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Happy New Year



A Letter From Your District Governor Don Adams

The end of the year is here, CST Sara and I wish each and everyone in our District and throughout the world, a HAPPY NEW YEAR.....

CST Sara and I are hoping our new year will be a better one than the end of last year. We know that every one has had problems. We are truly sorry for this and hope we all have a better 2009. As the new year is upon us, let us remember, International President Al Brandel's slogan "Miracles through Service." We are each an Everyday Hero as is evident by the Membership and Activity Reports that are coming from our clubs. Many of our Lions are reaching out in their towns and cities seeking new members and also working on starting news clubs. Our Campus Club at A.I.C is coming along, they are awaiting their Charter. We expect great things to happen when they are finally formed.

As our Midwinter Conference is approaching we are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our Guests for the weekend, ID Wayne and Lion Marjorie Davis. ID Wayne is a retired elementary School Principle, so we must watch our "P's AND Q'S". We are sure that they will bring much needed information for our use during their stay with us. Both are Melvin Jones Fellows.

I understand plans to have the Dist. Y EyeMobile at the conference are underway. This piece of valuable equipment is a great asset to our District. Well over a thousand people have been screened thus far. There was one person who was sent to the local hospital because of extremely high blood pressure, another found with a detached retina. These are two valuable reasons to have and use our EyeMobile.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the great Lions in Y who have helped CST Sara and I through this part of the year. It has been a learning experience and will remain with us after our year has ended.

DG Don Adams

50TH ANNUAL DISTRICT 33Y MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Clarion Hotel
(formerly: Sovereign Best Western Hotel)
1080 Riverdale Street (Rte 5 & I-91)
West Springfield, Massachusetts, MA
Our guests for the weekend will be

International Director Wayne E. Davis & Lion Marjorie
from the
Winchester-Shawnee Lions Club of Stephens City, Virginia



Fellow Lions, Lioness & Leos: You are invited to the 50th Annual District 33Y Midwinter Convention on January 31 through February 1, 2009 at the Clarion Hotel on Riverdale Rd., W. Springfield - not to be confused with the Clarion Hotel in Northampton!

Come join us on Friday Night for a night of Addams Family Fun. Get your costumes ready! We hope to see you all there.

Sales/Display Tables are available in limited supply Saturday. Please make a separate check payable to District 33Y Lions for \$25. This \$25 will be refunded once you have arrived and set up your sales or display table. Please contact Barbara Thomas at 413-566-5550 or ontebarb@aol.com.

Lions from District 33Y are urged to attend the Saturday morning business Meeting. The Youth Speech Competition will follow: the topic is "*How has modern media affected our lives?*" As usual, we expect differing viewpoints on this subject, and some outstanding speeches from the youths of District 33Y.

Three sessions will be held on Saturday afternoon:

- Forum with ID Wayne E. Davis
- Leo Seminar
- MERL Seminar

Hospitality rooms will open at 9 pm on Friday and Saturday evenings for your entertainment and socializing.

In the evening we will have the Governor's reception, followed by the Governor's Banquet, with our weekend guests, ID Wayne & Lion Marjorie Davis. Saturday evening will also include several award presentations to Lions/Lioness/Leos in our District who deserve to be recognized for the outstanding service they provide to the Lions of our District, Lions International, and to our communities.

Saturday District Governor's banquet seating will be assigned. You may reserve an entire eight-person table using this application. Please list on a separate sheet of paper the names, offices, and club of those for whom the reservation is being made and include full payment for all attending. Reservations will not be held without the list and full payment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Environmental Photo Contest

Lions from clubs in good standing can enter an original, unaltered, black-and-white or color photo (without people) of the environment of their Lions club in the following 2008-09 Lions Environmental Photo Contest categories:

- Animal Life
 - Landscape (Urban or natural)
 - *Lions Environmental Miracle Workers* - photos of Lions in action implementing a Lions environment project.
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- **LIONS CLUBS** select and submit one winning photo to the district.

 - **LIONS DISTRICTS** select and submit one winning photo to the multiple district. **January 15, 2009** is the suggested deadline for districts to submit one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photo to the multiple district.

 - **LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICTS** select and submit one winning photo to the international contest. **March 1, 2009** is the deadline for multiple districts to submit one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photograph and an official entry form (available on the Lions Web site) signed by the council chairperson to Lions Headquarters.

Declaration of Service and National Day of Service

Renewing America Together

Dear Lions Club Officer,

In September, I announced that Lions Clubs International had joined forces with ServiceNation – a coalition of hundreds of organizations from all sectors of America – united with the common goal of meeting the needs of communities through service. Never before have we had an opportunity like this to share the Lions mission with such a large group of kindred partners and demonstrate our commitment to service.

As part of ServiceNation, we are being asked to sign off on a Declaration of Service to state that we believe in the power of service and that we are ready to do our part. I urge Lions to unite and take part in this effort.

Click on <http://www.bethechangeaction.org/pledge/sign> to read the brief Declaration of Service and to add your name to this very important document.

In addition, as a leading service organization, we've been asked to help organize service projects for Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Day, January 19, 2009. This is a great opportunity to come together in shared purpose to tackle the common challenges we face. On this day, I ask that Lions organize service projects such as eye screenings or non-perishable food drives. Visit <http://feedingamerica.org/foodbank-results.aspx> to locate a food bank through the Feed America network; or, contact local social service agencies to find out where the greatest need is. I know many Lions clubs distribute food directly to needy families, which is another option.

I will get back to you after the New Year with additional information regarding MLK Day. In the meantime, please begin planning your service project for January 19th and circulate the Declaration of Service link to fellow Lions and friends.

Please contact Caryn Adolph, manager of International Activities at Caryn.Adolph@lionsclubs.org with any questions.

Sincerely, Al Brandel, President
The International Association of Lions Clubs

Calendar of Events for February

Every Wednesday: Granby Lions Texas Hold'em

Jan 9-11—District S Midwinter Conference

Jan 16-18—District N Midwinter Conference

Jan 30-Feb 1—District Y Midwinter Conference

February 3rd – Spaghetti Night for South Hadley Lions

February 6-8 – 33 A Midwinter

February 9th – 3rd Cabinet meeting

February 13th -15th 33K District Mid-Winter

February 13th – Granby hosts Doctor Flush whose topic will be “Life After Lift-off”

For Further information contact Lion Lois at 467-9254

advanced reservations will be required

February 21st – Mohegan Sun Trip, 8am-6:15 - \$25 pp. Call Adele at 413-773-8754

March 9- World Wide Induction night at 33Y 3rd Advisory

May 1-3 - MD33 State Convention

May 4th – 4th cabinet meeting

June 6- 33Y Testimonial

June 8- Fourth Advisory, Awards Night @ the Blue Bonnet