

**DISTRICT 41
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FROM THE EDITOR...

This first Lionistic year as one district is nearly half over. From my seat as treasurer and newsletter editor, it would appear that things have been going pretty well...certainly some bumps and perhaps errors but none worse that would be expected. That being said, happy holidays to you and yours. It continues to be my pleasure to move information around the district although it is a manner far slower than our webmasters Lions Gordon and Skip.

In response to the numerous complaints of the lengthy time it takes to download the newsletter. I am now offering a second edition with information only, no graphics. My apologies but I do love to liven this up with graphics!

PDG Mark, EDITOR

BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, APRIL WILL BE UPON US...SIGN UP NOW FOR THE INAUGURAL DISTRICT CONVENTION IN ROCKPORT

THIRD CABINET MEETING SET FOR THE TWIN CITIES

The Lewiston-Auburn Lions will be hosting the third cabinet meeting at their "new" meeting place, the VFW Hall in Auburn. The date is Sunday, January 20th with opening ceremonies at 10:00am promptly. As usual, there will be a lunch break at 12:00. The cost of the meal is \$9.00; it will include a deli sandwich, chicken soup beverage. Of course, there will be coffee & doughnuts! **We need the count by Thursday 1/17/08 by 5pm so that there is adequate time to make final preparations. Let Cabinet Secretary Lise and I know by e-mail, phone or snail mail.** If you wish to pre-pay you may but I will be happy to take payment on the morning of the meeting. Directions:

From Lewiston, cross the Androscoggin at Great Falls and go through lights to Maine 11 & 4 (Minot Ave). Turn left & travel approx 1.5 miles. VFW Hall, 588 Minot Ave, Auburn.

From South, get off at Auburn exit of turnpike and come in on Washington St into downtown Auburn

Map on website: www.maineions.org

FIGHT DIABETES

We have passed November 14th proclaimed World Diabetes Day by the United Nations. This scourge grows at a frightening rate. Detection is critical. Did you know that PDG Dick Willette can bring the Elks van to activities in your community and diabetes is just one of the issues that can be detected. He needs you to simply provide a nurse (RN or LPN). Education too is critical. The Lions of District 41 might want to consider how we can assist the pre-diabetics of Maine. These individuals need to learn how to stop the progression of their symptoms. The sad reality as I wrote last month is that most insurance carriers will not cover education for pre-diabetics

SEASON'S GREETINGS from CLUB SUPPLIES & DISTRIBUTION at INTERNATIONAL

Did you know that you or family can use a credit card and order from Club Supplies at www2.lionsclub.org? Here's how...

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3. fill in all the boxes with an asterisk (*)
4. create a password using 7 letters
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6. somebody is now all set to go shopping!

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LIONS IN ACTION AS BELLRINGERS

The Salvation Army collects so many of the dollars they need this time of year despite the fact that the needs they serve exist year round. Lions clubs across the state are taking their turns as ringers at the familiar red kettles. What wonderful visibility for us in the community with our hats or vests in place. More importantly here is another example of how willing the Lions are to partner with other organizations in service to those in need.

EVENING TO BENEFIT LCIF

IPDG's Carolyn Gile & Paula Beach invite you on behalf of the New England Lions Council for a special event, being held for the first time in Maine. The chairman of the Lions Clubs International Foundation, Immediate Past International President Jimmy Ross, will be flying in from Texas for the presentation of Melvin Jones Fellowships, the highest recognition our organization has. LCIF is the charitable arm of our service organization. It is rare that one can say they received their fellowship from such a high ranking official. The date is Saturday, February 23rd at the Holiday Inn Portland West. Presentations are slated for 3:00-5:30PM followed by a gala banquet at 7:00, cash bar reception at 6:00. Recipients will receive a photo with the IPIP and a press release for local publication. The meal is Angus sirloin tips at a cost of \$35.00 pp. Rooms at the Holiday Inn are available at a special group rate of \$60.00 per night plus tax. Deadline for room reservations is January 23rd, call directly at 774-5601. The deadline to reserve your meal is February 7th. The reservation form can be found on the district website **important enough to be reprinted from the November edition**

LIMERICK-NEWFIELD LIONS

News from that neck of the woods...meetings are now on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00pm on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building on Washington St. The room is adjacent to the public library on the same floor. There is no meal per se but those visiting Lions looking for a bite to eat can join members at the Peppermill Restaurant. Remember a detailed map can be found on the district website.

MAINE WESTERN MOUNTAINS LEO CLUB CHARTERED

Over 70 Lions and guests, watched the 17 charter members of Maine's newest Leo club be inducted. Nathan Hewett of Coplin Plantation was installed as the president; Ashley Gordon of Carrabassett Valley as VP; Josh Viles of Phillips as secretary and Nick Crawford of Wyman Township as treasurer. Diana Allen, Hope Gould and Chelsea Bachelder are the club's directors. A superb press release was created by Emerson Dyer and sent to the newspapers across the Western Maine region.

