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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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As the year 2017-2018 comes to a close on my year as MLERF president, I want to thank everyone for their dedication and commitment in helping me to reach my goals. I sincerely appreciate all the fundraising events and all the hard work each of you have put in!

To all the MD-33 clubs that collected pennies in the canisters, as the saying goes, "Every Penny Counts," and YES they do. Thank You!

It has been an honor visiting the amazing institutions across Massachusetts and speaking with the directors about the outstanding, cutting-edge research they are doing, and how our grants have been helping them achieve their plans to end vision related diseases. In addition, the "On the Road" visitations" has been great experience for the BOD of MLERF. We so enjoy being able to share updates and research that these wonderful hospitals and institutes do with our Lions members. This is what our great organization is here for, to help find a cure for preventable blindness and vision related diseases.

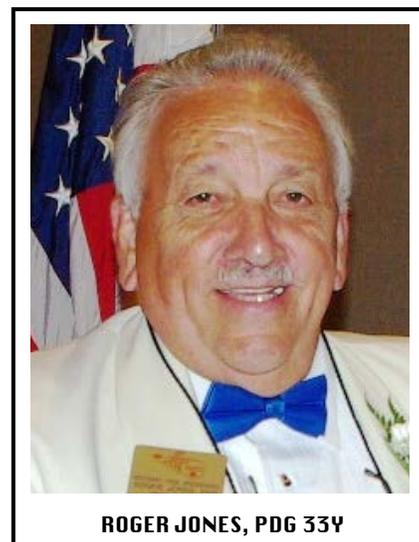
Our MLERF board of directors works hard to assist each individual club in their district with their efforts to raise money through all kinds of fun and interesting fundraising events. We cannot reach our goals without the support of all of our members. Please reach out to your clubs and see if they can spare a donation for Mass Lions OFFICIAL Charity. How about a Memorial donation for deceased members? Pennies? T&E donation, grant donation? There are so many ways to give - PLEASE GIVE!

I want to thank the Executive Board, Officers, Directors and all of MD-33 for supporting me this year and for making this a special year for me.

Let's all keep up the good work and continue to help prevent blindness!

Yours in Lionism,

Roger Jones
President, MLERFI 2017-2018



ROGER JONES, PDG 33Y

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News From the Districts

District 33Y



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Hello Lions,

The highest total 33Y has donated to MLERF in a year is \$102,845.17 (not counting the year CC Bob Richards was governor when we gave the \$75,000 from the Lions Orthoptic Clinic). We are ever so close to beating that goal this year. As of 3/29/18 we had donated a total of \$73,402.73, and at the MLERF On The Road meeting at the Blue Bonnet in May, a total of \$13,414.34 was raised (at least that's what Secretary PDG Matt Richardson announced). This brings us to a total of \$86,817.07. According to PDG Matt, we are about \$8000 short of beating last year, and we are only \$16,028.10 away from beating our all time high for club donations only. **WE CAN CERTAINLY BEAT** this goal if we only each give just a little bit more.

Now, you may ask what happens to all the money that is donated to MLERF in a year??? More than \$33 million, yes I said MILLION US dollars have been donated for basic eye research grants in our 60 years of service. Our grants vary each year, but some of our recipients: Boston Children's Hospital, Boston University Medical School (Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Laboratory), Joslin Institute, Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary, Harvard Medical School, Tufts University Medical School & Schepens Eye Research Institute (the Lions Laboratory for Genetics Research) use our grant money as "seed money" to obtain larger grants from other sources. Our money is used for research for finding causes and/or cures or treatment of glaucoma, macular degeneration, retinitis pigmentosa, uveitis, diabetic retinopathy, retrolental fibroplasia (Baby blindness), and others.

It is estimated more than 2500 premature infants per year, would have been blind due to retrolental

fibroplasia if the cause was not determined and resolved with a oxygen regulator valve on incubators (for which MLERF funded the initial \$5000 in research funds). That would be approximately 150,000 persons who would have been blind in the 60 years that MLERF has been in business, for this one disease/cure.

