



FALMOUTH LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER

Summer, 2010



Members of the Falmouth Lions Club gathered to “Remember Our Past, and “Celebrate Our Future,” at the 60th Anniversary Celebration of our Club’s Charter Night. The event was held May 27, at the Portland County Club. Many Lions officials, sporting their white dinner jackets, attended to pay tribute the Club in celebration of this landmark occasion.

International Director, Ron Johnson, who officiated during the induction of our new officers for 2010-11, was keynote speaker. A long-time friend of the Club, he reflected on his experience as a Falmouth Leo. His father was also a Club member.

Other highlights of the evening included: a reading of a State proclamation by State Senator Gerry Davis; a certificate from Lions International, presented by Past International Director Lion Lew Small; words of thanks from Falmouth Town Manager, Nathan Poore; and words of congratulations from Maine Lions District Governor, Roger Blackstone, and from District Governor Elect, Duke Goranities.

June 3, 2010

Lions Club celebrates 60 years of service in Falmouth

By Emily Parkhurst

FALMOUTH — The Falmouth Lions Club celebrated its 60th anniversary on May 27 at the Portland Country Club, with 87 people attending, including some international Lions Club members.

"We wanted to make it big and special," Club President Polly Burke said. "We had a lot of past presidents there. The people who were international members all came in tuxedos. It was a nice, nice event."

The club presented awards to several members, including Susan Shorey, who received the Melvin Jones Award for her commitment and service.

"She's a hard, undercover worker," Burke said.

Jim Mullin received an award for his three-year effort to get non-profit status for the club, which it now has.

Beth Fuller, whose late husband, Robert Fuller, was a founding member of the club, was honored, too.

Burke said the Lions Club is a vital part of the community. "Basically, we give away money," she said.

The club has scholarships for Falmouth and Cumberland students, purchased a truck chassis and Jaws of Life for the Fire Department, repaired the tennis courts, hosts blood pressure clinics and blood drives and is part of the international Lions Club effort to provide eye care and corrective lenses to those who cannot afford them.

"We got a phone call from a lady the other day who needed insulation in her home, so the guys went over there and installed it for her," Burke said.

The club is hosting its annual auction to raise the money it uses to provide these services on Saturday, June 5, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Falmouth Salt Bar on 100 Woods Road. There will be a silent and live auctions with items such as cars and boats, as well as white elephant items.

Burke said the club is always open to new members to join the approximately



PAUL CLINNINGHAM / FOR THE FORECASTER

Beth Fuller, wife of the late Robert Fuller, one of the Falmouth Lions Club's founding members, looks through some of the old photographs taken at events throughout the years. The Falmouth Lions celebrated its 60th anniversary at the Portland Country Club on May 27.

45 current members who donate their time and effort toward improving the community.

"It's a good way to volunteer and to raise money for people in need," she said.

Emily Parkhurst on



"Not above you, not beneath you, but with you!"



Lions Bill Wood & Jim Mullin raise their glasses for the Lions Toast



Congratulations to Lion Susan Shorey Melvin Jones Fellow

One of the highlights of our 60th Anniversary Celebration was the presentation of the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship. Lion Susan Shorey was honored for her service and dedication to the club.

Susan joined the club in 2004 and was sponsored by Lion Dick Winchenbach. She served as treasurer in 2004-05, and again in 2007-08. Susan is quick to volunteer with any Club project. She participates regularly in our bottle-recycling program, the annual auction, and helps with meal preparation at our meetings. Susan is well known for her delicious desserts.

In 2008, Susan organized a successful fundraiser for the club during the Air Show at the Brunswick Naval Air Station. Susan also got our Club involved with the Wounded Warriors Project. Congratulations, Susan, your contributions to the Club are valued and very much appreciated.

Lion Dick Winchenbach, receives a certificate of appreciation and a pin from International President Eberhard Wirfs. International Director Ron Johnson presents the award. Congratulations, Dick, for your many years of service to our Club and to our District!



“As chairman of our Club’s 60th Anniversary Committee, I wish to thank all committee members for helping to make this event special. The committee began meeting in November 2009, to plan this evening. It was a pleasure to plan this special evening of remembrance and celebration. We hope all enjoyed Our 60th Anniversary Party. Thank you to committee members: Lions Polly Burke, Don Grover, Linda Lajoie, Rick Lajoie, Donna Lee, Donna Little, and Dianne Zglobicki.” (Aaron Tufts)

LIONS AUCTION RAISES \$15,500!

A report from Club treasurer, Paul Bachorik, with commentary from Lion Jim Mullin's photo essay.



The Salt Barn is packed with buyers for the Falmouth Lions Club Annual Auction.

