

# THE North Brevard Lions Club

## "The Mane Mail"

### *Message from the President*

The summer is gone and we are into fall. Can you believe it is November already? My hometown received over 8 inches of snow today and it shut down all the major interstates. I still can't believe we live here. I was running around in shorts and waiting for the double sonic boom of the shuttle. How cool is that!

We will be celebrating together at our first Christmas party soon. I can't wait to call the winner of the fundraiser drawing to tell them the good news. Keep up the good work selling those tickets - See Lion Karen if you need more.

I want to thank everyone who stepped up to the plate and helped with our first organized collection of glasses. I think you can all be very pleased with the numbers from your effort.

Believe me I know because they are taking up a great amount of space in my garage.

We will be looking for a new fundraiser soon. If you have any ideas, grab an officer and let them help you get it started. I think we might even appoint a fundraiser chairperson. If you are interested in heading up this type of committee, let us know.

In case you haven't heard, the folks of the Historical Society have voted me President! Wow! I think I just got busier. Come on over and visit the museum. I would love to see all my fellow Lions become members there! A few of you have already joined - Thanks! Only \$10 - Whatta deal! See you "Lion" around! (arrgh)

~ Sincerely,  
*Edmund M. Kindle*

### ~ Meeting Schedule for November ~

- Business Meeting November 8th @ noon
- Only one meeting this month due to Thanksgiving

Nothing is difficult to those who have the will.  
~ Motto of the Dutch Poets' Society



## November 2007

*Greetings From the North  
Brevard Lions Club!*

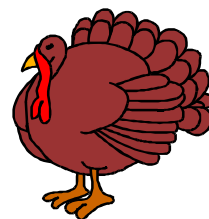
What's

**NEW** This

**Month**

- ◆ Message From The President
- ◆ Vice Presidents notes
- ◆ Secretary's Corner
- ◆ Trick or Treat for Sight
- ◆ Membership status

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## *Get more involved!*

I am pleased to announce that one of our own has stepped up to the plate! Lion Randy Alpha has agreed to take on the task of Sight Chairman for The North Brevard Lions Club - Way to go Randy! Vice President Lion John Oster has volunteered to help Lion Randy in his new role. Great news gentlemen!

We are still in need of a Hearing Chairperson and a Membership Chairperson for our club. Please consider taking on one of these important responsibilities. You will have help and guidance from our officers and members of the Vierra Lions as well. Do not be afraid to volunteer because you might make a mistake, we are all new at being Lions and we are all learning every day - especially me!



## Trick or Treat for Sight

### **Total collection for The Trick or Treat for Sight**

472 pairs of glasses  
176 cases  
20 audio books  
47 ink cartridges  
58 pairs of sunglasses  
1 hearing aid

### **Total collection to date**

592 pairs of glasses  
247 glasses cases  
20 audio books  
47 ink cartridges  
70 pairs of sunglasses  
5 hearing aids  
2 braille watches



## Country Acres - Wish Angels

I stopped and made contact with the Resident Youth Advisor from Country Acres Children's home. Instead of exchanging gifts with each other this Christmas we will be fulfilling a Wish Angel card for the residents.

We have 12 cards each gift will be a \$20.00 value. Two or more people can join together to purchase a gift or an individual can purchase a gift alone. The gifts are to be unwrapped when delivered. We have also been asked if we can provide some labor services at the facility and I offered to revisit that issue with them after the first of the year.

## Classified Ads

Post your items for here  
for other club  
members. Sell your items,  
Trade them, or just  
plain give them away.

Classified Ad submissions to  
emkindle@bellsouth.net  
or call 514-0096 to make  
arrangements.

Please let me know what I  
can help you get out of  
your Lions Club!

Remember, this is **your** club!  
Everyone needs to  
be involved!

Knowing others is wisdom,  
knowing yourself is enlightenment  
~ Lao Tzu

## November Birthdays

**Lisa Squaglia**  
**Marvin Gil**  
**Bob Smiley**

Corrections/ Additions  
Suggestions/ Complaints

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Ho! Ho!  
Ho!



The Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday December 2nd from 6pm to 9pm at The Outer Marker Cafe at Tico Airport. We are expecting to receive a menu to decide on shortly. We will be having the drawing for the condo Fundraiser at that time so make sure you are out there selling tickets.

Don't forget to ask relatives and friends in other parts of the country to buy a ticket. It is getting pretty cold up north and I am sure they would love a chance to visit somewhere warm.

If you need to turn in monies or need more tickets, please call Karen Johnson or myself.

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**MEETINGS**

Second and Fourth Thursdays of each month, 12 o'clock Noon  
Caffe Chocolat - Rt US 1 & Main St.  
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Events, circumstances,  
etc. have their origin in  
ourselves. They spring  
from the seeds which  
we have sown.

