



Scarborough Maine Lions Club

Since 1948

September, 2001

A Word From Our President

When I think Lions club update the first thing I think of is Summer-fest. This year the club participated in a trinity of activities: Eye-testing, hot dog vending, and light-necklace peddling. First, Jan Biddle, Len Libby, and Dr. Anasco (Associate of Sian Liem) organized and performed free vision screening on thirty-two children. Any number of these children could have correctable eye problems that we helped detect early. Thank you to the fire-police for allowing us to use their wagon for the screenings. I think I speak for everyone when I say that this project is a fantastic use of our time and money. And speaking of money, our other two activities at Summer-fest were to pay the bills, and pay them we did. Myself, and my girlfriend Mary, sold two hundred light-necklaces all up and down that field like snake-oil salesmen. For our efforts, our club netted a 208.87 profit. Last, but definitely not least, we have our golden goose, the hot dog wagon. Once again David Wood graciously allowed us to use his wagon for our third fund-raiser. Under the gentle leadership of George Gruber,

our hard working lions handed out "meal deals" as fast as customers were buying them. I was told that Reverend Bill Pape was on hand to bless each and every hot dog to make them kosher for our Jewish Scarborough residents. Because everyone working the hot dog wagon gave 110% we netted a cool profit of 571.12. That means We MADE almost eight hundred dollars for the club in one day! We deserve a big old pat on the back, thank you to everyone who helped make Summer-fest a great success for the club.

The Board of Directors decided to give our first roast beef supper in October to the apparently tireless project G.R.A.C. E. group. They were informed of this decision at Summer-fest by your King Lion and look forward to working with us. The Board of Directors also decided to make use of the extra building by making it available storage for Dick Reid's employer. The details of this are still getting sorted out; I will keep you informed as the plan coalesces.

Our bulletin editor tells me that our Lions Club site is the current featured website on

Scarborough Crossroads. If you have not already seen our website please check out... www.scarboroughmaine.com and be sure to let the site editor, Peter Hansen, (No relation, really) know how much you love it... hint, hint. <smile>

Let's talk about what I think a hero is. A hero is there without hesitation when you need them most. A hero is someone who is courageous enough to face new challenges, and strong enough to see them through to completion. By this definition we have **two** new heroes in the club, which is a benefit to us all. Not only did the heroic Bob Sparda not balk at being asked to fill my position at the first BOD meeting (I was going to Spain), but several different people told me that he also did a great job without breaking a sweat. The heroic Neil Ross agree to become the PR chairman, and since he volunteered to be a 1-year Director he can gather the key information first hand at the BoD meetings himself. Thank you gentleman, you are an inspiration.

Here we are! The year is beginning for us and our first meeting is on the 6th of September. I hope to see you all there to support my first club meeting behind the big podium. Thank you for your time.

For Your Info

The following is info obtained by talking to rapists and date rapists in prison.

We look for:

1. Hair that is easy to grab, such as ponytails, buns, braids or long hair.
2. Clothing that is easy to get off, such as overalls, skirts, and elastic waist pants.
3. Distracted women, on cell phones, searching through purses, carrying groceries, etc., and avoid women with umbrellas, or any potential weapon. Pepper spray works great against us.
4. The best time of day, statistically, to get raped is 5-8:30am.
5. The best place to abduct someone from is, grocery store parking lots, office parking lots, or rest rooms.
6. Quiet, obedient victims. We are going to try to grab you quickly and take you to a different place to rape you, so we only have a matter of minutes to decide if you will be worth the trouble or not, so if a woman kicks, screams, or puts up any kind of a fight, we are gone.

Only 2% interviewed said that they carried weapons, because rape carries a 3-5 year sentence, while rape with a weapon gets them 15-20 years.

Sammy The Invisible Lion

You pay your club dues and tell people that you belong to the Lions club. Once an active member, it has been a long while since you attended a meeting or helped out at a club project. The last few meetings that you attended, were to request funds from the club for your pet project. Then you were gone. We have new members who have been in the club for years, who have never even seen your face, to them you are just the picture in the past presidents photo gallery. What has happened to you enthusiasm for Lionism and your dedication to serving? Are you absent because you are bored, tired, busy, having a life crisis? Are you angry with us because we did not fund

your last project? We work very hard to raise our money, you remember. I know, perhaps, you are now invisible to the naked eye due to some strange chemical or scientific accident, or perhaps, through a magic spell. We mortals can't see you because you are working for the government on some secret mission to save the world from the dreaded tentacles of evil. "Here he comes to save the day" the amazing Sammy, super-hero extraordinaire of the Anytown U.S.A. Lions Club. Perhaps you are still with us, but we just can't see you. Is there not some pill you can take or some magic spell that can be cast to make you visible to us again? Come see us, would love to see you, and your community needs you. Sammy, where are you?



