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District 33N Bulletin



Let's start our first district bulletin with a little background information. When our District Governor, Jim Wagner, asked me to do the district bulletin I was very hesitant. Not because I thought it was a monumental task but because I felt a bulletin should be something different than we have had in the past. I am not saying that those past bulletins were not useful I am just saying that if I was going to agree to be the district bulletin editor then I wanted my bulletin to be different than the bulletins of the past. Jim told me... your bulletin, your concepts, no interference from me. Hmm.....Danger Will Robertson.....Sorry and I promise "Lost in Space" will not be mentioned in my bulletins ever again.....

Although this first bulletin is really just an introduction...future bulletins will carry a solid message and be written with a true purpose. Below is an outline of what to expect.

My bulletins will post stories about upcoming district level activities and/or events. They will introduce possible ways that your individual clubs could develop and expand fund raising opportunities. They will encourage your membership to think outside the box and never to be afraid to present new ideas to the hierarchy of your clubs. They will challenge all our district clubs to reach across geographical boundaries so as to embark on joint ventures with other clubs and other organizations. It is my belief that two or more clubs should be able to work together to promote common ground service activities and to service their communities in the name of Lionism. Hopefully these concepts will promote and grow both membership and activity opportunities for all of us. The final part of my mission would be to re-introduce the word entertainment back into our bulletin vocabulary. A tall order perhaps but you can all be the judges of how I do on that one. I do believe that humor can be therapeutic is done well.

Words From Our Governor

Here are a few words from our governor....The theme this coming year is "We Are Family/Charity Begins at Home." This ties in nicely with our International President's theme..."The Power of we."

We are here to support the clubs in all endeavors... to BE cheerleaders... to CREATE positive vibes... to LET people know they and We Are Family. I want us to KNOW we are all

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Family, I want us to KNOW we can all count on each other and lift each other up. Let's carry that into the zones. Try to encourage clubs within a zone to bond, to support each other and to work cooperatively with each other on some things.

Think outside the box. Step outside your comfort zone. Try something new. Don't be afraid to make a mistake and if you do make a mistake...make it a good one.

There are some surprises planned for each District advisory. To know what those surprises are you need to be in attendance. Join us!!

Our biggest challenge this year is meeting locations but we are working on that. Together we will get it all done... Signed JIM.....

Bulletin Distribution

When it became time to set up a bulletin distribution list I naturally asked for a current copy of our membership ledgers complete with email addresses. When I received the file I learned that we, District 33N, are forty plus clubs strong. Secondly, I learned that our membership on the date I started creating my database was Twelve hundred and ninety one members. And after completing my email listings I discovered that we only had eight hundred and seventy members that had filed their contact information.....

Fortunately every club has at least one member that will receive my bulletin and as I get additional email addresses I will add them to my email distribution lists. This will naturally also include new members to our Lion Family.... Since there will be more than four hundred members who will not get my bulletin perhaps each club secretary or president may want to check with their membership to see if they can work out an information swap plans within their individual clubs. It might also be a nice idea to print out a copy for any new members coming into your clubs during lion year 2017-2018 and then send me a quick email so I can add them to my bulletin mailing list. This is a great way to make a new lion feel welcomed and involved.

Cabinet Meeting/Installation Night

Governor James (Jim) Wagner at his July 31st cabinet meeting. Attendees were treated to a beautiful evening at the Nahant Dory Club. Congratulations to all the new cabinet members.

