



Unity makes us strong

District 35-N
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Lions of Florida, Bahamas, Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao



Dear Lions of District 35-N,

Welcome to the August edition of the District Governor newsletter. I hope this finds you all healthy and happy.

It is an honor for me to serve as your District Governor for the Lionistic year 2023-2024.

As we start our second month of the Lionistic year I want to keep encouraging every lion to continue serving their community.

How can we achieve more? By working together as a team in unity we can achieve so much for our District and communities.

Let us remember that unity makes us strong. Let us embrace the power of togetherness, celebrate our shared humanity, and work towards a brighter future in Lionism, our communities we serve and District 35N as a whole.

As always, I am here to serve you and support you in any way I can. Thank you for being a Lion and for making a difference in the world.

Yours in service,



Lion Ivan Croes
District Governor 35-N

Discover ARUBA

Home of District Governor
Ivan Croes

Read full article on page 5 !

ENGAGING CONTENT!

Get ready for the 1st District Meeting of 2023-2024

Date: Saturday August 19, 2023

Time: 9 am to 1 pm

**Place: Casino Dania Beach
2nd floor ballroom**

**Address: 301 East Dania Beach Blvd.
Dania Beach, Florida, 33004.**

Time: 9am to 1pm

Host: Dania Beach Lions Club

Coffee, juice & snacks will be served
FREE parking lot, access from Fronton Blvd

See you there!



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Lions International Presidential theme & pin



Changing the World doesn't happen all at once. It happens through many small choices. With every act of kindness, we change a life. With every Lions club and Leo club, we change a community. When we change our communities, we change the world.

From the Desk of 1VDG Jane Colona... What If?

It is so exciting to start the new 2023-2024 Lionistic year under the direction of District Governor Ivan Croes. With the new year, comes new opportunities, goals and a new cabinet full of excitement.

On the flip side, we also face new challenges. It is our job to work with the members of District 35N to assure our goals are met and we meet the challenges faced before us.

I often ask myself, what would I be doing now IF I had not been asked by my son, Chris, to become a Lion when I needed fellowship, service and fun more than ever in my life. "What IF" I did not take that oath to serve to the best of my ability. "What IF" I had not made it out of radiation and chemotherapy treatment to serve District 35N. What if...

I reflect on my passions often. Serving others is what I do best, so to "Serve" in Lionism is right up my ally. "What IF" I wasn't asked, no one came to me to ask the very simple question. The number one priority for the next 4 years is MISSION 1.5 to reach 1.5 million members by 2027. Secondly, attaining our District Goal of 150 new members this year. Are you up for the challenge? Just Ask.

I cannot imagine a life without Lionism, without fellowship, without the hugs, kisses and friendships around the world that have made me a better person, a better lion, a better friend a better mother, daughter aunt. I can't even imagine, the what if's if Lionism was not a part of my life. Can You?

"What IF"



Message from 2VDG & GST Global Service Team Chair Lion Elizabeth Fisher

I am so excited to serve with you this year as we are “Changing the World” together and strive to reach for new heights of service excellence in District 35N!

LCI now has 8 Global Causes! In addition to Vision, Hunger, Environment, Diabetes, and Pediatric Cancer, we now also have *Youth, Disaster Relief, and Humanitarian Efforts*. This will allow us to better identify the ‘other’ service category, and provides us new ideas for serving.

Don’t wait - Let’s start reporting Service now. July just ended, if you did not report for the past month, please do so this week. Please note reporting in the current system WILL carry over to the new system, so do not let that upcoming change deter you. More to come on that...

District Meeting Service Project: Please bring *Eyeglasses for recycling* to all future District meetings. Also for our next meeting, we will also be collecting non-perishable food items for children at Lighthouse for the Blind for weekend meals who have been identified as food insecure. Raviolis, tuna fish packets, Vienna sausages, cereal boxes, canned soups, healthy snacks, microwaveable mac and cheese, etc. **Zone Chairs** – plan your service projects too!

Our District Governors Goal is 85% of Clubs reporting. We ended last year at just 69%. If you need assistance on how to report I will set up a zoom or we can meet to review. YOUR clubs reporting is important to me, our District and LCI, and I am delighted to help you make it happen.

