



Roar 'n Growl

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Coming Events

Nov 6	Zone 1 Meeting
	Homosassa LC
Nov 6	Zone 5 Meeting
	Cypress Gardens LC
Nov 15	2nd Advisory
	Meeting Fruitland
	Park LC 10:00 AM
Nov 15	Lake Alfred LC
	80th Anniversary
Nov 17	Zone 3 Meeting
	Eastport LC
Nov 17	Zone 4 Meeting
	Lockhart LC
Nov 18	Zones 6/7 Mtg.
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Nov 27	HAPPY 
	THANKSGIVING

MMXXVI November #5

PDG Harry Williams, Editor



Fall Conference Held on Orlando

Mid-October 137 Lions from across Multiple District 35 came together at the Florida Hotel and Convention Center for the Annual Fall Conference. Amid autumnal weather conditions and bright sun-filled days the members of the Council of Governors met on Thursday evening following training for the vice district governors at Sawgrass in Orlando to meet and greet with the visiting Past International Director Kembra Smith from Decatur, Georgia.

The conference truly began the next morning with breakfast. PID Rod Wright spoke about LCIF and the funds which are available through community grants across the district as well as other important facts. Afterwards the COG met while others assisted in sorting toys for the service project from collected items for the local children hospitals. Registration and the sale of 50/50 and raffle tickets continued throughout the day. At noon lunch was served.



The afternoon offered a wide variety of learning sessions: Sight and Impaired Hearing Etiquette [Meredyth Mason], Understanding the New Voices [DG Elizabeth Fisher], So you want to be an Officer [PCC Bob Jenkins], Lion Awards [PDG Harry Williams], Protecting the Mental Health of Lions [Dr. Barbara Klingensmith], Protocol; It's Just Good Manners {PID Neil Spencer}, Hearing Device Training [SVDG Drew Ogden] and Certified Guiding Lions Training [PDG Vivian Henegar]. The day concluded with a pirate themed "Fun Night."

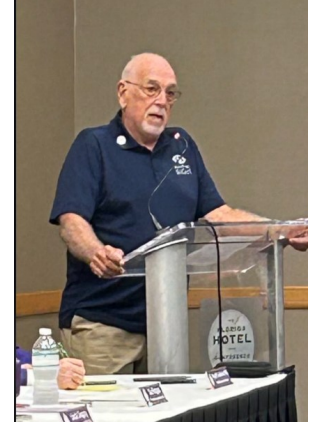
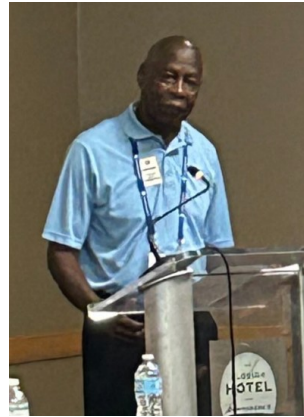


Lions Saving Sight [aka Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind] sponsored breakfast Saturday morning. The General Session followed which was opened by CC Jimmy Gregory. DG Maggiy Williams led the Pledge to the Flag after which CC Jimmy introduced the Council of Governors. DG Linda Gregory then led an invocation.



Reports were then given. Lions Saving Sight President PDG Bobby Wright reinforced the objective: Restoring Vision, Saving Sight." Next Lion Joel Levenston spoke for Beauty of Sight and the new

building into which the organization has recently moved and its commitment to Education. He also covered Mental Health and Well Being and the development of the serum eyedrops.



GLT PDG Vivian Henegar thanked those who conducted class sessions for the conference, spoke about the Regional Lions Leadership Institute coming up in March, and advertised the Certified Guiding Lions class which would be taught that afternoon. GMT CCE Elbio Gimenez spoke about membership and new clubs. GAT/GET PDG Steven Van Varick addressed the need to work together to build our organization.



Lion Pat Stamm of Oviedo Winter Springs Lions Club asked that her new member, Nancy Bentley, be inducted by PID Kembra Smith who was more than happy to do so.



PDG Vivian Henegar spoke again but this time it was for Diabetes Awareness. There is a continuing need for screeners and that afternoon there would be an opportunity for screeners to be recertified. An astonishing 39% referral rate exposes the need for more testing.

PID Neil Spencer read the list of those who have completed the paperwork to advance in leadership. Lion Alexis Daou 35-N reminded Lions about the upcoming Hunger Initiative January 3-11, 2026. DG Suzi Rodgers 35-L offered thanks and appreciation to Johnson and Johnson for their support and to the volunteers who assisted with the vision testing at Jaguar Stadium.

As President of Project Right to Sight PDG Steven Van Varick said that over the year 36,000 pairs of used eyeglasses have been distributed. He reported that 26 skids of material had been sent to Respects.