How many lives have been affected by our work, by our grants, and by our continued dedication to MLERF? We can't even begin to count that high! It's not just the lives of each individual who's blindness is cured, prevented or improved, but we must also consider the lives of their families & their communities and how they are improved. How much more productive in society is each person who's sight is saved? Maybe the sight we save belongs to a future researcher who will find the cure for one of these dreaded eye diseases? or some other illness? or maybe that person will be in a position to motivate someone else to achieve great results???

I urge all of you to use the penny saving canisters (I have them in you want one), purchase a MLERF President's pin for \$33, ask your employer or a local business to make a donation to MLERF, or have bequests go to MLERF. All donations are tax deductible as we are a 501(c)3 corporation in Massachusetts, and we can get you a receipt if necessary. Every club should be planning a fund raising project for MLERF for the upcoming year as well. Every single coin or dollar you raise for MLERF makes a huge impact on what we can do as a group.

If you would like a speaker for a club meeting, feel free to contact Maryann Bankman, Claudette Placek, myself, or any MLERF Board member or officer. We would love to enlighten your members.

HUGS (Helping Us Give Sight)

PCC Jean W. Martin
MLERF Board of Directors



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District 33A

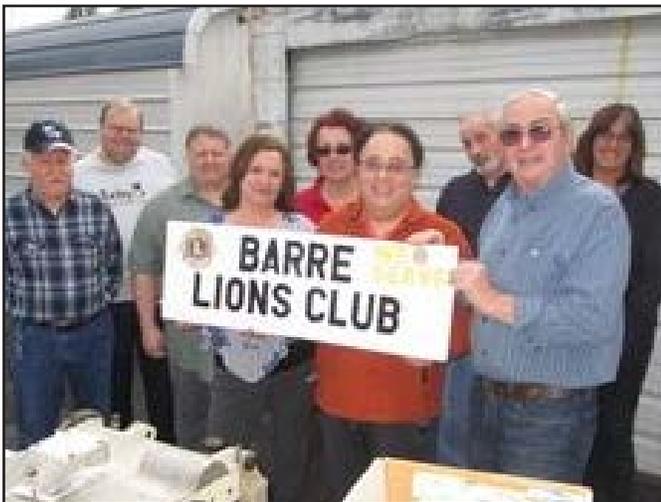


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Hello, Lions

I have so much to talk about that I don't know where to begin. The Lions of District 33A continue to amaze me with all that they do in raising funds for MLERF and for answering the challenge that Helen Keller asked us to be: her "Knights of the Blind."

The first story comes from the Barre Lions Club. A proposal by Barre Lion Raymond Higgins to hold a raffle to benefit MLERF turned out to be a generous donation for eye research. All members pitched in and sold their share of 2000 tickets. Two winners were drawn and each had their choice of 100 gallons of fuel oil, 100 gallons of propane, 1 ton of pellets or \$200 in cash.



As the raffle proceeded, a 7 foot high goal thermometer was placed on the Barre Common to show raffle progress. The goal was \$1500. The Barre Lions were extremely proud that almost \$2200 in raffle tickets was sold. After expenses, the Barre Lions were



pleased to present MLERF with a check for \$2000 at the Mid-Winter Conference. Members and friends of the Barre Lions signed the goal thermometer and presented it to Raymond Higgins. Way to go, Barre Lions!

Also, the Barre Lions Club hosted a Public Forum at the Barre Town Hall which was open to the public. There were four representatives from the MLERF present, including MLERF President Roger Jones. They all spoke on the mission of MLERF and its role as a tax-exempt non-profit dedicated to providing funding to institutions in Massachusetts performing pure research related to the prevention and cure of eye-related diseases.



