

Lions District 35-I Monthly Newsletter

News and Updates

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What makes a Family?



Since the beginning of time, there was the family unit...often referred to as a tribe. It wasn't what we consider now a traditional one made up of a father, mother, and child...but it was family.

Webster not only defines family in the traditional sense, but also as *'a group of people united by certain convictions or a common affiliation; fellowship, community of interest, activity, feeling, or experience.'* Which perfectly describes what Lions are supposed to be.

At our last district meeting I talked about my family. In 1915, a year after the start of WW1, Dad became the second born child to Mariano and Maria LaSpina and grew up during the depression and prohibition.



Mariano & Maria LaSpina

During that time, he lost two brothers, 6-year-old Vito in 1922 and 1-year-old Jacob in 1924. A few years later, when Dad was around 15, his mother's depression over the loss of her two sons led to her taking her life.

Each event molded Dad into the man he became.

I shared this story only to stress that each of our experiences are unique to us.



Michael (Dad) & Salvatore



Vito

No two people experience the same life events. Similar maybe, but not the same. All events have shaped our personalities and how we look at life. Each member of your club also has a different story to tell. How we respond to their uniqueness and our personal interactions with them determines if your club is perceived by others as accepting and caring. I'm not saying that bad behavior be condoned or to be 'Dr. Phil' analyzing and offering life advice. Remember 'Kindness Matters', that life is precious and should be handled with care.

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As in every family there will be times that differences of opinion may cause conflict, but it should never lead to separation and loss of fellowship. My greatest desire for every club is for it to be a family of like-minded brothers and sisters focused on serving their community and caring for each other.

With much respect,



Gary Michael LaSpina
District Governor, 35-I
Famiglia Forte - *Family Strong*



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1st Vice District Governor's Message

Lion Patty Jean Strong



ONE

**ONE TREE CAN START A FOREST
ONE DROP OF WATER CAN START AN OCEAN
ONE SMILE CAN BEGIN A FRIENDSHIP
ONE GOAL CAN WIN A GAME
ONE SINGLE FLAME CAN LIGHT THE WAY
ONE HAND CAN LIFT A SOUL
ONE CANDLE CAN WIPE OUT THE DARKNESS
ONE LAUGH CAN CONQUER THE GLOOM
ONE HOPE CAN RAISE A PERSON'S SPIRITS
ONE TOUCH CAN SHOW THAT YOU CARE
ONE SPARK CAN LIGHT A FIRE
ONE LIFE CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE
ONE ACT OF KINDNESS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD**

BE THE ONE

As Lions we have chosen to give freely of our time and efforts to volunteer within our communities and across the world to be.....

THE ONE

Proudly wear your Lions Pin as a symbol everywhere you go of the commitment you have made to be.....

THE ONE

35-I CLUB NEWS



1st Vice-District Governor Patty Jean inducted two new Lions into the Cape Coral Club with President Amy proudly welcoming them.

Past District Governor William "Bill" Moulton from the Cape Coral Lions Club received his angel wings.

Lion Bill was an amazing Lion leader and a wonderful musician.



VENICE



Christal Snell was installed by Lion Jeff Myles on February 15th as the newest Venice Lions. Lion Christal is sponsored by Lion Barbara McGillicuddy.

March Zone 4 Meeting St. Petersburg Lions Club

DISTRICT 35-I, ZONE 4 MEETING

Hosted by the St Petersburg Lions Club
Happy St Patrick's Day



Wednesday, March 20, 2024

St Petersburg Lions Beach House
9300 West Gulf Blvd
Treasure Island, FL 33706

Social Hour 6:00 pm
Call to Order 6:30 pm

Corned Beef and Cabbage with Soda Bread
(A vegetarian option will be available)

Cost of dinner is \$10.00

RSVP by March 10, 2024

Lion Mike Masterson
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April 35-I Environmental Project



**Month
Earth Day
2024**

District 35-I Environmental Project

**Let's do our part this April by
improving the environment around
our communities!**

**Clean-up a Beach - a Waterway
a Roadway - a Community Park
or Plant a Tree...**

For 25 project ideas go to:

lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/environment



**Recognition at May's MD35 Convention for
'Best Environmental Project'
and the
'Most Environmental Service Hours'**



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 35 CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Use link below to access forms

[Registration Forms](#)

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 35 2024 CONVENTION MAY 3RD TO 5TH



The Florida Hotel and
Conference Center
1500 Sand Lake Road
Orlando, FL 32809
\$129.00 per night



