

# Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind

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## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE FOR 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER 2011-2012**

Some volunteers take off for the holidays but not the Project Manager's for the Foundation. Since our last meeting in November we have 38 new cases for approval on Sunday. The estimated cost for these cases is \$178,185, the club co-pays are \$7,000, the savings are \$118,523 and the actual cost is \$52,662. We would have had more cases but many of our providers shut down during the Holidays and schedule procedures for the New Year. I expect we will make up the difference at our meeting in March. Since the beginning of our fiscal year last May we will have approved 212 eye cases for a total cost of \$312,519 which is 67% of our annual budget of \$468,000.

On the other hand, our donations year to date are only \$88,000 which is only 40% of our budget of \$220,000. I realize that none of the Districts have had a cabinet meeting yet this month but we only have two left this year and contributions at the meeting thus far have been disappointing. I would like to ask all Lions from the District Governor's down to the Grass Roots Lions to contact your clubs and request that they make donations at your next cabinet meeting to the Foundation. I want to thank you for all you have done so far but without your continued support of the Foundation we will not be able to provide the services to our clients in need of sight saving care.

## **FLORIDA LIONS CAMP UPDATE**

The accountants for the camp are continuing to work on the 2011 tax return for the camp and expect to have it complete by the end of January. All of the vendor accounts are closed except for the Savin/GE Capital lease for the copiers. They continue to ignore my requests for a settlement of the lease but I anticipate hearing from them soon as they have received no payments since October. I will update everyone as soon as all filings and accounts have been completed and closed. The proceeds from the Walter T. Smith estate will be received as soon as the four beneficiaries have submitted the necessary paperwork to the Personal Representative. This also should be completed by the end of January.

Respectfully submitted,

*Geoff*

A. Geoffrey Wade, PDG  
President, 2011-2012



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

I HOPE THAT ALL HAD A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON [NO MATTER WHAT YOU CELEBRATE]. WITH 2012 ALREADY HERE OUR SINCERE WISHES ARE FOR ALL A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

As many of you know I've had some email and internet problems for several months. Hopefully all is straightened out now. I've had to make all new email addresses. There are two new ones for the Foundation.

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Please delete the other two from your contact lists that I was using in the past. The new ones are also shown on the front page of this newsletter.

East District has their own Foundation Banner. They were given to the Drive Directors to be used at Cabinet Meetings and any fundraising activity within the Districts. There are a great P.R. item for showing what the Foundation does.

Just a reminder that our Saturday meeting will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

The Sunday breakfast will be at 8:30 to 10:30 AM.

If anyone has pictures that can be posted on our web site. Please forward to our webmaster.

## **SUNSHINE**

These past couple of months we have had members that have been in need of some sunshine spread to them with a card or a phone call. VDG Bob Hilliard just recently lost his father. PCC Michael C. Mason and PDG Jeanine Thibault will not be attending our conference this weekend for health concerns.

If any of you hear of any of our Directors in need of some sunshine please let me know.

## Schedule of Events, 2011-2012

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

August 5-6, 2011, Governors Executive Session, The Villages

**November 10-13, 2011, Fall Conference, Sebring**

January 5-8, 2012, Winter Conference, Fort Lauderdale

March 1-4, 2012, Spring Conference, Ocala

### MD-35 Convention

May 3-6, 2012, 88th Annual Convention, Miami

Friday, May 4, 8:00 AM, Foundation Business Meeting

Sunday, May 6, 8:30 AM, Election & Installation of Foundation Officers

### District Cabinet Meetings

<b>L</b>	August 17, 2011 – Jacksonville
	December 17, 2011 – Ocala
	<b><u>February 18, 2012 - Ft. Walton Beach, Sandestin Area</u></b>
	April 7, 2012 - Lake City
<b>I</b>	August 27, 2011 – Immokalee
	November 5, 2011 - Southeastern Guide Dogs, Palmetto
	<b><u>February 11, 2012 - Dog Guides for the Deaf</u></b>
	April, 14, 2012 - Lake Placid
<b>O</b>	August 13, 2011 – Clermont
	November 5, 2011 - Orlando
	<b><u>January 14, 2012 - Homosassa</u></b>
	March 17, 2012 - Palm Coast
<b>N</b>	August 20, 2011 – Miami
	November 19, 2011 – TBD
	<b><u>January 21, 2012 – TBD</u></b>
	April 7, 2012 – TBD

This Lions jewelry, and some new items, will be available at the  
Fall Conference in Sebring

Available both in Gold and Silver



Stop by the jewelry table!