The Rutland Lions hold an annual voluntary toll booth for MLERF. The one they held in May 2017, \$1700 was raised for eye research. These are but a few of the clubs who hold fundraisers to benefit eye research. Way to go District 33A Lions, you are AWESOME!

The following are two stories in which District 33A was the recipient of two very large donations.

1. It generally takes a year for the 49 clubs of District 33-A to collect 100,000 pairs of recycled glasses. However, on March 10th, it only took three hours for a group of 15 Lions from the Westborough, Shrewsbury, Charlton, Bolton, Grafton, Uxbridge, Monson and Barre Lions Clubs; along with Region 1 Chair John Riemer and Westborough Lions' President Angelo Cavaliere to gather at a Worcester Distribution Center to collect 120,000 new single-vision lenses valued at \$300,000. These were so generously donated to the District 33A Lions by Jon Haglund, President of Arch Vision of Shrewsbury, who also donated the laboratory equipment needed for cutting the lenses and measuring their strength. His donation will help an estimated 60,000 needy people to receive new corrective lenses. Lion Don Fortin, our Eyeglass Recycling Chair, stated

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News From the Districts

District 33N



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Before I tell you what is going on in my District this spring, I want to express my sincere sympathy to Lion Donna Merrick, the Merrick Family and the Plainville Lions in the loss of MLERF Past President, Lion Edward "Ned" Merrick a man who will always remain in our hearts as a true "Hero" to me and to all. May you Rest in Peace my friend.

On a happier note MLERFI has a new Assistant Treasurer voted in for a 5 year term; he is from our District Michael "Mike" Gmitter from the Lynn Wyoma Lions Club. Congratulations Mike.

This has been the longest Winter I have seen in a very long time. It is so nice to see the sun shining and to hear all the news of what the clubs will be doing for the next few months of this Lionistic year to raise money for MLERF.

The Wyoma Lions are putting on a Spring Fling Dance with live music-looks like it is a sellout. Golf matches are going to be held all over District 33N.

At our Third Advisory held in March we received \$25,500.00 in donations and we hope that the clubs can do a little better. The donations are coming in slowly for Canisters.

Please remember that the canister drive is a yearlong project and every penny counts. A simple way to raise money for Eye Research is by putting your change in a jar, once it is full cash it in then write a check for that amount and send to me, my address is at the top of this article.

The State Convention is at the end of April, and then comes our 4th Advisory Meeting on Monday, May 21, 2018 was held at a new location: The Woburn Ameri-

can Legion Club cooking still was done by the Woburn Breakfast Club.

The donations to MLERF from the Advisory totaled over \$128,000.00, and the donations keep coming in. Thank you Lions of District 33N for all that you do for MLERF. Thanks to the Directors of 33N. Keep up the good work.

District 33N Walkathon was held on Sunday, June 3, 2018 in Wakefield, MA, they met at the gazebo and walk Lake Quannapowitt. The walk raised over \$8,800.00. Thank you Lion's John Marlowe of Woburn Breakfast and his wife Lion Linda of the Tewksbury Club and the Journey for Sight Committee..

June and July the Town Fairs will be running in Acton and Lexington, Car Shows, Golf Tournaments, baseball games, etc., if you have pictures that you would like posted in the Eye Catcher please send them to me via e-mail.

Our wish is that President Roger Jones reaches his goal and then some. With all of us pitching in it will get done.

Have a great summer see you at the Installation of Officers and my next article.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise J Wojtkiewicz, 33N
"Blindness Knows' No Age"



News From the Districts

District 33K



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Fellow Lions,

It's hard to believe another year has drawn to a close. It should come as no surprise that once again, the Lions of District 33K have stepped up to support DG Margaret and help her reach her MLERF donations. Through the middle of April, the Lions of 33K had donated \$115,842.78 to MLERF. This is a great number, more than one-half of what we donated for the entire Lions year of 2016 – 2017. We are excited to see the final numbers for 2017 – 2018.

