

District 33n September Newsletter

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It doesn't seem possible that my installation as District Governor was 3 months ago, that I have already had my first cabinet meeting, my first advisor already planning the mid winter.

Many of our clubs are just coming back from a summer hiatus. Because we have kicked off what is considered our centennial year, there are many things

The MD33 District Governors have committed to the "33 for 50" Program to raise additional dollars for LCIF this year. LCIF will turn 50 in 2018. Using the (1968 edition) as a reminder, we are asking that each club commit 50 cents per club member x 10 meetings = \$5 per member additional to LCIF. That is if donations made. This money qualifies for Melvin Jones and needs to be identified as 33 for 50 donations and reported to the district so that we can keep the program.

We are looking to buy a new Eyemobile this year with approximately \$50k in matching grants from LCI. The Eyemobile will be a smaller vehicle, will be equipped with audio and visual equipment, including spot cameras, and will also include membership to help us grow our clubs and start new clubs.

Of course MLERF is also close to our hearts for providing seed monies to programs at Joslin, Tufts, Mass General and the like as their researchers are working to eradicate blindness in our communities. Attending the passing out of the grants to the hospitals this past July was an amazing experience, knowing the hard work of the clubs. We are so proud of you for all your efforts.

And seeing the MLERF Presidential Grant awarded to Joslin was amazing. Knowing that our donations to LCIF helped make that grant possible with the help of LCIF. There again it is all your hard work raising dollars for both very important programs.

I would encourage as many Lions as possible in all our clubs to become part of the new MLERF President's Circle - Just write a check for \$33 and present it at your next advisory and midwinter. For that you will receive a special edition pin that you can wear proudly, knowing that you have helped an important program. If members made this donation we could raise an additional \$21,450 for MLERF, if three quarters of our members made this donation, we could raise \$32,175. In addition to all the other donations that are made - the journey for sight, the pennies for sight etc. - we will be able to support MLERF at the same level or above that we have in previous years.

We have a lot of things we support and fundraise for. Just remember to also take some time to enjoy your family, your members, and your community, and at the holidays but year round.

When people see you are having fun at what you do and that it is truly about relationships and helping each other, they will want to be part of the movement. The movement is To Serve and Make a Difference in the world around us!

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK YOU DO EVERY DAY BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT LIONS DO. THIS INCREDIBLE ORGANIZATION OF LIONS IS GREAT BECAUSE

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. LIONS - LIONS - ROAR LIONS!

DG Joan



We are less than 12 months from official birthday - June 7, 2017. Are you ready for that date? Do you have plans in the work for that date?

We have a District Centennial Chair - Brenda MacPherson (Lynn Shoe City). Each club should have their own Centennial Chair as well. In some clubs it may be the Membership Chair or someone different.

What does the Centennial Chair do? One of their duties is to be sure that the club secretary is reporting Centennial Activities as Centennial. These could be things you are already doing.

So what is the Centennial Service Challenge - to service more than 100 million people by June 2018 in celebration of our 100 years of service to all the local communities around the world.

There are 4 Centennial Service Challenge Campaigns that should be reported to LCI by the secretaries each month:

1- Engaging Our Youth - invite Leos and other youth in your local community to help you with your community service projects.

2- Sharing the Vision - vision screenings, educational events re vision, eyeglass recycling efforts to third world countries

3- Relieving the Hunger - fulfilling the needs of the homeless and hungry, providing resources for health food

4- Protecting Our Environment - protecting and improving the environment, planting trees, doing cleanups

Some of these things you already do and your club secretary just needs to get into the habit of reporting it.

Another task for the Club Centennial Chair is to help the club decide what Centennial Legacy Project it will do. There are different levels, depending on what the local club can do with its volunteers.

1- Level One - Raise your Community Visibility

We have been talking about being visible for months. Are you? Do you have a Lions sign leading into and out of your town? Do you have areas in town where a bench might be appreciated, in a cemetery, at a playground? Just a few ideas. And remember, whatever you choose - the Lions Centennial Logo and the name of your club should be there so we are not in town."

2- Level Two - Provide A Community with A Gift

Could mean improving something that already exists - refurbishing a park or a playground, fund resources for the visually impaired,

3- Level Three - Make a Community Impact - expand a library or school, create a training center

You know your communities best. If you're not sure, this is a good opportunity and excuse to find out, thus making your club more visible.

In all of these instances there needs to be signage to show - Lions are visible in the community and serve side by side with all others in the community.

