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## **District 33N Bulletin**



*We Serve*

**Over the course of the last two years I have included the names of new Lions in this publication and have welcomed them into our Lion Family. This was intended to be the first step in their orientation process.**



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**My actions were meant to be a bridge to each individual clubs normal training procedures. I believe that every club has some form of an orientation process. I also feel that this publication should be an educational or developmental tool for Lions both new and not so new.**

**I think we can all agree that being a good Lion does require some degree of training. New members are very often mentored by each clubs active members. This is a great way to continue club business, as per usual, while getting new members involved in the day to day activities of the club. So no matter how your club indoctrinates its new members let's, at least, agree that one of the best ways to learn is through experience and the best way to get experience is by doing.**

**New members need to be aware of both their home club's community service programs and its fund raising efforts. They need to be encouraged to actively take part in all their home club's operations. They also need to be taught that Lionism goes way beyond club meetings, local community service and geographic limitations. Personally I would love to see all new members be asked to attend at least one District Meeting (AKA Advisory Meeting) during their first year of membership. Beyond that they can consider our Mid-Winter Celebration, the State Convention, the USA/Canada Forum and the International Convention. All these meetings should be attended by personal choice as each individual members appetite grows.**

**Because this will be my last issue of the District Bulletin I want to encourage all our District clubs to objectively review their new member orientation processes. Our new members are our future, let's help them develop the tools that they will need to ensure success.**

**"If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito." – Dalai Lama**

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## **What's it All About?**

**I remember being a new member in my home club. I was filled with questions about the Lions Organization and what was going to be expected of me. I really didn't know anything about community service projects nor had I ever been involved in a coordinated fund raising activity. I was fortunate enough though to be affiliated with my home club for about six months prior to becoming an actual member. During that pre-Lion period I had a chance to participate in everything without any membership expectations.**

**Eventually the more active I became the more confusing the terminologies became. I was lost when others spoke about Zone Meetings and Advisory Meetings etc. My head nearly exploded when I found out there were even more meeting types: (Mid-Winter Convention, State Convention, USA/Canada Forum, and International Convention).**

**I do have to say that I really did not fully understand meeting venues until I had experienced each one in its entirety. Now the complexity has been replaced by the simplistic tranquility of experience.**

**Still the act of learning was developed only by my thirst for answers. If I was an inherently passive individual my knowledge base would only grow with respect to my curiosity level. This meant that my potential utilization would be diminished for possibly years to come.**

**The moral behind this short story is that I learned by doing, even though it took me more than a year to fully understand. It is my firm belief that all new members should explore the possibilities given to them by the largest service organization in the world. The possibilities are indeed endless. I know there is an opportunity to make a difference for your neighbors, friends and communities. Remember that you have been assigned the task of becoming something bigger than yourself.**

**To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone. *Reba McEntire***

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## **Networks Are Us?**

**Times are constantly changing and the reasons for joining a service organization are constantly changing with the times. Educational systems nearly, without exception, mandate that all students perform a certain number of hours of community service as a prerequisite to receiving a diploma. This process enables students to serve their communities and to become more civically minded.**

**When a person interacts with the community at large they in fact work with people that they would not have met under normal circumstances. This interaction is for the lack of a better term, called networking. The service that you are performing fulfills a need and the people you interact with may be valuable contacts for future life endeavors.**

**I encourage all service organizations to reach out to other like minded organizations in search of a common ground service project. These networks can enhance fund raising efforts and naturally spread the work load over a broader network of workers. More hands will often make a project more manageable. A good example of this would be a club that hosts a road race. They have the expertise required to manage the event but lack the personnel to police the crowds and oversee function tasks such as manning the watering stations. These areas could be staffed by Leos, another community organization or even another Lions Club from a neighboring town or community.**

**Whatever profits your efforts do reap can be divided as per an onset agreement. The service project itself will also introduce participants to the membership of a different organization. It is possible that another organizations members may join your organization based on the work ethics and personalities of your clubs participants.**

**The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty. – *Winston Churchill***

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## **Fourth District Advisory Meeting**

**TELL YOUR STORY, THE LION'S STORY....**

**Date: Monday, May 20, 2019**

**Social and cash bar from 6:00 to 6:30**

**Meeting will open at 6:30**

**Location: Crowne Plaza**

**15 Middlesex Canal Park**

**Woburn, MA 01801**

**Guest Speaker will be Gregg Donnelly, President of the Carroll Center for the Blind**

**Meal is your choice of London Broil with Chimi Churi Sauce (on the side) or**

**Vegetarian (Vegetable tower) or**

**Gluten free (Baked Chicken) and will include garden salad, dessert, and coffee or tea.**

**The cost is \$24 per Lion.**

**Please make checks payable to MA Lions District 33N. ALL registrations must be received by May 13. Please pick up your registration at the door-PLEASE NOTE that the hotel has reconfigured during their renovations and the registration and entrance into the room are now located in the rear of the hotel.**

**Club flyers may be placed on tables**

**Good things don't come to those who wait. Good things come to those who pursue the goals and dreams they believe in. – *Unknown***

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## **Family First Forever**

**Over the course of the last two years we have grown together as family. We have learned to be more aware of our community needs. This does not mean that we will place any less emphasis on our many “We Serve” initiatives, it simply means that we have placed more value on the phrase charity begins at home. Introducing the concept of a teaching bulletin has been a rewarding experience for me. The feedback that I have been given was excellent and I thank every Lion that sent me their thoughts and, more importantly, their support. Over the past two years I have written articles that personified two different sitting Governors.**

**PDG James Wagner and Governor Frank Bertolino are different in more ways than they are alike, but their goals and their aspirations were almost identical. It was a pleasure serving both of them.**

**It is my sincere hope that future Governors will keep the idea of a teaching bulletin alive. There is much to be learned and many roads to be explored. Again I thank you all. Go in peace and be true to yourself.**

## **Welcome to the Family**

**Please join me in welcoming our new members to our Lion family. Unfortunately I do not have the capability of getting a list of the newest club members. It is my hope that each club will attempt to get their new members a copy of this bulletin. It would be just a matter of forwarding your copy to your newest club members. Again thank you all....**

**A mind is like a parachute, it doesn't work if it isn't open. – *Frank Zappa***

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## **Rules of the Stock Market Life**

**The stock market, be it on Wall Street or the Stock Exchange is always in the news. We think you may like to see these 'headlines' on the stock market news:**

- **Pencils lost a few points**
- **Elevators rose**
- **Mining equipment hit rock bottom**
- **Helium was up**
- **Beef steered into a bull market**
- **Paper was stationary**
- **Fluorescent tubing was dimmed in light trading**
- **Weights were up in heavy trading**
- **Feathers were down**
- **Light switches were off**
- **Shipping lines stayed at an even keel**
- **The market for raisins dried up**
- **Balloon prices were inflated**
- **Kleenex tissue touched a new bottom**
- **Knives were up sharply**
- **Sun stocks peaked at midday**
- **Diapers [Nappies] remain unchanged.**

**If you really want to do something, you'll find a way. If you don't, you'll find an excuse. – *Unknown***

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**Dates to Remember**

**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)**

