The Imagineers Tale

Lions District 35i – Florida | NOVEMBER 2026 | District Governor Beverly Flynn

Imagine the Possibilities: Connecting Lions Through Digital Stories



In today's digital world, Lions Clubs have an incredible opportunity to reach new audiences, share the impact of their service, and build stronger connections with the next generation of volunteers. Our future members are already online—let's show them what it means to be a Lion!

Tell Our Story, Show Our Impact! Social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn give us ways to showcase the heart of Lionism. Share pictures of hands-on service projects, highlight community partnerships, celebrate new members, and tell the stories of the people whose lives we touch. Authentic stories and real photographs are often more powerful than any advertisement. People want to see the difference we make and understand how they can become part of it.

Create a Picture Storyboard! Here is a practical idea for your next membership recruitment event: create a visual storyboard featuring photos of your club in action. Include pictures of food drives, vision screenings, environmental projects, scholarships, fundraising events, and fellowship among members. Add short captions explaining the need, what your Lions accomplished, and how the community benefited. Include a few testimonials from members about why they joined and what service means to them. Display a QR code linking to your club's social media page or membership information so interested visitors can take the next step.

Build Connections Beyond the Club! Partner with schools, colleges, youth organizations, local businesses, and community groups. Tag partners in appropriate social media posts, invite young adults

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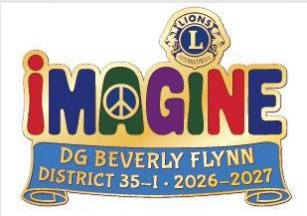
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to participate in service projects, and share opportunities that fit their interests and schedules. Remember, younger people are often looking for meaningful ways to make a difference, develop leadership skills, and connect with others who share their values.

Turn Engagement into Membership and Retention! Digital outreach is only the beginning. Respond to comments and messages, personally invite interested individuals to a service project, and follow up with a warm welcome. Once they join, give new members opportunities to contribute ideas, use their talents, and take leadership roles. When members feel valued and see the impact of their involvement, they are more likely to stay engaged.

As Lions, we have wonderful stories to tell. Let's use today's digital tools to share our passion, inspire new generations, and invite more people to join us in service.

Remember: When we share our story, we inspire others to become part of it. Imagine what we can accomplish together!

I hope to see you at the District Meeting on November 21st, remember to bring your ideas!

Beverly Flynn
District Governor

Just iMAGiNE what Lions can do!

Calendar and Upcoming

November 6-8. 2026 Fall Conference, Multiple District 35, Orlando, The Florida Hotel

November 21, 2026 District 35I Meeting, Venezia Hotel, Venice. Registration and breakfast begin at 8:00 am.

March 11-14, 2027 Regional Lions Leadership Institute, Orlando, The Florida Hotel

Please mark your calendars for Wreaths Across America. The 2026 date is set for Saturday, December 19. Wreaths will be placed at over 5,500 cemeteries at the graves of deceased military service persons. Additional information will be provided.



Service Spotlights 2026-2027

November	**Diabetes**
December	**Military/Veterans**
January	**Hunger**
February	**Elder Citizens**
March	**Vision**
April	**Environment**
May	**Youth/Reading Action**
June	**Hearing**



The Venice Lions Club set up an information and new member recruitment booth at a recent Mental Health Awareness Event sponsored by the Club.

The results were a stunning success.

Potential members are interested in joining the Club.

A lot of goodwill was created with people seeing the Lions as their community partners.

Message from 1st VDG Drew Ogden

So much opportunity in the Lions portal

by Lion Drew Ogden

First Vice District Governor, District 35I



I see so much opportunity in the Lion's Portal, and I really would like to see more Lions taking advantage of this chance for self-development. It's not that difficult to get into the portal and check it out. If anyone cannot get into the portal, feel free to contact me and I will help you with your access.

Did you know the **Learn section in the Lion Portal** is packed with educational opportunities designed to help Lions grow? **Encourage your club officers and members to log in regularly to explore courses that build leadership skills, strengthen club operations, and support personal development.**

✔ Discover new trainings and learning paths
✔ Build leadership and service skills
✔ Track your learning history all in one place

Lions University offers incredible opportunities for Lions and Leos to expand their leadership knowledge, sharpen communication skills, and grow personally and professionally. Whether you're preparing for a club officer role, district leadership, or simply want to become a stronger Lion, there's something for everyone!

Whether you're a new Lion, club officer, district leader, or simply looking to grow your skills, these channels offer valuable training, leadership development, service ideas, and Lions news from around the world.

