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*The Monthly Newsletter of the Billerica Lions Club  
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## Newsletter Update

Hello Fellow Lions. Welcome to the first issue of the new Lion's Tale Newsletter. Before continuing, I would like to express the club's thanks to Todd and Marie Baldwin for all their past efforts in putting together and publishing the newsletter over the past few years. Now that I have taken over this duty, I have quickly realized the amount of effort required to put one together.

Going forward, each month I will be reporting on the numerous Lions fundraising activities our club is involved in, pass along some stories I hope will be of interest, maybe even some jokes. Remember, this is the newsletter for YOUR Lion's club. Help me to make it the best it can be by passing along information about the committees you are active in, articles you've read

that others might like, and anything else that you would like to see. This newsletter can be a great way to market the Billerica Lion's Club and can also create credibility and build this organization's identity among peers, members, local businesses, local government, and, most importantly, the residents of Billerica. So please, help me help you help us!! Thanks! Send your comments, articles, and news to me:  
[b\\_lomasney@verizon.net](mailto:b_lomasney@verizon.net)

## 2011 Easter Bunny Fundraiser

The Billerica Lions 2011 Chocolate Easter Bunny Fundraiser has begun! This is the second year that we have sold the bunnies. After a very successful first year, the club has the opportunity to raise some truly needed funds. The event last year was one of our top 5 fundraisers for the year, so let's see if we can top last year's sales. Everyone know someone who would like to have one of these delicious, solid milk chocolate bunnies – kids, grand kids, nieces, nephews, they all love chocolate! The club pockets over \$1.25 for each bunny sold, so the proceeds quickly accumulate!! If everyone in the club sold just 5 bunnies, we would net a total of \$312. Come on everyone, help out your club!! Thanks in advance for your help!!

## Gordon Gibb Update

Gordie is doing well, considering what he has been through. He is currently at the New England Rehabilitation Hospital in Woburn. He is accepting visitors and would love to see everyone. The address is 2 Rehabilitation Way Woburn, MA He is in Room 210A 781.939.3394. Call before going...he has a very busy rehab schedule!!

## Nomination Committee



The Nominating Committee for the Officers for the Club Year 2011/2012 met on February 16<sup>th</sup> at BATV. The meeting lasted over 2 hours with much discussion regarding the next group of officers for the club. The nominations are important because, in addition to setting up the leadership of the club for next year, it also lays the groundwork for the leadership in the years to come. Results of the meeting and nominations will be available soon!!

### Sunshine Lady

Helga Raffaello continues to do a great job as the Sunshine Lady for the club. If you know of anyone who would appreciate receiving a card, please let Helga know. Please make sure you include the person's name, address, and the reason you want the card sent.

It's another great way to let people know the Billerica Lions Club cares! Helga's email address is: HR99@ Comcast.net

### Culinary Adventures

Mike Kiskel continues to amaze us with the unique restaurants he finds as part of his Culinary Adventures. Each month, Mike serves as tour guide for the group as they try different ethnic foods. Mike does the pre-work to ensure there is something for everyone. For more details, check this space each month, or contact Mike at 978.453.7429.

### Kindergarten Eye Screening

On March 19, the Lions will be hosting the annual Kindergarten Eye Screening. Each year, over 75 children are tested for basic visual impairment. Each year, vision problems are detected in at least one child, making the program most worthwhile. Please sign up to help out on March 19 for a few hours at the Billerica High School library.

### Canister Drive

Save the date: April 23. The Lions will be doing the annual Canister drive at all 3 Billerica Market Baskets. Each year, this function is a valuable fund raiser for the Lions club. As the economy gets worse, the need for assistance grows. Please sign up to help out on April 23 for an hour, or two, at the Market Baskets.

## Lions Provide Relief Aid in New Zealand After Quake



On February 22, a magnitude 6.3 earthquake devastated Christchurch, New Zealand, killing at least 75 and injuring hundreds more. It is estimated that 300 individuals are still missing and thousands have been left homeless. Telephone service has been crippled and more than 80% of the city is currently without electricity. Clean drinking water has been compromised and more than 60 aftershocks have been recorded since the initial quake.

Local Lions responded immediately to this crisis by securing and distributing large supplies of bottled water throughout Christchurch and the surrounding suburbs. Lions have asked local radio stations to broadcast the locations of water distribution points and District Governor Raewyn Clearwater indicated that, "the people were so grateful to the Lions for the water, that many of the residents wanted to help pay for the costs ... [they] were so moved that, although affected themselves, Lions were helping out the people of the city." In addition to providing potable water, District Governor Clearwater and her Cabinet have also released US \$40,000 to help provide food to the Civil Defence Welfare Centres that have been established to serve the displaced.

