



# Billerica Lions Club

October 2004

## Presidents Message.

Fellow Billerica Lions : Our year is off to a great start. The meetings at the coffee connection and the Wyndhan were well attended, interesting and informative. We have one returning member and two transfer members joining our club and two potential new members. All of this should help us have a successful year at fundraising, fellowship and fun. I was especially moved by our fellow Lion speaker from India who spoke of raising money for life and death issues in a poor country. Certainly our burden isn't that great however the possibilities of helping those in need are ever increasing and should drive our efforts. Have a great month . Yours in Lionism.

Paul Kilian

**Visitation Committee** made a successful visit to the Tewksbury club to pick up our gavel, Contact Lion Gordy Gibbs or Lion Cheryl Marland to participate in these adventures.

**The Golf Tournament** is our biggest fundraiser and King Lion Killian is going to meet with all interested parties to try to get this committee off to a good start if you would like to be part of this committee, give him a call.

## A View of International Lionism....

At the Sep. 21<sup>st</sup> meeting we were honored to have Arukonda Jayashankar and his wife as guests. Arukonda gave us an insight into his Lions Club in Parkal India. They meet in the member's homes with the wife preparing the food for the group and one of their biggest fund-raiser is running movies. Members of the Lions Club are held in high respect in India where they service the poor and needy. They run eye camps, camps for the disabled providing needed surgeries and free immunizations. They also try to help their people by providing husbandry camps and spreading cultivation knowledge.

It was a pleasure for us to meet and talk with Arukonda wishing him and his Lions in Parkal India the best and hope to see him again.

## Lions Eye Research Fund, Inc.

Presented a plaque to the Billerica for being one of 8 clubs from District N to donate over \$5,000. The total raised was One Million Seventy two thousand and eighteen dollars from the 5 Massachusetts districts. Good work Lions, you raised \$5297.96 for this great cause, isn't that what we are all about?

## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 5	Board/Regular Meeting Coffee Emporium
October 14	World Sight Day
October 19	Regular Meeting Wyndham Hotel
October 21	33N Membership Meeting
November 2	Board/Regular Meeting Coffee Emporium
November 16	Regular Meeting Wyndham Hotel
December 7	Board/Regular Meeting Coffee Emporium
December 21	Regular Meeting

**Upcomming Speakers** announced. Bill Flaherty has been busy at work, lining up speakers for the second meeting of each month. October will be Dr. Sanford Kurtz, CEO of Lahey Clinic and November will be Coach Flynn and the Billerica Football Captains.

Come and enjoy and bring a guest or two.

**Call your board representative for dinner reservations for the second meeting of the month, which will be held, at the Wyndham Hotel cost \$20 per person, guests encourages.**

**Presidents challenge - Think Membership** Steve and Betsy Burton and Gordon Gibb have joined Stu Woods on the Membership Committee, but we are reminded recruitment is everyone's responsibility.

**Pancake Breakfast** planned for early November and Al Melendy has taken on chairmanship. Please offer him your help that day and by selling tickets.

### **Notes from the Board meeting:**

Secretary Lion Marland will now present a brief report at meetings as needed rather than a full secretary report.

*A reminder* the Board meeting and the regular business meeting will be combined on the first Tuesday of the month and held at Coffee Emporium, 420 Boston Road, Billerica Center. Sandwiches and drinks will be available prior to the meeting from 6pm; *the meeting will begin at 7pm promptly.* The second meeting of the month will continue at the Windham with our guest speakers.

Mark your calendar, January 21, 22 & 23<sup>rd</sup> are the dates for the Mid Winter Conference which will be at the Windham, Andover, more information to come.

**Topsfield Lions** is Celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anneversary Nov. 6 with a dinner at Angelica's Middleton. Cost \$45. Per person, if interested in attending contact Lion Marland for more information.

**Ride Needed** –Lion Don Shirey lives in the Pinehurst area and is looking for a ride to meetings. Give him a call if you could take him. (978-663-3377)

**King of Clubs Attendance Incentive** – The pot continues to grow \$180. with 38 cards left **No winner yet.** Come and get in on the fun.

## ***Trick or Treat for Our Heroes.***

AT the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Wyndham we are going to be collection items to be sent to our soldiers deployed overseas. Items needed:

AT&T phone cards, Toilet wipes, baby wipes, medicated foot powder, lip balm with sunscreen, tooth brushes, deodorant, socks, stationery, DVD's for lap tops, small board games, powdered juice drink mixes, packaged cookies, beef jerky, chewing tobacco, dried fruits and nuts, and candy except chocolate.

Items collectd will be dropped off at Century 21, 630 Boston Road for the Honor Our Heroes Program. If you don't make the meeting you can drop off your donation there before Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

As a group let's show our support for our soldiers.

## **Sunshine Notes. . .**

John Conway brought a guest Rick Bridge to the dinner meeting. Hope to see you again Rick.

## **Welcome to the Billerica Lions-Club:**

Don Shirey, 978-663-3377, 20 Christina Ave., Billerica. Djs29@comcast.com  
Don new to Billerica was previously a member of the Roanoke VA Lions club.

Barbara Bourdon, 978-667-2301, 26 Hilltop Rd, Billerica  
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Barbara is a returning member.