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Club Anniversaries

Defuniak Springs 02/22/2019
Palatka New Vision 02/17/2009
Port St Joe 02/25/1955
Tallahassee 02/20/1929

“The Quiet Power of Showing Up”

Carl Crosby
President Orange Park Lions Club

We live in a world that celebrates the loudest voices, the biggest stages,
and the most visible victories. But the truth is,
most real change doesn't happen in headlines.
It happens quietly — in rooms like this one,
among people who simply choose to show up.

Every Lion here understands something the rest of the world sometimes forgets:
Service isn't about applause.
Leadership isn't about titles.
Impact isn't about recognition.
It's about consistency.

It's about the small acts that don't make the news — but change lives just the same.
A meal delivered.
A ride given.

A listening ear when someone feels invisible.
A steady presence when everything else feels uncertain.

We never really know how heavy someone else's load is.
Most people carry things they don't talk about — grief, worry, illness, loneliness, fear.
And sometimes the greatest gift we give them isn't a solution...
it's simply letting them know they're not carrying it alone.

That's what Lions do.
Not because it's easy.
Not because it's convenient.
But because it matters.

There will be days when it feels like what we do is too small to make a difference.
Those are the days we need to remember:
No act of service is ever wasted.
No kindness ever disappears.
No effort to help another human being is ever forgotten —
even if we never see the result ourselves.

And maybe that's the greatest kind of leadership of all:
To serve without needing credit.
To help without needing thanks.
To stand for others without needing recognition.
That is the quiet power of showing up.
And that is what makes this organization extraordinary.



DISTRICT 35-L MEMBER ORIENTATION!

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FEBRUARY 19 • 6:00 PM CENTRAL TIME

Join Us via Zoom!



**New Members
Welcome!**



**Discover the Power
of "We Serve!"**



**Get Ready to
Make a Difference!**

District 35L is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: 2026 February Member Orientation

Time: Feb 19, 2026 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81396831346?pwd=zs4zL6RpV6laOVEMcDmd14ReeJcm3g.1>

Meeting ID: 813 9683 1346

Passcode: 620129



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Chipley Falling Waters Lions Club

The Falling Waters Lions Club had the pleasure of welcoming Jiranda White, Director of Federal Programs and District Homeless Liaison, as our guest speaker at last night's meeting.

We were truly surprised to learn that approximately 4% of students in Washington County are experiencing homelessness. Ms. White shared how her program works tirelessly to support these students through multiple grant-funded initiatives, including the McKinney-Vento Act. Students who qualify under this program are referred to as "MVPs" – and they are treated exactly that way.

Through these programs, students are provided with essential support such as clothing, school supplies, books, food, and other critical resources to ensure their safety, stability, and success. The program also collaborates with local organizations to help address needs beyond the classroom and support families as a whole.

We are grateful for the important work being done and look forward to partnering with Ms. White and her team in the future to continue serving our community.

We Serve.





Chipley Falling Waters Lions Club

What a GREAT Day at Shivers Park!

The Falling Waters Lions Club of Chipley loved welcoming our community to our Free Chili & Soup Social! From hearty chili to delicious homemade soups, it was all about good food, great conversations, and serving with heart.



Lions of Multiple District 35

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Graceville Lions Club



 GRACEVILLE LIONS CLUB

PROM-O-RAMA

A Prom for All Ages
— MUSIC BY —
The Ivey Brothers



SATURDAY, APRIL 18
GRACEVILLE CIVIC CENTER
6 PM – 10 PM

Individual Tickets \$50

Contact any Lions Club member, the Circle Grill or
the **Graceville News** for more information or to purchase tickets,



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Gulf Breeze Lions Club

January was a busy and exciting month for our recently formed club. We inducted 2 of our four new members at our 1/19/26 Club meeting. The induction ceremony of Lions Charles Collins and Diamond Wilson was conducted by PDG Greg Seltzer and our Club President, and sponsor of these two new Lions, Lion Ben Russell.

During the month, we have also been able to add 3 more eyeglass collection locations in the community.

We are also very pleased to report that our club has been nominated for the New Business of the Year award by the Gulf Breeze Area Chamber of Commerce as part of their upcoming awards celebration.

As we look ahead to the coming months, the Gulf Breeze, FL Lions Club remains committed to strengthening our club and serving the needs of our community.

WE CARE. WE SERVE. WE ACCOMPLISH.



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High Springs Lions Club

Savor the Flavor **Soup Social**
January 26, 2026
- Monday -
Bring your Favorite to Share
7 p.m. Open to the Public
26900 West US Hwy 27
High Springs, Florida 32643

17TH ANNUAL
EAT THE HEAT CHILI COOK - OFF
FEBRUARY 23, 2026

7 p.m.

