



Roar 'n Growl

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Coming Events

- 4/30-5/3 MD Convention
Orlando Hotel
and Convention
Center
- May 4 PRTS zoom
- May 4 Ocoee Lions
Installation
- May 5 Janet Pignataro
Memorial
- May 6 Zone I Meeting
Ingli's Yankee
Town LC 6:00
- May 8 Car Show LA
Diner Lake
Alfred 6-9
- May 10 MOTHER'S DAY
- May 24 Mass Sort LA
12-4
- May 25 MEMORIAL DAY
- June 7 South Daytona
Installation
- June 13 Organizational
Mtg Lake Alfred
- June 18 Homosassa LC
Installation
- July 16 Hearing Board
zoom 3:00

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PDG Harry Williams, Editor

Fourth Advisory Hosted by OBG



Saturday, April 11, the Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club hosted the Fourth Advisory Meeting for District 35-O at the North Lake Presbyterian Church in The Villages. It was a beautiful sunny day for this last meeting with over 60 Lions from across the district attending. District Governor Maggi Williams called the meeting to order and asked PDG Vivian Henegar to lead in the invocation. PDG Bob Armstrong led the Pledge to the Flag and PDG

Harry Williams led in the singing of "America, the Beautiful."

Following introductions, District Governor Maggi made opening remarks, thanking everyone for their hard work. Next year's theme for the Peace Poster will be "Harmony in Humanity." She encouraged clubs to make donations to our entities year round. Service needs to be continually recorded and Lion Bobbie Cheh our GST, has outlined a number of times how this is to be done. Lions were reminded that the third initiative, Environment, is approaching and that service can be scheduled 10 days before and 10 days after the project. Many zones have submitted funds collected from the raffling of baskets for donations to LCIF. It is not too late to register for the MD Convention BUT you must do so ASAP through MD Secretary Gary LaSpina. If you have glasses or hearing aids, see PDG Steven Van Varick. WWID is April 25.

The minutes from the last advisory meeting which were distributed through email and available at the meeting were approved. There was no treasurer's report; however, Lion Joe Langello stated that we "were solvent."



FVDG John Hanna next thanked Lions for helping the district meet his goal of \$2500 for disaster relief. LS Lion Doug Seiders had promised to have his head shaved if the goal was met. [Also DG Maggiy and PDG Harry went purple in support of the project.]

PDG/GLT Vivian Henegar reported that the RLLI training with very successful, thanking those who attended as well as her staff of trainers. GMT/GET Steven Van



Varick spoke about the improving status of membership in District 35 O. Lion Barbara Crewell presented a check for \$10,000 from OBG for PRTS. GST Bobbie Cheh reinforced what DG Maggiy had said about recording service hours. PDG Vivian spoke on behalf of PCC Greg Evans for Lions Saving Sight. PDG Harry Williams reported that the Youth Exchange Scholarship Trust Fund [YESTF] had given away 11 \$1000 scholarships and plans to increase the amount of the scholarship next year to \$1500. PDG Bob Armstrong addressed the upcoming vote on dues increase, citing that the increase was necessary in helping the district function. Lion Rita Fawcett spoke about the changes in voting and the elections.



Finally Lion Adam Parrish demonstrated the use of the newly purchased audiometers.

Following lunch PDG Harry collected tail twisting fines and auctioned off a collection of miniature gnomes for various seasons for \$20.00. A total of \$89 was raised.



DG Maggiy presented Lion Pat Stamm with her 25 year chevron.



Lion Jaci Newmark spoke about New Voices. Lion Pam Hancock spoke about the Environmental Initiative. PID Neil Spencer announced the 35 O nominees: DG John Hanna from Lake Sumter Lions Club; 1st Vice District Governor Lion Sonia Saylor also from Lake Sumter Lions Club; and 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Nina Guiglotto from Palm Coast Lions Club. Congratulations to all of these nominees and best wishes.



Club announcements were made by FVDG John Hanna and PIS Todd Saylor. The parade of checks was announced by District Treasurer Joe Langello, DG Maggiy thanked everyone for attending this the last advisory with best wishes to Lion John Hanna and his team for the 2026-2027 Lion years. PDG Vivian Henegar led in the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

LIONS! Remember the MD Convention at the Orlando Hotel and Convention Center beginning April 30. See you there!

WHAT DOES THE PRESIDENT DO?

Great Clubs
Don't Just Happen...
They're Led!



THE ROLE:

The President leads with **vision**, serves with **heart**, and empowers others to make a difference.



WHAT THEY DO:

- Lead meetings and set the tone
- Work with officers and members as a **team**
- Plan and guide **service projects** and events
- Make **decisions** and keep the club moving forward
- Represent the club in the community and Lions family
- Inspire, motivate, and recognize members



THE GOAL:

Build a **strong, united club** that serves boldly and **grows** in membership and impact.



WHY IT MATTERS:

- Provides **leadership** and **direction**
- Creates a **positive** and **engaged** culture
- Turns ideas into **action** and **impact**



REMEMBER:

You don't have to do it all alone – you just have to **lead, believe, and bring out the best in others!**

LEADERSHIP. SERVICE. IMPACT.
That's the President Effect!



WHAT DOES THE VICE PRESIDENT DO?

Leaders Today.
Presidents Tomorrow.

They Step Up,
Support, and Succeed!



THE ROLE:

The Vice President supports the President, leads when needed, and prepares to lead.



WHAT THEY DO:

- Assist the President and step in when the President is absent
- Learn the President's duties and help carry them out
- Lead committees, projects, or special initiatives
- Help plan meetings and club events
- Support club officers and encourage member involvement
- Bring fresh ideas and help drive the club forward



THE GOAL:

Ensure strong leadership, smooth transitions, and a thriving club now and in the future.



