

Lions Tale

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Lions,

We are off and running to a great start so early in the year! I just want everyone to know that I am just bursting with pride with all the great things our Club has done and will be doing in the days ahead. We came through to help other clubs with Eye mobile screenings, we had several folks at the visitation with the fun loving Pepperell Club and we had an informative Membership Night meeting with some new folks that will soon be inducted in a beautiful ceremony of solemnity. Also, we are all of one accord rooting for our very brave and courageous Betsy Burton. We all need each other and the bonds of friendship grow stronger as we work together to make a difference in the world. I will be looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Yours in Lionism,

Barbara Bourdon, President

“Proud to be a Lion”

FROM THE EDITORS DESK

Well here we are at the real start of the year. Fall is a very busy time in everyone's lives and it's no different for those of us in the Lion's Club. Let's get behind King Lion Barbara and make this a banner year for our Club. We can do it!

PLEASE be aware of meeting places over the next two months. The **October 17th** meeting will take place at the Bennett Library in Billerica Center at 7 p.m. catered for \$15.00 per person with Stuffed Chicken Breast and all the trimmings including coffee and dessert. Please respond to Lion Barbara by 10/12. At this meeting, we will decide if the Bennett will become our permanent meeting place for the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays beginning November 7th. (Ed. Note: We left the Wyndham because they wanted to raise the price to \$23)

ONGOING

Thanks to Steve Bourdon, the Billerica Lions have been visible once again at the Enterprise Bank in Pinehurst with a two-week display including our Club bicycle, membership info and a request for cell phones and glasses.

Lion Steve conducted an informative membership night at the Canal Museum on October 3rd with two prospective members in attendance. Remember we are all on Lion Steve's Membership Committee and have a responsibility to encourage others TO SERVE.

BILLERICA LEO CLUB yes, it will happen this year. Nisha Wali our Leo Club student working on this project had a meeting on the 4th at BMHS. The next step, encourage membership application, submit a Leo organization report to International, and receive the Leo Club membership kits, pins, etc. Once this is accomplished, we will plan an evening, sponsored by Billerica Lions and officially charter the first Leo Club in Billerica. Watch for more info in your bulletin.

INDUCTION NIGHT: Yes, we do have new members, who will be installed at the December 5th meeting. Currently, Katie Hart, William Jaunbral, and Evelyn Haines are candidates. Marie Hayes will become a member at our next installation.

Pan Cake Breakfast Our first Pancake Breakfast will be held on November 26th from 8:00 AM to 11:00AM at the Masonic Hall. Tickets will be \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for little people. Barbara and Gordie are chairing the event and can use our help selling tickets and on the day of the event.

Lion's Club Christmas Party, will be **December 19th** at the Billerica Country Club. Mark your calendar. The committee is in process of putting together a fun evening. Final headcount by December 11th. Time and price in the next bulletin.

PEACE POSTER CONTEST. At the Middle Schools continue. This year's theme is "Celebrate Peace" The contest will conclude the **week of November 6th**. BATV will be the host site for the contest and will display the posters during the month of January. Be a part of the program. We need judges. Certificates will be awarded to the participants. Winners will go on to the District level.

YOUTH SPEECH CONTEST

This years title is: "**Why is Community Service Important**" Students from Billerica High and Billerica residents attending Shawsheen Technical High School will gather on Tuesday, November 21st at our Lion's Meeting and present their views on the subject. This is an important part of our Youth Outreach Program. Please plan to attend. These students may be future Lions.

A BENCH IN HIS NAME will be the focus for our own Gil Griggs at the Council on Aging dedication on Saturday, **October 28th** at the Senior Center. Lion Neelam will let us know the time. It would be wonderful if many Lions could be present.

SICK AND VIGIL

Lion Betsy Burton continues with chemotherapy and the process of recovery. Please keep Betsy in your thoughts and on your telephone list. She would love to hear from you.

FOURTH OF JULY 2007

A big Lion's "Thank you" to Cheryl Marland and Dick Tracy for their success with the Billerica Plan's Grant. The Club has been awarded a \$1,000.00 grant for the **July 4th 2007** celebration. We served 650 attendees this summer, sure to make the 1,000 mark next year!

YANKEE DOODLE WEEKEND.

Been there and had a great time! Were you with us marching in the Yankee Doodle parade? We are proud to be the owners of the tricycle donated by Dick Tracey and

refurbished by Steve Burton and Fred Pais. What a delightful addition to our Lions family! Thanks to all that spent time at the Lions booth talking about membership and handing out Welch's donation drinks.

GOLF TOURNEMANT Many thanks to Tony Cucchi and his Committee for a well run William H. Flaherty Golf Tournament on September 25th. Tony reported a preliminary profit of \$3,000.00 at the September board meeting. Final report to follow.

STARS OF THE NIGHT You will have the opportunity to see our own Lions President Barbara, Membership Chair Steve and Bulletin Editor Bill on BATV on Wednesday, **October 25th**. During our September Board meeting at BATV and Cosmo Cavicchio's weekly taping, his guest speaker was unable to attend. Realizing the opportunity to chat about their favorite subject, Barbara, Steve and Bill were interviewed for one-half hour and did a fabulous off-the-cuff job, not missing a beat with any of Cosmo's questions. Way to go! DID YOU KNOW the Billerica Lions donated a reading/study room at the Billerica Library called the Flaherty Room, open to all during library hours?

HELPING HANDS On Sunday Todd Baldwin and Marie joined Fred Pais and went to Tewksbury to help in an Eye Screening. The previous week Barbara and Steve Bourdon, Dick Tracey and Fred Pais Assisted Wilmington at another Eye Screening. Way to go Lions.

ATTENDANCE

King Lion Barbara has gotten the club off to a great start. Let's all show our support for what she's doing by attending the meetings and getting involved

Please keep your Editor posted on anything and everything that will encourage members to participate, have fun and serve our community.