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Coming Events

Mar 7	LSLC Fundraiser Dairy Queen
Mar 7	COG Zephyrhills Lions Club
Mar 8	SBLC Pancake Breakfast
Mar 14	New Member Orientation Homosassa LC
Mar 19-22	RLLI
Mar 23	Zone 2 Meeting SHNCLC
Mar 24	50th Anniversary Inverness LC
Apr 11	4th Advisory OBG
Apr 18	Marathon Bingo LALC

MMXXVI March #9

PDG Harry Williams, Editor

The Club Excellence Award Criteria

The Club Excellence Award acknowledges the dedication and legacy of service within individual clubs and is the foundation for excellence awards presented to Zone Chairpersons, Region Chairpersons and District Governors.

Membership

- Induct a minimum of two or 20% new members, whichever is greater (not including transfer, reinstated or charter members). Eligibility is determined based on the club's membership count on June 30th of the previous Lion year.
- Or sponsor a new Lions club. Service • Report a minimum of four service activities to Lions International. Three of these activities must show participation in each of the three International Weeks of Service.

Leadership

- Report newly elected club officers in Lion Portal by May 15 of the current Lion year.
- A minimum of 10% of the club's members complete any three courses in the Lions Learning Center.
- The club president for the current Lion year must not have served more than two consecutive terms.
- A minimum of two or more club officers (president, vice president, secretary or treasurer. Of which, one must be the club president) complete Club Officer Training (online with the Lions Learning Center or in-person as reported by a GLT coordinator in Learn) between May 1 – December 31.

Donations

- Contributed to LCIF a minimum of the club's membership total on June 30th of the previous Lion year, multiplied by US\$20.



District Governor's Achievement Award New Lion

Welcome to the family! Please use this Governor's Achievement Award to help you learn during your first year of membership. It is designed to familiarize and involve all new Lions in a range of activities that will provide you with a better understanding of the mission and purpose of Lionism.

New Member Name _____ ID# _____

Date of Membership ____/____/____ Club Name _____

As a new Lion you have one (1) year or twelve (12) months to complete the application from the date you entered into your membership with Lions International. Your Lion sponsor will assist you as a new Lion in pursuit of this, your first membership award.

The requirements of this award are as follows:

As a new Lion, you must complete eight (8) of the following ten (10) requirements listed below. The sponsoring Lion will initial each item of your achievement as accomplished and secure certification by the club secretary.

1. Read a recent a quarterly Lions International Magazine or an ONLINE District Newsletter AND serve as a greeter at four (4) club meetings.

- Date ____/____/____ Initials _____

2. Attend one(1) Board of Directors meeting.

- Date ____/____/____ Initials _____

3. Attend a District Governor's Advisory Meeting / Zone Meeting in person or by ZOOM.

- Date ____/____/____ Initials _____

4. Participate actively in two (2) club projects.

- Project _____ Date ____/____/____ Initials _____
- Project _____ Date ____/____/____ Initials _____

5. Attend two (2) other Lion's club's meetings.

- Club _____ Date ____/____/____ Initials _____
- Club _____ Date ____/____/____ Initials _____

OR visit one (1) of our Florida Lions Entities.

- Entity _____ Date ____/____/____ Initials _____

6. Attend two (2) Lions social club functions.

- Date ____/____/____ Initials _____
- Date ____/____/____ Initials _____

7. Attend a New Member Orientation in person or by a ZOOM Meeting.

- Date ____/____/____ Initials _____

8. Attend 75% or better of regular club meetings in person or by ZOOM.

- Date ____/____/____ Initials _____

9. Attend one (1) One Multiple District Conference or Cabinet meeting.

- Date ____/____/____ Initials _____

10. Recruit one (1) new member.

- Name _____
- Club _____

CERTIFICATION OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

We certify that Lion _____ has met all requirements.

Sponsoring Lion:

Name _____

Signature _____

Date ____/____/____

Club Secretary:

Name _____

Signature _____

Date ____/____/____

Upon completion and certification of this application, the club secretary shall forward to district chairperson to be processed.
(Check your district directory for the most current email address of the awards district chairperson.)

2026-2027 District Directory Information

Instructions for placing an Advertisement in the 2026-2027 Directory

Please send in the ad content, which will be reviewed/approved by incoming District Governor John Hanna before publication

Adds and other content, plus payment, can be received anytime

ON OR BEFORE May 1, 2026, please.

Ads may be sent in by email or snail mail – Email is preferred.

Email to:

Please fill the **subject line with: DISTRICT DIRECTORY/AD/JOHN HANNA**

Ad Page Sizes (ads slightly smaller than page)

Full Page (5 ½ x 8 ½) Half Page (5 ½ x 4 ½) Business Card (2 1/8 x 1 3/8)

Advertisement Prices

Front Inside Cover (Color)	\$200.00
Back Inside Cover (Color)	\$200.00
Back Outside Cover (Color)	\$300.00
Full Page (Color)	\$100.00
Full Page (B&W)	\$80.00
Half Page (Color)	\$70.00
Half Page B&W	\$40.00
Business Card (Color)	\$30.00

Pay by Cash or Check – Payable to "Lions District 35-O

And send to

Rita Fawcett: hwearl@aol.com /ATTN: Directory Ad Editor

Or

[450 W Orange Street, Lake Alfred, Florida 33850](https://www.google.com/maps/place/450+W+Orange+Street,+Lake+Alfred,+FL+33850)

Florida Lions Diabetic Retinopathy Foundation

2026 Super Bowl Pool winners

1st Quarter - Seattle **3** NE **0** Susan
Tomasov \$1000.00

2nd Quarter – Seattle **9** NE **0** Jane Colona
\$1000.00

3rd Quarter – Seattle **12** NE **0** Steve Schultz
\$1000.00

4th Quarter – Seattle **29** NE **13** Dana
Fendley \$1000.00

Final Score – Seattle **29** NE **13** Dana
Fendley \$1000.00

**Congratulations to the winners and thank
you for supporting the**

**MD 35 Lions program. Special thanks to
those who worked**

on the committee and helped sell squares.

