

NOVEMBER 2025

Lions Insight

DISTRICT 35L

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Happy THANKSGIVING



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District Governor Message

What Would You Be Doing If You Weren't a Lion?

For many of us, the answer is simple: we wouldn't be **serving**, connecting, or changing lives the way we do today. Five months into my District Governor journey, I am reminded daily why this role matters — and why Lions matter more than ever.

I pledged to be the very best District Governor I can be. And while this job comes with challenges, it also comes with incredible purpose. I'm not in this alone — none of us are. **Great service doesn't happen because of one Lion, but because of many working together.**

Our district spans communities that used to be home to many more clubs. Yes, COVID took its toll — but that's not the whole story. Clubs everywhere are learning to adapt to a new world. Some are rediscovering their spark. Others are rebuilding step by step. And all of us are working toward the same goal: **growing our Lion family so we can serve more people who need us.**

Today, all four districts in our state are in a transitional phase, below the 1,250-member mark. Our district currently stands at 1,068 Lions strong. But that number isn't a setback — it's a **starting point.**

We have the tools. We have the knowledge. We have the heart. Now we just need to get out of our own way and put what we know into action!

Growth doesn't happen by accident. It happens when a Lion invites a neighbor. When a club tries one new idea. When we stop saying "we used to" and start saying "**let's try.**"

This is our moment to **reignite service, reawaken pride, and rebuild our pride** — one member, one club, one community at a time.

Lions were born to lead change.
Be the solution not the cause!

In Lionism We Serve,

Suzi Rodgers



Update on Your Club Donations for Global Causes and Local Entities

As many of our Lions Clubs have chosen to support their own local service priorities, the traditional “Parade of Checks” at Cabinet Advisory Meetings has slowed down. We celebrate the initiative of our clubs in identifying and meeting the unique needs of their communities!

However, we want to remind everyone that we continue to gladly accept donations to our core Lions International causes — including Mental Health, Vision, Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Hunger Relief, Humanitarian Efforts, Disaster Preparedness, and Environmental Sustainability — as well as contributions to **Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)**, our global foundation that empowers us to deliver major impact where it’s needed most.

Please remember: Any donations your club makes — whether local or global — should be recorded in the **Lions Portal under the Service Activities** section. Your reporting helps us measure our collective impact and ensures that every hour and every dollar counts toward the worldwide Lions mission.

Together, whether through local initiatives or global support, we remain united in service. Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to making a difference at home and around the world.

Suzi Rodgers

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District Governor
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ROAR with Pride!

**Share your clubs
achievements.**

NEWSLETTER

CONTACT DETAILS

FLDistrict35L@gmail.com

All submissions due by the 26th of the month.



DISTRICT 35L ADVISORY

MEETING

Hosted by High Springs Lions Club

15 NOVEMBER 2025

PRE-CABINET MEETING 8:30 AM

CABINET MEETING 10:30 AM

High Springs Lions Clubhouse

26900 W Us Hwy 27

High Springs, FL



We Serve

CONTACT

Lion Leslie

leslieflage@gmail.com

352.339.2830 (cell)

Mail registration to: High Springs Lions Club,
PO Box 2444, High Springs, FL 32655

Must include: Name, Title, Club, Address, City, State, Zip, Email,
Phone, Note in memo, Cabinet Meeting meal. Prepayment by
check, or pay by check or cash at meeting

JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED DAY

Start your day off with coffee/tea, assortment of muffins / pastries and fresh fruit.

Lunch will be Choice of: Chicken Caesar Wrap with chips or Chicken and Tortellini Soup with garlic bread. The meal will include a drink and dessert

Cost \$18

BRAG ABOUT YOUR CLUB

Plan to come and BRAG about YOUR club's past and future plans. Make sure you let all the members in your area know to come and join us for this fun day and be eligible from some pretty nifty raffle prizes.

REGISTRATION

Deadline: November 7

No refunds.



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ASK US ANYTHING!

District 35-L Lions Q&A; Session

■ Sunday, November 16, 2025

■ 1:30 PM CST | 2:30 PM EST

■ Join us on Zoom

Get answers, share ideas, and connect with your District Leadership Team! Whether you're a new Lion or a long-time member, this open forum is your chance to ask questions, learn about resources, and help strengthen our clubs across District 35-L.

■ To Register:

Email fldistrict35L@gmail.com to receive your Zoom link.





