

Lions Tale

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YOUTH EVENTS---WRAP UP

Peace Poster Contest – Rebecca Pinals, our Marshall Middle School, “Celebrate Peace” poster winner progress to the international level, but met her competition from all over the world and at that point dropped out of the race. It was the first time that a contestant in District 33N had made it as far as Rebecca, a 7th grader was.

Youth Speech Contest – A.J. Lever, for the 3rd year, represented Billerica as the winner at the zone contest in early January and, that was the end of his competing with other Club finalists. A.J. as a senior moves on to his dream of becoming a veterinarian. We wish him well!

Class of 2016 – Plans are underway with approval received from the Town Clerk, Mrs. Schult, as well as elementary principals to run coffee/donut fundraisers on Election Day, April 14th at the Parker, Ditson and Vining Schools. If there are no other fundraisers, the Hajjar, Kennedy and Dutile Schools will be included as well. Info with permission slips will be sent to the schools approved so far, and our Leos will work side by side at the three schools along with a Lion. Dunkin’ Donuts has agreed to provide free donuts for all three schools and we will pay a reduced fee for coffee. If you remember, last year the Kennedy School alone brought in \$145.00 and that was added to our annual \$200.00 scholarship commitment for the Class of 2016. Who knows we may get towns people interested in voting as well?

MARCH 2ND DANCE AT THE ELKS

This Friday, March 2nd is our first fundraiser of 2007. Chairman Steve Bourdon has promised a great night of music and dancing. We have all received 5 tickets to sell for this event. The price is only \$5.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door. The band has donated their time so this is a great opportunity to put some money in the treasury. We all received 5 tickets, let’s sell them. Thought: anyone wishing to help Lion Steve set up can show up at 7:00 PM, Friday

KINDERGARTEN EYE SCREENING

Calling all Lions and Leos! Please set aside Saturday morning March 24th at Billerica Memorial High School. This is the day of our Pre School Vision Screening, our oldest continuing service to the town. Let’s get behind chairperson, Cheryl, so we can continue our success with this project.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Plans are well underway for our 50th Anniversary celebration on May 19th. Chairman Tony Cucchi and his committee’s are working hard to put together a great evening of celebration. The price has been set at \$25.00 per person. This is \$10 less than the ticket price for our 45th celebration in 2002.

The committee has made the price more affordable but there is a down side. With a price this low, we must do something else to make sure that we cover expenses. That is the purpose of the raffle. We have all received tickets to sell at \$20 ea. There is a grand prize of \$1000; 2 second prizes of \$500 ea. & 2 third prizes of \$250 ea. Only 300 tickets will be sold. Please do your fair share. If your envelope with the tickets is gathering dust on a kitchen counter or hidden in a drawer someplace, please consider finding it and selling a few. DRAWING IS MARCH 17 at BATV.

However, if you can’t sell them due to religious convictions or other reasons, please return them to Dick Tracey or Tony Cucchi as soon as possible, so that someone else can sell them. Thanks a lot!

. HEALTH FAIR AND ELECTION DAY

Saturday April 14th will be a busy day for our club in Billerica. The Leos will be assisting in the **Class of 2016 Fundraiser**. Members of the Class of 2006 assisted by members of the Leo Club will be selling coffee and donuts at the polling sites on election. At the same time our Lions and other Leos will be manning the Eyemobile and assisting the Police Department at the Car Seat Safety Inspection conducted as a

part of the Health Fair. It will take a lot of Lions and Leos to make this day a success. Please plan on giving part of the day. Remember, our motto is “**We Serve**”

Many thanks to Lion George Kapetanakis, Coffee Emporium for his coffee donations for many meetings at the Bennett over the past six months!

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

As is our custom, Immediate past President, Paul Kilian will chair the nominating. Anyone wishing to become a club officer or member of the board of directors should notify Paul a.s.a.p.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR STEVE OUILLETTE

The Dracut club will hold a tribute night Friday March 9th at the Dracut American Legion, space limited, call Sandi Cunha @978-454-8829 if interested. Social Hour 6 – 7 P.M., Program at 7 PM

MEMBERSHIP chair Steve Bourdon will send letters to eight prospective members and invite them to a meeting encouraging them to join our Club and participate in many projects.

ANNUAL JOURNEY FOR SIGHT

Will be held Sight Walkathon, May 20th Horn Pond, Woburn. More details coming.

DIABETES AWARENESS DAY

March 17th, World Trade Center, Boston. All the Eye mobiles in Multiple District 33 will be there and they need our help. Contact Mike Sandberg, Eye mobile Chairman at 617-573-3605, 781-944-4854 for details.

LEO CLUB OF BILLERICA

Nisha Wali, Leo Club President asked that we submit a report of their endeavors since their installation on December 5th.

Volunteering at the Billerica COA, assisting Santa Claus at the Bennett during the Holiday Festival and participating in the Lowell Winter Fest have started the Leo Club on their way. Upcoming events include participation in the Kindergarten Eye screening March 24th, and the April 14th Class of 2016 elementary schools

coffee/donut fundraiser during town election, April 14th as well as the Health Fair at the High School. A fundraiser is on tap with an Italian night at the Senior Center for early April or May.

Leos have received info about a Leo Convention being held the weekend of May 4th – 6th in North Oxford. Cost is \$25.00 for the weekend with all food and boarding expenses included; day workshop cost is \$15.00. Chaperones will be required to accompany Leos at this event. More info to come.

John (PDG) and Betty Pettis, personally presented a gong and gavel to the Leos on February 20th. John, as you may remember, conducted a memorable installation for the Leos on December 5th.

That's it, Lions and Leos! Happy March 1st!

If you have info you would like posted in the next bulletin, please let send me an email or call 978-663-1784.

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