PEACE POSTER WINNER DECLARED

A judging committee that included VDG Tom Bakker, his wife Joan, PID Lew Small, our IPDG's Carolyn Gile & Paula Beach and two non-Lions, Dick & Sherry Small (friends of the Bakkers) reviewed 11 posters on Tuesday, November 27th at the Gardiner-Augusta club. Drawn to the theme of "Peace Around the World", all of the posters sent to DG Ann from around the state will be on display at the April district convention.

13 year old Jade Russell-Johnson sponsored by the Falmouth Lions was declared the winner and her drawing has been sent on to represent our new district. DG Ann is optimistic of Jade's chances internationally.

Second place went to Antonia Meyers, 13, sponsored by the Damariscotta-Newcastle Lions.

Third place went to the Westbrook Lions' representative, 12 year old Sarah Hopkins.

NEWS FROM THE WEBMASTERS...

Lion Gordon writes to all Leo clubs and their sponsors ~ if you would like to be represented on the district website or have a webpage created to show others what you do for your community, simply contact us at contactdist41@mainelions.org. You are the future of District 41 and the least we can do for you is give you a presence on the World Wide Web. Let the world know about your contributions.

WAY TO GO...

Congratulations to the Thornton Heights Lions. On the day before Thanksgiving, a blood drive sponsored by the club brought in 23 units. That is truly amazing for a day when most are worried more about cooking a bird. Many thanks to the donors and those Lions who assisted the Red Cross workers.

DISASTER STIKES MAINE WESTERN MOUNTAINS LEO'S CLUB

The Stratton – Eustis area is lucky to have 17 fine, thoughtful, young adults who are more than ready to help their communities according to their Lion Advisors. On November 15th, they were inducted into our great organization.

Two nights later, Lion Advisor Janet White's brother-in-law's home was struck by fire. The second story was burned and the first floor water damaged. While no one was injured, the house held the two parents and 7 children who now had to look for shelter.

Less than a week later Leo Melinda Bubier's home burned to the ground. Melinda and her sister are junior & freshman respectively at Mt. Abram High. They and their parents have moved into a mobile home on the property with their grandmother.

We Lions especially at this giving time of year need to step forward to help these families. One way is to keep them in your thoughts & prayers. More concrete is to send a donation in any amount to the Maine Western Mountain Leo Club, c/o Stratton-Eustis Lions, PO Box 103, Stratton, 04982 and write fire victims fund in the memo. Let's show these Leos and the Lions of Stratton-Eustis that we are there for them. In advance, Lion Advisors Tony Arruda, Marge McHugh and Janet White thank you.

CALLING ALL FISHERMEN...

The Mexico Lions are proud to announce their 29th annual Ice Fishing Derby on Roxbury Pond. The date is February 23rd from 7:00am to 3:00pm; weather date is the next day. Pre-registration is requested at the Ellis Pond Variety; entrance fee is \$5.00. Grand prize is \$2000 for a tagged Brook Trout. 4 Divisions ~ Pickerel...1st prize \$60, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$20; Bass...1st prize \$60, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$20; largest trout \$50; largest perch \$20. All prizes will be awarded on the day of the derby at 3:00pm. Need a little sustenance---the Lion Lunch Wagon will have hot dogs, burgers, coffee, soda & more. **FMI call Roland at 562-0949 or 364-2827 or call Jim Theriault at 364-9050.** Good luck to you all; may you have good weather, frequent flags & tight lines.

FROM PID SCOTT STORMS IN CONNECTICUT

On November 20th, the New York Times ran an ad heralding LCI as the #1 NGO worldwide. 34 global organizations were reviewed by the Financial Times, the United Nations Global Compact and Dahlberg Global Development Advisors. The non governmental organizations were ranked by companies involved such groups and other agencies. Sightfirst & Campaign Sightfirst II were highlighted. Donors were directed to International's line and the LCIF website. Donors were reminded of what we as Lions have know for some time... 100% of all donated funds are used for people & places in need. All administrative costs are paid by interest on investments.

DG ANN IS OFF THE ROAD IN DECEMBER *with the exception of her club's Christmas party.* IN JANUARY, SHE'S BACK OUT THERE EARLY & OFTEN.

Mon 1/7 Bristol
Tues 1/8 Rockland
Weds 1/9 Boothbay
Thurs 1/10 Oakland
Mon 1/14 Yarmouth
Tues 1/15 Camden
Weds 1/16 Bangor <midday>
Thurs 1/17 Sebago
Tues 1/22 Freeports (both at a joint mtg)
Thurs 1/24 Bethel
Mon 1/28 Cumberland – North Yarmouth

MEETING NIGHT NEWS

Rae Shields from the Mexico club reminds all visitors that they are now meeting on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays in the Mexico Rec Center (the former high school) at 3 Recreational Drive. The time has changed to 6:00pm with the meal being served promptly at that hour.