WHY IT MATTERS:

- Keeps the club running smoothly
- Builds leadership skills and confidence
- Prepares future leaders and a strong succession plan



REMEMBER:

A great Vice President doesn't just wait their turn – they work, they learn, and they lead the way!



SUPPORT. LEADERSHIP. SUCCESS.
That's the Vice President Effect!



LEARN.
GROW.
LEAD.

FUTURE
PRESIDENT!
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WHAT DOES THE SECRETARY DO?

Great Meetings Don't Just Happen... They're Recorded, Shared, and Remembered!



THE ROLE:

The Secretary keeps our club's records, communication, and information organized, accurate, and accessible.



WHAT THEY DO:

- Take accurate meeting minutes
- Manage club correspondence and communications
- Maintain attendance records
- Keep and update important club documents
- Prepare reports and share information with members
- Support the president and other officers



THE GOAL:

Create clear, reliable records and communication so our club stays informed, organized, and strong.



WHY IT MATTERS:

- Decisions are based on accurate information
- Members stay informed and connected
- Our club runs smoothly and professionally



REMEMBER:

It's all about accuracy, communication, and attention to detail – you're the keeper of our club's story!

RECORDS. COMMUNICATION. RELIABILITY.
That's the Secretary Effect!



WHAT DOES THE TREASURER DO?

Strong Clubs
Don't Just Happen...
They're Planned,
Tracked, and Trusted!



THE ROLE:

The Treasurer manages our club's money with integrity, accuracy, and transparency.



WHAT THEY DO:

- Keep track of all club income and expenses
- Record deposits and pay bills
- Maintain accurate financial records
- Prepare financial reports for meetings
- Present the budget and monitor spending
- Work with officers on fundraising and planning
- Ensure proper financial procedures and reporting



THE GOAL:

Protect our club's funds and provide clear, responsible financial stewardship so we can serve more and grow stronger.



WHY IT MATTERS:

- Builds trust and accountability
- Helps us plan, give, and make a bigger impact
- Keeps our club strong and sustainable



REMEMBER:

It's not just about numbers – it's about responsibility, trust, and helping our club change lives!

ACCURACY. TRUST. IMPACT.
That's the Treasurer Effect!



WHAT DOES THE TAIL TWISTER DO?

Spoiler Alert:
They don't hand out fines... they hand out FUN! 😊



THE ROLE:

The Tail Twister brings energy, laughter, and engagement to our meetings!



WHAT THEY DO:

Lead fun and friendly activities, icebreakers, and challenges that get everyone involved and help our club feel like family.



THE GOAL:

Build camaraderie, boost participation, and create a welcoming and positive meeting experience.



REMEMBER:

It's all about fun, connection, and making memories – **NOT fines!**



LAUGHTER. FRIENDSHIP. ENGAGEMENT.
That's the Tail Twister Effect!

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WHAT DOES THE LION TAMER DO?

Behind every great meeting is a Lion Tamer making it happen! 🐾



THE ROLE:

The Lion Tamer keeps meetings **organized**, **on track**, and **running smoothly** from start to finish.



WHAT THEY DO:

- Prepare the **agenda** and support the president
- Keep meetings **on schedule** and **focused**
- Ensure **smooth transitions** between speakers
- Help maintain **order, flow, and professionalism**



THE GOAL:

Create an **efficient, productive, and well-run meeting** where every member's time is respected.



WHY IT MATTERS:

- Meetings stay **engaging** – not chaotic
- Members stay **informed and involved**
- The club operates like a **well-oiled machine**



REMEMBER:

It's all about **structure, leadership, and flow** – not control, but **coordination!**



ORGANIZATION. LEADERSHIP. IMPACT.
That's the Lion Tamer Effect!

WHAT DOES THE SERVICE CHAIR DO?

Great Service
Doesn't Just Happen...
It's Planned,
Organized, and
Made Possible!



THE ROLE:

The Service Chair leads our club's service efforts and turns compassion into action.



WHAT THEY DO:

- Plan and coordinate meaningful service projects
- Identify community needs and service opportunities
- Work with members and partners to get involved
- Organize volunteers and manage logistics
- Track impact and share success stories
- Report service activities to the club and Lions International



THE GOAL:

To create impactful service that strengthens our community, inspires members, and advances Lions' global causes.



WHY IT MATTERS:

- Turns good intentions into real impact
- Builds membership pride and engagement
- Shows the true heart of Lions in action



REMEMBER:

You're not just planning projects – you're changing lives and making our club **stronger!**



SERVICE. IMPACT. LEGACY.
That's the Service Chair Effect!

WHAT DOES THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR DO?

Stronger Clubs
Start with Membership...
They Recruit, Engage,
and Grow!



THE ROLE:

The Membership Chair builds membership, strengthens engagement, and creates a welcoming club experience.



WHAT THEY DO:

- Recruit new members and share the value of Lions
- Create a welcoming environment for guests and new members
- Plan membership drives, events, and orientation
- Follow up with potential members and stay connected
- Engage current members and encourage involvement
- Work with club leaders to grow and retain membership



THE GOAL:

Grow a strong, diverse, and engaged club where members feel valued, connected, and inspired to serve.



WHY IT MATTERS:

- Brings in fresh ideas and energy
- Builds a legacy of service and leadership
- Ensures the future of our club and our impact



REMEMBER:

Membership isn't just numbers – it's relationships, purpose, and creating a **family of service!**



PEOPLE. PURPOSE. GROWTH.
That's the Membership Chair Effect!

WHAT DOES THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DO?