If you missed the excitement, Lions from all over District 33K joined in with the Norfolk and Plainville Lions Club to participate in this years Polar Plunge. It was not the warmest day (and probably not the coldest either!). DG Margaret certainly felt the cold water as you can see from her photo.



DG Margaret and ZC Diana Faust both won additional prizes for their costumes that day which just added to the fun. If you missed out, check out the You Tube Video at <https://youtu.be/R1QOQL2ncdU>.

Recently, you all elected new club officers. Before you know it, our clubs will begin meeting regularly again after a well-deserved rest over the summer. Right now is a good time to start planning on your speakers, setting your budget, and preparing for new fundraising opportunities. Consider doing a fundraising activity specifically geared towards MLERF. Not only will this minimize the burden of finding money to donate to this worthy cause, it is also a great way to raise awareness in your community about everything MERLF does and what we can accomplish.

We would be remiss to not acknowledge Lion Joe Elisii from the Hull Lions Club. Single-handedly, Lion Joe has raised \$100,000 for the Hull Lions Club and he did it one nickel at a time by collecting cans and bottles. If one Lion can accomplish this is it any surprise that together we can do so much more? You can read more about Lion Joe's accomplishments here: <http://www.patriotledger.com/news/20180610/hull-man-collects-2-million-bottles-cans-raises-100000>

One of the facilities we support through MLERF is Children's Hospital. If you have any doubt of the good work we do through our donations and the subsequent grants, we suggest you take a look at this You Tube Video with Dr. David Hunter, one of the specific researchers we support. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-2ziHB19-E&feature=share>

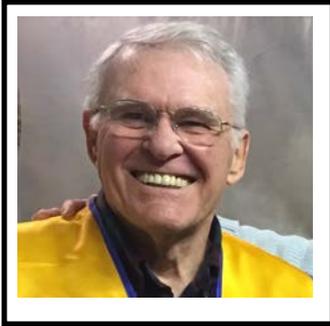
Since by the time you read this we will be on our "summer" break, I want to thank those Lions who



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News From the Districts

District 33S



PDG Wayne Smith, PP MLERF

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Lions are special. I hope you enjoy the experiences of meeting Lions not only in your own club but the other clubs in your district, state, country and this world.

I was for many years what I referred to as a club Lion. Very involved in the community but not so much with the District. Sure raising money for eye research was a number one goal for me and a visit with club members to the District and Multiple District Conventions.

Lucky for me my fellow Abington Lion Fred Blake got me involved with the District. I'm sure I needed a little push at the time. Eventually Fred ran for District Governor in 1987 and asked me to be his Cabinet Secretary Treasurer.

As CST is where I met Roger Jones and his wife Loretta as we along with three other Lions were CST's. A special friendship blossomed with my wife Priscilla and all of us.

Roger is now President of MLERF. His passion for Lions and especially Eye Research is shared by both of us. Lions are all a team. All in this together. Alone we can only accomplish so much but together there is no limit.

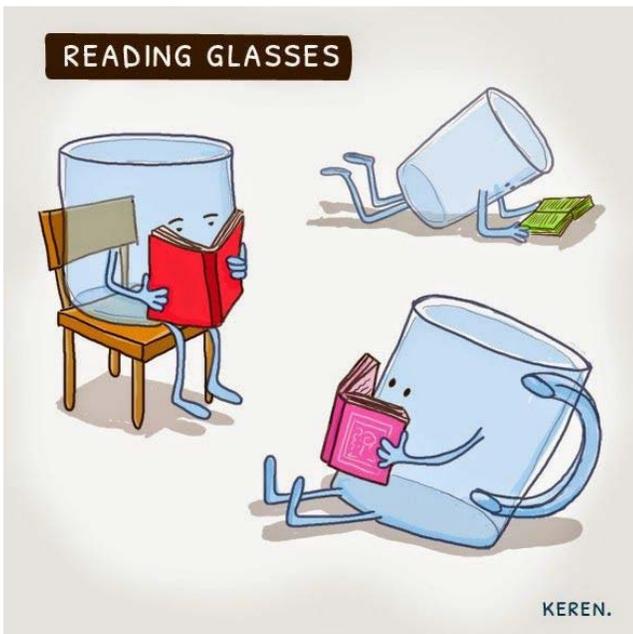
Our major goal is to accomplish what Helen Keller asked us to eradicate the dreaded disease of blindness.