DISTRICT 35-0 UPCOMING RESOLUTION

Your immediate attention and assistance are urgently needed. At this year's MD Convention, we will have a resolution for our district that will be included on the electronic ballot.

The resolution calls for a \$2 dues increase for the District, not to be confused with the \$2 Lions International increase each year for the next five years.

In order for us to continue covering training and providing materials for diabetes screening, vision, and other district projects as well as, incentivizing upcoming officers with a subsidy for RLLI training, supporting discretionary funds for convention fun nights, and offering the convenience of a printed directory and more, we need additional funds. We love to continue providing outstanding service. Please see below for the rationale and a copy of the resolution.

RATIONALE: Due to declining membership from 2019 of 1,275 members to 2025 of 1,053 members and an inflationary rate of 2.9% annually has increased costs and expenses. The increase will keep the District Budget at a level for current items. The district dues have not been increased in 5 years. This will make future District Teams able to fund the District Budget.



**101st Annual Multiple District 35 Convention
 Florida - Bahamas - Aruba - Bonaire - Curacao
 Florida Hotel and Convention Center
 May 1st - 3rd, 2026**

PROGRAM ADVERTISING OPTIONS

Listed below are several sponsor options for a Lions Club, a Lion, an Entity or Business Ad in the Convention Program supporting the Lions of Florida, Bahamas, Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao.

- Business card ad (2-1/8" x 1-3/8") (B&W) \$ 50.00
- Business card ad (2-1/8" x 1-3/8") (Color) \$ 75.00
- 1/2 page ad: (5" x 4") (B&W) \$ 100.00
- 1/2 page ad: (5" x 4") (Color) \$ 150.00
- Full page ad (3" x 5") (B&W) \$ 175.00
- Full page ad (3" x 5") (Color) \$ 200.00
- Front Inside Cover (Color) \$ 250.00
- Back Inside Cover (Color) \$ 250.00
- Back Outside Cover (Color) \$ 325.00

Mail your form to:
 Lions of MD-35
 331 West Central Avenue, Suite 246
 Winter Haven, FL 33880

Or Email Form to:
 md35xxxxxx@md35lions.org
 Copy to: lionjimgregory@gmail.com
 Subject Line: Convention Program Ad

For questions, please call the MD-35 Office: 407.559.7174

Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Billing Address: _____

City - State - Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell: _____

Included is a print ready ad or message to read (attach detailed information).

CIRCLE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AD TYPES

Business Card (B&W) 1/2 Page (B&W) Full Page (B&W)

Business Card (Color) 1/2 Page (Color) Full Page (Color)

Front Inside Cover (Color) Back Inside Cover (Color)

Back Outside Cover (Color)

Please note that all ads must be received NLT March 15, 2026, and prepaid NLT April 15, 2026.

Make Check Payable to MD-35 Lions of Florida and send to:

PDG Paula Beach, MD-35 Treasurer
 33304 Callaway Blvd.
 Dade City, FL 33525-0842

Annual Elections

- **Nominating committee:** The president shall appoint a nominating committee which shall submit the names of candidates for the various club officers to the club at the nomination meeting. (At this meeting, nominations for all offices to be filled in the succeeding year may also be made from the floor.)
- **Nomination Meeting:** Shall be held in **March** of each year or as determined by the board of directors.
- **Election:** An election shall be held in **April** or as determined by the board of directors. Notice of the election shall be published to each member of the club at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the date of election. (No nominations accepted at this time).
- All officers and members of the board, other than directors, shall be elected annually and shall take office on **July 1st**.
- The Secretary shall promptly report the newly elected officers to the International Office within 15 days of the election. No later than June 15.
- For more information on Elections and Requirements of Officers check your Club Constitution and By-laws. If your club does not have a Club Constitution and By-Laws check out the [Standard Form Lions Club Constitution and By-Laws](#) on lionsclubs.org and adopt them as a club so you have guidelines to follow.
- Required Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer
- Optional Officers: 2nd Vice President, Assistant Secretary, Assistant, Treasurer, Membership Chairperson, Service Chairperson, Marketing Chairperson, Program Coordinator, Club LCIF Coordinator, Lion Tamer, Tail Twister

DISTRICT BULLETIN BOARD



**Registration for
the MD Convention
NOW available!
This year's theme:
AMERICANA**



**NEW MEMBER
ORIENTATION**
Homosassa Lions Club
March 14, 2026
9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.



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COMMUNICATION



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



**DEADLINE FOR
ELECTING AND
LISTING NEW
CLUB OFFICERS IS
MAY 15, 2026**

ZONE NEWS - Zone 5 Kathleen Lions Club



On Monday evening, February 9, the Kathleen Lions Club hosted the third Zone 5 meeting, which proved to be a highly successful event. All six clubs within the zone were represented: Auburndale, Cypress Gardens, Davenport, Kathleen, Lake Alfred and Lakeland North Lakeland - with a total of 38 Lions in attendance. King Lion David Martin extended a warm welcome to everyone, and following the pledge and invocation, offered everyone a fried chicken dinner with baked beans, and potato salad *at no charge!* District Governor Maggiy Williams was present along with her PIS PDG Harry. Zone Chair Lion Jamie Dudley took over after dinner. Clubs reported their service and activities.

