

# The Lion's Tale

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The New Lion's Year has started out with a bang! The Fabulous Family Fourth of July Festival was a smashing success! Thanks to Chairman Dick Tracey and all of those that pitched in to help. Lions Pride was everywhere that day. Check out [www.Billerica.org](http://www.Billerica.org) to see the fruits of our labor. The happy faces of family and children of all ages are priceless. We want to have fun this year and to put the **fun** back into fundraising. We have several events on tap during the summer. The Board of Directors will continue to meet 7pm on July 25 and August 15 at B.A.T.V. Please note that Board meetings are open to all members and that your ideas and opinions are valued and appreciated. Each and every one of us has gifts and talents to bring to energize and uplift the Billerica Lions Club. We are going to have a great year and we are going to have fun!

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, I is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead (1978)*

Have a safe and Happy Summer...Yours in Lionism,  
Barbara Bourdon

## FROM THE EDITORS DESK

Thirty years ago the Bulletin was called the LION'S TALE. It's a good name for a bulletin. Let's use it again. Remember, this is your bulletin. Therefore, I want to institute a Letter to the Editor column. Send me your thoughts and I'll print them (Email preferred, Snail Mail accepted, (sorry Tony), no verbal). The only things I won't print are obscene material and criticism of the editor. That's not true, there's a slim chance I might print obscene material. For those of you who are now shocked and appalled, only kidding.

As Mel Brooks might say, "It's good to be editor" Let's give a big Lion thank you to Fred Pais for being the Bulletin Editor this past year. Fred did a wonderful job of keeping the club informed. Let's

also thank Paul Kilian for two years of great stewardship.

Now let's look to the future and get behind Barbara Bourdon. Barbara has lot of spirit and a lot of good ideas. Let's share our ideas with Barbara and work with her to make this our 50<sup>th</sup> year, a truly golden year for our club. Our first chance to offer our support will be on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Gordon Gibb's. The Annual Carnival is our biggest source of revenue and it's future is in jeopardy. According to co chairs Al Ryan and Stu Wood we have no guarantee at this time that the Carnival can take place at its usual venue. This presents a challenge to the club because the carnival accounts for a minimum of 60% of our annual revenues. What will we do if we loose the Carnival? Can our charitable work be sustained by our other fundraisers or do we have to get creative? When we became Lions we agreed "to serve" Let's all review why we became Lions and ask ourselves, Am I doing all I can to fulfill my pledge to serve? We need every club member to do what he or she can to insure the success of the club. Please remember why you joined and let's serve together.

Editor: Bill Davis

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** At the last board meeting (June) it became apparent that there was some confusion regarding the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors. Simply stated: the board will convene in an open meeting once a month ( 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month ). The board will make recommendations to the Club. The recommendations are recorded in the minutes of the board meeting. The minutes are presented at the next meeting of the general membership (usually the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the following month) If the membership accepts the minutes of the board meeting the suggestions of the board are ratified and acted upon. If the membership rejects the minutes, the recommendations of the board are rejected. The board meetings are open insuring that any member wishing to address the board on any issue may do so.

**SPINNERS GAME:** A great time was had by all, especially one Lion

There on the Jumbotron for all to see. WILL YOU MARRY ME followed by SHE SAID YES. Our best wishes to Todd and the about to be Mrs. Baldwin

**FOURTH OF JULY:** Wow what a great event. This started as a dream four years ago with a grill, a table, a bucket full of soft drinks, some American flags, the Baldwins, the Traceys and the Rogers in a 100 sq. ft. area to the side of Library steps. The Billerica Common and the street front from the Masonic Hall to the Senior Center was alive with music and games for all. Joan Parcewski was a welcome addition to the committee along with Barbara and Steve Bourdon, who were joined by a multitude of Lions who had a very rewarding Fourth. Side note: three people showed an interest in joining the Billerica Lions Club.

**COMING EVENTS:**

July Board Meeting:	Tuesday the 25 <sup>th</sup>
Annual Cookout:	Tuesday August 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Wm. Flaherty Golf Classic:	Monday, August 28 <sup>th</sup>
August Board Meeting:	Tuesday the 15 <sup>th</sup>
First District Advisory	Tuesday Aug. 29

( call Cheryl by 8/22 if you want to go)

**ANNUAL COOKOUT:** The annual LIONS COOKOUT will be held on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Lion Gordon Gibb's home, 168 Pollard Street. (see attached flyer) The time is 6:30PM to ??????. Let's start the year off with a fun night where we can all get together to eat, drink, be merry and share a few ideas on how to make an impact in Billerica during the coming year. The cookout is a great way for newcomers and those of us we haven't seen for awhile to get together. Come on down, your fellow Lions would love to see you. We need you to help make this year a success. The menu is fantastic. The price is \$20 PP and because it's a catered event we have to pay the caterer in advance. Please pay to Billerica lions club and send the checks to Lion Gibb

**ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT:** This year's William H. Flaherty Golf Tournament is the 24<sup>th</sup> Time we have conducted a golf tournament . This year it's vitally important that we insure it succeeds. It may be our biggest fundraiser, (if we can't host a carnival at the Mall).

By popular demand the tournament returns to Green Meadow in Hudson NH on Monday August 28<sup>th</sup> with Shot Gun start at 7:30 AM. Lions! If you have sponsors please get your information to Tony Cucchi by July31st. We need help on the day of the tournament so please call Tony and let him know you'll be there.(We need a head count for the caterer) In the meantime call your friends and family, you would be surprised at how many people like to have a day away from their work. Give them the opportunity. Ask them to play. If you have friends or family with a business ask them to be a sponsor. Bill Flaherty was a great guy and a good Lion. Lets all help to make this tournament a success.

**TAIL TWISTER:** Lion Stu Wood has promised to Make every effort to make the meetings more lively. He has informed the editor that all Lions will be encouraged to wear "The Lions Pin" at meetings. The pin is the symbol of who we are and what we do. It should be worn proudly and to help us remember to wear the pin at meetings Stu said something about a no pin you pay policy .Find out what he means at the next meeting and to be on the safe side wear your pin.

**FUN FILLED FROLICS :** Lion Gordon Gibb has come up with some great ideas for having fun:  
August : Trip to Provincetown  
September: Scallop Festival in Bourne  
October: Vermont day trip for leaf peepers  
November: Trip to Foxwoods  
December: Trip to New York and the Rockettes

Please keep Lions Arthur porter and Jack Conway in Your prayers and thoughts.