

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR CAROLYN'S BULLETIN #12

January 1, 2007

### *Quote of the Day:*

A happy New Year! Grant that I  
May bring no tear to any eye  
When this New Year in time shall end  
Let it be said I've played the friend,  
Have lived and loved and labored here,  
And made of it a happy year. - Edgar A. Guest, Leo



## A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!!!!!!!!!!

Well, I don't know about everyone else, but I am actually glad that Christmas is behind me. It was great and I enjoyed every minute of it.....but phew, it was good to see the 26<sup>th</sup> arrive. I am hoping that each and every Lion in District 41-L enjoyed it as much as I did.

So, everyone, please smile, take a deep breath and pat yourselves on the back for all of the "good" that you did for those in need during the Holiday Season and the entire past year. I am certain that every Club in this District provided a lift to many. And, I am also certain that it made you all feel good to know you helped. Congratulations and Thank You.

Now we have a brand new "New" Year to look forward to. One with many great accomplishments to come.....lots of great fundraisers, lots of service projects and LOTS of new members... together we can and will make it happen.

So, I invite you to join in with me on my New Year's Resolution.....to "JUST ASK"....friends, relatives, business acquaintance or even strangers to join our great Lions Organization. A new member is the best gift we can give to our Club and Lions Clubs International.....and it doesn't cost us a thing. So, how about it? Let's start the New Year's off right. Invite someone to come to a meeting with you and show them the FUN and good works that you do. It's something to be proud of.

Did anyone see the Lions Float in the Rose Bowl Parade??? With cup of coffee in hand, your DG settled in to watch the parade and with hopes of seeing the 30-foot-long red-tipped white cane float, symbolic of Lions Clubs' efforts on behalf of the visually impaired. And, wouldn't you know it, the phone wouldn't stop ringing. And, I missed it. So, I hope some of you did "spy" it. The picture on the LCI web site I am sure didn't do it justice. A bit of "float trivia" ..... Did you know the LCI float was dubbed "Sight First,"?

Have you made your reservations for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007. It's being hosted by the Windham Lions Club at the Veteran's Center located behind the Hannaford's Store off Route 302, Windham. It will be a brunch/breakfast. Better hurry and get them in to CST Cathy Cross ASAP. (Reservation Form attached). Don't miss this fun time. The Guest Speaker will be John Lamb, President of the Maine Public Relations Council with some words of wisdom on media coverage. Door prizes. FUN. Bring someone with you that has never attended before.....a new member of your Club or a potential member. But, come!!! Sign up sheet attached.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR LIONS FAMILY and CONGRATULATIONS TO DISTRICT 41-L's NEWEST LIONS. We're so VERY glad you joined us. And, a "Thank you" to their Sponsors.....please take good care of them and make sure they are "put to work"!!!

Lisa Burns - Denmark - Sponsor Sonya Allen  
Karen King - Denmark - Sponsor Sonya Allen  
Chris Hanson - Denmark - Sponsor Mark Allen  
Tina Hanson - Denmark - Sponsor Mark Allen  
Nancy Sanford - Denmark - Sponsor Sonya Allen  
William Sanborn - Denmark - Sponsor Sonya Allen  
David Ebinger - Harrison - Sponsor John Ebinger  
David Gustafson - Harrison - Sponsor Linwood Merrill  
Maryann Crowell - Harrison - Sponsor Janet Swett  
Martin Crowell - Harrison - Sponsor - PDG Bob Swett  
Charles Bradford - Limerick/Newfield - Sponsor Mary Langlois  
Anne-Marie Crowley - Limerick/Newfield - Sponsor Denis Crowley  
Sandy Bradford - Limerick-Newfield - Sponsor Mary Langlois  
Denis Dyer - Naples - Sponsor Frank Keen  
Marilyn Dyer - Naples - Sponsor John Goodwin  
Rebecca Dowse - Norway/Paris - Sponsor Carol Williams  
Michelle Matt - Sanford - Sponsor Patricia Adams  
Joni Emmons - Sanford - Sponsor Patricia Adams

## THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- **Joint Zone meeting for Zones 1 and 2** will be held at the Kittery Lions Club on the **16th of January**, social at 6 to 6:30, dinner and meeting to start at 6:30. Lasagna, salad, bread, dessert, Cost \$8.00. RSVP to Zone Chair Mel Alexander at [mald@sacoriver.net](mailto:mald@sacoriver.net) by January 11th if you want to eat.
- **SPEAKOUT - Have you contacted your local High School, Private School, Christian School or Home School and provided them with the rules, how-to, etc. for the annual Speakout Contest? If not, you still have time.** And, if you should need a copy of the "rules", please contact District Speak-out Chair Aaron Tufts at [atufts1@maine.rr.com](mailto:atufts1@maine.rr.com) or (207) 775-7290 and he will provide you with a copy plus answer any questions.
- **DON'T FORGET.....some of the points for the EFFICIENCY, ACTIVITY and/or MEMBERSHP GROWTH AND RETENTION CONTEST POINTS are:**
  - **125 points** for sponsoring a Speakout contest
  - **50 points** for having a District Chairperson as the MAIN speaker at a regular meeting (except the DG, VDG, RC or ZC)
  - **50 extra points** if one of the speakers above is a MERLO Chair
  - **100 points** for a joint Club Activity project
  - **50 points** each for New or reinstated members
  - **(-50) points** for each lost member (excluding death & transfer)
  - **100 points** for having a membership drive with results reported to the District Governor by March 31.2007

