



MAINE LIONS NEWSLETTER

DISTRICT 41

JANUARY 2009

WORDS FROM DG HARVEY

“If it is worth doing, it is worth doing right !”



Greetings Fellow Lions:

1/10/2008

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Holiday.

It doesn't seem possible but half of the 2008-2009 Lions year is behind us. We have had a difficult 6 months of membership losses which have far exceeded new membership gains. Our net loss for the first half of the 2008-2009 Lions year was 78 members.

I hope that all of the District clubs get into the spirit of competition and join in on the January through February membership contest. It will be my great pleasure to present the winner with a check for \$250 at the District Convention next April.

The newly forming Auburn Lions Club is coming together and hopefully will be ready to Charter in the very near future and join the rest of the Maine Lions in service to others. I plan to continue the new club program for the next 6 months and I am sure VDG Roger will pick up where we leave off and continue it next year. I believe it is one of the methods we can use to prevent membership losses in the months and years ahead.

The District Eyeglass and Hearing Program appears to be working well. We are currently working on an attachment to the Policy Manual which will clarify how the program is to be implemented at both the Club and District levels.

The third District Cabinet Meeting will be held on January 25th in South Portland. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we will have a good turnout. It is a great opportunity to see long time friends (I don't like to say old friends) and meet and make new ones. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

District Governor
Harvey Buzzell



Naples Lions Celebrate Their Fifth Anniversary and Annual Christmas Party on December 11, 2008 at the Trailside Restaurant in Bridgton.

Pictured L to R: KL Tony Brocato, PP Dave Gerrish, PDG Caroline Gile, DG Harvey Buzzell, Zone 6 Chairman Ed Fortier, DVDG Duke Goranites, PDG Gene Cross, VDG Roger Blackstone, Naples' Guiding Lion PDG Al Glover, CST Carl Talbot

CLUB NOTICES

The Bridgton Lions will participate in the Chamber of Commerce Musers Bowl Weekend with their Chuck Wagon on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 24th and 25th at Five Fields Orchards on Rte. 107 in So. Bridgton during the Dogsled Rides event. Come and bring the kids and grandkids to this fun event and get to be "Nanook of the North" by riding on a dogsled....and then visit the Lions Chuckwagon for hot chocolate, hamburgers etc. etc

The Massabesic Lions Club wants to thank all the Lions of Maine that took chances on the braided rug we were raffling. There were a lot of Lions that bought tickets at the Cabinet Meetings and we wanted you all to know the results. The lucky winner was Cathy Markland of the Sanford Lions Club. Congratulations, Cathy.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Pg 18 PDG Ralph Gilman phone 653-2550

Pg 29 Secretary Helene Neves email address is tonyneves@207me.com

Pg 36 President has changed to Jessica Benson P.O. Box 4, Cornish, ME 04020 625- 1010
jbenson@sad55.K12.me.us

Pg 108 Meeting place has changed to the Muddy Ruddy Restaurant on Route 1 in Yarmouth Meeting times are the same



DISTRICT NOTICES

The 2nd Orientation Workshop is going to be held on Friday, February 13th at the Gardiner-Augusta Lions Club House in Gardiner from 7-8:30 pm. The program will be put on by IPDG Ann McFarland & DVDG Duke Goranites.

This is a wonderful opportunity to have newer Lions learn about our wonderful organization; our history, our purpose and the various projects that LCIF (the giving arm of Lionism) contributes to. Additionally, we welcome those Lions who would like a little “refresher course” as well as those looking at joining our great organization!

There is **no cost** for this program, but in order to ensure that we have enough hand-outs for everyone, please contact either IPDG Ann or DVDG Duke **by** Feb. 10th so that we may have an accurate head count!

Speak-out 2009.

Notice to all clubs in District 41,

It's still not too late to get a contest going at the local level. Contests don't have to be complete until the end of February or even early March.

In order for the co-chairs to help plan the contests please let us know that you are having a contest in the local areas as soon as possible. Communications is very important. You may contact either

Lion Tim Clark
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Jefferson , Me. 04348
549-4790
timm501998@yahoo.com

Lion Aaron Tufts
69 Summer St.
Portland, Me 04103
775-7290
atufts1@maine.rr.com

MERLO

The next MERLO meeting will be Wednesday January 28 at the Gardiner Lions Club. PID Lew famous light meal will be served at 6:00 and the meeting will start at 6:30.

We need reports from all the MERLO chairs, DVDG, Region Chairs, and Zone Chairs. If you can't attend , Please e-mail your report to me so we can stay on top of any problems in your area and your plans going forward.

Let me know ASAP if you can attend so that I can give PID Lew a headcount.

Thanks for all you do.
VDG Roger



WILL BE SADLY MISSED.....

