



2021—2022 DISTRICT 35-N

FLORIDA, THE BAHAMAS, ARUBA, BONAIRE
AND CURACAO



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BAHAMAS



ARUBA



BONAIRE



CURACAO

A FEW WORDS FROM DG JIM

Greetings Fellow Lions,

How quickly has the first month of the year passed and we are now in August, the month in which International Youth Day is celebrated. Schools are set to reopen in person and Back to School projects are being implemented to support needy children.

Training for Region Chairs, Zone Chairs and Club Officers has been held but unfortunately not all Club Officers have participated. Additional training opportunities are being planned and I am encouraging those officers that have not yet participated to do so. Things have changed and are changing and so we all need to keep ourselves informed.

The first District Meeting is scheduled for August 28 and will be held via Zoom. This decision was taken because of impact of COVID-19. The Delta variant which is regarded as even more contagious has become a greater cause for concern especially among the younger and unvaccinated population. More recently the number of hospitalization have surged – a grim reminder of the deadliness of this pandemic. If you have not yet been vaccinated, I recommend that you do so as soon as possible.

Ralph Marston in one of his Daily Motivators reminds us that speaking or acting with disrespect toward someone does not bring any meaningful value your way. In fact it can put you at a significant disadvantage. He challenges us to act with respect, especially when we don't want to and we will quickly realize what a powerful and enduring advantage it gives us.

In life there are some things you can control and influence, and other things you can't. However you can always choose how to respond. Let's challenge ourselves to use the powerful tools, resources, skills at our disposal for good, meaningful, life affirming and life-improving purposes. We always have the opportunity to care, to love, to make a difference.



*Yours In Lionism,
District Governor Jim*

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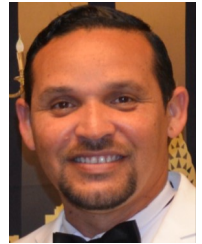
A few words from Lee, 1VDG



I feel that not only young people but older are in the changing process. In Lions Club I see that all are desiring changes, tired of being secluded at home, not seeing their friends and colleagues is becoming younger to be annoyed and older persons, older than 65 years old, upsets because their medical routine has changed and now, nothing else to do. We are benefiting of all this, why? because they are joining our Clubs and learning that helping others give them not only some to do but being happy about it. Younger generation learning not to be selfish, the world doesn't go around them, there are other values, like the family, the neighbors, people in need, are joining us, and finding out a light. Also, we are going back to the 50's and 60's when the wife was home, taking care of the children and cooking three meals a day. Nice, isn't it? I like it. Join us and you will see that the world is round and we don't know what is going to be tomorrow.

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are
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A note from Ivan, 2VDG



Did You Know?

10% of the world population is left-handed.

The average bear will have 42 teeth.

Rabbits eat their feces.

Birds require gravity to swallow.

The Hawaiian alphabet contains only 13 letters.

The blood of lobsters is colorless.

The most commonly used letter in the English alphabets is E.

The majority of plant life is located in the ocean.

A cat spends most of its life sleeping.

Spiders are not insects.

Australia is the only continent without an active volcano.

Honey never spoils.

The fortune cookie was invented in America.

The human brain is 78% water.

Koalas sleep 18 hours a day.

You share your birthday with 19 million people.

Cats have a hundred vocal cords.

Ducks cannot walk without bobbing their heads.

The human tongue heals the fastest compared to all body parts.

Cows cannot climb downstairs.

Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly backward.

The Aztecs invented popcorn.

French fries were invented in Belgium.

Kindness Matters

Judge Haynes H. Townsend

Due to the continued negative impacts of COVID-19, the Summer District Meeting scheduled for August 28, 2021 will be held via Zoom. The Agenda and Zoom link has been sent. See you on the 28th.

DG Jim Campbell

Love Bug Season

Love bugs are a nuisance on the Florida beach.

Love bug season on the Florida beaches occurs twice each year, April-May and August-September. Love bugs get their name from flying connected end-to-end. These tiny flies are a nuisance pest and related to mosquitoes and gnats.

Love bugs are NOT dangerous. They do not bite or sting. They are not poisonous. The problem with Florida love bugs is that they are so slow and they can travel in huge swarms.

Although these tiny flies are very soft, and have no disturbing noise, women become especially frustrated with them because they tickle when landing on skin, and easily become entangled in their hair or land on their nice outfits.

