



2011-2012



District Newsletter – October, 2011

HELLO, Lions!

Happy November! The weather is getting cooler (as all that snow attest to), nights are longer and the leaves are on the ground. What a wonderful time to be thankful for what we have and be mindful that others may not have the same blessings. We need to be sure that in reaching out to those less fortunate that we never forget to appreciate them as individuals and respect the dignity of everyone we come in contact with. Let us be thankful that we have the opportunity to serve and be grateful for the gifts of empathy and compassion.

Now is time to start planning for your December/January service projects focused on hunger. There are so many opportunities to help in this area: clubs can work at a food pantry or kitchen, collect needed food items and deliver them, make sandwiches/hot drinks for the homeless and distribute them, bake and distribute goods to shut-ins, and more. It is great to know that many of you are doing Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas baskets, some are doing sit down meals, while others help out at food pantries and soup kitchens. The Rhode Island Food bank is in need of volunteers in the next few months and Kelly Nichols, Volunteer Manager, said she had never asked the Lions. If your club would like to help out or you would like more info contact Kelly Nichols at [401-942-6325 Ext. 256](tel:401-942-6325); email knichols@rifoodbank.org. The website for RI Community FoodBank is www.rifoodbank.org.

Warm wishes for a joyous Thanksgiving, DG Francine



CONGRATULATIONS, Newly Chartered Central Falls!

On October 14 the Central Falls Lions Club celebrated their Charter Night at Mosaic Latin American Bistro in Providence. It was a great evening filled with fellowship and good feeling. Congratulations to the following new members of our District 42 Lions family:

Winston Guerrero: President, Susana Arenas, Elizabeth Castellano, Illuminada Corona, Maria Cruz, James Diossa, Karol Gaitan, Adalberto Garcia, Joshua Giraldo, Eduardo Gomez, Jr., Luz Guzman, Margarita Guzman-Jaramillo, Abraham Hernandez, Gloria Hincapie, Audrey Kilsey, Thomas Lazieh (welcome back), Diosa Martinez, Gabriel Martinez, Patricia Martinez, James McLaughlin, Leo Morales, Adriana Perez, Luz Posada, Edna Poulin, Jeshenia Rojas, Jaime Rua, Carlos Spinola, Philip St. Pierre, Jr. and Doris White.

Special thanks go out to Guiding Lion Luis Del Rio and IPDG Dawn Cabral-Quimby who both worked tirelessly to get this club up and running. Thanks also go to the sponsoring club, Providence, for their support. Their efforts have been duly rewarded by a dynamic and eager club that has already got quite a few projects under its belt. The Central Falls club has great leadership in King Lion Winston, VP Gloria, Secretary Maria and Treasurer Adriana. We are all excited about what comes next!



New Central Falls Lions with IPDG Dawn, GL Luis & Mayor



King Lion Winston and Providence Mayor Angel Taveras

District 42 is proud to welcome the Central Falls Lions.



As you know District 42 Lions do great service in our communities. However, there are times when, even in our biggest Clubs, there are just not enough hands (and sometimes not enough funds) to do it all. And so we rely on our Non-Lion volunteers/sponsors for help.

This year at State Night, being held on January 28, 2012, we would like to give long deserved recognition to all those who have not joined our Clubs but have joined in our efforts to improve our communities by volunteering their time and/or offering financial help.

We are asking each Club in the District to nominate **one special Non-Lion** worker/sponsor for District 42's "**Heart of a Lion**" Award.

We ask that each club take some time to determine eligible candidates and that all members get involved with your selection. The more people you can recognize on a club level the better. Club

presidents should then send a letter to DG Francine or Chairpersons Linda Pelland or Elizabeth Walpole explaining how your winning candidate has been instrumental to the success of your Club.

The "**Heart of a Lion**" Award committee will review all the entries and select the District winner to be announced at State Night. Please bring your club winners to State Night. At that time you will have the opportunity to acknowledge your individual club winners. Please feel free to invite their friends and families to celebrate with them.