Robert William Earle (Skowhegan Lions), loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to many, died following a brief illness on December 27, 2008, in Skowhegan. He was born on October 6, 1930, the son of Robert R. And Florence J. (Embelton) Earle. He graduated from Skowhegan High School in 1948, received a Calculus scholarship to Coburn Classical Institute then attended United Shoe Machinery in Beverly, MA. He married Mary Poulin in 1952. For 36 years, they successfully operated the registered Holstein dairy farm known as Grassland Farms where they enjoyed raising their family.



“Bobby’s” family and friends were the most important part of his life. He was well known for his gift of laughter, practical jokes, generosity, and hard work. He was a vital part of the community and will be sadly missed by his family and friends. He was active in the Skowhegan Grange, served on Agway committees, and was a Farmers Home Administration Board member. In recent years, he was a very dedicated Lions Club member having served as past King Lion in 1976.

He had a natural knack for fixing most anything. He had a love for antique automobiles, and was most proud of his 1935 Ford Roadster that he restored and often drove in local parades. He enjoyed snowmobiling, skiing, and hunting. He loved music and dancing as well as traveling and family activities.

Frank Hartnett (Former Bridgton Lion), 80, a longtime resident of Harrison, died peacefully on Tuesday morning, December 30, 2008 at the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris. Frank was born on July 26, 1928 in Pawtucket, RI, the son of Richard Hartnett and Mary Agnes O'Reilly. Upon graduating from LaSalle Academy in Providence, RI, Frank enlisted in the United States Army and served for several years with honor in post-war Europe. After earning a degree in Business Administration from Bryant University in Providence, RI, Frank spent his professional career in the textile industry. In 1963, he played an integral role in the construction and development of the Bridgton Knitting Mills plant in Bridgton, which he managed for the remainder of his career, retiring in 1990. He was particularly proud of the mill's leading role in the manufacture of Polarfleece and other innovative textiles, which transformed the outerwear industry in the U.S. and around the world. Frank was quick to link the quality of these products with the high quality of the mill's loyal employees.

Frank was a leader in local civic organizations: a long-standing member and past president of the Bridgton-Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce; a long-standing member and former King Lion of the Bridgton Lions Club; president of the Harrison Water District; and a trustee and past Chairman of the Board of Northern Cumberland Memorial Hospital. He and his wife Odette were also very active members of the St. Joseph's parish for many years. Frank was an active sports fan --- a regular fixture in the Oxford Hills bleachers at his children's athletic contests for nearly two decades, and a proud and faithful supporter of his favorite New York Yankees, even deep within Red Sox Nation. In his retirement Frank enjoyed traveling, and was able to visit Ireland, Israel, Egypt, Russia and Ukraine in the company of family and friends. A devoted brother, husband, father and grandfather, Frank's greatest pleasure in recent years was spending time with his loving family. He will be remembered most fondly for his optimism and sense of humor.



DISTRICT 41 THIRD CABINET MEETING

Sunday, January 25, 2009

BREAKFAST MEETING

Lamson's Family Entertainment Center

a.k.a. John Roberts Road Bingo Hall

201 John Roberts Road

South Portland, ME



Hosted by: Thornton Heights and South Portland Lions Clubs

8:15 A.M. Registration Opens

9:00 A.M. Breakfast Served (continuously)

9:45 A.M. Call to Order

1:30 P.M. Adjournment (estimated; we must vacate the hall before 1:30)

Cost: \$10.00 per person includes: arrival coffee, breakfast, hall rental

Speaker will be Emily Silevinac from the American Diabetes Association in Portland. She is the Associate Manager of the Tour de Cure.

Directions: From either North or South, if using the Maine Turnpike (I think its Easier) to use Exit 45 "Maine Mall Road." And follow directions to the Mall.

At the south end of the mall (near Exxon Station and Jared Jewelers) take Philbrook Avenue which borders mall (0.3 mi.) Then right on John Roberts Rd. (also 0.3 mi.) number 201 is on your left...sets back from road...parking in front. {or follow your map or gps or sense of direction}

Reservations DUE BY January 19th

To: CST Carl Talbot, PO Box 727, So. Casco, ME 04077

or: retired2maine@yahoo.com

Pre-payment welcome. Checks payable: "Lions District 41"

MAKE MY RESERVATION(S) FOR THE CABINET MEETING JAN. 25.

Lion: _____

Other Lions or guests: _____

Club: _____ Office held: _____

Enclose check payable: "Lions District 41" for \$10.00 each



*** This is a great time after the meeting to take advantage of the Maine Mall area. Visit the local stores and the Maine Mall for a wonderful shopping experience. Have a relaxing meal in one of the many restaurants. If you have the time, plan to make this an overnight trip. There is a great variety of hotels close by. Make this a weekend for Lionism and relaxation.