SVDG Drew Ogden gave a report concerning the website update.



PID Robert Littlefield again thanked the many volunteers for their help during the recent LICON. He was immensely proud and grateful for the Lions of MD 35.

CC Jimmy Gregory asked for suggestions for sessions at the MD Convention in May and then introduced the speaker, PID Kenbra Smith.



Saturday afternoon following lunch [Stump the ID], more leadership classes were offered: Lions Saving Sight: A New Vision for the Future [Lion Judy Setzer], Conflict Resolution [Lion Christine Malone]. How to Manage a Meeting [PID Robert Littlefield], How to Rock the Boat Without

Losing your Crew [DG Maggiy Williams], Leader Dogs for the Blind [Claudia Gregory, Kevin Judith & Loki], Building a Club Web-site [SVDG Drew Ogden], and Diabetes Recertification.



The Governors' Banquet closed out the evening with a keynote address from PID Kembra Smith. DG Elizabeth Fisher presented her with a shadow box of the Governors' pins as a token of appreciation for all that she had done over the weekend.



The conference was concluded. Sunday morning Lions Saving Sight sponsored the breakfast.

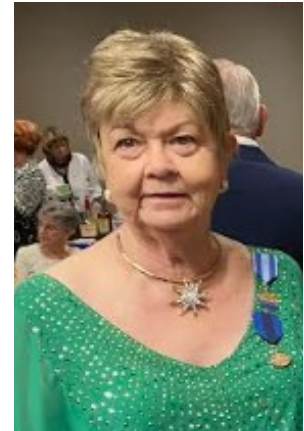
It was a weekend full of opportunities to learn about Lions and to enjoy fellowship with other Lions.



Conference Photo Gallery, "Fun Night"



A Message from Your GLT PDG Vivian Henegar



At the October conference a wide variety of 17 classes were offered- many with new instructors and participants. I would like to thank the following Lions for leading classes: Lion Meredyth Mason, DG Elizabeth Fisher, PID Rod Wright, PCC Bob Jenkins, PDG Harry Williams, Lion Dr. Barbara Klingensmith, PID Neil Spencer, SVDG Drew Ogden, Lion Judi Seltzer, Lions Christine Malone, PDG Elbio Gimenez, PID Robert Littlefield, DG Maggiy Williams, and PDG Dr. Norma Callahan. A big thank you also goes to Lion Claudia Gregory who came from Leader Dogs in Rochester.

These classes were attended by 235 Lions which were filled with information and even fun. Average attendance per class was 13.8 persons.

If you have an idea you would like to see in the May convention classes, please contact me. Knowing what you would like to see as classes is a big help. Please keep in mind that all ideas are not practical from the viewpoint of cost and location at the convention.

Although the year is progressing rapidly, it is not too late for training. I am available help with training. Also, please remember a Regional Lions Leadership Institute will be held in Fruitland Park from March 19-22. (A flyer is in this newsletter!)

GLT Vivian Henegar (vivianhenegar64@yahoo.com)

Global Leadership
Team



Lions Clubs International

MD-35 Florida Regional Lions Leadership Institute

Life Enrichment Center
4991 Picciola Rd.
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 RLU? Y _____ N _____

Institute Topics:

- Opening Session
- Diversity
- Lions Fundamentals
- Motivating Club members
- Personal Mission Statement
- Public Speaking
- Time Management
- Working in Teams
- GMA success plan
- District Success
- Setting and Reaching Club Goals

Registration Fee \$200.00 includes:

- Lodging 3 Nights
- Eight Meals (Thur Din through Sun Bkfst)
- Instructional Materials
- Friday Night Campfire or fun.

Please inform us of any special
needs or Diets.

Lodging Accommodations

Double Occupancy

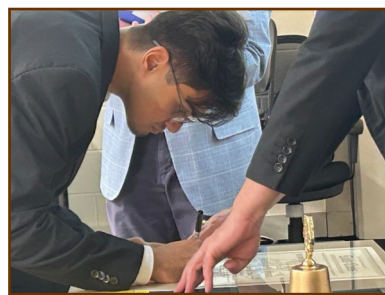
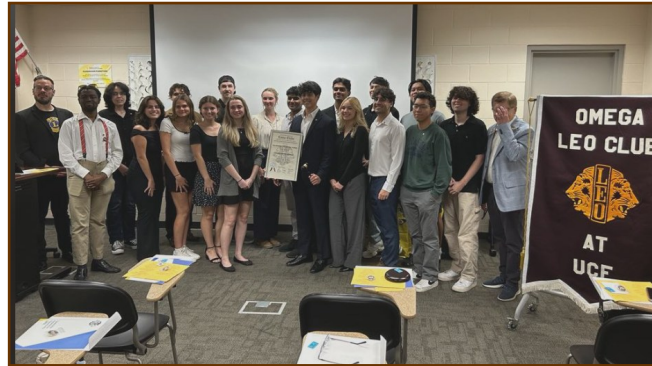
(Single Occupancy available- add \$75.00)
Roommate (if applicable list below)