The phone # to call is: (800) 588-4656

Group name: *Lions Club International*

Block # 1129203

To book online: *Lions Club International 2024*

Check In time 4:00 PM - Check out 11:00 AM

The discount rate is no longer available after 4.18.24

*Complementary Hotel Self Parking for Lions of Florida for: 1 vehicle per room per night.
Key accessible gated parking - Unlimited in room high speed internet - Pet Friendly

2024 MD-35 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM - PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY:

#1 _____ SPECIAL MEAL _____
FIRST PERSON'S NAME

ADDRESS _____

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

TITLE / OFFICE _____

PHONE # (In the event we need to contact you) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (A Confirmation Email will be sent) _____

#2 _____ SPECIAL MEAL _____
SECOND PERSON'S NAME

ADDRESS _____

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

TITLE / OFFICE _____

PHONE # (In the event we need to contact you) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (A Confirmation Email will be sent)

Remit To:
MD-35 Lions of Florida & Bahamas
503 N. Orlando Avenue, Suite 201
Cocoa Beach, FL 32931-3171

2024 MD-35 Convention

May 3 - 5, 2024

Person #1	Person #2	EVENT	Ticket Price if Order Postmarked BEFORE April 1, 2024	Ticket Price if Order Postmarked On or AFTER April 1, 2024	NUMBER OF TICKETS	TOTAL
		REGISTRATION FEE (Non refundable)	\$ 20.00 -		X	
		LEO REGISTRATION FEE (Non refundable)	\$ 10.00 -		X	
		(Please Specify Meal Choice where Noted)				
		FL LIONS FOUNDATION BREAKFAST - BUFFET Friday, May 3rd 8:00 AM	\$ 30.00 -	\$ 35.00	x	
		DISTRICT LUNCHEON - BUFFET Friday, May 3rd 12:00 Noon	\$ 35.00 -	\$ 40.00	x	
		AROUND THE WORLD BUFFET Friday, May 3rd 7:00 PM. Dinner Buffet, Music & Fun	\$ 55.00 -	\$ 60.00	x	
		RECOGNITION BREAKFAST - BUFFET Saturday, May 4th 7:00 AM	\$ 30.00 -	\$ 35.00	x	
		FLORIDA LIONS LUNCHEON - BUFFET Saturday, May 4th 12:00 Noon	\$ 35.00 -	\$ 40.00	x	
		TARNISHED BRASS - BUFFET Saturday, May 4th 12:00 Noon	\$ 35.00 -	\$ 40.00	x	
		VIP LUNCHEON Saturday, May 4th 12:00 Noon	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	x	XXXXXX
		GOVERNORS BANQUET Saturday, May 4th 7:15 PM	\$ 50.00 -	\$ 55.00	x	
		Check Your Choice _____ Grilled Salmon w/Cream sauce _____ Grilled Chicken Lemon Caper _____ Flank Steak w/Mushrooms				
		FOUNDATION BREAKFAST - BUFFET Sunday, May 5th, 8:30 AM	\$ 30.00 -	\$ 35.00	x	
					Total	

☐ CHECK HERE FOR SPECIAL MEAL(Please specify)

Did you include your Registration Fee & Form???

Cut off for Meal Orders: April 22, 2024

☐ CHECK HERE FOR CONVENTION BADGE ONLY

To register online: <https://conference.com/eventmanager/online/registration.asp?eventcode=jp1>

International Third Vice President Mark S. Lyons Special Guest at the Multiple District 35 Convention



Lions Clubs International Third Vice President Mark S. Lyons will be our Special Guest during our Multiple District 35 Convention May 2nd - 5th at the Florida Hotel, Orlando, FL.

Mark S. Lyon, from Brookfield, Connecticut, USA, was elected to serve as third vice president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105th International Convention, held in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, from July 7 through July 11, 2023.

Vice President Lyon has worked in corporate legal administration and financial services for over 40 years. He is currently board administration manager with Synchrony Financial.

As a long-time resident of Brookfield and an active volunteer in his community, church and local government, his connection with Lions was already very well established before he became a member with the Brookfield Lions Club in 1996. Since then, he has held a number of offices within the associa-

tion including international director, multiple district council chairperson and multiple district GLT coordinator.

In addition to his Lions activities, Vice President Lyon is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served on the board of directors for the Silver Lake Conference Center and Wide Horizons for Children. He is an associate member of the American Bar Association and a past member of the Association of Legal Administrators, the Society of Corporate Secretaries and Governance Professionals and the Shareholder Services Association.