Who knows, maybe our Non-Lions will decide to become Lions?

Entries must be received by January 6, 2012 for inclusion in the contest. We hope all of our Clubs will supply us with wonderful stories of those individuals who continually prove they have the "**Heart of a Lion**" to share at State Night.

Second Advisory Meeting

Monday, November 14 · 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Location:

Uncle Ronnie's Red Tavern

2692 Victory Highway

Nasonville, RI

6:30 social, 7:00 pm meeting

\$20/pp buffet includes chicken, meatballs, pasta, salad, coffee and dessert

Make checks payable to District 42 Lions and send to

CS Bob Andrade, 1200 Central Ave., Pawtucket, 02861

andrade@cox.net, 401 729-4040 by November 7th.

Remember, this meeting is open to all Lions. Club Presidents and Secretaries are members of the Advisory committee and are expected to attend. If your club officers cannot attend please plan on sending a representative for your club.

First (VDG) Impressions...

From Service Projects to New Memberships

As you know, our motto is "We Serve".

Our service to the community takes many forms. We donate funds to causes larger than we can handle in our own clubs and we become a part of a larger initiative. We hold fundraisers of various types so that we can make these donations. Fundraisers are a necessary part of being able to make monetary donations.

But we also have the option of serving without any monetary cost. It is these types of projects that get us noticed, be it collecting and disposing of trash from a local highway, helping out in any fashion at the local food pantry, performing eye screening for the students of your town, etc.

This is where we need to shine. If your club does any of the above, if they plant trees under International President Tam's 2011-12 theme or any other service activity, get your local paper to come down, take some pictures and interview club members for a story of service. If for any reason the local paper cannot come, then take pictures at your service project, write an article and send it in to the local paper. They will be only too glad to publish the story. For them, it's "news".

News gets us noticed and this is what we need to increase our club memberships and improve our ability to help more people in our communities.

Here's a great idea. Invite non-Lions to help you at your next service project. Once completed, you can then watch them to see if they have the drive to become a Lion. Then ask them to attend a club meeting and offer to sponsor their membership if they are interested. Just making this offer may be all that it takes to bring in a new member.

There are people out in our communities that have what our District Governor, Francine, calls 'The Heart of A Lion'. Involvement in service projects, and publicizing those projects are two ways to find these people.

Let's all give it a try!

Lion Bill Kelly, First Vice District Governor, Rumford



From Left to right: Bill Poole, Pres. EG Lions-Gary Calvino-Maria Gemma-Mark Hashway, EG Lions Golf Tournament chairman.

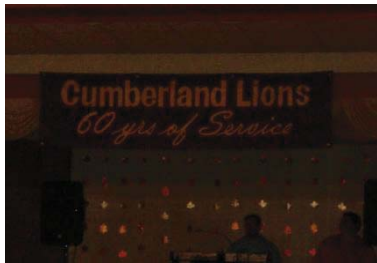
East Greenwich Lions Club King Lion Bill Poole handing check for \$3,000.00 to Gary Calvino and Maria Gemma, of The Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation, with Mark Hashway Golf Tournament Chairman. This money was raised this year from the EG club's annual golf tournament.

Happy 60th Anniversary to Johnston, Cumberland Scituate.

Scituate Lions at their signature sandwich booth at the Scituate Arts Festival on Oct. 9th



Cumberland Lions Club celebrated their 60th in style at their Annual Harvest Dance, Oct. 1st



Spotlight on...Newport Eye Screenings and White Cane Day...