**Open to the
Public**

\$10

Entry Fee

**\$5
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**Everyone
is Welcome**

**Cash Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Prize
Peoples Choice Award**

**All Entries MUST be in place by 6 p.m.
NO EXCEPTIONS!**

26900 West U.S. HWY 27 High Springs, Fl. 32643



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High Springs Lions Club

Cinderella's Closet at the High Springs Lions Club

Free Prom Attire

If it Fits....It's Yours
March 7th and 8th 2026

Please Join Us
Saturday and Sunday
12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Be Part of Something Special
Formal Wear and Accessories for Men and Women
Admission is FREE!
Donations Accepted to help fund future Events

Door Prizes
Raffle



26900 West US Hwy 27 High Springs, Florida 32643

Feel the Music 4

March 21, 2026

Proceeds Benefit
Florida School for the Deaf & the Blind
Do More. Be More. Achieve More.

Tickets \$10 Gates Open @ 11a.m.

Bands - Food - Raffle - Auction

Where:
26900 West US Hwy 27 High Springs, Florida 32643



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High Springs Lions Club

Donations to the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (FSDB) are used to fund enrichment programs, specialized equipment, and student opportunities that are not covered by state-provided "general revenue" funds. Because FSDB does not receive local property tax dollars or lottery funds like other public schools, private contributions are essential for programs that directly benefit students from birth to age 22.

Here is where your dollars go to help FSDB students:

- Student Enrichment and Academic Support
- Technology & Equipment: Purchase of iPads, applications, and accessories for academic purposes, as well as adaptive technologies for students who are blind, visually impaired, deaf, or hard of hearing.
- Classroom Needs: Funding for specialized supplies, including Braille books, library resources, and educational materials.
- Tutoring and Support: Providing individualized support services to help students thrive academically.
- Life Skills & Independent Living: Funding programs that teach students necessary skills for daily life.
- Activities and Development
- Athletic Programs: Funding for sports equipment, uniforms, and travel for teams, such as the Goalball team (for blind/VI students) and competitive cheerleading.
- Performing Arts: Supporting music and arts programs, including events like the "Feel the Music" initiative.
- Clubs and Extracurriculars: Supporting various student clubs and recreational activities.
- Summer Camp: Providing specialized summer programs for students.
- Specialized Services and Outreach
- Early Intervention: Supporting programs for children from birth to age 5, which are critical for early development.
- Parent Support: Reimbursing travel for parents to attend on-campus workshops, training, and American Sign Language (ASL) or Braille classes.
- Student Support Services: Funding for clothing, shoes, and personal books for campus students in need, including homeless students.
- Scholarships: Providing scholarships for graduating seniors.





Jax Beaches Lions Club



2026 Kick-off: Stronger Together!

We had our first club evening of 2026, and we were proud to see 30 members in attendance for our business meeting. Having such a great turnout for our first session of the year shows the incredible commitment and spirit of our club.

We spent the meeting discussing the year ahead and are energized by the projects coming soon.



Incredible News! Help Us Name Our Next Guiding Dog Puppies!

Thanks to the amazing support from our past activities, we've already had the honor of sponsoring several future guide dogs—just look at some beautiful dogs like Lilly, Sandy, and Disco in the photo!



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Ocala OTOW Lions Club



OTOW LIONS CLUB PRESENTS: **CASINO NIGHT!**



SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026
5 - 8 PM
CIRCLE SQUARE CULTURAL CENTER



Gaming includes Roulette, Craps, Blackjack, and Texas Hold 'em. Must be 21 to play.

Tickets are a \$50 donation. Included with your ticket:

- \$300 in fun money for the games of chance.
- Hoagies, Drinks, and Snacks.

Gaming prizes include an Electric Adult Tricycle and a Large Screen Smart TV.

In addition, raffles for gift baskets, a liquor wagon, and a 50/50 drawing will be available.

Purchase tickets at:

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| • Farmers Market 9:00am–12:00pm Thursdays | OTOW Lions Club Members |
| • Ticket Tuesdays 9:00am–12:00pm Tuesdays
@ Arbor Dance Studio III | First Federal Bank
(Circle Square Commons)
Wednesdays/Thursdays |

Your charity donations benefit Children's and Veterans causes in Marion County.

Additional fun money can be purchased at the event. Cash bar available.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!

For more information, call Carol 352.300.3995

or Sherri 704.975.4573.



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Orange Park Lions Club

Our Impact Clay Train event in Keystone Heights : 168 attended .we did 26 screenings..we teamed up with kids first of Florida as they let us use their Rv to do the screenings.



District 35L

ROAR with Pride!

**Share your clubs
achievements.**

NEWSLETTER

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