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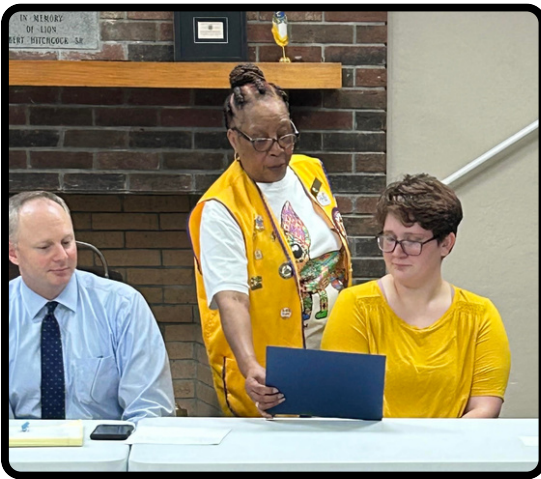
Alachua Lions Club



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Alachua Lions Club awarded \$2,000 scholarships to Adriana Helsel and Mackenzie Sweat at their monthly Board Meeting on July 9, which the students attended along with their parents. Both students graduated from Santa Fe High School in Alachua and are enrolled to attend Santa Fe College in the fall. Adriana will be a student in the Behavioral Sciences class and Mackenzie will be studying Occupational Therapy.

Both of these young ladies showed extremely high academic achievements and are already making a difference in the community with their volunteer efforts in various civic and religious programs.



ECS VISION SCREENINGS

The Alachua Lions Club provided services to 4 Episcopal Children's Services facilities in July to assist them with vision screenings. ECS manages a number of Headstart programs which serves children ages 5 and under.

Pictured in one photo is Lion Gladys McMillian, Ferlissa Hunt, Assistant Center Director at the ECS Waldo Road location, Lion Katy Plein, Maya Levy, a student at UF studying Optomology, and Lion Pam McElroy.

The other photo shows Lions Terri Warrington, Pam McElroy, and Katy Plein testing the camera at the ECS Highlands location on July 14.





ChIPLEY Falling Waters Lions Club



Darrin Wall Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser

Boston Butt OR Rib Slab
\$30

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SEPTEMBER 5, 2026
10 AM - 2 PM**

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High Springs Lions Club

On Saturday, July 25th, the High Springs Lions Club held a fundraiser for a local community member. The community member experienced a horrific car accident, resulting in a lengthy hospital stay and time lost from work.

Lion Karen Hollingworth organized the benefit. Raffle baskets, a live auction, a 50/50 and lots of delicious food were on hand to help raise funds.

Local musicians Clay Brooker and Trey Tucker played at the event.

A total of \$1307 was raised.



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it is a commitment to helping others and
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On Saturday, July 18th, the High Springs Lions Club hosted the Jasper Smitty Project. Jasper Smitty (aka Jesse Smith) is the son of Lanier Smith, a very active club member.

The music genre was a wonderful combination of New Orleans jazz, soft rock with a few oldies thrown in! Our local butterfly dancer was on hand to entertain as well.

The club served it's famous pulled pork sandwiches with red beans and rice.

Approximately 90 people were in attendance.

