



# FALMOUTH LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER

*Celebrating 60 Years of Service (1950-2010)*

**September, 2009**



## **A NEW YEAR OF SERVICE BEGINS!**

The opening meeting of the 2009-10 season was called to order by King Lion Don Grover on September 11, at the American Legion Hall in Falmouth. This year promises to be another outstanding one for the Falmouth Lions under Don's leadership. In addition to our usual fundraising and service projects, some new ones will be added. There is an

opportunity for all members to participate. King Lion Don extended a special thanks to all members for their service and welcomed four guests (potential members): Kirk Herbert (guest of Paul Bachorik); Tina Durepo (guest of Kate Gerwig); Dan Brackett (guest of Jay Nash); and Jennifer Geary (guest of Laura Rhodas).

After our brief summer hiatus, members got reacquainted during the social time preceding the business meeting. Thank you to Lion Sean MacMaster, who has agreed to continue to serve as bartender this year. Thank you also, to Lion Ray Bell and his crew: Susan Shorey and Dianne Zglobicki, who served a delicious spaghetti dinner.

## **MEET DON GROVER, OUR NEW KING LION!**

A native of Maine, Don joined the Falmouth Lions Club 5 years ago. He was asked to join by Dean Frost, a friend he knew through their son's mutual football team at the high school. Don and his wife, Susan, also have a daughter who just graduated this past spring. Don has worked with furniture for the past 35 years and owns New England Furniture Service Company. He enjoys the outdoors and has been married to his wife Susan 25 years this year! Don has held various positions in the Falmouth Lions Club including: auction chairman, speaker chairperson, and a director. Don says, "*I seek to have a successful year with the members of Falmouth Lions we serve.*"

## **Falmouth Lions to celebrate 60 Years of Service!**

A special evening is in the planning stage to observe the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Falmouth Lions Club! A committee has been formed to select a date and place for the event. The committee is looking at a Thursday evening in May 2010. The anniversary will be combined with our annual new officers and awards banquet. Committee members are: Aaron Tufts, chairman, and Lions Polly Burke, Donna Lee, Don Grover, and Donna Little. More details will be available soon.

## **Lion Donna Lee, out newest Melvin Jones Fellow!**



Our organization's highest honor, the Melvin Jones Fellowship, was presented to Lion Donna Lee at our annual banquet on May 28, 2009. Donna's outgoing personality and enthusiasm for Lions is an asset to our club. Donna once told me that she knows everyone in town, or knows about them.

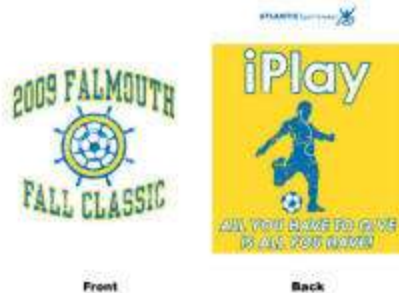
*"I have belonged for 20 years ( or so) and my sponsor was Sam Miller, who has since passed away. In 1990 I received the Falmouth Lions Club award as Falmouth Citizen of the Year . I was secretary during 1992-1994. The year Michael Bouchard was King Lion, 1993), I was Lion of the Year and received a Secretary's award in 1992 and 1993.*

*I graduated from Thornton Academy ( high school) in 1955, Gorham State Teachers' College in 1959 and got my Masters Degree in 1976 from USM.*

*My activities in Lions have ranged from performing in variety shows , working on a playground construction at the School for the Deaf, helping the town nurse fill Thanksgiving baskets, going to the polls during election to advertise Lions , participated in the Lion's Club Auctions ( every year).and, helped with wood-hauling, and chaired some fund raising activities . I even sat in the dunking tank at Falmouth Old Home Days about a century ago--but never forgot it."*

## The Falmouth Fall Classic: October 10-12, 2009

### *An opportunity for a Lions Club Fundraiser!*



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The Falmouth Youth Soccer Association is a non-profit, volunteer organization committed to providing boys and girls 8-14 with a positive soccer experience. With more than 250 players, FYSA is the largest soccer club in Maine. The club's fall schedule concludes with the annual Falmouth Fall Classic tournament. 150 teams from around Maine and New

England compete over Columbus Day weekend in this ever-popular event at Falmouth High School. Attendance is anticipated at approximately 3,500 people each day.