Auburndale is planning a community day based on the theme "I Have a Dream" February 21. Cypress Gardens continues to work the concessions at Winter Haven Theatre as well as their seasonal fund raiser – Christmas poinsettias. Davenport is working with back packs for Childhood Cancer Project as well as organizing Thanksgiving Baskets [30]. Lion President Michele Tighe also gave a shout out to Lion Tom Senger who designed the winning pin for the MD and International Convention.

Kathleen Lions are preparing for their annual BBQ ribs sale which is always a sellout. This club has only recently been able to get back into their clubhouse due to necessary repairs being completed. Hosting the zone meeting was one of the first things they have been able to do.

Lake Alfred reported that a car/truck show would be the second Friday of every month at the Lake Alfred Diner and that Marathon Bingo would be this Saturday. There would also be jet ski races during the last two weekends in February with an open "pit party" on Friday evening. Everyone is invited. Tickets are \$20 which includes dinner and a show.

Lakeland North Lakeland will be hosting a fishing tournament on April 4.

At the end of the meeting there were 3 drawings for the 50/50. A basket which included a book by PID Robert Littlefield was raffled off with proceeds [\$95] going to LCIF. Thanks Kathleen Lions for hosting such a wonderful meeting!!!



ZONE NEWS - Zone 1/2 High Point Lions



Thursday, February 12, the High Point Lions Club hosted the combined Zone 1 and 2 meeting. The meeting was called to order by club secretary Lion Karen Stowers. Following introductions dinner was served. After dinner Zone/Region Chair Lion Jackie Angulo introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Pattie Stepbach from Operation Heart F.E.L.T. which exists to help feed the homeless and families in need.

District Governor Maggiy Williams cautioned clubs to check the information in the Portal. This is the information which will be downloaded into the directory for next year. She also reminded Lions that this year voting at the MD will be electronic. Registration for the MD Convention in Orlando will be forthcoming.

PDG Vivian Henegar inducted a new member. Club reports followed. Finally, FVDG John Hanna reminded Lions about his disaster project and PDG Steven Van Varick spoke to membership.



ZONE NEWS - Zone 3 Lake Sumter Lions Club

Lake Sumter Lions Club hosted the Zone 3 Meeting on February 23 at the New Covenant United Methodist Church. Attendees enjoyed listening to the guest speaker, Kevin Knussman, on Advocates for Early Defibrillation [AED]. Zone Chair Bruce Scheel opened the meeting by welcoming all Lions. Following dinner, District Governor Maggiy Williams spoke to Lions about several important issues as listed below:

Elections shall be held in April or determined by Board of Directors, with notice of elections posted for club members no later than [NLT] 15 days prior to elections.

Required officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Other Lion officers elected are optional.

Newly elected officers need to be entered into the portal NLT 15 days after election and NLT June 15.

Remember that one of the requirements for LCI Club Excellence Award is "the current club president can't have served more than 2 consecutive terms."

Florida Corporate Annual Report

Due between Jan 1 and May 1, File at www.Sunbiz.org

Fee: \$61.25 per non-profit (late penalties may apply)

Solicitation of Contribution Registration

Issued by Fl. Dept of Ag and Consumer services

Must be renewed on/before expiration date

IRS Form 990-N

File online at www.IRS.gov

Requires your club's EIN, filing due NLT Nov 15 for our Lions Fiscal Year.

Please continue to report your service on the portal. Lion Bobbie Cheh, our District GST, has offered to help anyone, anytime, with training on entering service hours.

Take advantage of our District GLT, PDG Lion Vivian who has repeatedly offered to go anywhere to provide training to members, including officer, zone chair, or guiding lion training.

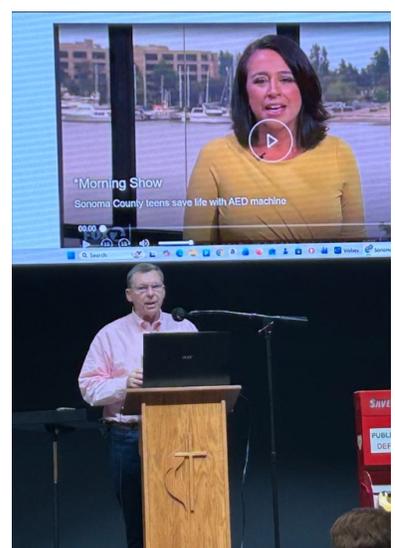
Remember 1VDG Lion John Hanna will be looking for leaders for his upcoming year as DG. More to come later from him.

The information for registering for the MD Convention has been posted on Facebook. We are planning another great weekend for our MD Lions. The theme is Americana.

Remember our District has approved going to electronic voting.

Thanks goes to Lake Sumter Lions Esther Ann Howell Walton and Dave Walton for setting up the venue at the New Covenant UMC and to Lake Sumter Lions Jean Hatten and Bob Hatten who (along with Esther Ann and Dave) served and cleaned up. Good Job!

