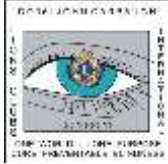




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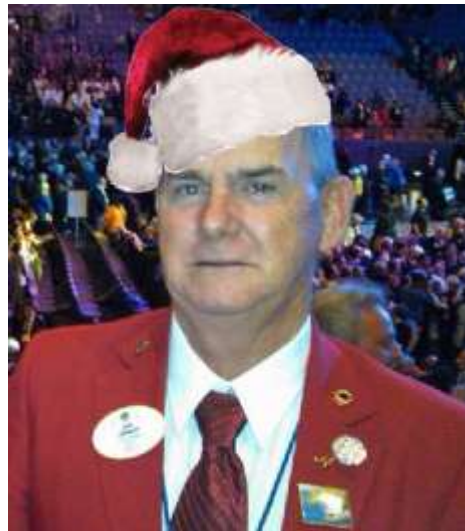
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To My Fellow Lions,

Here we are just 3 1/2 short weeks away from another year. The past year has gone by so fast. It seems funny when we think back about how we thought the school year would never end and now the years go by more rapidly than we would like. It seems to be the same way with holidays. I'm beginning to think that before long we will have a nationally recognized holiday every week of the year. But, I'm not here to lament on how fast I'm aging, I am here to wish all of you and your blessed families a wonderful holiday season and a safe, joyous and prosperous New Year.

We will soon be crossing over the threshold of the half way mark in the 2010-2011 Lionistic year. I believe it has been a relatively good year considering all of the changes we faced this year with the re-districting and the sad case of our Florida Lions Camp. Even with all of the challenges we have managed to adhere to the Lions Code of Ethics and further the Lions mission of working to eliminate preventable blindness in the world. The activities and projects that have been and continue to be orchestrated in the many clubs in our district has been truly amazing. I hope you all continue to have the success met in the past with all of your planned projects and activities. But we have to remember that we can't rest on our laurels. We need to continue what we do so excellently and that is "TO SERVE". We must not and can not let the "Beacon of Hope" fade.

Once again, let me say that I sincerely hope you have a great holiday. Don't forget the District 35-I Cabinet meeting on December 18th at Zephyrhills Lions Club. The agenda will be coming out soon. Anyone who wishes 5 minutes on the program please let District Secretary Suzy Stathas and myself know. Until next month.

DG JOHN CARBAUGH

"One World, One Purpose. Cure Preventable Blindness"

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Message from 1st Vice District Governor Dean Hess



Hello Lions, Lioness and Leos:

The holidays are upon us. Let Lion Judy and I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a safe and Happy New Year.

Christmas is wonderful time for friendliness, sharing, caring and love. It is a time when all the world rejoices. It is a time for service and the giving of gifts, not only monetary but from the heart.

The gifts of our Savior were precious and rare. He blessed the blind to see, the deaf to hear and the lame to walk.

He gave light in place of darkness, forgiveness to the repentant and hope to the despairing.

This is the season of the year when we can bring gifts of joy and happiness to others. Like the savior, we can visit the sick, give to the poor and cheer up the lonely. No one should be alone or feel alone at this time of year. Look at your friends and neighbors and make sure they are not forgotten. At this time of remembrance, we can bring the most meaning of our motto "We Serve" to others. Lions are blessed to be part of the largest and most active service organization in the world. Think of what you can do the rest of the year with more Lions in your club. Invite your friends, family and give them membership into Lions as this is truly a gift.

I would like to thank my home club, the Lake Placid Lions, for stepping up and giving up their Thanksgiving

Day to serve others, who would not have had a Thanksgiving dinner. Thank you to all the Lions clubs or Lions who may have made a meal or gave a basket to those less fortunate than ourselves. What a gift of service! I'm very proud of all of you.

Remember:

Our District Eye Screening is Sunday, December 5th in Immokalee

Our Next Cabinet Meeting is Saturday, December 18th at Zephyrhills

Hope to see all of you at these important District events!

Happy Holidays to all,

Lion Dean Hess, 1st VDG
Lion Judy Galm, PIS

Message from 2nd Vice District Governor Bob Hilliard



Greetings from 2nd VDG Bob Hilliard:

It is hard to believe that 2010 is coming to an end. Seems like it was just yesterday that we were bidding 2009 goodbye. This is just a mere example of how precious time can be with each day passing us by so quickly. At this time of year we stop and reflect on what we have to be thankful for and show appreciation for what we have. For Amy and I, God has blessed Amy with a great new job, us with a wonderful new home and both with good health. The members my club, Bonita Springs, have much to be thankful for

as they raised over \$150,000.00 since July that has been given back to the less fortunate in our community. I am sure that there are many, many more that have similar success stories with much or more to be thankful for.

As we approach 2011, let us look forward to a year of great fundraising and new ideas. These ideas and our fundraising efforts will help us and our clubs generate the necessary funds to provide even more support for those less fortunate in our communities.

During this holiday season, let us not forget our mission "We Serve". Each of you is that "Beacon of Light" needed to spread our mission to many others. We must continue to grow our membership to remain healthy and able to build our list of

accomplishments. New blood will bring new ideas... new ideas will bring new successes...and so on and so forth. Remember.... "No one can do everything, but everyone can do something." Each person CAN make a difference wherever they are in life.

Amy and I wish you and your families a very happy and blessed holiday season and May God continue to hold you and your family safely in the palm of his hand.

Yours in Lionism,

Bob and Amy Hilliard

2VDG and Wife



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Message from Cabinet Secretary Suzy Stathas, PDG

LIONS OF DISTRICT 35-I

Thank you to the following clubs for sending your dues checks so quickly during the Thanksgiving Holiday!

To clubs who are sending yours, please make your check out to District 35-I. The Multiple District will bill our District for their portion.

Dade City-Heritage Park
Cottee River
Sebring
Seminole
Estero S. Ft. Myers
Sun City Center
St. Petersburg
Everglades
Bonita Springs
Pinellas Park
Safety Harbor
Marco Island
Lake Placid
Englewood
Tampa West Hillsboro
Venice
Greater Pine Island
Brandon
Clearwater, Inc.
St. Petersburg Breakfast



One Lion asked what the dues are for and how do they help and how they are spent. There may be more than one Lion who is not sure why we pay dues, so please allow me share with you.

Our Lions Dues causes us to be members of the Largest, Greatest Service Organization in the world. We are the only service organization who can boast that all monies taken in from the public are given back to the public. (That makes a difference to those who donate to us.) Our dues pays for our own expenses such as paper and ink and envelopes and postage and awards and certificates and plaques and pins and literature and fliers and our magazine and the Multiple District office rent and copier and phone and computer and printer. We also pay one employee a very small amount to run the MD office. Our Governor and Vice Governors receive rules of audit expenses for specified events/activities only, with a maximum per Lionistic year. Please attend our next District 35-I Cabinet Meeting to learn more of the details.

Please see me at the Cabinet Meeting if you're curious about what it cost each of our officers to serve.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Suzy Stathas, PDG
District 35-I Cabinet Secretary

The Southwest Florida Lions News is published monthly and delivered via e-mail to Region Chairs, Zone Chairs and Club Secretaries. Send articles, pictures, event notices, etc. to the Newsletter Editor by the 25th of each month. It is the responsibility of the club President and/or Secretary to make sure the newsletter is forwarded to every member of his or her club. In the event a club member does not have access to a computer, printed copies should be on-hand at every club meeting. It can also be found on the District 35-I (www.lions35i.org) and Multiple District 35 (www.lionsofflorida.org) websites.

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News from the Multiple District 35 Bulletin /Newsletter Contest Chair



Attention Club Bulletin/Newsletter Editors!

YOU are the Public Relations link

For your club

To your club

To potential Lions

And to the community!

Please include me on your mailing or e-mail list, so that I can include your upcoming events in the 'Club Briefs' section for the Multiple District 35 Magazine.

Thank you for your service!

Lion Suzy Stathas, PDG

Multiple District 35

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Important Links

Lions Clubs International

<http://lionsclubs.org>

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org>

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

2012 Tampa Bay Host Committee

<http://www.tampabayforum2012.org>

Multiple District 35

<http://www.lionsofflorida.org>

District 35-L

<http://www.district35l.org>

District 35-I

<http://www.lions35i.org>

District 35-O

<http://www.lionnews-35-o.com>

District 35-N

<http://www.lionsof35n.org>

Florida Lions Pin Trading Club

<http://www.flptc.org>

Venice Lions Club Peace Poster Contest Winners Announced



Ms. Cheri Cray (Art Teacher), Amanda Swalby (1st place winner) Epiphany School, Ms. Lise Jodwalis (Art Teacher), Andrew Kujawski (1st place winner) Venice Middle, Ms. Monica Wagner (Art Teacher), Tess Ripper (1st place winner), Laurel/Nokomis, and Lion Ed Lynch, Peace Poster Contest Chair, Venice Lions Club.



Epiphany Cathedral School

Lion Ed Lynch - Peace Poster Contest Chair, Ms. Cheri Cray (Art Teacher), 1st Place Winner Amanda Swalby with her Mother, and Ms. Irene Lynch, Principal.



Laurel / Nokomis

1st place winner Tess Ripper with Peace Poster Chair Ed Lynch.



Venice Middle School

1st place winner Andrew Kujawski and his mother, Mrs. Kujawski

The Venice Lions Club just concluded their 2010 - 2011 Peace poster contest with Epiphany Cathedral, Laurel-Nokomis and Venice Middle school students participating.

Here in our area, art instructors in each participating school select the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners from many works submitted to them, and send those to Venice Lions Club. The Lions Club in turn will send them to the district contest to be judged against other entries from other districts.

Throughout the world, students in 205 countries take part in this contest. Participants use a variety of mediums, like charcoal, crayon, pencil and paint to express the theme. Local Lions Clubs help the participating schools with financial aid for art supplies etc.

This year, the Venice Lions Club hosted the three winners, their art instructors and some of the parents at the first meeting in November.

**Dade City-Heritage Park Lions Club Third Annual Christmas Party**

Monday, December 20, 2010
Heritage Park Facility
37135 Coleman Avenue
Dade City, FL 33525
6:00 Pm Dinner
7:00 Pm Meeting

We will be having a gift exchange so please bring a gift. Men should bring a men's gift and women should bring a woman's gift not to exceed \$10.00. This will not only be a holiday party but it will also be District Governor John Carbaugh's official visit. There will be guaranteed fun and games not to mention good food and good friends. There is no cost for this party but reservations are a must.

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Deadline for reservations is December 15th, 2010

**GREATER PINE ISLAND LIONS CLUB
ANNUAL FUND RAISER "MOCK GOVERNOR'S" ELECTION**

Our three candidates, representing Bokelia, Matlacha & St. James City, will be energized and running around the island (and off) searching for donations of items from the generous businesses and private donors. These items will then be used for auctions, raffles, gift bags, prizes, etc. to make money. The candidates will be holding car washes, cake walks, games, grab bags, 50/50s, and numerous other events to bring in the cash. The voting stations (sponsors of the candidates) will offer 25 cent beer only on the final Election Day, February 5, 2011 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The candidate that brings in the most money wins. He/she will be crowned early in March at the Governor's Ball.

The Governor's Ball will be held at the Civic Center in St. James City. There will be music for dancing or listening, wonderful appetizers (chicken wings, Hawaiian Meatballs, peel & eat shrimp (from a local shrimper), vegetable platters, fruit, etc. prepared by the Lions members, and numerous door prizes donated from the community. This is a "bring your own bottle - drinks". Coolers are allowed!!

Tickets for the Ball will be on sale January 6 at \$10 each from Lions Members or Mary Von Burg, 239-283-9761. Seating is limited. We would love to see Lions from other Clubs attend the Election and the Ball. COME JOIN THE FUN!!!

President, Mary Von Burg
Greater Pine Island Lions Club
(239) 283-9761

Message from Santa to the Lions of District 35-I



Greetings from the North Pole,

It's almost that time of year! The elves are busy tinkering in the workshop, making special games and toys for all the girls and boys. Dancer, Donner, Vixen and the rest of the gang are hard at work on their leaps and bounds. And Mrs. Claus and I have been making our lists and checking them twice.

We've noticed that you've been such good Lions this year! It was so nice of you to do the many things you do in your communities. We see you would like to cure preventable blindness and help those less fortunate.

Rudolph and I are getting very excited to visit your house this Christmas Eve. We do get a little hungry on our travels. But milk and cookies always seem to do the trick!

From everyone at the North Pole, Happy Holidays! Ho Ho Ho!

Love,

Santa



'Twas the Night Before Christmas'



'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
while visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,
had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Dunder and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of Toys, and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes--how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."

Relieving the Hunger



According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations as many as a billion in the world, almost one-sixth of the world's population, do not have enough to eat. The problem is not confined to any one nation or continent. No place is exempt. Even if they are not visible, there are hungry people in your own community. Lions Clubs can do something to help. In fact, there are many things a Lions Club can do:

- **Sponsor a community food drive to replenish a local food pantry.**
- **Volunteer to deliver prepared meals to elderly citizens.**
- **Prepare and deliver food baskets to families in need.**
- **Serve meals at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.**
- **Help plant a community garden.**

I am asking all Lions Clubs around the globe to shine a light on the worldwide problem of hunger and throughout December and January to be a Beacon of Hope for all who do not have adequate access to healthy food. Read the [Relieving the Hunger](#) Web page for more information about how your club or district can take part in this vital global initiative.

Be sure your club secretary uses the newly redesigned Service Activities Report to report your club's service activities, especially projects related to the service action campaigns. Clubs that submit projects related to the Global Service Action Campaigns through the online Service Activities Report are automatically nominated for the [Beacon Awards](#).

Sid L. Scruggs, III
International President
Lions Clubs International



According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year.



Male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December while female reindeer retain their antlers until after they give birth in the spring.

Therefore, according to every historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, every single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen - had to be a girl.

We should've known. Only women would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost.



I made myself a snowball,
As perfect as could be,
I thought I'd keep it as a pet,
And let it sleep with me,
I made it some pajamas,
And a pillow for it's head,
Then last night it ran away,
But first — it wet the bed.



Lions Code of Ethics

- **To Show** my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.
- **To Seek** success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.
- **To Remember** that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.
- **Whenever** a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.
- **To Hold** friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
- **Always** to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.
- **To Aid** others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.
- **To Be Careful** with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

Vision Statement

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

Lions International Purposes

- **To Organize**, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.
- **To Coordinate** the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.
- **To Create** and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- **To Promote** the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- **To Take** an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- **To Unite** the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- **To Provide** a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- **To Encourage** service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.



Mission Statement

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

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