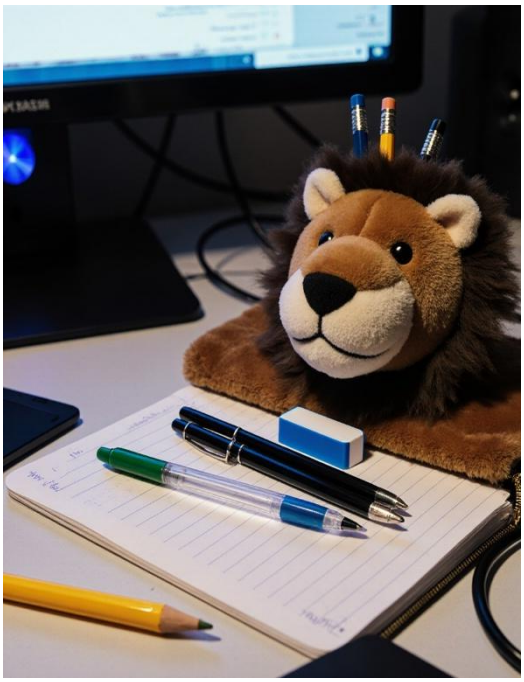
📺 Check out these **YouTube channels:**

🔹 @LionsInternational **https://www.youtube.com/user/lionsclubsorg**
🔹 @LionsVirtualLive **https://www.youtube.com/@LionsVirtualLive**
🔹 @USLionsRock **https://www.youtube.com/@USLionsRock**

🔹 Lions International **MLionsclubs.org Center** – Access training, leadership development, club resources, service information, marketing materials, and more.

🔷 lionsclubs.org **Lion AI (Ellie) –** Need help finding information? Looking for a resource, program details, or recommendations? Lion AI can help guide you to the answers faster.

Explore Lions Virtual:
🔷 lionsvirtual.org
🔷 Facebook: @LionsVirtual
🔷 Instagram: @lionsvirtual
🔷 YouTube: @LionsVirtualLive



Check out LionsUSA!
LionsUSA offers educational programs, leadership development resources, fellowship opportunities, and information designed to help Lions grow personally and strengthen their clubs and communities.

Explore these valuable resources:
🌐 lionsusa.org
📘 Facebook: LionsUSA.org
▶️ YouTube: @USLionsRock

Yours in Service,

Lion Drew Ogden
Vice District Governor
District 35-I, Florida

WE SERVE

November Service Spotlight **Diabetes:**

Diabetes in Youth

A 2026 JAMA Pediatrics analysis of the 2022–2024 National Survey of Children's Health found that **type 2 diabetes prevalence in U.S. youth aged 10–17 was nearly 3 per 1,000**, about four times higher than in a 2017 study of children in six U.S. areas The long-term trend data from the Colorado Diabetes Registry (2002–2023) show that **type 2 diabetes incidence among youth aged 10–19 increased almost 10-fold** — from 2.37 to 22.30 per 100,000 — while type 1 diabetes incidence rose only slightly, from 25.07 to 27.39 per 100,000.Type 1 diabetes incidence has remained relatively stable over the past two decades, with only a modest annual increase of about 0.66% before accelerating slightly in the last decade.

Why the difference, you may ask: Researchers attribute the ***preventable*** and sharp rise in youth-onset type 2 diabetes to factors such as **increasing childhood obesity, sedentary lifestyles, poor diet, and environmental exposures.** In contrast, type 1 diabetes remains largely ***unpreventable*** and its incidence has not shown the same dramatic acceleration.
CDC modeling projects that by 2060, if things don't change for our children, type 2 diabetes cases in young people could increase by **700%** if trends continue, compared to about 65% for type.
So, it is established that, type 2 diabetes in children and teens is increasing far more rapidly than type 1 diabetes, with incidence nearly 10 times higher over the past two decades. This underscores the ***urgent need*** for prevention strategies targeting obesity, diet, and physical activity in youth.

So how do we prevent and treat Childhood Diabetes Type 2? By providing nutrient-dense, balanced diet is foundational. Focus on whole foods such as vegetables, fruits, whole grains, legumes, and lean protein,.while limiting refined sugars and processed foods .Effective

strategies include portion control, the "plate method" (half vegetables, quarter protein, quarter complex carbs), and high-fiber foods to improve insulin sensitivity. Some herbs like cinnamon and foods like fenugreek seeds may support blood sugar regulation, but always under doctor supervision .