BTW - District 35-O ranks 23rd in the US for membership increase!





Use this QR code to register using your phone or tablet.

Hear Ye!
Hear Ye!
Hear Ye!



2026 MD-35 Convention May 1st - 3rd, 2026 Registration is Open!

To register type the link below in your browser.
<https://buytickets.at/lionsofmd35/1914970>





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Growing Club Membership

When Melvin Jones founded Lions Clubs in 1917, the organization began as a group of business professionals who networked and collaborated with community service as the main focus. Business connections were encouraged, but community service always came first. This model worked. In just three years, membership grew to 6,400, and by the 30th anniversary, Lions had grown to over 324,000 members. Making the growth rate an average 10K per year. The proof is clear, this approach works.

At a recent meeting, PDG Steven encouraged Lions to return to these fundamentals. This is an exciting time to get back to the way we started. We are not changing our mission or service projects. We are simply recognizing that to grow, we must be more open about who we are, what we do, and how we serve, both professionally and personally.

Over time, we became very strict about discussing our professions, limiting it to induction only. "As a newer member, I personally avoided mentioning my work even when it could help someone," said Lion Nina Guiglotta. "This mindset does not reflect how Lions originally grew. If we want change, we must allow change."

We value our long-standing members, retirees, and former Leos, they are the foundation of our clubs. At the same time, we must bring in new members we can train and mentor to carry Lions forward. We all share the same goal, even if we take different paths to get there. There is room for everyone.

Another challenge is affordability. Some members cannot attend events or conventions due to cost. By welcoming business sponsorships and allowing businesses to share what they offer, we can generate support that makes these events more accessible for everyone.

What We Are Encouraging Clubs to Do

Create Member "Shout-Out" Spotlights

- Share online and on social media
- Include the member's club title and a short bio
- Include their profession or business, website, or QR code

Post these on your club website as well

Start with the President, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer, then continue with all members, including retirees (share what they did in their career). This helps the community get to know us and shows that Lions support both service and local businesses.

Additional Ways to Grow Membership and Visibility

- Join your local Chamber of Commerce they usually have a discounted price for non profit organizations.



- Ask the Chamber to host a meet-and-greet for your club. Be sure to have enough membership applications and flyers if appropriate. Allow people to pass out their business cards as well.
- Present a community service award at events (recipients often share this publicly, creating free exposure) You can create a free certificate to save money.
- Host monthly or quarterly socials at local businesses and invite them to join the Lions. Some examples can be banks, real estate offices, restaurants, office spaces that can host several people, hotels, funeral homes, community centers, art galleries, museums, public parks, assisted living communities, and more.
- Create new member spotlights when someone joins and shout out their business as well. Be sure to create the spotlights using one template. Folks will recognize posts that are consistent.
- Invite someone to be a "Lion for a Day" at an event and share it on social media
- Send photos and stories to local newspapers for free press releases. I attached a sample from our local newspaper from a press release sent to the newspaper about Lion Shara winning the pin contest
- Assign a member to take photos at all meetings, events, and socials and assign someone to post them if one person cannot do both.
- Set a personal goal: each member invites one new person—this alone could double our membership
- Send handwritten invitations to local businesses for meetings or socials if you are unable to invite them in person.
- Utilize all members by focusing on their strengths. If they are already successful in a project you can still find a way to promote it online.

Use the ad sponsorship sheet attached to approach businesses, every ad sold helps our upcoming convention. When you approach the business you can provide more information about our club and initiatives.

Please understand that our meetings will not be transformed into a networking meeting that traditionally allows each person to stand and introduce themselves and their industry. We will continue to keep our business meeting structure, but we won't be so afraid to get to know someone for their professional skills if it comes up before or after the meeting. Also, the socials we set up should be more of a networking environment to engage with businesses in our community.

We are all working toward the same goal: a stronger, growing Lions Club. By honoring our history and embracing both community service and professional connection, we can get there.

Let's begin sharing member shout-outs this week. Time matters.

CLUB NEWS—Satellite Beach Lions Club

Recently on February 7, SVDG and President of Lake Sumter Lions Club Sonia Hernandez Saylor inducted three new members into the Satellite Beach Lions Club: Salvatore (Sal) J. Martingano, Cookie Martingano, and Jorge Campos.



Welcome to the Pride

CLUB NEWS—Ormond by the Sea Lions Club

The Lions of Ormond by the Sea never stay still for very long. Recently the hosted another yard sale. Just look at the variety of items which were displayed. Also the club continually patrols and cleans up the beach. These are some hard working Lions!



CLUB NEWS—Lake Sumter Lions Club



Over 200 people filled Lake Miona Rec Center, each vying to win a basket at our Lake Sumter Lions Annual Basket and Burgers Auction. It was a fun evening and a great fundraiser. Thanks goes to Chair Lion Chuck LeGare, with Lion Doris Ann Brennan handling the tickets and seating, Lion Bernice Hanna organizing over 80 baskets, and Lion Kevin Kearney setting up and supervising the grilling of burgers. Lion Todd Saylor called the winning numbers for each of the baskets and the 30 door prizes.



