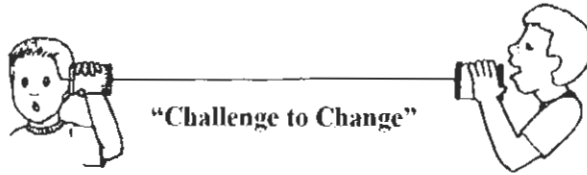


District 33-A Newsletter



**A Message from
District Governor
Richard A. Braks**

Dear District 33-A Lions,
Lion Francine and I had a fantastic time attending the 90th annual International Convention in Chicago, IL. The convention began a week early for us as I attended District Governor's training where about 750 incoming Governor's and I attended classes and shared many ideas from around the world. After graduating from DG's school we enjoyed the convention with about 20,000 other attending Lions. Lion Francine and I would like to thank our CST Mark and Lions Cathy, Danielle and Megan Desmarais along with IPDG Denis Legare who traveled to Chicago to experience the convention, share great times and show Francine and myself support. We would like to thank the District 33-A Lions for your confidence and support for the last two years as I advanced to this position of District Governor. During the last several years we have looked forward, with great enthusiasm, to this year and all the opportunities and experiences it has in store. I will support a strong TEAM approach for all District 33-A Lions activities and functions. Working together, the difference can be made, for a better Lionism in District 33-A. Our International President Mehendra Amarasuriya has a vision for our association to better our entire association from both the top down and the bottom up. His theme "Challenge to Change" outlines initiatives that will be met. These challenges take into account the natural human reaction to oppose challenge. Many new ideas will be forwarded to clubs by way of your Presidents that are designed to inspire service to your community and involve every Lion in your club throughout the year.

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**Vice District Governor
Don Bourque**

Welcome to the 2007-2008 Lions year! This year is going to be spectacular. Many many new things are

happening in the District under the very watchful eye of our District Governor Richard Braks. I want to take a moment to make sure that all the Presidents of the clubs look at page 59 in your District directories to see the names and phone numbers of the MERL team. This team is extremely important to the District and is here to help you and your club. We want to be at your clubs as speakers. A new addition this year to our MERL team, as well as the state, is PDG Lee Zagorski. He is the MD Chair for the MERL team. His position is the very first MD Chair and we wish PDG Lee all the success and we are here to help him in anyway we can. Finally, your MERL team will be at most of your Region and Zone meetings, so please be sure to invite them this year and put them to work to help make your club the success that we all want to help preventable blindness. Remember the "Challenge to Change" motto this year.

All the best this year, VDG Don Bourque,
MERL Chairperson

Halloween Fly Ride
October 5th, 6th
Rain Date 7th

Fly into Athol

Athol Lions Club
Athol, Mass

Our ♥ Is in Lionism
www.athollionsclub.org

MEAT RAFFLES Coming in April
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR DECEMBER 15TH RIVE RAT RACE

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(District Governor's Message continued, from page 1)

I have several challenges for clubs this year. The first challenge will be for one member of your club to become involved as a Guiding Lion in our District. The health and success of our district as a whole is determined upon every club's health. We don't truly become successful unless all involved benefit from some of that success. The Guiding Lion course can be found on the International website for any Lion interested in more information. To become a Guiding Lion contact VDG Don Bourque and make arrangements to complete the course. All present and future Guiding Lions will be members of the MERL Team. The second Challenge will be for clubs to set the goal of being a Plus I club during the 2007-2008 year. This membership goal, which was promoted for the last several years, is a very attainable goal for any club. Any club looking for assistance with membership growth can contact MERL Team Chairperson, VDG Don Bourque. If each Lion asked one person to become a Lion this year and 25% said, "YES", we should double the average number of Lions recorded joining in District 33-A, for the past seven years! There are many dedicated PDG's in our district who remain active in supporting our clubs, district functions and the overall health of our district. I will ask our PDG's to continue their supporting role by revitalizing the District 33-A Past District Governors Advisory Committee. I will ask IPDG Denis Legare to be the Chairman of this committee and address specific issues and provide solutions for the overall well being of our district. This is the third and final year dedicated to raising 200 million dollars for LCIF's Campaign SightFirst II. The success and impact of this program has changed millions of lives around the world! This well documented effort has gained momentum to reach our goal in District 33-A under the efforts of District Coordinator PSCT Phil Robo and the District Regional Coordinators. The third Challenge is for every club in District 33-A to dedicate themselves to making a donation to meet our district goal and become a 100% supporting district of Campaign SightFirst II.

Thank you for your continued support.
Yours In Friendship and Lionism, DG Rich



To the Lions, Lioness and Leo's of District 33-A, this is to inform you that I am a candidate for the office of Vice District Governor of Massachusetts District 33-A for the Lions year of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. I affirm that I have met the necessary

requirements for the office set out by Lions Clubs International. I am honored that my home Club-the Athol Lions Club-has given me their unanimous endorsement. I would welcome the opportunity to visit the clubs of District 33A.

Yours in Lionism,
Jeannette McIntosh
PCST/Women's Initiative

Spaghetti Dinner

Prepared by PDG Henry (Little Joe) & Bea Lambert
for
District Governor Candidate VDG Don Bourque & Lion Paul

Saturday, November 3, 2007 5:00 PM to 8:00 pm


At
American Legion Hall, Main St. Rte. 9, Leicester, Ma.
(Near Lions Park in Leicester)

Donations: **\$6.00 per Person**

Silent Auction


50/50 Raffles

Live Auction




Note:
We also need items for the silent auction.
Please contact CALUD Sherry Braks or jeannette@leicester.org if you have an item to contribute.
Thank you.

Tickets available from:
CALUD Sherry Braks, Campaign Chairman
PDG Jackie Millato
Lion Bob Marshall
The Committee to Elect VDG Don Bourque
District Governor 2008-2009




**Congratulations To The
Milford Lions Club
For Celebrating Their
55th Anniversary in Lionism
September 23, 2007**



Dudley Lions Club
Proud Sponsors of the
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Enthusiastically Supports
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VDG Don Bourque
CST Mark Desmarais



District 33-A Lions 48th Midwinter
February 8th, 9th and 10th
Holiday Inn Boxborough Wood, Boxborough, MA
Friday morning trip to the State House in Boston and then a tour of Sam Adam's Brewery
Come in Pirate costume Friday Night!
Thursday night special rate of \$74.00 with
Friday morning buffet for \$5.00 per person
Packages: \$320.00 double/\$240.00 single
Sign up early! Reservation forms available soon.
Come, have a great time with your fellow Lions and support
DG Richard and Lion Francine
PDG "Little Joe" Lambert, Mid-Winter Chairperson