Regular exercise is crucial. Children and adolescents should aim for **about 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous activity daily**, including aerobic and strengthening activities . Family involvement can enhance adherence. Activities such as walking, swimming, yoga, or Tai Chi can improve insulin sensitivity and cardiovascular health. Medications could be used such as Metformin and GLP-1 drugs., but should be used as a last resort.

A simple Blood Sugar Check for children, using a glucometer could be the 1st step in determining a blood-sugar problem in children, as most pediatricians do not normally test for Type 2 Diabetes. How wonderful would it be if the Lions could help reduce the number of children to suffer from Type 2 Diabetes in the future by developing a juvenile Diabetes testing program.

Written by Antoinette Young Instone

References: CPD Online College+1, Rupa Health, National Institute of Health,Jam Network, News Medical.net.,Jheor.org, Cdc, Cpc online College



Next Month Service Spotlight: November – Military/Veterans

Message from 2nd VDG Christine Timmons-Malone

Imagine What's Possible

District 35I Newsletter Series

by Lion Christine Timmons-Malone, Second Vice District Governor, District 35I



NOVEMBER –

Imagine a Stronger Club

As Lions, we all want our clubs to be strong, healthy, and active in service. But strong clubs do not happen by accident. They are built intentionally—through relationships, leadership, communication, and a shared commitment to moving forward together.

Imagine your club one year from now. What do you see? A club with energized members? New ideas? Stronger meetings? More visible service? Greater participation? That kind of growth begins when members are willing to imagine not only what the club is today, but what it could become.

Sometimes the path to a stronger club starts with a simple question: "What is one thing we could do better?" Every club has potential. Every club has strengths to build on.

Imagine what your club could become—and help take it there.



It's That Time of Year Again –

Fall Conference Upcoming!



It's not too late to register for the

Multiple District 35 November Fall Conference!

📅 November 6–8, 2026

📍 The Florida Hotel – Orlando, Florida

Get ready for a great weekend of fellowship, learning, Lions, and FUN! This is always a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Lions from across Florida, meet new friends, exchange ideas, and attend interesting and informative seminars.

To register…..

Simply click the registration sign on the attached flyer or scan the QR code with your phone or tablet to get started.

https://www.tickettailor.com/events/lionsofmd35/2369372

Make your plans, invite your fellow Lions, and get registered!

We can't wait to see everyone in Orlando this November! 🦁🌴

See you at Fall Conference!

Multiple District 35 – Florida Lions


November Fall Conference Registration is LIVE!
Either click on the sign or scan the QR code with your phone or tablet to register.
MULTIPLE DISTRICT 35
CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 6-8
JOIN US!
Join us in Orlando at the Florida Hotel for interesting and informative seminars and of course FUN!

Lions Saving Sight
THE FLORIDA LIONS FOUNDATION

Be a GRAND Lion

Just a reminder that your foundation, Lions Saving Sight is committed to selling 100 Grand Lion Award during our year. For a donation of $1000 you can receive a Grand Lion award or clubs for the same donation can name a recipient in their club. The award has been redesigned to reflect our new name and is a beautiful addition to anyone's wall.

As an added benefit, if you purchase a GRAND LION, you will receive a free estate plan including a will and other important documents.

Please consider becoming or naming a GRAND LION today.

Please visit https://irp.cdn-website.com/125c5f0d/files/uploaded/LSS_PIN-Fillable.pdf

Submitted by PCC Blair S. "Chip" Kunka

President, Lions Saving Sight Foundation
Director, Beauty of Sight Eye Bank
Past Council Chair. Lions MD35
Past District Governor, Lions District 35I
captainbk@aol.com

District 35i Cookbook Coming

Once again, our District will be putting together an amazing cookbook. All recipes will fall into specific categories. Please see below for the details!

This project is a fundraiser for the Lighthouse Mobile Education Center. We raise money with a donation of $5 for each recipe submitted. This is lots of fun and we can raise substantial funds if many Lions participate. While $5 is the suggested donation per recipe, you can always donate more for this wonderful project. LET'S GET COOKING!