District Service Recognitions – presented quarterly as achieved. Aim, for more than one!

‘D35N Global Cause Champion Service Award’

Reporting service in *all 8 Lions Global Causes* during this Lionistic year.

‘D35N Lions Partnership Service Award’

Served alongside another Lions club in a reported service activity “D35N Lions

Community Partnership Service Award”

Served alongside another Civic group in your community on a reported service

“D35N Club Service Excellence Awards”

Quarterly recognitions at District meetings to highlight individual outstanding and innovative club reported service activities.

“D35N Soaring in Service”

Award for Clubs that are new to reporting this Lionistic year

“End of the Lionistic Year “District Service Champion Awards”

Honoring club with Most People Served, Most Activities Reported, Most dollars donated

Celebrate your Success! Please be aware the Club Excellence Award is due August 30th, I encourage all clubs to apply.

District, let’s get out there and serve, have fun, and report!

Sincerely,

2VDG & GST Lion Elizabeth Fisher

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*Be good to people
for no reason.*

DON'T ~~ever~~ BE AFRAID
TO DREAM TOO BIG
• NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE •
— IF YOU —
BELIEVE • YOURSELF
YOU CAN ACHIEVE IT.

CELEBRATE
EVERY TINY
VICTORY



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

I believe in the foundation . . . I support the foundation!

by PCC Diana Castillo

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the fundraising and grant-making arm of our global organization. LCIF granted more than US\$1.2 billion to Lions service projects and partnership around the world.

LCIF is your foundation. It belongs to every Lion and empowers the service and impact of Lions everywhere. The success of LCIF is truly the success of every Lion!

For the fiscal year 2022-2023, and thanks to your generosity and your commitment, LCIF exceeded the fundraising goal of US\$50 million and raised \$US67.9 million.

By donating to LCIF, your club can help change the world. Let us know if you need information or assistance with any of our programs, and/or if you want us to schedule a visit to your club, we are here for you.

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The Lions emblem

The Lions International emblem represents the contemporary and evolving character of the organization today while celebrating its history and international renown. Subtle updates have modernized the emblem and greatly improved its legibility and reproducibility.

The only acceptable interpretation of the emblem is pictured on this page.

It may not be reconstructed or altered in any way. It must be reproduced from production-quality art or from high resolution digital files.

The Lions International emblem has been designed to function as part of a flexible and cohesive visual system. When combined with the nameplate, it will be referred to as a signature.

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www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/brand-guidelines



USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Reno, Nevada
21 – 23 September 2023

Register online www.lionsforum.org



TRIVIA

The concept of a Leo club is:

- A) To develop youth as responsible citizens of both community and the world.
- B) To support Lions clubs projects.
- C) To provide a social and recreational outlet for youth.

Answer on page 6

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Thank you for being a valued reader of our newsletter.



From GMT: PDG Elbio Gimenez
RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS PLAN
JULY - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER



Requirements on the INCREASE of membership:

- 1) The Club that boosts its membership over the next 3 months without any losses will be granted a special award by the District Governor.
- 2) The Club that increases its membership and doesn't lose more than 2 members will receive a certificate from the District Governor.
- 3) The Club that manages to increase its membership by 10 or more in the upcoming 3 months without any losses will be presented with a special plaque for growth and retention by the District Governor.
- 4) The Club that sponsors a new branch club will be honored with an award from the District Governor.
- 5) The Club that sponsors a new club will be acknowledged with an award from the District Governor.

Requirements on the RETENTION of membership:

- 1) The Club that maintains its current membership without any increase or loss of members will be awarded a certificate by the District Governor.
- 2) The Club that successfully retains all its members from July to September will be presented with a certificate by the District Governor.

Let's keep in mind the objectives set by District Governor Ivan Croes, which include achieving a net gain of 150 members and establishing 3 new clubs. By working together as a cohesive team, I am confident that we can accomplish the goals set by the District Governor.

Thank you for your Support

Boston Convention Highlights





Discover the ARUBA Effect!