CLUB NEWS—Mt Dora Lions Club



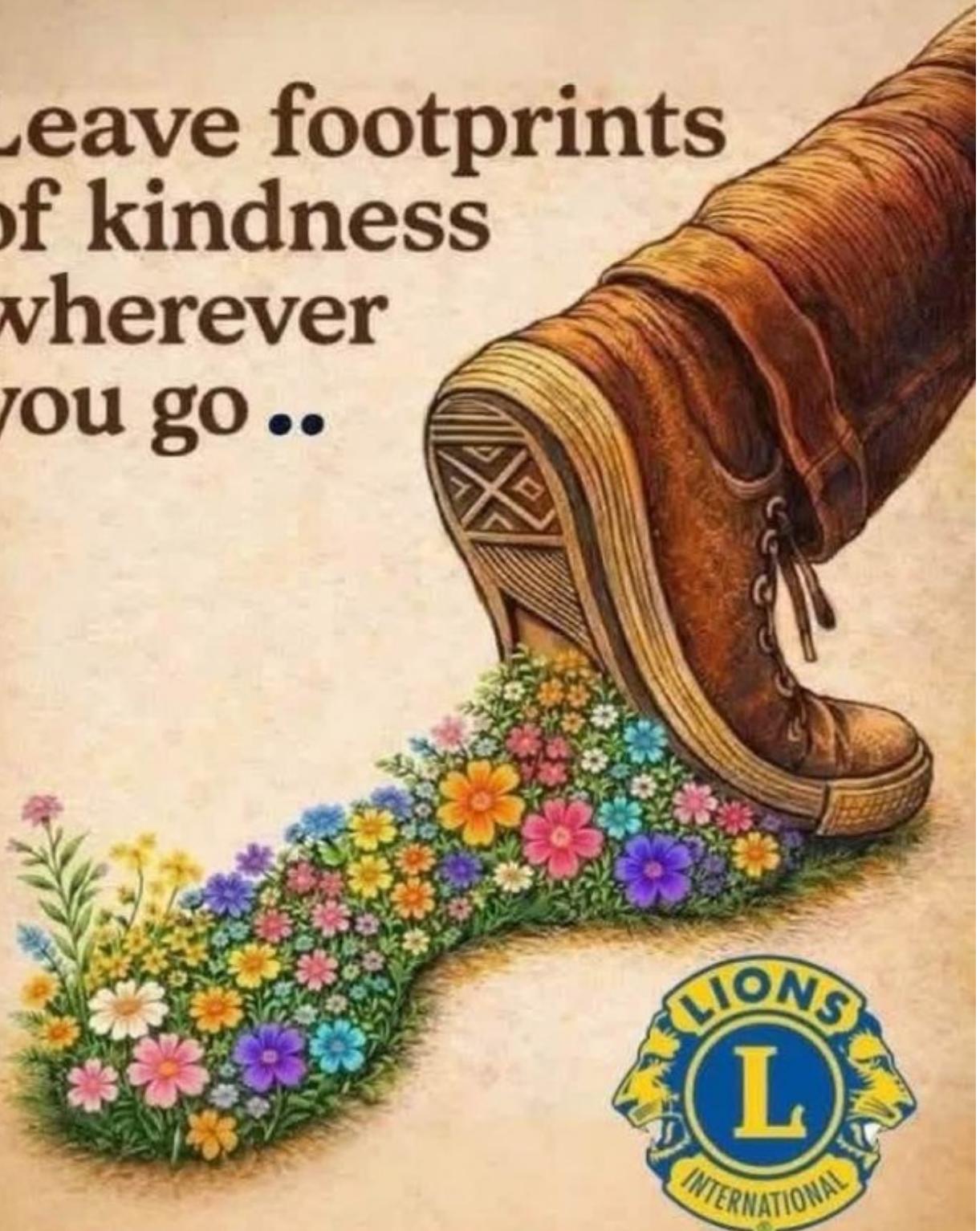
On Tuesday, February 24, District Governor Maggiy Williams and PIS Harry Williams paid an official visit o the Mt. Dora Lions Club. President Glenn Brown PDG called the meeting to order, asking Lion Jose Orozca to lead the invocation. Lion Donna Bown led the pledge and PDG Harry was asked to lead the singing of a song. Following an excellent dinner, guest speaker Joyce Walters spoke for New Voices for Independence.

DG Maggiy addressed the need to induct more new members, encouraged the club to record new officers in the Portal by June 15, the new requirements for the Club Excellence Award, and taking advantage of the opportunities offered by the District GLT, PDG Vivian Henegar.

Thank you to Mt Dora Lions Club for their hospitality,



**Leave footprints
of kindness
wherever
you go ..**



CLUB NEWS - Lake Alfred Lions Club

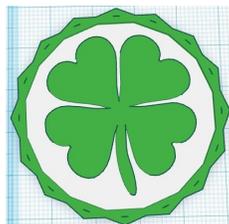


The Lake Alfred Lions Club has been busy in February. Emphasizing the hunger initiative, the club continues to supply the local school every Friday with boxes of food which are given out to students who have been recognized as homeless.

On Valentine's Day the club hosted its second Marathon Bingo with 117 players attending. It was a full day of fun and gaming accompanied with lunch of fried chicken, homemade mac 'n cheese, baked beans and strawberry shortcake.

During the last two weeks Lake Alfred played host to the Jet Ski Races. The many North-erners visiting for the races skiers enjoyed the lake and the beautiful weather.

The fourth Sunday of every month club and community members sort and wash recycled glasses from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Come join us!!



CLUB NEWS - Volusia County Lions Club



Lion Hank's award this morning. Congratulations for all the volunteer hours you put in. You are a great Lion and proud to have you in our Club.



