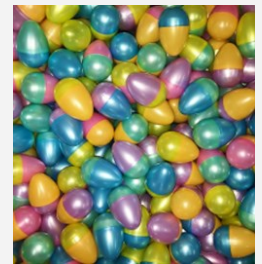




LIONS TALE



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President's Message

All our actions at Venice Lions begin with thoughts, ideas and Lions. How do we make our dreams become a reality?

Venice Lions have the answer; sweat, determination and hard work. We need to stay motivated; ignore distractions which may affect our efforts.

Small baby steps, teamwork and maintaining enthusiasm will help us accomplish our goals.

Our major fundraiser of the year is the Mane Event which was held on Friday, March 24 at Plantation Country Club. Our theme this year-The Wizard of Oz.

All attendees followed the Yellow Brick Road in their attempt to find Oz. Oz was all around us in the form of decorations, raffle baskets, 50/50 tickets, and Lions.

Everyone enjoyed the magical world of Oz. A great time was had by all. Many thanks to all the Lions who helped this come to life!!!!

Our annual election of Club officers took place at the April 6th meeting. Thanks to all candidates who stepped up in service and to the efforts of the Nominating Committee this year!



It's an exciting time to be a Venice Lion !

Lion President Louise Elleo

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*"A Dream Doesn't
Become Reality Through
Magic; It Takes Sweat,
Determination and Hard
Work"*

Colin Powell

Upcoming Events

13th	Board of Directors Meeting Lions Community Room 6:30 PM
15th	Waterway Cleanup 8:30 AM Behind Publix on the Island
20th	General Meeting Lions Community Room Dinner @ 6 PM @ 6:45 PM
22nd	District 35-I Mini Convention Zephyrhills
22/23rd	Sharks Tooth Festival Centennial Park

March & April Guests



Megan Burke, a graduate of Gallaudet University in Washington DC, gave a wonderful presentation on American Sign Language and her profession as an ASL Staff Interpreter. Megan was introduced by her parents Lions Terry and Melissa Burke.



Above: Members of the Divine Hearts Club from Venice High School were recognized for their participation in the Venice Lions Youth Recycle Program at our March 16th meeting. Pictured above are Divine Hearts Club members (l-r) Alyssa De Meo, Angelo De Meo and Ella Smith, Club President, with the Lions Youth Recycle Team.

Have you asked someone to be a Venice Lion ?



April Membership Report

Our Club membership is at **65!!**

We need to ask folks to become members. We do not ask enough. We need to make it a point to ASK! Each new member brings 2 more hands to share in the work and offer services that we provide to our community. Also, they bring new ideas and their enthusiasm for service.

Please RSVP for Dinner!!

There are two ways to make your reservation

- ♦ Call before 2PM on the Monday before the meeting
- ♦ Make your reservation at the club meeting for the next dinner

Dinner is @ 6 PM, Club meeting to follow @ 6:45 PM

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Do you have a story to share, event photos or a bit off Club history?

Please share these with the Lion Tale.

Contact Lion Jeff Myles

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Mane Event

March 24, 2023

Whew, what a day we had ! 326 attendees - 37 tables! And we pulled it off....everyone had a great time.

We, my Co-Chair Lion Barbara and I, could not have done it without all of the help from our fellow Lions. It all started at our first meeting in January when we passed out the folders. Immediately you started collecting sponsorships, raffle items, door prizes AND 326 reservations. We even had swag bag items donated - Thank you Lion Dr. Dee and Lions Kim & Tim. And thank you to our very generous Lions that donated money towards their own sponsorships, Lions Dee, Bob and Cheryl, Jean S, Ric, Keith, Bonnee, Rocky and Judy, Jan L, Jeff and Carole, Bernie, Ann and Ray, Al and June, Tom R, and Kim.

Also behind the scenes were the Lions that put the raffle baskets together... A big thank you goes out to Lions Judy R, Lynn, and Mary. Trust me, this is not an easy project. I think we had about 30 baskets along with our other raffle items. And Lions Paddy and Tim counted, tore apart and organized about 4000 50/50 tickets to have ready to sell.

On the morning of the event, when everything **HAS TO COME TOGETHER**, Lions Rocky and Bob W jumped in to bring the raffle baskets to the venue, to carry in all of the decorations and to hang our Emerald City photo op mural. (They even laid a yellow brick road) Then the decorating crew arrived. Lions Pamela, Jean S, Jan L, Sharon, and Jackie all stuffed and fluffed the centerpieces and the swag bags. Meanwhile, Lions Lynn and Judy R were arranging the raffle items.

Folks were so excited about being there that they started arriving almost an hour before the event. Lions Jean S and Judy T help navigate our guests to their first stop. At our check in table, our Lions were ready. Even though there was a little technical glitch, Lions Jan L, Pamela, Lynn and Sharon got all of our guests registered and into the event in plenty of time. Our photographer, Lion Ric (in disguise as the Scarecrow), was ready to capture their entrance into the Emerald City. Please make sure to check out our Facebook page to see all of the pictures.

