



MAINE LIONS NEWSLETTER

DISTRICT 41

APRIL 2009

WORDS FROM DG HARVEY

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

Greetings Fellow Lions:

The 2009 District Convention is quickly approaching and spring is in the air. I hope to see many of you at the Samoset the 24th through the 26th of April for an exciting weekend of both business and pleasure.



The Leo's had a fun filled and successful “lock-in” at Camp Sunshine and raised enough money to purchase 3 or 4 bricks in support of Camp Sunshine's ongoing fundraiser. They plan to continue raising funds and hopefully purchase more bricks. They are an impressive group of young adults with a dedicated group of Lions advisors and it has been a pleasure to work with all them this year. The Lions have purchased in excess of \$22,000 worth of bricks in support of Camp Sunshine and the campaign is still taking donations. Camp Sunshine plans to have a table at the convention with a representative available to answer any questions you may have about their programs. I hope many of you will stop by and learn about all the wonderful work they do.

If your club has not sent their delegate information to CST Carl Talbot, please take the time to do so now so you won't have to deal with it at the last minute at the convention. You'll be glad you did and I'm sure CST Carl will be eternally grateful.

Membership continues to be our biggest problem area and our main focus of attention. The good news is we did not have a net gain or loss for the first quarter of 2009, we broke even. That is an improvement over the last half of 2008 when we had an average net loss of 13 members per month. I thank all the clubs who made the improved numbers possible and encourage all the clubs to continue working on membership for the remainder of the year and beyond.

The requests for eyeglass and hearing assistance continues to grow and places an ever increasing demand on the Club and District assets. I do not see a change in the demand in the near future so I would recommend that all Clubs take it into consideration when planning for next years budget.

DG Harvey Buzzell

*****ATTENTION CLUB SECRETARIES*****



CST Carl must have the names of all delegates and alternate ASAP! In order to vote Clubs must be in good standing at both the District and International levels (all your dues/bills have to be paid). You **get one vote for every 10 MEMBERS AS OF MARCH 1, 2009**. All PDGs that are members in good standing also get to cast one vote, but there are no alternates for these votes. **Delegates & alternates must have been members for 1 year & 1 day according to the constitution prior to March 1st.**

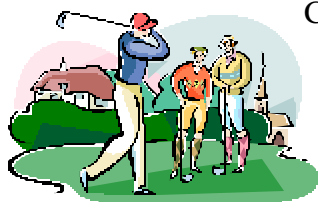
DISTRICT 41 CONVENTION

**APRIL 24-26, 2009
SAMOSET RESORT
ROCKPORT, MAINE**



Golf Update –

PDG Bob Davids and Lion Alden McFarland have planned a golf outing for Friday morning. The Samoset Course will not be ready due to heavy tree damage, so play will be at the Rockland Golf Club. They are giving us a reduced price of \$50. per golfer for greens fee and cart for 18 holes.



So, plans are to play at 10:00 am on Friday, April 24th. Meet in the lobby of the Samoset at 9:30 am. If you wish to go directly, the address is 606 Old County Road. Please let Bob know if you will meet the group at the Rockland Golf Club instead. Bob can be reached at 938-3258 or 2davids@tdstelme.net.

Still Time to Be Part of the Talent for the Friday Night Meet & Greet –

We have several clubs participating in the “night of fun” (Freeport Lioness-Lions, Harrison, Skowhegan, Massabesic and our own stand-up Comedian PDG Maynard Smith). However, there is still time for your Club to jump in and come up with a skit, club chorus, karaoke number, etc.



Silent Auction Items Needed -



Items are needed for the auction and as usual we hope that the Clubs will again please donate one or two things to bid on. (A basket of goodies, gift certificates, jewelry, books, knitted items) Be sure to put your Club's name or your name on them and also the approximate value/

Awards, Contest Winners and Recognitions –

DG Harvey will be giving out Club Awards on Saturday afternoon at the Cabinet Meeting and Individual Awards on Saturday night at the Banquet. There may be some at the Incoming Officer's Luncheon on Sunday.



Speakout Contest –

This special event will be held Saturday afternoon at 12:30 pm in the Bay Point Ballroom. It is one of the highlights of the weekend. Please plan on attending and enjoying our youth as they speak on the subject of their choice.

