



# Scarborough Maine Lions Club

Since 1948

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## A Word From Your President

Hello, fellow Lions, it's me again. I just want to thank Vice District Governor, Clyde Ricker, for attending our last meeting. He told us all about the Iris Network, and the changes going on with the Maine Center for the Blind. It looks like we will have another great year with Clyde as District Governor next year. I also wanted to thank all of you who stayed after the meeting last week to help bag the candy, for Santa at the Christmas Tree Lighting. Just about everyone stayed, and the bagging went very fast with so many hands. We are a great group aren't we? Ed inserted a copy of the article from the Leader about our club helping a local child at Summerfest, in the October M & A's to go to the District officers who get them, and I am sending them all the Leader with the FireFlir story in it with this newsletter. They should all be aware of exactly how much we do for our community. Be prepared to come spend money at our December Board meeting, for it's the season of giving. Some of you will find your dues bill inside this newsletter, what can I say, Ed C. is a genius, as this does save our club the additional postage from having a second mailing. Yay, Ed, what a secretary. Our first meeting of the Auction committee went well. Betty Huff met with Jan, Ed C. and me, and we went over a lot of stuff. We will be having our meetings after regular meeting from now on, and will keep you updated. We have a couple things to talk about. December 2<sup>nd</sup> is our Roast Beef din-

ner with the Boy Scouts. They are our troop and it is up to us to show support for them, as well as our own club. We will have their help, but you all know how important this project is to us. So, please, plan to be there sometime during the day, from 8:am for the preparation, peeling, and chopping, to the actual dinner at 4:30p with pies and helping hands. We all need to pitch in, because we do work so well together. I'm proud of all of you.

Our tree lighting on December 3<sup>rd</sup> will be live on the Scarborough Channel, and since it is now our project, completely, and we are also doing a raffle, the Santa, and vision screening with two machines at the same time. We do need help, but mostly, it would be wonderful if the camera saw a sea of Lion vests everywhere. It's our time to run with this.

I received a phone call from Jack Cowie Jr. today. He said that he was disappointed with the little tree that we have chosen to decorate, as are others in town. I asked him if he had ever seen the big tree decorated, because it seems that the people complaining about the small tree vs. the big tree had not lived in town long enough to have seen the big tree lit, because it is an ugly tree, and is so sparse that when the wind blew the bulbs all smashed together and broke. We lost a lot of bulbs on that tree. He stated that he doesn't complain without offering a solution, so he and Jeff Quirk had approached Wal-Mart and got them to donate strings of lights,

and Jack bought some, and they got CMP to agree to help them decorate the big tree at the town hall. He was going to call the fire department to see if the ladder truck could help with the very top of the tree. They have 1750 feet of the small twinkle lights, which shouldn't break, and Wal Mart had promised them more if they needed them. I had a nice conversation with him, and he said that this is in no way going to take away from our tree lighting, he doesn't plan to let anyone know that anyone but the Lions decorated the trees. I commend him for actually doing something, so many just complain. They did a lot of work Maybe this is the solution to keeping everyone in town happy, if both trees are lit, then what's to complain about. So he is planning to meet us at the tree tomorrow morning to decorate his. I look forward to meeting him.

Let's think about our Christmas party Yankee swap. How about if this year, we have entertainment of some kind, and instead each couple brings in a family type present to go out with our Christmas baskets, or childrens' gifts to go to the Salvation Army or a local project. We have fun, but sometimes at someone else's expense at the swap. Some of us would rather give children or poor families a touch of joy at Christmas than end up going home with a gag gift that we don't really want. Think about it and we will discuss this at our first December meeting.

Happy Holidays to all of you and to your precious families.

