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*The Monthly Newsletter of the Billerica Lions Club
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THIS MONTH.....

Fellow Lions, we are going to be busy! I attended the Roy Orbison tribute show last evening. It was great to see so many Lions there, not only from our club, but also from clubs as far away as Lynn. But this is just the first of many events before the end of the Lions year. Upcoming we have the Trivia Contest, Easter Bunny sale, the Kindergarten Eye screening, the Health Fair, the Appreciation night, the Yard Sale, and others...see the calendar of events on page 4. As always, your support, whether it be a donation of time, materials, or a monetary contribution is appreciated!! Hope to see as many as possible at each of these events. As always, please feel to send me your comments, articles, pictures, and other news: Brian Lomasney eMail: b_lomasney@verizon.net.

CULINARY ADVENTURES RETURNS!

After a break for the holidays, this month Culinary Adventures returns. The taste of Iraq will be delivered by Babylon, located at 25 Merrimack St., Lowell, MA. As always, Mike has pre-screened the menu and will create a meal sure to satisfy everyone's' taste. Sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting, or contact Mike Kiskel.

ROY ORBISON WAS HERE!

On Feb 4th, The Billerica Lions club presented The Ultimate Roy Orbison Tribute' starring Mark Poulin. The Elks Hall was filled close to capacity! Great music, great food and lots of dancing made for a very enjoyable evening. Although the final tally is not yet available, over \$500.00 was made on the raffle items alone! What a great way to start the fundraising for 2012! Special thanks go out to Tony Cucchi and the rest of the Social committee for putting together a great event. I will send out an update as soon as the final figures are available.

THE BILLERICA LIONS
PROUDLY PRESENT...

THE ULTIMATE
ROY ORBISON
TRIBUTE
STARRING MARK POULIN



SATURDAY FEB. 4TH, 2012
BILLERICA ELKS HALL
WEBB BROOK ROAD,
BILLERICA MA

TICKETS: \$20
CONTACT TONY CUCCHI
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DOORS OPEN AT 7PM
SHOW TIME: 8PM - 11PM

THE LION'S TALE



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Final Update: The Salvation Army bell ringing took place at the Treble Cove Market Basket on Saturday, December 17th. The following Lions braved the cold: Tony Cucchi, Dick Tracey, Barbara Bourdon, Bob Kinsman, Brian Lomasney, Gordie Gibbs, Don Melendy, Steve Burton, Lou Cornaro, Stu Wood, Lil Ralston, Joan Delmore, and Joan Parcewski. The total raised was \$598.16!! This beats our previous club high of \$532, set two years ago.

Thanks again to Dick Tracey for setting this up with the Salvation Army!

COAT DRIVE

Final update: The coat drive collected a total of 85 coats, a big improvement over our total of 1 a year ago. Thanks to Jeff Wright for his help with this worthwhile project!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many volunteer opportunities available in the club. It would be great to see more members of the club get involved in some of the many volunteer opportunities! Some of the current and upcoming events with openings are:

Appreciation Night	Health Fair 2012
Social Committee	Canister Drive
Walk-a-thon	Chocolate Easter Bunny Sales
Kindergarten Eye Screening	

See Pres. Joan or VP Joan for add'l details

APPRECIATION NIGHT

The Appreciation night will be held in lieu of the business meeting on Tuesday, May 1st. If you know of any business, group, or individual that should be invited, please send the information to myself or Pres. Joan, and she will ensure that are added to the invite list. Thanks!

LOWELL SPINNERS OUTING

This year, the Spinners / Gator pit outing will be on Thursday, July 19th. The price of the tickets will be \$29 for adults and \$23 for children under 12. More information will be available as we get closer to the date of the event.

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CHOCOLATE EASTER BUNNY FUNDRAISER

The 3rd Annual Lions Chocolate Easter Bunny sale is almost ready to begin. Once again, the club will be committing to 30 cases of bunnies. To help cover additional costs, it has been decided that the bunnies will retail for \$5.00. One big challenge facing the club this year is that Easter is three weeks earlier. Last year, the club made over \$1000. To match that this year, we will have to work harder, given the condensed time frame. We will be selling the bunnies at O'Connor's hardware on March 10th as well as March 24th. One case was sold last evening at the Roy Orbison event. If you are interested in getting a case, or half case to sell, please contact Dick Tracey before Tuesday's meeting and he will bring and distribute them at that time.

Thanks to 'Bugs' Tracey, for once again, organizing the sale!

KINDERGARTEN EYE SCREENING

The annual kindergarten eye screening will take place on Saturday, March 31, from 8am-12noon at the high school library. Numerous volunteers are needed to check in the children and man the eye-screening stations. Please consider volunteering for this very beneficial event!

HEALTH FAIR

The Lions sponsored Health Fair will also be taking place on Saturday, March 31, from 10:00 am to 2:00pm at the Billerica Elks hall. Volunteers are also needed to help make this event a success. With the eye-screening the same day, resources are stretched thin. Please consider helping out with this very visible event.

YARD SALE

The annual Lions yard sale will be held on Saturday, May 19th on the Senior Center lawn from 8 - 2. The rain date is Sunday, March 20th. If you have items you would like to donate, contact Gordie Gibb to make arrangements to drop them off. Sign-up sheets will be available as we get closer to the date of the event.

TRIVIA CONTEST

The Billerica Lions Club is participating in the Billerica Scholarship Foundation's Team Trivia Challenge on Friday Evening, February 10, 2012 at the Billerica Elks Hall. Team check in begins at 6:45pm. The first round starts at 7:30 PM.

You are welcome to attend to cheer our team, Lions Roar, on to victory!

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Upcoming Events:

Feb 7:	Business Meeting
Feb 10:	Billerica Scholarship Foundation Trivia Night
Feb 14:	Culinary Adventures
Feb 21:	Dinner Meeting
Feb 15- March 27	Fundraiser - Chocolate Easter Bunny Sale
March 6:	Business Meeting
March 20:	Dinner Meeting
March 31:	Kindergarten Eye Screening
March 31:	Health Fair
April 3:	Business Meeting
April 17:	Dinner Meeting
May 1:	Appreciation Night
May 12:	Canister Drive
May 19:	Yard Sale (Rain Date May 20 th)
July 4:	Affordable Family Festival
July:	Flaherty Memorial Golf Tournament
July 19:	Lowell Spinners Outing

Time / Location:

7:00pm - Billerica Marriott
7:30pm - Billerica Elks Hall
7:00pm - Babylon, Merrimack St, Lowell
7:00pm - Billerica Marriott
TBD - TBD
7:00pm - Billerica Marriott
7:00pm - Billerica Marriott
8:00am - Noon - Billerica H. S. Library
10:00 - 2:00pm - Billerica Elks Hall
7:00pm - Billerica Marriott
7:00pm - Billerica Marriott
7:00pm - Billerica Marriott
TBD - TBD
8:00am - 2:00pm - Senior Center Lawn
8:00am - 2:00pm - Billerica Common
TBD - Meadow Creek Golf Club Dracut
TBD - LeLacheur Park, Lowell

