

# Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind, Inc.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A recently completed golf tournament highlighted for me the spirit and teamwork exhibited by our Lions Community. The tournament held at Lake Nona's Eagle Creek Golf Course on February 24 was sponsored by the Opticians Society of Central Florida. Based on the long term relationship developed through the Lions Used Eyeglass Collection Program the Opticians Society identified the Lions as potential recipients of the events proceeds.

Oviedo Winter Springs Eyeglass Collection Program Chairman, Lion Pat Stamm, was well acquainted with many of the Opticians as a result of the collection program. Lion Pat requested my help to put together a listing of the charity work the Lions do in the local community. The story convinced the Opticians to donate all of the Tournament proceeds to the Lions over the other competing charities. As part of this effort I approached the various Florida Lion entities for support of this tournament fundraiser. The true spirit of our Florida Lion's Community became evident to me by the prompt and generous response of the various Florida Lions entities that contributed sponsorships to the Tournament. These include:

- Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind
- Foundation Fund Manager Wells Fargo Bank
- Florida Eye Institute
- Project Right to Sight
- Conklin Center
- Oviedo Winter Springs Lions Club
- Individual Lions of Oviedo Winter Springs

The tournament was held on February 24 and in spite of the competition by the Daytona 500 race, the tournament was considered a success. The course was in great shape, the rain held off till the golf was complete and the Lions having some much needed money for our continued service work.

The tournament demonstrated the full spectrum of how Lions work together to accomplish our collective mission "We Serve". It is a privilege for me to participate in this Humanitarian Mission.

Let us strive to apply that level of effort to achieve our financial goals for this year. Remember that any money must be in Lois's hands prior to April 20 to count towards this year's goals.

Ted Erion, President, Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind, Inc.

## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER'S MESSAGE

### HAPPY EASTER TO ALL



My apology for the delay of this newsletter being published about a month late. Since our last meeting held in Deerfield Beach I have been extremely busy. As most of you know our MD Project Chair-PP Beverly Kruger has had a very sad time this past month due to the passing of her daughter Pam. A memorial service was held on Saturday March 23, 2013 at the Farley Funeral Home in Venice, FL. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind, Inc. or Venice Lions Club Foundation, Inc. I am sure that Lion Beverly appreciated all who came from both far and near to show their support of her during this trying time. Approximately a dozen Directors were in attendance.

During the month of March we have paid the bills on many cases in the amount of an additional \$25,679.00 over what had been reported in February. We have also received \$ 4,400.00 in Co-Payments and \$ 44,950.00 in donations. That brings us to 76.73% of the goals. We still have 2 Districts yet to hold their last District meeting. I will be sending a detailed explanation showing the income and disbursements to each of the District Governors, VDG's and Directors. These figures will show you exactly where each district is and perhaps all the Directors can contact clubs that we haven't heard from at this time. Please remember with the MD Convention starting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May and all reports need to be compiled for the annual meeting this year the cut-off date is on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April.

Thank you for all the support that has been given thus far. During these next three weeks let us all try to come closer to making this year a 100% year. Your efforts are truly appreciated by the board of directors and the hundreds of clients within Florida and The Bahamas that WE SERVE.

With only three weeks before Convention, please get your requests in for any Grand Lion plaques, Life Membership Certificates and pins as soon as possible. It will take about 10 days to get the shadow boxes once they are ordered so they can be delivered at Convention. If any plaques need to be mailed there is a \$10.00 shipping charge.

Lois Q. Malecky, E/S/T

# Florida Lions Foundation

## 2012-2013 Calendar

### Foundation Board of Directors Meetings, 2012-2013

January 5, 2013, Lions Eye Institute, Ybor City

March 10, 2013, Boca Raton

**Friday, May 3, 2013, 8:00 AM, Annual Meeting**

**Sunday, May 5, 2013, 8:00 AM, Installation of Officers & Directors**

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

January 11-14, 2013, Council-at-Sea (Cruise out of Miami)

March 7-10, 2013, Spring Conference, Boca Raton

**May 2-5, 2013, 89th Annual Convention, Daytona Beach**

### District Cabinet Meetings

|          |                                                         |
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| <b>L</b> | August 15, 2012, Arlington                              |
|          | December 1, 2012, Pensacola                             |
|          | February 2, 2013, Marianna                              |
|          | <b>April 13, 2013, Ocala</b>                            |
| <b>I</b> | August 18, 2012, Plant City                             |
|          | November 10, 2012, Venice                               |
|          | January 19, 2013, Zephyrhills                           |
|          | <b>April 13, 2013, Bonita Springs (Mini-Convention)</b> |
| <b>O</b> | August 18, 2012, Clermont                               |
|          | November 3, 2012, Homosassa                             |
|          | January 19, 2013, Volusia County - Deland               |
|          | March 16, 2013, Viera                                   |
| <b>N</b> | August 18, 2012, Lions Eye Bank, Miami                  |
|          | October 27, 2012, Dania Beach                           |
|          | January 26, 2013, Port St Lucie                         |
|          | March 10, 2013, Deerfield Inn, Boca Raton               |

This Lions jewelry, and some new items, will be available at the  
Convention at Daytona Beach Resort

Available both in Gold and Silver



**Stop by the jewelry and raffle table!  
Many new items will be available!**

**ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED-FRIDAY MAY3rd-8:00 AM**