CLUB NEWS - Davenport Lions Club



February 2 the Davenport Lions Club members are partnering with the Lake Alfred Lions Club volunteers to sort and wash eyeglasses.



CLUB NEWS - South Daytona Lions Club



Wednesday, January 28th our South Daytona Lion's Club was proud to welcome our new Lion Barara Hiser as a new member of South Daytona Lion's Club. She is sponsored by Lion Paul Leisure and inducted by Membership Chairperson Dave Atkins.



Wednesday February 18th our South Daytona Lion's Club was honored to welcome Vera McFather as our newest Lion. She is sponsored by Lion Karen Darcy Cebulske and inducted by Lion Dave Atkins.

On Wednesday, February 11th, the South Daytona Lions Club welcomed Bob Adkins as our guest speaker. He is a lifetime member of the All-Veterans Services Organization of Volusia County and played a pivotal role in the organization of the Veterans Memorial Plaza on Orange Avenue last year, demonstrating his dedication to honoring those who served. Bob Is currently working on a very important new project: the addition of a 7500 lb granite monument to the plaza. The monument is planned to be dedicated on March 27th in recognition of Vietnam War Veterans Day. The monument will serve lasting tribute to Vietnam Veterans and further enhance the significance of the plaza.



CLUB NEWS - Lake Sumter Lions Club

Lake Sumter Lions Club staffed a table at the GIVING SHOWCASE Saturday, February 7, at Lake Miona Recreation Center. More than 50 non-profit clubs participated in sharing their club's information and missions. It gave us the opportunity to also share info about our Lake Sumter Lions Club. Pictured below



below Annette Thomson, John Thomson, Cheryl Pavell, and Doug Seiders. Working but not pictured are Bernice Hanna and Eileen Sabatini Disinger.



Congrats Lake Sumter Lions who were awarded 1st place in the Service Club category for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle 2025 Holiday collection for the 4th straight year! Led by Chair Lion Bob Hatten, the Lake Sumter Lions staffed the red kettles and collected over \$4,000 in donations. The award was made at the annual SA Luncheon for Lake and Sumter Counties.

Lake Sumter Lions screened the vision of 90 young students at the First Academy Pre-School in Leesburg on February 11. Lion screeners included: Pat Lewis, Linda Ryan, Jon Joel, Barb Goeske, Deb Mehr and Chuck LeGare.



CLUB NEWS—Inverness Lions Club

The *Fill the Trailer* food drive was successful today! Thanks to all who donated to the Family Resource Center!



CLUB NEWS—Ocoee Lions Club



February 7, Ocoee Lions were at Horizon West Hamilton community near Winter Garden for the Chili Cook-Off which annually supports the Legacy Project. This program provides scholarships for students. One participant, David Hamilton, was overheard saying: "I came all the way from Lion District 4-A2 Lions MD4, California to taste Ocoee Lions chili! It really was the best one out there. They got my voting coin!" Thanks Ocoee Lions for supporting this worthy cause.



On February 13, the Ocoee Lions Club had the opportunity to support one of our Partners in the community, Southeastern Foodbank. Mark Anthony is also a member of the Ocoee Lions Club.



CLUB NEWS - Ormond Beach Lions Club

Ormond Beach Lions Club meets at Houligan's and honors Emily Barnes, Student/Athlete of the Month.



Congratulations



CLUB NEWS—Spring Hill Nature Coast Lions Club

Our Spring Hill Nature Coast Lions Club organized fundraising Bingo at Beef 'O'Brady's on January 14th and we raised \$367 for Special Olympics of Hernando County!



CLUB NEWS - Ingles-Yankeetown Lions Club

On Wednesday evening, February 18, Zone 1 Chair Lion Linda Copestick inducted 8 new members into the Ingles-Yankeetown Lions Club. Welcome to Katerina and Darryl Atherley, Camerson Henson and Jamie Slacks, Debra Oates, Sharon Mudge, Randy Chubb and Janet Stone.



Ingles Yankeetown has experienced a steady recovery from catastrophic 2024 Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Since construction in the 1970s, the Lion's parking lot was where cars, from low areas, were parked to prevent flooding. Not this time. The entire property, including the clubhouse, suffered water damage. It has been like starting over. Many members suffered major losses with their own properties as well. Troubles ran deep. Even "Leo" was soaking wet from head to paw and sporting a "Goodbye, Helene" tattoo. We were excited at February 18th meeting to have Zone Chair Linda Copestick, a recent transfer, install eight new members! Before this Lion President Steve Norton reinstated Lion Dan Oates who assumed the office of Treasurer. We had a successful Pancake Breakfast this month. Fourth Friday Potlucks are back on track for Lions and their guests. back! We're BACK!



[Lion Donna Norton]

CLUB NEWS - Davenport Lions Club



The Davenport Lions Club has a strong history of supporting pediatric health, and their contributions to Orlando Health Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children provides much-needed comfort to families navigating the challenges of childhood cancer.

While Lions Clubs often engage in these service projects locally, here is the impact such donations typically have on the hospital.

For a child diagnosed with cancer, the hospital often becomes a "second home." Donations like these are designed to lessen the traumatic experience. Backpacks often include "distraction items" like toys, games, and art supplies to help pass the time during long chemotherapy infusions.

They often contain essentials for parents and children, such as blankets, toiletries, or snacks, which are helpful during unexpected overnight stays

Receiving a gift from the community reminds these "little warriors" and their families that they aren't fighting their battle alone.

