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District 33N Bulletin

Family is Always There



My Fellow Lions,

It is hard to believe a third of this lions' year is over.

As I continue in my role as District Governor it amazes me how dedicated, caring and giving Lions have been and continue to be.

It seems like yesterday I was inducted as 2nd Vice District Governor.

We have so much to look forward to, so many more friends to make and so many more people to help.

I am wishing my Brother and sister Lions a Happy, Healthy and Holy Holiday Season.

Please remember no one should be alone during the Holidays so please reach out the best you can.

Our GMT's Jeanne & Joe Gentlemen are working hard at starting a new Specialty Club the Essex-Middlesex County Pride Lions Club. We will keep you posted as this develops.

Our Mid-Winter is right around the corner February 1-3rd at the Crowne Plaza in Woburn,

Our theme this year is Bedrock – The Flintstones. So, get your costumes ready and let's have a wonderful weekend. Remember the Hospitality Rooms and Saturday activities leave a lasting impression, some good, some great and some well – Hangovers.

I would love to see record numbers this year. Our committee are already working hard planning.

I really need to send out a special Thank You to all the clubs as well as the private donations to the Disaster Relief effort.

Please spread the Lions word to your communities and remember there is strength in numbers. The more Lions we have on the ground the better we can do.

#WeAreFamily

#SpreadTheLionsWord

#WeServeKindness

*****"Mail your packages early so the post office can lose them in time for the Holidays"**

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Eye Glass Recycle Program



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Every Lion in District 33N has participated in the Eye Glass Recycling Program. My home club, for example, placed a receptacle near the Town Hall to encourage residents to donate their used eye glasses to this very worthy cause. We collect, sort, count and hand carry these glasses to District Advisory Meetings as often as possible. But this is only the beginning. I thought it might be interesting to look at the process beyond those Advisory Meeting drop offs. Last month I paid tribute to the Lexington Lions for their part in this process. This month I will highlight the program successes and feature the dedication of the Lowell Lions Club. Since April of 2018, our program has donated over 18,000 pairs of eyeglasses for distribution by groups who do medical missions.

Here are some of the groups that are doing this wonderful work:

Rev. Ken Whitten, Vision International Missions 8500 pairs to go to Haiti, Honduras, Guatemala, Ghana and Sudan.

John Godoy of VISTA, 6500 pairs for distribution in Peru, Nicaragua and Guatemala.

Tom and Judy Gordon of the First Congregational Church in Wakefield 1450 pairs that went to Niger with the help of many of the congregation.

Dr. Vicki Kvedar of North Shore Ophthalmologists 1100 pairs for her annual pilgrimage to the " Be Like Britt " Orphanage in Haiti.

This is something that Dr. Vicki has been doing with her daughter during their Christmas break since the orphanage opened.

Ray and Judy Spiecker, of Gloucester, 950 pairs for their mission Sponsored by St. Jerome's Roman Catholic Church in Weymouth, MA to Costanza, Dominican Republic, and Mazantenango, Guatemala sponsored by Partners in Development, based in Ipswich, MA

Special praise to the Lowell Lions who have been doing great work, cleaning, reading the glasses for the proper prescription and packing them individually. They have secured space at the Lowell Senior Center and have enlisted a special lady, Joanne Deck (not a Lion) who has processed over 6000 pairs since June and shows no sign of slowing down.. There are many Lowell Lions who have contributed so much namely Tammy Roussell, PDG Len Tarmey, Dick Provencher, Dr. George Montminy and Marcel Plouffe.

The Lowell club has made the recycling effort a successful community project engaging volunteers across local high schools, universities, senior care residential facilities, and church / civic groups resulting in hundreds of hours of local support. In addition to the Lowell Senior Center, much of the volunteer work has been supported with free access to space at the First United Baptist Church in Lowell.

The greatest need we have for the program is a destination for the eyeglasses that we all collect. Many people that you come in contact with on a daily basis, at work, school, the club, church know someone who does medical missions. If any club would like to increase their involvement in the program, please email Lion John L. at ninedad@aol.com

Update: On Wednesday October 23, 2018 we will be delivering 2500 pairs of eyeglasses to Dr. Katie Z and Gillian Guidetti-Myers of Mass Eye and Ear for missions that they are doing in Africa.

2000 of these are prescription glasses were processed by the Lowell Lions.

Sincerely,
Lion John L

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Volunteers working at First United Baptist Church

(left to right Lisa Polatino, Patricia Okeefe, Darlene MCCann, Karen Candello, and Cindy McTiernan)



Volunteers working at Lowell Senior Center

(left to right Joanne Deck and Andy Garebedian)

Taken in Gloucester with Ray Spiecker ,
Diane Parisi and Lion Bill Carlson



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Second District Advisory

Toys For Tots



The Second District Advisory Meeting is taking place on November 28th at the Crowne Plaza 15 Middlesex Canal Park Woburn. This is when we do the Toys for Tots unwrapped toy collection. The Marine Reserves will be there to thank you. You should be there to thank them for their service.

Join us for a night of food, fun and fellowship. Activities will include Christmas Karaoke, Peace Poster judging and the Toys for Tots collection. Wanting to get a jump start on your Christmas shopping? MLER has gift cards to the Texas Road House in \$25 increments. MLER receives 10% of each card that is sold and will be available at the Advisory.