Lion Dean Frost is organizing a club fundraiser at this event. We will be grilling/serving hamburgers/buns and hot dogs/buns. They will provide condiments. There is a vendor fee of \$250. We will get mention in their forecaster ad and can display our Lions stuff all weekend October 10, 11 and a 1/2 day on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity for the Falmouth Lions to earn some serious money to support our project account. Members interested in participating in this fundraiser should contact Lion Dean Frost: [dfrost@stonewallkitchen.com](mailto:dfrost@stonewallkitchen.com)

## SOUP KITCHEN

Our September date for volunteering at the soup kitchen is the 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Those who want to carpool will meet at the legion Hall at 5:15 If you would like to help please e-mail Lion Kate Gerwig: [kmgerwig@yahoo.com](mailto:kmgerwig@yahoo.com)



## IT'S DUES\$ TIME!

Please consider this notice a friendly reminder that your annual club membership dues are now due. The Board of Directors has voted to keep our dues at \$50. Our club's administrative account retains the smallest portion of your dues payment. Most of it goes to pay International and District dues. Please make your check payable to the Falmouth Lions Club and give to secretary Gloria Giordano.

Your prompt remittance is appreciated.



## What is White Cane Day about?

In February of 1978 a young blind lady said, "I encounter people all of the time who bless me, extol my independence, call me brave and courageous, and thoroughly miss the boat as to what the real significance of the white cane is."

The National Federation of the Blind in convention assembled on the 6th day of July, 1963, called upon the governors of the fifty states to proclaim October 15 of each year as White Cane Safety Day in each of our fifty states. On October 6, 1964, a joint resolution of the Congress, HR 753, was signed into law authorizing the President of the United States to proclaim October 15 of each year as "White Cane Safety Day."

The white cane in our society has become one of the symbols of a blind person's ability to come and go on his own. Its use has promoted courtesy and special consideration to the blind on our streets and highways. To make our people more fully aware of the meaning of the white cane and of the need for motorists to exercise special care for the blind persons who carry it

The first of the state laws regarding the right of blind people to travel independently with the white cane was passed in 1930. In 1966, Dr. Jacobus tenBroek, the founder of the National Federation of the Blind, drafted the model White Cane Law. This model act--which has become known as the Civil Rights Bill for the Blind, the Disabled, and the Otherwise Physically Handicapped--contains a provision designating October 15 as White Cane Safety Day. Today there is a variant of the White Cane Law on the statute books of every state in the nation.

There was a time when it was unusual to see a blind person on the street, to find a blind person working in an office, or to see a blind person operating machinery in a factory. This is still all too uncommon. But it happens more often and the symbol of this independence is the white cane. The blind are able to go, to move, to be, and to compete with all others in society. The means by which this is done is that simple tool, the white cane. With the growing use of the white cane is an added element--the wish and the will to be free--the unquenchable spirit and the inextinguishable determination to be independent. With these our lives are changed, and the prospects for blind people become bright. That is what White Cane Safety Day is all about.



## Falmouth Lions Observe White Cane Day

October is White Cane month and it's time once again for the Lions Clubs in Maine to conduct their annual White Cane Fundraising Events.

Lions Clubs incur no cost to participate in this worthy program. Maine Lions Sight and Hearing Association will provide all supplies needed. All funds raised during this event are given to the Maine Lions Sight and Hearing Association and are distributed to organizations in need throughout the state.

