



## **Club News**

### **In Memoriam**

We lost one of our members January 20<sup>th</sup> 2004. Lion Charlie Maloney. Lion Charlie was a member of the Ashland Lions Club for 30+ years and was a great Lion who gave a lot to the club. Many Ashland Lions remember Lion Charlie's good humor and hours worked during Christmas tree sales. Lion Charlie was a good friend to all and he will be missed by all of us. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

### **Wednesday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>**

Visitation to the Medfield Lions Club

### **Friday Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>**

Father / Daughter Valentine Dance at the Community Center.

The Ashland Lions team up with the Recreation Department for the annual Valentine Father/Daughter dance. The dance will be held Friday, February 6, 6:30 – 9:00pm at the Community Center. Tickets are \$15.00 per couple and may be purchased at the Recreation Department. DJ Rick Stearns will provide music. Laurel & Hardy Proceeds will benefit the Kidspot Playground.

### **Saturday Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 PM Meat raffle Fundraiser at T.J's. Scheduled to work are:

Dick Preservati, Vin Ferraro, Walter Piasecki, Bob Stevens, Barbara Barman, Jim Sweeney, Tina Cass, Ralph Cass and Stanley & Oliver.

### **Tuesday Feb 10<sup>th</sup>**

Regular Business meeting at T.J's 7:00 PM. Bring along a friend. A guest speaker is planned. Meal choices for the meeting are; London Broil or Chicken Parmesan

### **Wednesday Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>**

Visitation to the Newton Lions Club

### **Mid-Winter Conference**

Keep the weekend of February 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> open as the annual District 33K Mid-Winter Conference will be held at the Sheraton Tara in Braintree. It's a wonderful time /experience to meet with other Lions Clubs in our District and attend the Saturday morning business meeting and be brought up to date on District 33K events. Also Lion President Tom will make club donations to Eye Research and other charities at the Saturday morning "business meeting"

### **Tuesday Feb 17<sup>th</sup>**

Board of Directors meeting to be held at the VFW. at 7:00 PM. Cards or Email will be sent to board members as a reminder.

### **Saturday Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>**

1:00 PM. Meat raffle Fundraiser at T.J's Scheduled to work are:

Dick Preservati, Tom Grady, Al Romelt, Don Shaw, Fran Blake, Deb Whitehouse, Tony Minucci and Trish Miller.

### **Tuesday Feb 24<sup>th</sup>**

Regular Business meeting at T.J's 7:00 PM. Meal choices for the meeting are; Beef Burgundy or Roast Turkey.

If you purchase a new or pre owned car at Long Motors in Framingham the management at Long's Motors in Framingham donates \$50.00 to the Ashland Lions Club. Tell your friends.

### **Dues**

Are your dues still outstanding? Please send check: Dues are \$50.00 payable to the Ashland Lions Club. Mail to PO. Box 150, Ashland, Ma. 01721

### **Visitations**

Chairman of visitations is Lion Joe Curran. So far this year club members have visited the following clubs:

-Sherborn	-Natick	-Holliston
-Gr. Ashland	-Marlboro	-Clinton
- Framingham	-Laurel	

Visitations this month are Feb 4<sup>th</sup> to Medfield and Feb 11<sup>th</sup> to Newton . If you would like to be included give Lion Joe Curran a call.

### **February Birthdays**

Lions Vern Breault, Charlie Dancause, Jeff Garino, Tom Heguy, Don Larick, Della Miles, Ralph O'Coin, Walt Piasecki, Al Porter, Matt Porter. and Jim Sweeney Happy Birthday and Many More.

### **Wednesday Mar 10<sup>th</sup>**

Our next porchetta is March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at the VFW in Ashland.

The porchetta committee is changing their policy on buying tickets. All monies must be paid up front by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004. Let the committee know if you would like a table of 8 or 10 or as an individual, and be added to another table. If not there could be a waiting list, you could lose your space.

The reason for the change, last porchetta that was held November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003 there were 17 no Show that the club had to pay for at \$272.

The prices of the tickets will be \$18.00 each. Call Andy at 508-881-1141 for tickets



**Donations**

To date for this Lions year under Lion

President Tom we have allocated the following.