He was also appointed as a member of the LCI Forward project team, as a Global Action Team area leader, as a District Governor-Elect Seminar group leader, and as board liaison to the 2019 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum executive committee. Vice President Lyon has also served as presenter, faculty and participant at countless training events and leadership forums throughout the years.

In recognition for his service, he has received multiple International President's Awards and International President's Certificates of Appreciation as well as an International President's Leadership Award. Vice President Lyon is also a recipient of the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. Additionally, he has been recognized as a Connecticut Knight of the Blind and a Connecticut Ambassador of Sight, and is the recipient of a number of project and service-related certificates.

Vice President Lyon is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. His wife, Carolyn Faris Lyon, is also a long-time Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. They are the proud parents of three incredible daughters.





Lion Beverly Flynn

District 35-I Candidate

Second Vice District Governor

2024-2025



How Can I Help?

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LionBevFlynn@aol.com

Biography

- Born in Covington, Kentucky
- Moved to Florida at age 2
- Residing in Venice, Florida
- Received Florida Dispensing Optician License in 1979
- Owned and Operated an Optical Dispensing Boutique

Venice Lions Club Service

- Joined the Venice Lions Club in 2006
- Served as Club President Four Years
- Served as 3rd, 2nd and 1st Vice President
- Served as Club Secretary Six Years
- Served as Club Administration Treasurer
- Served in all other Club Officer Positions

District Lions Service

- Cabinet Secretary
- Cabinet Treasurer
- District 35-I Hearing Foundation Chair Seven Years
- Environmental Service Co-Chair
- Served as Zone Chair Five Years
- Current Certified Guiding Lion

Recognitions

- Club Lion of the Year
- Club Melvin Jones Fellow Recognition
- District Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow
- Three District Governor Appreciation Certificates
- District 35-I Lion of the Year Award
- District 35-I Crusader Award
- Two International President Certificates of Appreciation
- International President Award Medal

My Promise To YOU

As a District leader, the job is to help, support, and guide our local clubs. If elected, I will start by asking each of you the same thing -

How Can I Help?

I promise I will **SERVE WITH YOU** with the experience, dignity, and friendship of a LION.





PDG Lion Jaquie Tripp

From the Palm Coast Ormond Beach Observer

February 22, 2024

...“Lion Jaquie Tripp is running for International Director of Lions Clubs, and in May, during the Lions Multiple District convention in Orlando, she will run against a candidate from Miami to move on to the next level, which involves an interview with an international board member...”

“...The candidates will then continue their campaign for international director”.

“I’m trying to help the Lions Club get fresh ideas, get fresh members and do a full refresh; kind of like cleaning a closet and rearranging things,” Tripp said.

Past District Governor Lion Jaquie Tripp was featured in the February 22nd article:

“Former Seabreeze High School teacher running for Lions Club international director position”



Dr. Patti Hill
International President
2023 — 2024



“You know the difference one Lion can make. You know the difference your club has made. Together, we are changing the world one life, one relationship and one community at a time.”

**Coming Events
Mark Your Calendars:**

Future District 35-I District Meetings

March 16, 2024 - District Wide Family Day
Zephyrhills Lions Club House
5827 Dean Dairy Rd, Zephyrhills, FL 33541

April 6, 2024 - Mini-Convention
Lake Placid Lions
First Presbyterian Church
118 North Oak Avenue
Lake Placid, FL 33852



MD-35 Council of Governors Sessions, Conferences, Conventions

May 3 - 5, 2024 - MD Convention (DG/1VDG/2VDG arrive May 2nd)
The Florida Hotel, 1500 Sand Lake Rd, Orlando, FL 32809

COG Sessions:
March 9, 2024



Regional Lions Leadership Institute

March 21-24, 2024
Life Enrichment Center
4990 Picciola Rd, Fruitland Park, FL 34731

Global Leadership
Team



Advanced Lions Leadership Institute

TBA 2025

Lions Clubs International Conventions

lclcon.lionsclubs.org
2024 – June 21st thru 25th Melbourne, Australia
2025 – July 4th thru 8th Mexico City, Mexico
2026 – July 3rd thru 7th Atlanta, GA
2027 – July 2nd thru 6th Washington, DC
2028 – June 23rd thru 27th Singapore



USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

lionsforum.org
2024 – September 5-7 in Louisville, Kentucky