Great Decisions Don't Just Happen... They're Discussed, Guided, and Decided Together!



THE ROLE:

The Board of Directors provides guidance, support, and oversight to help our club thrive now and in the future.



WHAT THEY DO:

- Set goals and approve plans and budgets
- Support the club officers and service projects
- Make key decisions that shape our club's success
- Ensure we follow Lions International policies and values
- Evaluate progress and plan for the future
- Represent the voice and best interests of our members



THE GOAL:

Build a strong, sustainable club that delivers impact, serves with excellence, and grows membership.



WHY IT MATTERS:

- Brings wisdom, experience, and fresh ideas
- Creates accountability and smarter decisions
- Keeps our club strong, relevant, and ready for what's next



REMEMBER:

The Board doesn't do the work for the club - they help lead the way, support the team, and protect our mission!



VISION. LEADERSHIP. DECISIONS.
That's the Board Effect!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

STRONG CLUBS
START WITH
STRONG LEADERS!



CLUB SUCCESS

POLICY & GOVERNANCE

STRATEGIC PLANNING

MEMBER IMPACT

GUIDE.
SUPPORT.
DECIDE.

BETTER
TOGETHER!
♡



WHAT DOES THE CLUB MARKETING CHAIR DO?

Stronger Visibility...
Stronger Membership...
Stronger Impact!



THE ROLE:

The Club Marketing Chair promotes our club, shares our story, and helps build our brand and grow our impact.



WHAT THEY DO:

- Create a marketing plan and content calendar
- Write press releases and promote our service
- Manage social media and engage our community
- Design flyers, graphics, and digital content
- Share success stories and celebrate our members
- Increase visibility to attract new members and partners
- Work with local media and Lions leadership



THE GOAL:

Build awareness, grow membership, and inspire action through powerful storytelling and consistent communication.



WHY IT MATTERS:

- More people know who we are and what we do
- Stronger engagement and community support
- More members, more service, bigger impact



REMEMBER:

You're not just posting – you're promoting purpose, building pride, and amplifying the Lions mission!



VISIBILITY. STORYTELLING. GROWTH.
That's the Marketing Chair Effect!

Your title doesn't make you a **leader**

Here's what does:





Building Community, — Side by Side —

*Together, we roll up our sleeves, lend a hand,
and make a difference.*



One Project. One Connection. One Community at a Time.

Thank you, Lions & Leos,



CONKLIN DAVIS CENTER

FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Since February, five students from the Conklin Davis Center for the Visually Impaired have spent their Tuesday mornings at Whispering Meadows Ranch.

It's an opportunity that's a first for all parties involved — Whispering Meadows Ranch, a nonprofit that provides equine-assisted programs to those with special needs and disabilities, has had visually impaired riders in the past, but it has never hosted a program like this one.

Thanks to a \$10,000 grant from The Rogers and Waterhouse Foundation, five CDCVI students are taking part in a pilot designed to help them work with horses to further their development of core skills, such as independence, responsibility, self-awareness and confidence.



**101st Annual
Multiple District 35
Lions of Florida, Bahamas,
Aruba,
Bonaire & Curaçao
Americana Convention**



ZONE NEWS—Zone 3 Hosted by OBG

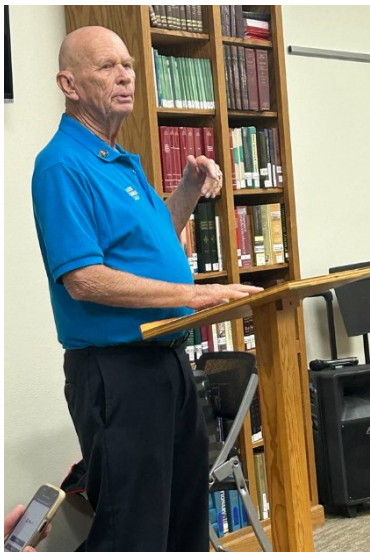
Monday evening, April 13, the Lady Lake Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club hosted the last Zone 3 Meeting at the North Laken Presbyterian Church in the Villages. Lion David Fleming, President of the Fruitland Park Lions Club, brought the meeting to order and introduced the Zone 3 Chair Lion Bruce Scheel. Lion Bruce welcomed everyone, welcoming special guests: District Governor Maggiy Williams and PIS PDG Harry, FVDG John Hanna and PIS Bunny, SVDG Sonia Saylor and her PIS Todd. He then acknowledged the PDGs in the room: Lion Doris Turlo, Lion Steven Van Varick, and Lion Ed Mello. Those club presidents who were in attendance were also recognized. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Lion Michelle Scheel, the Lions' Toast by Lion Judy Kohn, and the invocation by Lion Bruce Scheel. Dinner was served.

Following dinner, DG Maggiy thanked the clubs for selecting their delegates, reminded them to input the new officers into the Portal as well as making sure that all member information is correct, and consider attending the upcoming MD Convention in Orlando. She also bragged about District 35 O as being #2 in the Southeast US in membership growth! FVDG John spoke about disaster relief and the need for zone chairs. SVDG Sonia expressed appreciation for all the hard work and services projects in Zone 3. New Voices Chairman Jaci Newmark asked for nominees in the areas of marketing, service, leadership, and membership.

Lion Bruce spoke about the possibilities for environmental projects. Using collectable action figures [Skipper, Gilligan, George Bailey, Mary Bailey, Angel Charlie], Lion Bruce also demonstrated how we as Lions should work together using whatever talents we have for the good of Lionism.

