

THE North Brevard Lions Club

"The Mane Mail"

Taking our community by the tail!

March 2008



**Greetings From the North
Brevard Lions Club!**

What's

NEW This
Month

- ◆ Message From The President
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- ◆ Conklin Center Updates
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Message from the President

March - Up North in the land of white stuff we would be talking about March - "In like a Lion - Out like a lamb" in regards to the snow. We also usually got dumped on after St. Patrick's Day. I honestly cannot say that I miss it, because well, I don't. Some say it rains too much here in Florida, but I don't have to shovel rain.

I would like to thank our District Governor Lion Roger Messer for visiting our club and inducting our new members elect. His words were informational and inspirational. I have included the Peace Poster winner from Multiple District 35-D in this newsletter in case you did not see it at the meeting or were not there.

A big thank you also to all the members from Viera including Zone Chair Anne Greer who made the trip up North to visit with us.

We are still settling into our new home and are having a few growing pains. I am aware of this but I look for things to get better as we get to know the staff at Driftwoods and they get to know us.

One specific item the servers asked of us is that once you order, please do not change seats. The staff will not bring out your food until they find you again. Please feel free to order as soon as you sit and are comfortable. If you have any concerns, please let me know so I may communicate them to our hosts.

Lastly, I would like to ask a favor. The day we had our meeting in the museum because of circumstance, we ordered pizza for all. If you were at that meeting and ate, we are asking for a donation to help cover the cost of the food, which was approximately \$200.00. This would be a great help.

*~ Yours in Lionism,
Edmund M. Kindle*

Self-pity is our worst enemy and if we yield to it,
we can never do anything wise in this world.

- Helen Keller

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.

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!

March Birthdays

Barb Prisco
Lee Starrick
Peggy Lin
Christy Maples
Athena Mowles
Joey Lonis

March Anniversaries

Peggy Lin

Corrections / Additions
Suggestions / Complaints

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Lion Facts

- ~ Lions rarely eat an entire kill. Hyenas and vultures finish the rest.
- ~ Lionesses hunt in groups. While one group of lions drives the prey to a certain area, another group will wait to ambush the approaching animals.
- ~ Other lionesses in a pride will "baby-sit" a mother's cubs while she goes off to hunt.
- ~ A lioness can run as fast as 35 mph for short distances and can leap more than 30 feet.
- ~ There are only one fourth the number of lions in Africa as there were just 40 years ago.
- ~ A lion's eyesight is five times better than a human's, and it can hear prey that is more than a mile away.
- ~ It may take up to 4 hours for a pride of lions to finish eating.
- ~ A male lion eats first, even though the females actually catch the prey.
- ~ After eating, a thirsty lion may drink for as long as 20 minutes.
- ~ A captive lion eats about 15 pounds of meat each day, but a wild lion usually eats only twice a week.
- ~ The hunting grounds for a pride of lions can range from 8 to 150 square miles.
- ~ Lions are the most social of all the cats, living in groups called "prides." There can be up to 40 members in a pride with over half of them being cubs and young adults.

Remember -

Every member of the North Brevard Lions Club should be involved in new member recruitment. You might ask yourself, "What do I tell prospective new members?"

As a Lions club member, you can:

- * make a difference everyday in your community
- * provide support locally or reach out internationally
- * grow personally and professionally by participating in our programs, community service projects and events
- * have an impact on local and international humanitarian issues
- * develop relationships with both local and international community and business leaders
- * have access to membership discounts and services.

Remember your officers are here to help you. If you are not comfortable talking to someone about Lionism but think they would make a great Lion, invite them to a meeting! We can help you speak to them.

From the Secretary's Desk

Hello All,

The vests that were ordered have arrived and were distributed to the members who were at the Feb 28th meeting. Some how, some one picked up a vest that they did not order.

Please check the vest you have for the size and style you ordered. I have a record of what each member ordered. I am sure it was just a quick oversight.

The price between the two styles is significant. The cost of the lost/misplaced vest will have to be absorbed by the club if it is not returned.

We need to correct this before or at the next meeting. To return the vest before the next meeting, call me at 536-0831. If you ordered a vest and did not get it, please come to the March meeting and pick up your vest. This is also your last warning for those of you who have dues - due. We will have to drop you. If you are dropped, you only have 6 months in which to be reinstated.

~ 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
Driftwoods - Rt US 1 & Birch St.
Titusville, Fl 32780

Disney World is
bigger than the
world's 5 smallest
countries.

Attendance is recorded with
International, so remember if
you miss a meeting you can
make it up by attending
another club's meeting.

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.

