



Club News

76th Annual May 7, 8 & 9, 2004

Massachusetts Lions MD 33 State Convention

The Sheraton Hyannis Resort Hotel, Hyannis, MA
At the Friday evening Key Life Banquet (Theme: "Spring Fling") there will be a performance by the Mass. All-State Band. Saturday there will be the business meeting, All State Band Concert, State Lions Youth Speech Contest (finals). Sunday Registration of Delegates must be completed by 8:45AM, at 9:00AM Sub-District Business meeting and voting for International Director. Contact PP Jens Thoresen to register for the convention. Fee is \$2.00

Tuesday May 11th

Dinner at TJ's canceled.

Friday May 14th

Installation Dinner/Dance and Awards. See back page for details.

The Lion year is winding down and a new Board of Officers will be taking over. The 2004 –2005 new Officers are:
President Tom Heguy, 1st Vice President Barbara Thoresen, 2nd Vice President Judy Hyotte, 3rd Vice President Joe Curran, Secretary Jim Cerutti, Treasurer Carl Phillipo, Tail Twister Jim Sweeney, Lion Tamer Joe Curran, Board of Directors Marcia Akerman, Jill Colwell, Frank Notturmo, Marsha Bornstein, Paul Ciccolo, Dave Talvy.
Congratulations to each of you..

Monday May 17th

4th Advisory Meeting at Lombardo's

Tuesday May 18th

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

Tuesday May 25th

Regular Business meeting at T.J's 7:00 PM. Bring along a friend. Dinner selection: London Broil or Scallop Casserole.

Monday April 19th

Marathon Wrap Up

With temperatures in the 80's April 19, (Boston Marathon Day) the Ashland Lions held a very successful Flea Market. Starting at 6:00 AM Lions were busy meeting the vendors and crafters that had signed up to participate in the 26th annual Flea Market. Over 70 dealers participated this year with a wide range of goods from household items to handmade crafts such as birdhouses made by the local scouts.

Club President Tom and Chairman Allan Romelt and Jens Thoresen thank all that volunteered at the Eyemobile, food trailer, club table and gate. The day was a success not because of one person but all that came together for this event.

Oral Cancer Screening

For the first time Lion Marc Rubin D.M.D. was at the Eyemobile and offered free oral cancer screenings. Dr. Rubin was very pleased with the day and performed approximately 40 screenings with 2 out of this number requiring further evaluation. Some residents came into the eyemobile with a recent Tab newspaper article that described the symptoms and saying they couldn't afford a regular dentist. Dr. Rubin feels a good service was provided and wants to expand this program to other Lion clubs hoping they have members that could volunteer. He is planning on contacting the Ma. Dental Society to help expand this program and in the meantime he explains there are some good Community Health Clinics available. Oral cancer includes cancers of the mouth, tongue, tonsils and pharynx. Warning signs include: prolonged sore throat, difficulty in swallowing, changes in salivation, discomfort while eating, changes in hearing-smell or taste, speech impairment or voice changes, abnormal drainage from the nose, ears or mouth, foul mouth odor, facial weakness or pain, presence of sore or white thickened patches that won't heal.

Eye Screening

Also keeping busy were the Lions and the Doctors that volunteered at The Lions Eyemobile on April 19. Approximately 50 residents were screened and 185 individual screenings were completed. Lion Dr. Bill Leporati screened the eyes for general health including Cataracts, Diabetic Retinopathy and Macular Degeneration. Liz Canning of the Metro West Eye Physicians in Framingham assisted using the Fundus Camera to check the inner eye.

Wednesday April 28th

The Senior Citizen Appreciation Social was held April 28th, at the VFW Hall. Lions Barbara Thoresen and Don Shaw co-chaired the sixth Appreciation Social for 125 seniors. The evening was a great success and PP Fran Blake did an excellent job with his crew in the kitchen. Thanks to all that helped to make this a wonderful evening.

May Birthdays

Lions Andy Blaiklock, Wally Brewer, Ken Chester, David Dunham, Frank Fortier, Ken MacKeil, Dave Magnani, Brian Mc Arthur, Don Shaw and Jim Sweeney Jr.
Happy Birthday and many more.

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	-Medfield	-Newton
-Hopedale	- Boylston	-Hopedale

Upoming visitations include, Chinatown May 3 and Westboro May 19. If you would like to be included give Lion Joe Curran a call



Meat Raffles

Great job done by chairman of this fund-raiser, Lion Judy Hyotte and her team of regulars. This fund-raiser went from Sept. 03 through April 04 and a profit of approximately \$8400 was realized. President Tom and Lion Judy wish to thank all Lions who worked and participated in this fund-raiser.

Sunday June 13th

Clubs annual Triathlon at the Warren Center in Ashland. Lion Tom Grady is Chairman of this event and will need the help of all Ashland Lions. There are many jobs to be filled to make this a successful fund-raiser. If any Lion knows of sponsors who wish to have their name or company name on event T-shirts call Lion Tom at 508-478-6404. This is the Sunday prior to Father's Day so hopefully more members will be able to participate.

Scholarships

This year the Ashland Lions Club will be awarding four \$1500.00 scholarships to Ashland High School and Keefe Tech students at their graduation.