## December Birthdays

12/5 Martha Dickerman  
 12/17 Bob Buttarazzi  
 12/28 Ed Blanchard

### Here He Is

Lane Austin Briggs  
 11/15/00 6 lbs. 11 oz. 21"



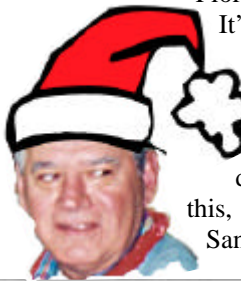
## Quizzes

1. Name the only team in baseball history to produce two players who hit 50 or more home runs in a single season.
2. What is the only bird whose skin can be used to make leather?
3. What was the only professional animal sport prohibited during WW II in the U. S.?
4. What was the only professional non-animal sport prohibited during WW II in the U.S.?
5. Name the only person to win one large Oscar and seven small Oscars at one ceremony.

## Santa Claus Moves to Florida

What would you say if I told you that Santa has been living in Scarborough for years? He told me that he found the North Pole getting colder as he aged. Well, he has decided that Scarborough is now too cold in the Winter, and has decided to do the Snowbird thing like many of our other Lions do. What will this do for the December 24<sup>th</sup> deliveries? Santa assures me that he will still be able to perform his duties from his new home. Bob, uh, I mean Santa will still be able to make all of his Global commitments in one evening, with no problems. That is provided that the hand counts are over. It seems that Bob, uh Santa, okay, they are one and the same. I hope not too many people read this and discover that Santa is none other than Scarborough Lion, Bob Buttarazzi. Well, it seems that Governor Jeb Bush of Florida had heard of Bob's experience with keeping the tally at our Roast Beef dinners, and personally

requested that Bob come to Florida to help with the recount. Bob was told by the Florida Secretary of State, Ezekial Bush that it is his duty as an American citizen to assist, and he was told that he was expected to come help, or receive jail time, by both District Court Judge Ebenezer Bush, and Florida Supreme Court Judge Ezra Bush. Well, we can't have Santa in jail, so he decided to go, but tried one last thing. Bob begged Dade County Commissioner, Jethro Bush and Broward County Commissioner, Jessie Sue Bush, to intervene on his behalf. Bob tried to convince them that he (Santa) should not be in a warm state, especially this time of year, without letting them know exactly who he is, besides, reindeer don't like the heat. Jethro and Jessie Sue did not question his sanity at all, but insisted, with a wink, that he had no choice in the matter. They promised that they would do everything in their power to make sure that the count would be finished (stopped) before his Christmas Eve deadline. Considering how long the count has gone on now, Bob decided that if he had to go to Florida, it would probably be for a long time, so he might as well move there. We all knew that Bob had bought a new house in Florida, so now we know why.



It's a case of the Needs of the Nation. Santa (Bob), we are truly proud of you for performing your national duty, and hope that all the children of the world, don't read this, and don't fret over whether Santa will be staring at chad instead of delivering their presents on Christmas Eve. Remember Santa, it's your duty to try to keep this whole Florida hand count process, honest and above board. (Portions of this story were leaked to me by the Florida State Publicity Chairman, Ephram Bush.)

REPUBLICAN	
BOB BUTTARAZZI	11/15/00
ED BLANCHARD	12/28/00
MARtha DICKERMAN	12/05/00
DEMOCRAT	
JESSIE SUE BUSH	12/17/00
JETHRO BUSH	12/17/00
TOTAL	
BOB BUTTARAZZI	11/15/00
JESSIE SUE BUSH	12/17/00
JETHRO BUSH	12/17/00
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## Recipe of the Month Cranberry Nut Bread

¾ c whole wheat flour  
 ½ c plus 1 tbsp all-purpose flour  
 2 tsp baking powder  
 ½ tsp baking soda  
 2-1/4 oz wheat germ  
 1 tsp ground cinnamon  
 1 egg  
 1 c buttermilk  
 1 tbsp plus 2 tsp vegetable oil  
 1 tsp vanilla extract  
 ¼ tsp orange extract  
 3 tbsp honey  
 1 c cranberries  
 ½ c raisins  
 1 oz chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, combine dry ingredients. In a medium bowl, combine egg, buttermilk, oil, extracts, and honey. Beat with a fork or wire whisk until blended. Place cranberries and raisins in a blender or food processor. Turn on and off a few times so fruit is chopped, but not pureed.