Checks made payable to: **Lions of Florida MD-35**

Mail to: **Lion Vivian Henegar 9069 High Point Blvd Brooksville Florida 34613**

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. A LOW price \$200.00, for all you get. Any questions? Call Lion Vivian at 810-444-4109. But reserve your spot now!

Congratulations to the Newly Chartered OMEGA LEO CLUB at UCF



CHARTYER MEMBERS

Aaryan Patel	Kevin McClean
Adrian Davilla-Guzman	Leon Nicholas
Alyssa Boyd	Liberty Sickles
Andrew Casanova	Madysn Roth
Brandon Barrera	Manuel Rodriquez
Cahir Doherty	Michael Mayorga
Christina Oostwouder	Nallin Kuriakose
Connor Pham	Owen Lednický
Cristian Leon	Sastha Rajamanikandan
Ella Garrano	Shivi Jain
Emma Lunquist	Tenay Lara
Gabriel Pedroza	Tommy Santiago
Gabriella Caraway	Tyler Bartczak
Gabriella Kirkpatrick	Vijay Sharma
Jada Owens	William Fraser-Nash
Jalen Oyola	Xavier Morales
Kayla Effert	Yasvany Alberto



The **Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind** has been rebranded and is now known as **Lions Saving Sight**, a name that more accurately describes

The mission of our MD-35 foundation. Our mission remains:

To provide sight-saving surgery to those who cannot afford it.

Many changes are occurring to improve how cases are handled. We now have a full-time director of operations, **Lion Judy Seltzer**. Lion Judy brings years of nursing experience to our organization, making sure that clients receive the care that they need.

Our foundation no longer requires co-pay from clubs submitting an application and applications may also be directed submitted from doctor's offices. Full instructions on how to submit an application are on our website <https://www.lionssavingsight.org/>.

The foundation needs your support. District 35-O submits many surgeries to the Foundation and has a district fundraising goal of \$50,000.00 during the Lions year. Every dollar goes toward giving the hope of sight to someone who needs it.

As the District O executive board member, I or one of the six district BOD members are willing to speak to your clubs and zones about your foundation, what we do, and our future plans. Please contact me to arrange for a speaker.

Lion Greg Evans, PCC

2nd Vice President, Lions Saving Sight

LionGregEvans@gmail.com 386-453-4099

Millard Conklin Crusader Award

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you, Lions, and keep serving with heart.

<http://e-district.org> [Civic Organization Awards | Lions MD 35](#)

lionmaggiy14@gmail.com md35lionsoffloridaandbahamas@gmail.com



LIONS MYTHS BUSTED

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MYTH: Lions Clubs are just for older men

FACT: Not at all! Lions Clubs International is a diverse and inclusive organisation. Membership is open to men and women of all ages, backgrounds, and professions. We also have youth-focused Leo Clubs for those under 30.

2



MYTH: Joining a Lions Clubs is a huge time commitment

FACT: The commitment level is flexible. While clubs are active in their communities, members contribute what they can, when they can. The motto is **We Serve**, and every hour of volunteer time makes a difference.

3



MYTH: The money you donate doesn't go to the community

FACT: At Lions Clubs International, you can be confident your donation is making a real impact. Lions pay their own membership fees and administrative costs, ensuring that 100% of all public donations go directly to service projects.

4



MYTH: Lions Clubs are a secret society

FACT: Lions Clubs are open, transparent community organisations - not secret societies. They are non-religious and non-political, with a focus entirely on public service. Their mission and finances are a matter of public record.

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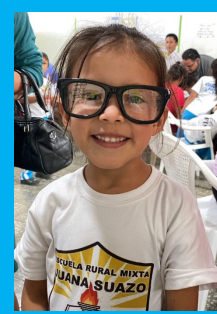
MYTH: Lions Clubs only meet in stuffy halls with boring formalities

FACT: How wrong can you be! Our meetings are a bit of a social get-together. We meet in pubs, cafés, local halls - wherever works best. It's about meeting old and new friends and getting good things done.

