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Lions Club International District 33n





District Governor's Message

What an honor to be District Governor as Lions Clubs around the world celebrate the last months of our first 100 years serving our communities and prepare for the "new mountains" we will climb in the second 100 years.

It makes us give pause to wonder if our founder, Melvin Jones, envisioned in 1917 - when he gathered the first Lions together in Chicago, to "put their talents to work to improving their communities" - the enormity of what he was creating. It is nearly 100 years, over 1.4 million Lions and 46,000 clubs later and yet we all still follow his basic principle of "We serve" in so many different ways:

--fitting people in third world countries with eyeglasses recycled from communities millions of miles away

--feeding the hungry both in our own local communities as well as around the

world with food assembled by members of our local Lions clubs
--sending aid in the form of volunteers and money (through LCIF) when natural disasters hit both here at home (when the tornados hit the western part of MA just a few years back) as well as to countries thousands of miles away (Japan, Haiti and others).

Our service knows no bounds because "It's a Small World". And that is my theme for this year. Our local communities are really a reflection of the world at large, with people coming from any of the seven continents and who knows how many countries and territories from around the world.

Many of us know the words to Disney's "It's a Small World":

"It's a world of laughter, a world of tears.

It's a world of hopes and a world of fears.

There's so much that we share

That it's time we're aware

It's a small world after all."

And the verse:

There is just one moon and one golden sun

And a smile means friendship to everyone

Though the mountains divide

And the oceans are wide

It's a small world after all.

When Disney requested that the music and the lyrics be created for this song, it was for an attraction for the "Children of the World" as it was first called, It was intended to represent "international unity" and "peace on earth". When I think of Lions, I think of these lyrics.

Because we live in the United States ("the melting pot" of the world) we live in a society that truly represents the "children of the world". with our friends and neighbors and our own families having heritages from countries spanning the globe. It truly is "a small world after all."

Though we are an international organization, our clubs throughout the world use the same toast at their meetings and other gatherings as they join hands and say - "Not above you, not beneath you, but ***with you!***" It truly is "a small world after all."

Many of you may have heard of "Make a Difference Day", held the fourth

Saturday in October around the world. This day has special meaning to me as the first one was held on October 26, 1992, my mother's 74th birthday. It is the largest day of national community service. It is the day that millions of volunteers around the world unite to, simply put, "improve the lives of others." It truly is "a small world after all."

I remember thinking at the time that "Make a Difference Day" started - what a great idea.. But why only one day of the year? I was brought up to volunteer to help others - working as a Red Cross volunteer at blood drives, hospitals and other places where there was a need. As my mother put it - "that is your responsibility." And, of course, we all do what our mothers tell us!

Then someone "asked" me to be a Lion. I knew many of the people in my local Lions club from serving with them in the community on many projects.

So I became a Lion and realized that there was a group of people both in my local community and around the world, who practiced "Make a Difference Day" 365 days a year. There was a leader who had a vision 75 years earlier than the first Make a Difference Day who understood that it was our responsibility to help those in need. It was our responsibility to be "serving" our communities and filling those needs. And that our community was local and global because "it's a small world after all." And, of course, my mother was right - it was "MY responsibility."

I am glad that I took that hand who guided me into the Lions. Now it is my responsibility and YOUR responsibility to continue to take the hand of our neighbors and friends and family and guide them into one of our local Lions clubs. Our communities continue to need our help. We can only do this with many hands.

As we march towards the end of the first 100 years and begin to climb the new mountains into the second one hundred years - **let us join hands with our fellow Lions around the world** - "Not above you, not beneath you, but WITH you." **Let's make a difference every day in our communities both here and globally as the need arises.**

This is what makes me proud to be a Lion. I hope that makes you proud too.

I look forward to working together with each of you this Lions year to continue to make our mark on the world. It is my goal to make our district stronger, to

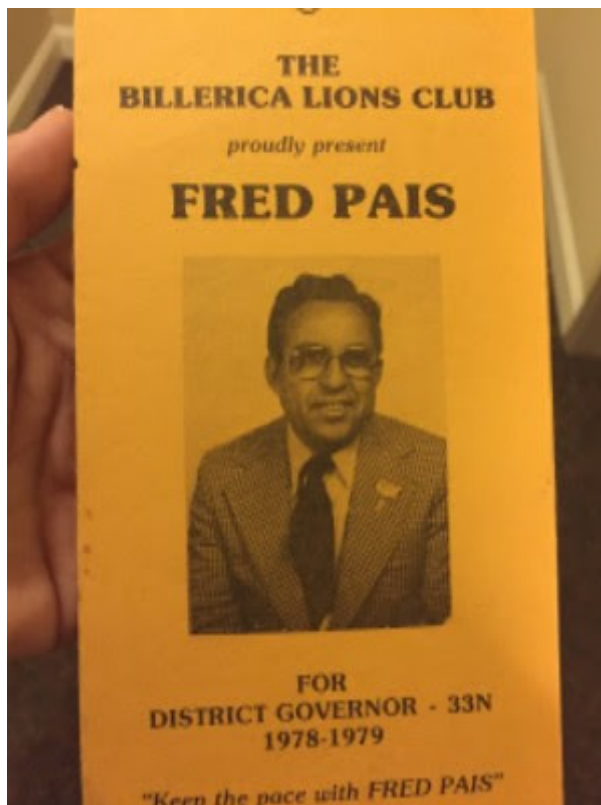
continue to grow our membership (as many more hands are needed to help those in need), and to see our clubs continue to work together through their zones, their regions, through the district as one large family who has come together to serve.

