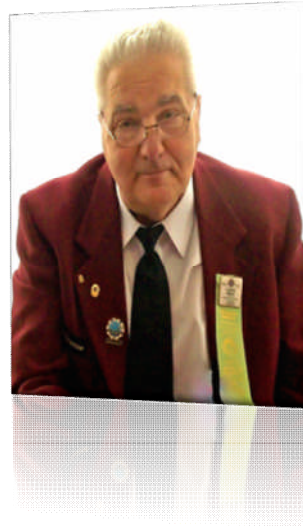


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MIRACLES THROUGH SERVICE



As one year falls away and another begins, we say Thank You to a popular, respected Lion who has served us unfailingly and passionately as our District Governor, and Welcome to a Lion with deep faith, family values and the heart of the District in his caring.

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MIRACLES THROUGH SERVICE

EVERYDAY HEROES

Our International President, Al Brandel, stood at the podium in Bangkok this past June and delivered a heart warming plea to the Lions of the world, to become Miracle Workers.

He reminded us that Service activities are a key factor in the passion of our members, whether the projects are local or global in scope. Lions are the everyday Heroes accomplishing Miracles through Service all over the world. Visible community projects attract new members, and involving members in hands-on projects keeps members active, develops their leadership and teamwork skills, and renews their commitment to Lionism .

Maintaining a strong, thriving membership is necessary to meet community needs through service. Service is a source of member pride, and promoting service helps members recruit new members. Team leadership is necessary to succeed in recruiting and retaining members as well as organizing new clubs.

Al Brandel also mentioned Public Relations which increases pride in Lions projects programs, Peace Poster Contests, LCI brand re-vitalization Increased visibility through such activities as the recent Take Back the Night activities in Springfield, Long meadow, and Pittsfield. These activities build partnerships with public officials, including using our Eye mobile for health screenings and parades.

Well here we are again starting another wonderful year in Lionism, I would like to welcome everyone into our Family, The Adams Family. Sara, my wife and also my CST would like to extend to everyone in our District a warm and hearty start for the coming year,. If there is anything that either of us can do to make your year more enjoyable, just feel free to call us, Tel. #413-655-8867 or EMAIL duck667@juno.com, might be easier for most, but we do realize that there are those among us who don't have a Computer. We have one but I am not sure how to really use it. The most important thing that you all can do at this moment is to encourage your Club Treasurers' to send in their dues. We need them to pay the mounting bills arriving daily. Thanks. Sara's mailing address is P.O. Box 431, Hinsdale, Mass. 01235

I use the term family because I feel that we are part of a family, bonded together for a common good and purpose just as a family is. We each have needs as a family does and a common pride when we accomplish our goals.

On August 23 Sara and I attended the 57th MASS LIONS EYE RESEARCH FUND INC. Banquet, in Mansfield, Mass, the Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet. Total donations for 2007-2008 were \$876,299.13. L.Doug Sime introduced guest speaker, Michael S. Gilmore, PhD. from the Schepens Eye Research Institute. The Club Awards for donations in excess of \$5000. From Dist. Y were:

West Springfield	\$5000.00
Hamden	\$5443.00
Dalton	\$6028.00

East Longmeadow \$6728.94

District Governor Awards 2007-2008

District Y IPDG Dennis Fountain	\$76,562.53
District A IPDG Richard Braks	\$67,010.35
District N IPDG Jane Witherow	\$278,933.98
District S IPDG Joe Rizzo	\$267,334.45

Congratulations all clubs represented and good luck to each club in 2008-2009, Your undying efforts are greatly appreciated, for without your efforts Eye Research would not be possible.

Thanks District 33Y for your support and remember we are EVERYDAY HEROES.

Sara and Don, the Adams Family



"A lion sleeps in the heart of every brave man."
-Turkish Proverb

Convention Sparks Three-Year Effort (Article Copied From LCI Magazine)

The 2005 international convention in Hong Kong proved memorable for three district governors-elect in more ways than the exotic location in which they found themselves. It sparked a three-year eyeglass collection effort and a collaboration between 2005-06 District 306-C1 Governor Rafel "Lucky" Wijeyeweera, Sri Lanka, and two Massachusetts incoming governors, Jean Martin of District 33-Y in the western part of the state and George Hart, of District 33-S in eastern Massachusetts.

Wijeyeweera asked for their help in collecting eyeglasses to help people who had been so badly hit by the tsunami in 2004. More than 2.5 million people were displaced by the tragedy, and thousands of those lost their eyeglasses. With that loss came their ability to see clearly and the Lions in Sri Lanka had been trying to replace those lost lenses and help out thousands of people in desperate need.



For three years, Massachusetts Lions worked to prepare the glasses for shipment to Sri Lanka.