Ashland Day Committee	\$ 600.00
Council on Aging (Country Store)	\$ 300.00
Natick Eye ( 3 Eye Exams)	\$ 90.00
Mrs. Slote, Ashland Teacher	
(Sandwiches for Salvation Army)	\$ 300.00
Cystic Fibroses Ride (Raffle Ticket)	\$ 100.00
MLERF (4 Memorials)	\$ 200.00
Peace Poster Contest	\$ 150.00
Ashland Fire Aux (Triathlon)	\$ 200.00
VFW (New Chairs)	\$ 1,000.00
Senior Wellness Fair	\$ 200.00
Meals on Wheels (Christmas Gifts)	\$ 100.00
Meals on Wheels (Address Books)	\$ 75.00
Ashland High Year Bk.	\$ 90.00
Xmas Gifts for Kids (Food Pantry)	\$ 200.00
Thanksgiving Dinners (Food Pantry)	\$ 250.00
Senior Christmas Party	\$ 600.00
Thanksgiving Dinner (Legion, if needed)	\$ 150.00
Library (Large Print Books)	\$ 500.00
Association of Blind Citizens	\$ 100.00*
Grant for Pittaway School for Books	\$ 500.00*
Ashland Wildcats softball Team	\$ 500.00*
Senior Dinner - So Far	\$ 600.00*
Eyemobile volunteers (Don Shaw)	\$ 200.00*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7005.00</b>

\* Indicates new donations from previous month's.

**Lions Mints**

Anyone wishing a mint tray at their place of business please contact Past President Eileen MacKeil 508-429-4226

**Recvcd Eyeglasses**

Through January 2004 club members have collected 4,109 pair of eyeglasses towards club goal of 7,500 for this lions year, which ends in June 2003. If anyone knows of a place for one of the clubs eyeglass collection boxes contact Lion Eileen MacKeil at 508-429-4226

**Triathlon**

Anyone with contacts for corporate sponsorships for this fundraiser contact President Tom Grady at 508-478-6404

**Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Annual Patriots Day Flea Market at the old /TELECRON parking lot across from Dairy Queen on Chestnut Street. This will be the 26th consecutive year for this major club fundraiser. Chairmen Lion Al Romelt is very busy advertising and coordinating dealer responses. The Mobile Kitchen will be in use, all club members are asked to participate. Hardy

**Upcoming Events**

- March 6<sup>th</sup> Meat Raffle Fundraiser at T.J's
- March 9<sup>th</sup> Regular business meeting at T.J's
- March 10<sup>th</sup> Porchetta Fundraiser
- March 16<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting at VFW
- March 20<sup>th</sup> Meat Raffle Fundraiser at T.J's
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> Regular Business Meeting at T.J's

**Club Pins**

If any member wishes to purchase a club pin at \$2.00 each please see Secretary Jim Cerutti "Duck Soup" at the dinner meeting

**News**

If you have anything that you think the members would be interested in please send articles to Editor Eileen MacKeil at P.O. Box 150, Ashland Ma. 01721, Phone # 508-429-4226

**Saturday Feb. 28**

**CHOWDERFEST FEB 28 11:00AM - 2:00 PM**

February 28<sup>th</sup> will find 8 area restaurants competing for the title "Best Chowder" in Ashland. The Ashland Lions will be hosting its 1<sup>st</sup> Lions Club Chowderfest and invite all with a healthy appetite to join us at the American Legion. Available to taste will be New England Clam Chowders from area restaurants and supermarkets and customers will vote for their favorite. Listed alphabetically the participates include; Adriana's Pizzeria, American Legion, Nello's Café, Shaw's Supermarket Inc., Stone's Public House, Sunnyside Café, TJ Spirits and the VFW. Customers will be the actual judges, as we will have a ballot for each to vote the best chowder. So plan on joining us on Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Hall located on Summer St. between **11:00AM and 2:00PM** and enjoy great samples of local NE clam chowder. Donation of \$5.00 includes chowder, salad, rolls, homemade deserts and coffee/tea. This should be a fun day not only for Ashland residents and Lions but for all area customers as they vote for their favorite chowder which will be unknown to customers as Lions will be serving the chowder (not the restaurant) and tabulating the ballots.

**FREE EYESCREENING**

Also, available on February 28<sup>th</sup> will be the Ashland Lions Eyemobile. Screenings include vision, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, hearing and blood pressure screenings on a gratis basis. Trained volunteers provide all the necessary medical and administrative staffing.