

NEWSLETTER



MIAMI BUENA VISTA BILTMORE LIONS CLUB

DISTRICT 35-N

ZONE 8

MARCH - APRIL 2022



Service From The Heart



MARCH - APRIL CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY	MARCH 2nd	BOARD MEETING	Zoom 7 PM
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 16th	PLENARY MEETING	Islas Canarias Restaurant 6 PM
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 6 th	BOARD MEETING	Zoom 7 PM
SUNDAY	APRIL 17 TH	EASTER	
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 20 th	PLENARY MEETING	Islas Canarias Restaurant 6 PM
THURSDAY	APRIL 28 th	MULTIPLE DISTRICT 35 CONVENTION BEGINS	Marriott Airport

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 12, 2022, 10:30 AM – Florida Lions Eye Bank Open House at Bascom Palmer.

April 9, 2022 Florida Lions Eye Bank Strategic Board Meeting at UHealth Clinical Research Building.

April 28-May 1, 2022 Multiple District 35 Convention at Miami Airport Marriott

June 24-28, 2022 - International Convention at Montreal, Quebec, Canada

September 15-17, 2022 USA/Canada Forum at Calgary, Alberta, Canada

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:



Alberto Valdes	March 2 nd
Freddy Vaca	March 5 th
Dr. Raquel Marrero	March 11 th
Antonio Montes	April 9 th

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Miami Buena Vista Biltmore Lions Club ***52 years of service!***

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<i>Lino R. de la Hera, PDG</i>	<i>Club LCIF Coordinator & Guiding Lion</i>
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ZONE CHAIR

Dr. Sonia Valdes

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Food Distribution

Lions Mayra Montes, PP as member of the District 35N Hunger Relief Committee and Tony Montes, IPDG, participated in food distribution at Miami Springs Club House and Corpus Christi Church's Ray Zamora received 20 bags donation.



Environmental

We completed the collection of 500 lbs. of soft plastic bags and have ordered our fourth bench from the Trex Company. A job well done!



Blessing Bags

Lion First Vice President Daniel Pedreira continues collecting first need items to be distributed among St. Dominic's Church and Ronald McDonald house.

All those senior members of our Club should go to their respective drugstores and obtain free OTC (Over the counter) supplies provided by medicare advantage plans such as Humana, Preferred Care, etc) and prepare zip lock bags and bring them to our plenaries.

Toys Distribution

Our Lion First Vice President Daniel Pedreira distributed toys at Homestead Outreach Center and Ermita de la Caridad Church. He informed that he received donations through Facebook and from Lion Jane Colona



Eyeglasses

We collected 100 used glasses from various optical centers and delivered them to our collection and processing hub at Miami Springs Lions Club House.

From our January Plenary

We had a great crowd at our Plenary Meeting. We had the official visit of our District Governor James Campbell and First Vice District Governor Elizabeth Maloff, among others. Governor Campbell inducted a new member of our club, Oscar Montes, sponsored by his brother Tony. Congratulations and welcome Lion Montes.

Governor Campbell spoke about the Special Olympics to be celebrated this summer in Orlando.

Our own Lion Tony Montes, IPDG received a 30 Years Chevron from Lions Club International for his thirty years of continued lionistic service. Lions Dr. Raquel Marrero and Orfa Cruz received 30 and 20 year Chevrons as well.

An ambience of camaraderie was in the air.



Visitations

Our Lion Juan Tejera, PCC attended the Coral Gables Merrick Lions Club Induction of two new members.

Lions Juan Tejera, PCC, Tony Montes, IPDG and President Cathy Triana attended the Florida Lions Eye Bank Strategic Board Meeting held at Uhealth Clinical Research Building in Miami.

From our February Plenary

The speaker of the night was Lion Adita Vazquez, PDG, who spoke to us about the special Olympics to take place in June 22 in Orlando, Florida. This is a very interesting event where special kids and grown ups compete in different sports. Thanks, Adita. We had good attendance. Our Immediate Past District Governor, Lion Tony Montes presented Lions Mayra Montes, PP with the District Excellence Medal for her dedication and valuable help during his governorship.



