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Family is Always There



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One Resolution Could Make a Difference

Many of you probably made a New Year's Resolution to do something during calendar year 2019. And as you are reading this article I am sure that maybe half of you have already given up on achieving whatever goal you wanted to reach. Your failure was most likely not due to the lack of trying or to the lack of commitment. Your failure was most likely due to the subject matter you chose to improve.

We tend to make resolutions that will somehow better ourselves. But when looking in a mirror we tend to be a little too harsh when evaluating the image of what we want looking back at us. The critic within is not capable of giving a truly objective view of itself. So resolutions involving yourself may not be in your best interest.

Maybe it is time to make a New Year's Resolution to make a difference for someone else. The possibilities are endless. I will not even attempt to author a list. Making a difference in someone else's life is simple and painless.

I am sure that as the days and the weeks go by you will find that your resolution to help others offers more rewards to you than you ever could have imagined. You may even find the image in the mirror is smiling just a little more than it used to.

In closing I wish you all well in your quests to fulfill whatever resolutions you strive to attain. Maybe resolutions should be pursued more often than just once a year.

"I have no way of knowing how people really feel, but the vast majority of those I meet couldn't be nicer. Every once in a while someone barks at me. My New Year's resolution is not to bark back."

Tucker Carlson

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All These Meetings Are For You!

The first two Advisory Meetings are now past history for Lion Year 2018-2019. I know there are lots of Lions that have never even attended an Advisory Meeting. With that in mind I will spend a few minutes talking about District Advisory Meetings and what they are for. There are a total of four District Advisory Meetings each year. The meeting itself is of a very simple format. There is a social gathering followed by the Lions Five Point Opening. Advisories are dinner meetings. These meetings will include District status information, projects and individual club announcements. Most of these meeting, however, are over before nine o'clock. Which means you should be home early enough to enjoy your other family life.

In addition to the Advisory Meetings there are two more meetings of note. First there is the Mid Winter Convention. The Mid Winter is usually held in the month of February. It is a three day long themed venue that is meant to give us all a chance to relax and have a little fun. (This years theme is, "Welcome To Bedrock".) There are various activities throughout the duration of the weekend but again the main focus here is District Level friends and fun. Participants can take part in the entire weekend package or can pick and choose according to their likes and wants.

The other big weekend gathering is the Lions State Convention which usually takes place in early May. This is another fun weekend much like the Mid-Winter except this gathering includes all five Districts. For District 33 that means Districts Y-A-N-K-S or all of our Massachusetts Lions Family. Again you take part in the entire weekend package or can pick and choose a day of an event to attend. The agenda will be available in plenty of time for you to make your plans.

All six meetings are worth your time and are a great way to get more involved with District level activities. Please join us!!!

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WE ARE FAMILY

A few years ago I had the honor of being a zone chair. The experience was profound in that it opened my eyes to how other clubs operate. One of the main functions of a zone chair will always be to visit other clubs and assist them by answering questions or simply by making yourself available when help is needed. In other words, the main function of a zone chair is resource allocation at the zone level.

About six months into my tenure I realized that most lions would truly benefit by visiting other local area clubs. It was very easy to see that members have a tendency to fall into a rut within their own clubs or within their home club's hierarchy.

There are many different types of ruts and many different variations of hierarchies. First of all there is the rut obtained when a member tries to do too much within their home club. This includes, but is not limited to, membership functional involvement and the management of club affairs.

If you opt to chair almost every fund-raiser or take a permanent club office position you will stagnate both your personal development and your clubs growth. Learn to let go and get the entire membership involved if at all possible. Letting go can be hard but it is the best way for a club to grow. If you are in a position that no one else can do, then mentor another member. This action will lighten your burden and train someone else for future needs and duties.

Then there is the rut, or perhaps the sinkhole, where the established longer term membership is not willing to try things just because a similar idea failed once before. Times change.....People change and approaches change.....Just because an idea failed once before does not mean it will fail again. Learn from both your successes and your failures.

The deepest rut should be called the Abyss! "I just want to be active in my home club"....This rut goes against the title of this article. "We are family".....so why not visit your siblings once in a while.

If you do decide that you would like to visit another club other than your home club please observe all the proper procedures... Never visit a club without talking to that club's officers. Call or email the President or the Secretary of the club and discuss your desire to do a visitation and be as specific as possible about your reasons for wanting to visit. They will tell you the best time for you to do your visitation.

Whether you decide to speak at their meeting or not is totally up to you. Remember the goal here is to watch and observe how this other club does things and compare it to your home club's normal operating procedures.

One of the possible outcomes of a venture like this is the discovery of common ground. Perhaps there are events in the future that could be done by two or even three Lion's clubs together. Thus proving my title for this article, "We Are Family".

"A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it annoys enough people to make it worthwhile."