Fortunately for visitors to the Florida beaches, the May love bug season is usually far less abundant than the September one, when most visitors have returned to their own locales.

Love Bugs and Cars - An Infuriating Relationship

Florida love bugs travel in huge swarms and are blown along by the wind. Although it appears that vehicles are like Velcro to them, it just that their swarms are unavoidable.

Car and truck owners can pretty much reach the end of their string after a day of hitting a few swarms and their vehicle looks like a dot-to-dot mutation.

Here's what to do to help maintain your vehicle's paint job during love bug season.

- * Keep a good coat of wax on your vehicle. Locals who want to keep their paint job looking primo, wax every other week.
- * If you hit a swarm of love bugs and cannot clean your vehicle immediately, park it OUT OF the sun. This will reduce the effect of the acid from these little flies from etching your paint.
- * Wash love bugs off as soon as you can, if you hit a swarm. You'll be amazed at the carnage on your grill and bumper.
- * Many locals who commute longer distances, attach a screen over the grill to keep love bugs from clogging the radiator and making the vehicle overheat.
- * Some locals spread a very thin coat of non-stick baby oil over the bumper, grill, hood, and above the windshield. They say this makes it easier to clean off the love bugs.
- * Use a small amount of [Stoner 91156 Tarminator Tar and Bug Remover](#) to get the residue off after washing.

As much of a pain as this season is, I'll gladly take it over [stingray season](#).

THINGS TO SHARE...FROM THE SUNSHINE CHAIR

Our best wishes to all who has a Birthday or Anniversary in August.



WHO WE ARE

To accomplish our mission, we raise funds and identify the most innovative researchers and talented physicians who are committed to curing blindness and preventing vision loss. To these qualified groups and individuals, we provide much needed financial support.

Additionally we provide financial assistance to visual impaired members of our community for vision related services and procedures. Every dollar you donate to Beauty of Sight goes directly to fund research aimed at preventing and curing blindness and visual impairment. We're looking forward to a day when everyone in the world can see clearly, and live a life free from visual impairment. With your support, our vision will become a reality.

WHAT WE DO

Beauty of Sight Foundation is a nonprofit organization that provides financial support for vision-related research and innovation, including ophthalmic services for Florida Lions Eye Bank's patients and professional partners. The scope of our focus is threefold:

ONE

To support the philanthropic work of Florida Lions Eye Bank.

TWO

To fund innovative ophthalmic research aimed at treating and curing ophthalmic disease.

THREE

To support other programs and initiatives aimed at improving patient access and experience.

Serving Safely

For Every Need, Lions Find a Way

Lions serve. It's what we do. And while the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has changed the way we live and work, it has not changed who we are. Every day, Lions and Leos around the world are finding ways to continue their fellowship with one another and serve safely in their communities. Find out how you can stay active as a Lion during this unique time.

Join your fellow Lions and Leos around the world as they continue looking for new ways to safely serve their communities. Here are just a few ideas to get you started:

1. Do you have a mobile phone, laptop or tablet to spare? Consider donating these items for student virtual learning or to nursing home residents so they can safely stay connected to family and friends.
2. Do you speak a second language? Consider volunteering your time to translate documents or to virtually teach those learning a new language.
3. Do you have a musical talent? Consider sharing a performance virtually to isolated groups such as nursing home residents or hospitalized pediatric patients.
4. Who doesn't love getting a letter in the mail? Ask local nursing homes or rehabilitation facilities if you can write to residents who may be isolated from friends and family during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
5. Enjoy working with young people? Explore virtual tutoring opportunities for students who need extra help during remote learning mandates.
6. Love to read? Consider recording audiobooks for the visually impaired or read to children virtually to build their love of reading and storytelling.
7. Eager to reunite with your club members? Consider a park or forest preserve clean-up where social distancing is easy to maintain.
8. Love to sew? Contact schools, nursing homes and social service agencies to see if they are in need of reusable masks.
9. Enjoy working outdoors? Help neighbors in need with tasks such as yardwork, gardening, painting, etc. These activities provide a valuable service and allow social distancing.

