

# DISTRICT 33N NEWS



**David O'Brien**

2009  2010

**District Governor**

**Vice District Governor**  
**Jeannine Gentleman**

**CABINET SECRETARY TREASURER**  
**ROBERT SINCLAIR**

**2nd Vice District Governor**  
**Jane Fanjoy**

## PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

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DIABETES AWARENESS  
DISTRICT FLOAT  
DISTRICT 33N WALK-A-THON  
ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST  
EYE GLASS RECYCLING  
EYE MOBILE  
FAMILY & WOMEN'S MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT  
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LIONS QUEST  
MASS. LIONS EYE RESEARCH FUND  
PEACE POSTER PROGRAM  
SIGHT & HEARING FUND  
TOYS FOR TOTS  
VISUAL AIDS FOUNDATION  
YOUTH EXCHANGE  
YOUTH SPEECH CONTEST

**PDG Frank Potter**

**June 22, 1943—July 8, 2009**

Past District Governor and Past President of the Merrimack Lions Club Frank Potter, passed away at his home surrounded by his loving family on July 9, 2009. He was the husband of PDG Sharon A. (Sloban) Potter, to whom he had been married for 45 years. PDG Frank will surely be missed on this earth but is certain to be welcomed into heaven to continue the service that he so dearly loved. The condolences of every Lion and Leo in District 33N goes out to PDG Sharon and family on their great loss.

## HEEELLLPPP

Lions of District 33N,

We are looking for a few people to fill vacancies on our Sight & Hearing Board. We have 3 Directors positions open and 2 alternates. We meet in Acton the first Monday of every month at 7 PM. LIONS interested in this very worthwhile team may email

DG DAVE at [dmob1981@yahoo.com](mailto:dmob1981@yahoo.com)

Or

PDG Louise at [lion.Louise@juno.com](mailto:lion.Louise@juno.com)



## District Governor Dave's Message



July 2009



As our new Lions year begins, our first duty is to pay tribute to IPDG Randy for his great year. For the first time in many years District 33N had a **net** membership gain. Let us catch this momentum and continue it into the future. In addition, last year produced the second largest contribution level ever to Mass. Lions Eye Research fund, with total donations of \$289,716.13. This was by far the best per capita contribution rate in the state. District S, with its 50% larger membership, slightly exceeded the District N total. But, more importantly, total donations to MLERF were up for the year reversing a downward trend from the last few years. Congratulations, Randy, you truly inspired outstanding efforts within District 33N.

This year's International theme is "Move to Grow". The theme I had chosen, "Go for Growth", is both similar sounding and in theory. Growth is not limited to looking at membership, although that is a key component. Rather growth in this case stresses increased or strengthened community services and donations both within the communities we serve and the Lions charities we so solidly support. If we accomplish membership growth, it becomes so much easier to accomplish the other growth objectives. Do what Lions always do, watch for potential members and service opportunities and each will feed upon the other.

We will take our first steps toward ongoing growth in membership by having the Global Membership Team consultants here in early October. The second and third of October will be training sessions and recruitment will take place over the three days following. Our goals from this visit are: to form one or two new clubs; to bolster membership in weaker clubs; and, most importantly, to begin to develop a long-range in district training program to promote membership, extension and retention. This program development has been assigned to the Vice-Governors and is a key function of theirs this year. More information will be forthcoming as the plans develop. Please, help us help the District. Do what you can to make this a highly successful effort.

In closing, it is my pleasure to serve the Lions of District 33N for the year 2009-2010. I will make my best effort to do anything I can to help any Lions Club both this year and into the future.

*Message from CST Bob Sinclair*

I am privileged to have this opportunity to serve as your Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer for the Lions year 2009-2010. It's going to be a great year with a strong leadership team and lots of enthusiasm throughout District 33N. Congratulations to IPDG Randy Pinch on your very successful year and thank you to PCST Jeanne Farrow for all your hard work. I am looking forward to visiting each club in the District and working with all the club officers in making your year a success. Members are the 'life blood' of Lions clubs. One of our most important things we must do as Lions is invite someone to join. DG Dave will continue with IPDG Randy's successful "Just Ask One" campaign. Let's increase our membership and keep the fun and enthusiasm alive in our district.

A note to club treasurers and secretaries, the dues are due. All bills have been sent out and thank you to the clubs who I have already received checks from. Please take action on this bill at your first director's meeting. I am asking all clubs filing their membership and activities reports with LCI to do so using the LCI web site. This reporting will be quick, easy and accurate. Any club needing assistance with electronic forms or the web site please contact me. I am available by e-mail at [rsinclairj@comcast.net](mailto:rsinclairj@comcast.net) or phone at 978-356-7154 if you have any questions or concerns.