Shaw's Supermarkets in Maine have agreed to allow us to use their premises for this great cause. **The Falmouth club will hold *White Cane Day at Shaw's in Falmouth on Saturday, October 24. I am working on setting a date with the Falmouth Wal-Mart for a second White Cane Day.*** Volunteers are needed to participate in soliciting funds. There will be two shifts on each day; one from 9 a.m. to noon; and the second from noon to 3 p.m. The Board of Directors has agreed to match the funds collected in both locations. Lion Aaron Tufts is chairman of this project. Please contact him ([atufts1@maine.rr.com](mailto:atufts1@maine.rr.com); or 775-7290) if you would like to participate in the annual fundraiser to help Maine's blind and visually impaired.

## MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 10 NEW MEMBERS!

Retaining existing Lions is vital to the success of any club. The more members you retain, the more service you are able to complete. In general, members are retained because they are satisfied with some aspect of being involved, whether that be their participation or the validation they feel after a job well done.

Membership chair, Lion Dean Frost has set a goal of ten new members this year. We are off to a great start, with four potential new members attending our opening meeting. Dean asks that you send him the names and any contact info you may have on potential new members ([dfrost@stonewallkitchen.com](mailto:dfrost@stonewallkitchen.com)). We have a few leads from the election tables last November and from the auction. Dean will reach out to these and any other names you can send him. ***Invite a guest to our next meeting; remember, the club will pay the cost of the meal for their first visit. Membership is everyone's responsibility. Just Ask!***

LIONS make a difference  
everyday...everywhere



## We are proud of you! International Director, Lion Ron Johnson



Ronald Johnson, from Sebago, Maine, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 92nd International Convention, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, July 6-10, 2009.

Ron is no stranger to the Falmouth Lions. His father was a Falmouth Lion and Ron was a member of the former Falmouth Leo Club. Ron has the distinction of being the first International Director who was a Leo club member. Ron has been a long-time friend of the Falmouth Lions Club. He frequently visits our club to inform us about International and District program and often officiates at our annual induction of new officers banquet.

A member of the Sebago Lions Club since 1984, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, district governor, zone chair, district MERL chair, district CSF group coordinator, district CSFII co-coordinator and group coordinator, district Leo chair, extension chair, long-range planning chair, diabetes chair, membership chair, extension co-chair, multiple district extension chair and multiple district Leo chair.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the Guiding Lion Award, 100% District Governor Award, District Governor Excellence Award, Certified Guiding Lion Award, seven International Extension Awards, Five International President Certificates of Appreciation, two International Leadership Medals and an International President's Commendation. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Johnson is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He runs his own business and is a current member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE).

Director Johnson and his wife, June, also a Lion, have a son, daughter and three grandchildren.

## FIRST CABINET CONFERENCE

The first Cabinet "Conference" of the 2009-10 Lions year will be on Sunday, September 20th at the Pine Tree Camp, Rome, Maine. The Pine Camp sits on the south shore of North Pond, with a beautiful view of the Western Mountains in Maine. Coffee and doughnuts will be available at 9:00 and the Conference will begin promptly at 10:00. A delicious lunch of Italian Chicken, veggies, salads and desert will be served at noon. Cost for the Lunch will be \$10.00 each. Lunch will be prepared and served by the Clinton Lions Club and The Friends of Clinton Library. Come early or stay after to enjoy a walk along the pond on the many trails that belong to the Pine Tree Camp. The fall foliage should be nearing its peak. Please RSVP to Zone Chairman Bruce Keezer at 426-2030 or email: flatlander64@roadrunner.com.



***A big Lions "Roar" for the following members who are celebrating birthdays in September and October!***

Don Grover, September 1  
Bill Dow, September 9  
Patrick Martin, September 11  
Donna Lee, September 19  
Frank Olsen, September 23  
Susan Shorey, September 27

Warren Cerrone (October 5)  
Bruce Clement (October 9)  
Russell Dow (October 11)  
Lou Zglobicki (October 12)  
Paul Bachorik (October 22)  
David Bridges (October 30)

**Get well wishes to Lion Dick Winchenbach.**

Phyllis Winchenbach left a message for Susan Shorey that Dick is in Mercy Hospital and will be transferred to New England Rehab. When, she didn't know. For those of you who don't know, Dick fell last Thursday afternoon. He didn't think he broke anything, but wasn't sure. When I find out anything new, I'll let you know.

