

# THE North Brevard Lions Club

## "The Mane Mail"

*Taking our community by the tail!*

### *Message from the President*

**H**appy New Year! Wow 2008 already! What a great time we have ahead of us! - So many opportunities are just around the corner waiting for us to shine.

As we start the new year we have a few projects under our belt for 2007 for us to feel good about. They included...

- ~ Chartering of new club
- ~ Trick or Treat for Sight
- ~ Christmas Parade
- ~ Glasses collection
- ~ Country Acres wish angels

Now with 2008 here we need to look forward and really increase our efforts. Some of the events/goals we need to plan for are (but in no way limited to...)

- ~ White Cane Day
- ~ Conklin Center Trip
- ~ Continued eyeglass/hearing aid collection
- ~ Club Visitations
- ~ Fundraisers

Every member of our club is valuable and has skills to bring to the club to help us all grow and learn.

I truly believe that our community will reap the benefits of what we sow together as Lions.

Our 1st program in January will be a video from Lions International about the Dilated Eye Exam - And also a few short powerpoint presentations also from Lions International and maybe a photography slide show from yours truly if we have time.

Remember that every meeting is important and I encourage you to attend. The meeting structure will be changing soon so you will be able to return to work sooner with fewer bottlenecks after the meetings.

I am also thankful for the important feedback that you provide, and I want you to know that the board reviews all of your concerns. We officers cannot do our jobs without you!

I am very fortunate to have the honor of leading you into the new year

*~ Yours in Lionism,  
Edmund M. Kindle*

January 2008



*Greetings From the North  
Brevard Lions Club!*

What's

**NEW** This

**Month**

- ◆ Message From The President
- ◆ Sight Sites
- ◆ Secretary's Corner
- ◆ Logo Design
- ◆ Membership status
- ◆ Meeting Calendar

Mailing Address :  
6405 Dallas Ave  
Port St. John, FL 32927

## Classified Ads

Post your items for here  
for other club  
members. Sell your items,  
Trade them, or just  
plain give them away.

Classified Ad submissions to  
emkindle@bellsouth.net  
or call 514-0096 to make  
arrangements.

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Please let me know what I  
can do to help you get  
more out of your Lions Club!

Remember, this is **your** club!  
Everyone should  
be involved!

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## January Birthdays

Larry Beenblossom  
Don Conover  
Mae Mathews  
Melvin Jones

## January Anniversaries

Don & Anne Conover

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Corrections / Additions  
Suggestions / Complaints

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## *Get more involved!*

### **Help wanted!**

#### **Positions needed - "Do you have what it takes?"**

##### **Fundraising Chairperson -**

To oversee fundraising committee and fundraisers.

##### **Fundraising committee -**

To help plan and coordinate fundraising activities.

##### **Membership Chairperson -**

To oversee membership activities and membership drives and to help  
recruit new members.

Remember, you will not be alone, there will be help when you need it.

Thanks to Marlene Squires for volunteering to be Hearing Chair and to  
Lion Tamer Lisa Squaglia for agreeing to assist her.

**This is YOUR club - Help make it great! - See an officer for  
details on how you can help!**

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### ***Breaking News!***

Sight Chairperson Lion Randy Alpha is working on our very first Florida  
Lions Foundation Prosthetic Eye Case - He will keep us posted on the  
progress and results - We hope to have a prosthetic for a resident of  
Mims soon.



### ***Attendance***



We have four members who have  
perfect attendance at the close of  
the last reporting period

Karen Johnson  
Robert Smiley  
John Oster  
Ed Kindle

Congratulations!

Attendance is recorded with  
International, so remember if  
you miss a meeting you can  
make it up by attending another  
club's meeting - Lion Smiley  
and I frequently visit the other  
clubs in our area (we are trying  
to steal a gavel - did I say that  
out loud) and we would be happy  
to give a ride!  
We have a new schedule in this  
month's issue.

***www.lionsclubs.org***

# From the Secretary's Desk

The dues for the second half of the year are due now - I have invoices ready for those who have not paid yet.

If you have not placed an order for your vest - You may do so at the January 10th meeting - The order will be placed on the 11th - *NO COD's* - You must have paid for a vest to have it ordered!



