

LIONS DISTRICT 35F

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Notes from District Governor Norm

The year is almost half over and we have lost one of our very important Lions. Nancy Cummins PDG, and my Vice District Governor until now, has gone back to Illinois to be with her family. She will be greatly missed.



This leaves our District without a Vice Governor, which gives us no one to fill the spot as Governor of District 35F next year, unless one of you good Lions step forward now and fill the spot of Vice District Governor for 1/2 term and then continue on as Governor next year. I would hate to think that this fine District will not have a Vice District Governor for the balance of the year and no real Governor for next year. Come on Lions, help the District out here, I know one of you can do an excellent job.

December 1 & 2, 2008 PDG Ed Pick will be in Tallahassee to hold an Extension & Guiding Lion Seminar. Out of that meeting and the following work, we expect to have two new clubs next week. One in Monticello, and another in Midway. We hope to duplicate this process later in other areas of

our District. Let me know if you have an area that needs a Lions Club.

As we head toward our District Convention in April 3 & 4th, we need a Club in the Panama City area to accept the job of hosting a Golf Tournament, or some other event to help defray the cost of this Convention. We are trying to keep the amount our fellow Lions have to pay to attend. I know I can count on you to do this for the District. Please contact me so I can help in any way. Don't forget this is your District too.

At the next Cabinet meeting, which will be January 17, 2009, we are going to have a list of moneymaking projects that all the Clubs can use. If any of you can come up with some good project to add to this list, please let me know. It is always good to have new ideas for raising money, especially in these times when money is scarce. Let's all get back to doing Lions business so we can help those who need us.

Yours in Lionism,
District Governor Norm
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January 17, 2009 – Cabinet Meeting TBA

April 3,4, & 5, 2008 – Convention Panama City

Multiple District 35 Conferences

Winter Conference

January 8-11, 2009 Punta Gorda

Spring Conference

March 5-8, 2009 Orlando

International Conventions

July 6-10, 2009 Minneapolis, MN

June 28 –July2, 2010 Sydney, Australia

July 4-8, 2011 Seattle, WA

District 35 F Foundation Directors

Drive Director – Mary Ogletree

3 year Director – Nell Simmons

2 Year Director – Jessie Carpenter

1 Year Director – Whit Whittle

Dear Lions,

Earlier this month, I sent you an email encouraging you to watch CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute. The program aired Thursday, November 27, 2008. I had the distinct pleasure of attending the taping of the program last weekend in Los Angeles. It truly is an all-star tribute, and a program the entire family will enjoy. I was joined in Los Angeles by several other leaders of international civic and relief organizations, as well as executives from CNN. Some of you may have had the impression that I would be interviewed for the program. I was not. However, earlier this month my comments were included in an article that appeared on the CNN

web site. A link to the article is provided below for your convenience.

http://www.cnn.com/2008/US/11/13/qa.charity.heroes/index.html?eref=rss_us

I want you all to know the CNN executives that I met with have a profound respect for what Lions are doing around the world. We are truly the global leaders in community and humanitarian service.

Sincerely,

Al Brandel International President

Dear Lion,

As a dedicated Lion, your opinion is important to us in planning for the future of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). For the past forty years, LCIF has been a beacon of hope for millions of people across the globe. The humanitarian service provided by Lions, together with LCIF, has affected many lives and communities, both globally and locally. Thanks in large part to friends and leaders like you, LCIF will no doubt remain that beacon of hope well into the future. Today, our Foundation is at a transformational period in its proud history. The success of Campaign SightFirst II, and the incredible impact of LCIF's other humanitarian programs, has elevated the work of LCIF and Lions to the world stage. As LCIF plans for the future, we have important opportunities to increase awareness of the work of the Foundation and allow it to grow. In order to develop a strategic plan, it's important that LCIF consider the enhancement and expansion of programs that best represent the philanthropic interests of Lions worldwide. We ask you to be a part of this critically important process. We are asking for approximately thirty minutes of your time to first read the background statement found below and to then complete an online, electronic survey. Your candid advice and input is very important to us. These electronic surveys will truly help LCIF chart a course for the future and enable our Foundation to continue to provide service, help and hope to millions more people worldwide. Once you have had a chance to read the background statement

below, please then complete the electronic survey, which can be accessed through the following link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Z5Ob5SnIPkshuTmb6_2fwqvQ_3d_3d

A link to the survey can also be found at the bottom of the background statement for your convenience. Thank you for your time and active participation in this important process.

Sincerely,

Mahendra Amarasuriya,

IPIP Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

FWB LIONS HEALTH SCREENING AT WAL-MART A SUCCESS



For National Diabetes Awareness Month in November the Lions Club of Ft Walton Beach teamed with the Wal-Mart to provide free health screenings for members of the community. Free balloons were handed out to the kids and members of the community were given free eye exams, had their blood sugar tested, their blood pressure/heart

rate recorded and received healthy lifestyle counseling from Wal-Mart eye care specialists and volunteer nurses Lisa Pugh, Kathy Andrews, Agnes Weeks (seated left to right) and Jolene Wildman (not pictured).