PROJECT RIGHT TO SIGHT



Medical Mission Trip to Honduras
Haven Worship Center, Winter Haven
#KidsArkInternational [Lakeland]
Freedom House



*Service doesn't have to
be big to be meaningful,
sometimes it's the
smallest acts of
kindness that have the
most impact.*





LIONS OF DISTRICT 35 0 HEARING PROGRAM, INC

The Florida Hearing and Speech Foundation has begun screening adults for hearing and referring them to neighboring Hearing Centers. Led by Lions Dennis Dulniak, Toni Gitley, and Adam Parrish of the Oviedo-Winter Springs Lions Club, in conjunction with the Orlando Chapter of Hearts for the Homeless (H4H) and the Omega Leo Club at UC, well over a hundred adults were screened at the Orlando Christian Service Center. H4H President Alyssa Boy and Medical Informations Officer Andrew Casanova have been instrumental in expanding their health screenings to include hearing tests. This expansion led to a partnership with the Sertoma Speech and Hearing Foundation, which provided hearing aids to needy homeless adults.

D35-0 Hearing now has five MA1 Audiometers available for Lions Clubs to use at health fairs, clinics, and in conjunction with diabetes and vision screenings. Lions Dennis Dulniak and Toni Gitley have been training Lions at the recent MD 35 Conference and the Piggotte Community Center for the South Daytona and Daytona-Halifax Lions Clubs. Are you interested in scheduling a demonstration and training of the hearing screening process and equipment?

email centralfloridalionshearing@gmail.com



CLUB NEWS - Daytona Halifax Lions Club



On Monday, September 29, District Governor Maggiy Williams and partner-in-service PDG Harry Williams visited the Daytona-Halifax Lions Club at Louie's Pizza in Daytona Beach. Lion President Richard Johnson greeted them warmly and introduced them to the Lions present. Many of the Lions in this club are sight impaired

DG Maggiy talked about the club's involvement in the community and praised their efforts. She encouraged reporting of service projects as well as attracting new members. PDG Harry spoke about the Mental Health Initiative and the kinds of service which the club could perform. There was discussion concerning projects.

Thanks to Lion Richard and the members of the Daytona-Halifax Lions Club for their hospitality. Keep up the good work.



CLUB NEWS - Kissimmee Lions Club



District Governor Maggiy and PDG Harry visited the Kissimmee Lions Club Monday evening, October 6. Lion VP Etheline Holder welcomed everyone. Following the invocation, pledge, song and Lions' Toast, Lion Etheline invited DG Maggiy to speak. She spoke about the need to record service hours and look around for a few good members. PDG Harry, as Mental Health and Wellness Chair, spoke about ways that we can increase awareness and create service projects. DG Maggiy also had several chevrons to hand out. Those Lions presented with chevrons were Tom & Mary Stack [10 years], Nelton D'Souza [15 years], Anthony Johnson [30 years], PDG Steve Hilaire [35 years], and Julius Benton [50 years].

As this was a regular meeting, member discussed finished projects [sorting and boxing of eyeglasses] and glucose screening at the local library. The club plans to participate in the Halloween Boo on Broadway October 24. Lion Nelton showed a video of a California baseball team composed of vision impaired players. It was amazing.

Thanks to the membership of the Kissimmee Lions Club. It was a great visit.



CLUB NEWS - High Point Lions Club



The High Point Lions Club hosts a number of activities for the High Point Community. Weekly they have such fun games as Dime Jingle and Bunco. Occasionally, they sponsor theatrical entertainment such as the show on Saturday, October 4. "The Match Game," based on the long-running game show with Gene Reyburn as host, was presented with members of the club dressed as celebrities. Lions Mitch Plaeger as "Willie Nelson", Lion Peggy Monahan as "tipsy grandma" and Lion Hope Sanders as "Minnie Pearl". Other guests were Albert Einstein, G. I. Jane, and Sally Fields as the "Flying Nun."

Other members of the club participated as contestants. All in all it was a fun, entertaining evening full of laughs, well worth the \$10.00 ticket fee. Everyone is invited to attend the next show.

We have been busy this month collecting non-perishable items for nearby food pantries. Donors receive a ticket for each item donated and at the end of the month we have a drawing for a prize. This is an ongoing service we are doing. We have also been collecting "happy" cards and these will be distributed to nursing home residents.

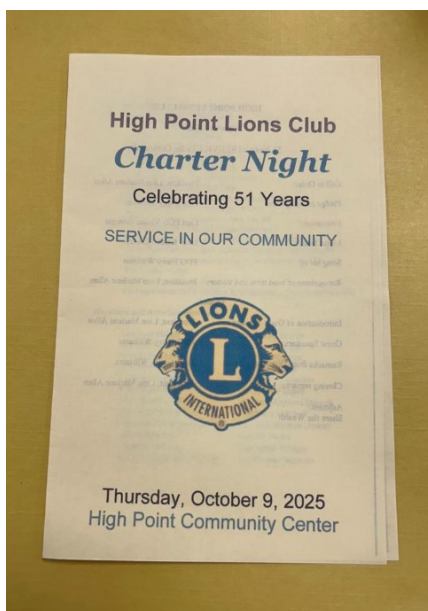
Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving! If visiting family or friends, Safe Travels.