Aruba is much more than a Caribbean paradise. World-class beaches, always-perfect weather and welcoming culture are only a part of what makes Aruba so special. Spend just a few moments on Aruba's shores and you'll feel it - an overwhelming sense of happiness and peace that fills you up. And here's the best part - this feeling stays with you after you leave, sending you off with a happy afterglow that never fades. **That's the Aruba Effect.**

Where is Aruba?

Only 19.6 miles long and six miles across, our beautiful speck of powdery-white sand is a paradise shaped by the sea—an island that embraces you with warm sunny days and even warmer, sunnier people.

To the south and west, Aruba is alive with resorts, shopping, and nightlife. To the north, waves and wind sculpt rugged coastlines and limestone cliffs. And in our heart, Arikok National Park protects a sprawling landscape of desert sand, towering cacti, and natural wonders.

History & Culture

From our ancient Caiquetio Indian roots, through Spanish and Dutch rule, to our modern day standing as a constituent country of the Netherlands, Aruba's history dates back centuries.

It's what's made us the proud, diverse collection of over 90 unique nationalities – a melting pot of people all living happily together, welcoming new visitors and old friends with a sunny smile and warm embrace.

Aruba's history isn't confined to a museum. It's embedded in the features of every smiling face. It's sculpted deeply into the rocks and gold mill ruins and Oranjestad sculptures that have endured for generations. Historic vacations to Aruba bring you face to face with our incredible story. View our historical vacation packages, or build your Aruba historical vacation to explore the centuries and stories of our happy home.



The flag of Aruba was officially adopted on March 18, 1976, along with the official anthem "Aruba Dushi Tera".

The significance of the four colors:

The **Blue** represents the sea that surrounds Aruba;

Yellow is the color of abundance, representing the island's past and its industries of gold, aloe and oil;

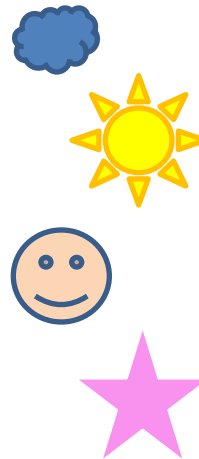
Red is for the love each Aruban has for the country and the ancient industry of Brazilwood; and **White** symbolizes the snow-white beaches as well as the purity of the hearts of Aruba's people who strive for justice, order and liberty.

The symbols on the flag of Aruba consist of a red star and two yellow stripes.

The **red star** represents the four points of the compass, with the island having drawn people from around the world. The star also represents the island itself, surrounded by the beautiful blue sea.

The **horizontal yellow stripes** denote the free and separate position Aruba enjoys in the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

We celebrate all that, and the flag and anthem of Aruba have come to signify with the national holiday of **Flag and Anthem Day** each **March 18**, the same day that in 1986, Holland accepted Aruba's right to autonomous status in the Kingdom of the Netherlands.





CALLING ALL LIONS!

VISION SCREENING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

WHEN: August 28 – September 1
WHERE: Keys Gate Charter School
2355 SE 28 Avenue, Homestead, FL 33035

Contact PCC Diana Castillo at
cas9673@aol.com to RSVP for this
volunteer opportunity.



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Dear Lions,

We value your insights and contributions to our community, and we're excited to invite you to be a part of our newsletter. Your expertise, stories, and event information can enrich the content and create a vibrant reading experience for all.

If you have an article, story, opinion piece, or event information that you believe our readers would find valuable, we encourage you to share it with us! Don't miss the chance to promote your events, and connect with fellow Lions.

Submission guidelines:

- Articles should be submitted in Word.
- Event information should include date, time, location, and a brief description.
- Submissions must be relevant and align with our goals as Lions.
- Flyers are recommended to be submitted in .pdf or .jpg format

Benefits of contributing:

1. Reach a targeted and engaged audience.
2. Contribute to the knowledge sharing and growth of our community.

Please submit your article or event information to marielasromero@gmail.com by the 5th of each month. We're looking forward to featuring your insights and making our newsletter a platform for everyone's ideas.

Thank you for being an essential part of our newsletter community!

Regards,
Mariela Romero