If you are a member who is paid current on your dues - We will order your name tag ~ See me to confirm any spelling issues.

Once you have your vest and name tag - you will need to wear them to each meeting or face the "roar" of the Tail Twister looking for fines for the fine bank!

~ Bob Smiley

## INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT 35-D - REGION I ZONE III

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### MEETINGS

Second and Fourth Thursdays of each month, 12 o'clock Noon  
Caffe Chocolat - Rt US 1 & Main St.  
Titusville, Fl 32780

January is  
Glaucoma  
awareness month.

The Muzzle of a lion  
is like a fingerprint ~  
No two lions have  
the same pattern  
of whiskers.

## Misc...

If you have something to  
add to the newsletter -  
please get it to me in  
plenty of time to insert it  
into the next issue.

**A Lion's Roar can  
be heard from five  
miles away.**

If you change your mailing  
address, email address  
or phone number,  
please be sure to let us know  
so we can update our records.  
~Thanks

**Bring a friend  
to The North  
Brevard  
Lions  
Club**

We are ordering eyeglass donation boxes and will be placing them in several "Permanent" locations We will start with 10.

The 10 locations so far are...

1. Parrish Medical Center - West entrance
2. Parrish Medical Center - South entrance
3. Parrish Senior Consultation Center - Dr. Tronetti's Office
4. Chamber of Commerce
5. Sears Optical
6. Contento Hearing Center
7. North Brevard Historical Museum
8. Driftwoods restaurant
9. TBA
10. TBA



Other locations may be used during holidays where we make drop off containers such as the pumpkins for Halloween and the baskets for Christmas. If you have suggestions on a good location such as a church to place a collection box - Please let me know.

### ***New Members!***

Dr. Pam Tronetti  
~ Associate Member

Robbie Robinson  
~ Full Member

**Welcome!**

### **~ Meeting Schedule for January ~**

- Business Meeting January 10th @ noon  
Caffe Chocolate - US 1 & Main
- Board meets January 17th @ noon
- Speaker Meeting January 24th @ noon  
New Location ! Details at Jan 10th Meeting!

## **Eyeglass Donation**



Update

**975 Pair of Eyeglasses**  
**133 pair of sunglasses**  
**286 Eyeglass cases**  
**1 Laser cartridge**  
**56 ink jet cartridges**  
**10 hearing aids**

I am hoping to take our initial collection to the cabinet meeting in Fort Pierce on the 19th of January!



This is where we stand on the logo -  
We will need a final vote - or last call for suggestions at the January 10th meeting.

*[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)*



### **Blind Babies Program**

The goal of the Conklin Center's Early Intervention Program is to help children with visual disabilities get a solid start in life so they can be independent and enter school with their sighted peers.

Our specialized home and center-based services stimulate and enhance achievement of developmental milestones. The program is designed to help children reach their fullest potential and adjust to their blindness while preparing them to enter kindergarten.

Early identification of visual difficulties by an eye care specialist is vital to ensure that children who are blind get the services they need. Referral to an early intervention program that focuses on their developmental needs helps provide the foundation for these children to lead full, active lives.

Since children with visual impairments cannot see their food, they often lack motivation to eat. They must be encouraged to locate and experience their food through touch in order to learn to feed themselves.

Children who are visually impaired have a lessened capability for incidental learning and, therefore, must rely on other senses to explore their environment.

Parent instruction, involvement and support are integral parts of the "Early Intervention Program". a child listens to two different types of bells Without concrete visual labels for objects and people, children who are blind must have "hands on" exposure to the world in order to develop concepts and language.

**[www.conklincenter.org](http://www.conklincenter.org)**

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District Governor or Roger Messer & Vice District Governor Dr. Gil Francis will be making their final visit to our club soon - We will want to have a strong showing for them as I am sure they will have some inspiring words for us - 2007 has been a trying year for both of these gentlemen and I know that they have drawn strength from their affiliation with Lions International. I look forward to their visit and the message they will be bringing. The date of their meeting will be announced soon.