PDG Patty Jean Strong

LIONS DISTRICT 35-I FUNDRAISING PROJECT

AT OUR LAST DISTRICT MEETING
DG BEV FLYNN SPOKE ABOUT THE
DISTRICT WIDE FUNDRAISING PROJECT
TO SUPPORT THE
LIGHTHOUSE MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER

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PDG PATTY JEAN STRONG HAS
VOLUNTEERED TO PRODUCE AND SELL A
LIONS OF DISTRICT 35-I
COOKBOOK

HER COMMITTEE IS COMPRISED OF
PCC PENNY GREGRICH AND LION DIANE CLIFTON

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE CONTACT
PDG PATTY JEAN AT 239-292-5716



THE COOKBOOK WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

APPETIZERS, SPECIALITY SALADS, MAIN COURSE ITEMS (MEAT, POTATOES, VEGETABLES ETC.,
BREADS/ROLLS/MUFFINS, DESSERTS AND SPECIALITY DRINKS
Any of these can fit into breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks

LET'S HAVE FUN AND GIVE US YOUR FAVORITE FAMILY RECIPES!
NO LATER THAN JANUARY 21, 2027

PLEASE PRINT YOUR RECIPES ON 8 BY 11 ½ SHEETS
THE COST FOR EACH SUBMISSION WILL BE $5.00
MAILED TO:
PATTY JEAN STRONG, 19318 CONGRESSIONAL CT.
NORTH FORT MYERS, FL 33903

Mark your calendars!!!

District 35-I Meeting – November 21

Hello Lions,

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming District 35-I Meeting on ***Saturday, November 21, 2026****, at the Venezia Hotel, located at 425 U.S. 41 South, Venice, Florida.*

Registration and breakfast will be held from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM, and the meeting will be called to order at 9:45 AM.

Breakfast is $15 per person and includes scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage, breakfast potatoes, assorted Danish, coffee, and orange juice.

Breakfast reservations must be made no later than November 16.

Please RSVP for breakfast and also the meeting to DG Bev Flynn at lionbevflynn@aol.com or text 941-773-5705.

Checks should be sent in advance, made payable to District 35-I, and mailed to:

Lion Barbara McGillicuddy

744 White Pine Tree Road #212, Venice, FL 34285

There will also be a ***Silent Auction*** *held during the District Meeting. We are asking Lions to bake their favorite dessert, wrap it up for sale, and bring it as an auction entry. All proceeds will go toward a scholarship to the Florida Diabetes Camp for kids with diabetes in recognition of Diabetes Awareness Month.*

To place an entry in the auction, please contact Lion Loretta Barksdale, District Service Chair, at barksdaleloretta@gmail.com.

Please also remember to bring eyeglasses, hearing aids, and pop-tabs for recycling.

For those needing hotel accommodations, call the Venezia Hotel at 941-308-7700 and mention LIONS for a special room rate of $89 for November 20. Hotel reservations must be made by November 7.

We look forward to seeing everyone for fellowship, service, good food, and a stronger District!

Together We Serve

District 35-I Meeting

Mark Your Calendar!

Fellowship • Service • Together We Serve

SAT NOV 21 2026

Venezia Hotel
425 U.S. 41 South
Venice, Florida



Registration & Breakfast
8:00 am – 9:30 am

Silent Auction
8:00 am – 9:30 am
A separate flyer will be sent with more information.

Meeting Called to Order
9:45 am

Join Us!

Good Food • Great People • A Stronger District!



Breakfast Includes:

- Scrambled Eggs
- Bacon and Sausage
- Breakfast Potatoes
- Assorted Danish
- Coffee and Orange Juice

$15 per person

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Bring Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids and Pop-tops for recycling



Call the Venezia Hotel and mention **LIONS** for a special room rate of **$89** for November 20th.
Reservations must be made by November 7th.

941-308-7700

Cookies, Pies, Cakes – OH MY!

Who doesn't like dessert!



Bake your favorite dessert and wrap it up for a sale.
We need lots of entries!



Silent Auction

There will be a Silent Auction held at the District Meeting on **November 21st.**

All proceeds will go towards a scholarship to the **Florida Diabetes Camp** for kids with diabetes in recognition of **Diabetes Awareness Month.**

Florida Diabetes Camp
Camp. Friends. Life.

To place an entry in the auction, please contact **Lion Loretta Barksdale,** our District Service Chair at **barksdaleloretta@gmail.com**

Around Our District – Celebrating Service

Clearwater Hosts September Zone 3 Meeting

The Clearwater Lions Club was proud to host the September 17th **Zone 3 Meeting** at Roosterfish Grill, bringing together approximately 27 Lions for an evening of fellowship, friendship, and fun.

All six clubs in Zone 3 were represented: **Palm Harbor, Clearwater, Safety Harbor, Largo, St. Petersburg, and Gulfport.**

The evening began with a **Meet & Greet Bingo Mixer**, giving members a chance to connect with Lions from other clubs, share stories, and learn more about the wonderful work happening throughout our communities. Congratulations to our Bingo winners and our lucky 50/50 raffle winner!