## **SAD NEWS to report.**

**Two Clubs have reported loss of valued friends and members due to death. Please accept the sympathy of your Fellow Lions.**

**Fryeburg - Lion Anders Henriksen**

**Thornton Heights - Lion Helen Beckwith**

**York - Lion Russ Williams**

**Also, PDG Dick Plaisted's mother Alice Louise Morton Bailey Clark Plaisted passed away December 30<sup>th</sup>.** The thoughts and prayers of their District 41-L Lions friends are with Dick and Nancy at this time. Visiting hours will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, at Blais & Hay Funeral Home, 35 Church St., Westbrook. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, at the First Baptist Church. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

## **90th Anniversary Calls Us Both to Cherish What Works And Change What Doesn't**

**by Jimmy M. Ross**

**President**

**The International Association of Lions Clubs**

When a loved one reaches their 90th birthday, we usually can proudly say he or she has lived a rich, full life. This year we celebrate the 90th anniversary of something near and dear to all of us - Lions Clubs International, founded in 1917 in Chicago by businessman Melvin Jones. Yes, we've had a rich, full history, marked by service unmatched by any other service club. But the best is yet to come.

I witness firsthand in my travels around the world the stunning energy and vitality of Lions. In small towns and big cities, we are out in the community aiding youths and the elderly, providing vision and hearing screenings, collecting and distributing eyeglasses, offering food, water and blankets after floods and tornadoes, and teaching job skills to those with disabilities. We do serve. And we will serve for generations to come.

But we will be tested and we are facing challenges. We can't stand pat and do what we always do because that's how we've always done it. We need creativity, inspiration and ingenuity, not mere imitation or repetition. What worked decades ago or even a decade ago may not work today. Even if it works today, it may not work tomorrow. What we need is a willingness to be flexible, to embrace a paradigm shift if necessary. We have to be willing to do is nothing less than a club renewal, a reinvention of our club if that's what's needed.

If it isn't broke, don't fix it, of course. If your club is flourishing, then be satisfied and stay the course. But if you think you or your club can serve your community better, then go ahead and raise your hand at the next club meeting and get the process of change started. The great advantage Lions have always possessed is our ability to read the signs of the times and take steps in new directions. This happens on every level of the association. You may be the one who comes up with the next great idea to invigorate your club, district or even the association as a whole. Good ideas carry their own momentum. At the least be willing to engage in open and constructive discussion at your club. The only really bad idea is the notion that change is not feasible.

I'm not suggesting a radical transformation of Lionism. We will always be Knights of the Blind. But it's the little things that count such as how clubs recruit members, hold meetings, publicize

accomplishments and engage members in service. Clubs need to regularly assess their how they do business and be ready to drop less successful practices and adopt new ones after careful study and planning.

It's important to know that you are not alone in your quest for club betterment. International Headquarters, including its Membership, Leadership and International Activities and Program Planning divisions, has an array of effective, efficient programs to jumpstart your renewal and help guide it. These divisions are in touch with the challenges and obstacles faced by clubs. Our new Baby Boomer recruitment methods and Family Lions Club program are two great examples of innovative initiatives to energize clubs and districts. We're not standing still. We're moving forward. That's what it will take to keep our momentum as Lions and to ensure that we remain vital and active.

Please don't wait for other Lions to take the initiative. The possibility of change and growth rests with individual Lions. Please read the LION and check the Web site regularly to stay on top of what's available. Chances are quite good that your specific needs can be filled by these initiatives.

We've come a long way since 1917, never resting on our laurels or settling for second-best. Lions have always put service first and that's reflected in the depth and range of our programs today. I am certain that Melvin Jones would be astounded at how Lions clubs have grown and prospered. Thanks to all the Lions who came before us, we are positioned for continued success. Let's blow out the candles, grab the piece with the extra whipped cream and then return to our lives of service.