Clubs gave their reports. OBG reminded everyone of the shredding project [partnering with the city], bingo, and Plant-a-Tree. Eastport Lions are doing vision screening, bingo, and assisting with the Wildwood Soup Kitchen. Lake Sumter has several fund raising activities upcoming: Culvers (4/21), glucose screening at the American Legion Health Fair (4/24), and continuing to provide food for the Sozo kids. Fruitland Park has bingo, Meals for Kids.

Lion Bruce thanked everyone for coming. He introduced Lion Jaci Newmark as the Zone 3 Chair for the Lion year 2026-2027. The meeting was adjourned.



ZONE NEWS—Zone 5 Hosted by LNL

Thursday evening, April 23, the Lakeland North Lakeland Lions Club hosted the 4th Zone 5 Meeting. With 36 Lions and 10 visitors [including 7 members of Strawberry High School FFA] attending, the meeting was called the order by Lion Harry Porter of LNL. Following dinner, the meeting was turned over to Zone Chair Lion Jamie Dudley. Lion Jamie welcomed everyone and asked FVDG John Hanna to make remarks. He asked Lion Rita Fawcett, district credentials chair, to report on voting opportunities. PDG Bob Armstrong spoke about Special Olympics. Then clubs present gave reports: LNL, Auburndale, Davenport, Cypress Gardens, and Lake Alfred. All clubs are participating in community activities. Lion Jamie turned the meeting back over to Lion Harry Porter. The meeting was adjourned. Baskets were raffled and a 50/50 was drawn.

Thanks to LNL Lions Club and to everyone who attended.



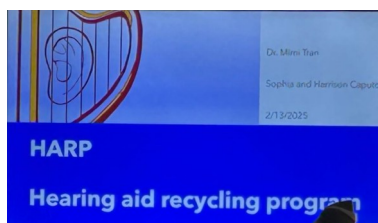
ZONE NEWS—Zone 4 Hosted by College Park Lion Club

Thursday evening, April 23, the College Park Lions Club hosted the last of Zone 3 Meetings. This club sponsors youth rowing teams. As Lions arrived, students were finishing up training for the day. At the appointed time, President Lion Blair Cox welcomed everyone attending and invited them to enjoy the potluck dinner which was available.

Following dinner Lion Blair introduced Zone Chair Adam Parrish who acknowledged the VIP guests: PDG Harry Williams, PDG Steven Van Varick, and DG Maggiy Williams. He then turned the meeting over to Dr Mimi Tran who discussed new techniques and trends in auditory care. She spoke about the new mobile clinic.

DG Maggiy encouraged Lions to attend the MD Convention in May and thanked everyone for their many contributions to Lionism. She also presented Lion Nick Francisco with a 20 year chevron.

Thank you College Park!



ZONE NEWS—Zone 2

On Monday evening, April 27, Zone 2 had its last Zone Meeting at Beef 'O Brady's in Spring Hill. The Spring Hill Nature Coast Lions Club was host to the event. President of the Spring Hill Club, Lion Zuzana Talbot, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Lion Kelly Vargas led the invocation, Lion Joel Rado assisted with the Pledge to the Flag, and Lion Zuzana lifted a drink for the Lions' Toast. Dinner with ordered.

The program for the evening introduced several representatives from Florida Special Olympics [Amber, Kyle, Sherrie] with their coaches.



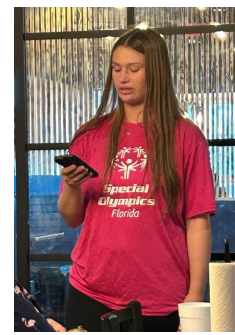
Special Olympics Florida currently serves more than 77,173 athletes across the state, offering year round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The program is supported by over 45,225 coaches and volunteers, ensuring athletes receive guidance, encouragement, and opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, and experience joy.

Lion Jackie Angelo, Zone 2 and Region 1 Chair, was introduced. She introduced the special guests: PDG Harry Williams, PDG Vivian Henegar, Zone 1 Chair Lion Linda Copestick, FVDG John Hanna, and of course District Governor Maggiy Williams. Lion Maggiy acknowledged the results which both the Special Olympians and Lions had achieved through hard work and dedication. She also reminded clubs to register new officers before June 15 and that dues statements will no longer be send out by mail but through email. As FVDG John Hanna will be issuing a district directory, Lion Maggiy asked the secretaries please correct any errors in the Portal as that is where the information for the directory will come.

Clubs in the zone were asked to give reports. High Point President Lion Marlene Allen, spoke about the food and clothing drives in which her club is included as well as diabetic screening. Lion Jackie Angulo gave the report for Inverness Lions. The club recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. This club also does glucose testing. Finally, Lion Zuzana from Spring Hills Nature Coast spoke about the work of the club concerning the Peace Posted Contest. FVDG John Hanna was asked to speak and he reiterated his goal to raise \$3500 for disaster relief next year. He also related that he need a chair for zones 6 and 7.

The meeting concluded, Lion Zuzana thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting. There was a drawing for 50/50 and 2 baskets were raffled off.

The MD Convention is this weekend.



ZONE NEWS—Zone 6/7 Hosted by South Daytona Lions Club

On Tuesday, April 28, Zones 6 & 7 held a combined Zone Meeting hosted by South Daytona Lions Club at the Pigotte Recreational Center. Over 50 Lions, VIPs and invited guests were present, including District Governor Maggiy Williams and Partner-in-Service PDG Harry, FVDG John Hanna and Bunnie, and SVDGE Nina Guiglotta. Lion Marcia Hillard, Zone Chair, welcomed everyone and asked that everyone help themselves to dinner before it "gets cold."

