  
clover...  
You don't want to  
press your luck!**

**Pollen ...  
When flowers can't  
keep it in their  
plants.**

# JOYS AND CONCERNS



The South Daytona Lions Club sadly reported that one of its long-time members, Lion Fred Voorde, recently passed away following a serious fall which left him paralyzed. He passed away several days later on January 17. He was a Lion for 31 years and a South Daytona Lion for 12 years. He will be missed by those who knew and loved him.



The winners of the Multiple District 35 Pin contest for both the MD-35 Convention in May and the Lions Club International Convention in July were from District 35-O: Lion Shara Brodsky from the Palm Coast Lions and Lion Thomas Senger from the Davenport Lions Club.

There were 11 entries for the MD-35 Convention Americana theme pin and 9 entries for the Multiple District 35/LCICON 2026 pin.



It was a blind selection as in that there were no names, districts, or clubs on the voting sheets...just the pin designs. They will both receive Governors Banquet dinner tickets for them and a guest.

Congratulations to you both!



Continued prayers to Lions Nancy Epps and Mary Yochum who are both recovering from falls

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