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Upcoming Events

June

13	Board of Directors Meeting Lions Community Room 6 PM
20	Membership Meeting Lions Community Room Dinner @ 6 PM Meeting @ 6:45 PM

July

1	Start of Lions Fiscal Year New BOD takes Office
4	Independence Day Holiday No Club Meeting
11	Board of Directors Meeting Lions Community Room 6 PM
18	Membership Meeting Lions Community Room Dinner @ 6 PM Meeting @ 6:45 PM

President's Message

The month of June has arrived !

June, in many ways, is a time of change.

For Lions Clubs it is a time of endings and new beginnings.

Many of our northern Lion friends return home to family and to escape the Florida summer.

Many young members of our Community are graduating from high schools and colleges as they step into a new world,

For Lions, at all levels everywhere, it is a time when leadership passes to new hands.

New leadership brings new goals and new ideas into a Club. This transition is the sign of healthy Lions Club.

As our year draws to a close I want to thank all new officers joining the Club Board of Directors. Thank you for taking the responsibility of leadership.

As you assume your new position as a Club officer I would ask you to hold in your thoughts the words of the late First-Lady Rosalyn Carter:

"A leader takes someone where they want to go, A great leader takes someone where they don't necessarily want to go but ought to be"

I wish to congratulate our new President Pamela Brown for stepping into this role for the 2024—2025 year. I also would like to congratulate Lion Bev Flynn, who recently took the oath of office to serve as 2nd Vice-District Governor for the upcoming year.

It's a privilege to have such incredible leadership in our Club.

With Lions such as these we should all look forward to another great year in service to our community.

Finally, thank you all for your support and for the opportunity to serve as Club President for the past year.

"It's great to be a Venice Lion"

Lion Jeff Myles



What a night!

President-Elect Lion Pamela Brown

Lions know when something special is happening! About 40 members attended the June 6 induction of the 2024-2025 officers and Board of Directors. Lion Beverly had decorated the room with tablecloths and centerpieces with her usual bling and sparkle. Lion Pat had prepared a Thanksgiving Dinner, and the room was abuzz with excitement in anticipation of the awards announcement and the induction ceremony.

Deacon Lion Keith was the master of the induction ceremony. In his inspirational message, he charged each new officer and member of the board to *"be the light"*: to notice and address the problems of our neighbors, the community, and the world.



Lion Keith Backhaus



In my remarks, upon accepting the President's gavel, I reminded the membership that we are not alone: we join Lions in over 200 countries all trying to alleviate suffering in their own communities. Continuing the international theme, Lion Jeff presented the Club with a display of flags that represents the countries around the world with Lions Clubs. The flags will stand in front of the podium to remind us that we are part of the largest service organization in the world and our impact spans the globe.



Each member of The Venice Lions Club is key to our success, and each member's work makes a world of difference.

It was a great night to be a Lion ! It is always great to be a Lion !

- Pamela

We serve!



VENICE LIONS 2024—2025 CLUB OFFICERS



Judy Terrell, 2nd VP



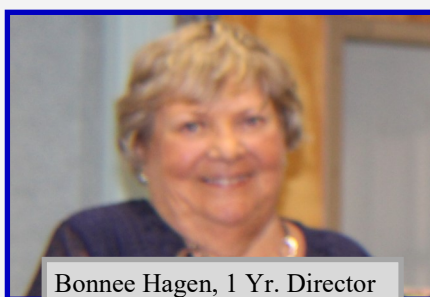
Pamela Brown , President



Tim Werla, 1st VP



Ed Billings, Foundation Treasurer



Bonnee Hagen, 1 Yr. Director



Jean Spitzer, 1 Yr. Director



Christal Snell, 2 Yr. Director



Mary Billings 2 Yr. Director



Judy Rocquin, Tail Twister



Bev Flynn, Membership Chair



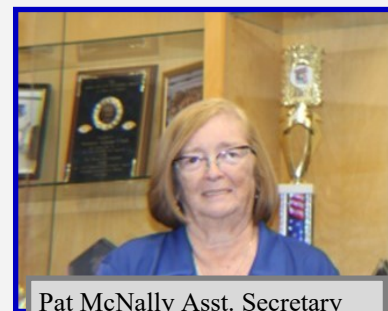
Barbara McGillicuddy
Admin Treasurer



Jeff Myles, Secretary
Immediate Past President



Bob Winstel, Lion Tamer



Pat McNally Asst. Secretary

"Lion of the Year"