Lions Clubs International Foundation is committed to aiding communities affected by natural disasters. LCIF is in close communication with the Lions of District 202 E and has approved an initial emergency grant of US \$10,000. These funds will be primarily used to continue providing the people of Christchurch with clean drinking water. A dedicated, "New Zealand Earthquake – 2011" fund has been established for donors who wish to support relief efforts.

District Governor Clearwater expressed the gratitude that she and her fellow New Zealand Lions feel for the support that they have received from Lions around the world and from Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Donors can:

- Donate online at [www.lcif.org/donate](http://www.lcif.org/donate). Select Disaster and include "New Zealand Earthquake – 2011" in the comments section.
- Make a credit card donation with a MasterCard, Visa or American Express. Fax the following information to LCIF: name, address, phone number, credit card type, credit card number, expiration date, and the amount of your donation. If you are a Lions member, please provide the name of your club, as well. LCIF's fax number is (630) 571-5735.
- Mail LCIF a check in U.S. dollars, drawn from a U.S. financial institution. Please make the check payable to Lions Clubs International Foundation, noting "New Zealand Earthquake – 2011" on the memo line. Please send the check to LCIF, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523, USA, Attn.: Donor Services.



## On the Lighter Side....

### EVER WONDER...

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

Why you don't ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?

Why "abbreviated" is such a long word?

Why doctors call what they do "practice"?

Why you have to click on "Start" to stop Windows?

Why lemon juice is made with artificial flavor, while dishwashing liquid is made with real lemons?

Why the man who invests all your money is called a broker?

Why there isn't mouse-flavored cat food?

Who tastes dog food when it has a "new & improved" flavor?

Why they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

Why they don't make the whole plane out of the material used for the indestructible black box?

Why sheep don't shrink when it rains?

Why they are called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

Why it is that freight that goes by ship is called Cargo, but freight that goes by truck is called a Shipment?

Why they call the airport "the terminal" if flying is so safe?

Upcoming Events:	Time / Location
March 1: Business Meeting	7:00pm - Billerica Marriott
March 8: Culinary Adventures	TBD
March 15: Dinner / Social Meeting Speaker - Michael See, MS, RCEP, CDE Topic: Diabetes	7:00pm - Billerica Marriott
March 19: Kindergarten Eye Screening	9:00 – 1:00 – Billerica H. S. Library
March 22: Board Meeting	7:00pm - BATV
March 26: Chocolate Easter Bunny Sale	9:00-3:00 – O'Connor Hardware
April 2: Chocolate Easter Bunny Sale	TBD – O'Connor Hardware
April 5: Business Meeting / Elections for 2011/2012	7:00pm - Billerica Marriott
April 9: Health Fair	TBD – Elks Lodge
April 12: Culinary Adventures	TBD
April 19: Dinner / Social Meeting	7:00pm - Billerica Marriott
April 23: Canister Drive	9:00 – 2:00 – Market Basket (3 locations)
April 26: Board Meeting	7:00pm - BATV
April 30: Lions State Convention Town Recycling Day	Mansfield TBD – Marshall Middle School
May 1: Business Meeting	7:00pm - Billerica Marriott
May 8: Culinary Adventures	TBD
May 15: Dinner / Social Meeting / Board Meeting	7:00pm - Billerica Marriott
May 21: Yard Sale	8:00-2:00 – COA Lawn
May 22: Yard Sales (Rain Date)	
June 7: Business Meeting	7:00pm - Billerica Marriott
June 14: Culinary Adventures	TBD
June 21: Dinner / Social Meeting	7:00pm - Billerica Marriott
July: 4 <sup>th</sup> - Affordable Festival, 19 <sup>th</sup> - Spinners, 25 <sup>th</sup> Golf Tournament	

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# ***THE LION'S TALE***

## Office Nominations for 2011-2012

President: Joan DiOrio

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Joan Parcewski

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Arthur Walsh

3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Brian Lomasney

Secretary: Margarita Kalivotis

Treasurer: Bob Kinsman

Membership: Paula Baldwin, Jo Leary, Leo and Ellie Shea

Tail Twister: Joan Delmore

Lion Tamer: Don Melendy

Director 1 Yr: Cheryl Marland

Director 1 Yr: Al Melendy

Director 1 Yr: Gordon Gibb

Director 1 Yr: Judy Rogers

Director 1 Yr: Stu Wood

Newsletter Editors: Brian and Cathy Lomasney

Program Committee: Bruce Baldwin, Cindy Mac Cormack, Arlene Mazmanian

Webmaster: George Merrill

Sunshine Lady: Helga Raffaello

Dinner Meeting Caller: Lilli Ralston

Culinary Adventure: Mike Kiskel