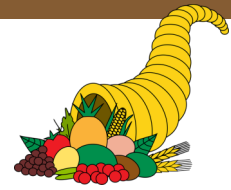
CLUB NEWS—High Point Lions Club Charter Night



Thursday, October 9, the High Point Lions Club celebrated 51 years being Lions. Guest speaker, PDG Harry Williams, spoke about the Mental Health and Well Being Initiative. Also attending was District Governor Maggi Williams.



CLUB NEWS—Beverly Hills Lions Club Charter Night



October 11, 2025 the Beverly Hills Lions Club celebrated its Charter Night. Special guests attending included District Governor Maggiy Williams, PDG Harry Williams and PDG Vivian Henegar.

The meeting was opening by President Tom Mize. The Pledge to the Flag was conducted by Lion Wayne Nagel and the invocation was led by PDG Vivian Henegar. Lion Steve Frederick led in the Lions' Toast with PDG Harry Williams leading the singing of "God Bless America."

Following dinner Lion Tom gave a brief history of the club. He then called on PDG Vivian to introduce DG Maggiy who inducted six new members: Frederick Stoute [Karen Quinn, sponsor], Thomas Bentley [Janet Mize, sponsor], Renne and Wayne Nagel [Thomas Mize, sponsor], Wayne Durfee [Wayne Nagel, sponsor] and Barbara Durfee [Renee Nagel, sponsor].

Club announcements were made and the meeting was adjourned. Good luck for many more years of service.



CLUB NEWS—Lady Lake Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club

Lady Lake OBG Lions had a Photo Booth at the town of Lady Lake's Boo Bash. We had young and old come sit with our spider and get their picture taken by their family or one of our members so they could get whole family picture. We handed out over 250 coloring sheets of a lion with crayons and 400 pieces of candy. What a way to end Mental Health Awareness Month as families got to enjoy a safe environment, learn about Lionism, and remember us when they colored their lion sheet with our club name on it. Smiles were had by all, especially the parents who were beaming while taking a photo of their child/children.



CLUB NEWS— Lake Alfred Lions Club Marathon Bingo

Saturday, October 25, the Lake Alfred Lions Club hosted its first Marathon Bingo of the Lion year. Over 100 attendees participated in games, food and a costume contest. Pictures of the winner are included.

The next Marathon Bingo is scheduled for Valentine's Day, February 14, 2026. Come join us for a day of fun!



CLUB NEWS—Port Orange Volusia Lions Club



Lions vs. Elks - NO, not a football game nor an animal fight in the zoo! It was the Lions and the Elks teaming up to provide a free HEALTH EVENT at the Port Orange Elks Club. Port Orange Elks provided their facility for dozens of health care agencies and vendors to share the opportunities with the public. Port Orange – Volusia Lions provided free Blood Sugar and Vision Screening. The Lions screenings are provided to the community FREE of charge. 35% of those having the blood screening were encouraged to follow-up as their screening indicated their insulin was outside the recommended levels provided by the American Diabetes Association.

Vision screening yielded persons that had an issue identified by the Welch-Allyn Spot Vision Screener, a portable refractor. When the Refractors reads: "FULL EXAMINATION RECOMMENDED", Lions then refer the individual for an eye exam. It provides a 97% accuracy for determining abnormalities of the eye and eye nerve. It does NOT require drops nor touching. Pre-school children are especially important to screen as the refractor can identify issues in time to have them corrected before the eyes fully develop. Purchase of this device was facilitated by Sheriff Mike Chitwood, Publix Charities, Big John's Appliances, and 3 anonymous donations.

The Port Orange – Volusia Lions Club is recruiting new members to re-organize the Port Orange Club to be able to provide services to more people in need and to be able to screen at more public events, churches, DAY CARE FACILITIES, and organized groups wishing to have the screening.

Again, we wish to thank the Port Orange Elks #2723 for joining forces with the Port Orange-Volusia Lions Club and other health care agencies to provide our community.



ZONE NEWS—Zone 8 Meeting, Satellite Beach Lions Club

On Tuesday evening, October 21, District Governor Maggiy Williams and Partner-in-Service PDG Harry Williams visited the Satellite Beach Lions Club for its regular meeting in conjunction with Zone 8. Lions from Satellite Beach and Viera Lions Clubs were present. This is the home club of PCC C. David Lloyd, PCC Helene Thompson, PID Neil Spencer and PDG Jacquie Tripp.