“The income from this year's auction was a little over \$15,500---not too bad considering the weather. From this will be deducted some expenses for which I have not yet receive invoices. If you have not yet done so, please send me any invoices and receipts you may have for Auction expenses that still need to be paid. We'll need to close out the budget year on June 30, 2010. The income includes food sales of \$936.31. A complete report will be presented to the Budget Committee in August, and to the Board of Directors at their September 2010 meeting. Please let me know if you need any further information before then. Many thanks and a 'well done' to all. The auction involves a lot of work by many dedicated Club members, and this year's result will enable us to continue our work in the coming year.”

Lion Paul Bachorik

"I have always felt that the Auction pulls this club together like no other event. That has proven to be true again this year. The auction is a ton of hard work by a whole bunch of Lions. The last couple of weeks showed this for sure but yesterday took the cake. We've learned from previous years how to pull together and prepare for the worst. Everyone showed up early to batten down the hatches because when we say the auction is "rain or shine" we really mean it.



There are always a few Lions whose enthusiasm can't be dampened no matter what the weather throws at us. I guess you could say they are either enthusiastic or just nuts so I choose to go with enthusiastic.

The Auction is more than our biggest fundraiser; it's a mission in itself. Untold hours go into every year. I am always amazed at how much behind the scenes work is done by so many people to make it all come together. They don't make a big deal out of it, they might kid each other a little about it but in the end they just do what needs to be done. It turns out what needs to be done is A LOT of work.

To me the auction defines what the Falmouth Lions are all about. It takes a dedicated, hard working bunch of people who come together to achieve a common goal. You hardly notice how hard you're working because you're with your friends so you're having a good time doing it.

By the end of the day everyone looked exhausted but no one complained, there was still work to be done so people just dug down deeper and did it. Why? Not for a trophy or a plaque or a check, we did it because we are a team. A day like yesterday teaches you the real meaning of "Not above you, not beneath you but with you". Yesterday made me very proud to be a member of the Falmouth Lions Club."Lion Jim Mullin



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"Donna Lee was a real trooper. It wasn't a very hot day for the rest of us, but she got very hot in the Lions suit. I was impressed with the turn out for the parade. I expected a smattering of parade watchers, but there were hundreds of people, if not a thousand at the memorial...including the marchers, etc"
" Linda Lajoie

*I think our new Lion mascot needs a name.
Any suggestions?*





THE WINDHAM LIONS NEED OUR HELP

2010 Relay For Life of Sebago Lakes

6:00pm Saturday, June 26th to 6:00am Sunday, June 27th at Windham High School

Join us to see what Relay For Life - the world's largest cancer-fighting movement - is all about. Teams of friends, families, schools, businesses, and organizations raise money for the American Cancer Society, individually and through fun group fundraisers, and then join together at a local track, taking turns walking overnight. Teams set up campsites and enjoy entertainment, activities, and special ceremonies throughout the night.

Cancer survivors and caregivers are the guests of honor and each Relay For Life kicks off with a special recognition of them, followed by an inspirational luminaria ceremony.

The Windham Lions need our help to set up the luminaries at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 26. If you can help, please call or e mail Aaron Tufts at 775-7290; or atufts1@maine.rr.com

Please join us on June 26, to show our support for those dealing with cancer now, and to honor the memory of all Falmouth Lions we have lost to cancer.



SUMMER BIRTHDAYS!

Linda Lajoie, July 1
Tony Hayes, July 14
John Locke, July 20
Aaron Tufts, (July 20)

Linda McKenney, August 1
Polly Burke, August 13
Dan Brackett, August 13
Nancy Carabia, August 23
Bob Hooper, August 24

MAINE LIONS SIGHT & HEARING ASSOCIATION

Lions Gloria Giordano and Aaron Tufts will attend the Annual Meeting of the Maine Lions Sight and Hearing Association on Sunday, July 18. The annual meeting is a steak and lobster bake hosted by the Augusta/Gardiner Lions Club.

Lion Aaron Tufts has been appointed by District Governor Elect, Duke Goranities, to serve as White Cane chairman for 2010-11. The proceeds from White Cane Days are one of the primary sources of revenue for the Maine Lions Sight & Hearing Association. The fundraisers are typically held during October, White Cane Awareness Month. However, White Cane fundraisers may be held anytime of year. I am looking to schedule White Cane Days in Falmouth at Shaw's and Walmart, sometime during late August or early September. Last year, the Falmouth Club raised and contributed the most of any club in the District

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

An organizational meeting of the 2010-2011 Board of Directors will be held in August, before monthly meetings resume in September. The date and time has not yet been determined. All Board Meetings are open to any Club member. If you have an item you would like placed the agenda, please e-mail Lion Aaron Tufts, atufts1@maine.rr.com

Have a Safe and Happy Summer!

Yours in Lionism,

Aaron