The Newport Lions have been involved in the eye screening program for approximately 15 years. It was started by Peter Boiani around 1996 and they have been doing it ever since. In the beginning the eye screening machines were borrowed from the state Lions, now Newport Lions own five screening machines with the newest being state of the art. Lions arrive at schools with the screeners and extensions so that they are self-sufficient. They also do depth perception tests. This year the eye screening is being overseen by Gerry Rubin and Clara O'Sullivan, co-chairs. Other Lions involved are Paul Cormier, Dick Boreri, Josh Nemptow, Ralph Flint, Alice Coffey, Gretchen Perhan, Jim Dring, Bob Leary and

Lis DaCruz. Other volunteers include Hope Rubin, Bea Shanahan, Frida Nemtzow, Nina and Martie Cohen and Troy DaCruz. They partner with the Portsmouth Lions to cover Portsmouth and Middletown. To date they have screened at seven schools, Forest Ave., and All Saints in Middletown (286 students), Portsmouth Middle School (450 students), in Newport, Rogers High School (130 freshmen), Triplett Elementary (150 students) and Cranston-Calvert Elementary (150 students). They will complete their screenings in the next two weeks with visits to four other Newport schools and two in Middletown.

Newport Lions also held a White Cane Day where they partnered with the US Naval Sea Cadets on Saturday, October 15th. The theme was "Hope for Heroes" and the money raised will be donated to FIDELCO's program that supplies guide dogs for veterans who have lost their eyesight in combat. Lions Jerry Rubin, Alice Coffey, Larry Newsome, Mary Ellen Lynch, Suresh Ramamurthy and Helen Steeves along with Lion Cubs Alexis and Chandler DaCruz volunteered. Cadets involved with the drive were Seaman Alexandra Furtado, Seaman Apprentice Jonathan Fleet, Seaman Recruit Ethan Fox, League Cadet Apprentice Lyndsey Bowman, League Cadet Apprentice Mackenzie Bowman. Ensign Steven Furtado & Joanna Bowman also pitched in.



Lion Clara O'Sullivan

Naval Sea Cadets Lyndsay and Mackenzie Bowman with KL Helen Steeves and DG Francine Murphy-Brillon at Newport Lions October meeting.



Newport Lion Mary Ellen Lynch and niece Ellie Coen at the Cluny School eye screening.

**Thanks to all the clubs
who did sight related projects in October!
Don't forget to list them in your Activities Report!**

National VIP Fishing Tournament....

I'm writing to report that, even though we came home empty handed, the hearts and minds of all that traveled to this years National VIP Fishing Tournament were filled with thanks, good feelings and memories. Our National VIP's for this year were: Janice Musco (Lincoln), Norman Boyce (Bristol), and Gerardo Cerino (Providence). Before I get into the details of the trip, I want to extend my sincere thanks to PDG Dom Branco for taking on the full-time driver duty of vehicle #2.

Monday was a day for registration, orientation and relaxing at the hotel beach & pool. The official start of the VIP Tournament was at dinner that night in the Manteo Lions Recreation Center (Breakfast & Dinner are served here by several NC Lions clubs throughout the event)

Tuesday was gorgeous and the Crystal Gayle party boat (1 of 2 used in the tourney) left the dock shortly after 9AM for what turned out to be a fairly sparse day of fishing. The captain did his best to find fish to the extent that we moved so much that we thought we were on a “chase” boat. At 3PM the day was called and the largest total catch was about 2 lbs (Not much for you non-fishermen). That evening we presented the 2nd Annual New England VIP Tourney trophies and, unfortunately, both went to CT.

Wednesday , what a difference a day makes, the National VIP Tournament was held on the recently opened Jeannette’s Pier. There was a major storm system just offshore that created 30-40mph winds and about an inch of rain during the tournament that ran from 9AM to 1PM. (A real life experience nearly ¼ mile off shore and 20 ft above the 6ft waves) Fishing was sparse again, even for the locals, but the VIPs were determined to win and refused to give up even though by noon, we were soaked & shivering even though it was 72 degrees out.

We then headed to Manteo Rec Center for dinner and the awards presentations. Before the awards there was a surprise performance by Lion Milton Bullock (One of the original “Platters”) and Vivian Reed (from the original Bubbling Brown Sugar Broadway show). They put on a great series of songs that brought back good memories and even 80+ VIP Norm Boyce was singing to them! (Photo evidence available upon request) Awards were then presented to the 3 top winners of each of the fishing locations (350+ NC VIPs on 2 Boats and 4 Piers) and to the overall winners of the NC VIP Tourney.