We Serve



CLUB NEWS - Ocoee Lions Club



Monday evening, February 2, District Governor Maggiy Williams and her Partner-in-Service PGD Harry visited Ocoee Lions Club at the request of PDG President Steven Van Varick to induct the newest member, Peter Hogarth. Following his induction, Lion Peter was given his membership pin and certificate as well as assorted other items which included DG Maggiy's pin. He was also gifted a stuffed lion which he must "protect and defend" until the next meeting. Lion Petter will make a great edtion to the Ocoee Lions Club. Welcome!



Congratulations



CLUB NEWS - Ingles-Yankeetown



Hoodoo Tempest 120P Pedal Drive Kayak



Help support Inglis Yankeetown Lions Club and buy a ticket for a chance to win this awesome Hoodoo Pedal Drive Kayak. We are only selling 200 tickets for \$20.00 a ticket. Drawing will be on April 18th at the Fishing tournament. You don't need to be present to win. You will need to pick up tickets at the clubhouse in Yankeetown, FL. Let me know - I have some tickets to sell! *[see page 40 flyer for more information]*

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
Oviedo-Winter Springs Lions Club Foundation, Inc. | 501(c)(3)

Raffle Fundraiser Ocoee Lions Club

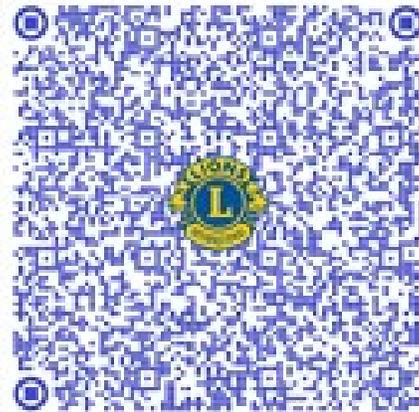
OFF-ROAD PERFORMANCE FOR
THE NEXT GENERATION

Kid-friendly performance that grows with them and all the safety features parents need. For riders ages 10+ with adult supervision.

Don't miss your chance to own this awesome

Polaris SXS valued at \$7,000 for just \$12.50 a ticket

Will deliver in state, out of state we will work something out.



If multiple quantities are chosen your order/raffle number will be entered that many number of times.

<https://www.floridalionsraffles.com/product/Raffle-Tickets-Polaris-SXS>



BEAUTY OF
SIGHT

A LIONS EYE BANK

All MD 35 Lions are invited to attend our
2026 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
ON ZOOM

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2026

Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Beauty of Sight will not host our usual in-person Membership Meeting & Open House this year. Instead, an Open House will be held at our NEW facility once construction is complete.

Join our ZOOM meeting using the link or QR CODE below to:

- Receive an update on the work of Beauty of Sight
- Participate in the 2026-2027 Election of Officers



Scan Me

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88558913943>



POPSTROKE
EAT. PUTT. DRINK.

GIVEBACK EVENT

IN BENEFIT OF



MONDAY, MARCH 9

9AM - 11PM

AT POPSTROKE

1283 CORNERSTONE BLVD. DAYTONA BEACH, FL

MENTION ORMOND LIONS CLUB AT CHECKOUT FOR
20% OF GOLF PASS SALES TO BE DONATED!

Inglis Yankeetown Lions Club



Hoodoo Tempest 120P Pedal Drive Kayak



See it online at:
www.hoodoosports.com

- Pedal Drive
- Aluminum frame seat
- Flush mount rod holders
- Accessory rails
- Lots of storage

Only 200 tickets will be sold!
Drawing will be held at the
NATURE COAST CHALLENGE
KAYAK FISHING TOURNAMENT
in APRIL 2026

You do not have to be present to win!
All proceeds benefit Inglis Yankeetown Lions Building Fund

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLORIDA

BOCCE AND CYCLING COMPETITION



SEABREEZE HIGH SCHOOL, MARCH 7TH

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP TODAY](#)

Questions? Contact: Chloe O'Brien | 352-978-1433 | chloeobrien@sofl.org



Lake Sumter Lions Club Fundraiser

Saturday, March 7
11am-8pm

Dairy Queen



**HAPPY
TASTES
GOOD**

4015 CR 216, Oxford
(Hwy 301 & Rainey Trail)

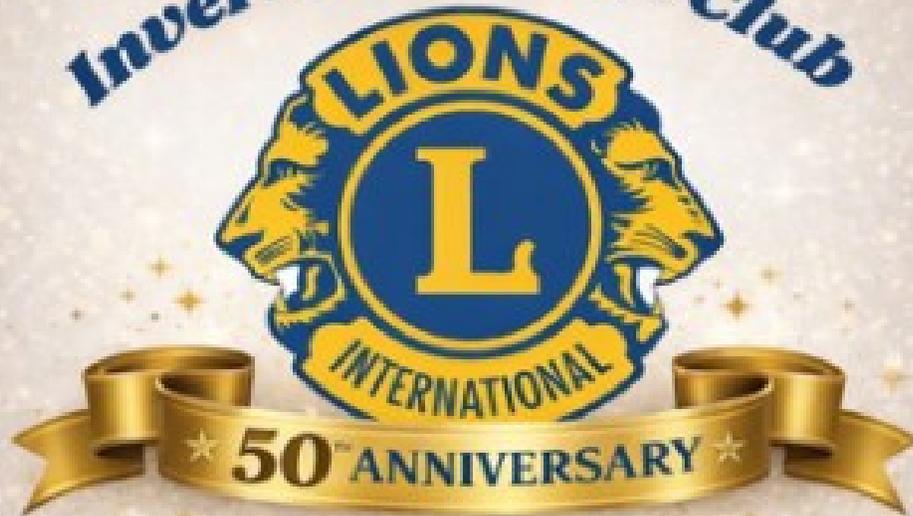
10% of Sales to benefit:

Lake Sumter Lions Community Service Projects



Scan for info about the
Lake Sumter Lions Club.