World's Stupidest Criminals

Colin Braggs, 21, was arrested in February 1987 when he tried to break into a car in Somerset, England. It was actually a police car, with misted-up windows, and he hadn't noticed the two policemen sitting inside.

Burglars blew a hole in the wall of what they thought was a supermarket office in Nice, France, in September 1993. Instead they found themselves facing police officers who were eating in their station canteen.

While lightening the load of a security van by \$16,000 in May 1995, two robbers in Arlington, Texas, foolishly ignored the 23 Japanese tourists nearby. Although none of the visitors spoke English, they silently handed police 39 photos of the getaway car's license plate, and the men were arrested soon after.

Recipe of the Month

Bourbon Street Red Beans and Rice getarian

1 c chopped onion
1 c chopped green bell pepper
1 c chopped celery
½-1 jalapeno chili, finely chopped
1 tbs vegetable oil
2 cans (15 oz. Each) red beans, rinsed, drained
¼ c vegetable broth
1 ½ tsp dried thyme leaves
1 tsp dried oregano leaves
½ tsp dried sage leaves
¼-½ tsp ground cumin
¼-½ tsp red pepper sauce
4-6 drops liquid smoke, optional
salt to taste
3 c cooked rice, warm

Sauté onion, bell pepper, celery, and jalapeno chili in oil in large saucepan 8 minutes.

Add beans, broth, and herbs and cook, covered over medium heat 10 minutes. Simmer, uncovered, until thickened, 5 to 10 minutes.

Stir red pepper sauce and liquid smoke into beans, season to taste with salt. Serve bean mixture over rice in shallow bowls.

Preparation time 15 minutes. Cooking time 20-25 minutes. Serves 4 - 167 calories per serving.

Darwin Awards

Named in honor of Charles Darwin, the father of evolution, the Darwin Awards commemorate those who improve the gene pool by removing themselves from it, showing us just how uncommon common sense can be.

(15 April 2001, Tennessee)

The day before the US tax filing deadline, a Memphis Darwin Award winner trying to beat a train drove around the crossing gates -- only to be struck by an oncoming vehicle whose driver had the same

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September Calendar



9/6 6:30p social hour
7:00p dinner meeting
9/9 10:00a registration-1st district cabinet meeting/camp kokatosi
9/13 6:30p finance committee meeting
7:00p board of directors meeting
9/20 6:30p social hour
7:00p dinner meeting

Scholarship Winner

The winner of our Lions Club \$2000 scholarship this last June was Morgan Flagg who will be attending Duquesne University. Congratulations Morgan!!

September Anniversaries



9/5 Dot and Ed Connolly
9/9 Geraldine and El Sprague

September Birthdays



9/4 Doc Yayla
9/15 Jordan Garlock
9/16 Kippy Mitchell
9/21 Ed Leslie
9/27 Neil Ross
9/29 Don Boothby

August Eyeglass Count

8/5 31 pair eyeglasses



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mad plan. The occupants of one vehicle were killed, making this monumental stupidity the first instance we have witnessed of a Darwin Award winner crashing into an Honorable Mention. The accident happened to one side of the tracks, so the train passed by unimpeded.

20 May 1998, Louisiana) A respiratory patient in an oxygen tent at a New Orleans hospital sneaked a pack of cigarettes into his room. One morning in the quiet dawn, the sixty-one-year-old patient ignored the nurses' lectures, ignored the warning signs, and surreptitiously lit his last cigarette. In the presence of extra oxygen, even a small spark can ignite a flash fire. Before he could even draw a breath of nicotine, the cigarette set his clothes on fire and the flames began to spread. The man, afraid of being caught, tried to extinguish the blaze

without sounding an alarm. A hospital employee walked by his room and noticed the man, standing in the midst of a conflagration, quietly trying to pat out the flames.

An orderly carried the patient into the hallway and extinguished his hospital gown with a blanket, while nurses used fire extinguishers to beat back the (flames enough to reach the valve and turn off the oxygen supply. Twenty-one patients were evacuated, and seven others were treated for smoke inhalation.

The cause of the blaze was airlifted to the Baton Rouge burn unit with third-degree burns over forty percent of his body, where he died five days later. Was the patient cured of his addiction by his experience? Apparently not. A pack of Kool cigarettes and a lighter were found hidden in his sock at the burn unit.

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