**Lions Club International**  
**Web Page**  
[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)



# Sight Sites

**Multiple District 35**  
**Web Page**  
[www.lionsofflorida.org](http://www.lionsofflorida.org)

**District 35-D Web Page**  
[www.35dlions.org](http://www.35dlions.org)

**Florida Lions**  
**Conklin Center for the**  
**Blind**  
405 White St.  
Daytona Beach, FL 32114  
386.258.3441  
[www.conklincenter.org](http://www.conklincenter.org)

**Florida Lions Camp**  
2819 Tiger Road  
Lake Wales, Florida 33853  
863.696.1948  
[www.lionscampfl.org](http://www.lionscampfl.org)

**Leader Dogs for the**  
**Blind**  
P.O.Box 5000  
Rochester, MI 48308-5000  
1.800.777.5332  
[www.leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org)

**Florida Lions Eye Bank**  
P.O. Box 016880  
Miami, FL 33101-6880  
305.324.4340  
[www.fleb.org](http://www.fleb.org)

**Lion Net International**  
[http://europe.lionnet.com/  
index-tx.html](http://europe.lionnet.com/index-tx.html)

**Florida Lions Foundation**  
**for the Blind**  
[www.floridalionsfoundation.org/](http://www.floridalionsfoundation.org/)

**American Society of**  
**Cataract and**  
**Refractive Surgery**  
[www.ascrs.org/](http://www.ascrs.org/)

**Eye Bank Association**  
**of America**  
[www.restore sight.org/](http://www.restore sight.org/)

**Florida School for**  
**the Deaf and Blind**  
[www.fsdb.k12.fl.us/](http://www.fsdb.k12.fl.us/)

**Helen Keller Services**  
**for the Blind**  
[www.helenkeller.org/](http://www.helenkeller.org/)

**The Glaucoma**  
**Foundation**  
[www.glaucomafoundation.org](http://www.glaucomafoundation.org)

**National Federation**  
**for the Blind**  
[www.nfb.org](http://www.nfb.org)

**Prevent Blindness**  
**America**  
[www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org)



**National Keratoconus**  
**Foundation**  
[www.nkcf.org/](http://www.nkcf.org/)

**Eye Cancer Network**  
[www.eyecancer.com/](http://www.eyecancer.com/)

**American Macular**  
**Degeneration Foundation**  
[www.macular.org/](http://www.macular.org/)

**Aging Eye Times**  
[www.agingeye.net/](http://www.agingeye.net/)

**Southeastern Guide**  
**Dogs, Inc.**  
[www.guidedogs.org/](http://www.guidedogs.org/)

**Knights Templar Eye**  
**Foundation**  
[www.knightstemplar.org](http://www.knightstemplar.org)

**International Hearing**  
**Dog, Inc.**  
[www.ihdi.org/](http://www.ihdi.org/)

There are more than  
one hundred million  
light-sensitive cells  
in your retinas.

# *From Lions International*



## Study Shows Americans Lack Critical Facts About Maintaining Eye Health Disparities are Greatest Among Hispanics

National Institutes of Health, January 2, 2007—Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and The National Eye Institute (NEI), one of the Federal government's National Institutes of Health released national survey findings today, showing that most adults value their eyesight and are aware of serious eye diseases commonly associated with visual impairment. However, they lack knowledge of how and when to seek timely detection and treatment of those diseases.

Seventy-one percent of respondents reported that a loss of their eyesight would rate as a 10 on a scale of 1 to 10, meaning that it would have the greatest impact on their day-to-day life. However, only eight percent knew that there are no early warning signs of glaucoma, a group of diseases that can damage the eye's optic nerve and result in vision loss and blindness.

Fifty-one percent said that they have heard of eye diseases caused by diabetes, but only 11 percent knew that such diseases do not have early warning signs. Only 16 percent had ever heard the term "low vision," which affects millions of Americans. Low vision is vision loss that regular glasses, contact lenses, medicine, or surgery cannot correct, making everyday tasks difficult to do. Reading the mail, shopping, cooking, seeing the TV, and writing can seem challenging.

Hispanic respondents reported the lowest access to eye health information, knew the least about eye health, and were the least likely to have their eyes examined among all racial/ethnic groups participating in the survey. Forty-one percent of Hispanics reported that they had not seen or heard anything about eye health or disease in the last year, compared with 28 percent of Asians, 26 percent of Blacks, and 16 percent of Caucasians.