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 RLLI? Y _____ N _____

Institute Topics:

- Opening Session
- Fast and Effective Teams
- Keeping Members Engaged
- International Priorities
- Overcoming Resistance
- Communicating in a Fast-paced World
- Meeting in a Fast-paced World
- Delegation
- Goal Setting

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**

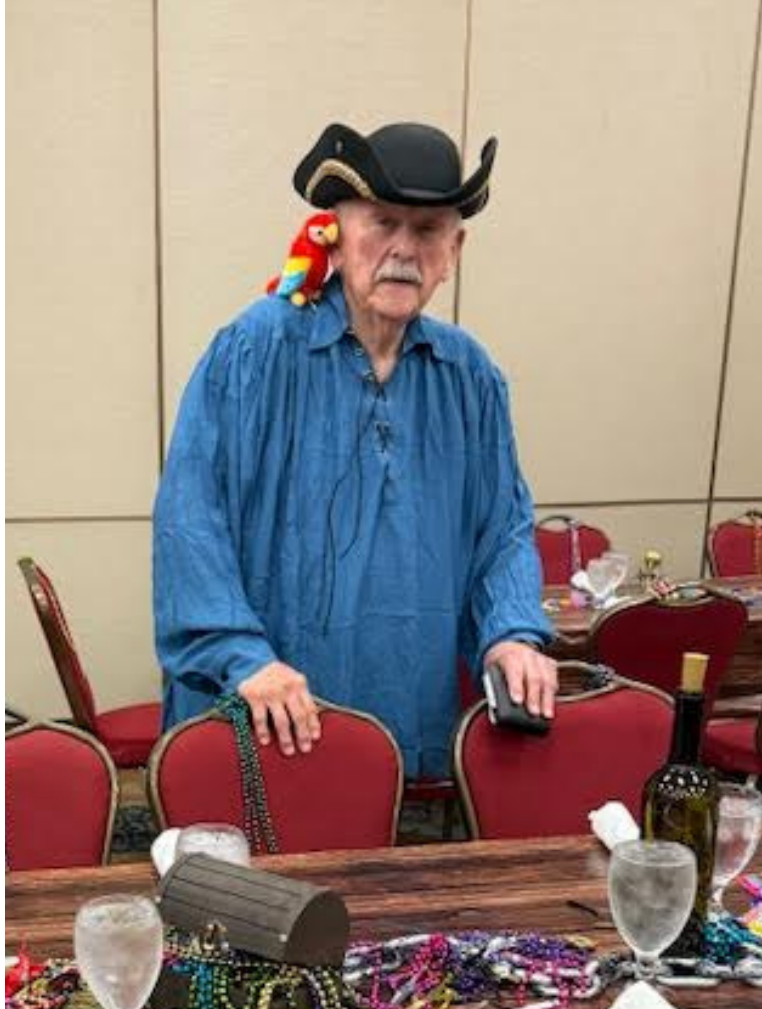
Mail to: **Lion Vivian Henegar 9069 High Point Blvd Brooksville Florida 34613**

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!



Multiple District 35 Fall Conference — “Sailing the Seas of Service”

Lions from across Florida gathered in Orlando from October 17–19, 2025, for the Multiple District 35 Fall Conference, hosted at the Florida Hotel. The event’s theme, “Sailing the Seas of Service,” brought out the spirit of adventure and camaraderie among attendees. Friday night featured a lively Pirate Party, complete with creative costumes, music, and laughter as Lions celebrated their shared mission of service. Throughout the weekend, members participated in valuable training sessions, presentations, and networking opportunities designed to strengthen leadership, inspire innovation, and keep the spirit of Lionism strong across the districts.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Florida Nonprofits and Raffle Rules:

Thinking about hosting a raffle to raise funds for your club or cause? Whether it's a big prize drawing or a quick 50/50 at your next meeting, it's important to know what Florida law allows — and what it doesn't.

Under **Florida Statute §849.0935**, only **qualified nonprofit organizations** can legally conduct raffles, which the law calls “drawings by chance.” These include certain federally recognized 501(c) groups such as charitable, civic, religious, fraternal, or veterans' organizations.

✓ What the Law Requires

If your nonprofit meets the eligibility requirements, here are the rules you must follow to stay compliant:

1. Clear Disclosures:

Every ticket, flyer, or ad must clearly show:

- The rules of how the drawing will be conducted
- Your organization's full legal name and main address
- The date, time, and place of the drawing
- A clear statement that **no purchase or donation is necessary to enter**

2. No Required Payment:

You can suggest a donation (for example, “\$5 per ticket”), but you cannot require someone to pay to enter. There must always be a free way to participate — even if that means mailing in a postcard entry.

3. Fair and Honest Drawings:

You must award every prize offered, even if fewer tickets are sold than expected. Drawings must be random, and you can't limit eligibility to only those who donate.