Following the invocation by Lion Jeff Landers, the pledge led by PCC C. David Lloyd, and the Lions' Toast by PCC Helene, President Neil introduced the head table and other visitors. Dinner followed.

DG Maggiy next spoke about a number of items which included Mental Health and Well Being Initiative, the need to increase membership, the upcoming advisory meeting at Fruitland Park Lions Club, recognition of volunteers for the International Convention, special recognition to PCC Helene Thompson as LCIF Coordinator [all clubs in District 35-O donated to LCIF last year].

The Viera Lions President Mary Ann Bulluck gave the report for the club. The members have been involved in eyeglass sorting, eye exams, toy collection, pecan sales [for Christmas/Cinnamon \$15 Chocolate \$17].

PID Neil spoke for Satellite Beach. The club has an Auto Show coming up on November 15th, Founders' Day November 1st, and Family Food Baskets.

DG Maggiy received a monogrammed bag as a gift for her visit. Thanks to Satellite Beach for hosting the Zone 8 meeting.





DAVENPORT LIONS **WINTER** **FEST**

DECEMBER 13, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

MENU

LOADED NACHOS
TAQUITOS (CHICKEN))

CHILLI

HOT DOG (LOADED)

CHOCOLATE CANDY BARS

DRINKS, HOT APPLE CIDER, HOT COCOA

COQUITO WITHOUT ALCOHOL

We Davenport Lions provide free vision screening and eyeglasses to those in need, Special Olympics, Pediatric Cancer, provide food to local food pantries and Churches and provide food, mats, and hygiene kits to Displaced Persons



LAKE SUMTER

LIONS CLUB



Benefits our community service projects

Sunday, November 9, 6:00 pm

(doors open at 5:15 pm)

Mulberry Recreation Center

\$20 per ticket

CASH PRIZES!

Bring extra money for

50/50, gift card/lottery raffles

Bring your own snacks and BYOB



Join us on Facebook

Contact Lion John Hanna at 352-502-5966

Village ID or guest pass is required.

Second Advisory Meeting Fruitland Park Lions Club



200 W Fountain Street
Fruitland Park 34731

You are cordially invited to attend our

SECOND ADVISORY MEETING FOR DISTRICT 35—0

Saturday, November 15, 2025

- 8:00 A.M. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 A.M. PDG Meeting
- 9:30 A.M. Executive Meeting
- 10:00 A.M. First General Session

Meal: Smoked Brisket Sandwich with beans & slaw

coffee, tea, dessert

\$15.00

Remember to bring your entry for the PEACE POSTER CONTEST

R.S.V.P by 12 November 2025 to Lion Pat Fleming



lionscasson@aol.com

50/50





Lake Alfred Lions Club

is turning

80

Join us to celebrate
Saturday 15th of November 2025
5pm - dinner at 6pm

Lake Alfred Lions Clubhouse

175 N. Nekoma Ave.
Lake Alfred FL 33850

Kindly reply by 10th of October to:

lakealfredlionsclubemail@gmail.com

Details

Join us as we walk through the past 80
years of the Lake Alfred Lions Club—
including a dinner inspired by the 1940s.

Happy hour: 5pm

Dinner to start: 6pm to 6:30pm

Special Presentation to begin
after dinner

An Important Note

While we are not charging for the
meal, please note that if you RSVP
and do not notify us of
cancellation by November 1st you
may be subject to the cost of
dinner.

\$25 per person

Kindly Reply

Kindly reply if you will be able to attend our
special night!

You are welcome to bring one guest.

☐ Joyfully Accepts

☐ Regretfully Declines

If sending via email
Respond by October 25th 2025

If sending via mail
Respond by October 18th 2025



APPLICATION FORM

2026 LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT 35-O YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP

(A PROGRAM FOR SENIOR CLASS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN LIONS DISTRICT 35-O)

DEAR APPLICANT: This Scholarship was created by the Lions Clubs of District 35-O to establish a suitable Memorial to commemorate the untimely death of Rakvi Harittu, from Palmio, Finland. Miss Harittu, a Youth Exchange student traveling under the auspices of Lions Clubs International Youth Exchange Program, lost her life in a tragic automobile accident in Orlando on the evening of July 4, 1983. Scholarships are for \$1,000. They will be presented to outstanding students and may be used for educational purposes or other educational travel.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING (POSTMARKED OR EMAILED) THIS APPLICATION IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026.