Knowledge speaks,
but wisdom listens.
~ Jimi Hendricks

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 - 805 Century Medical Drive
4. Mims/Scottsmoor Library
5. Space Coast Cancer Center - 850 Century Medical Drive
6. Contentment Hearing Center - Cheney Highway
7. North Brevard Historical Museum - 301 South Washington Ave.
8. Driftwoods Resturant - 137 Birch St.
9. Allstate Insurance - 5171 South Washington
10. Regions Bank - 905 Cheney Highway
11. Chamber of Commerce - 2000 South Washington Ave.
12. Sears Optical - Searstown Mall - 3550 South Washinton Ave.



The suggestions for placement of collection boxes have been rolling in!
We thank you all for your ideas. We are waiting for more boxes and will let you know when they go out to the next ten locations.

New Members!

Reverend John Fisher
Pastor at Mims United
Methodist Church
~Full Member

Welcome!

~ Meeting Schedule for March ~

- Business Meeting March 13th @ noon
Driftwoods - US 1 & Birch St.
- Board meets March 20th @ noon
@ Historical Museum
- Speaker Meeting March 27th @ noon
Driftwoods - US 1 & Birch St.

Call for Volunteers!

The North Brevard Historical Society and Museum is having it's annual Barbeque and we need a few volunteers to man a booth for our club. I have reserved a table for the North Brevard Lions Club and it will be a good opportunity to talk to folks in the community and maybe do some recruiting.

I am looking for 3 people to be there on Saturday March 29th from 11-2 - Let us know if you can help -
Who knows, I might even buy you a barbeque dinner for being there!

District 35D - Peace Poster Winner





Florida Lions

Conklin Center for the blind



2008 Bike Week Motorcycle Drawing

Date/Time: February 29 – March 9, 2008

Details: Win a 1961 Harley-Davidson Panhead with motorcycle trailer. Ticket Booth at “WORLD FAMOUS” IRON HORSE SALOON, U.S. 1, Ormond Beach. And new location Ticket Booth on corner of Main Street & Peninsula. Tickets from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. everyday! For information or to get tickets call 386-258-3441. Check out the bike at www.bikeweek.org.

DRAWING HELD AT 5 P.M. ON SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2008 AT IRON HORSE.

Florida Lions Conklin Center Board of Directors Meeting

Date/Time: Friday, May 3, 2008, 2:30 p.m.

Location: Florida Lions Multiple District Convention, Ocala Holiday Inn & Conference Center, Ocala, FL

Florida Lions Conklin Center Walk & Pancake Breakfast

Date/Time: Saturday, June 14, 2008, 8:00 a.m.

Details: Walk the streets surrounding the Center for 2 miles. Free to register but walkers are encouraged to get sponsors. Prizes awarded for most donations made by Individual, Individual Lion, Community/Business Group, Lions Club, and Graduate/Student. Door prizes, 50/50 raffle, and refreshments. Pancake Breakfast served by the DeLand Lions Club. \$3 a plate includes juice, sausage & pancakes. Prizes Needed!

THANK YOU! So many people have given their time, talents and money in the past year to help us succeed. There's so much volunteers can do to help our students succeed! If you would like to contribute in any way, please call us at (386) 258-3441, or e-mail us at: info@conklincenter.org.

www.conklincenter.org

Treat people as if they were what
they should be, and you help them
become what they are capable of
becoming.

~ Johann von Goethe



Lions Club International
Web Page
www.lionsclubs.org



Sight Sites

Multiple District 35
Web Page
www.lionsofflorida.org

District 35-D Web Page
www.35dlions.org

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Conklin Center for the
Blind
405 White St.
Daytona Beach, FL 32114
386.258.3441
www.conklincenter.org

Florida Lions Camp
2819 Tiger Road
Lake Wales, Florida 33853
863.696.1948
www.lionscampfl.org

Leader Dogs for the
Blind
P.O.Box 5000
Rochester, MI 48308-5000
1.800.777.5332
www.leaderdog.org

Florida Lions Eye Bank
P.O. Box 016880
Miami, FL 33101-6880
305.324.4340
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/

American Society of
Cataract and
Refractive Surgery
www.ascrs.org/

Eye Bank Association
of America
www.restore sight.org/

Florida School for
the Deaf and Blind
www.fsdb.k12.fl.us/

Helen Keller Services
for the Blind
www.helenkeller.org/

The Glaucoma
Foundation
www.glaucomafoundation.org

National Federation
for the Blind
www.nfb.org

Prevent Blindness
America
www.preventblindness.org



National Keratoconus
Foundation
www.nkcf.org/

Eye Cancer Network
www.eyecancer.com/

American Macular
Degeneration Foundation
www.macular.org/

Aging Eye Times
www.agingeye.net/

Southeastern Guide
Dogs, Inc.
www.guidedogs.org/

Knights Templar Eye
Foundation
www.knightstemplar.org

International Hearing
Dog, Inc.
www.ihdi.org/

Lionism on the
World Wide
Web

From Lions International:



Don't Hide Your Light Under a Bushel

by Mahendra Amarasuriya

President, The International Association of Lions Clubs

We Lions don't serve others so we can gain applause or admiration. We serve because our hearts compel us to help others. But we need to recognize those Lions among us who excel at what they do. Why? Those we honor lead by example. Yes, they deserve awards and honors but their brilliance casts a light over the rest of us and helps motivate us to do more and to do what we do better. One award may spark a renewed passion for service among hundreds of Lions.

