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District 33N Bulletin



The Transition Period

This is the sixth and final bulletin that you will receive, from me, during the reign of Governor James “Jim” Wagner. I have written every article to reflect Jim’s personality, wit and his sense of humor. I do have to say that in many ways this was a very easy task because we both have similar values and idiosyncrasies. Jim’s reflection on the importance of family has brought about a message of unity and comfort to the district. Actually Jim’s message was in three parts.

Part one... “We are Family”.

Part two... “Charity Begins at Home”.

Part Three... “The Power of We”.

Each of these slogans was well formulated but I personally believe the first one “ We are Family” was the most unifying message for our District.

I do think it is necessary to recognize that our Governor and his wife Marie led us through some very difficult times. We were functioning but adrift on an ocean with a compass that needed re-calibration. Jim and Marie Wagner introduced the tools necessary to fine tune our mission and as a true example of family unity their son Chris joined the cause. He has proven to be a true asset to the theme and to “OUR” team. In closing let me just say it has been a pleasure to be a small part of the family Wagner experience. I hope that Governor Jim has also made this past year a positive experience for you. Now we are about to go through a transition period. Governor Jim Wagner will become IPDG (Immediate Past District Governor) Jim Wagner.

But what about this bulletin? Will it also have a transition period?

**“If you don’t like something change it;
if you can’t change it,
change the way you think about it.”**

~ Mary Engelbreit

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Back to The Future

It is my belief that a District Bulletin should always reflect the values and the tutorage of a sitting Governor. Normally the torch would have been passed and you would have a new Bulletin Editor to handle the transition into the future. That person would be free to explore publication possibilities with the guidance of the new sitting Governor. Well with that in mind, our next Governor, Frank Bertolino, has also given me the green light to produce a District Bulletin with a hands off policy. Will they ever learn?

Your next Bulletin will give you a glimpse of the type of bulletin that I will publish during the reign of Governor Frank Bertolino. Keep in mind Frank has a good sense of humor much like Jim but he is more sensitive and really very passionate about all things "Lions".

I will not give you any hints about Frank's catch phrases or the Mid-Winter theme in this issue because this is a pre-transition issue and not the real first issue. As I am writing this article the State Convention has already happened. Frank Bertolino is now our Governor Elect. That means, in a nutshell, that it is official. Frank ran unopposed but that did not automatically mean that he would become our next Governor. He had to secure more than fifty percent of the vote at the State Convention. (50% + 1)

Frank did that so with his wife, "First Lady" Kathryn Kain, by his side we prepare to enter into a new Lion Year. Time to re-check and re-calibrate the compass one more time. Note to self....Buy Frank one dozen monogrammed handkerchiefs as a gift. Congratulations Frank and Kathryn....I look forward to serving you.

Congratulations to the Newburyport Lions also....Home Club of the Bertolino Family!!!

**There are two mistakes one can make along the road to Truth.
NOT GOING ALL THE WAY AND NOT STARTING.**

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**Massachusetts District 33N
Fourth District Advisory Meeting
2017-2018**

Date: Monday, May 21 ,2018

Social and Cash Bar from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Meeting will open at 6:30 PM

Location: American Legion 194 Lexington St Woburn MA 01801



The theme for the evening will be Sports Night. So feel free to showcase your favorite team colors or your favorite Lions outfit. I am only showing Boston based teams here because I am a little biased. If you just happen to like a team like the Pittsburg Steelers then I suggest you bring a terrible towel!! Meal choice will be only burgers/hot dogs/potato salad/popcorn/ballpark desert. The cost will be \$20.00 per Lion if paid before cutoff date.

The cut-off date for registration is Thursday May 17th

Cost after cutoff will be \$25.00 per Lion. (Also you will be eligible for the Procrastination Award again)((Wow Déjà vu all over again))

Tables of ten may be reserved but the hall is limited to 200 Lions. Please make checks payable to MA Lions District 33N. Please pick up your registration at the door. Defaults will still be charged full rate (Not showing up is not a good excuse for not being there)

Secretaries please fill in the registration form and mail form and checks to

Lion Richard MacPherson PO Box 925 Middleton, MA 01949

Questions? Dick MacPherson (978) 406-6142

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Lions Clubs International Convention 2018



The 101th annual Lions Clubs International

Convention will be in Las Vegas Nevada USA June 29th-July 3rd 2018

Network at the Convention: Each year, more than 20,000 Lions from across the globe gather together to celebrate at our international convention. The convention offers an ideal setting to reunite acquaintances and make new friends. Learn about other club and district projects. And make personal connections with international leaders and representatives from headquarters.

