

# DISTRICT 41 MAINE APRIL 2008

## WELCOME SPRING!

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## SPECIAL CONVENTION EDITON

### WENT TO A PARTY, MOM

I went to a party and remembered what you said.

You told me not to drink, Mom, so I had a Sprite instead.

I felt proud of myself the way you said I would

that I didn't drink and drive though some friends said I should.

I made a healthy choice and your advice to me was right.

The party finally ended and the kids drove out of sight.

I got into my car sure to get home in one piece.

I never knew what was coming, Mom, something I expected least

Now I'm lying on the pavement and I hear the policeman say

the kid that caused this wreck was drunk, Mom, his voice seems far away

My own blood's all around me as I try hard not to cry.

I can hear the paramedic say this girl is going to die.

I'm sure the guy had no idea while he was flying high.

Because he chose to drink and drive now I would have to die.

So why do people do it, Mom, knowing that it ruins lives?

And now the pain is cutting me like a hundred stabbing knives.

Tell sister not to be afraid, Mom; tell daddy to be brave.

And when I go to heaven, put "Mommy's Girl" on my grave.

Someone should have taught him that it's wrong to drink and drive.

Maybe if his parents had I'd still be alive.

My breath is getting shorter, Mom, I'm getting really scared

These are my final moments and I feel so unprepared.

I wish that you could hold me Mom as I lie here about to die.

I wish that I could say, "I love you, Mom!" So I love you and good-bye

***Something to think about and share with your children, especially if in their teens!***

**FINALLY COOPERATIVE WEATHER CAN BE EXPECTED AND THE FINISH LINE IS IN SIGHT AS DG ANN TRAVELS THE DISTRICT...**

#### **APRIL**

Weds 9<sup>th</sup> MDI  
Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Naples  
Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Wilton  
Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Lewiston-Auburn  
Weds 16<sup>th</sup> Winslow-Vassalboro  
Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Thornton Heights  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> OOB  
Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Waterville  
Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> MERLO Meeting  
Thurs- 24<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT 41 CONVENTION at the  
Sun 27<sup>th</sup> SAMOSET - ROCKPORT

#### **MAY**

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Limerick – Newfield  
Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Mechanic Falls  
Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Sanford  
Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Manchester  
Weds 29<sup>th</sup> MERLO Meeting

#### **JUNE**

Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Caribou  
Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Scarborough  
Mon 9<sup>th</sup> North Haven  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Lovell  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Damariscotta-Newcastle  
new officer installation  
Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Peaks Island

### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

**“I’ve come to believe that each of us has a personal calling that is as unique as a fingerprint and that the best way to succeed is to discover what you love and then find a way to offer it to others in the form of service, working hard and also allowing the energy of the universe to lead you”**

Oprah Winfrey 2002

### **PU-101’s CRITICAL**

Remember (if you haven’t already done so) to complete your PU101s and get them to International and to DG Ann. These will be used to assist our new DG in the putting together of next year’s directory so complete and accurate records are important!

### **SOME PRE-CONVENTION BUSINESS**

#### **Reasons to attend Convention:**

- Lots of laughs**
- Information to share with members**
- Opportunities to mingle and meet other Lions**
- Non stop fun**
- Something for everyone**

### **ATTN CLUB SECRETARIES**

CS Lise must have the names of all delegates and alternates 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, 2008**. 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 1<sup>st</sup>**

## **BOOTY...**

Argh, pirate Lions; don't forget to return the spoils of victorious visitations to the Convention at the Samoset! Gongs, bells and the like **MUST** be returned to their rightful Clubs by the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Cabinet meeting and banners **MUST** be returned by Friday morning (so that we can display them at the Convention).

## **MEET LION HARVEY BUZZELL**

***At our District Convention at the Samoset, I am running for District Governor for the 2008-2009 District 41 Lions Year. I will be formally nominated from the floor and I hope you will consider voting for me as your next District Governor.***

I was born in Portland, Maine, graduated from South Portland High School and pursued a military career spanning 20 years in the Air Force and Army, retiring in 1977 as a Chief Warrant Officer 3. I spent the next 21 years as an Electronics Technician with an electronics firm in Palo Alto, California. I retired and moved back to Maine in 2001.