On behalf of the VIP’s and their Guides, I want to extend my sincere thanks to the RILSF, The VIP Committee, RI Lions Clubs, PDG Dom and individuals for their moral and/or financial support in making the RI VIP Tourney a success and; for allowing us to represent RI at the Tournaments in NC.

Please feel free to contact me with and questions or suggestions. We look forward to your continued support in 2012!

Ken Barthelemy



VIPs G. Cerino, J. Musco & N. Boyce



VIPs and guides with Lion Ken

Second (VDG) Thoughts

Each month I try to deliver a message. I have had the pleasure of attending some of the functions and meetings held by our Clubs. And I have seen that Club size really doesn't make as much difference as you might think.

I am writing this piece in October. We are now in the beautiful season of a New England fall with the colors just beginning to peak in some areas. But the memories of pleasant warm days and nights still linger. So my message this month is: If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been out on a beautiful summer night. The mosquito is very small but its bite is something that definitely makes an impression.

While I am not suggesting we bite anyone, as Lions we should try to be like that mosquito and to make sure people know we are around. The return of mosquito activity brings memories of those beautiful summer nights. So try to find a signature function that will be memorable so that when the next flyer for a Club activity comes around people will remember how much fun they had at the last one.

Some of our smallest Clubs raise thousands of dollars for their communities; or have no problem "getting down and dirty" doing a special service project. It's not the number of Lions, it's positive attitudes and the commitment to service that makes the difference.

2nd VDG Rosa Branco

Congratulations Lion Joseph Celona on 74 years of Lionism!



Lion Joe is still an active member of the North Providence Lions club at age 103. The club celebrated his tenure at a meeting in his honor on October 18, where he was presented with a certificate of appreciation from International President Tam. The certificate was presented by Past International Director Peter Barilla. Many members of Joe's family attended the evening including his great-great grandson (above right with PID Peter, Lion Joe and PDG George).

GMT-GLT News

GMT and GLT what is it?

Those of us, who have been in Lionism for a few years, remember the MERLO team (Membership, Extension, Retention, Leadership and Orientation). Even though it was called a “Team”, each one of those groups worked independently, had no direct contact with the LCI headquarters, no accountability and the structure was very complicated. A few years ago, to eliminate some of that, Lions Clubs International decided to combine Orientation with Leadership and it became MERL (Membership, Extension, Retention and Leadership), with a 3-year commitment. This process, however, did not show the improvement that was expected because, in some areas, the Chairperson did not have the proper training or the resources to do the job well.

After a few attempts by LCI throughout the years to help the District Governors and their MERL team, but without much success, in 2006 the Global Membership Team was formed under the Leadership of PID Mike Butler from Texas. At the request of the District Governors, this group of trained individuals would go out to the area and give a 3-day training on recruiting new members and starting New Clubs.

Even though that was working well, with some new clubs formed, some Guiding Lions trained, etc., it was still hard to follow because the format would change every year to conform to the new International President’s theme. So LCI decided to make this a 3-year program and bring it to the District level.

In July of this year, the GLT (Global Leadership Team) was implemented and it will be working side by side with the GMT.

The GMT/GLT teams replaced the MERL structure as follows: the Membership, Extension and Retention fall under the GMT and the Leadership and Orientation under the GLT.

Both Teams are composed of Lions leaders appointed to serve a three-year term in their Constitutional areas, Multiple and Single Districts, to allow for adequate analysis of area needs, and the development and implementation of strategic plans. The District coordinators are in direct contact with the Region, Zones and clubs. Both report to the District Governor, their Area Leaders and the District & Club services Department at LCI. All GMT and GLT leaders are subject to annual review and confirmation of appointment or removal based on performance.

