

AUGUST 2025

Bragging Rights Bulletin

DISTRICT 35L

Club Events
and News



A CHALLENGE FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT A.P. SINGH

Two challenges for Lions
in all parts of the world:

Can we induct at least one
member in every club of every
district by 31st August 2025?

Can we charter at least one
new club in every district
in the first quarter?

The love and passion for our
organisation needs to be
reflected in our actions to grow
to serve

Club Anniversaries

Calhoun-Liberty 8/13/2020

Century 8/31/1944

Yulee Nassau County 8/31/2021

Alachua Lions
Club

Cedar Key Lions
Club

Chipley Falling
Waters Lions
Club

High Springs
Lions Club

Jax Beaches
Lions Club

Jax Quest Lions
Club

Ocala Lions Club

Ocala 200 Lions
Club

Ocala Ft King
Lions Club

Orange Park
Lions Club

Palatka New
Vision Lions Club

Sopchoppy Lions
Club

Alachua Lions Club



The Alachua Lions Vision Screening team has joined forces with Episopal Children's Services to perform screenings for their Early Head Start and Head Start kids.

Alachua Lions (pictured left to right) Terri Warrington, Pam McElroy, Katy Plein, and Gladys McMillian recently performed screenings at the Gainesville ECS Center on Waldo Road. Pictured with the Lions are two of the ECS staff members.

REMINDER
NEWSLETTER
SUBMISSIONS
DUE

26TH OF THE MONTH
FLDISTRICT35L@GMAIL.COM



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Calhoun-Liberty Lions Club

[Order
Tickets
Here](#)



A night of FUN and LAUGHTER that will awaken and heighten all of your other 4 senses



Scan QR code to
order online!

**Saturday
September 20, 2025**

6:00 PM CT / 7:00 PM ET

Panhandle Pioneer Settlement
17869 NW Pioneer Settlement Rd
Blountstown, FL 32424

Tickets Available at:

Calhoun County Supervisor of Elections
The Diamond Corner
Calhoun County Senior Citizens
Blountstown Drugs

**OR FROM A LIONS CLUB
MEMBER**

- ✓ Debbie Duncan 850.643.7753
- ✓ Teresa Forbes 850.447.1584
- ✓ Jennifer Dunham 850-447-3122
- ✓ Sherryl Norris 850.643.8766
- ✓ Sharon Chason
- ✓ Sharon Guilford

Tickets
\$35
/Person

Tickets
\$240
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All money raised from this event remains in Calhoun County and Liberty County.



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Cedar Key Lions Club

Cedar Key Lions members sorted many hundreds of recycled donated eyeglasses at their July 22 meeting, netting over 600 pairs of glasses to be delivered overseas to people in need.



ChIPLEY Falling Waters Lions Club



Darrin Wall Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser

Boston Butt OR Rib Slab

\$30

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 30, 2025
10 AM - 2 PM**

PICK UP ON THE CORNER OF HWY 77 & 90
NEXT TO NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
CONTACT KEITH LAWTON (850) 260-9830



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High Springs Lions Club



COMMUNITY

**YARD
SALE**

Saturday 10/11/25
8 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

Rain Date Saturday 10/18/25

10x10 Space Available First Come First Served

Set up 6:45 a.m. - Shoppers 8:00 a.m.

Christmas and Craft Vendors Welcome!

No tables, canopies or power provided.

Fee to be Collected Day of Event !

\$10.00 per 10 x 10 Space

For More Info Please Call 386-454-4521
(Please leave message)

We will have Baked Goods, Pancakes, Hotdogs, and Beverages Available for Purchase

Proceeds to Benefit H.S.L.C. Childrens' Christmas Charities



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4TH
ANNUAL



\$25

REGISTRATION

Includes 1 Free Lions Club Meal

OCTOBER 25, 2025

REGISTRATION 9 - 11

AWARDS 2 P.M.

N.E. Railroad Ave.
High Springs, Florida

PARTICIPANT JUDGING

DOOR PRIZES

50/50

RAFFLE

MUSIC AND MORE...