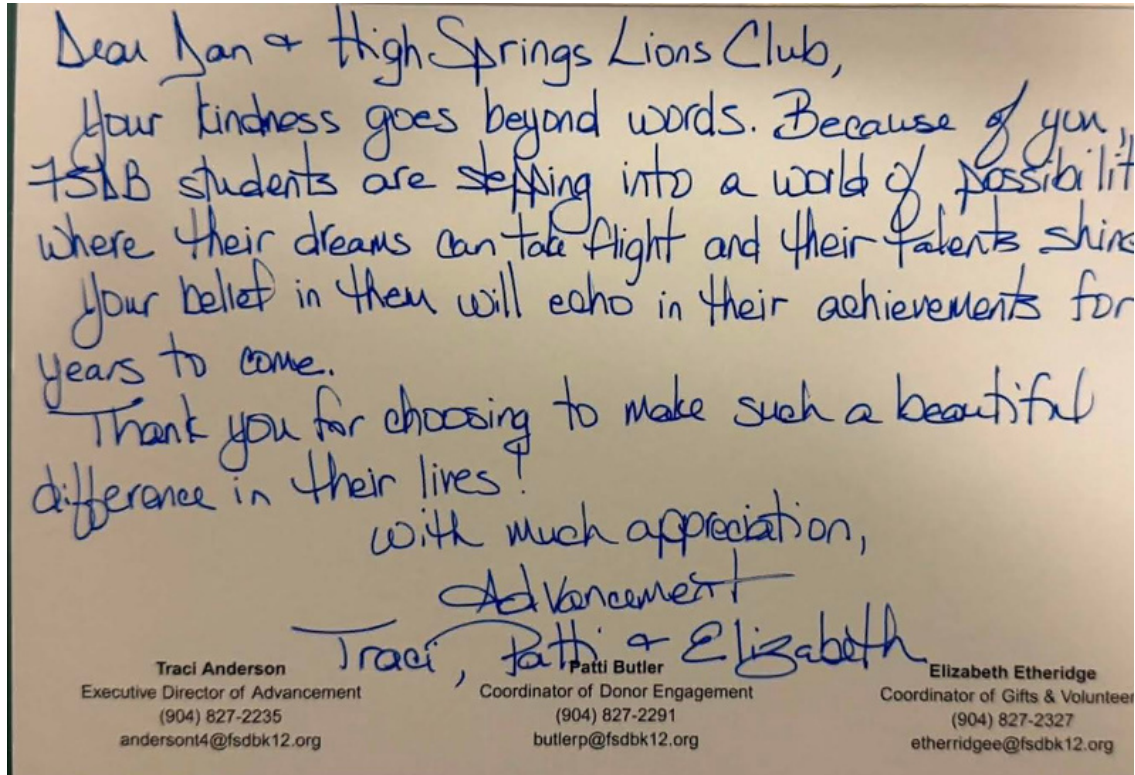


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High Springs Lions Club

On Monday June 22, the High Springs Lions Club presented a 'big check' to the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind in St. Augustine. This is the thank you note that we received! Our club is honored to host this annual event for such a wonderful cause.





Jax Beaches Lions Club

What a fantastic way to kick off the new Lions year!

On Tuesday, we held our first meeting of the new Lions Year and we had so many reasons to celebrate.

We celebrated the 250th birthday of the USA, welcomed four wonderful new members into our club, and had the official installation of our new Board of Officers and Directors.

We were also honored to have the amazing Charlie Largen and his lovely wife, Joanne as our special guests. It was a great evening full of fellowship and service.



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Jax Beaches Lions Club

Introducing our 2026-2027 Leadership Team! 🦁 ✨

We are proud to present the newly installed Board of Officers and Directors for the Lions Club of Jacksonville Beaches!

We're ready for a fantastic year ahead, filled with service, community projects, and impact. Please join us in congratulating this dedicated team as they take on their new roles to lead our club.

Pictured (Leadership Team 2026-2027):

President: Linda Zepp, First Vice President: Gary Zepp, Second Vice President: Kris C Powell, Secretary: Pat Collum Schaaf, Treasurer: Sue Collum Dixon, Membership: Susan Tomasov, Marketing: Monika Keuchel, Taitwister: Shawn Ludlam, LCIF Coordinator: Steven Smith, Director: Jim Parker, Director: Judy Foster, Director: Tricia Hamer, Director: Meredyth Mason, Director Mike Kibler



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Jax Beaches Lions Club

A big Welcome to our Newest Lions!

We had such a special evening this past Tuesday! We held our traditional induction ceremony and are thrilled to officially welcome four wonderful new members to the Lions Club Jacksonville Beaches.

A big, warm welcome to: Sharon Christie Mcneal, Patti, Eric, Linda

It was a beautiful, moving moment for all of us. We are so proud to have you in our club and can't wait to see the impact we'll make together. Welcome to the family!