Susan



*Remembering Our Past, Celebrating Our Future!  
From the archives of the Falmouth Lions Club*

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS**

The regular meeting of the \_\_\_\_\_ FALMOUTH \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club was called to order on \_\_\_\_\_ SEPT. 28, \_\_\_\_\_ 19 95 by the King Lion \_\_\_\_\_ at 6:30 p. m. at the \_\_\_\_\_ Foreside Community Church \_\_\_\_\_ with those members in attendance as shown on the Attendance Record and Guest Register.

Transcribed below what happened at the meeting.

**Attendance**

Guests 2  
Members 20  
Percentage 2/3

King Lion DIANE ZGLOBICKI opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Past King Lion Robert Fuller gave the Invocation and a special prayer was said for Past King Lion Thomas Randall, who passed away the morning of our meeting.

After the Invocation, we had the LION'S TOAST, and our guest speaker, ED TOLAN, Falmouth's new Chief of Police, was introduced by Ray Bell. A most DELICIOUS Dinner of Spaghetti, Meat Balls, Mussels and Salad was served by FRANK OLSEN, RON FABIO, and TONY HAYES. They had a few helpers, too, which we thank very much. I'm sure it was enjoyed by everyone! Let's have another one real soon!!!! Wonder what we will have at our next meeting???????????

After dinner, Lion BOB FULLER presented to JOHN LAPLANT, the Life Member letter and pin from Lion's International. He was very touched by the presentation. His wife, Willa was with him, and of course was very proud.

At this time, KING LION DIANE asked Chief Tolan to step up to our podium, to speak. His message was enjoyed, and he answered many questions about the problems of a new chief and the problems of Falmouth and its proximity to Portland. Drugs and Thefts seem to be the most prominent problems in Falmouth.

Since his speech was rather long, a quick Secretary's report was given reminding all about the Raymond Charter Night. A form was put out to those having a change of address or telephone number etc., to fill out for the new Secretary who is trying to get the records up to date.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted and put on file.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

We were reminded about the Lobster Membership Drive on Oct. 19. Lion's will be charged 10.00, but each prospective new will be free ;

Nov. 16 is the official date for our Annual Pirates Hockey Night. Get your tickets from Ray Bell or anyone of his committee. The supper will be Ham or Chicken cordon bleu. The price is 8.00 per ticket.

Meeting was adjourned.

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Phyllis Winchenbach \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS (2009-10)

1. Auction Chair – Barney Schneider
2. Membership Chair – Dean Frost
3. Meal Coordinator - Dean Frost
4. Dance/Silent Auction Chair - Donna Lee
5. Banquet Coordinator - Gloria Giordano
6. Speaker Coordinator - Lynda McKenney
7. Speakout Chair - Aaron Tufts
8. White Cane Chair - Aaron Tufts
9. Peace Poster Chair - Aaron Tufts
10. Soup Kitchen Coordinator - Kate Gerwig
11. Bar Tender - Shawn Macmaster
12. Wood Coordinators – Bill Bennett/Jim Mullin
13. Bottles Coordinator - Gloria Giordano
14. Soccer event Coordinator - Dean Frost
15. Melvin Jones Chair - Richard Wichenbach
16. Travel Chair - TBD
17. Sunshine Committee Chair - Donna Lee
18. Directory Publisher - Gloria Giordano
19. Club Historian - Richard Winchenbach
20. News Letter Publisher - Aaron Tufts
21. Budget Chair – Paul Bachorik

## DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Falmouth Lions Club will be held Thursday, October 1, 6:30 p.m., at Norway Savings Bank in Falmouth. All members are invited to attend.

*Vice District Governor, Duke Goranities, has scheduled to visit the Falmouth Lions Club on Thursday, October 22.*

*See you at our next meeting on Thursday, September 24!*  
*Yours in Lionism,*  
*Aaron*