
THE North Brevard Lions Club

"The Mane Mail"

Taking our community by the tail!

Message from the President

August 2008

August is here and so is our First Annual Birthday Bash! Boy has the time flown by. Every Lion in this club has much to be proud of and a great future to look forward to.

Speaking of the future - I am going to take this time to announce that I have stepped down as President of The North Brevard Lions Club. This has been a very rewarding experience for me helping to get this club off the ground and running.

I have enjoyed helping the people in our community and am proud of the work we have done together. I look forward to helping more even more people in the future.

I have not made this decision lightly. I am not leaving the club, but merely resigning from the day to day leadership of the club. I hope to keep all the great friends I have made as a result of Lionism.

I think it is time for someone else to hold the reins and lead the club into our next year.

I will of course be available for our next President should he or she need my help. I look forward to remaining on the board and continuing to visit my friends in the other clubs.

Many of you will be asking why am I making this decision. There are many reasons, but mostly I have many projects upcoming that I need to attend to, and I need to refocus my energy for a while on my family and my commitments at home as well.

If you have any questions, Please do not hesitate to call or email.

If you are interested in this position, make your application to Lion Bob S. I am sure we will have some fine candidates.

***~ Yours in Lionism,
Edmund M. Kindle***



***Greetings From the North
Brevard Lions Club!***

What's

NEW This

Month

- ◆ Message From The President
- ◆ VP's Messages
- ◆ Secretary's Corner
- ◆ Tailtwister's Photos
- ◆ Sri Lanka email
- ◆ LCINews
- ◆ Florida Eye Bank
- ◆ Leader Dogs 5k Walk a thon

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Members Brag Box

August Birthdays

Randy Alpha
Dorman Lowry
Denise Dutton
Gail France

August Anniversaries

Barbra Prisco
Morris Schill
Pastor John Fisher
Bob & Linda Smiley
Denise & Michael Dutton

Got a bit to brag about?

- Win an award?
- Something big
- something small?
- Let me know
- I will post it here.

Please let your officers know
what they can do to help
you get more out of
your Lions Club!

Remember, this is **your** club!
Everyone should
be involved!

Corrections / Additions
Suggestions / Complaints

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From the Secretary's Desk

Members, your dues are due. If you are having a problem, call or e-mail. Any dues not paid by August 15th, 2008 will require me to drop you from membership in the North Brevard Lions Club. I have paid the club obligations to the International and District.

We are having a Birthday Bash on 9 August. My last count shows we are having 20 people attending. We have 42 members. It shows we have a problem.

We will be making contributions to various foundations at the Cabinet meeting.

I will be filling the 501-(c) 3 papers this month. I have been assured the monies by a member of our club. More to come as we proceed with this project.

Bob Smiley



~ Meeting Schedule for June ~

- Business Meeting August 14th @ noon
Driftwoods at Royal Oak
- Board meets August 21st @ noon
@ TBA
- Speaker Meeting August 28th @ noon
Driftwoods at Royal Oak

From the Vice President's Desk

I would like to wish the club a very Happy Birthday and hope that each of you will plan to attend our **Birthday Bash August 9th at Driftwoods** at Royal Oak Country Club 6-7pm cocktail hour (cash bar) with a presentation of the flag that was flown over our nations capital from Congressman Feeney, and a buffet from 7- 8:15.

Guest singer Chris Kahl will be entertaining us, then we will give out awards and do the Highwaymen drawings as well as a few surprises, followed by some fun behind the mic with some of our members. All this for a cost of \$15.00. We have all experienced the great food from Driftwoods and I know this event will not be any different, so plan to be there for a fun evening.

Karen Johnson

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Attendance is recorded with International, so remember if you miss a meeting you can make it up by attending another club's meeting.

"Those who dare to fail miserably can achieve greatly"

~ John F. Kennedy

Misc...

"To be blind, but worse is to have eyes and not see."

~ Helen Keller

During the 19th century miniature guillotines were a popular toy given to european children.

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**

Name the Mascot! A club contest!



Here is the new mascot for the
North Brevard Lions Club.

This little guy was obtained and led
back to Titusville by none other than
Lion Smiley.

He is happy to live with us, but he
needs a name!



What we would like to do is to give a lucky member of the North Brevard Lions Club or any other Lion for that matter, an opportunity to name the little guy.

You can submit a name into the name jar for \$1.00.

You can submit your name as many times as you like, but each time costs \$1.00.

You may submit as many different names as you like but each name costs \$1.00.



After all names have
been submitted and all
votes placed we will
draw the winning name.