This year I have established the International Challenge to Change Awards to recognize outstanding Lions, club presidents, district governors, Leos and Leo clubs. We also will honor the best public relations programs, district membership growth, new projects, continuing projects, SightFirst program and more.

What criteria will the awards be based on? Among the factors are membership growth, club extension, innovation, membership participation, public participation, public relations success, community impact, promoting Challenge to Change (my presidential theme) and participation in district, multiple district and international events.

The deadline for nominations is March 15. Three finalists for each category will be selected and notified before the winners are named at the international convention in Bangkok, Thailand, on June 26. Depending on the category, nominees must be nominated by district governors, council chairpersons/international directors, or club presidents. Nomination forms (containing complete instructions) can be downloaded from the Web site of Lions Clubs International. (Go to www.lionsclubs.org and type in "Challenge to Change Awards" in the search box.) Winners need not be present; international directors will accept awards on behalf of winners from their constitutional (geographic) area.

I know that Lions are enthusiastic about their service. How can you not feel good about helping others? But please also get enthused about these awards and submit your nominations. Don't do it for yourself. Do it to inspire other Lions to reach higher and bring their service to new, remarkable levels. We learn from each other and follow the path of those with ingenuity and extra dedication. Here is your golden opportunity to have your service project, vision or passion affect Lions and members of the public from far outside your own community.



March Is Eye Donor Awareness Month

Lions, take the opportunity during Eye Donor Awareness Month to increase community awareness about the increasing need for eye donations for sight-saving procedures. Signing a donor card is an important first step, but it is also important to encourage donors to let their loved ones know of their donation wishes. Lions Eye Banks are actively working to restore sight. Currently, 56 Lions Eye Banks have reported that 11,911 eyes were donated for research and education and that they provided corneas for 26,113 corneal transplants. Contact the Lions Eye Bank nearest you and find out how you can support their efforts and promote eye donor awareness month.

YOUR FLORIDA LIONS FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND WHY IT DESERVES YOUR SUPPORT

The Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind (a "not for profit" Corporation) became a Florida Lions entity by vote of the Delegates at the 34th Annual State Convention, Sarasota, Florida, May 20, 1958. Since then members of the Lions organizations statewide have testified to the effectiveness and integrity of the Foundation. Requests have come in from many other states for advice on forming a similar Foundation.

FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP

All active members in good standing of Florida Lions Clubs are automatically Active members of the Foundation. A non-Lion may become a member by making a donation. The Foundation charges its members no dues or assessments. All members are invited to attend Foundation meetings as announced in "Florida Lions" and other mailings. All members have voting privileges at the Annual Foundation meeting each May.

PROJECTS

Sooner or later, by way of the Sight Conservation Chair (SCC) or other alert member, a Lions Club gets news of a local citizen who qualifies as lacking fund sources and needs an expensive eye procedure. That may be cataract surgery, corneal transplant, etc. The Club Treasurer determines that their budget falls short of the fee. The SCC looks up the Foundation's District Project Chair in the District Directory and makes contact. Our State Projects Chair helps with the paperwork, studies the medical report(s), confers with the prospective patient and his/her family, case worker, medical provider(s), and so on. He persuades the doctor to reduce the fee, usually to less than half of the original. The club may (but is not required to) provide a "co-payment" depending on the health of its budget. At the next Foundation Board meeting (or immediately in case of an emergency) the Directors approve the case. The patient gets the procedure, the Foundation pays the bill. Some cases are more complex but most follow the above pattern.

FUND DRIVE

Each year the Foundation runs its State Fund Drive from May 1 through April 30 (the "current year"). District Drive Directors canvass their clubs by mail and personally, signing up Life Members and logging in other donations. Contributions from clubs and non-Lions go into the General Fund; Life Memberships, Memorials and Bequests go into the Custodian Fund. By policy, in any year, the Foundation spends only money raised the *previous* year.