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

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ E-MAIL: _____

CURRENTLY EMPLOYED? _____ OJT _____ PART-TIME _____ FULL-TIME; HOURS PER WEEK: _____

EMPLOYER: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

FATHER'S NAME: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EDUCATION INFORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL: _____ SCHOOL COUNTY: _____ GRAD YEAR: _____

FUTURE EDUCATION PLANS: _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT

ATTACH A TYPED OR PRINTED IN INK ESSAY (LIMITED TO ONE PAGE AND NO MORE THAN 350 WORDS; EXCEEDING EITHER OF THESE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION) THAT MUST ADDRESS EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

- FINANCIAL NEED
- PERSONAL OR FAMILY ADVERSITY THAT HAS BEEN OVERCOME
- EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT, LEADERSHIP AND AWARDS (IN SCHOOL)
- VOLUNTEER SERVICES AND/OR EMPLOYMENT (OUT OF SCHOOL)
- FUTURE CAREER OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

I ATTEST THAT ALL INFORMATION IS ACCURATE AND THE ESSAY IS MY OWN CREATION.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

RANK IN CLASS: _____ OF _____ UNWEIGHTED GPA: _____

NAME (PRINT): _____ TITLE: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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THE **DEADLINE** FOR SUBMITTING (POSTMARKED OR EMAILED) THIS APPLICATION IS
FRIDAY, **FEBRUARY 6, 2026.**

FLORIDA DISTRICT 35-O ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOLS ARE IN BREVARD, CITRUS, FLAGLER, HERNANDO, LAKE, PART
OF LEVY, ORANGE, OSCEOLA, POLK (NORTH OF HIGHWAY 60), SEMINOLE, SUMTER, AND VOLUSIA
COUNTIES.

SEND TO: YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

C/O DR. DENNIS DULNIAK

1772 CARILLON PARK DRIVE

OVIEDO, FL 32765

TELEPHONE: 407-592-6670

EMAIL: OWSLIONS@GMAIL.COM





Eastport Lions presents

A Night at the Casino

Join us for an unforgettable evening of fun, games, and giving back!

Date: November 18, 2025

Place: Ezell Recreation Center, 769 Marilee Pl, The Villages, FL

Time: 5:00 PM – 9 PM Doors open 5 PM Play begins 5:30

Tickets: \$20 includes admission and \$500 chips

Make it a party! BYOB your own drinks and snacks

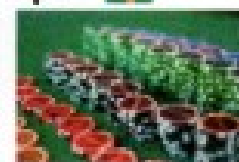
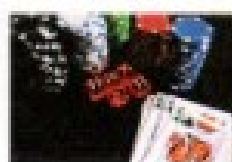
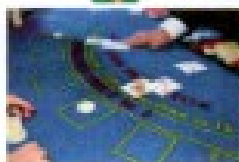
Tickets available at the following link:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/eastport-lions-club-night-at-the-casino>

Featuring:

🔪 Raffles • Prizes

🎰 Blackjack • Roulette • Poker • Craps 🎰



All proceeds benefit local Lions Club community initiatives

Note: Villages ID or Guest Pass required for admission



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Date&Time:

Driver Safety Class C39646

Nov 15, 2025 9:30 am to 4 pm

Location:

HIGH POINT COMMUNITY CLUB HOUSE (West)

12249 Club House Rd

Brooksville, FL 34613



We Serve

Register:

Call 727-753-9614 (AARP Volunteer Instructor)

Please pay by check or money order or register on-line to pay by credit card.

30-minute lunch period. You are allowed to bring food and beverages.

Bring a jacket or light sweater in case the building is cool.

For the AARP member discount, you need to know your AARP ID number

Bring your ID card so you don't forget. Bring required information for other promotional discounts

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\$20 for AARP members

\$25 for non-members

TO FIND ADDITIONAL COURSES

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Call: **1-888-773-7160**

* Upon completion you may be eligible to receive an auto insurance discount. Other restrictions may apply. Consult your agent for details.

HIGH POINT LIONS CLUB HOSTS

Evening Dime Jingle

Saturday, November 1, 2025

Bring your own picnic
supper!
BYOB



Doors open at 4:30 PM

High Point Community Center
Games start at 6:00PM



BRUCE SCHEEL, ZONE CHAIR

NOVEMBER 17, 2025

ZONE 3 MEETING

Do not let this opportunity to meet with the Lions in your Zone pass you by. Fellowship is an important part of our organization. Together we can do so much, as Helen Keller would say. Learning together is even more beneficial. **SAVE THE DATE!** More information to come!

Eastport Lions Club
Ezell Recreational Center
The Villages

TIME: 6:00 P.M.



Lions & Friends to China



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

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

Take advantage of this culturally enriching getaway after the Lions International Convention in Hong Kong



Lion Amy Fink, CTC
Blue Ribbon Travel Arrangements
(650) 624-8252
amyefink@yahoo.com
CST# 1000233-10

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TERMS & CONDITIONS: Based on minimum 25 passengers - Price and availability subject to change. Cost is per person based on twin share.