These findings are from the 2005 Survey of Public Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices Related to Eye Health and Disease, also called the KAP Study. More than 3,000 randomly selected adults participated in the national telephone survey between October 2005 and January 2006. The study's findings reinforce the critical need to educate the public about common eye diseases, such as glaucoma, diabetic eye disease, and age-related macular degeneration.

"Good eye sight is important to our quality of life and it is essential for adults to have accurate information to help them make informed decisions about their eye health needs," said Paul A. Sieving, M.D., Ph.D., director of NEI. "The KAP survey results will help us identify specific ways in which we can close the gap in knowledge about eye diseases and address the disparities that exist."

NEI plans to use the survey results to develop ways to raise public awareness of eye disease and the importance of early detection and treatment. NEI also will expand its educational outreach to Hispanics, who are at higher risk for developing certain eye diseases and conditions.

In addition, NEI will increase its efforts to educate health care providers on how to communicate with patients about ways to preserve and protect their vision. "The survey shows us that nearly one quarter of Americans have not seen or heard anything about eye health or disease, and yet more than 90 percent have seen a health care provider," Sieving said. "We need to provide these doctors, nurses, and other health care professionals with the tools they need to educate their patients on how to better maintain their eye health."

LCIF has developed the Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP), a community-based education program for Lions clubs, other community organizations, and individuals to promote healthy vision and to raise awareness of the causes of preventable vision loss. The mission of LEHP is to empower communities to save sight through the early detection and timely treatment of glaucoma and diabetic eye disease, encourage those at higher risk to get a dilated eye exam, and educate those with low vision and their caregivers about the condition.

"Lions have long been champions of people who are blind and visually impaired. By better educating the public on the need for regular eye exams and timely treatment of eye diseases, we can end preventable blindness," said Jimmy Ross, Chairperson, LCIF.


For more information about the KAP Study, visit: <http://www.nei.nih.gov/nehep/kap>.



# 2008

# January

Neighbor Clubs ~ Meeting Schedule for visitation

		1	2 <b>Cocoa Beach SS</b> Business Meeting 7pm	3 <b>Cocoa LC</b> Business Meeting 7pm	4	5
6	7	8 <b>Viera LC</b> Business Meeting 7pm	9 <b>Rockledge LC</b> Business Meeting 6pm	10 <b>North Brevard LC</b> Business Meeting Noon	11	12
13 <b>Melvin Jones</b> <b>Birthday</b>	14	15	16 <b>Cocoa Beach SS</b> Speaker Meeting 7pm	17 <b>NBLC</b> Board Mtg Noon <b>Cocoa LC</b> Speaker Meeting 7pm	18	19 Cabinet Meeting Fort Pierce
20	21	22 <b>Viera LC</b> Speaker Meeting 7pm	23 <b>Rockledge LC</b> Speaker Meeting 6pm	24 <b>North Brevard LC</b> Speaker Meeting Noon	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
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Viera Lions Meetings @ Holiday Inn - I95 & Wickham Rd. ~ **Cocoa Beach Seaside Lions Meetings** @ Grand Buffett - 655-D.N. Atlantic Ave, Cocoa Beach  
**Rockledge Lions Meetings** @ Rockledge Country Club - 1591 S. Fiske Blvd ~ **Cocoa Lions Meetings** @ Kay's Bar-B-Que - 1552 W. Kind St. Cocoa  
**North Brevard Lions Meetings** @ Driftwoods Restaurant - US1 & Birch St. - Titusville ~ Starting January 24th, 2008  
**North Brevard Lions Club Board Meetings** @ North Brevard Historical Museum 301 S. Washington Ave.



**Got a question?  
Ask us!**



**Got an idea?  
Let us know!**

## **Officers**

**President  
Vice-President  
2nd Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Tail Twister  
Lion Tamer**

**Edmund M. Kindle  
Karen Johnson  
John Oster  
Robert Smiley  
Marvin Gil  
Meredith Eberhardt  
Lisa Squaglia**

## **Directors**

**Jan Alwine                      1 Year  
Peggy Lin**

**Nancy Arnold                2 Year  
Janet Rooks**

**Membership Chair  
Sight Chairperson  
Hearing Chairperson  
Historians**

**Ed Kindle (acting)  
Randy Alpha  
Marlene Squires  
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