Following dinner of pizza and salad and cookies, Lion Mary Yochum led in the invocation, Lion Marcia led the pledge and Lion Pam Ridilla raised a glass with the Lions' Toast. PDG Harry was asked to help in the singing of "God Bless America." The guest speaker for the evening was Steve Cameron of Waste Pro, the 11th largest collector of recyclable materials. A wealth of information was discussed and many questions were asked. If you are interested in learning more about the various types of recyclable materials, what to recycle and what to dispose, check out the link below:

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Zone Chairs Abby Baker and Marcia Hilliard read the club reports: Ormond Beach Lions are preparing to honor the Seabreeze Athlete of the Month; Palm Coast Lions are busy picking up trash by the roadside, white came day and glucose screening; OBTS are preparing for a Nursing Home Party [5/15]; Daytona Halifax are supporting blind bowling 4/4 to 5/3, and along with OWS are training Lions on the use of the new audiometers; Ponce Inlet is working on the peace poster contest; South Daytona is collecting food for Food Brings Hope as well as a Mother's Day Luncheon [\$15].

District Governor Maggiy spoke briefly. She congratulated District 35 O for having the MD Winner for the Peace Poster and encouraged clubs to start now working towards next years contest. She also urged clubs to enter new officer information ASAP and to check all information in the Portal. FVDG John Hanna asked if someone would volunteer to be Zone 6 Chair for next year and plans for his disaster relief campaign.

This was the last zone meeting for zones 6 & 7. Thanks to Lion Abby Baker and Lion Marcia Hilliard for the excellent work which they have done, thanks to the sponsoring clubs, and many thanks to those Lions who supported and attended the meeting. See you all at the 101 MD Convention May 1-2 at the Orlando Convention Center.



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High Point Lions News

Spring had finally Sprung and most of our "snowbirds" have flown to their northern "nests". We will miss them, but we will continue our "service" projects and have some fun in the heat!

We have been quite busy the first part of this year. We continue our Friday morning Breakfast followed by Dime Jingle. Every second Friday we do a diabetes screening while selling breakfast.

We host Bunco from 1-4 pm on the third Thursday of every month. Bingo and Evening Dime Jingle a couple of times of month.

Some of our fundraisers included hosting a Las Vegas Entertainer, Jonny Bird, on February 28, 2026 with a great turnout.

We had our annual Craft Bazaar on February 21 with many beautiful items for sale both inside and outside of the community center.

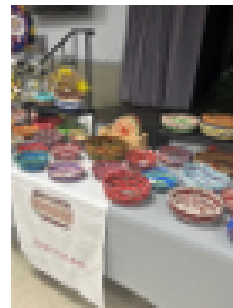
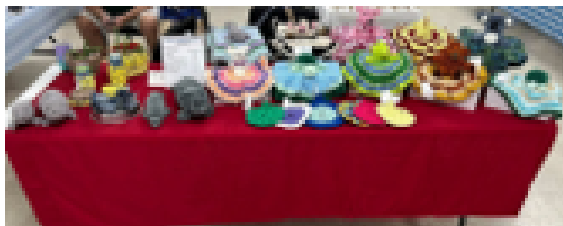
Our annual Car and Motorcycle show brought many onlookers for the lovely antique cars and motorcycles. Money raised for this event went to the Diabetes Association.

One of our latest projects was cooking a meal at People Helping People Hernando County for approximately 150 homeless people.

We continue to save pop-tops from cans and donate them to Ronald McDonald House where they are melted, and the money is used to house families of hospitalized children.

We are now in the process of collecting clothing items, especially socks, and underwear for some of the elementary school children in Hernando County. These kids do without clothing so the parents can put food on their table.

Have a wonderful Mother's Day weekend and a great Memorial Day weekend with your family and friends.





Our newest member, Lion Barbara Shaver!
Welcome to the Pride.



CLUB NEWS—Port Orange-Volusia Lions Club



Port Orange-Volusia Lions Club and Port Orange Elks Clubs will partner to accept and sort used eyeglasses and hearing aids on **April 29**, 11:30 to 1:30. Elks and Lions are accepting new members. For more information please call 386-451-1386.



Free vision, blood sugar screening and blood pressure checks were available at the Tubman King Church Health Fair provided by the Port Orange Lions Club.

Shown in the photo are Pastor Bryant Wilcox, Port Orange Lions President Hank Lunsford, and Port Orange Lions newest member, Ilona Sandler. Not shown is Nancy Gocke, Vision Chair who provided the vision screenings. Woof Woof, the club's mascot, is in the bottom right corner.



CLUB NEWS—Davenport Lions Club

April 3—Great membership Drive!



CLUB NEWS—Cypress Gardens Lions Club

Recently SVDG Sonia Saylor and Partner-in-Service Lion Todd Saylor visited the Cypress Gardens Lions Club as part of her official duties. It was her pleasure to present a 25 Year Chevron to Lion Kim McDermaid, a 50 Year Chevron to Lion Al Gonzales, and to induct new Lions Kacey Wood. Congratulations to all of these Lions!



Welcome to the Pride

CLUB NEWS—Lake Sumter Lions Club

March 12 - Lake Sumter Lions Ed and Jane Mello prepared "Take Home Snacks" bags for the SOZO Kids After School Program. Four groups of LS Lions prepare meals monthly for this After School Program.



Lake Sumter Lions were at Publix in Colony Plaza last weekend seeking support from the public. We are fortunate to live in such a generous community as The Villages.

On April 14, Faye McCarrell became our newest Lake Sumter Lion at a recent Lions Club meeting. Lion Linda Ryan was Faye's sponsor and PCC Curt performed the induction ceremony.