Inverness Lions Club



You are invited to join us in celebrating the

50th Anniversary

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INVERNESS LIONS CLUB

Tuesday, March 24th, 2026

Cornerstone Baptist Church

1100 W Highland Blvd, Inverness, FL

The event shall commence at 6pm.

Please RSVP to **Jackie Angulo**

208-614-7154 or lionjackiea12@gmail.com

SHRED To Protect



Identity Theft / Fraud Prevention / Awareness Event

SHRED YOUR CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS SAFELY!

Hosted By:
The Ocoee Police Department

- Saturday, March 14th 2026
9AM - 11:30AM
Ocoee Police Department
646 Ocoee Commerce Pkwy.
Ocoee, FL 34761
First Box FREE- \$5 Per Box After

Benefitting:



Items Accepted:

- Folders
- File Folders
- Staples
- Paper Clips
- Papers

NO OTHER ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Satellite Beach Lions Club

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Sunday, Mar. 8
8 A.M. - NOON

565 CASSIA BLVD.
SATELLITE BEACH

Join us for
all you can
eat
pancakes
and
sausage.

Tickets:
\$5 per person.
Pay at the door.

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Add an
egg is
back! \$1
per egg.



ZONE 1

LIONS MEETING

Inglis Yankeetown Lions Club

22 59th Street • Yankeetown, FL 34498

Wednesday • May 6, 2026

Social 5:30 PM • Dinner 6:00 PM

Food • Fellowship • Fun!

*Join fellow Lions for updates, connection, and fellowship
with a festive Cinco de Mayo touch!*

Dinner - \$15 per person

In the spirit of Cinco de Mayo, the menu includes:

- Tacos (Beef or Chicken)
- Rice & Beans
- Street Corn
- Chips & Salsa
- Dessert

RSVP by April 22, 2026

Zone Chair Lion Linda Copestick

904-573-0365 • Lcopes@bellsouth.net



Lions Serving Together



**A sign in a shoe repair store,
"We will heel you,
We will save your sole, We will even
dye for you!"**

**At an Eye Clinic: "If you don't see what
you're looking for, You've come to the
right place.";**

**On a Plumber's truck : "We repair what
your husband fixed";**

**In a Restaurant window: "Don't stand
there and be hungry; come on in and
get fed up.";**

**In the front yard of a Funeral Home:
"Drive carefully. We'll wait.";**

**Sign on the back of Septic Tank Truck:
"Caution - This Truck is full of Political
Promises"**

THE LIGHTER SIDE

Found a wooden shoe in my toilet.
It was clogged.

The beach sand is wet because the seaweed.

I built a beehive with no exit,
It was Unbeeleaveable!

What did the hat say to the coat?
Why don't you hang here, I'm going on ahead.

I won't be taking my grandkids to the orchestra ... too much sax & violins.

1981 DeLorean for sale. It's only been driven from time to time.

If I had 50 pigs and 50 dear, that'll be 100 sows & bucks.

Practice safe eating.
Always use condiments!

How did Noah see at night?
Flood lights!

A potato wearing glasses is a spectator.

My life coach just told me that I didn't make the team.

Police get teary when they write moving violations!

My doctor told me that my sugar was too high ... so I moved it to a lower shelf.

Those who gossip a lot have a good sense of rumor.

Why did the stadium get so hot after the game? All the fans left.

JOYS AND CONCERNS



We are saddened to inform you of the death of Past District Governor John Geary. PDG John Served as District 35-I Governor 2016-2017 as a member of the Ellenton Parrish and later Lake Placid Lions Club. Other members of his council were: Larry Masters, 35-L; Steve Hilaire, 35-O; Luis Olarte, PCC 35-N. Council Chair was Larry Masters. PDG John was predeceased by his wife, Lion Gloria on December 5, 2025.



We are saddened to inform you of the passing of PDG Nicolaas J. M. "Nico" Wever in Curaçao. Past District Governor Nico served as District E-1 Governor 2003-2004. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.



It is with a heavy heart we inform you of the death of Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. PIP Justice Stevenson was elected to serve as the international president at the Lions' 70th International Convention, held in Taipei, Taiwan, in July 1987. PIP Justice Stevenson was a Lion since 1966 and a member of the Calgary Northeast Eyeopener Lions Club.



We are also sad to inform you of the death of Past District Governor Elaine "Laynee" Riedinger of Miami Springs. PDG Laynee was a member of the Miami Springs Lions Club and served as District 35-A Governor 2007-2008. Other members of her council were: Elma "Nell" Simmons, (Deceased) 35-F; Michael C. Mason, PCC, (Deceased) 35-L; Roger Vonland, (Deceased) 35-O; Suzan "Suzi" Stathas, 35-R; Robert E. "Bob" Woomeer, (Deceased) 35-I; Roger Messer, 35-D and the Council Chair was Delores Farris (Deceased). Please keep the families in your thoughts & prayers.

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