



Oviedo Winter Springs Lions Club Newsletter

"The Monthly Roar!"

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From the President's Pad

by Lion President JC Alvarez

Hello, fellow Oviedo Winter Springs Lions! We are heading into December and it's time to start thinking about the holidays and our plans heading into the New Year! I am excited to introduce something new to our club that has been missing for the past several years—a monthly newsletter! To provide information to our members about what is coming in the month ahead, and to promote our clubs to new members and visitors who want to know more about who we are and what we do as Lions, this newsletter will fill a need and produce benefits for our club. Please read and make note of the events coming in December. I'm looking forward to seeing you all soon at our Holiday Party on December 5th! We serve!



Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

**December 5 – 1st Tuesday of the Month meeting at
Twin Rivers Golf Course Clubhouse, 7 p.m.**

**December 12 – OWSLC Board Meeting online
zoom, 7 p.m.**

**December 13 – Project Right to Sight Clinic in
Ocoee.**

December 19 – No Meeting

Hats Off to OWSLC Volunteers!

Thank you to these Lions who gave their service in support of Lions White Cane Day on Saturday-Sunday, November 18-19: Carlos Pedroza, Les Tandler, Tom and Diane Gallagher, JC and Roxy Alvarez, Dale Harmeier, Ginny Murray, Pat Stamm, Vern Hysell, Tom and Cathy Conaughty, Dennis Dulniak, and Toni Gitles (photo from Facebook library).



OWS Lions also delivered Thanksgiving meals to 15 families in need on November 22. Thank you to Carlos Pedroza, Cathy and Tom Conaughty, Cherie Day, Diane and Tom Gallagher, Ginny Murray, Pat Stamm, and Les Tandler. If anyone was missed, it was unintentional.

What's New?

Welcome to *"The Monthly Roar!"* – our new monthly newsletter! The Board approved the newsletter to preview the month ahead and to have something available to show potential members about our club activities.

As the saying goes, "The Newsletter doesn't write itself!" Please send news to littlefield.r@gmail.com about what is happening in the month ahead, photographs, or pretty much anything that may be of interest. **The deadline for the January newsletter is December 27, 2023.** Thank you.



Volunteer Opportunity in December

The Season of Giving is back, and this is your opportunity to serve once again and bless a child this Christmas! **Here's what you need to know:**

- Signup here using this link: [Click Here](#)
- Please confirm the date and time you want to volunteer.
- You can sign up multiple days and times and different positions.
- Access to signup is limited, so please do not hesitate to select your slot now.

As you know, each year Christian HELP provides a Christmas Blessing event for families who are not able to provide Christmas for their children. To do this, we depend on the voluntary actions of over 400 individuals, just like you who assist families coming to select gifts for their children. Please do not hesitate to consider signing up. If you have questions, please call Lion Cathy Conaughty at 407-679-9585.

Consider Developing Your Leadership Skills at the MD35 Florida Regional Lions Leadership Institute

On March 21-24, 2024 (Check-in Thursday after 3:30; Depart Sunday at 11:30 a.m.) MD35 will host a three-day training opportunity at the Life Enrichment Center located at 4991 Picciola Rd, Fruitland Park, FL 34731. Registration fee of \$200 includes three nights lodging, eight meals, instructional materials, and a Friday Night Campfire. Single occupancy for an additional \$60. Scholarship funding available so don't let cost deter you.

Topics include Lions Fundamentals, Motivating Club Members, Setting and Reaching Club Goals, Developing a Mission Statement, Public Speaking, Time Management, Working in Teams, Diversity, and Learning about Leadership Beyond the Club, to name a few.

Checks are made payable to: Lions of Florida MD35, and sent to Lion Greg Evans, 955 Holly Circle, Ormond Beach, FL 32176. For more information or if you have questions, call Lion Greg at 386-453-4099. Application available online.

Time to Sell "200 Club" Applications

It's time to start selling memberships to the "200 Club" to help OWS Lions raise funds for its charitable causes. The cost is \$20 per ticket with 12 monthly drawings for 1st prize (\$100), 2nd prize (\$50), and 3rd prize (\$50).

Only 250 tickets will be sold; and after a winning ticket is drawn, the ticket is returned to the barrel for additional winning opportunities.

When selling memberships, please collect the Name (first and last) of each applicant, address, telephone phone number, and name of Lion who collected the \$20 application fee.

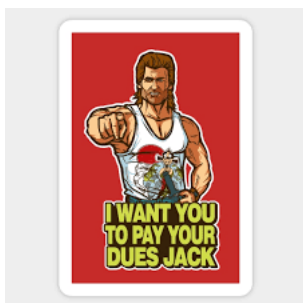
Checks should be made payable to Oviedo Winter Springs Lions Club. All funds collected, along with application information should be returned to Lion Diane Gallagher, 1009 Merien Ct., Oviedo, FL 32765. The first drawing is scheduled on Tuesday, February 6, 2024.





"Off The Treasurer's Chest"

If you are paying your dues semi-annually, please send your next dues payment to Lion Tom Conaughty immediately so the club knows those who will continue their membership into 2024. This is just a friendly reminder to pay if you have not already done so. If you are unsure of what you owe, please contact Lion Tom at 2448 Ekana Drive, Oviedo, FL 32765 or call 407-679-9585.