Massachusetts Lions can be so proud of the advances we have made funding the research centers in Massachusetts. We do this as one. Many clubs small or large working for Helen Keller's goal. I wish all of you could hear the appreciation that the researches have for the Lions of Massachusetts.

Although the 33 million that has been raised is a tremendous amount of money because of the initial research showing promise that this produced ten and twenty times that amount has been given to these researches from the National Institute of Health, Pharmaceutical Companies and others.

As an example a \$250,000 grant to Schapen Eye Research from Lions led to a grant of 20 million dollars for research to prevent our armed services personal from going blind from blasts from explosions in combat.

As I write these thoughts I am with the Massachusetts Lions All State Band rehearsing for the Multiple District Convention. Why? Because of Fred. To know our musical director Paul Alberta is just one more reason Lions is so important to me. And the students over the years many have become Lions. And they have formed a bond with the students they have met here.



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2018-2019 GRANTS

TUFTS: New England Eye Center

Dr. Pedram Hamrah, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, proposes studies to examine the potential of novel immune cells to treat corneal nerve damage.

Dr. Noorjahan Panjwani, Professor of Ophthalmology, proposes studies to develop state-of-the-art drugs for the treatment of corneal infections.

Dr. Elizabeth Fini, Professor of Ophthalmology, proposes studies to identify innovative drug targets for treatment of glaucoma. Dr. Fini is a new recruit. She is currently a faculty member at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, but will be joining our department as Professor of Ophthalmology effective May 1, 2018.

Schepens Eye Research Institutes

"New Approaches to Treat Blinding Ocular Diseases." Patricia A. D'Amore, Ph.D., Director of Research, Senior M.B.A. Scientist

Massachusetts Eye and Ear

Inherited Retinal Diseases (IRDs) affect more than 2 million people worldwide. In December, 2017, the Food and Drug Administration approved the first gene therapy treatment for an inherited disease directly targeting a gene that causes a disease; this is a historic moment in medicine, and especially exciting due to the fact that the treatment targets patients who have an IRD. IRDs are typically caused by mutations in one of 250 known genes; however, the same mutation can cause very different severity levels in different members of the same family. Kinga Bujakowska, PhD, a researcher at Mass. Eye and Ear and member of the Ocular Genomics Institute, along with co-investigator Jason Comander, MD, PhD, Associate Director of the Inherited Retinal Degenerations Service at Mass. Eye and Ear, propose that this variation is caused by genetic modifiers that affect the severity of the mutation. She expects their findings will lead to new therapeutic agents, which may be applicable to many types of retinal disease.

Joslin

"Diabetic Retinopathy: Pathogenesis, Prediction and Prevention" Lloyd Paul Aiello, M.D., Ph.D., FARVO Diabetic macular edema (DME) and proliferative diabetic retinopathy (PDR) are the leading causes of visual loss in working age adults worldwide. Work begun years ago with MLERF funding has led to a new therapy for DME that is now firmly established as the global standard treatment for this condition. In addition, we also learned that this approach is effective against PDR with more visual benefit and less side effects than our prior standard therapy. These results created fundamental improvements in clinical diabetes eye care worldwide.

Boston Children's Hospital

Dr. Gangwani and colleagues from Boston University and the Joslin Diabetes Center will expand the capacity of our custom QLS imager, Dr. Kreiman will explore new realms of visual recognition in the brain, Dr. Hansen will define the retinal consequences of new treatments for retinopathy of prematurity, and Dr. Chen will test a cellular protein for its role in retinopathy of prematurity.