### **THIS WEEK'S NEW "STUFF"!!!!**

**MAINE SIGHT & HEARING MEETING – January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 – Gardiner Lions – Social 11:30, Lunch Noon, Meeting to follow. Reservations to Secretary Lorraine Collins 582-0830**

**MAINE COUNCIL OF LIONS MEETING – January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007 – Readfield Lions Club - 10:00 am**

**Region 4 Speakout Chair, Patty Cornell, has a new e-mail address: [pecornell@myway.com](mailto:pecornell@myway.com)**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**January 1, 2007 – Family Membership Worldwide Inauguration Day**

**January 1, 2007 – Lions Float in the Rose Bowl Parade – Watch for it when you are enjoying the Rose Bowl Parade on New Years Day.** Did you know that since 1992, Lions Clubs International has had a float in the New Year's Day Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California. Two of the entries, in 1993 and 1994, won awards for the most beautiful floats in the parade. But all entries have been winners, presenting Lions an opportunity to promote our service activities to people worldwide who watch the float each year. Lions Clubs International in Oak Brook, Illinois has provided approximately half of the funds; the remainder is raised by the Lions of Multiple District Four (California).

**January 7 – 13, 2007 – LCIF Week**

**January 7, 2007 – Lions Day at the Pirates - 4:05 pm - \$12.00 -** Great stocking stuffer. Profits will go to help Maine Sight & Hearing aid organizations in need throughout the State of Maine. Buy a ticket and invite a prospective member. For more information contact White Cane Chair Maggie Crisafi 839-2884 [mcrisafi@aol.com](mailto:mcrisafi@aol.com)

**January 13, 2007 – Melvin Jones Birthday**

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RSVP to Zone 1 Chair Mel before January 11<sup>th</sup>.

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ALL Lions are welcome and encouraged to attend

**February 1, 2007 – Peace Poster Contest Winners will be notified on or before this date.**

**February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 – Third Cabinet Meeting** – Windham Lions Club, Breakfast Meeting at the Veterans Center behind Hannaford's in Windham – more details to come

**February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 - 5th Annual New England Lions Evening to Benefit LCIF**, 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Marlborough, MA The cost of this event (including the Banquet meal) is \$40.00 per person and is open to all Lions and guests. Hotel Reservations should be made directly with the Holliday Inn, Marlborough, at 1-508-481-3000. Ask for the *New England Lions Council* group rate of \$89.00 per night plus tax (single/double occupancy) for Friday and/or Saturday.

**March 2007 – Place year-end awards and gift presentation orders** with Club Supplies in order to receive in time for your Awards Nights.

**March 2007 – Secretaries receive the 2007 Club Supplies Catalog** in the mail.

**March 1, 2007 – Environment Photo Contest Entry Deadline**

**March 9, 2007 – Lions Day with the United Nations**

**March 31, 2007 – Deadline for International Convention regular Registration fees**

**April 2007 - LEO Club Awareness Month**

**April 21, 2007 – Worldwide Induction Day**

**April 27, 28 and 29, 2007 – Joint Convention Districts 41-L and 41-I at the Samoset Resort in Rockport.** Details to come

**May 2007 – Recycle For Sight Month**

**May 15, 2007 – Deadline for filing PU101 Officer Reporting Forms to International**

**May 15, 20 – Leo Club Offices and Membership Report (Leo-72) due**

**May 18-20, 2007 -MD 41 Annual Convention in St. Johns, Newfoundland**

**May 31, 2007 – Family Membership Certification Forms due**

**June 1, 2007 – Helen Keller Day**

**June 1, 2007 – Leo of the Year Award Application (Leo-LOY) due**

**June 5, 2007 – World Environment Day**

**June 15, 2007 – Deadline date for convention hotel deposit refunds for cancellations**

**July 2 – 6, 2007 – 90<sup>th</sup> International Convention, Chicago, Illinois**

**EVERY DAY – Take a few minutes and invite a friend, relative, neighbor, co-worker, etc., to attend your Club's next meeting.** There are lots of people waiting to be asked how they can contribute something to the betterment of their community.

**DISTRICT HAPPENINGS:** Below is a list of "happenings" by your fellow Lions Clubs. Put them on your calendar. Take time when possible to attend some of them and lend a little support.....and, more importantly, have some FUN. If your Club has something coming up you would like mentioned, please send it to me and I will include it.

**Anytime - The York Lions Club needs used paper back books** for their book sale at the local motels in town. Please notify the Club President or Secretary if you have some.

**Got Something You'd Like To See In The DG's Weekly Update?** Please send it to me [cgile@adelphia.net](mailto:cgile@adelphia.net) and I'll gladly put it in for you.

**Got Something You'd Like Put On The "Club Events" portion of the District web site?** Please send your information to our District's Webmaster John Peluso at [john@lions41-L.org](mailto:john@lions41-L.org) and he will see it gets added.

**Got An Interesting Story About Your Club** (successful fundraiser, service project, new members, something special about a particular member, human interest story) that you would like to have put in the monthly District

Newsletter, please send it to me [cgile@adelphia.net](mailto:cgile@adelphia.net) . Everyone likes to hear what other Clubs are up to, so let's share our ideas, successes, fun times, etc. with each other.

DG CG

District Governor Carolyn Gile

***“Make It Fun.....And They Will Come (and join and stay)!!!!”***