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Family is Always There

BUT

Frank Flintstone Was There Too



We Serve



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I am proud to report that the Mid-Winter Celebration was a successful venture. But....It could have been so much better. We as Lions need to ask each other what can we do to be even more successful.

The Mid-Winter Convention is not about fund raising. The Mid-Winter is about family! It is literally a Family Reunion.

To all the Lions that participated I want to say... thank you for your continued service. To everyone that helped plan, execute and promote the convention weekend I want to say bravo, a job well done. Please know that all your efforts are appreciated and you will never be taken for granted. If for some reason you were NOT able to join us.... I am sorry, but please know that we did miss you. Also know that you missed a fun filled weekend.

Although it has never been my mission to rehash the Mid-Winter Celebration in this publication I will make an exception this year. As I stated almost two years ago: The purpose of this publication is to teach new and "not so new" Lions the true meaning of Lionism. So how is Lionism and the Mid-Winter Celebration related?

The real purpose of the Mid-Winter is to celebrate your Lion Family. It is your chance to enjoy a weekend retreat with all your fellow District Lions. So if you have never attended one, then please, consider going next year. It will be at The Crown Plaza again. Details are in the works and the theme has already been set. See you all next year!!!



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The George Hewitt “Unsung Hero” Award

Lions Clubs are sustained by the hard work of millions of individuals in support of those less fortunate than themselves. An unsung hero is an individual that is always there to lend a helping hand. That individual never strives nor expects to be singled out for their contributions. They in fact believe that their involvement is just something that Lions do. Yet these unsung heroes always do more than their share. They often pride themselves in working behind the scenes and rarely get singled out for recognition.

The Pepperell Lions Club sponsors an award given to at least one worthy recipient every year. The award is called The George Hewitt “Unsung Hero Award.” Every Club President and or Secretary in our District has the opportunity to submit a candidate to the Pepperell Lions Club for consideration. The 2018-2019 George Hewitt Unsung Hero Awards were presented to: (from left to right) Judy Rogers (Billerica Lions Club), Patty Fierro (Saugus Lions Club), Katie Sirois (Peabody Lions Club), and John Massaua (Amesbury Lions Club)



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Another award that is presented at the Mid-Winter Convention is the Fred Pais “It’s Easy When You Love It Award.” This award is presented to an individual that personates The late PDG Fred Pais of the Billerica Lions. Nominations for this award are presented by the Mid-Winter Convention Committee.

This years’ candidate is a tireless, dedicated, and selfless individual. The word “NO” is not in her dictionary. She has never used the word “I” it is always “WE” as Lions. She has served her club and the District while wearing many different hats. She was a three time Club Director, Club Secretary, Club President, a four time Leo Advisor, Zone Chair, second District Governor, first District Governor and Governor.



This individual refused to be sidelined even while battling serious health issues. Every position, project or task that she touched was completed and completed well.

It is my honor to announce that the 2018-2019 Fred Pais “It’s Easy When You Love It Award” goes to PDG Joan Parcewski.



This story did not end once PDG Joan was presented with her much deserved award. A second candidate was also about to be nominated for this award. Attached please find a copy of that very special nomination.

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This is the second year that I have felt compelled to nominate someone for this award. I feel that although there are many candidates that would be worthy there is only one, in my mind, that truly personifies Fred Pais.

My candidate had a way of expressing his opinions and views in a lighthearted and unique manner. He was gifted in the fine art of turning a clever phrase and using it to inject humor into any and all conversations.

He was a hard worker, a family man, and always maintained a positive attitude. He was passionate and respectful even while being a bit of a prankster.

My candidate was both dedicated and selfless. He was my friend and he was my mentor. He will always be remembered for his compassion, levity and problem solving ability. He was a man blessed with the right amount of knowledge and the foresight to turn even a questionable idea into a worthy cause. He was loyal to a fault and a charter member of a group that will always be remembered as the three amigos.

It is my honor to announce that the 2018-2019 Fred Pais “It’s Easy When You Love It Award” goes to Lion Randy Baptiste.

He may be gone in body but he will always remain in our hearts.



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Military Care Packages

We have all enjoyed the many challenges as introduced by our GST Tammy Gray. We have all had opportunities to participate in some of the most interesting and rewarding projects. Tammy asked us to relate, in our own words, examples of simple acts of kindness that we had the opportunity to participate in. Simple acts of kindness and or charity. The motivation to do good deeds is definitely inherent to the Lions but by adding the request to write your experiences down was actually brilliant. Now we are forced to look for, perform and relate our good doings. Our actions became more than inherent they became motivational. A group of individuals searching for a perfect altruistic deed. It was Tammy that came up with the perfect next step to the “Kindness Initiative.”

She started another District wide initiative known as “Military Care Packages.” As a thank you to all of the lions who have (or are currently) serving our country we have come up with a service project in their honor. We will be sending military care packages to active men and women who are currently stationed overseas. Our goal is to send one box for every club in the district- 42 boxes. As a beautiful coincidence, these military care packages were shipped in time for “Random Act of Kindness Day” on February 17th.

The goal was forty two boxes. I have been told that we were able to double that goal. But we did not just supply eighty plus military recipients care packages to our military personnel overseas.

Those packages and that kindness act would be shared with each recipients fellow troops. So each package may in fact be a taste of home to hundreds or perhaps even thousands of military personnel.

I have included a few snap shots taken at the Mid-Winter Convention. A picture is worth a thousand words so no captions were included.

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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 Brunilda Mejia Charles A Morrison Ida M Morrison

Chelmsford Lions Jackie Donohue

Essex County Regional Lions Linda Patrazza

Haverhill Lions Matthew S McKenzie

Lynn Shoe City Lions Janice Meade Kristine Patterson

Methuen Lions John W Wadsworth

Saugus Lions Hamed Harris Babrak

Tewksbury Lions David A Robertson

Woburn Middlesex Lions Eva Marie Dipronio

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Dates to Remember

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 know many of you enjoy the thoughts of the day which I normally add to the bottom of most pages. I didn't have enough room so I added a few here for your consideration and enjoyment.

- 1) "Accept the fact that there will be days when you feel like a pigeon, and there will be days that you feel like a statue."**
- 2) "All I've ever wanted was an honest week's pay for an honest day's work."**
- 3) "The trouble with children is that they're not returnable."**
- 4) "If at first you do not succeed, then skydiving is surely not meant for you."**
- 5) "Committee - a group of men who keep minutes and waste hours."**
- 6) "Don't worry about avoiding temptation... as you grow older, it will avoid you."**