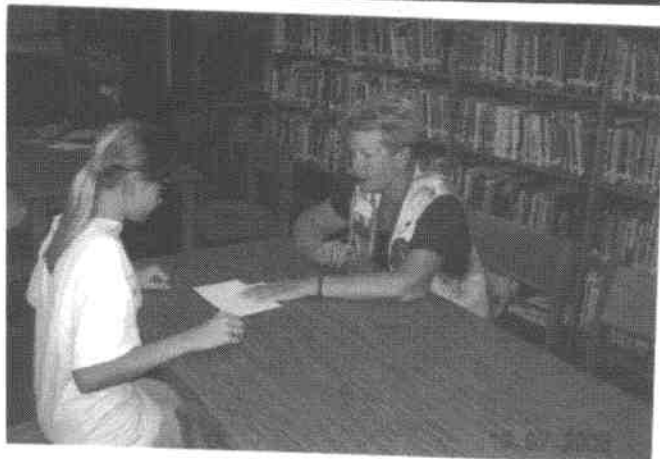
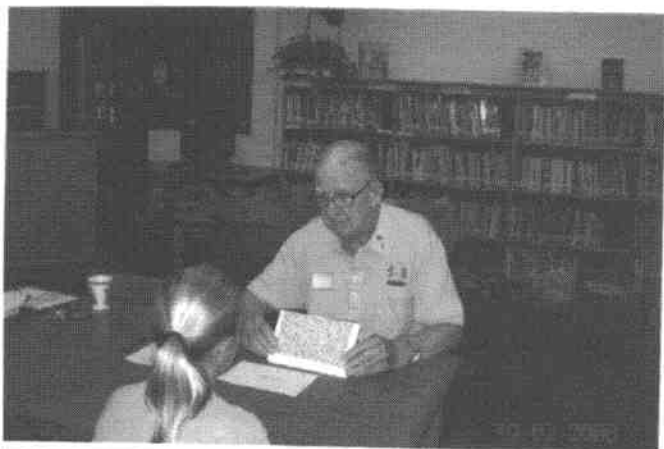
Submitted by Lion Walter Craft

The Sandestin Lions Club has had a very busy fall in 2008.

1. We assisted Dr. Tom Streeter, Niceville Lions Club, with the "Vision Screening" at Destin Elementary and Destin Middle School. A team of Sandestin Lions screened over 300 hundred students.
2. Two successful fundraisers were completed. The "Poinsettia Sales" were begun on October 1 with a "Poinsettia Party." Our annual "Jack Straub Golf Classic" was held on October 12th.
3. With over 100 students from Destin Middle participating in the "Peace Begins With Me" annual Peace Poster Contest, we selected the top four posters. The winning poster was completed by Alexandria Arena and then submitted to our district for the judging at that level.
4. The Sandestin Lions Club hosted the District 35 Cabinet Meeting at Tops'1 in Destin, Florida. At the completion of our business meeting, we said good-by and thanked Nancy Cummins for being one of the most dedicated Lions! She is moving back to the Chicago area to be close to her family.
5. Supplying Dr. Morrabel, a local internal medicine physician, with over 2000 scripted glasses and our auto refractor; he traveled to Guatemala to assist their residents. He and his team of doctors were able to fit many villagers with glasses—many commented that this was the first time they had the opportunity to "see clearly."
6. Patti Kunkel, Sandestin Lion Club president, traveled to Belize. She met the president of the San Pedro Lions Club. A partnership was created. Both clubs are going to assist each other with their needs.
7. Many excellent speakers have made presentations to the Sandestin Lions Club: Ken Hair, Director of Children in Crisis, Zeke Bratkowski, former football player for the Green Bay Packers, Col. And Major Steve and Leslie Hadley and our own Lion Dr. Priscilla Fowler.

8. Our club is meeting at Kelly Plantation for our "Holiday Dinner" on December 1st and then will deliver over a 1000 poinsettias on December 2nd and 3rd.

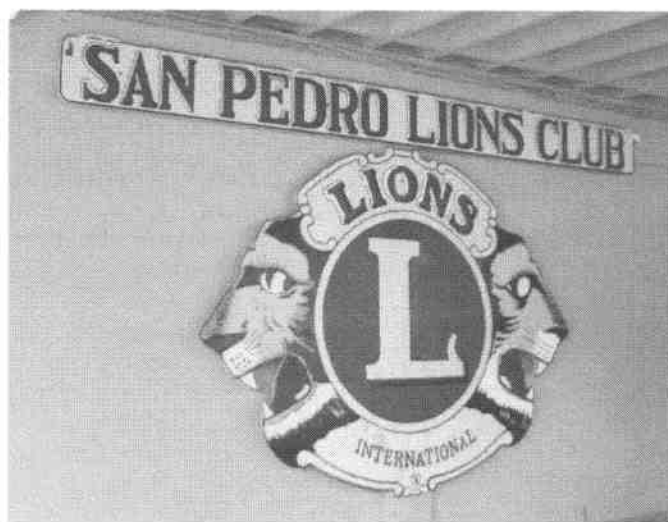
Happy New Year—2009—from the Sandestin Lions Club!



Lion Jack Straub and Lion Diane Duke conduct vision screening on students at Destin Middle School.



San Pedro Lions Club President Mr. Salizar with Patti Kunkel, President Sandestin Lions Club in Belize



San Pedro Lions Club Den/ Emblem in Belize
Submitted by Patti Kunkel, President, Sandestin Lions Club.

It was very chilly as the Tallahassee Lions advanced detachment began setting up for the annual Bradley's Fun Day broom sale. DG Norm Carpenter, PDG Joe Davis, Lions John White, John Chafin, Chuck Mohr and wife Mary Anna began unloading the equipment and merchandise at 7:30 AM and were prepared for the rest of our Lions when they began arriving at 8:30 AM. Lions Sonny Martin, Herman Mathers, Brian Armstrong, Bob Pace, Don Reeves, Judy Floyd, Rick Ruryk, John Goldinger, Ray Malloy, Harvey Paulk, Dale Doss, Lois Goode, and Richard Smith pitched right in and through the efforts of these 18 Lions sold brooms, coloring books and tags in the amount of \$1133. Our Lions had an opportunity to not only sell brooms to benefit our many projects but Bradley's afforded us time for much comrade and fellowship. Remember we're Lions because **WE SERVE!** Submitted by Lion Chuck Mohr

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO
ALL AND A HAPPY NEW
YEAR!**