My involvement with the Lions Organization began in 2003 when I became a Charter Member of the Naples Lions Club. I will be eternally grateful to my friend Ray Bell, of the Falmouth Lions Club, for introducing me to lions and being my sponsor.

I have served as President of the Naples Lion Club for 2 years, as a member of the Naples Lions Club Board Of Directors for 2 years, as District Historian for 2 years and am presently serving as Zone 6 Chairman.

During my Presidency, the Naples Lions Club became a "Model Club" for Campaign Sight First II. I am also proud to have been selected as District 41-L "Rookie of the Year" and "Lion of the Year". My Club recently honored me as a Melvin Jones Fellow, which was presented to me by Past International President Jimmy Ross at the New England Lions Council meeting this past February.

Since joining the Lions, I have been involved in most District functions. I have also attended most Cabinet meetings, MERLO meetings and all district Conventions.

I hope you will attend the District convention at the Samoset and meet me if you have not already done so. DVDG Roger Blackstone and I will be hosting a Hospitality Room Saturday night for your enjoyment. Please take this opportunity to meet and get to know us.

I understand the huge commitment that is required for this job of District Governor. I am retired and prepared to commit 100% of my time to serve the Lions of Maine as your next District governor if elected.

Yours In Service

Harvey E. Buzzell Jr.

## **LEOs' COVENTION**

Look for a table manned by the Western Mountains Leos as they will be raising funds for a possible convention of their own. They will be offering Schwann Food Products with catalogs available for your review. A percentage of sales will go to the Leos. Most are familiar with the high quality of their product. An online order number will be available too for your use at home. Pick what you want, write a check and Schwan's will deliver your order right to your front door. Help out our Leos in their effort.

## **URGENTLY NEEDED**

Thought we had a pianist lined up but it seems to have fallen through. We are in desperate need as DG Ann has asked IPDG Paula Beach to perform two solos, including one at the necrology (a highlight at every convention). Please, if you have the talent, call or e-mail DG Ann ASAP.

## **A FEW TIPS AT THE CONVENTION...**

- SCHEDULE & ROOMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE...BE CERTAIN TO CHECK
- MEAL TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE LIONS' REGISTRATION DESK
- VISIT THE DISPLAYS OFFERING A WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS

## **MAINE LIONS CONVENTION '08**

### **PROJECTED SCHEDULE**

#### **FRIDAY, APRIL 25<sup>th</sup> DAY 1**

**300 – 700** REGISTRATION DESK OPEN in the Samoset's Main Lobby with CS Lise & CT Mark

**700** OPENING CEREMONIES with DG Ann & PDG John

**730 – 900** MEET & GREET including the Pizza Party and cash bar. *Admission ticket required.* ENTERTAINMENT will be Almodarr's Grand Illusion! What might they do to our DG or another unsuspecting Lion? Be prepared to be baffled, amazed and amused.

**900 – ???** HOSPITALITY ROOMS are open. Be sure to take the time to visit our candidates and other Lions. You'll be amazed at what shows up for your pleasure free of charge

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 26<sup>th</sup> DAY 2**

**700 – 830** PJ BREAKFAST at Marcel's judging will be ongoing throughout the event. Wear your best, worst, sexiest, whatever!

**830 – 1230** REGISTRATION DESK REOPENS in the Samoset's Main Lobby

**900 – 950** SEMINARS A-B-C  
rooms TBA

- A. WHERE DO YOUR GLASSES GO?
- B. TAILTWISTING
- C. YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**950 – 1010** COFFEE BREAK IN HALLWAY

**1010 – 1100** SEMINARS D-E-F  
rooms TBA

- D. COOKING w/ the SAMOSET's CHEF
- E. DON CARRIGAN
- F. LEOs

**1100 – 1230** LUNCH on your own

**1230 – 230** SPEAKOUT in the Vinalhaven Room. Be sure to attend one of highlights of the weekend

**230 – 400** 4<sup>th</sup> CABINET MEETING in the Vinalhaven Room  
**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