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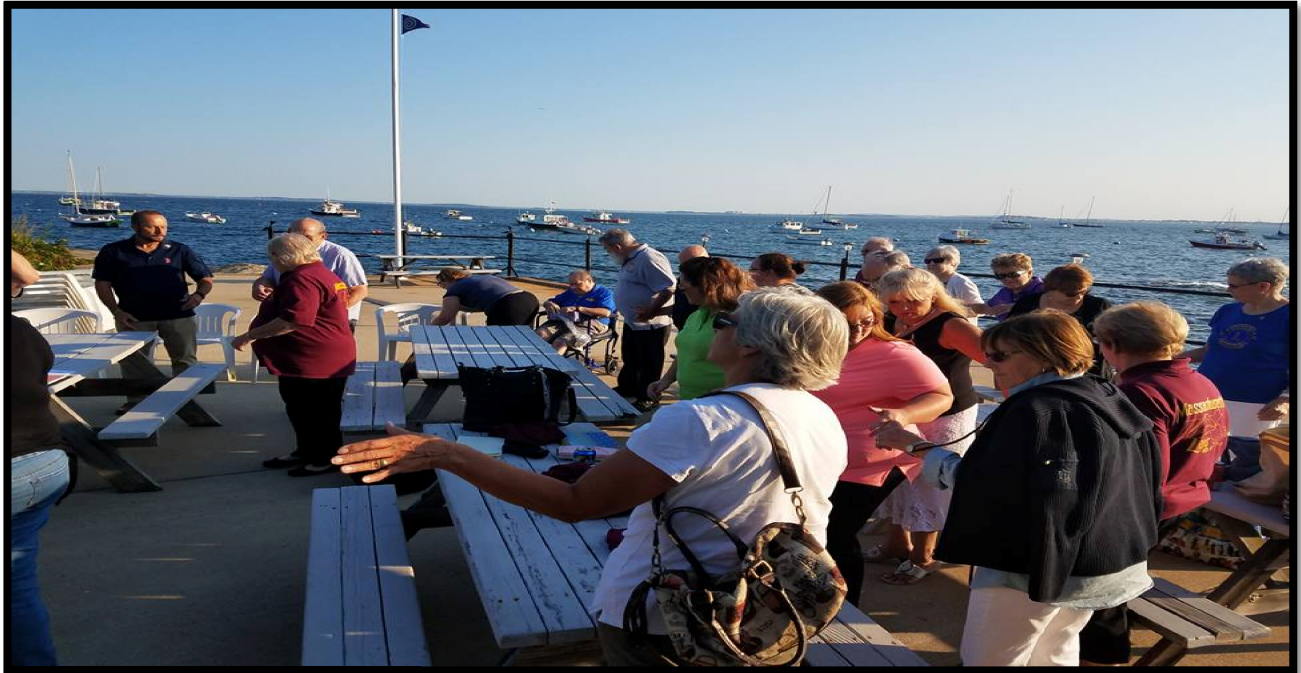


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PDG Joni Baptiste and PDG Joan Parcewski welcome in the new.

2017-2018 Region and Zone Chairs

Every Governor that comes in has the authority to restructure the zones within the districts. I thought it might be helpful to list the Region and Zone Chairs that will represent you and your clubs. I also listed where each Club aligns during the 2017-2018 Lion Year.

District 33N Region, Zone and Club Listing
Region 1B Region Chair Jeralyn O'Connor

Zone Chair
Club Names

Zone1
Tammy Grey
Lynn
Lynn Wyoma
Nahant
Swampscott
Lynn Shoe City
Salem

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<u>Region 1A</u>	<u>Region Chair</u>	<u>Alice Gaudet</u>
<u>Zone Chair</u>	<u>Zone 2</u>	
	<u>Marie Archung</u>	
<u>Club Names</u>	Danvers	
	Essex	
	Ipswich	
	Magnolia	
	Peabody	
	Beverly	
<u>Region 2</u>	<u>Region Chair</u>	<u>Anthony Pecci</u>
<u>Co-Zone Chairs</u>	<u>Zone 3</u>	
	<u>Debbie Martin</u>	<u>Sharon Pecci</u>
<u>Club Names</u>	Amesbury	
	Haverhill	
	Lawrence	
	Merrimac	
	Methuen	
	North Andover	
	Salisbury	
	Newburyport	
	Lawrence Latin	
<u>Zone Chair</u>	<u>Zone 4</u>	
	<u>Charles Provost Sr.</u>	
<u>Club Names</u>	Billerica	
	Chelmsford	
	Dracut	
	Lowell	
	Tewksbury	