We were especially pleased to welcome **District Governor Lion Bev Flynn** and **Zone Chair Lion Teri Barnett**. The evening also included a special moment as **Clearwater and St. Petersburg each welcomed a new member into Lions through induction.** Special thanks to Clearwater Lions Club President Michael Murphy for hosting the evening and Program Coordinator Lion Heather Rudolph-Murphy for making the arrangements and for conducting the BINGO games!



Our **Zone Showcase Slideshow** was unable to be shown that evening, but Safety Harbor has graciously offered to feature it at our next Zone Meeting.

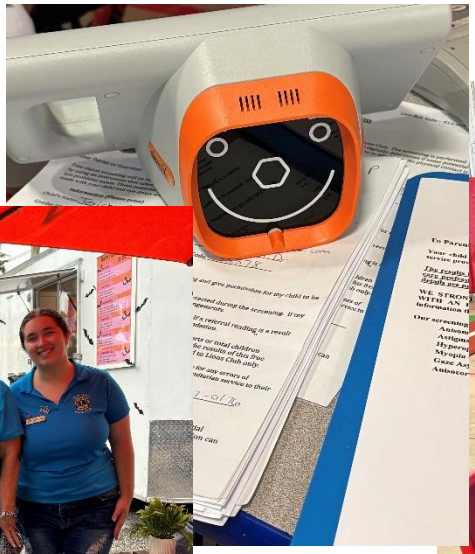
We are already looking forward to coming together again and celebrating the service and accomplishments of clubs throughout Zone 3.

Different clubs. Shared purpose. Stronger communities.

We Serve!

The Riverview Lions Club has been active over the past few months. Our main project is children's vision screening. Since August 1st, we have screened 438 children at 10 events. Our club has been asked to help at a monthly vendor event, which earns money for the club. We also have the opportunity to introduce our club to the community at these events.

We serve, we serve,
Yes we do,
We are the Lions
of Riverview.









CLEARWATER LIONS CLUB

BAGS, BREWS, AND BARBECUE

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

★ NOVEMBER 7, 2026 ★

CHECK IN
12:30 PM

TOURNAMENT BEGINS
1:30 PM

$40
PER TEAM
Must use our bags & boards
NO EXCEPTIONS

SOGGY BOTTOM BREWERY
662 Main St.
Dunedin, FL 34698

Come out for a fun day of cornhole, great music, awesome raffle baskets, cold beer, and delicious BBQ from Q Barbeque (available for purchase next door).

All proceeds benefit the Clearwater Lions Club and our local service projects.

SOUTHERN BBQ & CATERING

SCAN TO LEARN MORE & REGISTER!



Bradenton Lions Club News

The "We Care for our Community Club" at Williams Elementary invited Bradenton Lions Jan and PCC Chip Kunka to visit and explain our mission of vision screening. After a demonstration of the "screening camera", we explained our mission of helping people to see. This group of 2nd to 4th grade students then began a plan to promote collection of readers and sunglasses that we will take to Manatee County Turning Points for the homeless. *(Photos of students and teacher Lyndsey Connolly are below. All students pictured have signed consent from their parents.)*







Lions Humanitarian Service Lived Out

Lions Humanitarian Service causes of HUNGER, and hygiene kits supporting HUMANITARIAN CAUSES



The Lions motto, "WE SERVE", is lived daily by Lion Jessica Duncan and Lion John Curtis of the East Pasco Lions Club. Together, along with the East Pasco Lions and other community members, they have been keeping "Blessing Boxes" stocked for those in the community that need a little help.

The "Blessing Boxes" are filled with donations of food, clothing and hygiene kits. They are stocked by East Pasco Lions and community members, taking some of the pressure off Lion Jess and Lion John. But it doesn't stop with just the "Blessing Boxes". Lion Jess and Lion John prepare hot meals such as hot dogs. They fill a backpack with the meals and head out on their motorcycle to provide warm meals.

The East Pasco Lions support the effort by getting together to put together lunch bags with sandwiches, water and a snack to support one of the Lions International global causes.

Lion Jess and Lion John were recently recognized for their humanitarian service, receiving a Lions International President's Certificate of Appreciation presented by Past International Director Robert Littlefield.



Director Robert says, it takes a community of caring individuals to ensure that no one is left behind.