McIntosh Lions Club

The McIntosh Lions Club hosted and managed a grand Independence Day Celebration in our community on July 4. Lions cooked hot dogs and hamburgers, providing them at cost along with water and soft drinks for more than 250 guests. Marking our nation's 250th year of independence, the family-oriented event offered fun, food and good fellowship for all.

Lions organized competitive outdoor games for participants at all age levels on the grounds of our town's Community Center - from sack races to watermelon eating contests to egg toss lines. This annual event has become a popular activity for the entire community. We do not offer it as a fundraiser.



Chattahoochee Lions Club



The Chattahoochee Lions Club was pleased to again be a part of Chattahoochee's Independence Day celebration. We had our information/mops and brooms booth operating there. Seen here are Lions Paul Mazzotta and Otis Brown with James Moultry...to whom the Club had just sold a broom. The small Chattahoochee Lions Club has participated in community events with at least 4 separate information booths during the first half of 2026. Small group; big footprint.





Ocala 200 Lions Club

Lion Harold Frederick inducted into our club by 2VDG Susan Oliva. Lion Harold is sponsored by Lion Bob Barto. Lion Harold was born in Miami, attended Dunnellon schools. He is married to Regina, has a daughter, Andrea. Has worked the family Tree Farm, worked in a Greenhouse and had a lawn mowing service until retiring. Is an avid racing fan, a racing historian for 60 years, has a racing library, and has over 1000 racing photo's. Lives in Quail Meadows, and attends Meadowbrook Church. Has a grandson that is a walking miracle (ask Lion Harold).



Newly elected officers and directors for 2026/2027.





Ocala 200 Lions Club



CORNHOLE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Lions Bob & Patti Barto from our club for winning the Cornhole Competition. Host club was the Fort King Lions. Clubs from Top of the World, Cedar Key, and of course, our club were also there. It was a great day for food, fun and fellowship. Oh yes, the Cornhole Competition. Our club retains bragging rights for the next year. Top of the World Lions are investigating a Putt-Putt Golf Tournament in the fall.



Lion Vice President presents Mason Nandino from the Osceola Middle School. Mason placed first in our club and first in District 35L in the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest. He received a monetary gift from our club, as well as, District 35L. Second place from our club was Cameron Faucette from Howard Middle School.





Orange Park Lions Club

Orange Park Lions Club has a big night handing out awards and adding a new member

The Orange Park Lions Club gathered on a Monday night in late July for their regular meeting and so much more! At the top of the meeting, we heard from a great speaker. Cheri Undheim, a Vision Rehab Case Manager, enlightened us about mainly working with youth and how they cope with vision issues. She then educated us about all the types of white canes and how the Lions Club can support groups and schools that deal with white canes

After some brief business tasks, it was time to break out the awards. The club was honored to host our new District Governor George Niles and his "Partner in Service" Denise Williams. After some remarks from each of them, they started out the award presentations with the big one, The Melvin Jones Fellowship Award (MJF). It is the highest form of recognition by Lions Club International, and it was presented to Vicky Crosby. The club over the last couple of years had made donations to Lions Club International causes and then picked Vicky to receive the award. George and Denise presented the plaque and placed the pin on Vicky. Next George presented the Lions Club Key Award to Mike Poweleit for sponsoring 3 new members a year ago and they all had remained with the club for over a year. George and Denise were not done as they now had a new member to swear in. The latest member is Eric Lown and his sponsor is Celia Vencil. It was a very busy and eventful night for the OPLC



