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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE FOR 4th QUARTER 2011-2012

The projects chairs for all districts have been busy since our last meeting in January. The estimates figures are as of Friday 24th when this message was prepared for our quarterly newsletter. We have 39 cases to be presented for approval at our breakfast on Sunday. The estimated cost of these cases is \$138,170, the club co-pays are \$7400, the savings is \$75,985 and the actual cost to the Foundation is \$54,785. This will bring the total cases approved up to 251 for our fiscal year and the total cost to \$367,304. This is 98% of our eye case budget of \$376,000.

I would personally like to thank all of the Lions at both the club level and the Foundation who have worked so hard on these 251 cases. The Foundation will continue to provide the services to those in need. Every case that we do is a sight saving procedure in one form or another and improves the quality of life for our clients.

The Foundation needs your support on the donation side as well. The donations we receive each year determine our budget for the next year and the amount of funds we have available for eye cases. Please get your donations into Secretary/Treasurer Lois Malecky by April 15th so that you receive credit for this fiscal year which ends April 30th. For those clubs that wish to order Grand Lions now is the perfect time before the rush at the end of the Lions year.

Thank you again to all the Lions of MD 35 for your hard work and support of the Foundation.

FLORIDA LIONS CAMP UPDATE

All of the vendor accounts have been closed and the tax return for 2010-11 has been filed with the IRS. We received the monies from the Walter Smith estate and that has been deposited in the Foundation Campership Fund along with the funds from the Camp. The balance in the Campership account is \$66,792. These funds will be available for camperships for this coming season. I will prepare an article for publication in the MD 35 magazine with the procedures for the clubs to use to apply for and make donations for camperships. The final return and filings with the state and IRS for closure will be complete by the end of April.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoff

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER'S MESSAGE



I HOPE THAT THE START OF 2012 HAS BEEN GOOD TO ALL. TIME CERTAINLY GOES BY SO QUICKLY WITH THE FIRST TWO MONTHS CONSIDERED PART OF OUR PAST ALREADY.

LETS ALL DO OUR PART TO MAKE THIS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE FOUNDATION.

Each District has now held their latest Cabinet Meetings and our donations are down from where they should be. All Directors should be contacting clubs within their Districts to make them aware of how many more requests for assistance we are receiving. We all know that in these times there are many more people that need our help that fall under the guidelines provided for within the Foundation. We also know that it is harder for the clubs to make their monies so we all need to help the Foundation reach or come close to our goals. At the conference the reports will show where we stand in each District. In order for the Foundation to continue are service level it is so important to reach these goals. The final Cabinet meetings are scheduled for 35-O March 17th, 35-L & N April 7th and District 35-I April 14th. The year end cutoff date is April 20th so that we have time to prepare all reports for the annual meeting.

Each District now has their own Foundation Banner. They are in the care of the Drive Directors and are to be used at Cabinet Meetings and any fundraising activities within the Districts. They are a great Public Relations [P.R.] item. Please make good use of them.

The Denim Shirts that were ordered will be available at the Conference. Because of the 2012 price increases the denim shirts will now be:

S, M, L, XL = \$30.00 – 2-XL = \$ 35.00 + \$ 2.00 for the name

Any Foundation people going to Convention and wanting to sit together at the banquet - as in the past all reservations need to be submitted together. There will be 10 at a table. The registration forms are in the new March magazine. I have made some copies if your magazine doesn't reach you before you come to the conference. If you are interested in sitting at these tables please bring your checkbook with you so that we can get them submitted early. I will make sure that we don't have the confusion as last year.

Just a reminder that our Saturday meeting will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 PM in the Belmont Room. Be sure to check the hotel notices in case of any last minute changes.

The Sunday breakfast will be at 8:30 to 10:30 AM in the Ballroom.

If anyone has pictures that can be posted on our web site. Please forward to our webmaster.

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, Fort Lauderdale

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 Annual Meeting

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

District Cabinet Meetings

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

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!