



MAINE LIONS NEWSLETTER

DISTRICT 41

JULY 2008

WORDS FROM DG HARVEY

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

Greetings Fellow Lions of Maine:

7/10/2008

It was with great pride and humility that I assumed the position of District Governor for District 41 on July 1st of 2008. I am looking forward to working with all the Lions of Maine during the next year as we work together to continue the process of making the lions of Maine a more efficient and effective organization, dedicated in service to our Communities and the State.



One of the requirements I had to complete as part of my Lions Clubs International DGE Training was to set District goals for the upcoming year.

Those goals are as follows:

1. Charter at least one new Lions Club in 2008-2009.
2. Have one new Lions Club in process for charter in 2009-2010.
3. Emphasize Membership during Club Officer training sessions.
 - A. Actively recruit women for membership.
 - B. Actively recruit younger prospects to help bring future leadership candidates into Lionism.
4. Encourage Clubs to conduct at least one Membership drive each quarter.
5. Emphasize Retention during Club Officer Training.
6. Encourage Clubs to pursue and utilize all available media resources to further gain public exposure to the Mission and accomplishments of the Lions Organization.
7. Attain a net increase of 30 new members in the District by the end of the 2008-2009 Lions year.

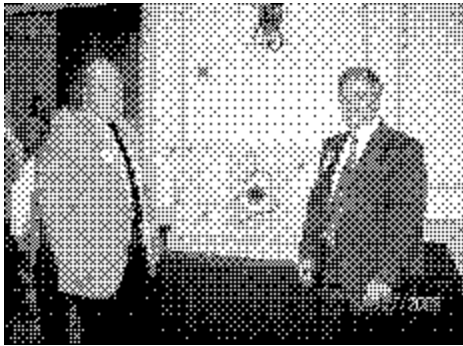
I sincerely believe that with the cooperation and dedication of all the Lions in the District, we are capable of not only meeting the goals but exceeding them.

I would like to express my most sincere appreciation for all the support I received during my recent illness and am happy to report that my recovery is going very well.

My best wishes to all of you during the upcoming year, not only as Lions but in your personal endeavors as well.

I do have some regrettable information to pass on to you. I was recently informed the Lion Nancy Davis of the Freeport Lioness Lions passed away on Tuesday of this week. I wish to express my condolences and those of the District 41 Membership to her family and Lions friends.

DG Harvey Buzzell



SUPPORT OUR ID CANDIDATE

Pictured on the left is PDG Maynard Smith of the Freeport Lions Club and PDG Ron Johnson, who is a candidate for ID. PDG Maynard handcrafted a cedar chest to be raffled off to help defer the expenses of PDG Ron's campaign. The drawing will be at the next District Convention in April '09. Books of 6 tickets are available at the cost of \$5.00 from most of our PDG's. Show your support for PDG Ron and purchase a book. The goal is at least \$2,000.

JULY AND AUGUST SCHEDULE (TO DATE) FOR OUR DG

JULY 13 TH SUNDAY	MAINE SIGHT AND HEARING IN GARDINER AT 12PM
JULY 26 TH SATURDAY	NAPLES LIONS CLUB 50'S THEME CRUISE ON THE SONGO RIVER QUEEN II 8PM
JULY 30 TH WEDNESDAY	MERLO MEETING ON SONGO RIVER QUEEN II DEPARTS 7 PM SHARP
AUGUST 16 TH SATURDAY	CAPE ELIZABETH LIONS CLUB 12-4PM
AUGUST 17 TH SUNDAY	MASSABESIC CLUB "ENGLISH TEA" 3:30PM
AUGUST 24 TH SUNDAY	1 ST CABINET MEETING READFIELD LIONS DEN 9AM
AUGUST 26 TH -29 TH	AIR FORCE REUNION IN PLYMOUTH MASS. I WILL BE AVAILABLE BY CELL PHONE 232-0610

FIRST CABINET MEETING OF 2008-09



The First Cabinet Meeting of our new Lions' year 2008-09 will be on Sunday, August 24th. It will be hosted at the Readfield Lions Clubhouse on Route 17 in Readfield. Signs will be posted at the entrance to the facility on the day of the Meeting.

The menu will be BBQ chicken, Choice of Salads, assorted drinks and dessert. Coffee and donuts will be served in the AM. The cost has been set at \$10.00. More information will follow.

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION TOUR DE CURE TEAM-MAINE LIONS

Thanks to the riding and fundraising the Tour de Cure in Kennebunk raised more than \$86,000 for diabetes research, education and advocacy. There were more than 260 cyclists that came together on Sunday, June 22 to make the Kennebunk Tour de Cure a success.

Highlights from the 2008 Kennebunks Tour de Cure

Cyclists-269 Teams-33

Volunteers-120 Total Contributed-\$86,708

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MAINE LIONS TEAM

Cyclists-5 -Chris/Jeff Randall, Kathy Randall Marquis, Steve Maloney and Eric Arvedon

Teams- ONE dedicated one "MAINE LIONS"

Total Contributed-\$2,856.83 -Average per cyclist-\$571.36 which makes them members of the \$500 CLUB

Volunteers-Massabesic Lions Club

Bruce/Carolyn Gile, Pat Jones, Elisa Vespa, Bob Oulette, Evelyn Ford

Sanford Lions Club

Bill/Schelly Catanesye, Carol/Lester Cail, Bob/Fran McPhail, Cliff/Harriet Randall

Cash Contributors:

Sanford Lions Club-Carol/Lester Cail, Mary/Bob Randall, Harriet/Cliff Randall, Shirley Randall Schmottlach, Linda Randall, Muriel Randall, Kittery Lions Club, Gloria Collins, Mt Desert Island Lions Club, Lion Robert Petch, Lion Cathy Markland, Acton/Shapleigh Lions Club, So. Portland Lions Club, Lion Mary Blood, DG Ann McFarland, Lions District 41, Howard/Marcia Acker, Bruce/Carolyn Gile, Massabesic Lions Club, Albert Acker, Bob/Fran McPhail, and the proceeds from the Airshow Popcorn(Lester Call)



Because of all of the above I consider our first venture into the Tour de Cure a resounding success and wish to thank all participating in any way. We were so successful that we have been asked to place a member on the Planning Board and certainly been asked to return next year in a much larger capacity.