The guests no sooner got into the room and our raffle ticket sellers were available to sell them their tickets. Lions Agnes, Judy R, Carole, Pat and Mary sold a record number of tickets to our attendees. While the guests were in the ticket buying frame of mind, Lions Paddy and Tim had them excited to win the 50/50 by selling an amazing number of tickets. Wait until you hear what the 50/50 made for our fundraiser!

The Champagne was served and lunch was great, the staff at Plantation did an amazing job of serving 326 people in a very short time. During the event while the models were getting ready in their outfits, Lion Barbara and I started pulling door prize tickets. Lions Judy T, Doris, Bernadette, Cheryl, Kathy S, and Sharon delivered each of the items to the winners. I know they all got their steps in going from one end of the venue to other.



The models all looked lovely in their outfits from Krystyna's. (I've got my eye on one of the outfits to buy) Lions Mary, Carole, Judy R, Dottie, Agnes, and a Lion's friend Marion did a marvelous job of keeping our guests excited about seeing the fashions.

To wrap things up the raffle numbers were pulled, and the 50/50 winner was selected. We asked a special guest to pull the ticket... Caroline Duncan, Lion Keith's Mother-In-Law. She was there just like she has been for the last 15 years but this year she was celebrating her **100th birthday**.

If I have forgotten to mention **anyone** for anything, please know that Lion Barbara and I still thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

GREAT JOB, EVERYONE!
Lion Bev and Lion Barbara, too !

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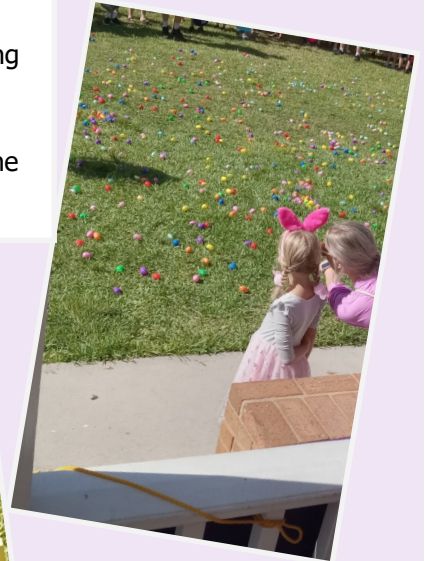


Eggstravaganza 2023 & Jim Liard Beeping Egg Hunt April 8th



On Saturday April 8th Members of the Venice Lions Club, The Warehouse, and Venice Main Street hosted the Eggstravaganza. The event was held this year at Centennial Park in downtown Venice where 8000 eggs were gathered by youngsters age 1 - 10 yrs. Later, at the same venue, the Jim Liard Beeping Egg Hunt was held for visually impaired youngsters.

Great fun was had by children, parents, and the volunteers who participated.



Thanks to Venice Main Street, and all of our Venice Lions and "Warehouse" volunteers who distributed the eggs to the little gatherers. Thanks goes out also to the Lighthouse for the Blind for their support of the Jim Liard Beeping Egg Hunt event.

April Service Opportunities

Venice Sharks Tooth Festival 2023 *April 22—23*



Saturday April 22nd 10 AM—8PM
Sunday April 23rd 10 AM—5PM
Lion Bob Hoesly Chair

2023—2024 Club Officers

<i>President</i>	Jeffrey Myles
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	Pamela Brown
<i>2nd Vice President</i>	Timothy Werla
<i>Secretary</i>	Beverly Flynn
<i>Foundation Treasurer</i>	Barbara McGillicuddy
<i>Admin Treasurer</i>	Terry Burke
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<i>1 Year Director</i>	John Tagye
<i>1 Year Director</i>	Jody Fall
<i>2 Year Director</i>	Judy Terrell
<i>2 Year Director</i>	Jean Spitzer
<i>Lion Tamer</i>	Robert Hoesly
<i>Tail Twister</i>	Judy Rocquin
<i>Membership Chair</i>	Louise Elleo

Harry Chapin Food Distribution Event



Lion Paddy Padmanabhan, Chair

Waterway Cleanup
Lion Bob Winstel, Chair
Behind Publix on The Island
April 15th @ 8:30 AM



3rd Jude Wagonner
7th Suzanne McCormack
8th Jeff Myles
17th Ann Favreau
20th Dr. Dee Stephenson
21st Elli Burr
27th Judy Rocquin

11th Tim & Kim Werla
16th Tom Regan (Carol)
24th Bill Loso (Ann)
25th Lynn & Tom McConnell



"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others"

Mahatma Ghandhi

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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
6:30PM



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 2022-2023	
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