~ Henry David  
Thoreau

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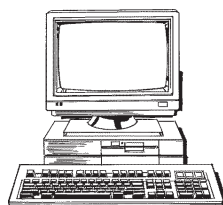
**Misc...**

If you have something to  
add to the newsletter -  
please get it to me in  
plenty of time to insert it  
into the next issue.

**43 Charter  
Members to date!**

If you change your mailing  
address, email address  
or phone number,  
please be sure to let us know  
so we can update our records.  
~Thanks

**Bring a friend  
to The North  
Brevard  
Lions  
Club**



## From the Secretary's Desk

Our Charter started on August 10th 2007. This was the start of our fiscal year. All members need to pay their dues of \$40.00. A billing from international for dues is on its way for the club's first six months.

In February of 2008 the second \$40.00 of dues will be billed to each member.

***These dues must be paid on time.*** The club must pay for everyone on the international register and the treasury cannot afford to pay individual dues.

If anyone has a problem with this payment, please contact me to make arrangements.

We have had one check not clear the bank. We are a new club with a limited cash flow. If you are going to run close - talk with Marvin before you write the check.

Come February I am looking at having to drop 5 charter members. Please make sure you sign the attendance sheet at each meeting and event. Awards are generated from these sheets.

If you visit another clubs meeting or attend a zone or chamber meeting please let me know so I can put it on my monthly report to international.

~ Bob Smiley

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Wednesday November 14th is the Zone Meeting hosted by the Cocoa Beach Seaside Lions Club. The meeting starts at 7pm at the Grand Buffet Chinese restaurant on A1A.

*We need someone to take charge of the glasses that have been donated and collected.*

*Duties will include keeping a count of glasses, sunglasses and cases.*

*Boxing them up with contents labeled & storing them until they can be delivered.*

*Interested?*

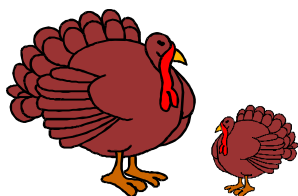
*See me at a meeting or give me a call.*

Dave Rich at nbdd.com has agreed to provide The North Brevard Lions Club with a website!

Soon we will have our own home on the World Wide Web!



Valiant Air Command is having a free open house the weekend of November 9th 10th & 11th.



**We still need an official name for our newsletter!**  
Suggestions include - The Pride Pages - The Grrr - The Mane Tale - The Mane Mail - Lion Letters - The Roar - The Lions Pride - News Bites - Send an email to me to vote! or send a suggestion!

## ***International Presidents Monthly Message***

Getting Younger People To Join Lions  
by Mahendra Amarasuriya  
President, The International Association of Lions Clubs

You've probably heard or read about Generation X and Generation Y. These terms describe the age groups that followed Baby Boomers. The underlying assumption of naming people born in the same era is that they share a common identity, shared values or similar interests.

Lions in their 50s, 60s, 70s and even older came of age at a time when joining a service club was almost as automatic as enrolling your children in school or belonging to the church down the street. Civic involvement was considered almost automatic. But those days are gone. Members of Generation X and Y and those coming up behind them, as well as many of the later Baby Boomers, don't automatically do many things at all. They pick and choose and decide what they prefer. Their passion for service is probably no less genuine but they don't feel the same need to be part of a traditional service club.

So we Lions have our work cut out for us in recruiting new members. If we continue as we have, unmindful of how the world has changed, we won't be successful in adding members. But if we adjust and show flexibility, there will be more opportunities to recruit "new blood."

Change is not easy. Many clubs need to change, modifying practices and procedures. Even the more successful clubs need to anticipate the future and make subtle changes. We don't need to change who Lions are and what we do. But we do need to change how we do things.

My presidential theme is Challenge to Change. The world has changed and we need to change with it. A club has to find new ways to attract members. It has to find new ways to make meetings more interesting. So maybe a club can try out karaoke singing at its meetings. That may not work for every club but it may work for yours.

Or maybe the answer is a cyber club. Or maybe it's a new project that will more fully engage members, better attract the attention of the public and better serve the community.

Unless we understand younger people and their needs and wants and reshape our clubs accordingly, we won't be able to entice them to join. But if we are savvy about what we do and how we present ourselves to the public, it won't be just Generation X and Y that people will hear about. They'll know about Generation L, those service-minded younger people who become Lions.

As you may or may not know, my computer crashed. It has been a faithful servant for nigh on 8 years. After it's funeral, I went and purchased the components of a new computer and by 10 pm that night

I had it up and running. It's a beast! Screaming fast and loaded with ram. It is a joy to work with and I never realized just how slow old Betsy was. I am happy to say I was able to recover quickly from the ordeal.

Most of my data was on separate drives. Advice, back up early and often. The only thing I had to retype was my email contacts folder and thankfully I had exported that to Excel just days before. ~EMk



**Got a question?  
Ask us!**



**Got an idea?  
Let us know!**



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## **Board of Directors**

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