

Quote of the Week:

Start every day with a smile and get it over with.

W.C. Fields



Good Morning, to you....Good Morning, to you.....we're all in our places with bright shiny faces.....Good Morning, to you!!!!!!!!!!!!!! OK, enough of that!!!!!!!!!!!!!! A great day to all District 41-L Lions.

This will be a short, quick Weekly Bulletin today as Bruce and I are heading out for the USA/Canada Forum this morning, via Niagara Falls and wherever the road may lead up before we land in Columbus Ohio on Wednesday night (might even make it to the Longaberger Basket Factory in Frazzysburg, Ohio....haven't told Bruce yet). Looking forward to the Forum. It's always a great time, with interesting seminars and motivational speakers. We'll be back around the 19th, hopefully rested and ready to roll.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR 2007-2008 YEAR - Are there any District 41-L Lion interested in filling the following positions on the Multiple District Council of Governors during 07-08?

Communication Chair
Club Services Chair
Activities Chair

The Council would like names of anyone interested to be presented to them at the Fall Conference in November. If you have any interest, please contact DG Carolyn and discuss.

BEST PRACTICES AWARD WINNING IDEA – The Camperdown Lions of Victoria, Australia, District 201-V2 won an award for their “**Ten Commands of Retention**” Idea.

1. Meeting punctuality and control
2. Allocate/assign tasks members will want to do
3. Show all members you care about them
4. Keep in touch with members and their families
5. Don't have overkill on fines/jokes
6. Involve all members
7. Bond the club together with social activities
8. Be interested in people – acknowledge any achievements
9. Give thanks and praise when due
10. Deal promptly with conflicts or disagreements.

These guidelines have helped the club increase its membership by 16 people over the course of one year.

Reason why Selected as a Winner: It's a solid retention plan that highlights all the top retention challenges.

CONVENTION SUGGESTIONS – Have you given your Convention Committee your ideas and suggestions yet on what you'd like to do/see/have happen at our Joint convention in April? Time's a wasting. So, please get your thoughts/suggestions to your Convention Committee right away:

Chair Cliff Randall 636-3492 cliff2@metrocast.net
Patty Adams 490-2157 tollady@metrocast.net or
Fred Wandland. 363-7382 fwandlan@maine.rr.com

DID YOU CHECK OUT THE AWESOME PICTURES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE FREEPORT LIONS CLUB'S WEBSITE ET??? Sign onto the District 41-L website www.lions41-L.org, click on District Clubs and then click on the Freeport Club. Lion Steve McPheters is an awesome photographer.

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

- **Sat., September 23rd, the Waterford/Stoneham Lions will be holding a HOME MADE Lasagna, Caesar salad, dessert buffet dinner at the Wilkins House in Waterford, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. \$6.00 per person - \$3.00 for children 12 and under**
- **Sat., September 23rd, the Limerick/Newfield Lions are holding a Harvest Supper at the West Newfield Town Hall, 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Advance tickets \$6.50 adults \$3.00 children 12 and under - \$7.50 and \$3.50 at the door. Children under 3 eat free.**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 14 to 16, 2006 - USA/Canada Forum - Columbus, Ohio. Check it out on the internet at 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 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

October 14th – 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

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
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.

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

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

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

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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.

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October 1, 2006, the Windham Lions Club 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

October 6 and 7 - the Fryeburg Lions are looking for help – 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 6th from 5 pm to 9 pm and Saturday, October 7th from 5 pm to 9 pm. Passes will be provided. If you can help, contact Mary Jean Trumbull 935-2782 or trumbullshdw@fairpoint.net or Laurie Rolfe 935-1239. Sounds like fun. Give it a try

November 12, 2006, the Harrison Lions Club's 50th 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 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 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 . Everyone likes to hear what other Clubs are up to, so let's share our ideas, successes, fun times, etc. with each other.

I'll be thinking of all of you while at the FORUM. Be Happy!!!!!!

DG CG

District Governor Carolyn Gile

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