4. Keep it Transparent:

Keep a written record of your raffle's rules, entries, and winners. Transparency builds trust and protects your organization.

5. Mind the Penalties:

Violating raffle rules can be considered a **deceptive or unfair trade practice** and could result in misdemeanor penalties under **§775.082 and §775.083**.



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What About a Same-Day Raffle?

Quick raffles held at meetings, booths, or events — like 50/50 drawings — must still follow the same rules.

Here's how to stay compliant while keeping things simple:

- **Disclose the details on a sign, flyer, or small ticket:** include your club's name, how and when the drawing will occur, and that no purchase is necessary.
- **Provide a free entry option** (for instance, a slip anyone can fill out). You don't have to advertise it loudly, but it must be available.
- **Don't delay the drawing** — if tickets are offered for three days or less, you're not required to list the date and time in advance on the ticket itself.
- **Award the prize as promised**, no matter how much or how little is collected.

Even a same-day 50/50 at a booth is covered by the same statute — so a few extra minutes of preparation keeps your raffle fun and legal!

The Bottom Line

Raffles can be a great way to raise money and excitement for your cause — but only if they're done correctly. When in doubt, follow the statute, keep your records, and make sure everyone has a fair chance to win.

Resources:

- [Florida Statute §849.0935 – Drawings by Chance](#)
- [Florida PTA Raffles and Games of Chance Guide \(PDF\)](#)
- [The Orlando Law Group: Thinking About a Raffle? Don't Push Your Luck](#)
- [FindLaw – Florida Raffle Statute Summary](#)

Prizes will be drawn at 9 am each day and the winner will be identified on the Chipley Falling Waters Lions Club FaceBook site. You will have three (3) days to claim your prize after the Facebook publication . Contact Lion President Brittney at 850.832.6777.

A copy of the official registration and official information may be obtained from the Div. of Consumer Services by calling toll free (800.435.7352) with the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval or recommendation by the state.

No purchase or contribution is necessary. You may request a ticket by writing to: Chipley Falling Waters Lions Club, PO Box 454, Chipley, FL 32428



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■ LIONS CLUB

■■ 50/50 RAFFLE

Enter Today — Support Your Community!

Join us for a fun and exciting 50/50 raffle! Half of the proceeds go to one lucky winner — and the other half supports our local Lions Club community projects and service programs.



■ Drawing Details

Date:	
Time:	
Location:	
Prize:	

■■ Official Rules

- No purchase, contribution, or donation is required to enter or win.
- Suggested donation is \$5 per ticket — proceeds support local service projects.
- To enter for free, request a ticket at this booth before the drawing begins.
- Drawing will be conducted fairly and randomly by a club officer.
- Winner will be announced immediately following the drawing.
- You do not need to be present to win.
- All prizes will be awarded regardless of ticket sales or donations received.

■ Organization Information

Club Name:	
Principal Address:	
Contact (Email/Phone):	

This raffle is conducted pursuant to **Florida Statute §849.0935** by a qualified nonprofit organization. Violations of this law may constitute a second-degree misdemeanor under §775.082 or §775.083.

■ Thank you for supporting your local Lions Club!
Together, we serve where we're needed most.

This is for information purposes. I am not an expert. If you have any questions please read the law or consult a legal advisor.



To print awards go to
<https://www.lionsmd35.com/award-information>

Governor's Achievement Award – New Member

The Governor's Achievement Award recognizes Lions who have shown extraordinary commitment and service during their **first year of membership**. This honor highlights those who embrace the spirit of Lionism by actively participating in projects, attending meetings, and making a lasting impact in their club and community.

All club presidents are encouraged to review their new members and nominate those who have demonstrated exceptional dedication. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor and encourage our newest Lions while celebrating the strength and future of our organization.

 Important Reminder: All nominations must be **submitted by December 31**. Don't miss the chance to recognize the achievements of your outstanding new members!

Governor's Achievement Award – New & Transfer Members

The Governor's Achievement Award is designed to help both **new Lions and transfer Lions** become fully engaged in the purpose and activities of Lionism. Eligible members complete a series of requirements—such as attending meetings, participating in service projects, and learning more about Lions International—that build a strong foundation of involvement and service..

This award not only recognizes individual dedication but also strengthens clubs by encouraging meaningful participation from members in their first year. Sponsoring Lions play a key role in guiding and supporting nominees through the process, while clubs ensure certification and timely submission.

 Important Deadline: All completed nomination forms must be submitted to the District Chair by **December 31**. Don't miss the opportunity to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of your newest Lions!