CLUB NEWS—Palm Coast Lions Club

April 14 the Palm Coast Lions sponsored a White Cane fundraiser at **Publix** in Island Walk. A big “thank you” to those that donated and stopped to say hello to Elsa, our official guide dog mascot. We raised over \$800.00 to help those in the community with assistance for eye exams and sight impairments.



Palm Coast Lions Club

NEW MEMBER

Leslie Artesona brings a lifelong heart for service to the Lions Club, inspired by her father, a former Lions Club President in New York. After an impressive 48-year career in the cosmetic fragrance industry, working her way up from secretary to Package Development Director. Leslie is now enjoying her retired life while generously giving her time to one of the strongest community service organizations in Palm Coast. We are grateful for her continued commitment and legacy of service.

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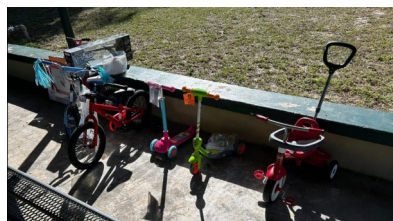
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CLUB NEWS—Lake Alfred Lions Club

Lake Alfred Lions Club FL car show at Lake Alfred diner. 2nd Friday of every Month.



Saturday, April 4, the Lake Alfred Lions Club hosted Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt for the Lake Alfred Community. The Easter Bunny greeted many young eggs seekers after they had eaten pancakes, waffles and sausage links. This was the first time that LA offered a breakfast before the Easter eggs hunt. It was very well attended. It is entirely possible that this will become an annual event in association with the Easter Egg Hunt which the Lake Alfred Lions have sponsored for 80 years in the same location. Many thanks to President and Chairperson Rosemary Daniels and her cadre for all of the hard work in preparing for this event.

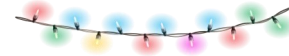


CLUB NEWS—South Daytona Lions

South Daytona Lions Club is proud to sponsor the Braves this season. Thank you to the coaches that volunteer their time and effort to work with these youngsters.



South Daytona Lions Club welcomes our new Lion Barbara to our club. Shown here is Lion Dave and Lion Barbara's sponsor Lion Paul.



Our South Daytona Lion's Club and Hannah's Family Diner is supporting Food Brings Hope by collecting canned and dry food goods to benefit the Food Brings Hope Initiative. Your generosity will directly help individuals in need in your local community.



April 4th, 2026 , South Daytona Lion's Club members performing free Diabetes Screening at Port Orange Flea Market. Our South Daytona Lion's Club meets every Wednesday morning at 7 am at Hannah's Family Diner. We invite you to stop in and see how we serve the South Daytona community.



CLUB NEWS—Oviedo Winter Springs Lions Club



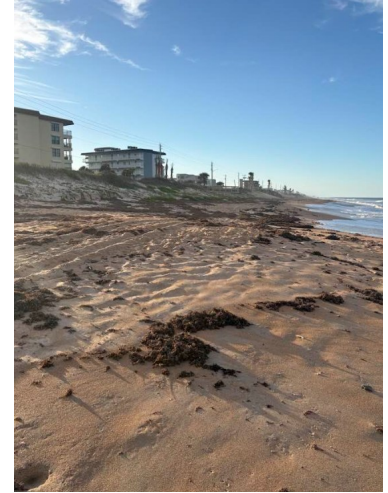
April is Volunteer Month, and for 26 years, the Oviedo Winter Springs Lions Club has been proud to serve our community. Behind every service project, every helping hand, and every life touched are dedicated volunteers who choose to make a difference. For more than two decades, our Lions have shown up with commitment and compassion - supporting those in need and strengthening the community we call home. To every member, past and present, thank you for being the foundation of our impact.



CLUB NEWS—Ormond by the Sea Lions Club



Every time you turn around the Ormond by the Sea Lions Club is either cleaning up the beach and having a yard sale! Below are pictures from the most recent clean up and sale.



CLUB NEWS—Lake Alfred Lions Club

THE HUNTER FAWCETT MEMORIAL AUTO SHOW APRIL 25 AT LIONS PARK IN LAKE ALFRED.



**HUNTER FAWCETT
MEMORIAL AUTO SHOW**

APRIL 25, 2026
9AM - 3PM
LION'S PARK • LAKE ALFRED, FL 33850
REGISTRATION IS A DONATION

ALL MAKES AND MODELS WELCOME
www.lakealfredlionsclub.com



CLUB NEWS—Oviedo Winter Springs Lions Club

We are proud to announce that Lion Jean Timpel has been named a Melvin Jones Fellow - one of the highest recognitions for humanitarian service within Lions Clubs International. Jean's unwavering commitment and tireless dedication to serving others have made a meaningful and lasting impact on our club and the community we serve. She truly exemplifies the spirit of Lionism through her generosity, kindness, and passion for helping those in need. This prestigious fellowship was proudly presented by Past International Directors Rod Wright and Robert Littlefield, making this recognition even more special. Please join us in congratulating Lion Jean Timpel on this well-deserved honor!



We are proud to recognize Lion Toni Gitles as a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, an honor that reflects an ongoing and extraordinary commitment to humanitarian service. This distinguished recognition celebrates not only Toni's past contributions, but her continued dedication, leadership, and generosity in serving others. Her passion for making a difference inspires those around her and strengthens the impact of our Lions community. This honor was proudly presented by Past International Directors Robert Littlefield and Rod Wright, making the recognition even more meaningful. Lion Toni truly embodies what it means to go above and beyond in service, and we are grateful for the lasting difference she continues to make. Please join us in congratulating Lion Toni Gitles on this outstanding achievement.