Upcoming Events

- June 8th Regular Business Meeting at TJ's Dinner selection: Meat Loaf or Chicken Teriyaki Stir Fry
- June 12th 33K Awards Banquet
- June 13th Triathlon
- June 15th Board

The first color television set (yes, there used to be ones that were only black and white) was made 50 years ago. Consider these numbers:

- 248 million: The numbers of TV's in American homes in 2001.
- 98.2: Percentage of homes with at least one TV in 2001. (In 1960, 87.3 percent of homes had a TV.)
- 2.4: Average number of TV's in each home in 2001.
- 92: Percentage of kids, ages 6 to 11, whose parents have at least one rule for their TV watching.

Source: Census Bureau / Harry

“Know what I hate most?
Rhetorical questions.”

Henry Camp Enjoy Harry Henchy

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
Ashland Town After Prom Party	\$ 300.00
3 Middle School Students trip to Wash. DC	\$ 652.00
Scoreboard Ashland Softball	\$ 1,000.00
Installation expenses	\$ 700.00
TOTAL	\$15557.00
Ad for Midwinter Ad Book	\$100.00
Mass Lions Eye Research Fund (Canisters)	\$126.00
Dist 33K Governors Emergency Fund	\$100.00
Perkins School For The Blind	\$100.00
Carroll Center for the Blind	\$100.00
Clara Barton Camp	\$100.00
Dist 33K Hearing Foundation	\$100.00
Dist 33K Quest Program	\$100.00
Dist 33K Eye Mobile	\$1,000.00
Dist 33K Fidelco Program	\$100.00
Dist 33K Speech Contest	\$100.00
Dist 33K Neads Program	\$100.00
Dist 33K Lazarus Fund	\$100.00
Mass Lions Eye Research Fund	\$10,000.00
Mass Lions All State Band	\$310.00
2 Melvin Jones Awards (LCIF Donation)	\$ 2,000.00
3 Life Memberships	\$ 900.00
Learning Ctr for the Deaf Framingham	\$300.00
TOTAL	\$22,941.00



INSTALLATION DINNER AND DANCE

PLEASE JOIN US FOR TOM HEGUY'S
INSTALLATION AS KING LION 2004-2005

DATE: MAY 14, 2004 FRIDAY

WHERE: AMERICAN LEGION HALL,
SUMMER ST., ASHLAND

TIME: COCKTAILS 6:30 PM
DINNER 7:00 PM

COST: \$20.00

MENU: PRIME RIB
LAZYMEN'S LOBSTER
CHICKEN CORDON BLEU

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:
PAST-PRESIDENT ROCCO ANNESI

MELVIN JONES AWARD

CLUB AWARDS

INSTALLATION

DINNER & DANCING

MUSIC BY LION RICH STEARNS

Please give your dinner selection and number of
guests attending to your calling committee
representative or to Lion Tom at
heguyt@comcast.net or (508) 881-1122

Reservations deadline Wednesday, May 5, 2004

TRIP TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Let me start off by saying how grateful I am to be blessed with three healthy children and six healthy and happy grandbabies. When I think of the possibilities that life could have brought me and my loved ones in the form of illness and disease I get down on my knees and thank God for his blessings.

This is how I felt and I am sure many of the 52 Lions from Ashland, Greater Ashland, Holliston, Hopkinton and Sherborn felt when we boarded the bus to come home after visiting the Department of Ophthalmology at Children's Hospital on April 5.

Our trip started off with a luxury bus trip to Boston where we all enjoyed the camaraderie of our fellow Lions. Upon arrival we were escorted into the building named for Dr. Endlar a Nobel Prize winner for his work with Polio and were greeted by Dr. David Hunter, MD, Ph.D., Ophthalmologist-in-Chief and his staff consisting of Neeta Bheecham, Asst. in the Children's Hospital Trust Office; Brandt Henderson, Ph.D., Sr. Development Officer; Ronald Hansen, Ph.D., Research Associate in Ophthalmology; and Deborah Nassif, Ph.D., Instructor in Ophthalmology. A lite buffet of sandwiches, salads and desserts were served while Dr. Hunter gave an introductory program about the work that is being done at Children's.

We were broken up into three groups and each went our separate ways with one of the team of researchers. I was surprised to learn that many treatable conditions in early infancy are amblyopia, misaligned eyes, cataracts and glaucoma. One of the many highlights for me was a prototype machine called a first stage screening device developed by Dr. Hunter and Dr. Nassif. It uses two lasers to scan children's eyes using the aid of familiar figures such as Monsters, Inc or Finding Nemo which helps the child focus on the dot. Someday this machine will be available for eye mobiles and clinics to catch problems in the early stages. So far 88 children and 45 adults have used this prototype with children as young as 13 months. Our last stop was a breathtaking trip to the top of the new research building with its panorama view of the city. Children's Hospital treats 400,000 patients a year and has a 130 year history of patient care. The Massachusetts Lions have contributed over \$930,000 to date to Children's Hospital Eye Research.

The last thing I saw when I left the building was a poster which said "It's the Kids: That's Why I am Here - That's Why We're All Here."

Lion Marcia Wiles Akerman
Eye Awareness Chairperson