OWSLC Can Apply for an LCIF District and Club Community Impact Grant

According to LCIF as reported to the Editor, the Oviedo Winter Springs Lions Club has over \$1,000 in its LCIF Club Account that is available to be used as a District or Club Community Impact Grant. The District and Club Grant program is an opportunity for clubs and districts to utilize some of the funding they donate to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). OWSLC qualifies because members donated more than \$5,000 in a fiscal year. We are eligible to apply for a grant equal to 15% of their total contributions (excluding disaster donations) in that year.

For more information about how to apply, got to <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/grant-types/district-club-community-impact-grants>. Contact Lion President JC if you have ideas about a project that OWSLC might fund with a grant.

OWSLC Holiday Party Set for December 5 – All are Welcome!

All OWSLC Members are invited to our annual Holiday Party at Twin Rivers Club House on Tuesday, December 5th at 6:00.

Dinner will be meat lasagna, chicken alfredo, salad, bread sticks, soda, coffee, and tea. The cost will be \$15.00 per person which includes tip.

In lieu of exchanging gifts, please bring an unwrapped gift for a child.

- Purchase a gift in the range of \$5-\$50.
- Age ranges from infant to teenager.
- Gift cards are great ideas for teenagers.

Lion Cathy Conaughty will deliver all gifts to Christian Help on December 6. You can pay for the party at the door on December 5th. If you plan to attend, **please email, or call Tom Conaughty no later than Thursday, November 30, 2023, so Twin Rivers can prepare accordingly. We hope you can join us!**



TURN IN YOUR SERVICE HOURS EVERY MONTH!

Lions have a goal of serving one billion people every year. We can only accomplish this goal if we keep track of our service and report it every month. **Attached to this email is a Service Report Form for you to print off and bring with you to the meeting each month.** Lion Pat Stamm is collecting forms and recording the information with Lions International.

When asking for how much time you spent, how many people benefitted, or what the impact was, please feel free to use estimates. Don't get lost in the details. Keep it simple and get in the habit of turning in your hours each month (or more often if you want). If you have questions, contact Lion Pat at patsnpans@yahoo.com or call 407-312-8544.



Meet Our Newest Member –

Lion Carlos Pedroza

At our Holiday Party on December 5th, OWSLC will induct its newest member...Lion Carlos Pedroza. Lion Carlos has already gotten very involved in club activities and we are excited to officially induct Lion Carlos as a new member!

Lion Carlos is in Human Resources as a "Regional People Partner" for Shake Shack Enterprises. You might wonder how Lion Carlos learned about our club? Little did we know that last spring when the OWSLC awarded a scholarship to Gabriel Pedroza, the son of Lion Carlos and Teresa, that his parents would find the club's commitment to serving the needs of others as a call to service. It wasn't long before Carlos came as a guest and then decided that being a Lion was something he wanted to become. Gabe is finishing his freshman year at UCF and is seeking a career in the medical profession.

When the Pedroza family moved to Oviedo seven years ago from Chicago, Carlos and his wife were looking for the best school district for Gabe and to be in proximity to a major medical facility for their older son, Danny who experienced a severe anoxic brain injury at birth leading to a diagnosis of cerebral palsy and other medical conditions.

To read an inspiring story about the Pedroza family and their love and support for their children and family, go to:

<https://ucfalumni.com/blog/alumnispotlights/night-parents-establish-the-danny-solis-pedroza-endowed-legacy-scholarship>

Since arriving in Oviedo, the Pedroza family has become some of UCF's biggest fans and this past fall, they established the Danny Solis Pedroza Endowed Legacy Scholarship. When the family established the scholarship, Teresa shared some of the family's motivation for the gift to UCF: "Cerebral palsy is a spectrum. UCF has probably had many individuals with cerebral palsy who have gone through their college education because its effects range from invisible to highly

visible. Danny is on the extreme end of the spectrum and sometimes people don't 'see' him. I just want him to be acknowledged as a member of the family and as a part of our community. We are proud of both our sons, and they will both keep Charging On."

Lions International is a welcoming organization and we proudly welcome all the Pedroza's into our Oviedo Winter Springs Lions Club family with open arms.

Lion Pat Stamm is Honored by 2nd Vice District Governor Maggiy for her Exemplary Service Leading "Project Right to Sight."



Lion Pat Stamm is retiring from her leadership role in Project Right to Sight but she isn't stepping aside from her inspirational role in promoting the service provided by Lions for those with vision impairments. The December Right to Sight Clinic will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at the Ocoee Lions Club facility. For more information, contact Lion Pat at 407-312-8544. Lion Cherie Day will begin her leadership role in Project Right to Sight beginning in 2024.

OVIEDO WINTER SPRINGS LIONS CLUB SERVICE REPORT

Name of Lion: _____

Date of activity: _____

Circle **one** of the following categories:

Diabetes
Environment
Hunger Relief
Childhood Cancer
Vision
Donations to LCIF
Non-LCIF Donations
Meetings/Club visitations
Leadership/Administrative Duties
Fundraising Event/Campaign
Conventions/Other Events
Training
Other

Enter the title of the activity (What did you do?):

Give a brief description of the activity:

How many OWS Lions participated?

For how many hours?

How many people were served/benefitted from your service? (Estimate impact.)

If you raised money, how much?

If you distributed money, how much?