

**Quote of the Week: A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.**

Winston Churchill



Good Morning, Fellow Lions, I do hope your Labor Day Weekend was especially nice.....a little relaxation, a lot of FUN and hopefully just a teeny, tiny bit of work.

Most Clubs are have had or are ready to have their first meetings of the Fall and from the list of events in "District Happenings" below, I'd say you were all soon going to be right out straight.

Many hands make light work, so I hope you are all thinking of people you can ask to join your Club and inviting them to your meetings to see what it's all about.

**BEST PRACTICES CONTEST IDEAS** - Lions Clubs International asked clubs to share their best and brightest membership ideas in the second annual Best Practices Contest. **One of the winners was the Dunnville Lions of Ontario** Canada, 33 members. **Their "Best Practice" was the "BUDDY SYSTEM"**. They implemented a buddy system more than 25 years ago, which has kept cliques from forming. Members have a different "buddy" for each meeting, who they are expected to call before the meeting and sit with during the meeting. The buddies' names are announced in the Clubs' bi-weekly newsletter. Club members also make sure they greet all members and guests with a handshake before the meeting. The Dunnville Lions Club has retained all their members for many years.

Is this a great "Retention" Idea or what? Might be fun to try out for a month or two. Let me know if you decide to "check it out".

**CONVENTION SUGGESTIONS** - Albert Einstein once said "Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new." Well, folks, we're looking for the "new" to try as well the "old", too, and that's **Ideas and Suggestions Needed for FUN and Interesting programs for YOUR Joint Convention to be held on April 27, 28 and 29, 2007.** What would you like to have happen/do/see? Got a far out suggestion....one that's enjoyable, entertaining, lively, stimulating, broadening, *different....but FUN....*that's ok, it's probably just what we're looking for!!!! Times a wasting and your Committee is beginning to plan. So, please get your thoughts/suggestions to your Convention Committee right away:

Chair Cliff Randall 636-3492 [cliff2@metrocast.net](mailto:cliff2@metrocast.net)

or

Patty Adams 490-2157

[tollady@metrocast.net](mailto:tollady@metrocast.net) or

Fred Wandland. 363-7382

[fwandlan@maine.rr.com](mailto:fwandlan@maine.rr.com)

**WANT TO SEE SOME AWESOME PICTURES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION???** Sign onto the District 41-L website

[www.lions41-L.org](http://www.lions41-L.org), click on District Clubs and then click on the Freeport Club. Lion Steve McPheters took some great shots of the convention festivities including parade, the convention center, parade of flags, etc. It's worth spending some time to look at them. Thank you Lion Steve for the great job you did and for providing everyone with a peek at the goings on.

**DISTRICT HISTORICAL ITEMS** - At the first Cabinet Meeting, Lion Harvey Buzzell, the District's new Historian, and a member of the Naples Lions spoke about his task of attempting to locate old District records of any kind. Lion Harvey is asking all the Clubs and individual Lions to look through their archives for any District information they might have. He's looking for items like, Cabinet Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Reports, Directories, Convention Information, District Programs like Necrology Services, Convention Books, Photographs, and Plaques, anything that would pertain to the District. District 41-L has been in existence for 50 years and has very little historical information available. If you or your Club has anything to pass on to Lion Harvey, please give him a call at 655-4911 or send an e-mail to [hebuzzell@fairpoint.net](mailto:hebuzzell@fairpoint.net).

**PEACE POSTER CHAIRPERSONS** – Have you ordered your supplies from International yet? Have you contacted the schools in your area....public, private, home school students??? We've had some unbelievable entries over the years. I hope every Club will make an attempt to get a contest going in one or more schools in their area. Kids love participating in contests. If you need any assistance, contact District Peace Poster Chair Kay Parent at 324-1909 or [statrng@metrocast.net](mailto:statrng@metrocast.net). Kay is ready, willing and quite able to provide information and suggestions.