Flag Salute – Lion Ardis Small  
Lions Toast – PDG Al Glover  
Lions Prayer – together in unison  
Moment of silence for our deceased Lions, Lioness and Leos  
Song "God Bless America" – IPDG Paula Beach  
Lions Song – Tom Bakker, PDG  
Recognition of : IDs – PIDs – PDGs – Melvin Jones Fellows

Roll Call of Clubs & Cabinet Members – CS Lise Potter  
Approval of minutes from 02/20/08 Cabinet Meeting - CS Lise Potter  
Approval of Treasurer’s Report – CT Mark Potter, PDG  
Committee Reports:

MERLO Team – IPDG Carolyn Gile  
DVDG, RC, ZC  
Convention update – PDG John Youney  
Other

**OLD BUSINESS**

Campaign Sight First II update – DG Ann McFarland and PID Lew Small  
20K Membership update – PID Lew Small  
Other

**NEW BUSINESS**

District 41 Constitution & By-laws – Lion Ken Snitger  
Nominations from floor for:  
    DG, DVDG for Lions’ year 08-09  
    Candidate for ID for years 2009-2011  
Recognitions – DG Ann & PID Lew  
Shining Stars – DG Ann  
Contest Winners – Lion Sam Birch and DG Ann  
Special Awards – DG Ann

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**400 – 530 AUCTION** in the Vinalhaven Room. Various items donated by clubs & individuals will be up for bid. Please be involved in both ways!

**600 – 700 SOCIAL HOUR** in a room to be announced

**700 – 1000 INTERNATIONAL BANQUET** in the Rockland -Rockport Room. PDG’s are to wear their whites; attire is “dressy”. *Admission/Meal ticket required.*

**OUR GUEST SPEAKER FROM LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOR THE BANQUET ---  
LARRY JOHNSON, ID**

Larry Johnson from Vienna, West Virginia, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association’s 90th International Convention, held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, July 2-6, 2007.

A member of the Parkersburg Lions Club since 1974, Director Johnson has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, district governor and council chairperson. Additionally he has served as district LCIF chairperson, multiple district LEHP chairperson, on his multiple district’s Constitutional & By-laws Committee and on the West Virginia Leadership School Committee. He has also participated in numerous international Lions events, including several international conventions, USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums and Lions Day with the United Nations.

In recognition of his service to the association, Director Johnson has received numerous awards.. In addition to his Lions activities, Director Johnson is active in numerous professional and community organizations.

Director Johnson and his wife, Rachel, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son.

**1000 – ??? HOSPITALITY ROOMS** are open. Again be sure to take the time to visit our candidates and other Lions.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27<sup>th</sup> DAY 3**

**700 – 830 BREAKFAST** on your own

**900 – 1000 NECROLOGY SERVICE** in the Camden Room. The most moving event of the weekend when deceased Lions are remembered.

**1000 – 1100 REGISTRATION DESK REOPENS** in the Samoset’s Main Lobby

**1015 – 1100 SEMINARS G-H-I**

rooms TBA

**G. SCRAPBOOKING**

**H. BRAG 'n' SWAP**

**I. CLUBS, THE IRS and FORM 990**

**1100 – 1145 VOTING**

Gather in the Schooner Room, will be called by club to vote in the Penobscot Room. Delegate cards are required. Lists must be sent to CS Lise

**1215 – 215 INCOMING OFFICERS' BANQUET, room TBA. Business attire, blues or greens. Admission/Meal ticket required.**

**215 CLOSING CEREMONY**

**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING**

**DRIVE CAREFULLY**

***BE SURE TO ATTEND  
THE 2009 CONVENTION***

**from the Editor...**

*Time to close this special convention edition. It's hard for me to believe that there are only two more months before most clubs take their summer recess and DG Ann's year draws to a close.*

*Conventions should be celebrations of all that we have accomplished together as a district, zone or region or perhaps as individual clubs.*

*Please take the time to travel to Rockport to the Samoset Resort. Your presence is an important part of any celebration we could have. You are an important part of Lions, never forget that.*

*May we always remain...*

*Together in Lionism,*

**PDG Mark**