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59th ANNUAL DISTRICT 33N LIONS MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

February 1, 2, & 3, 2019

Crowne Plaza, Middlesex Canal Park, Woburn MA

Midwinter Guests

**International Director Patricia "Pat" Vannett & Lion Kevin
Mandan, North Dakota**



Make your Hotel Reservations by calling Crowne Plaza, Woburn 781 935-8760
Mention "LionsMidWinter" or block code LMW to get special room rate of \$88.24 per night (\$79 + tax)
Deadline January 10, 2019

Welcome To Bedrock

Can You Remember This?

Can you sing along with the words below?

Flintstones. Meet the Flintstones. They're the modern stone age family.

From the town of Bedrock, They're a page right out of history.

Let's ride with the family down the street. Through the courtesy of Fred's two feet.

When you're with the Flintstones. Have a yabba dabba doo time.

A dabba doo time. We'll have a gay old time.

Closing Theme:

Flintstones. Meet the Flintstones. They're the modern stone age family.

From the town of Bedrock, They're a page right out of history.

Someday, maybe Fred will win the fight. Then that cat will stay out for the night.

When you're with the Flintstones Have a yabba dabba doo time.

A dabba doo time. We'll have a gay old time. We'll have a gay old time!

Come join us at the Mid-Winter Convention!!!

"It is better to live one day as a lion, than a thousand days as a lamb."

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District Advisory Snapshots.....

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everything, they just make
the best of everything.”**

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Welcome to the Family

Please join me in welcoming new members to our Lion family. If you published your email address when you filled out your application paperwork then you will automatically get a copy of this bulletin. If you did not list an email when you filled out your paperwork then you will get mentioned here but you will NOT get a copy of this bulletin. If for some reason you listed an email but do not want to receive this bulletin then simply send me an email at 33nbulletin@gmail.com and I will remove your name from my email distribution list.

Billerica Lions Paula M MacDonald

Lexington Lions Jonathan P Doran

Lowell Lions William Gordan Gardner

Lynn Wyoma Robert J Campbell Ariel A Noesi Deborah J Olsen

Peabody Lions Cynthia A Gavick

Saugus Lions Alan M Thibeault

Tewksbury Lions Kathleen A Descoteaux Jeanne L Osborn

Woburn Breakfast Lions Sandra Niemszyk

Welcome one and all to the Lion Family...

“Instead of thinking about what you’re missing, try thinking about what you have...”

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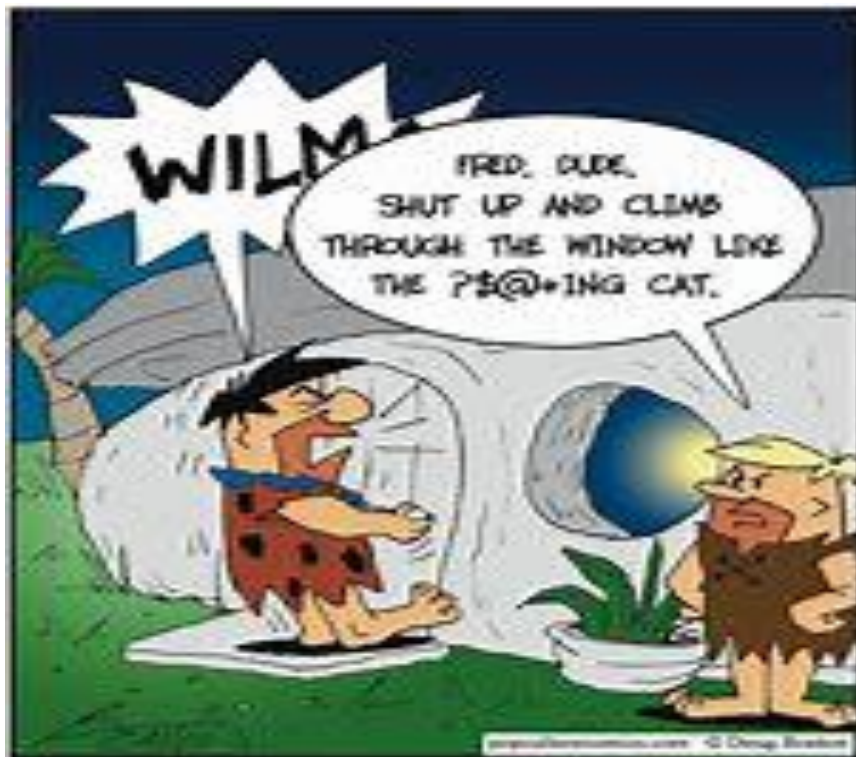
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Join us at the Mid Winter Celebration for a really big eggtravaganza!!!!



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Dates to Remember

February 1-3

“Mid Winter Convention”

(Crowne Plaza 15 Middlesex Canal Park Woburn)

March 18

Third District Advisory

(Crowne Plaza 15 Middlesex Canal Park Woburn)

May 3-5

“Lions State Convention”

(Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center)

(366 Main Street Sturbridge Ma 01566)

May 20

Fourth District Advisory

(Crowne Plaza 15 Middlesex Canal Park Woburn)

“I haven’t failed. I’ve just found 10,000 ways that won’t work.”