**SPEAKOUT** - Now's the time to begin contacting the schools to get them going and joining in on the Speakout Contest. District Chair Aaron Tufts would really like to see this program expanded this year. Remember that private schools, Christian schools, and home schooled students are all eligible and would make a tremendous addition to the program. Want to get one started in your area, but don't quite know where to begin. Contact Lion Aaron at 775-7290 or [atufts1@maine.rr.com](mailto:atufts1@maine.rr.com) and he will work with you and your Region Speakout Chair to get you started.

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

- **Anyone wishing to send sympathy cards to Lion Eldon Greenleaf's widow, her address is P. O. Box 43, Bethel, Me. 04217** If you haven't heard, Lion Eldon passed away last weekend..
- **Sat., September 9<sup>th</sup>, the Kittery Lions** will be having an **indoor yard sale from 8 am to 2 pm**, 117 State Road, Kittery. Proceeds from rental of tables and sale of food will be distributed to local charities. FMI contact Lion Gordon Moore at 439-0726
- **Sat. September 9<sup>th</sup>, the Sanford Lions** will be holding a **"moving" sale** as they have to vacate their present meeting location. Over 100 items, tables, chairs, etc. FMI call Lion Patty Adams 490-2157
- **HELP WANTED by the Fryeburg Lions** – 5 or 6 Lions are needed **in their booth at Fryeburg Fair** to help flip burgers and hot dogs and serve customers, as follows: Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 9 pm and Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 9 pm. Passes will be provided. If you can help, contact Mary Jean Trumbull 935-2782 or [trumbullshdw@fairpoint.net](mailto:trumbullshdw@fairpoint.net) or Laurie Rolfe 935-1239. Sounds like fun. Give it a try

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**September 9, 2006 - New England Forum – It's not too late to sign up.** I've attached a sign-up sheet for that purpose.

**Location:** Crowne Plaza Hotel, Nashua NH

**Cost:** \$30.00 inclusive of coffee, lunch, all materials

**Who Should Attend:** DG's, VDG's, CST's, Region Chairpersons, Zone Chairpersons, Club Presidents, Membership Chairpersons, Public Relation Chairpersons – Any Lion interested in knowing more about these positions!!

**Cost:** \$10.00 per person for Registration only; \$30.00 per person inclusive of

Lunch

This is a great opportunity for any of the above (this includes you, too) to get together with other Lions and take advantage of the great information that will be provided. Reservation form will be included in the District newsletter and also be available on the website.

**September 14 to 16, 2006 - USA/Canada Forum -** Columbus, Ohio. Check it out on the internet at [usacanadalionsforum.org](http://usacanadalionsforum.org). It's not too late to sign up.

**September 15, 2006, Deadline for submitting articles to The Multiple District Fall Issue of the Forty One'r.** PDG Jan Phillips, MD Communication Chair is looking for articles and photos about District 41-L Clubs (*YOUR Club*) such as a special project you have taken on, fun activities, successful fundraisers, etc. If you send an article and photo, she will put it in. Deadline for submission is September 15, 2006. E-Mail or Snail-Mail to: 188 Gibson Street, Fredericton, NB E3a 4E3 or e-mail her at [concrete@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:concrete@nb.sympatico.ca) or phone 506-472-8959. Registration Form is attached.

**October 1, 2006 – Deadline for Ordering Peace Poster Supplies from Club Supplies Sales at Lions Clubs International**

**October 12, 2006 – Lions World Sight Day –** Check it out on the LCI website [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org)

**October 14<sup>th</sup> – White Cane Day -** Official Date, but any day in October is fine to do your fundraising event. Questions, contact District 41-L White Cane Chair Maggie Crisafi 839-2884 or [Mcrisafi@aol.com](mailto:Mcrisafi@aol.com)

**Portland Lions are partnering with the Iris Network to support their 3.5 mile Walk-A-Thon to be held on October 14, 2006** at 10 AM at the Baxter Blvd walking path in Portland (registration is at 9:15 AM).