PDG Maynard Smith from the Freeport Lions wanted to alert visitors that in January & February (8th, 22nd, 12th and 26th) the club will be meeting at Lion Mo and Janice Fogg's home at 6:00pm with "absolutely scrumptious homemade meals". Mo's phone is **865-4226**. **Directions ~** on Rt 1 south out of the village, look for the Lindahl Log Cabin on the left and the Lions' white box trailer on the right. Take the next driveway which has a mailbox in the middle of the "V" at the end of a very long driveway. PDG Maynard adds "it's always a good idea to give Dave Harris a call if you're coming". Phones ~ **865-4689 <home> or 773-9668 <work>**.

Reading in the few bulletins, I receive as editor it looks like some clubs have been sending in donations. Thank you! To the clubs that are not supporting CSF 2, why? Dollars are staying in the United States to work on the preventable causes here...diabetes, glaucoma. Maine itself has been a frequent receiver of dollars from LCIF. In fact, more have been received than donated! As I have asked, collect change at meetings, have a new dedicated fundraiser? Do something. Remember DG Ann is asking that each and every one of the Lions in Maine at the end of this campaign say they gave at least \$1....100% participation state-wide. It is more than a worthy cause!

Mark E. Potter, PDG
CSF II, Group Coordinator

We Serve ... not just during the holiday season of Thanksgiving through Christmas but year-round! We are the Lions!

From the desk of...

Ann McFarland, DG

Our District Governor wanted to share this story with you during this holiday season having received it from IPDG Paula ---

Recently I overheard a mother and daughter in their last moments together at the airport. They had announced the departure. Standing near the security gate, they hugged and the mother said, "I love you and I wish you enough". The daughter replied, "Mom, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Mom". They kissed and the daughter left. The mother walked over to the window where I was seated. Standing there I could see she wanted and needed to cry.

I tried not to intrude on her privacy but she welcomed me in by asking, "Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?" Yes, I have," I replied. "Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever good-bye?" "I am old and she lives so far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is - the next trip back will be for my funeral," she said.

"When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, 'I wish you enough'. May I ask what that means?" She began to smile. "That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone". She paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail and she smiled even more. "When we said, 'I wish you enough', we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them". Then turning toward me, she shared the following as if she were reciting it from memory...

*I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear.
I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more.
I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.
I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.
I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.
I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.
I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.*

To the Lions of Maine, for 2008 & always,
Alden & I... **WISH YOU ENOUGH!**

CABINET SECRETARY'S CORNER

Holiday Greetings! Is everyone ready for the BIG day? I know I'm not quite there yet but I will be!

Not much to report on the "Secretary Front" this month but want to let you know that just like the credit card bills after Christmas, club dues bills will be out next month as soon as we get the numbers from International. We currently have four clubs who still have not paid their first half year dues totaling \$340.00.

I won't keep you any longer...back to decorating, baking and wrapping! Have a wonderful holiday...see you all next year!

CS Lise B. Potter

WELCOME TO THE CLUB!

In an early addition, I indicated that I hoped to welcome new Lions. Sadly few are brought to my attention but here are some...

Club	member	sponsor
Whitefield	Carol Perkins	Leo Gould, Jr.
	Nancy Birch	Sam Birch
Damariscotta - Newcastle	Ginny Curtis	Perry Waltz
	Gary Hawkes	Joe Cirigliano
	Chris Leeman	Di Silar
	Paul Cyr	Lise Potter
	Abbie Roberts	Lise Potter

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt by the heart.”

Helen Keller

THIS & THAT FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT...

as you drive into Naples from almost any direction, be sure to look for one their FIVE new road signs.

the Freeport Lioness Lions made over \$1000 with their annual Christmas craft fair.

the Damariscotta-Newcastle Lions pre-sold nearly 500 poinsettia in November, delivered them in December, netted almost \$3500 for their treasury.

the number of dollars donated across the district for food, toys, fuel and so much more would probably stun us all. We deserve to be proud of our status as Lions and we absolutely should be sharing the joy of Lionism with others!

CLOSING

Well, reading this has probably already taken enough of your time during a hectic time of your. May I once again thank you for all you and yours clubs do as Lions; may I thank your families for sharing your time with us in service to others. May the blessings of this holiday season of so many faiths and beliefs be upon you and yours and here's hoping that 2008 will be even greater for us all than 2007.

Until the first newsletter of the new year, I hope we remain...
Together in Lionism,

PDG Mark