Boston University

RPE exosome regulation of macrophage mediated inflammation: Principal Investigator: Andrew W. Taylor, PhD, BUSM Associate Dean of Research, Professor and Director of Research ; ***Change in polarity of proteins in Type II Diabetes may provide miscues in healing*** Principal Investigator: Vickery Trinkaus-Randall, PhD, Professor Research; ***TSP1 serves as a biomarker of Steroid-induced Glaucoma:*** Principal Investigator: Haiyan Gong, MD, Ph.D. Professor



News From the Districts Continued

District 33A

that since Mr. Haglund donated both lenses and equipment to cut and shape them into frames that the lenses will be turned into new eyeglasses. District 33A is most grateful for this exceptional donation from Jon at Arch Vision Inc. He has truly enabled the Lions to uphold their motto We Serve and give the gift of sight to thousands who might never have had the opportunity, were it not for his generosity.

2. The second large donation to District 33A Lions came from Sal Imperator of Barre Opticians and his colleagues and Optometrists Dr. Zane Dubour and Dr. Nell Naideth of Fitchburg. They donated over \$30,000 worth of optical equipment and lenses to District 33A Lions. Donated collectively were thousands of eyeglass lenses, an edger to cut the glasses to fit frames, a microscope and a slit lamp, heat treaters, an optical projector and hundreds of frames and optical racks to District 33A through the Barre Lions Club. The Barre Lions graciously accepted the donation and together with Don Fortin, our Eyeglass Recycling Chair,

arranged to pick up the equipment and deliver it to a storage location in preparation for shipment inside and outside of the United States. Barre Opticians and Drs. Dubour and Naideth's donation will go a long way to bring sight to the visually impaired in locations it is most desperately needed.

District 33A Lions are most appreciative of such donations of equipment, even in small amounts, as the impact on individuals in underserved areas is enormous.

Thank you to all the Lions in District 33A and to all Lions for all that you do in service to others. You certainly epitomize our motto of We Serve. I am so proud to be a Lion and a part of this Awesome District. Remember to always be proud to say that you are a Lion.

Respectfully submitted,

PCST Denise Andrews
District 33A

District 33K

reached out with information for us to include in this update this year, and to PDG Jim Roth who was great about getting information about donations to me. I would also like to thank DG Margaret (IPDG at this point!) for her service and leadership this year and to thank her for the opportunity to continue as a contributor to the Eyecatcher.

Let's do what we do best and get behind our new DG Debbie Hayes and make sure we show her the same level of support we have shown to IPDG Margaret and others in the past. I know we can do this because we are the Lions of "Special K".

Have a safe, happy and healthy summer. Yours in Lionsim, PDG Doreen



News From the Districts Continued

District 33S

Lions of 33S turned in \$153,183 at our Mid Winter for Massachusetts Lions Eye Research \$206,839.49 to date. The Blink of an Eye reported over \$11,000 raised. Somerset Lions raised over \$19,000 in their Golf Tournament. South Attleboro Village Lions raising funds for their walk, Sandwich Bourne raising funds with their Rabies Clinic, Bridgewater Academy raising over \$8,000 with their auction and Abington a new Cinco de Mayo night. Just to name a few clubs of many that raise funds with special projects earmarked for MLER.

This all brings me back to friendship with a common cause. Eye Research. Our May 17 MLER held a directors meeting in Northampton. I had the privilege to sit with our BOD and Lions from 33Y and old friends I had not seen for a while. Our Past President Paul Snow and Jim Gracia were so good to see again.

Believe me you will get more out of Lions than you put in it. I certainly have.

Friends and the joy of the many people we have helped to prevent the loss of their sight and restored sight all the time having a special relationship with these that we would never have met if it was not for our Lions Clubs.