Voting – Voting for District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor and 2nd Vice District Governor will take place on Sunday morning at 11:00 am. There will also be a vote taken to approve the “Proposed Policy Manual and Constitution and By-Laws changes” that were e-mailed to all Club Presidents and Secretaries on February 13th. Please contact your President or Secretary for a copy. Lions will gather in the Schooner Room and the actual voting will be in the Penobscot Bay Room. Delegate cards are required to vote and Clubs must submit their Delegate and Alternate lists to CST Carl Talbot by April 15th.



Hospitality Rooms – These are always soooo much fun. After the day's events, we always look forward to unwinding, letting go and really enjoying our fellow Lions.... not to mention the great munchies and free “nightcaps” available.



DG Candidate Roger Blackstone and 1st Vice District Governor Candidate Duke Goranites will be hosting a room on Saturday night. Location will be posted at the hotel.

ID Candidate Ron Johnson will be hosting a room both Friday and Saturday night. Location will be posted at the hotel.

“Borrowed” Gongs, Gavels, etc. - If somehow another Club's gong, gavel or other item just *happened* to be in your possession, (*it probably just leaped into your hands*), don't forget the Visitation Rules call for these “borrowed items” to be brought to the convention at the Samoset as they must be returned to their rightful owners before the end of the Cabinet Meeting on Saturday. “No Questions asked”!



Got Questions: Contact one of your Convention Committee Members:

- Lion Carolyn Gile, Chair cgile@roadrunner.com 324-5994 (H) or 651-1126 (C)
- Lion Paula Beach, Asst. Chair, padabeach@wildblue.net 634-5282 (H) or 399-7219 (C)
- Lion Faye Roderick, roderfam@megalink.net 647-9438 (H)
- Lion Duke Goranites, goranites@aol.com 647-9438 (H)

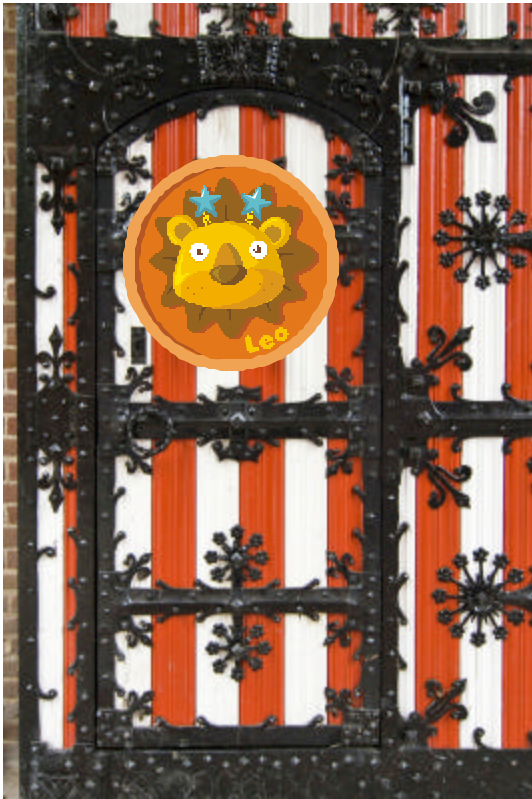


Lion Cindi LaHaye, goose58c@aol.com 865-9747 (H)

Door Decorating Contest

at The Maine Lions Convention

Decorate your hotel room door using a variety of items showing “Lionism at its best”. This is a time to show other Lions, hotel staff and other guests why Lions is important and what Lions do. You can depict service projects, fundraising projects, or just “funny” lions. This is meant as a way to have fun.



We will have judging in the following categories: Most Ornate, Most Original, Funniest, Best Showing of Lionism. Judging will be happening Saturday sometime after 10:00 am.

Please fill in a registration form upon registering so we will have names and room numbers of all Lions who wish to compete. Plan to come and have fun.

If any questions, please call Faye Roderick 207-647-8058 or e-mail at roderfam@megalink.net.