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<u>Region 3</u>	<u>Region Chair</u> <u>Paul McEleney</u>
<u>Zone Chair</u>	<u>Zone 5</u> <u>Jennifer Cordio</u>
<u>Club Names</u>	Ayer Groton Pepperell Townsend Dunstable-Tyngsboro
<u>Zone Chair</u>	<u>Zone 6</u> <u>Linda Erwich</u>
<u>Club Names</u>	Essex County Regional Lynnfield Melrose Reading Saugus Wakefield
<u>Zone Chair</u>	<u>Zone 7A</u> <u>Brian Doherty</u>
<u>Club Names</u>	Lexington Woburn Host Woburn Breakfast
<u>Zone Chair</u>	<u>Zone 7B</u> <u>Joy Bartlett</u>
<u>Club Names</u>	Acton Concord Woburn Middlesex

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1ST Advisory Meeting

The first two Advisory Meetings will be at the Woburn Crowne Plaza. I know there are lots of Lions that have never attended an Advisory Meeting. With that in mind I will spend a few minutes to educate those that need a better understanding on what an Advisory Meeting is. There are a total of four Advisory Meetings each year. The meeting itself is of a simple format. There is a social gathering followed by a five point opening. Advisories are dinner meetings that will also include an advisory business meeting. This business meeting includes District status information, individual club announcements are encouraged and district level projects and/or events are detailed. Not to worry most of these meeting are over between nine and ten o'clock.

In addition to the Advisory Meetings there are two more meeting of note. First there is the Mid Winter Convention. The Mid Winter is usually held in the month of February. It is a three day long themed venue (Star Wars) that gives us all a chance to relax and have a little fun. There are various activities throughout the duration of the weekend but again the main focus here is District Level friends and fun. Participants can take part in the entire weekend package or can pick and choose according to their likes and wants.

The other big weekend gathering is the Lions State Convention which usually takes place in early May. This is another fun weekend except this gathering includes all five Districts. For District 33 that means Y-A-N-K-S or all of our Massachusetts Lions Family. Again you take part in the entire weekend package or can pick and choose a day of an event to attend. The agenda will be available in plenty of time to make your plans.

All six meetings could offer some surprises this year. All these meetings could include something extra but in order for you to know what that means you need to be in attendance. Please join us!!!

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Your Club and This Bulletin

If a club wants to advertise an event in this bulletin they can but it will be limited to the basics. By that I mean attributes such as time, date, address and event name etc....

I will not be running full page advertisements for club events. I firmly believe that event promotion is better done by advertising within your immediate community and/or a Lions Club web page. Keep in mind this bulletin only comes out four times a year and events can be scheduled every day so you are better served by being independent of this publication. If all forty plus clubs were to place one ad each that is still a forty plus page bulletin without my editorial comments or my reporting on District Information. Club events will begin in the October-December Bulletin which should be out in late November. With that in mind promotion of events should be dated for the appropriate time period.

Star Wars Humor

Q: Which program does a Jedi use to open PDF files?

A: Adobe Wan Kenobi

Q: Which website did Chewbacca get arrested for creating?

A: Wookieeleaks

Q: Why did Anakin Skywalker cross the road?

A: To get to the Dark Side.

Luke walks into the Mos Eisley cantina, cradling a slab of dirt in his arms.

“What’ll it be?” asks the barman.

“A pint for me, and one for the road.”

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Luke and Obi-Wan walk into a Chinese restaurant. Ten minutes into the meal, Luke's still having trouble with the chopsticks, he is dropping food everywhere. Obi-Wan finally snaps, "*Use the forks, Luke.*"

"Luke... I'm reading a great book about Force levitation... and I can't put it down."

An Ewok strolls into a bar and says to the bartender, "I'll have a whisky and soda."

The bartender says, "Sure thing—but why the little pause?"

"Dunno," says the Ewok. "I've had them all my life."

A Hutt slithers into the food court. The cashier says, "Hey! We have a pizza place named after you!"

The Hutt says, "You have a pizza place named Jabba Desilijic Tiure?"

"Luke...did you know I almost joined the Jedi Debate Team? ...But somebody talked me out of it."

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 28, 2017 --First District Advisory Meeting (Crowne Plaza, 15 Middlesex Canal Park Woburn Ma)

November 27, 2017--Second Advisory Meeting (Crowne Plaza, 15 Middlesex Canal Park Woburn Ma)

February 2-4 --Mid Winter Convention (Hilton, Forbes Road Woburn)

February (TBD) --Third Advisory Meeting (TBD)

April 27-29 --State Convention

May (TBD) --Fourth Advisory Meeting (TDB)