Proceeds Benefit



BEST OF SHOW

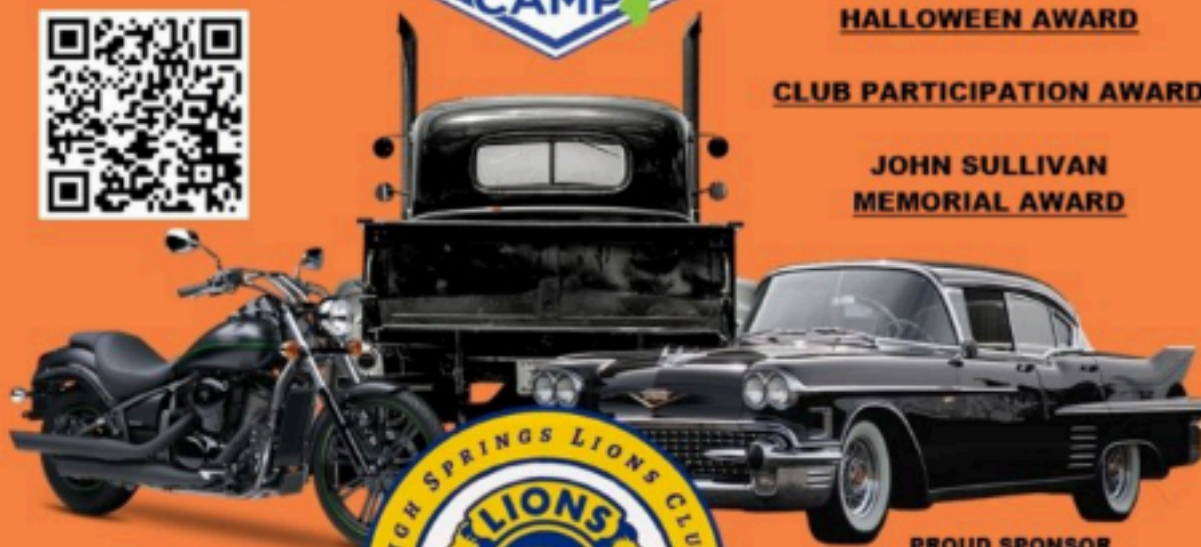
TOP 20 CARS

TOP 5 MOTORCYCLES

HALLOWEEN AWARD

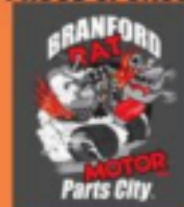
CLUB PARTICIPATION AWARD

JOHN SULLIVAN
MEMORIAL AWARD



FOR MORE INFO :
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Jax Beaches Lions Club



The new Lions year is off to a fantastic start!

Our first business meeting, led by our new President Linda Zepp, was really great and full of planning and excitement for what's ahead.

A highlight was the presentation of two Letters of Appreciation during the meeting.

These were awarded to Kris Powell and Jim Parker in recognition of their outstanding contributions.



Jax Beaches Lions Club

We had our official Officer Installation for the upcoming Lions year and we're feeling energized and ready to go!

A huge round of applause and congratulations to our fantastic new leadership team, who will guide our club with passion and dedication into the future:

Our President: Linda Zepp – We're so excited for your leadership!

Our Immediate Past President: Gary Pellizarro – Thank you for your service and continued guidance!

Our Vice Presidents: Gary Zepp (1st VP) & Kris Powell (2nd VP) – Thanks for your support and vision!

Our Directors: Deedee Dixon Ludlam, Jim Parker, Polly Bailey Fisher, and Shawn Ludlam (and also Cindy VanNoppin and Mike Kibler, not on the pictures) – Your dedication will be key to our success!

Our Secretary: Pat Collum Schaaf - thank you for so many years of being our secretary.

Our Treasurer: Sue Collum Dixon - thanks for taking over this important position.

Our Marketing Chair: Monika Keuchel - so excited about new ideas.

Our Membership Chair: Susan Tomasov - thanks for supporting our members and helping the club to grow.

Our LCIF Coordinator: Steve Smith - thank you for all of your service. We are happy that you do one more year in this position.

Our Tail Twister: Don Bailey - thank you so much that we always have a fully equipped tail.





Jax Beaches Lions Club

Big thanks to Pauline Gerry, the Executive Director of the JT Townsend Foundation , for visiting our Lions Club of Jacksonville Beaches yesterday!

It was an insightful presentation, and we learned so much about the incredible work they do.