10. Have time to run errands? Help an isolated neighbor in need by offering to pick up medication or groceries.
11. If you'd like more information and resources to help you stay active during this challenging time, check out our [Serving Safely](#) page

CALENDAR

Aug 28, 2021	Sat	District N Mtg by ZOOM
Sept 11, 2021	Mon	National Herces Day (Bahamas)
Oct 10, 2021	Sun	Curacao Day
Oct 14, 2021	Thur	Lions World Sight Day
Oct 31, 2021	Sun	Halloween (US)
Oct 31, 2021	Sun	end of Sea Turtle nesting season (US)
Nov 2021		Lions Diabetes Education Month
Nov 11, 2021	Thu	Veterans Day (US)
Nov 30, 2021	Tue	End of Hurricane Season
Dec 24, 2021	Fri	Christmas Eve
Dec 25, 2021	Sat	Christmas Day
Dec 26, 2021	Sun	Boxing Day (Bahamas)
Dec 26, 2021	Sun	2 nd Day of Christmas (Aruba, Bonaire)
Dec 27, 2021	Mon	Day off for Boxing Day (Bahamas)
Dec 31, 2021	Fri	New Year's Eve
Dec 31, 2021	Fri	New Year's Day (observed, USA)
January 2022		National Braille Literacy Month
Jan 1, 2022	Sat	New Year's Day
Jan 3, 2022	Mon	New Year's Day (Observed, Bahamas)
Jan 10, 2022	Mon	Majority Rule Day (Bahamas)
Jan 17, 2022	Mon	Martin Luther King Day (USA)
Jan 25, 2022	Tue	Betico Croes Day (Aruba)
Feb 14, 2022	Mon	Valentine's Day
Feb 28, 2022	Mon	Carnival Monday (Aruba, Curacao)
Mar, 2022		Eye Donor Awareness Month
Mar 13, 2022	Sun	Daylight Saving Time
Mar 14, 2022	Mon	PI Day (US)
Mar 17, 2022	Thu	St Patrick's Day (US)



URGENT-URGENT-URGENT IMPORTANT MESSAGE

July 28, 2021

As a consequence of the explosive surge in Covid-19 delta cases in America, the CDC has strengthened its recommendations for vaccinations, social distancing and mask wearing. In agreement with the concerns and recommendations of the CDC, the Florida Diabetes Awareness Foundation and the Florida Lions Retinopathy Foundation are halting all screening events and all training events, both for blood sugar testing and for retinopathy testing, **effective 28 July 2021**.

On 15 September 2021, the foundations will evaluate a possible date for restarting screenings and training.

Dr. Norma Callahan
Director
Diabetes Awareness Foundation & FL Lions Diabetic Retinopathy Foundation

Dr. Glenn Brown
President
Diabetes Awareness Foundation

Jane Colona
President
Florida Lions Diabetic Retinopathy Foundation



Fellow Lion,

On Saturday, August 14, an [earthquake struck Haiti](#), just days before a tropical storm is projected to pass near the island. The 7.2 magnitude quake has left more than 200 people dead, hundreds more injured or missing, and major devastation in several cities.

When a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude strikes, we, as Lions, [are ready to help](#). Right beside us is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation.

LCIF quickly responded and approved US\$100,000 in Emergency grant funding to allow Lions in Haiti to respond to urgent needs of the victims.

You can help. Your generous donation to [LCIF's disaster relief fund](#) will help deliver further funds to families impacted by the devastation.

Thank you for your kindness and for working together with LCIF to rebuild lives.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
LCIF Chairperson



Save the date for LCIcon 2022 Montréal!

Next year, LCIcon will be June 24-28 in Montréal, Canada. Stay tuned for more information. We can't wait to see you there!



MEMBERSHIP REPORT July 1st to July 31 -2021

Hello dear District Governor Jim Campbell, it is my pleasure to inform you of my Membership Report, GMT and GAM (NAMI) for the month of July 2021.

Despite the fact ,that the Clubs,have not had activities in person, and that we lost some Members in the first month of (July) of this Lionistic Year, our District continues to grow with a positive balance.

We have 2 Branch Clubs in the works, and next week when we send the completed Forms to Lions International, we will let you know.

Our Plan is to participate in the Zone and Club Meetings, to continue promoting the Increase of New Members and work on Retention.

