



LIONS TALE



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President's Message

We are fast approaching the end of our Club year. At our first June meeting our Club officers for the 2024— 2025 year will be installed. We will have new leadership and new ideas. Over this past year we have inducted a number of new members. We have also bid farewell to some of our longtime members who have moved on and will be missed. As I move beyond my year as President I want to encourage all members, especially our new members, to consider leadership in our Club. The opportunities are there. It is always difficult to move out of our comfort zones. I know this. I was there just one year ago when I took on the role of Club President. Sure, it hasn't always been easy, but I will tell you now that I am so proud to have had the opportunity, that you have all given me to serve as your Club President for the past year. And so, our new slate of Club officers will be installed at the June 6th Club meeting. We will have a mix of long-serving members and new Venice Lions on our Board of Directors for the 2024 — 2025 year. It will be an excellent Board of Directors and we will have another excellent year of service to our community and beyond. Finally, I want to thank all of those who have stepped up to serve and remind all members that the opportunity to be a leader is always available in our Lions Club.



Lion Jeff Myles

Upcoming Events

May

2	General Meeting Lions Community Room Dinner @ 6PM Meeting @ 6:45 PM
9	Board of Directors Meeting 6PM Lions Community Room
12	Mother's Day
16	General Meeting Lions Community Room Dinner @ 6PM Scholarship Night
27	Memorial Day

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

7th Pamela Brown
16th Cheryl Winstel
29th Bev Flynn

Happy
Anniversary

6th John Tagye (Rose)



A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be. —Rosalynn Carter

Club News

April Guests



Brent Douglas, the recently appointed conductor and artistic director of the Venice Chorale, leads a dynamic ensemble featuring a youth chorus and a high school apprentice program. The chorale presents three main concerts annually, alongside engaging in numerous outreach events throughout the community. With his innovative concert programs and lifelong experience in music, Brent has curated an ensemble of exceptional singers who consistently delight audiences with their performances.

Sharks Tooth Hunting

More than a thousand children dug through sand boxes 'seeded' with shark's teeth to collect their booty during the annual Sharks Tooth Festival held at Centennial Park. Over the two-day event, twenty-five (25) Lions and a half dozen student and adult Warehouse volunteers helped out by running countless two-minute turns scavenging in the sand for each group of children. The overall Lions effort was capably run by Lion Ed Stack.



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Do you have a item you would like to have included in the Lions Tale?

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***Venice Lions at the 2024 Sharks Tooth Festival
April 13 & 14***



***This is why we are Venice Lions.
"Serving is so much fun"***



Youth Recycle Program 2024 Wrap Up



The Venice Boys and Girls Club started with us in 2021 with their teen association, the Keystone Club being the "drivers" behind the project. Siblings Kayden and Ryder pinning Mr. Lion this year.



The 5th grade class at Epiphany with us now for 8 years under the guidance of teacher Katie Underwood does an amazing job of collecting recycled glasses as well as pop tabs. Their Wrap Up each year is in the Epiphany Courtyard.

Grace Methodist Preschool has been with us since our inception . In 2016, a group of wonderful little ones that do their best to add used glasses and pop tabs to our Youth Recycle Project.



Congratulations to Lion Ann Favreau on the Publication of Her New Book

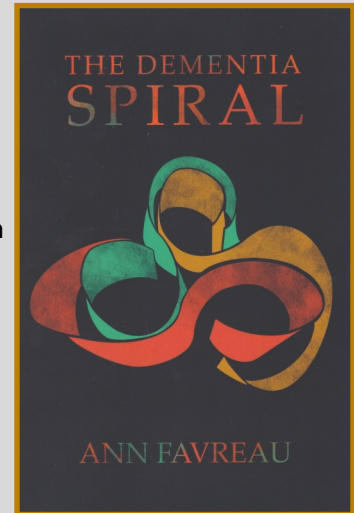
Lion Pamela Brown

Writing helps us cope and perhaps find some comfort in troubling circumstances. In my mother's final days, poetry poured out of me, springing from somewhere deep inside. That is why I so admire Lion Ann's poetry that wells up from the frightening health issues she has had to face. Deeply personal? Yes. That is what makes her writing touch us so deeply.

Ann's first poem ends with "I never saw it coming", expressing the heartache in realizing the future they planned together could not happen. Her last poem ends with "there is no exit to the dementia spiral".

Heartbreaking? Yes. But what shines through Ann's writing is the thankfulness for a long and loving marriage and the devotion to each other that remains.

Thank you, Ann. Thank you for sharing this journey with us.



Earth Month Event April 23, 2024



Venice Lions and Shriners Work Together



Pop tab collection began back in 1993 with Marylou Ellis and the Lady Shriners as their project. Only the tabs were collected to avoid trying to store the whole cans for recycling and the ladies could put pop tabs in their pocketbooks.. Fred Ellis, a Shriner, became involved and is the only recycle person in this area. This Shriners project runs from Tampa down to Ft. Myers.

Fred has totally dedicated a garage to this project and is delighted that our Youth Recycle Group has done so much to add to the Shriners collection. Fred delivers the tabs to the metal recyclers, getting the best price of the day. He then turns the recycle monies over to the Shriners organization to financially help rebuild wheel chairs, buy books, games, etc. Since 2020, City of Venice school students have collected 641.5 lbs. of tabs.

This is such a good example of when service organization clubs work together.

Good job, Lions and Shriners!

Lions Jeannette and Bill

In Closing

Lion Bill Loso

We are saddened to pass along the following information just received. We know that many of you will remember Lion Bill Loso. Lion Bill joined Lions Clubs International in 1966. He transferred from the Apalachin Lions Club into the Venice Lions Club in 2016. Lion Bill left our club in 2020 when he moved back to New York. For the four years that Lion Bill served with us he was a very active member chairing the Sharks Tooth Booth as well as participating in many of our other projects. Lion Bill actually introduced us to the Lotto Calendar fundraiser that we are still doing today.

If you would like to send a card:
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Rest in Peace, Lion Bill.



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Club Meetings
1st & 3rd Thursdays
Dinner at 6 PM
Meetings begin at 6:45 PM

Board of Directors Meeting
2nd Thursday at 6:00 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.

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