Lions from both districts gathered in June at North American Terminals to deliver what turned out to be a tally of more than 30,000 usable glasses for their four-week journey to Sri Lanka. Joseph Rizzo, 2007-08 District 33 S Governor, worked with the Sri Lanka embassy to finesse the final details with Dr. Senarath Rekogama, 2008-09 District 306 A1 Governor. Customs and duty fees were waived for the humanitarian shipment, and the containers of eyeglasses arrived in July.

LCIF Response to Disasters

Dear Fellow Lions,

I would like to provide you with an update on LCIF's response to the recent hurricanes.

This summer there were a great number of hurricanes throughout the Caribbean and U.S. Gulf Coast. The destruction was significant, killing thousands and destroying properties across several countries and states from wind damage to flooding. Similar to past disasters, Lions and LCIF quickly responded to provide immediate relief items and help families to get back on their feet.

Hurricane Gustav caused \$20 billion in damage and caused great flooding damage in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, areas previously hard hit by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. LCIF issued five Emergency grants to Lions districts in Mississippi and Louisiana, totaling \$50,000 in relief funds. Grants totaling \$15,000 were also awarded to Lions in the Dominican Republic and Mexico.

Hurricane Ike, the ninth hurricane of the summer, also hit the Gulf Coast of the U.S., making landfall in Texas and causing destruction along hundreds of miles of coastline. LCIF has issued five Emergency grants to districts in Texas and Louisiana, totaling \$50,000 for immediate needs.

LCIF has responded to a number of recent natural disasters around the world. Since July 1, LCIF has issued \$464,000 in Emergency grants. LCIF continues to be in touch with Lions in the affected areas to assess the situation and respond as needed.

Emergency grants and Major Catastrophe grants are funded through LCIF's general humanitarian fund. Donations to support these disasters and future disasters can be made online at www.lcif.org/donate or by calling 630-468-6774. Contact LCIF by e-mail at lcif@lionsclubs.org.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our Foundation. As members, we all belong to LCI, but LCIF belongs to us.

Sincerely, Mahendra Amarasuriya

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

Eyemobile Report

From June 9th 2007 through June 30th 2008 your EyeMobile has served 1549 persons at two exhibits, eight parades, and 58 days of screenings in 31 towns sponsored by 21 of our Clubs. Below are some important results we find:

- We asked everyone on our screening form if they had a family history of diabetes; over 36% said yes;
- Of those screened for visual acuity, over 28 % had vision 20/50 or worse in at least one eye[
- Of those screened for glaucoma almost 9 % presented 20 mm Hg internal eye pressure action level.

These results alone indicate that eye health care is still being neglected too much by individual choice for the most part. Our mission as Lions is still very much needed.

Your Officers, Directors, and other dedicated volunteers trained more than forty drivers and well over two hundred screeners. The vehicle added approximately 3000 miles to the odometer. Many Clubs volunteered their time to screen in another town. We have Dave Shields to thank for getting us the four days of the Camping Show which led to getting four days of the Boat Show. We screened 127 campers and 92 boaters which may suggest that campers are smarter.

Currently we have nine Clubs which need no assistance in running a complete screening. We need many more.

We spent perhaps \$ 15,000, some for small things.

No major repairs were performed except repair of the rear awning mount in August 2007.

This fiscal year of 2009 we have adopted a budget which adds money for fuel up to \$5 per gallon, a bit more for maintenance, more miles of travel to expand operations, and \$10,000 per year to begin a fund to replace the vehicle and equipment over the next ten plus years.

For the First Quarter of FY2009 the EyeMobile has appeared in six parades and exhibits and screened nearly five hundred persons in sixteen towns by twelve Clubs.

We ask for your expanding support of the important work of outreach eyesight preservation which you 33Y Lions have begun and have entrusted to us.

Greg Prentice, PDG, President

Lions Environmental Photo Contest

Dear Lions,

It is time to dust off those cameras and go outside. Why? Well, it is time to begin snapping pictures for the Lions Environmental Photo Contest. And so, what do you take pictures of? The 2008-2009 Photo categories are:

Animal Life

Landscape

Plant Life

Weather Phenomenon

The special annual theme category is

Lions Environmental Miracle Workers.

Every Lion, from a club in good standing, can enter a photograph of his or her surroundings into the club-level Lions Environmental Photo Contest. Winning club photographs will advance to the district, multiple district, and international competitions. Registered attendees of the Lions International convention will vote for the six (includes Best of Show) international photo contest winners. The six photos will appear on the Lions Environmental Photo Contest website and in the Headquarters edition of THE LION Magazine. So, what are you waiting for??? Why are you still sitting there? Grab that camera and have some fun sharing your pictures of nature with the rest of us, and perhaps you will find your picture being voted on at the international convention! You say NO – that can never happen to you...well, Miracles Do Happen everyday, and maybe this is your day! If you have any questions, please contact Lion Lois at lionlois@gmail.com.