Hello Fellow Lions of District 33N,

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that I am starting this Lions year as the first, 2<sup>ND</sup> Vice District Governor of district 33N. I am looking forward to the club visits and seeing my old friends as well as meeting and making many new friends along the way.

District Governor Dave will be using the International theme of "Move To Grow – Leading Through Service". One of the goals of our district will be to grow our membership while retaining our current members. I have been given the job of retention and I will work hard to help the clubs keep their current members happy and informed of what is happening in Lionism. I am challenging each club to bring back their existing members to our meetings.

How about sending an e mail, make a telephone call, send a personal note or even stop by a members home. Let's show these members how much we miss and care about them. Ask the question what can we as a club do to make Lionism more exciting for you? I know from personal experience some people won't volunteer their services so we have to ask them.

Have a wonderful safe, happy and healthy summer. If there is anything I can do to help your club in any way please don't hesitate to ask me.

Yours in Lionism,

Jane Fanjoy

2<sup>ND</sup> Vice District Governor

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July, 2009

## Message from 1st Vice District Governor Jeannine

"Volunteers" Making a difference... Changing Lives....

Dear District 33N,

It's an honor and privilege to serve as your Vice District Governor, we have a fantastic year ahead of us with lots of work to do this year, but working together, we will again meet the challenges that face us.

Membership starts with each and every individual Lion. Membership nights and socials are great ways to bring in new members. We encourage each and every Lion to commit your efforts to asking individuals to join. If every Lion in District 33N asked just one person to join, wow what an increase that would be.

I am encouraged by our steps towards membership growth this year. It's the life blood of our organization and without volunteers we would cease to exist. It's the leadership in our district that will make a difference. Help DG Dave increase our membership again this year.

I hope to see you in Memphis, Tennessee in September 24-26, 2009 for the USA/Canada Leadership Forum. Past International Director Charles Kostro is the chairman of the forum this year. Many new and exciting seminars are planned to educate and motivate you.

Theme for 2009 Forum is "Move to Grow - Lions Leading Through Service"

International President Eberhard Wirfs from Germany will be speaking at the forum on his theme "Move to Grow".

One of the hotels at the forum this year is the Peabody Hotel which has ducks living on the roof of the hotel, these ducks swim in the fountain during the day. At 11am the ducks march to the elevator and are taken to the lobby and back again at 5pm, this should be a sight to see.

Friday night entertainment is "Memories of Elvis" show and Southern hospitality.

Join us in Memphis, home of the Blues and birth place of rock & roll.

For more information on the forum, see web site: <https://usacanadalionsforum.org/>

If I can be of any assistance to your club, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

I would also ask you to include my name on your club's mailing list for your newsletter or bulletin and events announcements.

I'll leave you with this thought, we may run, walk, stumble, drive, or fly, but let us never lose sight of the reason for the journey, or miss a chance to see a rainbow on the way. We of many cultures, languages and races are united together in Lions. Like pieces of a puzzle or a rainbow which displays its many beautiful colors, together we can accomplish great things as Lions.

Please enjoy the warmth and laziness of the summer months. I look forward to seeing all of you at our first District Advisory meeting on August 27th.

Enjoy your summer - 1st VDG Jeannine Gentleman

**Newly Elected International President Eberhard Wirths takes the Oath of Office at the International Convention in Minneapolis Minnesota.**



**Newly elected International President Eberhard Wirths delivers his inaugural address to attendees and presents his International Theme "Move to Grow."**





**EBERHARD J. WIRFS  
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**

Eberhard J. Wirfs, of Kelkheim am Taunus, Hessen, Germany, was elected president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 92nd International Convention, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, July 6-10, 2009. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization and the global leader in humanitarian and community service.

President Wirfs, an entrepreneur and retired CEO of his own company, is a pioneer in the marketing of frozen food specialties across Europe.

Using as his presidential theme **Move to Grow**, President Wirfs plans to build momentum or movement and "grow" association membership in order to meet the increasing needs for community service around the world.

President Wirfs is an experienced and effective leader with particular strength in membership development and extension and leadership training, and in combining service and fellowship.