CLUB NEWS—Kathleen Lions Club APRIL BBQ RIBS SALE



CLUB NEWS—Ormond Beach Lions Club

Ormond Beach Lions Club honored Student/Athlete Austin Upchurch at the April 23rd meeting.



CLUB NEWS—South Daytona Lions Club

Our guest this morning was City Manager Les Gillis who spoke about how he and his staff have secured over 2.5 million dollars in grants to upgrade the city's storm water system to better manage flooding events. Work has begun enlarging storm water ponds and also large and small scale improvement projects throughout the community. Watch for our new dinosaur theme coming to Reed Canal Park . City Manager Les and City Councilman Doug Quartier presented our club with a beautiful plaque as our club continues to support local youth sporting events.



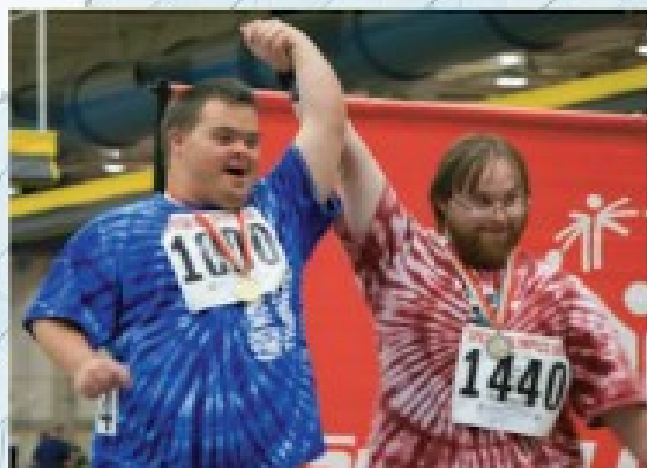


Florida

SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEEDS YOUR HELP

Hello Fellow Lions,
I'm PDG Bob Armstrong, your MD Special Olympics Chair.
We need your help to send 4 athletes to the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games in Minnesota, June 20-26.
If each club donates at least \$25, we can reach our goal of \$5,000. Individual donations are also welcome. Every contribution makes a difference!

Thank you for supporting our athletes.



June 20-26, 2026



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"If it is going to be, it is up to we... but
it starts with me!"

WAYS TO DONATE

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PO Box 205
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EYEGLOSS SORTING & READER PROCESSING

Project: Right to Sight

Saturday, June 13th

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



*South Daytona
Lions Club Presents:*



Mother's Day

TEA PARTY

**MAY
9**

Saturday

11AM TO 1PM

Piggotte Community Center

504 Big Tree Road, South Daytona, Florida

Join Us for a selection of teas, lemonade,
light sandwiches, fruit, scones & desserts

Cost: \$15.00 per person
RSVP REQUIRED

Use QR Code to Reserve & Pay
Visit the South Daytona Lions Club
Facebook Page or call (386) 322-3070
for more information.



101st MD-35 Convention Americana Service Project



Today, 1 in 5 kids is at risk of hunger in America. According to the latest estimates, 14 million children in the United States live in "food insecure" homes.

Our service project for the MD35 Convention is assembling Snack Packs for Kids for Second Harvest Food Bank and No Kid Hungry. We need for you to bring food and snack items as well as help assemble these packs for hungry kids on May 1st.

Important Notes

Nothing with peanuts!

Ingredients must be on each item.

Also, be mindful of packaging that can be easily opened by little hands.
Applesauce cups and individual cereal bowls for example.

Below is a list of needed items that will go in our kid's snack packs.

The first list contains the main items to focus on; the second list is supplemental "treat" type items that are nice to have but are not necessary.

All items can either be purchased at Walmart/Publix/Aldi or order from Amazon.

Primary snack pack items:

1. Milk - shelf stable
2. Juice - shelf stable
3. Cereal bowl
4. Nutri Grain Bar
5. Fruit Cup
6. Macaroni O's can
7. Mac & Cheese packet

Supplemental snack pack items:

1. Popcorn
2. Cheeze-its
3. Pretzels
4. Fruit Snacks
5. Beef Jerky/Jack Links



Your support is greatly appreciated as we as Lions give hope to those who live with hunger everyday.

Lion Diane LaSpina
Service Project Coordinator

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

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Lions Serving Together



LIFE IN FLORIDA

The 70 MPH speed limit on I-95 is a social experiment designed to break you mentally. Go 72 and you're getting passed like you're standing still. Go 68 and a rental car with out-of-state plates is six inches off your bumper, blinking hazards like that means "move."

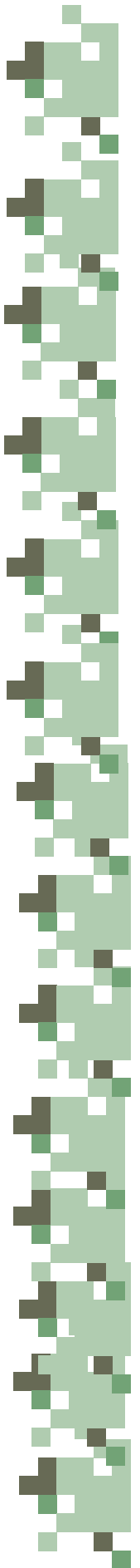
Touch 80 and suddenly a Florida Highway Patrol unit materializes out of thin air like it spawned from the humidity. One second, it's clear skies... next second there's a blacked-out SUV sitting in the median like it grew there overnight.

Every few miles there's another slowdown for absolutely no reason. No crash. No construction. Just vibes. Your GPS says "1 hour remaining," and I-95 quietly updates that to "3... maybe 4... depending on chaos."