LIONS ANNIVERSARY

Lino R. de la Hera	03/01/1955 to 03/01/2022	67 Years of Service!
Augusto Vidaurreta	03/01/1955 to 03/01/2022	67 Years of Service!
Alberto G. Valdes	04/01/1972 to 04/01/2022	50 Years of Service!
Juan J. Tejera	03/01/1974 to 03/01/2022	48 Years of Service!
Teresa E. Saumell	03/01/1991 to 03/01/2022	31 Years of Service!
Yolanda Ledesma	04/14/2016 to 04/14/2022	6 Years of Service!
Grace Mayo	03/01/2019 to 03/01/2022	3 Years of Service!
Freddy Vaca	03/01/2019 to 03/01/2022	3 Years of Service!
Nicolas Cardenas	03/01/2019 to 03/01/2021	3 Years of Service!

Family Corner

Here we introduce to you the great grandchildren of our friend and fellow Lion Teresita San Miguel and they are: Pia Maria, Emilia Lucia daughters of her grandson Louie. August from her grandson Kyle. God bless them.



Pia Maria



Emilia Lucia



August

YESTERYEAR 2011



Lions Dr. Bertha Garcia, Isabel Alegret, Teresa Saumell, Mayra Montes, Dra. Raquel Marrero, Lee Maloff, Stacey Jones, Juan Tejera, Carlos Vargas, Teresita San Miguel, Tony Montes, Jorge De Armas & Tony San Pedro

FEATURE OF THE MONTH

Lion Oscar Montes



I was born in Camaguey, Cuba where I spent most of my life until finally in 2007 I was able to leave to the United States. My primary education was at Enrique Jose Varona's School while my secondary school was at Zayas's school. My dreams of attending Architecture at the university were truncated when I was taken prisoner by the communist regime in Cuba.

My brother Tony and I presented the proper documentation to emigrate to the US as Cuban refugees in the early 1960's. Tony was able to leave in August of 1962 but the October Cuban Missile Crisis suspended all departures from the island preventing me from leaving. In a desperate attempt, my father decided to send me out in a boat but the captain was an undercover government agent and my father and I were taken prisoners. I spent two years at various prisons, first in La Cabana, where every day we were awakened by the shots of the valiant freedom fighters executed by the firing squad directed by the monster Che Guevara, and later I was transferred to another prison in Havana. After two years I was released and returned to my home town in Camaguey, however, I was not allowed to ever leave Cuba nor continue my education.

I followed the path of my father and joined the Mason organization achieving after several years, the highest position of Master which is the equivalent of president, not only in my lodge but at the state level.

Finally after many years, I was allowed to leave and join my brother in this great country and relocated to the state of Virginia with my wife Zenaida. Unfortunately she passed last May and my brother asked me to join him in Miami. I have a son, two daughters, a granddaughter, a grandson, and a greatgrandson in Camaguey, Cuba. Last month I was initiated in the Miami Buena Vista Biltmore Lions Club following the steps of my father and brother and it is my intent to continue servicing the community as in past years as a Mason.

MEMORIES

1998

2018



Lino de la Hera, Tony Montes & Carlos Vargas

Humor

A woman enters a bar naked and asks for a beer, the bartender looks at her with a surprise face and she says: What happens, you never seen a naked woman? He replies, yes. many times, but I wonder where are you going to take the money out to pay for the beer!

Thought for the Day

The tree does not withdraw its shade from the wood cutter, so, forgive those who hurt you. They will realize you are worth one day.

Website

Please visit Miami Buena Vista Biltmore Lions Club. If you have old pictures share them with Webmasters Juan D'Arce and Daniel Pedreira.

From the Editors Desk

*We need the participation of all members to our Plenaries, we are planning to have several speakers and do several activities.
Remember we are here to SERVE.*

Teresa Saumell

Tony Montes