And be sure that the secretaries report the project to LCI in their monthly reports.

It doesn't have to be a large project but it should be an impactful one.

So as you can see our club centennial chairs are important to this process. The should be added to your officer list on LCI. Brenda MacPherson should be notified so she can keep in Centennial activities during the year that the club chair will act as the liason between the club and the district as well as the club secretary.

Keep up all the great work that you do - We just want everyone else to know how great you are!



Lions Clubs International Service Activity Reports

Among the responsibilities of your Global Leadership Team is to provide whatever training our clubs need and in particular the club officers. Most everyone agrees that the Club Secretary is very important responsibilities.

The most important responsibility of a club Secretary is the accurate and timely filing of 3 reports. They are the District Activity Report, the Monthly Membership Report and the Lions Clubs Report. Sometimes referred to as the Centennial Challenge Report. That is because this report is the way that LCI tracks the progress of Lions Clubs around the world in reaching the Centennial services to 100 MILLION people. It should be noted that as of the writing of this article Lions have provided services to more than 99 million people. Additionally, these reports are the way that banner patches in the 4 Centennial Challenge areas of service.

The four areas are: Engaging Our Youth, Protecting The Environment, Sharing The Vision and Relieving The Hunger. Your club can earn banner patches in each of these 4 areas. We know Lions Club recognition but if your club provides services and completes projects then you should receive the recognition.

I am pleased to report that last year 75% of the clubs of our district regularly filed LCI Service Activity Reports. Only 10 clubs did not file the LCI Service Activity Reports. That is better than average. However, we would like to get that to 100%. This year we are off to a reasonably good start with 10 clubs filing reports for July to report 84 events, serving 1122 individuals and projects.

If you are a Secretary or President please be sure your club files these important reports. If you are having any difficulty filing any report please ask for assistance. We are more than happy to help. After the filing of August Reports the GLT will follow up with individual clubs that have not filed.

Secretaries should include the District GLT and GMT officers in the distribution of your monthly reports. The GLT tracks all activities and tracks the progress of all clubs in the District and State. Please send your reports to PDG Randy Pinch at pdgrandy@gmail.com.

If you need any help please ask PDG Jeanne Farrow or PDG Randy Pinch.

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PDG Jeanne Farrow

PDG Randy Pinch

ROSTER BOOK UPDATE

Please update the telephone number in your Roster Book for PDG Jeanne Farrow to **781-233-0855**.

DISTRICT WEBSITE

The updated District 33n Website offers International, District and Club level links and information. Find it at :
<http://www.lions-33n.org/>

In the middle of the main page you will immediately see DG Joan's cabinet officers with contact info and a link to our FB page.

At the top of right side bar are District 33n featured events and following down the right side are LCI and LCIF links to social media sites as well as information on planning legacy projects and earning centennial awards.

On the left sidebar is our District 33n specific menu of pages and links. The menu will evolve as necessary to bring you the information you will find our calendar, a message from the DG Joan, Club level president and secretary contact and social media info, the governors expand photo albums (from Pinterest, Flickr, Shutterfly). We are working on including a page for our current newsletter the Eyemobile, Sight and Sound. Feedback is welcomed and appreciated.



District 33N Mid Winter

- Continues the theme of cruising around the world because "It's A Small World"

February 3, 2017 - February 5, 2017

A mix of expected - Youth Speech Program
with a splash of the new

Mini Health Fair
Pie Auction
and more

Saturday, October 15.

8:00 Registration \$15 (Regist. fee waived for members) Check in Hunt Room ~ Across from Speakers Corner Restaurant

9:00 to 11:30 ~ Trainings TBA

11:45 Lunch in Hunt Room ~ Sandwich Wrap Buffet ~ Choice Ham and Dill Havarti OR Chicken Salad (Circle One) \$22 Includes Beverage ~ Dessert

12:45 Travel to Rindge, NH, Cathedral in the Pines

2:00 Memorial Service

5:00 Hospitality Suite ~ Windsor Room ~ 2nd Floor

6:00 Banquet ~ Dinner Buffet Hunt Room ~ Featured Speaker TBA \$40

**MENU Chicken Caprese~sauteed chicken breast~tomatoes, Mozzarella, Provolone, Lemon Pepper Haddock~baked Atlantic haddock w/pepper crust, Baby C
Salad~ Potato or Rice Fresh~Bread~Beverage~Dessert**

Sunday, October 16

9:00 Registration \$10 (Sunday only) (Regist. fee waived for members) 9:45 to 11:30 ~ Trainings TBA

11:30 Lunch in Hunt Room ~ Soup du Jour ~ ` \$22

Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad~Fresh Breads~Beverage~Dessert

PURCHASE ALL THREE MEALS FOR \$80.00 SAVINGS OF \$4.00.