Add cranberries mixture and nuts to buttermilk mixture. Stir in dry ingredients, stirring until all ingredients are moistened. Place batter in a 4 x 8-inch nonstick loaf pan or one that has been sprayed with a nonstick cooking spray. Bake 35 minutes, until nicely browned. Cool 5 minutes; then invert onto a rack to finish cooling. Serves 10

### Peanut Butter Raisin Balls

½ c peanut butter  
 ½ c raisins, chopped  
 1/3 c nonfat dry milk  
 1 tsp vanilla  
 1 tbsp water  
 Combine all ingredients and mix well. Shape into 16 balls. Chill  
 Let the kids make these candies.

### What Do You Think?

Why are wrong numbers never busy?  
 Does that screwdriver really belong to Philip?  
 Can a stupid person be a smart ass?  
 Does killing time damage eternity?  
 Why is it called lipstick if you can still move your lips?  
 Why is it that night falls but day breaks?  
 Why is the third hand on a watch the second hand?

### The World's Stupidest Criminals

Car thief Timothy Root of Marshall, Minnesota, was fairly easy to track, after police found his handwritten resume under one of the seats when they recovered the vehicle. Root went to jail in September 1993.

In April 1986, movie-theater owner Bert Hudson of Salem, Oregon, offered half price tickets to see Young Sherlock Holmes to anyone dressed as a Hollywood film star. More than 400 people showed up in costume, but one man dressed as gangster star Edward G. Robinson pulled a gun and made off with the box-office cash.

One of our most inept store robbers must be "Bob" of Jacksonville, Florida. In May, 1991, he tried to hold up a supermarket, wearing a paper bag over his head, with eyeholes cut in it so he could see. First off he demanded that clerk Keetek Dore give him the register, which left Dore uncertain whether he wanted the entire cash register or just the money in it. While they were debating the point, the robber's bag shifted, leaving him unable to see. As he tried to adjust the bag, it ripped, exposing the face of a regular customer. "I yelled 'Bob'!" Dore said. "Then he ran away." She was unable to say whether Bob had a weapon—he had a bag over his hand, too.

<b>BELL RINGING 12/9/00</b>	
<b>Maine Mall /inside/ Sears entrance</b>	
9-10:am	Bill Pape Len Libby
10-11:am	John Maroon Ed Leslie
11:am-12:pm	Kay Hansen Jan Biddle
12-1:pm	Gary Lamson Paul Cyr
Back-up bell ringer Dick Reid	

### November Eyeglass Count

Scarborough Wal-Mart  
 11/4 37 pair eyeglasses  
 11/19 24 pair glasses

## December Calendar



12/2	4:30-6:30pm	Roast Beef Dinner/Boy Scout Troop #39
		Lions 8:am crew & 4:pm crew
12/3	4:00p	Christmas caroling at town Tree lighting
	4:30p	Tree lighting/Santa Claus MTI Vision screening for pre-schoolers
12/7	6:30p	Regular Dinner meeting/Speaker Ed Connolly
12/9	9:00a-1:00:p	Salvation Army Bell-Ringing
12/14	6:30p	Finance Committee meeting
	7:00p	Board of Directors meeting
12/17		Laurie's Kids at Roost
12/21	6:30p	Christmas Party/Spouses Night

## Answers

1. The New York Yankees. In 1961 Roger Maris had 61 home runs and Mickey Mantle had 54. The Yankees went on to beat the Cincinnati Reds in the World Series.
2. The ostrich.
3. Horse racing, which was ruled nonsensical to the war effort.
4. Automobile racing, prohibited because of its' consumption of precious fuel.
5. Walt Disney in the 1938 Academy Awards. He received the large Oscar for Snow White and the seven small ones for the seven dwarfs. He won the Oscars for pioneering the animated feature, the first of which was, Snow hit and the Seven Dwarfs.



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