CUSTODIAN FUND--

was set up as a Trust from which no withdrawals of principal are permitted. It generates interest and dividends that are the basis for the annual budget from which the Foundation pays for projects or makes grants to other organizations. *All other Florida Lions entities started with substantial grants from the Foundation.*

GENERAL FUND--

accrues interest, and the principal is withdrawn and spent. It pays operating expenses and contingencies, and is applied to projects as needed.

CONCLUSION

The Foundation keeps expenses extremely low. There are no offices, no inventory, no loans to pay off. There is only one paid position, and the salary and expense allowances are modest. The overhead rate, consistently less than ten percent, is lower than most charities.

Your contributions to the Foundation work extra hard for your sight projects.

Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind
P.O. Box 127 Interlachen, Florida 32148-0127

Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind, Inc.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PIN PROGRAM



LIFE MEMBER
\$100.00
(Total \$100)



**LIFE MEMBER
BUILDER**
\$150.00
(Total \$250)



**LIFE MEMBER
PATRON**
\$250.00
(Total \$500)



**LIFE MEMBER
GRAND LION**
\$500.00
(Total \$1,000)



(Life Membership may be obtained in four steps until Grand Lion is reached)

Your recognition grows with your gift to the Florida Lions Foundation Custodial Fund. The interest from all funds raised by this project will be used perpetually to help the blind of Multiple District 35

Send your tax deductible donation to:

Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind, Inc.
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER
H. LEE WOODS, PDG
4111 S.E. 10th Place, Ocala, FL 34471-4811
1-800-399-2365

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Your Lions Club Name _____ **District** _____

NAME OF PERSON TO RECEIVE LIFE MEMBERSHIP PIN: _____



Amount enclosed \$ _____ for step name:

Life Member _____ **Builder** _____ **Patron** _____ **Grand Lion** _____



March 2008

Neighbor Clubs ~ Meeting Schedule for visitation

							Eye Donor awareness Month	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	District 35-D Spring Conference - Tampa	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	District 35-D Cabinet Meeting Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	District 35-D Cabinet Meeting Cocoa Beach Casino Cruise	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	District 35-D Cabinet Meeting Cocoa Beach Casino Cruise	
30	31						District 35-D Cabinet Meeting Cocoa Beach Casino Cruise	

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Viera Lions Meetings @ Holiday Inn - 195 & 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
 North Brevard Lions Club Board Meetings @ North Brevard Historical Museum 301 S. Washington Ave.



The Miscellaneous Page



"All the news that fits - we print"

Auctions -

I have a couple of items ready for another club auction...

Item # 1- A Tazo Tea Basket with tea, mugs and cookies.

Item # 2 - A Bear Gift Basket with 3 stuffed bears in it.

Look to have this auction in March. But you never know.

HELP!!!

We need someone to take the job of selling 50/50 tickets before each meeting - This is an important source of funds for the clubs coffers.

If you are interested see me before the next meeting.

"Professor Goddard does not know the relation between action and reaction and the need to have something better than a vacuum against which to react. He seems to lack the basic knowledge ladled out daily in high schools." --1921 New York Times editorial about Robert Goddard's revolutionary rocket work.



We need to raise some funds to make an initial donation to Campaign Sight First II. We should have something to turn in at the March Cabinet Meeting.

The North Brevard Lions Club still has positions available - If you would like to get more involved, we have a job for you. Don't just sit back in the back of the bus - the fun is in the front! There are several ways to get more involved - See your officers for more information.

We have some ideas for fundraisers and will need some volunteers to make them happen.

I hope to see you all at the Historical Museums Barbeque! Please mark March 29th @ 11am on your calendar!

The last meeting of the North Brevard Lions Club featured District Governor Lion Roger Messer. Lion Roger spoke about Lionism in the Bahamas and about some of the people he met there. It was an entertaining talk. Lion Roger also talked about the winner of the district Peace Poster contest and showed a copy of the District's winning entry that is going on in the competition. Lion Roger then inducted our new members including 2 Charter Members who had not yet been inducted officially into Lionism.

We are always blessed with guests from our nearby clubs. Our last meeting's guests included Lion and Zone Chair Anne Greer, Guiding Lion & Past Council Chair Lion Robert Hughes, King Lion Charlie Adams and his wife Sharon, Lion Tom Bullock Vice President, Lion and Past Director Mike Donovan and his wife Lion Carla Donovan Treasurer all from the Viera Lions Club. We also had a several special guests including Lynn Goetzman, Dan Averill and June Robinson, wife of our own Lion Robbie Robinson.

One final note about the meeting... we are finally starting to look like Lions - The first round of our vests were passed out just in time for our District Governor's visit. Lion Smiley is doing a great job as secretary keeping us all in line. He also mentioned the nametags will be in soon.



**Got a question?
Ask us!**



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

Officers

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

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

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Peggy Lin**

**Nancy Arnold 2 Year
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