Yours in Lionism, Lion Lois

“Every artist dips his brush in his own soul, and paints his own nature into his **pictures**”.

Henry Ward Beecher



Lions Environmental
PHOTO CONTEST

Please fill out this form and send it along with your photo to

Lion Lois by December 20th, 2008

Date: _____

Name: _____

Name of club: _____

Lion's address: _____

E-mail: _____

Category (choose one):

Landscapes (urban or natural)

Animal Life

Plant Life

Weather Phenomena

Lions Environmental Miracle Workers (this year's special theme)

Photo title: _____

Photo description (25-words or less) and how the environment is being preserved, protected or improved: _____

Traditional Photos should be sent to Lion Lois Pare, 16 Circle Drive, Granby, MA, 01033 and Digital Photos should be sent to lionlois@gmail.com

Please include this completed entry form and your photo. If digital, please set your camera on the highest resolution possible. Photo files must be in .jpg file format only, not to exceed 5 megabytes. *Entries with more than one photo will be disqualified.*

**Mark Your Calendars Now
New Member Induction Night
March 9th, 2009
Polish American Club, RT 202 South Hadley**

and why are you still standing there – go and find those new members!

**Do you have an article for the
District Newsletter?**

**If so, please e-mail me, Lois at lionlois@gmail.com and I will
make sure it gets in.**



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Greetings to All,

I hope the onset of warmer weather finds everyone enjoying the lazy hazy days of summer. Although, knowing the Lions of 33Y like I do, I'm sure most of you are hard at work helping others. I've been to numerous officer installations and sat in on many meetings to discover how committed you all are. And no, I don't mean institutionalized. I'm referring to your commitment to raise funds and perform community service while others are vacationing, and celebrating holidays. You do more work in July & August than most people do all year.

I've said this before and I hate to sound like a broken record, but I am so proud of the work District 33Y has done this past year. Membership and retention are on the rise. More people are looking to the Lions of 33Y to become part of our great organization and current members are happy to stay. I've seen a renewed faith from Lions all over the District and that positive attitude is trickling out to the public and volunteers who want to share in this experience.

We are our own best publicity tool. It's been nice to see members wear their Lions pin at all times and to talk with others. We've been doing a great job educating the public on who we are and what we do. District 33Y has successfully increased its awareness in the print media, but I'm very pleased to see clubs branching out to television and radio. Many clubs are now actively showing Lions DVDs on their respective community access television channels with an overwhelming positive response.

Donations from clubs have been remarkable on a local community level as well as district, state, and international fronts. Our goal of 20 Melvin Jones Fellows/Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows has been met. Our Campaign Sightfirst II goal had to be upped three times due to the overwhelming response. It now appears we will surpass \$55,000 in donations and pledges. Our Mass Lions Eye Research donations have been slow coming, but thanks to a late push in June we will definitely beat last year's totals and end with a respectable tally of about \$80,000. Between CSFII and MLER donations are over \$120,000. That's truly phenomenal.

I want to personally thank everyone who's flipped a pancake, grilled a burger or collected a can to help raise funds for our service projects and donations. I also want to thank those that have donated hours of their time by collecting glasses, driving individuals to doctor's appointments, working EyeMobile screenings or just being there when someone needed a helping hand. We truly are knights on a crusade to serve others. Keep up the great work!

Yours In Friendship & Lionism,

Dennis M. Fountain, IPDG

Calendar of Events

October 2008

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>28</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
151st Belchertown Fair -				6:30p Texas Hold- em -		12:00p District Governor Visitation		

Belchertown Lions Club			Granby Lions Club	- Holyoke Lions Lions Club		
			District Governor Visitation - West Springfield Lions Club	District Governor Visitation - Hatfield Lions Club		
<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
	Council Meeting	District Governor Visitation - Granville- Tolland Lions Club	6:30p Texas Hold- em - Granby Lions Club	District Governor Visitation - Pelham Lions Club		
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
	Columbus Day (Fed) 9:00a - 3:00p Family Health and Safety Day - Cummington Lions Club	District Governor Visitation - Wilbraham Lions Club	6:30p Texas Hold- em - Granby Lions Club District Governor Visitation - Agawam Lions Club	Mass Lions Eye Research Fund Meeting District Governor Visitation - Amherst Lions Club	4th Annual Charity Eyeball - Ludlow Lions Club	

<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>
District Governor Visitation Amherst	District Governor Visitation - Southampton Lions Club	District Governor Visitation - Springfield 16 Acres Lions Club	6:30p <u>Texas Hold-em - Granby Lions Club</u>			
			District Governor Visitation - East Longmeadow Lions Club			
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u> Nov
	2nd Cabinet Meeting	District Governor Visitation - Lee and Stockbridge Lions Clubs	6:30p <u>Texas Hold-em - Granby Lions Club</u>		Halloween	