Trip Highlights:

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

Trip Excludes:

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

Price Starts

(land only min. 25 participants)

US \$ 2,750

(in double/twin room)

Deposit: USD\$250 will secure your spot!

*Balance/Final Payment: Due on May 1, 2026
(Payment plans available)

TO MAKE A DEPOSIT - COPY THIS LINK INTO YOUR BROWSER

<https://travel.goway.com/paymentform?id=0060000000JeawHYAR>

or contact:



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FLORIDA LIONS DISTRICT 35-0
ZONE 5, ZONE MEETING
NOVEMBER 6th, 2025

HOST: CYPRESS GARDENS LIONS CLUB

@ ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
1910 HAVENDALE BLVD. NW
WINTER HAVEN, FL 33881
TIME: 6:30 P.M.

AT THIS ZONE MEETING
EVERY LION WILL GET HIS/HER "JUST
DESSERTS"*

RSVP by 11-03-25

PG58SEGD@GMAIL.COM

HILMEX61@COMCAST.NET

***NO DINNER WILL BE SERVED!!**

A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT DESSERTS,
ICED TEA, LEMONADE, AND WATER
WILL BE PROVIDED

SPEAKER: GEORGE HARRIS YOUTH
CENTER

50/50 RAFFLE



***A LION WHO IS A SERVANT
IN SERVICE LEADS WITH:***



- ✨ Humility – Putting others first
- ♥ Compassion – Serving with kindness
- 🌍 Vision – Transforming communities
- 🤝 Respect – Welcoming all voices
- 🔥 Commitment – Serving with courage
- 🎉 Fellowship – Building joy in service
- 📖 Growth – Learning, doing, teaching

TOGETHER, WE SERVE.

JOIN US FOR

Marathon Bingo

02.14.2026 | 7AM

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The **S.U.C.C.E.S.S** Formula



S - See your goal



**U - Understand
the obstacles**



**C - Create a positive
mental picture**



**C - Clear your mind
of self-doubt**



E - Embrace the challenge



S - Stay on track



**S - Show the world
you can do it!**

THE LIGHTER SIDE

Autopsy Party here
this Saturday!
Open Mike night!

Do memory foam
mattresses wish they
could forget?

What do you give a
man who has
everything?
Antibiotics!

Whoever said, "Out of
sight, out of mind"
never had a roach
disappear in their
room.

Mickey Mouse's wife
drives a
Minnie van.

If ignorance is bless,
there should be a lot
more happy people.

Some people are
wise.
Some people are
otherwise.

Bruce Lee was fast, but
his brother,
Sudden, was faster.

My butcher make
sausage out of sea
birds. Today he took
a tern for the wurst.

I hired a Russian
Uber driver yesterday.
His name was Pick
Andropoff.

A family that sticks
together should
bathe more often.

I danced like no one
was watching. My
court date is pending.

Sign Language...
It's very handy.

Cows have hooves
because they lactose.

And in the end,
Mankind used so
much toilet paper
they wiped
themselves out.

JOYS & CONCERNS



It is with Sadness we inform you of the death of Past District Governor Elma "Nell" Simmons on Saturday September 27. Past District Governor Simmons served as District 35-F Governor 2007-2008 and was a member of the Pensacola Lions Club. Other members of her council were: Michael C. Mason, District 35-L (Deceased); Roger Vonland 35-O (Deceased); Suzan "Suzy" Stathas, PCC, 35-R (Deceased); Robert E. "Bob" Woomer, 35-I (Deceased); Roger N. Messer 35-D; Elaine B. "Laynee" Riedinger 35-A. Council Chair was Stacey W. Jones, PID. A graveside service was planned for Thursday, October 09, 2025 in Pensacola. The Family has asked that memorial donations be made to Lions Saving Sight would be appropriate as she served many years on the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind board after her year as District Governor in 35-L. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.



It is with sadness we inform you of the death of Past District Governor Louis "Lou" Cantrell on Tuesday October 21, 2025.

PDG Lou was a member of the St. Petersburg Lions Club and a Lion since 1989 and served as District Governor 2003-2004. He was predeceased by his wife Mary.

Members of his council were: Anne Davis, 35-F; Robert Respass, 35-L; Raymond "Rocky" Siracusa, PCC, 35-O (Deceased); William "Bill" Jerrett, 35-I (Deceased); A. Geoffrey Wade, PID, 35-D; Stacey W. Jones, PID, 35-A. Gary I Nieskes, PCC was the Council Chair.

Please Lion Lou's family in your thoughts and prayers.

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