A member of the Hofheim am Taunus Lions Club since 1985, President Wirfs has held many offices within the association, including club president; district governor; council chairperson; faculty group leader for the District Governors-elect Seminar, which trains incoming governors; and international director. He served as CEO of the German Lions Foundation, Deutsches Hilfswerk. In addition, he systematically implemented Lions Quest, a mentoring program for young people, in Germany. He is an honorary member of the Kelkheim am Taunus Lions Club.

In recognition of his service to the association, President Wirfs has received numerous awards, including the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

President Wirfs and his wife, Margit, also a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons. Oliver and daughter-in-law, Sandra, have one daughter, Hannah-Carlotta. Marcus is married to Pauline, who is from France.

# METHUEN LIONS CLUB STEAK COOK-OUT

Date Monday August 24, 2009

Time Serving at 6:00 PM (Help welcomed earlier)

Place CAC, Marston St., Lawrence Mass

Directions From the north take Route 495 to exit 45, stay right and follow the sign to Methuen. At Commonwealth Drive, turn right (between the auto dealerships). The CAC is at the end of the street.

From the south take Route 495 to exit 45 that will take you on the lower deck of the bridge over the Merrimack River. Stay right all the way and take the Commonwealth Drive exit. At the bottom of the exit you will face the entrance to the CAC.

The food The best steaks you will eat this summer, baked potato, corn on the cob, salad, bread and butter followed by dessert.

The price \$15.00 per person

For tickets E-mail Dave O'Brien at [dmob1981@yahoo.com](mailto:dmob1981@yahoo.com) or call at 978-687-3091

**NOTE:** In the event of rain, watch for e-mail information on the day of the cookout.



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June, 2009

Golfers,

Its time to begin thinking about getting those clubs warmed up for the Acton Lions Club's **Seventeenth Annual Memorial Golf Tournament**.

The Tournament will be held on **Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**, at Acton's beautiful **Quail Ridge Country Club** near junction of Routes 27 and 119/2A as it was last year. The fun begins with A shotgun start at **11:00AM**.

Following the Tournament, a cocktail hour will be held at Quail Ridge followed by a banquet at **Scupper Jack's** restaurant, just a short distance north on Route 119/2A.

The entry fee remains at just \$100.00 per person and will be limited to first 144 players. The fee includes a golf cart, banquet and prizes. There will also be a series of great raffles. Entrants may sign up as individual players or assemble their own foursome and enter as a team. Although the deadline for paid entry is **August 24<sup>th</sup>**, it is suggested that you register early, as this event has been very popular and has sold out early in past years.

Corporate or individual sponsorships of tees or holes are available for just \$100.00 each, and of course donations are always welcome.

To register, please complete and return the enclosed **Registration Form** with your entrance fee and/or donation as soon as possible.

If you require additional information, please call me during the day at (978) 897-9627.

Proceeds from the Tournament will go toward our annual AB Scholarships, Eye Research and other programs supported by the Acton Lions. Please make all checks payable to the **“Acton Lions Club”**.



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## REGISTRATION FORM

**YES, I'd like to participate in the Acton Lions Clubs' Seventeenth Annual Memorial Golf Tournament on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at the Quail Ridge Country Club.**

I would like to register the following players @ \$100 each:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to sponsor a tee or hole @ \$100 each:

Name or Corporate Sponsor for placard: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a \$ \_\_\_\_\_ donation to the Acton Lions Club.

Enclosed is my check in the amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **Acton Lions Club**

Please mail this form with your check as soon as possible to:

**David Christmas, Golf Chairman**  
**190 Pope Road**  
**Acton, MA 01720-5732**

**Woburn Middlesex Lions**  
**Present**  
**The Harlem Ambassadors**

**April 1, 2010**  
**Woburn High School Gymnasium**

The Harlem Ambassadors.... It's not your grandfather's basketball show!!!

This will be our biggest fundraiser of the year. An enthusiastic and creative team has been working to provide the fundraiser's event a noteworthy success! This is an enormous undertaking for our club so spread the word, save the date and be sure to participate.

Please contact MaryAnn with any ideas, thoughts and resources you might be able to contribute all will be considered, welcomed and appreciated.

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**If you would like your Lions Club Activity Announcements published in Your District Bulletin**

**Please submit your copy, pictures or flyers to the District Bulletin Editor in any format and they will be published. They must reach me on or before the 5th day of the month in which you would like for them to appear.**

**You may email them to me at the following address**

**[ansc89@aol.com](mailto:ansc89@aol.com)**

**It is my pleasure to be serving District 33N and District Governor Dave as your District Bulletin Editor once again. Yours in Lionism**

**George E. McLean, District Bulletin Editor.**