Medfield Lions Newsletter

February 4, 2008

Founded in 1944 - Our 64th Year

We Serve

On the Calendar

February

- 6th Dinner Meeting
- 20th BOD Mtg Basil's

March

- 5th Dinner Meeting
- 19th BOD Mtg Basil's

April

5th Progressive Dinner

We're on the Web!

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MedfieldLIONS/ and http://medfieldlions.org/

Dinner Meeting:

Next Dinner Meeting, Wednesday February 6th, 7:00 PM, at the Legion. (Basil's will cater again!) King Lion Joe Shea requests that dress be business casual Our guest speaker will be District Governor Tony Minucci from Ashland. Please join your club members for a fun evening of fellowship and good food!

Recent Club Activities:

Blood Drive A success: Thanks to Lion Tom Sweeney and several other fellow Lions the Blood Drive held on Tuesday Jan 8th, 2008, from 2-8 PM at the Legion Hall was a great success. Lion Tom reports our number of donated pints rose by 10 pints to a total of 57 pints. Thanks to all who worked the event and also donated blood. The American Red Cross appreciates the continued good work of the Medfield Lions.

Charitable Contribution to the Club You may have heard that a local resident made a $30,000 contribution to the Medfield Lions Club. Your Board of Directors has made provisions to accept the donation and is considering long term investment strategies that will allow the proceeds to be withdrawn annually for a Lions charity. More details at Feb meeting.

Lions Notes:

Charitable Contributions: During our December Board Meeting the Board voted to contribute $750 to the Home Committee, $500 to the Animal Shelter and $2000 for a Melvin Jones Fellowship as part of our SightFirst II pledge.

Mid Winter Meeting: The Annual Lions Mid Winter Meeting will be held the weekend of February 15th to the 17th at the Sheraton in Braintree, MA. One more reminder about a great Caribbean Beach Party taking place on Friday, Feb 15th sponsored by the Ashland Lions, and featuring the Baha Brothers Band. Dinner is included. All for the price of $10 per person (until Feb 1, after Feb 1 the price is $15 pp). So bring your significant other and join us for a great night. You can not beat this for the price!

There is great orientation for new members on the Feb 16th, Remember the club will pay your $5 registration fee, just let KL Joe know if you plan on attending.

Sick Call: Lion Don Harding is doing well after recent angioplasty surgery. Lion John McGowan is scheduled for a similar operation and we wish him well. Lion Harry Mitchell is MIA in Arizona trying to overcome circulation problems.

From the Editor:

If you don't see your news here, kindly contact me with particulars.
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Got Ideas for New Charitable Events?: KL Joe Shea is looking for ideas for new events. Our perennial favorite the children's eye screening has been cancelled because the children see their doctors for a preschool physical obviating need for our screening. Lion Bill Leader will be available for new fundraiser!! Our only events going forward are the Toll Booth and the Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast. In response to an email earlier in the week about gaps in our Spring schedule, 3 club members got back to KL with ideas. They include:
1) have a bottle/can drive. Either as a one shot deal or set it up as an ongoing fundraiser like the Medway Lions do.
2) Have another Texas Hold'em tournament this spring; 3) Help out with the town elections; 4) Help out with the high school graduation.

If you are interested in taking the lead on any of these ideas, please let KL know and the board of directors will get you the support that you need. If you have any new ideas for service activities or fundraisers, please send them along to KL Joe.

Diabetes Awareness Program November 2008: The Natick Lions Club is embarking on a program to educate those in our communities with diabetes or pre-diabetes. Diabetes is the leading cause of adult blindness. Education is the key to managing and preventing blindness. The Natick Club is asking other clubs to join them in carrying out education programs during National Diabetes Month (November 2008). Would you like to lead this effort? More info at February Dinner Meeting.

Progressive Dinner Saturday April 5th: Mark your calendars for this perennial favorite. Lion Ed Beard has more details.