Order of the Golden Chain Award

The Order of the Golden Chain is a special recognition available to any Lion who demonstrates commitment and service throughout the year. To qualify, members must complete all five mandatory requirements—including active participation in meetings, recruiting a new member, and serving on a committee—along with 11 out of 20 optional activities such as visiting Lions Eye Banks, attending conferences, contributing to LCIF, or writing about Lions service for publication.

This award is unique because it can be **earned every year** that the requirements are met. It serves as both a challenge and an opportunity for Lions to stay engaged, expand their service, and inspire others through consistent involvement.

 Important Reminder: All requirements must be completed and forms **submitted by December 31**. Don't miss the chance to add your name to the Order of the Golden Chain and be recognized for your outstanding service!

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Anchor Award

The Anchor Award recognizes the “**Grass Root Lions**” who provide strength, stability, and dedication at the club level. These are the Lions who put in at least 125 hours of service in recognized Lions activities throughout the year—whether through projects, meetings, training, or visitations Anchor Award.

This award is designed to honor the steady and committed service of Lions who often work behind the scenes to keep our clubs strong. By recognizing their contributions, we not only celebrate their efforts but also encourage ongoing engagement and reduce member dropouts.

 Important Reminder: All service hours must be certified and submitted, with completed award orders received by the District Awards Chair no later than **December 31**. Don't miss this chance to honor your club's true anchors!

Dr. Walter H. Campbell Pilot Award

The Pilot Award is one of the most prestigious honors in MD-35, recognizing a **Past District Governor (PDG)** in each district, as well as one at the Multiple District level, for their outstanding service, leadership, and dedication to Lionism. This award highlights the incredible impact PDGs make through their work at the club, district, and multiple district levels..

The contest period runs from **January 1 through December 31**, and only the accomplishments achieved during this time will be considered. This ensures that recognition is based on the most recent year of service and contributions.

 Important Reminder: All achievements must be **completed by December 31**, and applications must be submitted to the MD-35 office by the required deadline. Don't miss the opportunity to honor and celebrate the dedicated leadership of our Past District Governors!

Millard Conklin Crusader for Lionism Award

The Millard Conklin Crusader for Lionism Award honors dedicated “**Grass Root**” **Lions** whose outstanding service and commitment strengthen their clubs and communities. Each district selects one winner based on accomplishments during the **January 1 – December 31** contest period, with a Multiple District 35 winner chosen from among the district honorees.

This award is designed to recognize the everyday Lions who give their time, energy, and heart to projects, meetings, and service initiatives throughout the year. Nominations can be made by clubs, zone chairs, district directors, or MD-35 projects, ensuring that deserving Lions at every level have the chance to be recognized.

 Important Reminder: All accomplishments must be **completed by December 31**, with entries submitted to the MD-35 office by the required deadline. Don't miss this opportunity to shine a spotlight on the Lions who embody the true spirit of service!

15 NOVEMBER

**DISTRICT 35L DISTRICT
ADVISORY MEETING -
HIGH SPRINGS**

24 JANUARY

**DISTRICT 35L DISTRICT
ADVISORY MEETING -
CHIPLEY, FL**

11 APRIL

**DISTRICT 35L DISTRICT
ADVISORY MEETING -
TALLAHASSEE**

1-2 MAY

**MD 25 SPRING
CONVENTION - ORLANDO**

**25-26
LIONS
EVENTS**





ONLINE DIRECTORY

Month of November

Diabetic Eye Disease Month

National Diabetes Month

In 1918 the First Lions Club Magazine was published

November 2

Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 11

Veteran's Day

November 13

World Kindness Day

November 14

World Diabetes Day

November 15

District 35-L District Advisory meeting

November 18-19

Mission 1.5 Worldwide Reporting Day

November 27

Thanksgiving Day

Florida Lions History



Amplify your club's impact during Weeks of Service

This initiative unites Lions and Leos worldwide to address the critical issues of mental health and well-being, hunger, and the environment. By participating, you'll be part of three impactful weeks dedicated to creating positive change and making a difference in communities around the globe — together. So get involved and help drive collective action for a better future!