PDG Dom Branco, GLT coordinator, District 42



District 42 Lions

Come and Join your fellow Lions for

STATE NIGHT 2012

at



RAMADA

940 Fall River Ave.

Seekonk, Ma. 02771

(508) 336-9222

Saturday, January 28, 2012

Rooms are \$75.00 +tax

Junior Suites \$100, Exec. Suite \$110

Includes deluxe continental breakfast

Discount on Sunday Jazz Brunch from 9-2

Room Reservation Deadline – December 15, 2011

For information call

Chair Bette Walpole, 401-253-2322, bettew6347@yahoo.com

Co- Chair Linda Pelland, 401-253-6879, linlion44@msn.com



“State Night Registration & Meal Form”

DiParma Italian Table

940 Fall River Ave., Seekonk, MA

Social Hour 6:00 – Dinner 7:00pm

Deadline for Meal Registration is January 6, 2012

Deluxe Buffett featuring

Roast Pork, Chicken Marsala and Herb Stuffed Sole, salad, vegetables, rice, rolls & butter, pastries, cakes, tea and coffee

- \$35.00 per person <<tax and tip included.>>

Name: _____

Club Affiliation: _____ # attending _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____
Email: _____

All meal reservations MUST be accompanied by payment / No reservations accepted without payment

**Amount Enclosed \$ _____ make check payable to:
District 42 Lions**

Send form with payment by January 6th to:

Linda Pelland

7 Paull St.

Bristol, RI 02809

Coming up...

November 13 – 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Rumford Lions Ham and Bean Supper, cash bar/make your own sundae. Santa Maria Club, 846 Broadway, East Providence. \$10.00 pp/under 6 are free. Contact Bill Kelly or Craig Trodson.

NOVEMBER 14- ADVISORY MEETING – BE THERE – See page 3 for details.

November 16 – 7 pm. Pawtucket Lions 22nd Annual Sharing Celebration. Dinner for two, entertainment and a chance to win \$10,000. Only 300 shares sold, \$100 per share. Contact Dan Andrews, 722-4271

November 18 – 5:30 – 8:00 pm, Bristol County Lions Pasta and Meatball Supper, St. Michaels Parish Hall, 399 Main St., Bristol. \$10.00 adults, \$5.00 children under 12. All you can eat. Raffles and door prizes. Contact: Linda Pelland – linlion44@msn.com.

Nov. 24, 11-1, Cumberland Lions Thanksgiving Dinner for the Community. Churruscarria Marques, Broad St., Cumberland.

Dec. 3 – 9-11 am. Breakfast with Santa and the Lincoln Lions, crafts, pictures, presents and facepainting. Sayles Memorial Chapel, 185 Chapel St., Lincoln. Adults \$6, Children \$3., Family \$15. Proceeds benefit local food pantries and soup kitchens. Contact Bob Lacourse REL232@cox.net

Dec. 11 – 8-11 am. Santa is coming. Please join him for breakfast at the Greater Warwick Lions Breakfast at DAVE'S BAR & GRILL 2339 Post Road, Warwick. Contact PDG Dan Cunningham (dcunningham30@cox.net) or Robert Farrell (robmb1@hotmail.com) for more info.

Dec. 14. – 5-7 pm The Coventry/West Greenwich Lions will be making our yearly Santa's Visit to Arcadia House. Santa will be bringing a number of toys to the kids there whose ages range from 7-13 years old boys and girls.

Ongoing – Burrilville – **Aluminum Collection & Pull Tabs and Cans:** Get your aluminum foil to add to the "huge ball" we are preparing. Contact Ann Marie Whittemore (640-8485) Raised funds will be used to support our charitable donations, Pull tabs and Cans are being collected by Rene Cardon(568-4913) for the Sight Foundation.

DG TEAM VISITATIONS: November: 1-Lincoln, 2-Bristol County, 3-N. Smithfield, 9-North Kingstown, 10 – Central Falls, 16 - Cranston, 28-Smithfield

December: 12- Barrington, 13-Foster

ADVISORY MEETINGS (7:00 pm)

November 14
State Night – Jan.28, 2012

January 9 (includes Mid-Winter Conference),
State Convention – April 27-28, 2012

May 14