Cliff Randall,

Co-Chairman Lions Diabetes Awareness, District 41.

***DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE MAINE LIONS DISTRICT 41 WEBSITE AT
mainelions.org !!!!***

FROM VDG ROGER

TO ALL

OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, THE MERLO TEAM HAS RECOGNIZED SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THAT EXIST WITH MANY OF OUR CLUBS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. THE PROBLEMS REVOLVES AROUND MEMBERSHIP. WE MUST RETAIN, AS WELL AS, ADD NEW MEMBERS AND NEW CLUBS TO OUR RANKS. IT IS MY HOPE, AS THE MERLO CHAIRPERSON, TO CONTINUE WHAT WE HAVE BUILT ON. WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT MERLO TEAM IN PLACE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR MEMBERS. THE MERLO TEAM HAS HELD TRAINING FOR THE INCOMING OFFICERS, NAMELY PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS AND WILL CONTINUE THIS PROCESS. PID LEW SMALL AS JUST COMPLETED AN EXCELLENT TRAINING SESSION FOR REGION AND ZONE CHAIRS. SOME PLANNING HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE IN REGARDS TO MEMBERSHIP AND RETENTION. THE ORIENTATION CHAIR HAS DEVELOPED PLANS TO PUT ORIENTATION ON A FRONT BURNER. WE HAVE MADE SOME INROADS INTO ADDING NEW CLUBS AND OUR EXTENSION CHAIR WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD ON THAT ASPECT.

WE HAVE PUT A LOT OF EMPHASES ON OUR REGION AND ZONE CHAIRS, AS THEY ARE ON THE FRONT LINE, AND THE MERLO TEAM MUST BE THERE TO HELP THEM ATTAIN THEIR GOALS FOR THE CLUBS IN THEIR ZONE. WITHOUT GOOD REGIONS AND ZONE CHAIRS, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR THE MERLO TEAM TO EVEN FUNCTION. SO REMEMBER WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME TEAM WITH ONE PURPOSE " TO SERVE "

VDG ROGER BLACKSTONE
MERLO CHAIR

SONGO RIVER QUEEN CRUISE

On Wednesday, July 30th, Lions and spouses are invited to cruise on the Songo River Queen for their regular 7 p.m. "Sunset Cruise." The Queen leaves PROMPTLY AT SEVEN. There will be no cost for this cruise. Space is limited so keep this in mind.

After enjoying a portion of the cruise and scenery.....the MERLO team will adjourn to the lower deck for their meeting. The meeting will be headed up VDG Roger Blackstone, the District's MERLO Chair. DG Harvey encourages any interested Club President or Club Membership Chair to attend this meeting. Those attending the MERLO meeting will remain on board after returning to the dock at the usual 8 p.m. docking, to complete the meeting.

A cash bar is available on board the Queen and will be open for the cruise and the meeting. .

FOOD FOR THOUGHT - AN ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICE LOANER LIBRARY



An Assistive Listening Device is an auditory, visual, or tactile device used to assist an individual who has difficulties hearing in specific situations (e.g. on the telephone, watching TV, hearing the doorbell ring, etc.), whether or not the individual uses hearing aids.

Any member of the community can use the Loaner Library. The Loaner Library enables an individual with a hearing impairment to be able to find out if a device works for their specific need prior to purchase. If the item is available, the interested party is able to borrow the item for a period of 1-2 weeks to determine if the item will be of help to them. It is then returned to the Library. Purchasing devices is not included in the Loaner Library and is the individual's financial responsibility.

Items available from the Library may include Direct Ear Wireless Infrared Listening System for the Television, Teletypewriter, Dialogue Amplified Telephone, Cordless Amplified Telephone/Speakerphone, Mini Telephone Amplifier, In-line Telephone Amplifier, Binaural Amplifiers, Sound PockeTalkers, Sound Wireless FM System, and AM-6000 Notification System.

We as Lions need to be thinking about this program. Is this a program that the District would like to adopt? More information will be available at a later date.

FROM YOUR EDITOR

- I need your help to keep communication in the District flowing. Please share this information with all of your club members.
- The Maine Lions Newsletter will be emailed to club presidents and secretaries that I have email addresses for *every 15th of the month*.
- If your club has an activity or event that you would like the District to know about just email the information to me, Lion Cathy Cross, at gmc@fairpoint.net and I will put it in the next issue.
- I need information by the *10th of every month to insure that it will make that month's issue*.
- If there is someone in your club that would like a copy of the Maine Lions Newsletter emailed directly to them, just supply me with their name and email address.

Thank you for all of your help.
Lion Cathy Cross
District Newsletter Editor

CORRECTION ON MAINE LIONS CLUBS ACTIVITIES



CORRECT DATES ARE SEPTEMBER 27 & 28 - The Harrison Lions Club will be hosting their **2ND ANNUAL GUN SHOW** on *Saturday, September 27 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm* and on *Sunday, September 28 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm*. It will be at the *Harrison VFW Hall* on Waterford Road (Route 35). *Admission is \$5.00*. All firearms laws will be observed.

Dealer tables are available. For more information, contact Lion Duke Goranites at (207) 647-9438. Space is limited so do not wait.