



## Bulletin of the Venice Lions Club Inc. Venice, Florida

OCTOBER 2023

### President's Message

As I begin to write this morning, I realize that we are already into the month of October; the Lions 2023 –24 year is already three months old.

As we head into autumn, many of our Venice Lions will be returning; the very active part of our Club year will begin.

The monthly Venice & Englewood Vision Clinic attendance has increased over the past summer, the Children's Vision Screening Program has been very active, and successful other new programs such as the Reading Action Program are currently underway.

One of the tasks I undertook as President in June was to work to ensure that all Chair positions for our Club service programs are filled. In the coming days there will be more information as to what Chair positions remain open and what this means for leadership opportunities in our Club. Our membership is growing, and we must ensure that they are given the opportunities to participate in service, are mentored through leadership, and feel empowered to share ideas with the Club. As you have heard, this is how Lions Clubs "Close the Back Door", i.e., retain membership.

I have included an article in this publication entitled *The Mark of a Leader*, written by Second Vice District Governor Linda Gregory. I requested to publish it in our *Lions Tale*.

As you read this article and we go forward into the 2023 — 2024 year, please consider your own leadership potential in our Club.



### Lion Jeff Myles



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### Upcoming Events

10/7	Waterway Cleanup Behind Publix on the Island	8:30 AM
10/9	Sunshine Card Signing Lions Community Room	9 AM
10/12	Board of Directors Meeting Lions Community Room	6:30 PM
10/14	District 35-I Cabinet Meeting Anona United Methodist Church 13233 Indian Rocks Road Largo, FL 33774	Registration 8:30 AM Meeting 9:30 - 12:30 PM Free Breakfast (8:30AM)
10/19	General Meeting Lions Community Room Candy Bagging to Follow Meeting	Dinner @ 6:30 PM Meeting @ 6:45 PM
10/28	Make a Difference Day Venezia Park on the Island	8 AM — 11 AM
10/31	Halloween Parade	4 PM Centennial Park

## ***MEMBERSHIP***

Welcome Lion Campbell Gaunt !



Lion Campbell Gaunt , sponsored by Lion Paddy Padmanabhan, was inducted by Zone Chair Lion Paula Paquette at the District 35-I Zone 5 meeting, in Venice, on September 21st.



***Dr. Patti Hill  
International President  
2023 — 2024***



***“You know the difference one Lion can make. You know the difference your club has made. Together, we are changing the world one life, one relationship and one community at a time.”***

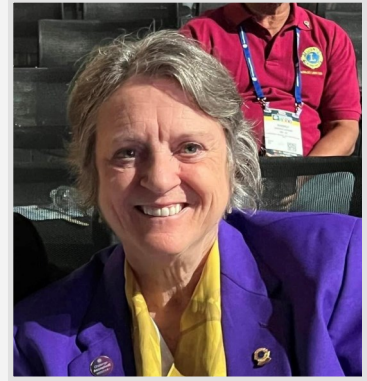
# *The Mark of a Leader*

In my September article I defined “leadership” and told a brief story about my own experiences while recognizing my own leadership capacity. This month I will discuss what leadership looks like.

For all human history, we have had leaders. In each generation and group, people have risen into leadership positions. It is human nature to look to a leader for direction and inspiration and it is also human nature for certain people to rise to lead....sometimes, much to their own surprise!

The idea of leadership is the same, no matter what kind of organization you have. Strong leadership is rooted in the ability to achieve growth, to create a sense of cohesion and to keep the interest of their followers engaged in creating something extraordinary together. Steve Jobs once said, “Management is about persuading people to do things they do not want to do, while leadership is about inspiring people to do things they never thought they could.”

So, who is a leader? A leader can be anyone. Some people are born with the traits needed to lead. Others learn those traits and learn how to practice them. Some of the qualities needed to be a good leader include:



## **Integrity:**

- A leader’s followers must be able to count on the fact that what the leader says is true.
- A good leader is transparent and able to admit when they don’t know something (but then they go get the information that was needed to answer the question)

## **Accountability:**

- When something goes wrong, they acknowledge what caused the problem.
- A true leader will then take steps to correct the problem.