**November 3, 4, 2006 Multiple District Fall Conference -** at Miramichi, New Brunswick - Reservation Sheets will be out soon.

**November 14, 2006 – World Diabetes Day**

**November 15, 2006 - Postmark Deadline for Club to send one winning poster** (per contest sponsored) to the District Peace Poster Chair, Kay Parent

**December 1, 2006 – Postmark Deadline for Peace Poster Chair Kay Parent to send one winning District poster** to the Multiple District Council Chairperson

**December 15, 2006 – Postmark deadline for Multiple District Council Chair to send one winning poster** to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.

**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)

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

**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.

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**Sept 11th 2006 the Sebago Lions Golf Outing, at** the Naples Golf Course on Rt 114 Shotgun Starts at 8:00 AM. Prizes for longest ball, nearest the pin, on in one, hole in one, 50/50 raffle. Cost is \$60.00 per player! Fee includes Green fees, Golf Cart, Catered Dinner, Awards and lots of Fun!

For more information contact Lion Ron Johnson @ [ECIMaine@adelphia.net](mailto:ECIMaine@adelphia.net)

**September 15, 16 and 17 - York Lions Club** is **holding a food both** and selling sausage subs and cold drinks at the Maine State Federation of Firefighters, at the **York Beach Fire Station on September 15, 16 and 17**. For more information contact KL Allen Hall 337-0192 or e-mail him at [abhall@metrocast.net](mailto:abhall@metrocast.net)

**September 16, 2006 - The Brownfield Lions Club** are **holding a dance** at the Lions Den in Brownfield, On Routes 58 & 113.

**8:30 pm -12:30 am.** Music will be by 'Howard Allen and The Troubadours'. Admission is \$10.00/singles- \$20.00/couples. There will be a 50/50 raffle as well as a bottle raffle. Bring Your Own Bottle. Proceeds will benefit our Community Projects Fund and > the Building Fund. For More Information contact Earl Shrier 935-2911

**October 7th the Acton/Shapleigh Lions** club will hold their **monthly pancake breakfast** at the Acton town hall on **from 8 am – 10 am**.

Menu includes Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Toast, Juice, Milk and Coffee. Price is \$4.00, \$3.50 with the donation of a pair of glasses. Can't beat the price and food's delicious.

**October 14, 2006, the Portland Lions** are **partnering with the Iris Network to support their 3.5 mile Walk-A-Thon to be held on October 14, 2006** at 10 AM at the Baxter Blvd walking path in Portland (registration is at 9:15 AM). Lions will be walking that day and also manning a Portland Lions informational table to spread the word about our club and Lionism, as well as seeking potential individuals interested in joining Lions and the Portland Club (or for that matter any Lions club). The Portland Lions would be pleased to have other clubs or Lions in our District join us for this event if they would like to. . **LET'S GET OUT AND JOIN THEM.** For More Information Contact Portland Lions Club Secretary John Tarbell 885-0719 or e-mail [jtpats@maine.rr.com](mailto:jtpats@maine.rr.com)

**October 1, 2006, the Windham Lions Cub** will hold **The 3rd Annual Windham Lions Club 5K Run & Family Walk starting** at Windham High School. This year we are very proud to announce that this event will directly benefit the Windham Community in many ways. First, the funds raised will be equally shared by the Windham Fire Department, Recreation

Department, Windham Police DARE Program and the Windham Lions Club Community Projects.  
See our website - [www.windhamlions5k](http://www.windhamlions5k)

**November 12, 2006, the Harrison Lions Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** is being held on **Sunday, November 12, 2006**, Lions, please mark your calendars.....more details will be coming soon!

**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.

**Here's hoping you all have a Delightful, Gratifying Week full of FUN!**

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District Governor Carolyn Gile

***"Make It Fun.....And They Will Come (and stay)!!!!"***