Take a minute and look around your community and see where YOU can make the greatest impact as a Lion and a Lions Club.

Venice Lions Club – WE SERVE



Venice Lions cleaning our Adopt-A-Park on Make a Difference Day with the help of our community partners.

Venice Lions held a Mental Health Awareness event.

The Venice Lions also collected and donated food to a local food pantry.





East Pasco Lions: Newest Club in District 35 I

The East Pasco Lions Club chartered on August 6, 2026, and celebrated their Charter Night on October 10, 2026. It was an amazing evening of fellowship, food and fun.

The evening was emceed by our very own *District Governor Beverly Flynn*. She did a wonderful job keeping the event moving forward as we inducted, installed and recognized many members of the East Pasco Lions.

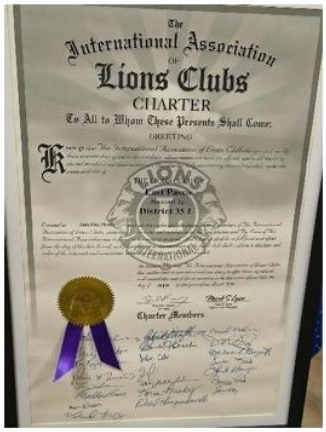


Lion's *Past International Director Dr. Robert Littlefield* was the guest speaker on the topic of Lions service – it's all about collaboration not competition – ***"Serving Together"*** to meet the needs of our communities.

PID Littlefield then inducted thirty-one members into the East Pasco Lions Club who will be ***"Serving Together"*** with other clubs in District 35 I, Multiple District 35 Lions International providing service not only locally, but for our global community. We serve It was awesome to see families becoming Lions too – grandmother, mother and son, and mother, father and daughter – ***"Serving Together"*** to make our world just a little bit more kind.



After the induction, PID Littlefield installed the East Pasco Lions slate of officers for the 2026-27 Lions year. He used an Olympic theme for each officer's installation and presented each with a medal to recognize the importance of each of their responsibilities.



Representing Lions International PID Littlefield presented Lion Jessica Duncan and Lion John Curtis with the International President Mark S. Lyon's Certificate of Appreciation



for the work ensuring that community humanitarian and hunger needs are being met.

He also presented two recognitions on behalf of Immediate Past President and Current Lions Clubs International Foundation Chair, A.P. Singh. PDG Paula Beach received the limited edition Presidential Strong Finish Medal for her excellent leadership and support of Mission 1.5 during 2025-26. Past Internation Director Roderick Wright received the Lions Clubs International Chairperson's Medal for his guidance and support of LCIF in raising over $30,000.00 and achieving a 10% increased donation over the previous year.

PCC Robert Jenkins, the District 35 I LCIF Coordinator, was up next to recognize Lions for their donations to the Foundation. PCC Jenkins present an initial Melvin Jones recognition plaque and pin to Lion Lynn Sisson for her continued support of LCIF.



PDG Paula Beach was presented with her Progressive 5 Diamond Yellow Gold Pin and PID Roderick Wright was recognized with at the 1 Blue Sapphire Yellow Gold level of giving.

Sixteen East Pasco Lions were recognized with the LCIF Mark S. Lyon Presidential Support Pin. Recipients at the BRONZE LEVEL were Lion Jeanne Biegler, Lion John Curtis, Lion Brianna Cyrus, Lion Vincent Ellis, Lion Dr. Barbara Klingensmith, Lion Ritchel Klingensmith, Lion Robee Punako, and Lion Susan Todd. Recipients at the SILVER LEVEL were Lion Lori Garza, Lion Janie Gunnell, Lion Jim Kilby, and Lion Valaria Kilby. Recognized at the GOLD LEVEL were PDG Paula Beach, Lion Jessica Duncan, Lion Lynn Sisson and PID Roderick Wright.

Lions Clubs International Foundation

Lions Saving Sight
THE FLORIDA LIONS FOUNDATION

Past Council Chair Blair "Chip" Kunka and Lion Anita McHenry presented Lion Lynn Sisson and Lion Susan Todd with Life Memberships in the Lions Saving Sight Foundation. PDG Paula Beach and PID Rod Wright both received recognition at the Builder Level.

As the Lions International Board were meeting in Poland, DG Beverly read letters of congratulations from International President Mark S. Lyons and International Director Diana Castillo.

DG Beverly presented the East Pasco Lions Banner and Gong on behalf of District 35 I who sponsored the club. Below PDG Paula presented Charter President Janie Gunnell with a 50th Lions Club International Anniversary Gavel.







