



# FALMOUTH LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER September 2010



***“We Have A Lot To ROAR About”***

## ***President’s Message***

*Welcome Back! I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer months and are ready to begin a new year of service to our community and to those who need our assistance. It is an honor to serve as King Lion of such a thriving club as ours. I am proud to be a Falmouth Lion, and I hope you are too!*

*My theme for this year is, “**We have a lot to ROAR About!**” Our membership is strong and mostly active, our projects fun and profitable. We recognize our responsibility to our community, our District, and to our International organization. I want to thank you in advance for the contributions you will make to our Club this year. With your support, our 61<sup>st</sup> year will be one of our best ever! Aaron*

## **MEETINGS RESUME SEPTEMBER 9**

*I hope you will be able to join us for our opening meeting on Thursday, September 9. It will be held at the American Legion Hall. Social time begins at 6 p.m. This will be an opportunity for us to get reacquainted after the summer months.*

*Our speaker chairman, Lion Donna Little, has arranged for our opening night speaker. Eric Sanderson is a Falmouth Boy Scout working on his Eagle Scout badge. He will speak to us about his plans for a beautification project at Mackworth Island.*

*After the speaker we will have a business meeting. Among the topics of discussion will be review and discussion of our Club’s project budget for 2010-11.*

*Thank you to Lion Ray Bell for volunteering to serve our first dinner of the season. Ray always does a great job! Our dinner cost will remain at \$10.00 per person.*

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Join hundreds of walkers on  
**October 16th** for the 15th Annual  
**With Grand Marshall**  
Singer, Author, Actor & Producer  
[Tom Sullivan](#)

Did you know that one in three people in the United States will experience significant vision loss in their lifetime? And for adults 65 and over, the odds of experiencing vision loss are much greater than a woman being diagnosed with breast cancer or a man with prostate cancer?

Did you know that there are over 100,000 Mainers who report they have trouble seeing even with corrective devices or who cannot see at all? Of these, 40,000 can benefit from the services of The Iris Network. This number is expected to double over the next 10-15 years.

The Iris Network's mission is to help people who are visually impaired or blind to attain independence and community integration. At The Iris Network, we facilitate learning the skills to overcome vision loss and maintain an independent and active life at home, at work or in the community. One of those skills is orientation and mobility – how to be out and about on your own even with vision loss.

That is what the White Cane Awareness Walk is about – showing the sighted world that people with visual impairment or blindness can safely travel in their communities with a little help from white canes and service dogs.

The Walk raises funds for The Iris Network's programs such as Vision Rehabilitation Services, Low Vision Clinic, Maine AIRS and Resident Support Services at Iris Park Apartments.

**The walk starts and ends at the scenic Maine State Pier. The Pier will be a gathering place of vendors, music and entertainment.  
Donations are tax deductible.**



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.

*All funds raised during this event are given to the Maine Lions Sight and Hearing Association and are distributed to organizations who serve the needs of the blind and visually or hearing impaired people in our state.*

*Lions Gloria Giordano, Aaron Tufts, & Dick Winchenbach attended a meeting of the Maine Lions Sight and Hearing Association on July 18.*

Shaw's Supermarkets and Walmart have agreed to allow us to use their premises for this great cause. White Cane Day will be held at Walmart in Falmouth on Sunday, October 10; and on Saturday, October 16, at Shaw's in Falmouth.

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.



## 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.

LIONS make a difference  
everyday...everywhere

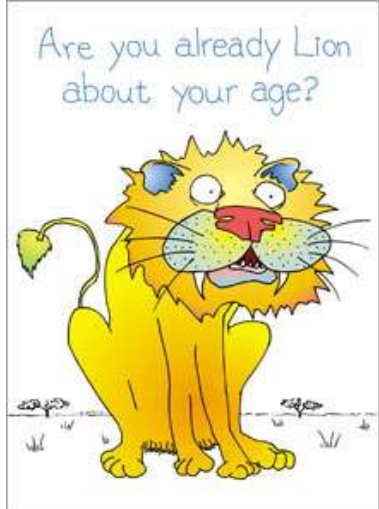
## SEPTEMBER IS BOTTLE MONTH!



Our Club will be doing bottle recycling at the Transfer Station in September. If you have not signed up, please contact bottle coordinator, Lion Gloria Giordano (781-4904; or [ggiordan@maine.rr.com](mailto:ggiordan@maine.rr.com)). Money raised from bottle recycling is a major source or revenue for our Club's project account.

## DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Falmouth Lions Club will be held Thursday, October 7. Board Meetings are open to all members. Please note there has been a change in location of our monthly Board Meetings to the Family Ice Arena in Falmouth. If you would like an item placed on the agenda for the Board to review, please call or e mail King Lion Aaron at 775-7290; or [atufts1@maine.rr.com](mailto:atufts1@maine.rr.com)



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Don Grover, September 1  
Bill Dow, September 9  
Patrick Martin, September 11  
Donna Lee, September 19  
Nancy Tufts, September 20  
Kirk Herbert, September 23  
Frank Olsen, September 23  
Susan Shorey, September 27

## SPEAKERS

Lion Donna Little is our speaker chairman this year. If you know someone who would make an interesting speaker or program for our dinner meetings, please contact Donna at 797-5540; or [quakerbb@aol.com](mailto:quakerbb@aol.com)



The Falmouth Lions will have soup kitchen duty at the Wayside Soup

Kitchen on Thursday, September 16. Lion Diane Zglobicki has volunteered to be our soup kitchen chairman this year. Soup Kitchen is always on the third Thursday of the month. Lions meet at the Legion Hall at 5:15 p.m., and car pool into Portland. They are usually finished a little after 7 p.m. If you would like to participate in the project, please contact Lion Diane Zglobicki at 846-3676; or [dzglo@maine.rr.com](mailto:dzglo@maine.rr.com)

Lion Kate Gerwig has done an outstanding job coordinating this service project for the past few years. Kate is unable to serve in this position this year.

*"I wanted to let you know that, due to some recent changes, I'm going to have to step down from my position as vice president of our Lions Club. Two years ago I finished my masters degree with the goal of teaching at the college level. I've finally been offered something at UNE. I'll be teaching just one course per semester, but I won't be available to attend Lions meetings on most Thursday evenings. I will also need to give up the role of organizing our monthly soup kitchen nights. I'm not sure whether or not it makes sense for me to remain a member of the club, but I think I'll sit on that decision for now until I get a feel for just how busy I'm going to be. I thought I'd mention that Diane would be a great candidate for organizing the soup kitchen. She's there every month! Although I'm excited about my new job, I wish it didn't interfere with my participation in the Club. Being a part of the Lions has been a great experience. Even though I won't be around on a regular basis, I'm sure I'll see you all at some point. Good luck with the coming year"* (Kate Gerwig)

Congratulations and look luck, Kate, on your new career opportunity! You are welcome to attend meetings and participate in Club projects as you are able. Thank you, Diane, for stepping forward to chair this important project. I know you will do a great job!

## DISTRICT CABINET CONFERENCE

The Maine Lions of District 41 will hold their first Cabinet Conference of the year on Sunday, September 19, beginning at 10 a.m. The Conference will be held at the Manchester Lions Club House, Readfield Road (Route 17) in Manchester, Maine. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$10.00.

Attending a District Cabinet Conference is a great way to learn about the operations of our District and other clubs. If you have not attended a District meeting before, or are a new member, I would recommend the experience. If you would like to attend, please contact Gloria Giordano (781-4904; or [ggiordan@maine.rr.com](mailto:ggiordan@maine.rr.com)) prior to September 15.



Nancy Tufts is recovering from a severe kidney infection in the Gibson Cancer unit at Maine Medical Center. Kidney stents, that were implanted last May, were determined to be the cause of the infection and severe bleeding. The stents were replaced on Friday and the procedure was successful. Her doctor reported that there was no evidence that cancer has spread to her kidneys, a great relief. Nancy is resting comfortably, but is still not herself. Nancy and I feel as though we have won another battle in the continuing war on cancer. Nancy was diagnosed with stage three Ovarian Cancer in 2005. Another treatment of chemotherapy is scheduled for this week. Your continued words of support and prayers are appreciated. (Aaron)

## VISITATION CHAIRMAN WANTED

I am looking for a member who would be interested in serving as our club's Visitation Chairman this year. Although we are all Lions, no two clubs are the same. We can learn a lot from each other about new fundraising ideas and service activities. Visiting other clubs promotes good fellowship and perhaps new friendships among fellow Lions. It is also a way for new members to learn more about what it is to be a Lion.

I would like to set a goal of one or two visitations per month. In order to qualify credit in the District efficiency contest, we need at least three members per visitation. If you would like to serve as our Club ambassador this year, please contact King Lion Aaron (775-7290; or [atufts1@maine.rr.com](mailto:atufts1@maine.rr.com))

*Not Above You, Not Beneath You, But with You!*

*Aaron*