Did you know the JT Townsend Foundation (JTTF) was established in 2009 to support children and adults living with disabilities? They provide adaptive equipment and services to help those facing insurmountable odds.

We're proud that our Lions member, Carlos Zeigler is also involved with this wonderful foundation!

JTTF is committed to advancing their mission on the First Coast. To learn more or get involved, check out JTGivesBack.org.



Jax Beaches Lions Club

What an incredible experience at the 107th Lions International Convention in Orlando!

Our club was proud to be part of the volunteering efforts over the past two days at the District Governor-Elect Seminar & Celebration yesterday and at the Parade of Nations today.

Meeting fellow Lions from all corners of the world has been really great and full of inspiring conversations.



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Jax Quest Lions Club

Jax Lions Quest of 35-L Cyber set up at the Jax Health & Lifestyle Festival in May to do diabetic Screenings.



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Ocala Lions Club

Ocala Lions Club Members “Make Their Mark”

By Diane Renyhart

This year the 107th Lions International Convention took place in Orlando, Florida from July 13-17. Lions Club members from around the world came to the special event.

Four members of the Ocala Lions Club attended the Host Night at the Kennedy Space Center’s Apollo Saturn V Complex on July 11. The program was organized by Multiple District 35 Lions of Florida, Bahamas, Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao. The Ocala Lions Club was represented by Garry Adel and his wife Terry, John and Diane Renyhart, and Jerry Skufe.

The members had the opportunity to meet and speak with Lion’s International President Fabricio Oliveira. During his year in office, Oliveira’s theme of “Make Your Mark” was to have Lions increase their impact and serve more people than ever before.

The Opening Event at the Kennedy Space Center provided guests the opportunity to see the Saturn V Rocket up close and tour exhibits about the history of the space program.

The Ocala Lions Club meets from noon -1 p.m. Thursday at the Ocala Golf Club on Silver Springs Boulevard. For information about membership, contact Libby MarksdeMartino at 352-441-0073.



Ocala Lions Club Members Participate in Orlando Parade

By Diane Renyhart

The 107th Lions Club International annual convention took place at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. The program kicked off on Monday, July 14th with a Parade of Nations involving over 7,000 marchers. At the head of the parade was Lions International President Fabricio Oliveira and his wife Amariles, who are from Paraiba, Brazil. The couple was driven by Garry Adel, a member of the Ocala Lions Club, who brought his red convertible to Orlando for the parade. Jerry Skufe, another member of the Ocala Lions Club and a Past District Governor, served on the parade committee and helped to direct the marchers.



Ocala 200 Lions Club

Northeast Region Swimming



Athletes will compete in the **Northeast Region Swim on Saturday, August 9, 2025** at Florida Aquatics Swimming & Training (FAST), 4635 SW 67th Ave., Ocala, 34474 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help with set up, water and lunch distribution, assist swimmers on lanes, score runners, staging, timekeeping, and more.

Volunteer duties will be assigned upon check-in on competition day.

Please plan to stay the entire shift.

[Register Here!](#)

Area 3 Bowling



Athletes will compete in the **Area 3 Bowling Competition on Saturday, August 16, 2025** from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Area 3 Bowling will take place at 2 separate locations in Ocala. Please sign up for the specific location that is best for you.

Volunteers are needed to help as lane monitors, assist with score reporting, lunch distribution, and awards.

Volunteer duties will be assigned upon check-in on competition day.

Please plan to stay the entire shift.

[Register Here!](#)



Ocala 200 Lions Club

Some club members helping at the Lions International Convention in Orlando.



We ♥ our
Volunteers



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Ocala 200 Lions Club



Lion Gray Henschen recognized by Lion President Susan Oliva As Lion Of The Year, 2024-2025



Lion Patti Barto and Lion Alan Verrier helped Lion Susan Oliva with the club collection of school supplies for Marion County children.



Ocala Ft King Lions Club

Greetings, fellow Lions,

Here in beautiful Ocala, Florida, the Ft. King Lions Club has been hard at work living our motto: "Where there's a need, there's a Lion."

Over the past month, our members have proudly hosted White Cane Fundraisers as welcomed guests outside local Publix stores. These efforts have not only helped raise vital funds, but also brought awareness to the mission and vision of Lions across our community.