12:30 NELC Meeting in Hunt Room

2:30 Adjournment

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK (Payable to NELC) to:

PDG Ken Emery 146 Eagle Park Drive Colchester, VT 05446

The Milford NH Lions Club is welcoming ID Ed & Lion Elaine Farrington home as plans are under way for the Sunday of NELC weekend - October 16th. The immediately follows the end of the NELC meeting at 3pm. Cash bar reception 3pm to 4pm immediately followed by dinner and program. Contact PID Ed Lec
lioncommish@hotmail.com

EYEGLOSS RECYCLING

Our District 33N Recycle banner is available if any club would like arrange a shipment on their own, like the Lowell Lions did last year. Please contact John regarding eyeglass recycling. ninedad@aol.com

Eyeglasses were donated to the Life Changing Counseling Center in Ghana last Summer.



Help needed

CoZone Chair - Zone 8 (contact DG Joan)- Volunteer who as at least been a club president to work together with ZC Vinnie Ferlisi (Woburn Host) and under RC Paul McElheney and PDG Jane Fa Fanjoy to support the following clubs - Acton, Concord, Lexington, Woburn Host, and Woburn Middlesex

District Rep on MD33 All State Band (contact DG Joan)

Eyeglass Recycling Committee (contact John Lucente ninedad@aol.com) --

Several volunteers willing to act as regional, local drop off locations for eyeglasses

Please note that this may not be a complete list of activities for the months of September and October. These are what is known at the time published. Watch the District website and facebook pages for up to date information on events.

September 2016 (Membership Focus - Students & Leo Lions)

9/24/2016 Tewksbury Lions - Zero Waste Day (Recycling)
 9/24/2016 Chelmsford Lions - Chelmsford Fall Fest
 09/24/2016 Merrimac Lions Flea Market
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9/26/2016 MD33 WELCOMES INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT BOB CORLEW
 9/28/2016 Merrimac Lions - Flea Market

October 2016 (Centennial Challenge - Sharing the Vision) Lions & Leos Membership Growth Month

10/1/2016 Woburn Host Lions - Annual Lobster/Steak Cookout
 10/01/2016 Harverhill Lions Hypnotist Show
 10/2/2016 Concord Lions - Car Show
 10/2/2016 Peabody Lions - Centennial Parade with Eyemobile
 10/02/2016 First Annual Wag & Walk Fundraiser sponsored by the Reading Lions Club
 10/09/2016 Billerica Lions Breakfast
10/14/2016 LIONS WORLD SIGHT DAY
10/14/2016 - 10/16/2016 NEW ENGLAND LIONS COUNCIL (NASHUA NH)
10/15/2016 INTERNATIONAL WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY
 10/15/2016 Ipswich Lions - Ipswich Chowderfest
10/16/2016 PID ED FARRINGTON WELCOME HOME TESTAMONIAL
(NASHUA NH)
10/22/2016 Merrimac Lions Ham & Bean Suppah
 10/23/2016 Woburn Host Lions - Monster Dash
 10/25/2016 Tewksbury Lions Spaghetti Supper
 10/26/2016 Woburn Middlesex Lions - Annual Fall Fashion Show
 10/30/2016 Woburn Host Lions - 61st Annual Hallowe'en Parade
10/30/2016 LCIF FUNDRAISER - LIONS GOLF WORLD CUP & CHAMPIONSHIP (SPAIN) -

Visitation Calendar

The following visitations have been confirmed for September and October - We are still working to confirm several others.

September 2016

9/27/2016 Ipswich Lions Club

October 2016

10/3/2016 Essex County Regional Lions Club
 10/4/2016 Dunstable Tyngsboro Lions Club
 10/5/2016 Nahant Lions Club
 10/12/2016 North Andover Lions Club
 10/13/2016 Lawrence Latin Lions Club
 10/24/2016 Haverhill Lions Club
 10/27/2016 Methuen Lions Club

AROUND THE DISTRICT



(L-R) Barbara Johnson, Carol Donovan, Irene and Joe Simas, Anne's son: John, join WMLC Lion Anne Beauchamp during her 85th Birthday





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