The East Pasco Lions Charter President Janie Gunnell closed out the evening presenting gifts and thanking those who attended for making the celebration very memorable.

She recognized the **Vets Feeding Vets** President Lion Ernie Smith as one of the community organizations that the East Pasco Lions partner with ***"Serving Together".***

Special thanks go out to Marion Smith Florist who provided the flowers for the added ambiance.

And the icing on the event was the East Pasco Lions presenting a check for $500.00 to DG Bev as a first installment for the vision equipment match for the Lions Foundation Vision Grant.

A **ROARING** good time had by all.

East Pasco Lions are excited about ***"Serving Together"*** with the Lions of District 35 I, Multiple District 35 and the Lions of the world.

Please email your news, notes, photos and announcements for our 2026-27 Lions District 35I newsletter to:
paulapaquette@aol.com (newsletter editor)
Photos can be e mailed in any format as an attachment.
Please email documents in Word (not as a pdf). THANK YOU!

We Serve

Lions Impact: Giving Back

Service doesn't always have to cost a lot of money to make a difference. The East Pasco Lions are *"Serving Together"* by partnering with **Vets Feeding Vets** and filling a need of hands to serve, collecting plastic grocery bags that are then recycled by the Vets when they come to **Vet Feeding Vets** to select their food items.

Lion Ernie Smith is the President of **Vets Feeding Vets**. The Lions go on Thursday to help pre-fill bags with canned goods and other items for each of the Vets who come in on Friday to pick up their food. On Friday, the Lions assist with the stocking and restocking of food items for pick-up.

The East Pasco Lions are also trying to be environmentally conscious by recycling metal cans, aluminum cans, pop tabs, and prescription bottles supporting Lions International ENVIRONMENTAL causes.





Partnering with other Lions Clubs and community and service organizations that are providing the same services so that your finances stretch further meeting more needs.

They collect eyeglasses to be repurposed, used sunglasses to be cleaned and given out to those in need supporting the Lions International VISION causes.



You can serve by

- reading to children at your local library or elementary school.
- Visiting a nursing home and interacting with the residents.
- Creating Christmas, holiday, Thinking of You – cards to cheer up send to military abroad, nursing homes or care facilities.

Remember, Lion Clubs are the catalyst for impacting the change to make your communities just a little bit more KIND with one service moment at a time. ***"LIVE TO SERVE, SERVE TO FEEL ALIVE"***.

"SERVING TOGETHER"

Dade City Hispanic American Lions

By PID Roderick Wright

The Dade City Hispanic American Lions Club is a true hidden gem within District 35 I. Although they have not been active at the district level, they spend their energy serving their community.

President Margarita Romo leads from her heart, encouraging the Lions to serve unconditionally for all. Lion Margarita will turn 90 this month and is proud to do so. If we all had her *lions-heart* the world would be so much more caring.



PDG Paula Beach is acting as the Guiding Lion with the assistance of the East Pasco Lions. During a recent visit the two clubs shared what they are doing for service and discussed collaboration on future endeavors.

Upcoming will be an opportunity for the two clubs do complete a glucose training session so that they can better serve their communities.



It is unbelievable what the Dade City Lions Club does. From providing meals for 150 dinners on a regular basis taking care of the basic needs of those who sometimes are forgotten. But they provide the service without judgement, only with love for their fellow community members.



If you get an opportunity to visit the Dade City Hispanic American Club you should do so as you will leave uplifted, re-energized and knowing what true Lions humanitarian service is. Thank you, Dade City Hispanic American Lions, for shedding your light.



Regional Lions Leadership Institute

The Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) prepares Lions and Leos who are ready to pursue leadership roles at the club, zone, district, or multiple district level. The core + elective curriculum offers a consistent foundation while allowing flexibility to meet local leadership development needs.

Core Sessions:

• Fast and Effective Teams (90 minutes): Discover how to quickly build effective teams and what makes them perform at their best.
• Keeping Members Engaged (90 minutes): Increase member engagement and retention by discussing various strategies to ensure that club members, especially new members, feel they are an important part of the club.
• International Priorities (90 minutes): Learn about and actively support our organization's international priorities.
• Overcoming Resistance (60 minutes): Recognize how to get to the root cause of resistance and how to communicate an empathetic solution. Electives Recommended for Club Level Leaders:
• Communicating in a Fast-paced World (60 minutes) : Explore the pros and cons of using digital communication tools as well as best practices to ensure digital communication is effective.
• Meeting in a Fast-paced World (60 minutes): Understand the benefits and best practices of virtual meetings.
• Delegation (90 minutes): Identify the advantages of delegating and how to implement delegation effectively.
• Goal Setting (120 minutes): Understand the value of establishing goals and develop a plan to achieve goals.