BALANCE AS OF TODAY DISTRICT 35-N

Opening	Added	Dropped	Current	Net-Gain
1299	37	26	1310	11

INFORMATION ON THE CUBES THAT INCREASED MEMBERSHIP IN THE MONTH OF JULY 2021.

Dania Beach - 10 New Members

Freeport - 7 New Members

Coral Gable Merrick - 4 New Members

Miami United World - 2 New Members

Miami Lautaro - 2 New Members

Port S. Lucie - 1 New Member

Miami Managua - 1 New Member

Miami Kingdom - 6 New Members

Port S. Lucie Downton - 4 New Members

Miami Interamerica Ecuador - 2 New Members

West Pal Beach-Wellington - 2 New Members

Miami Five Star - 1 New Member

Hollywood Colombian - 1 New Member

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

This is the information of the 10 largest Clubs in District 35-N

Coral Gable Merrick - 82 Members

Miami Spring - 64 Members

Curacao - 51 Members

Fort Pierce - 43 Members

Miami Kingdom - 38 Members

West Miami Sunshine - 66 Members

Dania Beach - 55 Members

Freeport - 45 Members

Aruba - 39 Members

Miami Cubal - 37 Members

Thank you all for your support.

This is my Report.

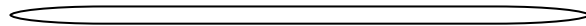
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GMT MD35 and District 35-N

GAM-NAMI Champion District 35-N

Multiple District Pin Contest

Type here] A contest to design the Multiple District 35 Prestige and regular pins for 2022. Rules: The contest opened with the close of the Multiple District Summer Council meeting held in Cocoa Beach August 7, 2021 and will run until December 31, 2021. The contest is open to all lions in the Multiple District to design the MD-35 2022 Prestige and standard Pins (Large pin and small pin). Design must reflect Multiple District 35 Florida, Bahamas, Aruba, Bonaire & Curacao. They must include: MD 35 Florida, Bahamas, Aruba, Bonaire & Curacao (as text) or Multiple District 35 Intl. Convention Year: 2022 Lion Club International Logo Encourage your club members to put their thinking caps on and start designing the 2022 MD 35 Pin. Should you need some ideas, you can access the Lions International Pin Traders Club website and view previous pins from MD 35 and other MD's at: <http://www.litpc.org/PictorialPinCatalogs.html> Those submitting pin designs should NOT have any identifying marks on their submission. Please attach a separate sheet with the submitters Name, Club, Address, Phone and Email. Deadline for submission of design: All entries for the contest Must Be Postmarked on or before 31 December 2021. Judging will be done by the Council at the Council of Governors Executive session in Cocoa Beach on January 8, 2022. The winning design will be announced following the council meeting on the MD 35 website at www.lionsmd35.com . The winner will receive two tickets to the Governors Banquet on April 30, 2022 at the Multiple District Convention in Miami. Pins will be ordered by the Multiple District Office through a licensed vendor and will be available for sale at the Multiple District Convention in May 2022. All entries must be submitted to: Lions of MD-35 MD Pin Contest 7200 Lake Ellenor Dr. Ste 109 Orlando, FL 32809-5786



Peace Poster Contest Deadlines

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

- **January 15:** Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
 - **October 1:** Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
 - **November 15:** Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.
 - **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.
 - **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Brand and Marketing Strategy Department at International Headquarters.
 - **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Brand and Marketing Strategy Department at International Headquarters.
 - **December 15:** Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Brand and Marketing Strategy Department at International Headquarters.
- February 1:** International winners notified on or before this date.

Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind



Are you getting enough exercise?
Please support the Virtual 5K run for
the Florida Lions Foundation

This is easy! Run to your checkbook or computer
and make a donation

Suggested donation of
\$1.00 per kilometer!
But there is a deadline:
October 31, 2021



Donations can be sent to
2ndVP Lion Vivian
Henegar

9069 High Point Blvd.
Brooksville, FL 34613
Phone: (810) 444--4109 or
(352) 596-8485

Or visit our website to donate:
<https://floridalionsfoundation.org/>

The Florida Lions Foundation works to
improve the lives of the visually impaired
through surgeries and other assistance.





Extraordinary Dogs

Our dogs are no ordinary dogs.

Our guide dogs, service dogs, and skilled companion dogs provide freedom, confidence, and hope for people who cannot see, for veterans who have seen too much, and for children facing significant challenges.