## **Empathy:**

- We are a service organization, so it is critical that our leadership be able to empathize and sympathize with the people of the community who look to us for assistance.
- As a not-for-profit, we don’t have employees; we have volunteers. That means empathy is critical when dealing with other members of the organization.

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### *Humbleness:*

- A leader is not filled with self-importance. The focus is on the organization, rather than self.
- A good leader will seek recognition for OTHERS, not for self. If a person is in a position of authority and all they think about is “How is this going to look on my résumé?” or “Are people as impressed with me as I am with myself?” then they are NOT demonstrating good leadership skills.

### *Visionary:*

- A leader must be able to see the bigger picture and to imagine “what if”.
- A leader must also be able to convey that vision and get others on board.

### *Relationship Builder:*

- Being able to create a team is important as we all work together to serve others.

***The motto of Lions Clubs International is “We Serve. It is not “I serve”. Not above you. Not beneath you. But with you!”***

### *Communicator:*

- Ideas and vision have to be shared to be accomplished.

Do these traits sound like you? Do they sound like the “you” you’d like to be? If so, I encourage you to explore leadership roles around you. Volunteer to chair a committee. Perhaps you could become a club officer or a zone chair. If you’ve already served your zone or district, run for second vice district governor. Taking on leadership can take many forms. Choose one. Become the leader you were intended to be! And don’t worry....we have classes for that!

## ***Lion Linda Gregory, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor***

### ***Club Service Report July — September 2023***

*“It’s Great to be a Venice Lion”*

***10,675 - People Served  
23 - Service Activities Completed  
676 - Volunteer Hours***



*76 YEARS*



## OCTOBER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### BIRTHDAYS

4 <sup>th</sup>	Ric Namikas
11 <sup>th</sup>	Terry Burke
12 <sup>th</sup>	John McEnerney
24 <sup>th</sup>	Alf Kirkeeng
26 <sup>th</sup>	Tracey Krueger
27 <sup>th</sup>	June Gurley
30 <sup>th</sup>	Ed Stack

### ANNIVERSARIES

10 <sup>th</sup>	Jody Fall (Jerry)
31 <sup>st</sup>	Ed Billings (Mary)



### Sunshine Card Signing

October 9<sup>th</sup>

*Think of what fall in Florida brings,  
So different than the Harvest things  
You may have experienced so long ago.  
Apple picking and trees that show  
Vibrant leaves with colors aglow.*

*Though fall in Florida has a different hue,  
Our thoughts and blessings are with you.  
We hope your spirits will renew,  
As you enjoy the cooler days  
In oh so many lovely ways*

Lion Ann Favreau

The signing of the latest edition of Sunshine Cards will take place in the Lions Community Room on October 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 AM. Volunteers are welcome.

### Make a Difference Day

October 28<sup>th</sup>

The annual "Make a Difference Day" will be held on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. At Venezia Park on the Island. Venezia Park is the "adopted" park of the Venice Lions Club. October 13<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to sign up to volunteer for this activity. If you are interested in volunteering for this event please contact Lion Bob Winstel ( with Tee shirt size).

Rwinstel5@gmail.com

### Halloween Parade 2023

October 31st

Venice Lion parade volunteers need to report at 4 PM . We will be decorating the float at Centennial Park where we are meeting. Distribution of candy will begin at 4:30 PM. As the event continues to the merchant establishments in downtown Venice, Venice Lions are asked to assist with pedestrian safety.

Please bring any candy donations to the October 19<sup>th</sup> Club meeting. Please remember, individually wrapped candy only and no chocolate please.

The candy will be packaged up immediately following the meeting. Anyone able to stay for an extra half-hour can help us get this done.

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**Club Meetings**  
**1st & 3rd Thursdays**  
**Dinner at 6:00 PM**  
**Meeting begins at 6:45 PM**

**Board of Directors**  
**Meeting 2nd Thursday at**  
**6:30 PM**



Our Venice club is part of the largest international service organization in the world. We support international efforts to save the sight of millions, provide measles vaccinations and disaster relief.

At the local community level, Lions provide free vision and hearing services to those in need, screen the vision of preschool children and collect used eyeglasses.

Every dollar donated goes back to the community in the form of grants, scholarships, and educational and fun activities for children.

Our members like serving in a club with a purpose. It makes us feel good to give back to our community.

#### Venice Lions Club 2023-2024

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