

Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind, Inc. has been serving Lions Clubs of Florida and The Bahamas for 55 years, after becoming an official entity of MD-35 on May 10, 1958. All Lions in good standing of clubs in good standing in MD-35 are members of this foundation! Our mission is to assist our current 256 Lions Clubs by helping to provide eye care surgery for needy individuals in their communities. It's what we do and we do it well!

Each district has a Drive Director or Co-Drive Director with fund raising goals set each year. This year the total goal is \$220,000 -- \$55,000 from each of our four districts. This has been the same goal for each district since we redistricted several years ago. In our last fiscal year (May 2012-April 2013) our districts raised just over \$190,400, or 87% of the goal. At the same time the Foundation provided financial assistance totaling \$419,467 for a record 274 cases.

As dedicated Lions of Multiple District 35, we have an obligation to fully support this Foundation that has served every one of our Lions clubs for over 55 years now! I encourage all four district (35-L/I/O/N) to meet or exceed these goals. I ask every club to invite a Foundation Drive Director or member of the Executive Committee to your club meetings to bring your members up-to-date on this long-serving Foundation. Every year more and more citizens need our services and turn to their local Lions club for assistance.

Each District has Project Chairs who are responsible for working with local clubs on their eye cases and submitting the cases to the Multiple District Projects Chair. Once the Multiple District Project Chair approves the cases, the District Project Chairs issue a Letter of Authorization to the necessary parties detailing the proper procedures and negotiating the lowest possible costs.

Visit our website, www.floridalionsfoundation.org, for information on how to contact your directors, complete the necessary forms, or make a donation to your Foundation.

Lion C. David Lloyd, President

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the start of our 56th year serving the individuals within Multiple District 35 Florida and the Bahamas.

We should all be very proud to be a part of organization which has helped so many with sight related issues.

Our life membership program has been very successful in helping us become the Foundation that we are today. As of this date we have issued 875 Grand Lions!

This program is a four-step process starting with the Life Membership [\$100.00], Builder \$150.00], Patron [\$250.00] and Grand Lion [\$500.00] equaling \$1000.00. As in the past when the Grand Lion final step is reached an individual receives a beautiful plaque with all the pins plus a small Grand Lion label pin.

Henceforth when these donations reach additional funds of \$1000.00 a new Grand Lion pin will be presented showing the number of Grand Lions received. We have pins available from the 2nd Grand Lions up through the 14th. We have so many who have received multiple Grand Lions through additional donations either from clubs or personal donations, that it has been decided to make some changes.

For all those who have been receiving a gift when presented an additional Grand Lion and would like to have a pin showing the number of Grand Lions they have received that is possible for the small cost of \$25.00 for each of these pins. This charge will offset the charge for making each of these pins. These pins will be available in Ocala or by contacting me.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION GOING FORWARD

During the Project meeting in Ocala our MD Project Chair, Past President Beverly Kruger, will have new and updated information for all working on Projects within their own District. Please try to attend this important meeting so everyone is on the same page.

At the Convention we voted to approve 48 cases as of May 5, 2013. This time Lion Beverly has another 56 cases for approval. So you can see this will be another very busy year for the Foundation.

In Ocala our ID guest will our very own Stacey Jones. Both Stacey and Mary have been busy traveling and promoting Lionism wherever their travels take them. Make sure that you all have a chance to talk with them as the 2nd year Directors have many responsibilities that take them away from our Multiple District.

CALENDAR

Foundation Board of Directors Meetings

August 11, 2013, Ocala

November 10, 2013, Celebration

January 4, 2014, MD-35 Office, Orlando

March 9, 2014, Altamonte Springs

Friday, May 2, 2014, Annual Breakfast Meeting, Orlando

Sunday, May 4, 2014, Installation of Officers & Directors, Orlando

Council of Governors Conferences

August 8-10, 2013, Summer Conference, Ocala

November 7-9, 2013, Fall Conference, Celebration

January 9-11, 2014, Winter Conference, Freeport, GBI

March 6-8, 2014, Spring Conference, Altamonte Springs

May 1-3, 2014, 90th Annual MD-35 Convention, Orlando

District Meetings

District 35-L

August 21, 2013, Jacksonville-Arlington

December 7, 2013, Marianna

February 8, 2014, TBA

April 12, 2014, Ocala

District 35-I

August 3, 2013, St. Petersburg

November 16, 2013, Bonita Springs

January 19, 2014, Englewood

April 4, 2014, Gulfport

District 35-O

August 17, 2013, Rockledge

November 16, 2013, Orlando

January 18, 2014, Clermont

March 15, 2014, Homosassa

District 35-N

August 31, 2013, Lions Eye Bank, Miami

October 5, 2013, TBD

January 25, 2014, Port St Lucie

March 22, 2014, Aventura - Miami Beach

This Lions jewelry, and some new items, will be available at the Summer Conference in Ocala

Available both in Gold and Silver



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