Let us continue to work together to spread our legacy of service.

--Joan Parcewski



Thank you for being there and sharing this night.



This newsletter is dedicated to PDG Fred Pais. Thank you for your support

Happy New Year

Happy New Year - has the old man finally flipped his wig???? No not really when you consider that July 1 is the start of a New year for all you Lions who have roared for the past year. It is a time to pause and reflect on what our clubs and individuals have accomplished during the past year - the people at home we have helped, the eye glasses we have collected, the

support we have provided to our local communities,the kids we have helped
send to camp,the times of service we provided without needing to be asked-
just being here.

Who knew we could put 26 hours in a day - so we can't count - and the fun
we had doing it!! Take a look back, pause and remember what we as Lions
are all about,see what you as clubs and individuals have accomplished - We
Serve - takes on a new meaning.Enjoy the cookouts,block parties fireworks
and vacation times - you work hard and have earned some time to play, just
please don't lose sight of what we as Lions are all about as we get ready to
come back even stronger in the New Year **WE SERVE** and nobody does it
better

ROAR ON

Jim



DISTRICT ADVISORY

It's A Small World

First District Advisory - - Tuesday August 23rd
6pm social hour & cash bar 6:45pm Meeting begins
Lions Casual/Lions Shirts/no jeans or shorts please
Location: Crowne Plaza (Woburn)

Port of Call – Europe
Dress for your favorite European country, bring something for
your table depicting your favorite European country – Use your imagination
Let's have some fun with it – Goofy Prizes

Meal – Chicken Parm (with tossed salad, potato, vegetable, rolls, dessert)
Vegetarian Meal OR Gluten Free options available – Request at time of
Reservation

A mix of fun and Lions business – Help us celebrate -
Member Birthdays (July, August, September)!

Woburn Breakfast (July), Woburn Middlesex (July)
Acton Lions (Aug), Lowell (Aug), Swampscott (Aug)
Centennial Celebration

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY AUGUST 16TH

Cc Marie Wagner mariemargaretwagner@gmail.com Questions 978-978-975-9803

Marie Wagner PO Box 101 North Andover MA 10845

Total \$ Collected \$ _____

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VISUAL AIDS FOUNDATION INC.

Massachusetts Lion District 33N Visual Aids Foundation Inc., originated in 1975 as the Optacon Funds, which was actually the name of a piece of equipment available to the visually impaired at the time. In 1986 it was changed to The Visual Aids Foundation due to the many avenues available for providing assistance to the visually impaired. Usually a Club does not have the resources; both financially and the knowledge of providing these assistive methods to those in need.

The Visual Aids Foundation can and will assist your Club with procuring this equipment for the visually impaired of your community.

The process is rather easy; All you need to do is follow the [guidelines](#), submit the [grant application](#) and agree to meet the Club's responsibilities to the Client and the VAF Inc.

You can speed up the process by having an [evaluation](#) by an eye professional submitted with the grant application.

For more information about visual aids visit the District 33N website <http://www.e-district.org/sites/33n/page-8.php>



990-N Electronic filing for IRS

The IRS requires a new setup for 990-N as they have taken the administration of this program back from the previous vendor.

The form is now administered directly by the IRS. When you link to the 990-N form in the IRS website, you will be required to setup a new account YOUR OLD ID AND PASSWORD WILL NOT WORK. There is an additional link to a set of instructions to accomplish the new setup. I urge you to read the instructions and prepare as much information as possible before you start to set up the new account.

If you have any questions on this, please contact me.

----Dave O'Brien



District 33N Sight and Hearing Foundation, Inc

In the beginning 2005-2006 when I was Governor we formed the Sight and Hearing Foundation. It took another two years before we really got started with the help of PDG Ted Irvin, PDG Frank Potter, DG Sharon Potter, PDG Fred Pais, VDG Jane Witherow and Lion Dave O'Brien. The by-laws were formed by Lion Dave O'Brien and agreed on by the committee. We held meetings in Tewksbury and then in Woburn at Mary Ann Charlton's home. We then came to my home in Acton and held monthly meetings before moving to St Anthony's Hall in Woburn, MA.