Judy Terrell

Melvin Jones Fellow



Pamela Brown

"Rising Star"



Christal Snell

Club Awards 2024

Carole Myles



Bonnee Hagen



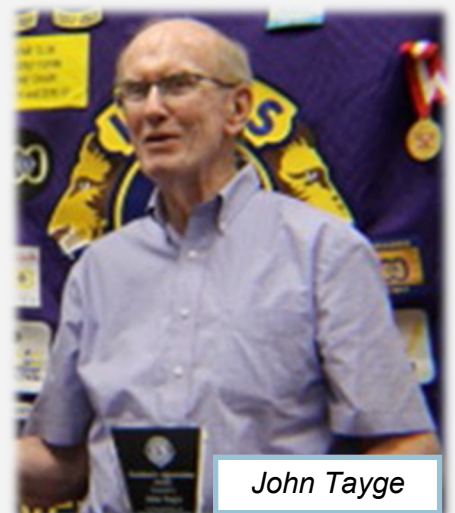
Pat McNally



President's Appreciation Awards



Terry Burke (right)



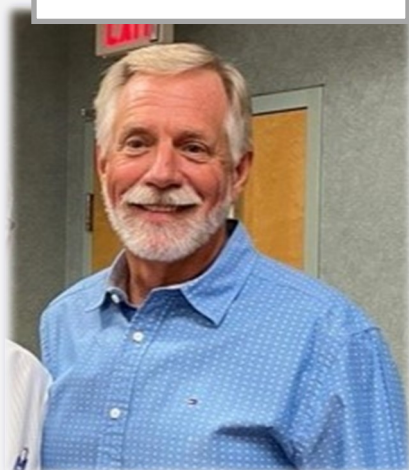
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Certificates of Outstanding Service

Certificates were presented to Lions who demonstrated outstanding service in programs related to Lions International Global Causes.

Not present to receive awards were Lions Bernadette McEnerney and Lions Judy and Rocky Rocquin.

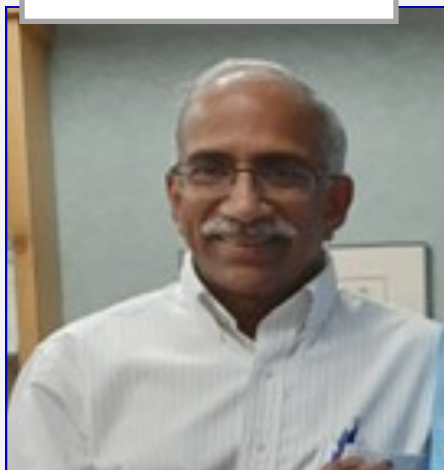
Bob Winstel



Global Environment



Paddy Padmanabhan



Global Hunger



Mary Conrad



Youth Programs



Congratulations 2nd VDG-Elect Lion Bev Flynn !!



Lion Bev is pictured here being inducted as Florida Lions District 35- I 2nd Vice District Governor for the 2024 — 2025 year.



Club News

Gear Up Florida May 14th 2024



The Venice Lions hosted the national Pi Kappa Pi Fraternity cyclists on their way to Tallahassee as part of the Gear Up Florida for the fourth year. The team was provided with breakfast and a midday lunch break. They were also provided a place to stay for the night before continuing on their trip. This team makes an annual trip beginning in Miami and finishing in Tallahassee after a 1000 mile trek. A special thanks to Lions Jeannette and Bill Davis for their vision in initiating this event and thanks to Lion Keith Backhaus and St. Mark's Episcopal Church for their support. Thanks also to all Venice Lions who participated to make this event a success.

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

- 1st Jackie Snavelly
- 2nd Ray Favreau
- 12th Ed Billings
- 15th Tim Werla
- 17th Judy Terrell
- 18th Rose Hightower
- 20th Jan Liard
- 21st Bernadette McEnerney
- 22nd Paul Waggoner
- 30th Paul Carlson

Happy
Anniversary

- 21st Ann & Ray Favreau
- 22nd Bill & Jeannette Davis
- 22nd Cheryl & Bob Winstel



Scholarship Night May



Five local students were awarded scholarships by the Venice Club at our May 16th Membership meeting. The awards were presented by Lion Robert Spong. The Club scholarship committee begins work early in the year to identify the students most worthy of receiving the awards. Thanks go out to the committee members, Lions Robert Spong, Rocky Rocquin, Kim Werla and Tom Regan.