It's cones as far as the eye can see. Construction that never ends. Lanes shifting like the road itself is confused. Palm trees swaying like they've seen this before. And somewhere in the distance... rain. Not normal rain. Florida rain. The kind that turns the highway into a survival mode in 30 seconds.

This isn't a highway. It's a reaction test. Guess the speed. Dodge the tourists. Watch for sudden storms. Avoid the stealth FHP. Survive.

Welcome to I-95, where speed limits are suggestions, traffic is inevitable, and the left lane is always someone doing 90... or 50. No in between.



THE LIGHTER SIDE

To relax, my dog
listens to
"Bark Side of the
Moon."

The cross dressing
pilot spent much of
his time in da skies.

If you eat yeast
and shoe polish,
you are sure to
"rise and shine."

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

What do you call an
Irish girl who sits on
the floor?
Lynn O'Leum

Light year -
A regular year with
fewer calories.

I used to be a
teacher, but now
I have no class.

When a turkey runs
away, does that make
him a chicken?

Where does the
Pillsbury guy get
poked? In the
ab-dough-men

Sea sickness
comes in waves.

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

Went to an antique
auction ...
five people bid
on me.

Those who gossip a
lot have a "good
sense of humor."

I'd like to give a
shout out to everyone
who is hard of
hearing.

Waldo wears stripes
because he doesn't
want to be spotted.



JOYS AND CONCERNS

It is with great sadness that I have to share the unfortunate news of the passing of PCC G Kenneth (Ken) Isaac, Jr. He was a Life Member of the Clifton Lions Club, District 24-L Virginia. He has been an Associate member of the Palm Coast Lions Club (Dist. 35-O) since he and PCC Pat relocated to Palm Coast several years ago. Lion Ken was District Governor in District 24-A Virginia and served as the MD-24 Council Chair simultaneously in 1982-83. His wife, PCC Patricia (Pat) Isaac is also a member of the Clifton Lions Club, and an Associate member of the Palm Coast Lions Club. It should also be noted that the Clifton Lions Club is the home Club of PID Jay Moughon. His fellow Palm Coast Lions are keeping PCC Pat and the Isaac family in our thoughts and prayers during this time of loss and grieving.



Janet Arlene Pignataro, age 79, of The Villages, Florida, passed away peacefully on April 19, 2026, in Leesburg, Florida. Janet dedicated much of her life to education, working primarily as a kindergarten teacher. Beyond her career, she was deeply devoted to her faith community as a member of St. Timothy Catholic Church in Lady Lake, Florida, and a former member of St. James the Apostle Catholic Church in McDonough, Georgia. Janet was especially proud of her involvement with the Lions Club of McDonough/Lake Sumter, where she exemplified a true spirit of service.

Janet is survived by her loving husband, Patrick James Pignataro; her stepchildren, Joel (Natalie) Pignataro and Ethan (Leslie) Pignataro; her son-in-law, Patrick Schaffer; her grandchildren, W. Alexander Schaffer, Luke Pignataro, and Lauryn Pignataro; her brothers-in-law, Elvus (Carol) Cupp and Phil (Pat) Hurley; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Shonda Schaffer.



A woman of deep faith, compassion, and creativity, Janet will be remembered for her gentle spirit, her devotion to her church, her dedication to service, and the love she shared with everyone around her. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Timothy Catholic Church in Lady Lake, Florida, on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 10:00 AM.



Small Changes, Big Impact



Rethink - your choices



Refuse - single use items



Reduce - your consumption

Reuse - everything you can



Refurbish - old stuff



Repair - before you replace



Repurpose - be creative, reinvent

Recycle - as a last option



Together, let's make a difference!

The 101st Multiple District 35 Convention is dedicated to the memory of Past International Director A. Geoffrey Wade.

Past International Director A. Geoffrey Wade passed away on March 19th at Vitas Hospice West Palm Beach, FL at the age of 78. PID Wade was originally from Chicago and after attending school joined the United States Navy, serving in Viet Nam.

He eventually made his way to Florida and settled in Port St. Lucie. In 1994, he joined the Fort Pierce Lions Club and then along with Past District Governor Roger Messer chartered the Port St. Lucie West Lions Club and remained a member until his passing.



Lion Geoff was a member of the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind (Now Lions Saving Sight) from the beginning of his service to the association served as President of the Foundation and was their financial advisor for many years. He also was very active in the Florida Lions Eye Bank (now The Beauty of Sight Foundation) in Miami and served a term as president of the Board of Directors. He was active in vision screening as well as diabetes screening. He was active in many club and district activities over the years and in 2003, the lions of District 35-D elected him District Governor. He went on to serve as Multiple District 35 Council chair 2015-2016.

In 2017 Lion Geoff was endorsed by MD 35 as a candidate for International Director, however, he was asked to step back at the 100th International Convention in Chicago. He returned in Las Vegas in 2018 and was elected to serve a 2-year term on the International Board of Directors. He has the distinction of being of the board as the First female President of the association, Gudrun Yngvedottir was also elected at the same time. This turned into a 3-year term due to COVID. Lion Geoff served as the Chairman of the Finance Committee on the Board for 2 years, the only lion in history to do so. Following his term of office on the International Board, Lion Geoff stayed busy in his club and as an advisor to the MD 35 Council of Governors and continued as the Financial Advisor for the Foundations and MD35.

PID Geoff and his wife of 41 years, Lion Nancy were also great friends of the Satellite Beach Lions Club, having installed officers many times and they loved coming up, when possible, to support the annual Tri-Tip Cookout.

The family has asked in lieu of flowers to please donate to the "Beauty of Sight Foundation" at the Florida Lions Eye Bank. <https://beautyofsight.org/donaten.php>

Please keep Lion Nancy and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

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