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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE FOR 2ND QUARTER 2011-2012

The Foundation Project Chairs continue to be busy as PP Beverly Kruger has 55 new cases to present for approval on Sunday morning for a total cost of \$93,389. Year to date we will have approved 174 eye cases which is 65% of the total that we served last year and we will have approved \$259,857 which is 56% of our budget. The good news is that we have been very frugal with our monies as we are servicing more eye cases at a lower cost per case. At the current rate we will exceed the 266 cases from last year, which was a new high, and I expect to spend the total amount of our budget of \$468,000 prior to the end of our fiscal year on April 30th.

The good work that we do as a Foundation is only possible through the continued support of the Lions of Florida and we thank you for your donations. The Drive Directors, Project Chairs, Executive Committee and Directors are all available to come to your clubs to present a program on the Foundation and answer your questions about eye cases. In case you missed it in the October issue of the MD 35 magazine I wrote an article explaining the Foundation and what the procedure is to request an eye case. Our website, www.floridalionsfoundation.org, has all the forms necessary to submit a case and all the Foundation contact information.

FLORIDA LIONS CAMP UPDATE

The camp sale was closed on September 13th and I have closed all open accounts except for one. The final purchase price for the camp was renegotiated down to \$1,515,000 from \$1,600,000 due to the due diligence reports on the condition of the camp. The buyer initially requested a reduction of \$250,000 which we rejected. I have one open account with Zeno Solutions for the two copiers that are leased and I'm working on a buyout. The camp CPA is working to prepare the 2011 tax return as their fiscal year ended September 30th. I expect to complete the closeout prior to the end of the year and will report the final results at the winter meeting in January.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Geoffrey Wade, PDG
President, 2011-2012

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER'S MESSAGE



We have been busy assisting so many during the three months since our meeting in July. As you read in our President's message we are processing 174 cases thru the first half of this year. Unfortunately we are not at 50% of the District goals. The actual percentage is 30.27%. The figures reported during this period only include the funds donated from club co-payments on cases and donations received from each District/ During this time each District has held only one Cabinet meeting. During November three Districts will have their 2nd meeting and the other District will have their 2nd meeting in December. DURING THE NEXT SIX MONTHS THIS IS THE AREA WHERE WE ALL

NEED TO CONCENTRATE. As everyone knows if the total donations do not improve we will be unable to help all that need our assistance.

Our own P/E/S/T Lee is handling the nuts again this year. Unfortunately he will not be in attendance for this Conference and he asked me if I would bring them. We will have Fancy Pecan halves, Black Walnut Pieces, Deluxe Mixed Nuts, Giant Salted Cashews, Colossal Natural Pistachios, Sweet & Salty Trail Mix and Chocolate Coated Pecans. They are all in 1 lb bags and the price this year is \$ 10.00 per bag. The trail mix is only \$ 6.00. They will be at the Foundation tables.

The new Foundation Banners are in. They will be at this upcoming Conference. The banner was designed by PDG Cathy Walton. We were able to get a very good price on them so an Executive Decision was made by the President and E/S/T to have one made for each District so that they would have one more readily available when needed for events or fundraising activities held within each of the Districts. They will be at the Saturday meeting.

Just a reminder that our Saturday meeting will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

The Sunday breakfast will be at 8:00 to 10:00 AM.

SUNSHINE

These past few months we have had three of our members that needed our prayers and well wishes. Cards and phone calls were sent to PCC C. David Lloyd, Lion Jean Ringelstein and PDG Jeannine Thibault.

If any of you hear of any of our Directors that are ill or been hospitalized please let me know.

Schedule of Events, 2011-2012

MD-35 Conferences & Council of Governors Meetings

August 5-6, 2011, Governors Executive Session, The Villages

November 10-13, 2011, Fall Conference, Sebring

January 5-8, 2012, Winter Conference, Miami

March 1-4, 2012, Spring Conference, Ocala

MD-35 Convention

May 3-6, 2012, 88th Annual Convention, Miami

Friday, May 4, 8:00 AM, Foundation Business Meeting

Sunday, May 6, 8:30 AM, Election & Installation of Foundation Officers

District Cabinet Meetings

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| L | August 17, 2011 - Jacksonville |
| | <u>December 17, 2011 – Ocala</u> |
| | February 18, 2012 - Ft. Walton Beach, Sandestin Area |
| | April 7, 2012 - Lake City |
| I | August 27, 2011 - Immokalee |
| | <u>November 5, 2011 - Southeastern Guide Dogs, Palmetto</u> |
| | February 11, 2012 - Dog Guides for the Deaf |
| | April, 14, 2012 - Lake Placid |
| O | August 13, 2011 – Clermont |
| | <u>November 5, 2011 - Orlando</u> |
| | January 14, 2012 - Homosassa |
| | March 17, 2012 - Palm Coast |
| N | August 20, 2011 – Miami |
| | <u>November 19, 2011 – Dania Beach</u> |
| | January 21, 2012 – TBD |
| | April 7, 2012 – TBD |

This Lions jewelry, and some new items, will be available at the
Fall Conference in Sebring

Available both in Gold and Silver



Stop by the jewelry table!