

# Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind, Inc.

## ~ Newsletter ~

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Thank you to all the Lions who helped me to become President of the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind. I consider this a privilege and will put all of my efforts into doing a good job. MD-35 Projects Chair Lion Beverly Kruger, PP, advised me we already have had 54 eye cases and we still had a month to go. You can see this will be a very challenging year with the Foundation having to pick up many cases due to the economy and our state's lack of funds. I know the Lions of Florida are up to the challenge. Let us roll up our sleeves and work toward a successful year.

Rosemarie Watson, PCC  
President, 2010-2011

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER'S MESSAGE**



Memorial Donations - We have received many donations from Lions and family members of our Past President Lion Larry Redmond. As of this point we have received over \$2,500. At the organizational meeting for District O, a memorial Grand Lion plaque was presented to Jean Versino. Also, a clock was presented to Jean acknowledging her support of the Foundation.

Estate Received - The Foundation has received a check in accordance to the last will of Sylvia Marucci Shelly. This Estate came to the Foundation as a complete surprise. Ms. Shelly had been a resident of Key West and during her life had sight related health issues. With this donation from her Estate she hoped that others could be helped with the same problems. These funds have been placed in our Endowment account so they will always be used for sight related cases within the Foundation.

As always the Foundation is most grateful when individuals know of the service that we provide and considered donation to us through their last will and directives. As letter of thanks was acknowledged to Ms. Shelly's niece. This will be reported as the Summer Conference.

## Roster 2010-2011

We have the roster almost completed for the current year. Within District L we still have an opening for a three year director in the West or what was "F". We have obtained many new Drive and Project Chairs that are working for the Foundation and have not been elected as a Director. We welcome them and are most appreciative for the work that they do. With the redistricting to L-I-O-N we need more than one in each District. Below is a list of the Drive Directors and also the Project Chairs.

### Drive Directors

L- Shirley Shuler  
L- Howard Young, PDG, IPP  
I-Bill Ringelstein, PCC  
I-John Logan  
O-Al Becker  
O-Lois Q. Malecky, PDG, E/S/T  
O-Shel Reichard, PDG  
O-Edward Pick, PDG  
N-Laynee Riedinger, PDG  
N-Julie Sweeten

### Project Chairs

L-Rosemarie Watson, PCC  
L-Marilyn Palmer  
I-Beverly A. Kruger, PP  
I-Ernie Vanselow  
I-Carolyn Tinney  
O-Janet Mize  
O-Richard Schwartz  
O-Rocky Siracusa, PCC  
N-Rosa M. Galliani  
N-Fred Holden  
N-Blanca Hernandez

A complete list will be sent out at the same time as this newsletter.

Lois Q. Malecky, PDG, PP  
Executive Secretary/Treasurer

All clubs that are submitting new cases need to go to the Project Chair in your areas. If you have any questions as to who they should be submitted to you can contact the MD Project Chair, PP Beverly Kruger at 941-488-4928 or kruger1302@aol.com. Lion Beverly will be able to get you directed to the new project chairs.

For all clubs that normally mail their donations to the Foundation our new mailing address is PO Box 1780 – Hernando FL 34442-1780, in care of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer Lois Q. Malecky, PDG, PP. This will save time and also postage when sending to the current address. Also, when sending an email to the Foundation our new email address is: [floridalionsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:floridalionsfoundation@gmail.com).

As suggested at the Convention - a CD-DVD has been made of the old Foundation presentation. The comment was made that even though it is old, and should be updated, it is better than nothing to use for Foundation presentations at club meetings. They will be available for the project and drive chairs at the conference.

Please look at our updated website. On the calendar tab all the dates for the conferences and Cabinet meeting dates are listed for each District. As we have completed the redistricting we are now MD-35 L-I-O-N. Take note of the new project chair chairs and also the drive chairs. This is very important information so that everyone knows who is handling the cases and also the distribution of donations collected.

Our reporting information will be following a little different format in the future. As soon as the complete switch over from Wachovia to Wells Fargo is in place it will make the reporting from our Finance Chairman much easier and quicker. Our agenda's at the meetings should also go much quicker as each area will be giving their own reporting and no duplications. The areas to be reported on will be Finance, Donations, Grand Lions and Life Memberships, Estates and Trusts.

## **Schedule of Events, 2010-2011**

### **MD-35 Conferences & Council of Governors Meetings**

August 5-8, 2010, Summer Conference, Fort Myers, District I hosting  
November 11-14, 2010, Fall Conference, Holiday Inn & Suites, Ocala, District L hosting  
January 6-9, 2011, Winter Conference, Wyndham Orlando Resort, District O hosting  
March 3-6, 2011, Spring Conference, Fort Lauderdale, District N hosting

### **MD-35 Convention**

April 28 - May 1, 2011, 87th Annual Convention, Wyndham Orlando Resort  
Friday, April 29, 8:00 AM, Foundation Business Meeting  
Sunday, May 1, 8:30 AM, Election & Installation of Foundation Officers

### **District Cabinet Meetings**

<b>L</b>	August 18, 2010, Arlington Lions Club
	November 20, 2010, Panama City
	January 22, 2011, Mariana
	April 16, 2011, Ocala
<b>I</b>	September 18, 2010, Bonita Springs Lions Club
	December 18, 2010, Zephyrhills Lions Club
	February 19, 2011, Lions Eye Institute , Ybor City
	April 16, 2011, Venice
<b>O</b>	August 21, 2010, Cypress Creek HS, Orlando
	November 20, 2010, Homosassa Lions Club
	January 15, 2011, Cypress Creek HS, Orlando
	March 12, 2011, Cocoa Beach
<b>N</b>	August 21, 2010, Hialeah
	October 16, 2010, Port St. Lucie
	February 19, 2011, Coral Springs
	March 25-27, 2011, Official Visit to Freeport Lions, Bahamas
	April 9, 2011, Sunrise

**This Lions jewelry will be available at the MD-35 Convention.**

**Available both in Gold and Silver**



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