Mark your calendars

Mental health and well-being

October 4-12, 2025

Hunger

January 3-11, 2026

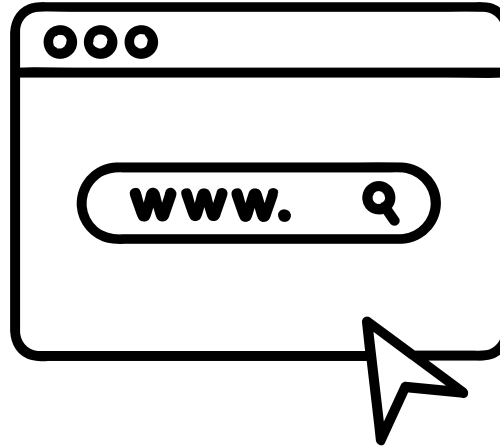
Environment

April 18-26, 2026

LIONS ONLINE RESOURCES

WEBSITES

- lionsclubs.org
- LCIF Website
- lionsvirtual.org
- Lions Portal
- Lionsmd35.com
- district35L.com
- district35i.com
- district35o.com
- district35n.com
- lionsdistrict35n.org



YOUTUBE

- Lions International
- @LionsVirtualLive
- @USLionsRock
- Lions Video Center

FACEBOOK

- Lions International
- LCIF
- Lions USA
- Lions Virtual
- Global Lions Forum
- Lions of Multiple District 35
- Florida Lions District 35-L
- Florida Lions District 35-I
- Florida Lions District 35-O
- Florida Lions District 35-N



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Awards and Contests

Lions do not serve others in order to receive rewards. The rewards they seek are less tangible, but no less real. Lions' rewards lie in the satisfaction of demonstrating their commitment to the work of Lionism; serving as an effective team member on club, district and international projects and activities; and focusing on the community in terms of less fortunate individuals and projects and activities for the betterment of the community.

While the purpose of being a member of this wonderful organization is not to receive awards, we do recognize that members who make a significant contribution are deserving of recognition, encouragement, and appreciation. We encourage every club and every member to become familiar with the available awards and work toward obtaining one or more. Nominations should be submitted to the appropriate Awards Chair by the dates indicated for each award.

See www.district35l.com/award-information for ALL Awards information and applications. See lionsclubs.org for International Awards.

Governor's Achievement Award – New Lion

This award is designed to assist the NEW LION member to become thoroughly familiar and fully involved in the activities and purposes of Lionism.

This award is available only to NEW members in their first year of membership, beginning with induction.

See www.district35l.com/award-information for ALL Awards information and applications.

Governor's Achievement Award – Transfer Lion

This award is designed to assist the new Transfer Lion to become thoroughly familiar and fully involved in the activities and purposes of Lionism. This award is available only to new Transfer Lions in their first year of membership, beginning with induction into the club they transferred.

See www.district35l.com/award-information for ALL Awards information and applications.

Anchor Award

The purpose of this award is to provide recognition for the "Grass Root Lions" who are the anchors and stability of our association.

The club secretary shall collect each tally sheet, tabulate its points, and submit it to the District Awards chair by July 31st of each year to be eligible.

See www.district35l.com/award-information for ALL Awards information and applications.

Peace Poster

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.

www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster

35L Chair: Blanche Day

lionblanche2015@gmail.com

Order of the Golden Chain

Any Lion who completes the requirements between January 1st and December 31st shall earn the Golden Chain Award. The award may be earned each year the qualifications are met.

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Awards and Contests

Dr. Walter H. Campbell Pilot Award for Lionism

The Pilot Award is designed to recognize a Past District Governor (PDG) in each of the Districts, and a PDG in MD-35, with a prestigious award for outstanding efforts, dedication, and contributions during the preceding calendar year on behalf of Lionism. All entries must be submitted to the Multiple District 35 (MD) Office and postmarked no later than January 31st of the following year to the contest.

See www.district35l.com/award-information for ALL Awards information and applications.

Millard Conklin Crusader for Lionism Award

The Millard Conklin Crusader for Lionism Award is designed to encourage participation of "Grass Root" Lions in each district and club and to select one from each district to be rewarded for outstanding dedication and contributions for their current calendar year efforts made to Lionism, and to be presented for a District award. The award shall cover the accomplishments realized only during the contest period from January 1st through December 31st of each calendar year

See www.district35l.com/award-information for ALL Awards information and applications.

Membership Satisfaction Award

When a Lions club meets or exceeds the expectations of its members, it leads to membership satisfaction and retention. Satisfied members will keep coming back, which will keep your club healthy and vital to the community

See lionsclubs.org for International Awards.

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See lionsclubs.org for International Awards.

District 35-L Newsletter

Brittny Young

FLdistrict35L@gmail.com

Send all newsletter and website items by the 26th of the month.

Photos are used if the quality and content are suitable. If possible, the name or names of the person or persons shown in a photo must accompany the photo.

Photos can be accepted as JPEG or PNG.

Email articles as plain text typed body of email, PDF, or as a Microsoft Word attachment.

Include Club Name, Contact person's email, phone number, and a physical address. All Events must have a date, location, and time. Raffles need to be sent with where to buy tickets.

