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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our Foundation continues another record setting pace of providing eye care surgeries for needy individuals in our communities. At our November Board meeting in Celebration, our Projects Chair, Lion Beverly Kruger, will present 64 new cases for approval. The estimated cost for those cases is \$ 317,160. Club co-pays are \$12,900. Negotiated savings are \$ 209,271. And the cost to the Foundation is \$94,989 for these additional new cases. Our year to date totals are: Total cases: 168 - Estimated cost: \$845,822 - Club Co-Pays: \$33,400 - Savings \$570,243 -

Cost to Foundation: \$242,179. At this pace we will exceed last year's record of 274 eye cases. Every year more and more citizens need our services and turn to their local Lions club for assistance. But our MD-35 charitable entities are getting fewer and fewer donations from Lions. Club donations to our Foundation currently are \$80,425, or 37% of this year's goal. An additional \$139,575 will be needed between November 1, 2013 and April 20, 2014 to meet the annual goal of \$220,000.

I encourage you to invite a Foundation Drive Director or Officer to your Zone an club meetings to bring members up-to-date on our long-service Foundation. Contact information can be found on our website at, www.floridalionsfoundation.org.

Remember, all Lions in good standing of clubs in good standing in MD-35 are members of this Foundation.

Since the MD-35 Winter Conference is being held in Freeport, Grand Bahama Island, January 9-12, our winter board meeting will be held January 4, 2014 at the multiple district office in Orlando. Details are in the Executive Secretary/Treasurer's message below.

C. David Lloyd, PCC
President

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER'S MESSAGE



It seems that time continues to go flying by every year. It is hard to believe that we are half-way through this Foundation year.

Our President in his message on the proceeding page stated that we are now at 37% of our goals for the year. In November three of the Districts will be having their second District/Cabinet meetings, the other District meeting will be early December. Hopefully the donations from these meetings will bring us closer to 50% of our goals.

It seems that some of our procedures for submitting cases need to be reviewed. Each District has several Project Chairs that each club that is working on a case within their community needs to contact their Project Chairs. When all the information required is completed the club can send in all the forms and a check for the co-pay to the Project chair or directly to Lion Beverly Kruger for approval.

All the forms and instructions are on the website. They can all be downloaded and completed. Any cases that are deemed an emergency can get approval by contacting Lion Beverly and the case can then be completed. Forms can be faxed to her so the process can be started. Any club new to the procedures can call Lion Beverly and she will provide assistance. Of late several cases along with co-pays and information have been directly to me and this causes a delay in getting the cases approved.

At this Conference I will not have any of the Lions jewelry because it is that time of year for the Terri-Lynn NUTS. The prices will remain at \$10.00 per bag as in past years.

PCC Carl will gladly accept any donations for the raffle on Sunday morning. Raffle tickets will be available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning.

The Foundations winter meeting at the MD Office on 1/4/14 will begin at 10:30 AM with the Executive Board - lunch break 11:30 - 12:30 - Full Board meeting 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Any Directors wishing to join us for lunch should plan on arriving around 11:00. Location will be determined later.

Hope to see everyone at Celebration. Lois Q. Malecky, E/S/T

CALENDAR

Foundation Board of Directors Meetings

August 11, 2013, Ocala

November 10, 2013, Celebration

January 4, 2014, MD-35 Office, Orlando

March 9, 2014, Altamonte Springs

Friday, May 2, 2014, Annual Breakfast Meeting, Orlando

Sunday, May 4, 2014, Installation of Officers & Directors, Orlando

Council of Governors Conferences

August 8-10, 2013, Summer Conference, Ocala

November 7-9, 2013, Fall Conference, Celebration

January 9-11, 2014, Winter Conference, Freeport, GBI

March 6-8, 2014, Spring Conference, Altamonte Springs

May 1-3, 2014, 90th Annual MD-35 Convention, Orlando

District Meetings

District 35-L

August 21, 2013, Jacksonville-Arlington

December 7, 2013, Marianna

February 8, 2014, TBA

April 12, 2014, Ocala

District 35-I

August 3, 2013, St. Petersburg

November 16, 2013, Bonita Springs

January 19, 2014, Englewood

April 4, 2014, Gulfport

District 35-O

August 17, 2013, Rockledge

November 16, 2013, Orlando

January 18, 2014, Clermont

March 15, 2014, Homosassa

District 35-N

August 31, 2013, Lions Eye Bank, Miami

November 16, 2013, TBD

January 25, 2014, Port St Lucie

March 22, 2014, Aventura - Miami Beach

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

Available both in Gold and Silver



Orders can be placed and mailed directly from this Conference only!