LIONS AND LEADER DOG

In every Leader Dog lies the heart of a Lion.

Members of the international humanitarian organization, Lions Clubs International, founded Leader Dogs for the Blind in 1939 and Lions have been dedicated ambassadors and loyal supporters of the mission since that time. Over 4,900 Lions Clubs both nationally and internationally contribute financially to Leader Dog. Lions identify people in their community who could benefit from Leader Dog's services, offer assistance to our clients and widely communicate information about our programs throughout their hometowns and districts.

Lions step forward to support the people we serve in significant ways, acting as Leader Dog Chairs in their districts, as puppy raisers and hosts for our breeding stock dogs and as advocates for the community of people who are blind or visually impaired.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service organization, a global leader in serving people who are blind or visually impaired, and a valued partner to the Leader Dog mission. We are deeply grateful for our longstanding relationship with Lions and proud of our collective impact.

History of Lions and Leader Dog

It all began in 1938, when Charles A. Nutting, Donald P. Schurr and S.A. Dodge led the Uptown Lions Club of Detroit in establishing a school to train guide dogs for people who are blind. Their motivation was Dr. Glenn Wheeler, a fellow Uptown Lion whose attempts to be accepted by another guide dog organization proved unsuccessful. The first clients were housed at the Park Avenue Hotel in Detroit and graduated in the fall of 1938.

On April 4, 1939, Lions Leader Dog Foundation was incorporated as a Michigan nonprofit. In May 1939, the Foundation leased a small farm in Rochester Hills, Michigan to house their new venture. Fifty dollars per month rented a farmhouse for the clients and staff, a barn for the dogs and a garage.

On October 8, 1939, the first class of the official Lions Leader Dog Foundation graduated. The cost to graduate a client/dog team was \$600.

Soon after incorporation, on June 15, 1940, the new name "Leader Dog League for the Blind" became official.

Leader Dog received a new Executive Director in 1951, Harold "Pock" Pocklington. Pock had been on the Board of Trustees since 1948 after he first visited Leader Dog while a District Governor-Elect. Leader Dog's global ties to the Lions began strengthening in 1953 when S.A. Dodge served as president of Lions International, bringing Leader Dog to the Lions at the highest possible level. Melvin Jones, founder of Lionism, gave Leader Dog his personal endorsement in 1958.

In 1963, Lions International President Jorge Bird of Puerto Rico became involved with Leader Dog when he brought a Spanish soldier, Francisco A. Garcia, who had been blinded by a shell explosion, to get a dog. Until this time, the Lions were unable to establish themselves in Spain because its leader General Franco opposed having international associations in the country. However, when Garcia returned to Spain he received much press and Franco became aware of him. When President Bird was finally able to get an audience with Franco, he provided approval for Lions to establish themselves in Spain. At this meeting, Franco recognized the Lions as the group that "gave the dog to someone in Barcelona." The association of Lions of Spain and Leader Dog continues to this day. On May 10, 1968, Leader Dog received permission to use the Lions emblem by Lions International, formalizing the deep connection between the two organizations.

The Lions' sustained support of Leader Dog was celebrated in 1972 with the addition of a life-size Lion to the Downtown Rochester training facility. The 2,200 pound statue was installed by the Shelby Township Lions and was designed and constructed by Gan Jacobsen (who became a long-time Trustee of Leader Dog). During this decade, Pock, who was still serving as Executive Director of Leader Dog, was twice elected to the Lions International Board (1974-75, 1978-79).

In April of 2013, LION Magazine listed Leader Dogs for the Blind as one of the "10 Brilliant Breakthroughs in Service." In November of 2013, Leader Dog, Lions Clubs International, and partners Purina Pro Plan and the Iowa Department of Corrections jointly received the Community Partnership Award from the Mutual of America Foundation for Leader Dog's Prison Puppy Raising Program. The program places Leader Dog puppies with inmates for their first year of life. Lions Clubs throughout the world have continued to support Leader Dog and its clients financially, brought thousands of people who needed assistance through Leader Dog's doors and have continued to serve on the Board of Trustees. They are puppy raisers, volunteers, breeding hosts and so much more. Many recipients of Leader Dog services have become Lions after experiencing their support and mission firsthand.

To this day, the mission of the Lions, "We serve," perfectly complements the Leader Dog mission of empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel.