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Governor's Monthly Newsletter

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FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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“MOVE TO GROW”

“ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE”

In an attempt to continue with my upbeat theme, I would like to end my year as your District Governor on a high note.

It appears that we have had a very successful go at Membership enhancement, and we should all be very proud of the accomplishments of this year.

Rae and I have had a wonderful time visiting with all the clubs and with the members of each one. Now it is time for us to take a rest from all the hustle and bustle of our responsibilities to the greatest District in Florida, and turn the torch over to the capable hands of the new officers for the coming year.

As I look back through the years leading up to this very

prestigious office of District Governor, I am reminded of the training and the guidance of some very special people. Without the guidance and faith of these individuals I would not have had the confidence and knowledge to do this job. I want to thank you, one and all for the respect and honor you bestowed on me.

My mentors and teachers know who you are and I hope I have lived up to your expectations. Special thanks to PCC Gary Nieskes, PDG Pete McCagg, PCC Bill Ringelstein, just to single out a few who were a huge influence on me. They have been there with me thru thick and thin. I sometimes have referred to them not as mentors, but as “tormentors”, when they would take me to task at different times as needed.

The time has flown by for us. We have met so many wonderful Lions from all over the world, that it is hard for us to remember them all. I am sure as we travel to USA/ Canada and



International in the coming years we will renew all the friendships we have made. Of course we look forward to seeing our friends here in Florida and the Bahamas as often as possible.

Please be as kind to the new District and its officers as you have been to me and I am sure we will still have the # 1 District in the Multiple.

In closing I want to say so long for a while but don't count me out.

Regards to all

DG Paul Nash

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District Governor's Visits Schedule

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Message from the Newsletter Editor

We would like to thank DG Paul for giving us the opportunity to be the editors for the District 351 Newsletter. We hope everyone enjoyed the Newsletters this past year. Please help the new Newsletter Editor by sending in your club news and upcoming events. Thanks again to all who have assisted us.

Yours In Lionism,
 Lion Tom and Lion Kathy
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Message from the 1st Vice Governor Dean Hess

Lions,
Well it is, the end of another Lions year. What can I say, it been fun, tiring and a major learning experience for me. The District has taught me many things but our clubs are very different and yet the same. We have accomplished many things this year. Number one is membership, the first positive growth in five years. We are number 3 in North America. Everyone deserves a pat on the back. We kept the drops down, the lowest in five years. So let's keep up the good work. I wish to thank District I for allowing me to serve as your 1st VDG this year. Lion Judy and I will be your 1st VDG team once again. The clubs of District I are the best. They all support our motto "We Serve" in word and deed. The elections are done and the dust has settled. I hope we have all learned something from them. Now is the time to get ready for next year. Let's continue the growth, keep the drops down and new clubs up. Lion Judy and I look forward to working with all of you. We will even need more of your support with the bigger District we now will have. We will once again meet our old friends again this year and make new friends in our new District. Our new family will join us in becoming to remain the number "One" District in the State. Let's all show our support for our new DGE John Carbaugh. Lion Judy and I look forward to working with him and the 2nd VDGE Bob Hilliard. Thank you again Lions for your time, friendship and most of all your

support of Lion Judy and I this year. Also, Thank You Lake Placid Lions for your support this year.

Lions are the best!
Lions are the Beacon of Light!
Lions are the Lighthouse for the Blind!
Lions are the keeper of the Light!
Lions are Helen Keller's "Knights of the Blind"!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Dean Hess, 1st VDG

Lion Judy Galm, PIS



Message from the 2nd Vice Governor John Logan

Hello Fellow Lions and friends,

This is the last Article I will be writing for my year as your 2nd Vice District Governor. It has been quite an experience, meeting all of you in District 35 I, sharing your thoughts and listening to all of your bragging. We have traveled around the State, trying to fill the needs of our entities, assist our neighbors when they needed us the most, helped the Visually Impaired and got involved as Lions. We assisted Haiti, the Bahamas and I am currently wondering if we will be asked to help our neighbors in Tennessee, Nashville to be exact, for the displaced families by flooding. This area of Flooding has always concerned me for it could happen on a dime right here where we live. Who will assist us? Where will we go? What about our animals? What about our homes?? What about our neighbors??? Lionism has been part of my life since January 1, 1983. I have enjoyed helping people as an equal. The less fortunate really bring in the gratitude when we do something wonderful for them. It shows we CARE. It shows someone cares. As a Lion I have experienced many wonderful Miracles. I have cooked many Hot Dogs, brewed Coffee, run affairs to collect money to give to the needy and at the end of the day thanked my God for trusting

me today and being able to do something positive.

I have had the experience this year to be part of our District 35 I. I wish I had been given more responsibility to take more knowledge home. I am sure as I sit here I will be back. The lessons of what to do slowly seep in to me as I listen to all of you and hear about what you would really want. I think for continued success in Lionism, we must have CHANGE. At the convention this past month, not even 48% of our District turned out to vote. Shame on us. But, this is partially the fault of our leaders. The economy is not robust. It cost me at the convention over 800.00 for the four days. We must ask our leaders to cut it down, not only in cost, but also in time. We must change to entice people to come for the Conferences and the Convention.

Our next area for improvement must be Cross-training and assisting other clubs with lower membership to grow. A thank you for doing something is always appreciated so try to give more Atta Boys. What a thought. Now that we are going from seven Districts to Four, our Governors will have more geographic areas to cover. The "GOOD OLE BOYS" has to go and the "ATTA BOY" has to grow. Each VDG will be asked to do more especially this year as the trial is over it is now factual. It must go smoothly as we converge to four Districts.

I wish each and every one of you the best of Health. I hope you will continue supporting the entities



that need our support and I hope you, yes each and everyone, YOU, look at where your donations are coming from with gratitude and look deeper into giving so you as a Lion know where the best bang for the Buck goes. We must change!!!!

Remember "As one I am weak, Together we are strong"!! Thank you for everything this year and thank you for being a LION!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

*Bless you all.
YIL*

*Lion John and Loretta Logan
2nd VDG, District 35 I*

Message from the District Governor Elect John Carbaugh

Greetings Fellow Lions and Lioness's, Lets start a New Trend.

In less than a month I will be on my way to Sydney to become the first District Governor of the new District I. To say I am excited is an understatement. I have been packing and unpacking, surfing the net for information on Australia, reading everything I possibly can about the airplane we will be flying on. I told the Reservation Agent I refused to fly on anything smaller than my house and she told me that the Spruce Goose was in a museum and we couldn't use it. Actually I am amazed at the size of this plane. It has a seating capacity of over 700. This one has actual sleeping compartments on the top level. My favorite part is that there is a self-serve bar every 50 rows. Not that I would take advantage of that, yeah right. Of course all of this wouldn't be taking place without your help and I want to thank you so much for allowing me to serve you this year. I plan on focusing on bringing more youth and younger adults into Lionism. We have to revitalize this aging group or we are going to disappear. I am so looking forward to working with the excellent people selected for my cabinet. I envision many new and exciting programs coming forth with an emphasis on FUN. It's time to stop doing what we've always done in order to make sure that this opportunity given to us to forge ahead with a new beginning and make people WANT to be a Lion again. I know I am getting tired of hearing people say "Oh yeah, my grandfather was a lion, and now my own grandchildren are saying that their grandfather is a lion and I want to hear more Grandparents and Parents saying that their Son, or Daughter or grandson or daughter belongs to the Lions Club.

My cabinet is almost completed, I hope to have it finished by Wednesday the 26th. The organizational meeting and Training will be held July 10th at Englewood Lions Club, Information will be sent out to everyone real on. Also Cabinet Meeting dates have been set, just waiting for one more location to confirm and they will be ready to set up. We're going to move fast so you better get your running shoes on or new wheels on your walker.

Yours In Lionism

DGE John Carbaugh, District 35I
"THE RIGHT ONE"

One World...One purpose...Cure Preventable Blindness

If I have given my all and still do not win,

I haven't lost.

Others might remember winning or losing;

I will remember the journey!

"Apolo Ohno"

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Club and District Information


Florida Lions Camp

Your Florida Lions Camp Summer 2010 is right around the corner! With the first staff arrivals in the beginning of May and the first official session of Summer Camp 2010 starting on June 14th, we are in full swing and preparing for the BEST SUMMER YET! That being said FLC needs YOU to help make that possible. This is how you can help:

- See the summer program wishlist as well as our other general wishlists on our website www.lionscampfl.org.
- As always we will take all the volunteers we can get. If you are interested in doing a check-in, dinner dance, carnival, or any other volunteer opportunities for the summer please contact Liz at eacage@hotmail.com
- Potential staff and campers alike can find information on our website www.lionscampfl.org on how to join Summer 2010. Or contact the office at 863-696-1948 for more information.
- With the turn in the economy, parents need more and more help finding funding for camp. If your club/business is interested in sponsoring a camper please contact the camp office.

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