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Orange Park Lions Club

Orange Park Lions came out to serve in their hometown for the latest Clay Train

It was a hot Mid July day in Orange Park, but a group of Orange Park Lions knew it was time to step up when the latest stop of the Impact Clay Train pulled up in their town. It was a Saturday morning at Grove Park Elementary School. The monthly stop of the Impact Clay train was about to happen and 8 Lions were ready. The Lions are no stranger to this monthly event haven served several times all over the county for almost 3 years. They knew their roles. Don and Kitty Minor arrived and set the club table in front of the Kids First of Florida Mobile Unit. Celia and Dave Vencil arrived, and they handed toys for the kids and readers for the adults. Carl and Vicky Crosby handled video recordings of the Clay Train. Richard Campbell was there to help recruit adults and kids for free vision screenings and he worked the door for the mobile unit. Mike Poweleit manned the screening device, and he handed out results and info on how folks can get help with eye doctor appointments and glasses. The Lions handled their duties well as they performed 25 Vision screenings of adults and kids including a 15-month-old baby! The rest of the Clay train was a big success as overall they served 245 guests, had 102 volunteers and did 12 haircuts. It was an amazing day of service in Orange Park! You can learn more about Impact Clay Train at www.ImpactClay.org. Learn more about the Lions at WWW.Orangeparklionsclub.com. Impact Clay and The Lions Club are always looking for more volunteers and members.



All volunteers for the July 2026 Impact Clay Train at Grove Park Elementary school in Orange Park.



From Left to Right: Dave Vencil, Richard Campbell, Mike Poweleit, Celia Vencil, Vicky Crosby, and Don Minor. (not pictured Kitty Minor and Carl Crosby)





Orange Park Lions Club

Orange Park Lions Club starts off America's 250th Birthday by treating Veterans and others to a pancake breakfast.

On this USA's Birthday on the 4th of July, the Orange Park Lions Club started off the holiday for a group of special people, our veterans and first responders, by providing for them a pancake breakfast for free at our clubhouse. The Lions had been planning this event for quite awhile and were so happy it finally happened. This was our 3rd year for this great celebration. All veterans and first responders from 8-10 AM were treated to delicious pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit, and choice of drink. Others who wanted to support our cause were also invited to dine with the special guests for a nominal fee. The first of the veterans were waiting at the door before 8 and they continued to come in until after 10 AM hour. Names were drawn every 15 minutes for door prizes provided by local corporate sponsors and by the Lions themselves. Also offered this year were silent auctions featuring products, services, and gift cards donated by local businesses. 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. Family members of Lions also helped for the event. Some of the corporate sponsors who provided door prizes, auction items, and food/serving items for the event were Grumpy's Restaurant, IHOP, Urban Bean, Panera, Lion Club members, and many more.

We were honored to have so many great veterans join us. Special guests included State Senator Jennifer Bradley, President and CEO of Impact Clay Connie Thomas and her husband, Orange Park Police officers, and from Clay Radio Tim Mooney and Mike Cella. Almost all branches of American armed serves were represented. The Lion's Club was also presented with donation checks from the Lakeshore Moose Lodge and the Mandarin Moose Lodge.

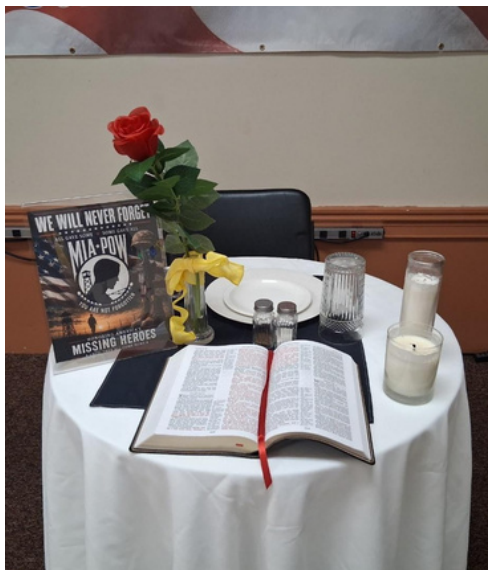
Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.4 million members in approximately 46,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world. The local Orange Park Lions Club meets the 2nd and 4th Monday at 7 PM at their meeting hall at 423 McIntosh Ave. Orange Park, FL 32073. We do things like provide eyeglasses to those in need, accept donated used glasses and hearing aids, provide eye exams for those who can't afford them, provide diabetes research, help local food banks and animal shelters, work with other service organizations at the Impact Clay Train providing vision screenings, and of course help out our well deserving veterans. For those that are interested, drop in on a meeting or call us at (904) 264-5866.

Mike Poweleit
President Orange Park Lions Club





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