RULES:

The hotel has requested that the only tape to be used to adhere things to the doors would be either scotch tape or masking tape (NO duct tape). Also, do not use screws, nails, push pins, thumbtacks. Over the door hangers (such as for wreaths) can be used if the door will close – otherwise your door will be open all weekend.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY

Meet and Greet "Talent" Show 7:00 to 9:30 pm Knox County Ballroom

SATURDAY

TIME

Seminar #1	The Taxman Cometh, Is Your Club Ready	9:00 to 9:50 am	Penobscot Bay
Seminar #2	History Lessons	9:00 to 9:50 am	Schooner
Seminar #3	"A,B,C,Ds" of Medicare	9:00 to 9:50 am	Bay Point Ballroom
Bear Pit Session	ID Vince Vinella	10:10 to 11:00 am	Bay Point Ballroom
Speakout		12:30 pm to 2:30 pm	Bay Point Ballroom
Cabinet Meeting		2:30 pm to 4:30 pm	Bay Point Ballroom
Banquet		6:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Knox County Ballroom

SUNDAY

Necrology Service		9:00 am to 10:00 am	Camden Room
Seminar #4	No Bailouts For Club Liability	10:15 am to 11:00 am	Penobscot Bay
Seminar #5	Want To Become A Great Word of Mouth Ambassador??	10:15 am to 11:00 am	Schooner Room
Seminar #6	Meet Me In Memphis	10:15 am to 11:00 am	Camden Room
VOTING		11:00 1m to 11:45 am	
	Gather In		Schooner Room
	Vote in adjoining room		Penobscot Bay Room
Luncheon		12:15 pm to 2:00	Knox County Ballroom

MAINE LEOS AT CAMP SUNSHINE LOCK-IN

Saturday, April 4, 2009...

The Maine Leo's met at 6PM to start an all night fundraiser for Camp Sunshine. Three of the four clubs were present: Harrison, Massabesic and Western Mountain Leos.

Present were the following Leos.

From Harrison: Kyrstin Tift (Junior), Amy Lacasse (Senior) Michelle Heroux (Junior), Courtney Tift (Freshman) and Jillian Jermyn (Junior). Cathy Cross is the advisor.

From Massabesic: David Standburg, Maggie Haney, Amanda Hamel, Anna Kantolak, Spencer Cass, Maggie McGraw and Rebecca Torrance. All Seniors...Advisors were Georgette Durgin, Jess Durgin and Elisa Vespa.

From Western Mountain: Alana Knapp (Junior), Grace Hodge (Junior), Hope Gould (Junior), Jazmin Knapp (Freshman), Delani Littlefield (Freshman) and our newest member Dorothy Hinkley (Freshman) Advisors: Beverly Knapp, Anthony Arruda and Marge McHugh

District Governor Harvey Buzzell attended and installed Dorothy Hinkley as our newest Leo Member. Marge McHugh, Leo Chair, presented Harvey with a pin and made him an honorary Leo for all of his help and support over the last year. Congrats to Dorothy and Harvey!

Everyone had a great time. Camp Sunshine made us feel very welcome and offered us a huge variety of activities to keep us occupied for the 12 hour Lock IN. The idea was to stay awake all night and each club member took pledges and donations for their participation.

We had Wii, Pool, FuseBall, Air Hockey, TV, some worked on homework, some played on computers, some dressed up in costumes and walked around all night!! (and they know who they were!!)

There was a cake decorating class, a ballroom dance class, a piano recital, scrabble game, cards and lots of food...pizzas, nachos, chips, oranges, apples and stuff!

The Leo Clubs were able to collect enough for 3 Bricks for the Camp Sunshine patio. We are still collecting funds and hope to have a total of \$1000 donation that New Balance shoes will match. That would be enough for 4 bricks.

It was a wonderful experience and I believe everyone had a good time.

Marge McHugh

District Leo Advisor



CLUB NEWS



Lt. to Rt. are Carl Douglas, Paul Branagan, Paul Chabot and Bob Burbank preparing for the

**Lewiston/Auburn night Lion's Club
Eye Care Fundraising 'Crepe Breakfast'**

Sun Apr 19th from 8 AM to 11 AM

VFW Post 1603, 588 Minot Ave. Auburn, ME

Cost: \$5:00 for adults \$2:50 child

Menu: French crepes, maple syrup, sausage,
bacon,