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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our Foundation continues to provide eye care surgeries for needy individuals in our communities. At our March Directors meeting in Altamonte Springs, our Projects Chair, Lion Beverly Kruger, will present 32 new cases for approval. The estimated cost for those cases is \$159,946, Club co-pays are \$6,300. Negotiated savings are \$102,002. And the cost to the Foundation is \$48,644 for these new cases.

Our year to date totals are:

Total cases: 222 - Estimated cost: \$1,111,090

Co-Pays: \$44,100 - Savings: \$ 740,704

Cost to the Foundation: \$326,286.

Every year more and more citizens need our services and turn to their local Lions clubs for assistance. But our MD-35 charitable entities are getting fewer and fewer donations from Lions Clubs and individuals. Club donations to our Foundation currently are \$122,540, or 56% of this year's goal. An additional \$ 97,460 will be needed no later than April 20, 2014 to meet the annual goal of \$220,000. I do not think we will meet the goal for this year, which will impact the number of cases we can provide next year, which will impact the number of cases we can provide next year. Remember, next year's Foundation budget cannot exceed the monies raised during this fiscal year.

I encourage you to invite a Foundation Drive Director or Officer to your Zone and 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. Visit our website, for information on how to contact your directors, complete the necessary forms, or make a donation to your Foundation.

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

C. David Lloyd, PCC
President

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER'S MESSAGE



As you have read our Presidents message you will see that we need each one of our Directors to contact clubs that have not made any donations to our Foundation during the current year or clubs that might be able to make an additional donation. The figures showing what has been received from May to February will be presented at the breakfast meeting. Each district has one last meeting to increase the donations to help us come closer to the goals. Let's all help out to continue the care that so many of our communities need.

Many clubs have made donations to our life membership program and haven't submitted the names of the Grand Lion to be named. This year I need to have the names no later than the 7th of April. This time of year it takes up to two weeks to receive the plaques to have by convention. If they need to be mailed out there is a shipping and handling charge.

During the past two months we have received many memorial donations in the names of our two Past Presidents that have passed on. A beautiful memorial plaque is being made and will be presented at the MD Convention.

At convention the Foundation will hold our usual hospitality suite along with RUN FOR THE ROSES. Tickets will be sold at Convention from Thursday - Saturday. If any Directors would like to have a room near our suite [we will be on the 10th floor. As usual the hospitality will be on Saturday.

Our website has been updated. Please visit [www.floridalionsfoundation.org]. All the information for presenting a case to the Foundation is on our site. The forms for submitting a case can be downloaded including, the instructions. Please send all the forms when completed directly to MD Project Chair, Lion Beverly Kruger. Also include the \$200.00 check for each case. Emergency cases can get quick approval by contacting Lion Beverly directly.

There had been questions and concerns about our policy to have DBS contacted first. This policy has been in place for a long time and is necessary because of policies of DBS. For example if the client needs cataract surgery on both eyes, DBS will pay for the first eye and the Foundation pays for the second eye. If DBS cannot pay for whatever reason they need to furnish a denial letter. On our website

you will find information on the locations and phone numbers of DBS by the individual counties.

At our meeting on Saturday there will be updated information for the Project people relating to the new codes that will go into effect in October. Also we will have a question and answer for anyone attending that has questions on the duties of the MD Project Chair as sent out a few days ago. Also if any Lion is interested in learning the Project chairs within the Districts and along the way learning more about becoming an assistant to Beverly. Please try to attend this important meeting [between 3:00 - 4:00] so everyone is on the same page.

Lois Q. Malecky, PDG, PP
Executive Secretary/Treasurer

CALENDAR

Foundation Board of Directors Meetings

August 11, 2013, Ocala

November 10, 2013, Celebration

January 5, 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, GB1

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 12, 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

October 5, 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 Spring Conference in Altamonte Springs

Available both in Gold and Silver



**Stop by the jewelry and raffle table!
Many new items will be available!**