Thank You, Lions, for all you do.

PDG Wayne Smith,
District S & Past President MLERF

MLERF 2018-2019 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

August 16, 2018 MLERF Board of Directors
Crystal Room. Milford

September 13, 2018 Schepens Visitation

September 20 - 22, 2018 USA/Canada Forum
Columbus Ohio

September 27, 2018 MLERF Board of Directors
Crystal Room, Milford

October, 2018 Children's Visitation

October 18, 2018 MLERF Board of Directors
District N

November 15, 2018 MLERF Board of Directors
Crystal Room, Milford

December 2018 MLERF Board of Directors
Crystal Room, Milford

January 11-13, 2019 District S Mid-Winter
1620 Plymouth

January 25-27, 2019 District Y MidWinter
LaQuinta, Springfield

February 1-3, 2019 District N MidWinter
Crown Plaza Woburn

February 8-10, 2019 District A MidWinter
TBA

February 15-17 2019 District K MidWinter
Dedham Hilton

March 28, 2019 MLERF Board of Directors
District A, Crystal Room

April Institution Visitation

April Institution Visitation

April 18, 2019 MLERF Board of Directors
District K

May 16, 2019 MLERF Board of Directors
District Y (nominations)

May Institution Visitation

June 13, 2019 MLERF Board of Directors
Crystal Room, (elections)

July 2019 MLERF Board of Directors Annual Meeting
(grant distribution)

August 3, 2019 MLERF Installation /Awards Banquet





*You are cordially invited
to attend the*

Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, Inc.

***66th Annual
Awards Banquet
&
Installation
of Officers***

2017-2018

MLERF President Roger Jones, PDG

2018-2019

MLERF President Robert Haskell

and welcome

the incoming officers and directors

and thank

the outgoing officers and directors

Saturday, August 4, 2018

Social 6:00 pm – Dinner 7:00 pm

Holiday Inn

31 Hampshire St.

Mansfield, MA 02048

over 



Your choice of meal:
Prime Rib of Beef
Baked Stuffed Filet of Sole
Vegetarian (Penne Primavera)

\$35.00 per person
R.S.V.P. for meals by July 23, 2018

All clubs in Massachusetts making a donation of \$5,000 or more in 2017-2018 will be honored and provided with two complimentary meals. Clubs reaching lifetime donations of \$200,000, \$300,000, \$400,000, \$500,000, and \$600,000 will also be honored and provided with two complimentary meals. No matter what your contribution, we hope you will be in attendance to support the new officers and directors and to honor all the clubs who make our research grants possible.

Join us in honoring all the incoming and outgoing officers and
2017 –2018 MLERF President Roger Jones, PDG
2018 –2019 MLERF President Robert Haskell, PCST District A

Accommodations are available for Lions at \$123.00 per room plus tax. To book a room call the Holiday Inn – Mansfield/Foxborough directly (508-339-2200) and mention “MLE” when booking the room. Cut-off date for reserving rooms at this rate is **July 9, 2018**.

Please complete the registration form below and mail with check for \$35.00 per meal.

Clubs entitled to complementary meals shall receive a special invitation.

For questions please call Dick Ferrucci at 508-981-8761 or email him at dick@wmrcradio.com.

Please use registration form below and mail with your check to.
PP, PDG Dick Ferrucci, Chair
P.O. Box 203, Mendon, MA 01756

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE to: Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, Inc.

NAME: _____ TITLE/POSITION IN CLUB: _____

CLUB NAME _____ DISTRICT _____

ADDITIONAL NAME: _____ TITLE/POSITION IN CLUB: _____

CLUB NAME _____ DISTRICT _____

ADDRESS: _____ ZIP: _____

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MEAL SELECTION: SOLE: _____ PRIME RIB: _____ PENNE PRIMAVERA: _____

PLEASE ENCLOSE \$35.00 PER MEAL AMOUNT OF CHECK: \$ _____