With school back in session soon, we're turning our focus toward one of our most cherished initiatives: sponsoring children across Marion County who are in need of eye exams and glasses. Every child deserves the chance to see clearly, and our club is honored to help make that possible.

We're also excited to report strong membership growth, with new faces and fresh energy helping to carry the mission forward. That momentum comes at the perfect time, as we are honored to host our District Meeting this August right here in Ocala. It's a tremendous privilege to welcome our fellow Lions from across the region, and we look forward to a powerful gathering of service, fellowship, and shared goals.

Looking ahead, we're planning a grand Casino Night fundraiser in October, with a breezy beach theme that's sure to make waves! And of course, our dedicated fundraising liaison, Lion Geoff, is already hard at work preparing another wonderful charity golf tournament to support our club's ongoing mission.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update. I look forward to many more opportunities to share the good work we're doing here in Ocala Florida. Let's continue to serve with passion and purpose.

In Service,

Lion William Worthy

Newsletter Author

Ft. King Lions Club – Ocala, Florida



Orange Park Lions Club

Orange Park Lions Club extend America's Birthday by treating Veterans and others to a free pancake breakfast.

On this Fifth of July, the Orange Park Lions Club extended the holiday for a group of special people, by providing them a pancake breakfast for free at their clubhouse. All veterans, active service members, (and this year) first responders were treated to delicious pancakes with a choice of toppings, sausage, and choice of a drink. Others who wanted to support our cause were also invited to dine with the special guests for a nominal fee. Breakfast was served from 8 AM until shortly after 10 AM hour. No one was turned away. Names were drawn every 15 minutes or so for door prizes provided by local corporate sponsors and others including the Lions themselves. Several items were raffled off including a Blackstone grill. Back in the kitchen, the food was prepared by a group of Lion chiefs and out front our guests were greeted at the door and served their food and drinks by more great Lion Volunteers. Over 75% of active Orange Park Lions Club members, their family members, Lions from 3 other clubs, and folks from "It Takes a Village" all pitched in also helped for the event.

We were honored to have so many great veterans join us. This was the 2nd year for this great event and once again we had special guests: a group of Orange Park police officers, Orange Park Mayor Randy Anderson and Lions District Vice Governor George Niles (who delivered an Independence Day speech). Almost all branches of American armed serves were represented. For the 2nd year in a row, the Moosehaven bus pulled up with several Moosehaven veterans and their spouses and guests.

Mike Poweleit
Secretary Orange Park Lions Club



Orange Park Lions Club



Palatka New Vision Lions Club

Palatka New Vision Lions Club donated, in honor of Bobie Joe Wallace, USMC, USANG (ret'd), a Merlin Elite Pro visual aid to the Edgar Johnson Senior Center, 1215 Westover Drive, Palatka FL 32177. The Merlin Elite Pro is a high-performance desktop video magnifier (CCTV), featuring a Full HD 1080p camera and Full Page Text-to-Speech (OCR). Merlin Elite Pro's high-definition camera displays crystal clear images in vibrant color and contrast while its high-resolution LCD and large field of view produce maximum detail on a clear bold display. With the push of one button Merlin Elite Pro allows you to change from live image mode to full page OCR mode to have it read your favorite article or book aloud. Merlin Elite Pro is a perfect solution for anybody looking for a powerful all-in-one electronic magnifier.

Carol Wallace, widow of Bobie Joe Wallace, asked Palatka New Vision Lions Club to find a location that would benefit the most people. The Club's officers spoke with Activities Director Vickie Miles, Edgar Johnson Senior Center, who agreed the Senior Center would be a location accessible to anyone requiring visual aid, with available hours Monday thru Friday, 8AM-5PM. Please contact the Center at 386-329-0469 for more information.

Present for the dedication were Mrs. Carol Wallace, Mrs. Bonnie Carter, Director Vickie Miles, Ms. Joyce Emrick, PNVL Vice-President Maria Coon, and PNVL Secretary/Treasurer Sue Hooten.



Pictured left – right, Mrs. Carol Wallace, VP Maria Coon, Mrs. Bonnie Carter



Sopchoppy Lions Club

Sopchoppy 4th of July Celebration





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 35

2025 FALL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 16TH-19TH

SAILING THE SEAS OF SERVICE

FLORIDA HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER

1500 SAND LAKE ROAD, ORLANDO, FL

