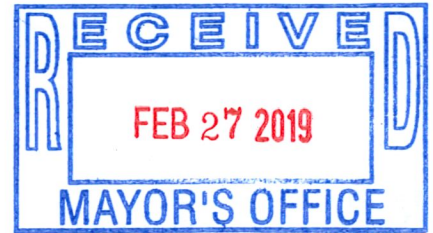


Fort Pierce Lions Club



February 26, 2019

Dear Mayor Hudson and Staff,

Earlier this month, along with the Treasure Coast Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind, we hosted a Dining in the Dark Awareness Dinner at 2nd Street Bistro. It was a membership drive as well but the primary focus was increasing awareness of the blind and visually impaired in our community. We ate one dinner in the dark to gain a better understanding of those who eat every meal in the dark. As you may know, in 1925 Helen Keller challenged Lions to be "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness" and we have remained so ever since.

We greatly appreciated your attendance as well as City Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Director of Public Works Mike Reals, Code Enforcement Janey Vanderhorst, and Fort Pierce Police Officers Damien Spotts and Bill Hall. To have all of you participate at this event wearing sleep masks throughout dinner and dessert showed a true spirit of community and concern for those who are visually impaired. There was a sincere sense of camaraderie and fellowship that night as we realized a small appreciation for the daily lives of the blind.

Thank you for giving your valuable time to join us. We believe giving back helps not just the community but the giver! As Lions our motto is "We Serve" and as community leaders you live that motto every day.

Sincerely,

Crystal Samuel, President
Fort Pierce Lions Club