Jada Lanham

Jada will attend Anderson University of Indiana majoring in Nursing. She is active in National Honor Society, Business Leaders of America, Spanish National Honor Society and Florida Christian Athletes at Venice High School.

Alyson Schapley

Alyson will attend the University of Central Florida and will major in Biomedical Sciences Pre-med. She is Secretary of the Venice High School student body and is member of the National Honor Society.

Alyson is waiting to hear for acceptance to Wake Forest University.

Sophia Teijelo

Sophia will attend the University of Florida with a major in Biomedical Engineering. Sophia is the President of the Venice High School National Honor Society

Not present for awards were:

Elizabeth Mopps

Elizabeth will attend the University of Tampa Athletic Training Program with the goal of completing a Masters Degree in 5 years.

Aline Martin

Aline will attend the University of South Florida majoring in Psychology. Her goal is to become a Social Therapist.

Our Traveling Lions



While visiting New Zealand last month, Lions Judy and Rocky Rocquin reported seeing this yellow and purple swim raft in Island Bay, Wellington, New Zealand displaying the Lions International logo. There are nine Lions Clubs in the Wellington New Zealand area.



Hurricane season has begun in Florida, and experts predict it will be a difficult one. We want to make sure our Lions family is safe. In July the president will activate the Club's telephone tree as a test. Members can expect a telephone call from a board member asking if they are prepared in case of a weather emergency. If you haven't already, take some time to prepare. Let's hope we never need to use the telephone tree for an emergency, but we will be checking on you, so listen for the phone!

Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

<input type="checkbox"/> Evacuation Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Medications and Medical Supplies – Two Week Supply <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Important Documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Birth Certificates <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Cards <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Cards <input type="checkbox"/> Bank / Credit Card numbers <input type="checkbox"/> Wills <input type="checkbox"/> House Inventory Photos <input type="checkbox"/> Titles (cars, boats, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Vet / Microchip Records for Pets <input type="checkbox"/> Phone List: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Doctors <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Electric, Gas, and Water Companies <input type="checkbox"/> Family / Friends / Neighbors <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord or Property Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Bank or Credit Union <input type="checkbox"/> Keep Your Vehicle filled with Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fill All Your Propane Tanks <input type="checkbox"/> Keep Extra Gas Cans Filled Up	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Kit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Nonperishable Food and Water (1 Gallon per person per day) 7-day supply <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Paper, Wet Wipes <input type="checkbox"/> Non-electric Can Opener <input type="checkbox"/> Cooler <input type="checkbox"/> Battery Weather Radio <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit <input type="checkbox"/> Pet Supplies – Pet Food and Water, Leash and Collar, Bowls, Medications, Carrier / Cage <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bags <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight – Extra Batteries <input type="checkbox"/> Toolbox / Rope <input type="checkbox"/> Cigarette Lighters <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Sheeting <input type="checkbox"/> Work Gloves <input type="checkbox"/> Duct Tape <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Extinguisher <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning Supplies <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing <input type="checkbox"/> Special Need Items for Infants / Small Children or Elderly / Disabled
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→ PREPARE FOR A HURRICANE ←

KNOW YOUR AREA, MAKE A PLAN!

Include where there are evacuation routes.

Ready ✓

PREPARE AN EMERGENCY KIT!

Prepare a kit with supplies for at least 72 hours.

PREPARE YOUR HOME!

Secure shutters, clean gutters and drains, trim trees and shrubs.

FEMA



“Looking Back”
2023—2024



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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.

Venice Lions Club 2023—2024

President	Jeffrey Myles
1st Vice President 2nd Vice President	Pamela Brown Timothy Werla
Secretary Assistant Secretary	Beverly Flynn Patti McNally
Treasurer (Admin.)	Terry Burke
Treasurer (Found.)	Barbara McGillicuddy
Tail Twister Lion Tamer IPP	Judy Rocquin Robert Winstel
One Year Director One Year Director Two Year Director Two Year Director	John Tagye Jody Fall Judy Terrell Jean Spitzer
Membership Chair	Beverly Flynn
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IPDG	Jim Gregory
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2nd Vice District Governor	Linda Gregory
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Treasurer	Judy Galm
Bulletin	Jeff Myles
MD Executive Secretary / Treasurer	Neil Spencer
Zone 5 Chair	Paula Paquette