Additional Electives

• Opening Session (60 minutes): Get to know your faculty and fellow participants.
• Lions Fundamentals (120 minutes): Understand the association's history, principles and structure, while exploring the benefits of membership.
• Diversity (90 minutes): Recognize the value of diversity and the benefits it can provide clubs.
• Public Speaking (60 minutes): Use a framework for preparing speeches and learn guidelines for effective delivery.
• Time Management (60 minutes): Review the importance of time management, identify obstacles and provide strategies for overcoming those obstacles.
• Personal Mission Statement. (60 minutes): Develop your own personal mission statement
• Local Issues & Opportunities (90 minutes): Discuss topic-specific needs or interests of your local area.

Lions International MD-35 Regional Lions Leadership Institute

March 11-14, 2027 Florida Hotel, 1500 Saad Lake Rd., Orlando, FL

Check in 3:30 PM Thursday-Depart Sunday 11:20 AM

Registration Fee of only $250 includes:

Hotel Room for 3 Nights Eight Meals (Thursday Diner -Sunday Breakfast)

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 ___

Please inform us of any special needs or diets.

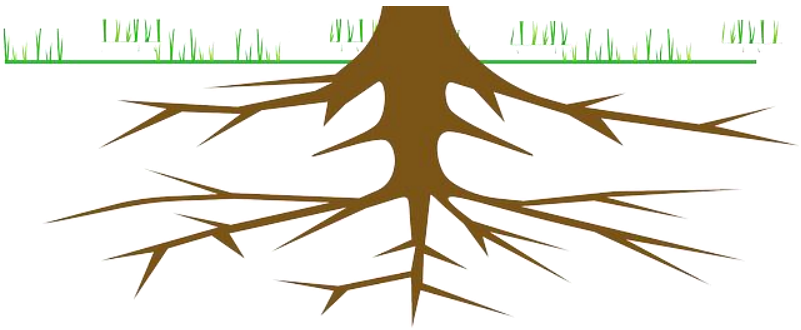
Room Accommodations: Double Occupancy *(Single Occupancy add $100)*

Roommate, Special Needs & Diets *(if applicable – list below)*

Make Checks Payable to: MD-35 Lions

Send Check and Registration to: MD-35 Lions 331 W. Central Ave., Suite 246 Winter Haven, Florida 33880

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Lions International – News



Future

LIONS International Conventions

Washington D.C. July 2-6, 2027

Singapore, June 23-27, 2028

Minneapolis, MN 2029

San Antonio TX 2030

Helsinki Finland 2031

Future

USA/Canada LIONS Leadership Forums

Huntsville, Alabama

September 16-18, 2027

Lions International has carefully curated its EIGHT GLOBAL CAUSES. The association has undertaken thoughtful study and conversation to find its primary focuses within these eight needs that impact every Lions service area around the world. Here in District 35I, we strive to positively impact these needs in our local communities to make all of the todays and tomorrows brighter for those WE SERVE.

NEWSLETTER CONTEST

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Are you ready for a little friendly competition?

This year, the District is sponsoring a contest to recognize some of the best Lions Club's communication newsletters.

NEWSLETTER CONTEST RULES:

Here is the criteria for scoring, each category is worth **10 points** –

1. Masthead – Name of the newsletter, the edition number or the month published
2. Club name, City, State and website
3. Announcement of day, time, and place of the club meeting
4. A Member's Message – A Club President's message or any other club member sharing an idea or thought for the good of the club
5. List of upcoming events for the club, zone, district, etc., with the date
6. Items about the zone and district events
7. Committee reports
8. Club Activities planned for club socials
9. Announcements of activities or projects completed by the club with pictures
10. Names of the Club President, 1VP, 2VP, Secretary and Treasurer along with the Newsletter Editor's name (email addresses if permitted)

25 POINTS EXTRA CREDIT: Personal interviews or stories about club members – "Getting to know our members"



The contest will run from September through April. The winners will be recognized at the Multiple District Convention in May. The District Governor's home club, as well as the club judging the contest, will abstain from participation in the contest.

All newsletters must be emailed and received by the judging committee no later than the 10th of the month of the newsletter edition.

All entries should be sent to: The Riverview Lions Club at bkalle813@gmail.com.