When times seemed bleak they were the ones that said "we are going to stick with you" and see this project through. They did that and more!

The members of the District 33N Sight & Hearing Foundation would like to thank the following

for a job well done and you will be missed greatly. I know I will miss you all.

Thank You, PDG Fred Pais Billerica Lions, Mary Ann Charlton, PCC David O'Brien,
Lion Anthony Cucchi Billerica Lions, PDG Ted Irvin, CS Stacie Whittier both of the Salisbury
Lions Club.

A very special thank you to Lion Roberta Clements of the Woburn Middlesex Lions she was
Past President and our Liaison Nurse who worked with both the clients and Hear USA. You
will be missed more than you know. We wish you and all past members of this committee,
best wishes, and many thanks for all your hard work and many hours of making boxes to
collect hearing aids, speaking on behalf of this much needed project in our District. Thank
You from the bottom of my heart.

We have an award "The Helen Keller Fellowship ", for every \$250.00 donation you can
receive a pin to present to a member or non member of your club or community. The pin was
designed by PDG Jeannine Gentleman. These funds help us defray some of the cost for the
hearing aids

To the Clubs if a person comes to you in your community in need of assistance please take
the time and give them an application and contact one of the members on this committee or
call me and I will help you through the easy paperwork.

The committee members are:
Tracy Griffin-Ayer Shirley Lions Club
Lesley Whittier Danvers Lions Club
Joe Gentleman of the new Essex County Regional Lions
Jennifer Cordio-Ayer-Shirley Lions Club
Robin Crowley-Shoe City Lions
Barbara Bourdon Townsend Lions
Louise Wojtkiewicz Acton Lions

Very soon we will have all necessary paperwork up on the District Web Site once again!

If you have any questions please contact one of us to assist you.

Thank you,
Yours in Lionism & Service
Louise J Wojtkiewicz, President
District 33N Sight & Hearing Foundation, Inc.

2016-2017 Youth Speech Competition

We are looking forward to another exciting competition year. This year's topic is a timely one- "Being Politically Correct: Is It Taken Too Far?" As with every topic it is incredibly interesting to see and hear the direction individual students take with the topic.

This year's competition offers more opportunity for excitement and publicity.

This past spring, the MD33 Youth Speech Committee decided to do away with the rule which prohibits any publicity regarding club, zone and district winners. This change means clubs can publicize their competition results in the community and competition winners and finalists can celebrate their accomplishments in a timelier and more public fashion. There will be some language inserted in the competition rules regarding the sharing of actual speech content and videotaping of competition. This will still be prohibited as it involves risk to the content of each student's individual property (their speech).

Your district speech committee will be working hard to promote club participation and school district participation over the next year. If your club is interested in holding a competition, please feel free to contact Marie Wagner or Tracy Griffin for assistance. Clubs who hold competitions this year can list this as a Centennial Service activity under Engaging Youth.

Also, to note, the success of the Youth Speech competition relies heavily on the financial support from clubs across the district. It costs approximately 4k per year to run a successful competition at the zone, district and state level. Without the support of clubs, we would not exist. We hope that as your club will consider a donation to this program. Donations can be sent in care of Lions District 33N and sent to Cabinet Treasurer/Youth Speech Chair Marie Wagner P.O. Box 101, North Andover MA. 01845. Please write "Youth Speech" in the comments section of the check.

Finally, if your club is not planning on hosting a competition, we urge you to attend a competition. It is sometimes difficult to believe these are high school students as you sit and listen to them tackle the issues of the day.

As we receive competition dates from clubs, we will publicize them.

Youth Speech will be having a fundraiser starting at the first district advisory. The prize will be a "lottery wreath" with \$200 worth of lottery tickets. Tickets are going to be \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and the winner will be drawn at the midwinter.

**Yours in Lionism,
District N Youth Speech Committee
Marie Wagner (North Andover)
Tracy Griffn (Ayer Shirley)
Mark Quinlan (Newburyport)**



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WHALE WATCH

Sunday September 11, 2016

1:00 PM

Captain John's

Plymouth Ma

Cost \$40.00

Contact Brenda MacPherson, District N Centennial Coordinator for tickets.
brenda.macpherson2@gmail.com

CALENDAR

Aug 1

Saugus Lions 2nd Annual Richard Penta Memorial Golf Ball DropBear Hill Golf Club

Mon 6 PM

Stoneham

Aug 5

International Youth Exchange CookoutCamp Lion

Fri 6:30 PM

Lynn

Aug 6

4th Annual Cruise For A Cause Fundraiser

Captain's Fishing Dock Plum Island

Aug 22

Reading Lions Club Charity Golf TournamentSky Meadow Country Club

Mon 7:30 AM

Nashua, NH

Aug 23

District Advisory Crown Plaza Woburn

6pm

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