Meal is your choice of Chicken Piccata 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 November 23.

“PLEASE NOTE” that the hotel has been reconfigured during their renovations and the registration and entrance into the banquet room are both now located in the rear of the hotel.

Mid Winter Convention Update

The 2018 Mid Winter Committee is looking for teams of two to work registration at the Mid Winter convention. Registration hours are Friday 3:00- 6:30PM and Saturday 8:00AM until 4:00 PM. Each team will be allowed to work for one or a maximum of two hours. You can pick the time that you would like to work. We will teach you what needs to be done. This is a fantastic way to meet Lions as they come through the convention doors. Please contact John and/or Marie Veilleux at jveille@comcast.net if you would like to get involved. Thank you YIL



***“He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.” – Roy L. Smith



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What does Autumn Mean to You

There are those that believe that with Autumn comes a multitude of tasks that need to be completed before that four letter word blankets our neighborhoods.



After mowing the lawn for the last time we have to deal with leaves, leaves and yes more leaves. We rake them, mulch them, bag them and somehow get them to our compose piles. We think back at how beautiful those same leaves were while they were radiating the trees along the highways. Funny how the same leaves covering my lawn do not hold that same beauty.

Then we cover the air conditioners and turn off the outside water spigots. We stock up on wood by splitting logs or order a ton or two of wood pellets to feed our stoves or just turn up our thermostats. But Autumn is so much more than just chores.

As Lions it is a time of year to get busier. We may do fundraisers to support Thanksgiving food distribution. We are active in programs such as “Coats for Kids” and “Toys For Tots.” There are Thanksgiving Feasts, Holiday Parades, and Christmas Parties. We say goodbye to the old year and welcome the New Year with great expectations of creating something better for ourselves and for those people that we come in contact with. This is a wonderful time to be active in a service organization. But much like the chores that we do, community service work can also be overwhelming.

The solution to both these situations is to get more people involved. Any task becomes easier when more people lend a helping hand. So now is the best time to ask a friend to join you at your next Lion’s Meeting. So many people are not Lions simply because they have never been asked to join. We are the largest service organization in the world. (1.4 million strong globally) You are most likely a member today because someone invited you to join. This is the time for you to do the same favor for your friends.

***** “As we struggle with shopping lists and invitations, compounded by December’s bad weather, it is good to be reminded that there are people in our lives who are worth this aggravation, and people to whom we are worth the same.” – Donald E. Westlake**

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A Snippet Could Brighten Your Day

First of all....What is a Snippet? By definition a snippet is a small brief or extract. Technically a thought of the day, a factoid or a whimsical quote are all snippets. A joke could also be a snippet and with that logic the author of this bulletin reserves the right to decide what a snippet is and what to publish in order to brighten your day.

- 1. The word “queue” is the only word in the English language that is still pronounced the same way when the last four letters are removed.**
- 2. What is called a “French kiss” in the English speaking world is known as an “English kiss” in France.**
- 3. Right handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people.**
- 4. One quarter of the bones in your body, are in your feet!**
- 5. Fingernails grow nearly 4 times faster than toenails!**
- 6. Most dust particles in your house are made from dead skin!**
- 7. Women blink nearly twice as much as men.**
- 8. Honey is the only food that does not spoil. Honey found in the tombs of Egyptian pharaohs has been tasted by archaeologists and found edible.**
- 9. Coca-Cola would be green if coloring weren't added to it.**
- 10. The average lead pencil will draw a line 35 miles long or write approximately 50,000 English words.**
- 11. More people are allergic to cow's milk than any other food.**
- 12. Camels have three eyelids to protect themselves from blowing sand.**
- 13. The placement of a donkey's eyes in its' head enables it to see all four feet at all times!**
- 14. Earth is the only planet not named after a god.**
- 15. You're born with 300 bones, but by the time you become an adult, you only have 206.**
- 16. It is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.**
- 17. Queen Elizabeth I regarded herself as a paragon of cleanliness. She declared that she bathed once every three months, whether she needed it or not.**

*****“It is the apathetic person that sees the cause while the charitable person sees the need.” – Shannon L. Alder**

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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.

Acton Lions:

Jean F Fletcher

Barry L Wills

Ayer Lions:

James B Pinard

Billerica Lions:

Nancy A Brown

Annette M Macaudda

Dracut Lions:

Daviny Bolan

Gavin Bolan

Katelynne Nowlan

Brad Nowlan

Kimberly Shepherd

Donna Vallois

Dunstable-Tyngsboro Lions:

Meghan N Demonico

Kristine E Giardinella

Eric C McGondel

Jennifer McGondel

Laura L Ward

Lynn Shoe City Lions:

Mary Pigott

Lynn Wyoma Lions:

Taso G Nikolakopoulos

Newburyport Lions:

Suzanne P Coppinger

Marie Lyons

Denise M Maloney

Reading Lions:

Joe Thomas

Salisbury Lions:

Kassandra L Allen

Saugus Lions:

Fran M Carlino

Bruce Torrey

Tewksbury Lions:

Jay Delaney

Bryan A Descoteaux

Devin M Frechette

Woburn Middlesex Lions:

Linda Marlowe

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***"Love the giver more than the gift." – Brigham Young

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Dates to Remember

November 28

**Second District Advisory
(Crowne Plaza 15 Middlesex Canal Park Woburn)**

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)**