Serve at the Convention: Go beyond the typical convention experience and participate in Convention Service Projects with Lions and Leos from around the world. You'll have the option to sign up for a variety of hands-on service projects taking place at MGM Hotel and around Las Vegas. Pre-registration is required and space is limited.

Learn at the Convention: During international convention, you will have the chance to join Lions from more than 120 countries and geographical areas – with different languages and backgrounds – marching side-by-side down the streets of the host city during the Parade of Nations. Attend seminars and vote on the association's future. And enjoy event highlights, including three action-packed plenary sessions, an exciting exhibit hall and more.

The fun continues at the 101st Lions International Convention in Las Vegas. Labeled as 'The Entertainment Capital of the World', the famous Strip is over 4 miles long and has something for everyone to complete the weekend. Home to world-class dining, upscale shopping, star-studded entertainment, themed hotels with synchronized fountains and replicas of the Venetian Grand Canal, Egyptian Pyramid and Eiffel Tower, it's not a surprise Las Vegas ranks as one of the world's most visited tourist destinations in the United States!

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Buzz Words to Consider

There are a thousand words that could be used to describe Lion's Clubs and their roles in the local communities. Each one is unique yet they are all the same. They all aspire to make their communities better by supplying those in need with some of the things that they are lacking. Each club and each member should always strive to find innovative ways to serve their communities.

At one time we were nearly mute while performing these deeds. "We Served" but we did it anonymously and without fanfare. The problem is that those in need did not know we existed nor did they know we wanted to help. The result was that many needs went unfulfilled. To use a cliché: Both they and we could not see the forest for of the trees.

Eventually we realized that both communication and visibility were needed for any service organization to be effective. We began to "network" with other organizations so that we could discuss ways to supply much needed services to those that needed them. Then little by little we began to have an impact. We were communicating and the word was beginning to spread throughout our communities.

Naturally this by itself was like the old proverb; The squeaky wheel gets the grease. How could we also reach out to those that needed something but didn't know "Who or How" to ask?

The Lions needed to become more visible. We needed to let our neighbors know that we could help with a whole range of items and issues. We are here to ease some of the burdens that are confronting both our friends and our neighbors. We are here and we want to serve.

To all my fellow Lions I say this: Look around your communities. Are there things that you feel are needed? Maybe a food pantry that needs a little help or an area that needs a little beautification. Maybe your Lions Club should adopt a small park and maintain it. Floral accents are inexpensive and can go a long way. What can you do to help your community?

There's a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot.

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Recent Membership Updates

We are a very active organization and our membership changes on a regular basis. That means that with every issue of this bulletin I try to add and recognize our new members. If I do list you here I will also add your email to my contacts. If you do not want to receive this publication just send me an email and I will remove your name. Thank You

<u>Acton Lions ...</u>	Jon Benson	John J Testa	
<u>Amesbury Lions ...</u>	Diane M Barcomb	Daryl A Daigneault	Christine A Moore
<u>Billerica Lions ...</u>	John Morris		
<u>Chelmsford Lions ...</u>	Shawn Limerick		
<u>Lawrence Lions ...</u>	Lisa O'Clare		
<u>Lynn Lions ...</u>	Evelyn Hebrault	Richard Alfonsi	Stephen S Alfonsi
	Bob Barbaro	Vincent Ferri	
<u>Newburyport Lions ...</u>	Andrew Perry	Daniel Ventura	
<u>Peabody Lions ...</u>	Mary Connell Bettano	Jeffrey Hill	
<u>Salisbury Lions ...</u>	Diann M May	Jennifer Schillizzi	John Schillizzi
<u>Saugus Lions ...</u>	Corrinne R Riley		
<u>Tewksbury Lions ...</u>	Mary-Ellen Cooper	Donna M Higgins	Jay J Kelly
<u>Woburn Breakfast Lions</u>	Leonard J Burnham	Richard A Capistran	
<u>Woburn Middlesex</u>	Claire M Malaguti		

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

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Service with a Smile

There is no doubt in my mind that you have heard the above title before. We as Lions should always do the above. It should always be an honor to serve your club, and your community to the best of your ability.

That does not mean that you need to sacrifice family time or cut down on the other activities you love. Lions have a basic philosophy. "Do what you can whenever you can do it."

Over the past few years I have seen more people becoming more involved in service related projects. This is a great time to be a Lion.

The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

Half the people you know are below average.

What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?

If a cow laughed, would milk come out her nose?

What is the speed of dark?

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 21 --Fourth District Advisory (Woburn Legion 194 Lexington St. Woburn Ma. 01801)

June 29-July 3—International Convention (Las Vegas, Nevada)

Other things of note will sometimes be written in this box...