This is a fun way to earn
some dollars towards
our clubs needs.



Dear Lion Edmund M. Kindle –

As mentioned in my last letter, my immediate obligation is to provide you with some basic information of my country, the location of my club, the community we serve and the services we render to the needy. If you wish to have any elaborated information please feel free to reach me and I will be available at your disposal.

MY COUNTRY

By and large, I am very sure you are conversant with the global map, the Indian Ocean and the tiny island south east of India – that's Sri Lanka. Earlier known as Ceylon is also identified as the pearl of the Indian Ocean.

We read a history of more than 2500 years and history repeats to say that even Lord Buddha had visited this island on three occasions. Long thereafter the country had been ruled by various different kings and followed by foreign invaders that had governed different parts of the island and it's only the ruins of their kingdoms and the fortresses of the Dutch and Colonial rule that remain for the present and the future generations to see. If this historic information is interesting, I will be too glade to furnish you with more detailed information.

The country gained freedom and won independence from the British rule in 1948 and since then the country is governed by a parliament to which representatives are being appointed by citizen's ballot. In 1978 the country was made a Republic and today pronounced as United Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. To day the country is administered by an Executive President and governed by a Central Parliament and nine Provincial Councils.

At the center of the island is the hill country that consists of a continuous interconnected range of mountains which gradually terrains down to flat land and thereafter to sea level around the island. Initiating from these range of mountains are several rivers that flows down around the island and finally reach the beautiful Indian Ocean. The longest and the largest river is called Mahaweli and flows down 355 km before it reaches the sea. The highest point in the island is a mountain named Pidurutalagala which is 2524 meters or 8281 feet above sea level and is located in a city named Nuwara-Eliya which is about 40 Km. from Bandarawela. One could also reach more information on these two sites on web by just typing Mahaweli River or Pidurutalagala

SRI LANKA

Country Type	Island
Highest Point	Pidurutalagala (2524 m/8281ft)
Countries	Sri Lanka
Area	66,993 sq km / 25,866 sq mi
Area may include	lowland areas
Extent	435 km / 270 mi North-South
	245 km / 152 mi East-West
Center	
Lat/Long	7° 52' N; 80° 47' E
Map Link	Microsoft Local.Live Map

Sri Lanka email Continued...

We see this highest point from Bandarawela town at a distance and this further explains that Bandarawela too is a city in the hill country. We are about 2600 ft above sea level and the average temperature is around 25 ° C.

We too have sun shine but a cool temperature throughout the year and September to January is the usual rainy season. Except for a seldom fast blowing wind, we have no experience with either hurricanes or earthquakes. The only major disaster of our time was the tsunami in 2006 that struck the south eastern coast. Except for the fighting against terrorism in a part of the northern peninsula peace prevails in the all other parts of the country.

Sri Lanka is an agricultural country and we produce some of the finest drinking tea in the world. It is also enrich with a variety of colored gemstones and with a specific culture of our own. The greatest cultural pageant is the 'Kandy Esala Perahera' which is a religious and cultural festival where more than 100 beautifully dressed elephants march with numerous dancing troops and is usually held in July – August that attracts tens of thousands of foreign tourists.

At different locations we have large reservations for wild life and bird sanctuaries and a plenty of wild animals and birds in abeyance. Sun, sand and the sea is full of fun around the island. On behalf of the Lions of Bandarawela I take this opportunity to offer an open invitation to the North Brevard Lions to visit this beautiful island at your convenience and we will assure a memorable program.

LOCATION OF MY CLUB

Bandarawela comes within the province of "Uva" and the District of Badulla. It is situated about 170 Km south of Colombo. One could identify the exact location through 'Google Earth'. In fact I did look in to Titusville, The Space Coast, NASA - right across the river on Merritt Island, may be with a little more information I could even locate your residence.

Badulla is also another city and is the Capital City of the Uva Province. As explained in my previous communication my Lions Club originated as the Lion Club of Badulla – Bandarawela in 1967 and was separated a year later.

Badulla is where I have a Business Office and my second residence. Today it has two separate Lions Clubs by the name of 'Badulla' and 'Uva Capital'. My wife is a member of the Badulla Club and I maintains my membership with Bandarawela which is 26 Km. south of Badulla along the Badulla Colombo Highway. My residence is just out side of Colombo city limits and the city is named Mount Lavinia.

THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE

The area that covers the administrative district of Bandarawela is 174.9 sq. km. the total population is 103163 of whom 24.8% is below poverty [of the total population 50922 males + 52241 females and of whom 7296 urban – 73205 Rural and 22662 Estate]

When I speak of the estate population, this may raise a question as to what the estate population is. Bandarawela is all surrounded with 'Tea' plantations. We produce a part of the finest tea in Sri Lanka. Better known in the world market as "Ceylon Tea" and this is the community involved in the tea plantations. We also produce a variety of colorful cut flowers and consumable vegetables and fruits. Therefore ours is mainly an agro-based community.

Sri Lanka email Continued...

THE SERVICES WE RENDER

As a very senior club the services this club had provided to our community are many. Stated below are some current projects and type of activities that the club gets involved. As continuous projects, our club operates a well maintained home for the elders. A preschool for the children of less fortunate families. A rehabilitation center for the street children. A scholarship fund program for the university students of unaffordable families.

As major projects we have built and donated a two storied school building for the deaf and blind in a town named Buttala. Another two storied building for a library and a computer training center to a remote school which was affected and damaged by the 2006 tsunami. A waiting room for the outdoor patients of a base hospital in a town named Diyathalawa. We have built two houses. One to a family where the breadwinner passed away due to ill health and another house and a three-wheeler to a family that gave birth to quadruplates.

As normal service projects and subject to available resources, we conduct health camps at remote villages. Donate spectacles, hearing aids, wheel chairs and crutches to the needy. School books, uniforms and shoes and educational equipment for the school children and to remote schools, conduct additional extra tuition classes for higher grade students in rural schools and in general assist, help and collaborate with any type of service that will be beneficial to the common community.

We have extended three new clubs in neighboring cities namely – Lions Club of Welimada, Lions Club of Haputala-Diyathalawe and the Lions Club of Uva Capital. We also have inaugurated a long standing Leo's club in one of the leading boys schools namely Saint Thomas Collage in Bandarawela and intends to introduce another this year in a girls school in Badulla. Together with my future communications I will incorporate relevant photographs and furnish you with a more detail explanation of our past and current service programs.

So Lion Ed. being the president, I can imagine your involvement and dedication in organizing the 1st Charter Anniversary Celebrations of your prestigious club. With your experience I am positive you would assure a memorable event,

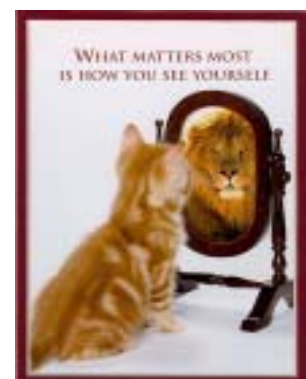
Good luck all the best for now,
Lion Amara

From the Vice President Continued...

The club is also looking for a Chairperson for Sightnight. This is the collection of glasses during October and Halloween night.

We did very well with this program last year and I would like to see us continue this program. Anyone interested in more on this great program can check out...

www.thegiftofsight.org
www.lionsinternational.org
or contact me.





Florida Lions
Conklin Center
for the blind

www.conklincenter.org

6th Annual Conklin Center Poker Run

Date/Time: Sunday, September 28, 2008

Details: Join us for the biggest poker run around! Sign up at the Center at 405 White Street. First bike out at 10:30 a.m. and last bike out at Noon. Free refreshments at the Center. \$15 includes 1 poker hand and event t-shirt. Door prizes, 50/50 drawing and gift basket drawing along with food and music at the last stop. 4 stops including Inlet Harbor Marina & Restaurant, Dirty Harry's, Iron Horse Saloon and ends at White Eagle Lounge. Run goes on rain or shine. Sign up can happen at any stop & all cards can be drawn at any stop. You **MUST** turn in your hand at the White Eagle by 4 p.m. and be present to win. Prizes Needed!

White Cane Awareness 5K Run

Date/Time: Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

Details: Run our certified 5K course (FL06070DL) along the beautiful Halifax River on Beach St. in Ormond Beach. \$20 early registration (until 10/24/08), \$25 after including race day. Registration fee gets our runners an event t-shirt, goody bag, & refreshments. Race registration begins at 6:30 a.m. behind the Ormond Beach Library. Race starts at Beach St/ Granada Blvd at 8 a.m. sharp! Water stations provided along the route. Sponsors include 1-800-Got Junk, Alta Vista Sports, Bright House Networks, City of Ormond Beach, Ormond Beach Lions Club, & Publix Super Markets. Call 386-258-3441 or visit www.conklincenter.org for more information.

SUPPORTING SPONSORS NEEDED!!



5th Annual Walk-a-thon

Hundreds of Leader Dog supporters, many with their four-legged friends, showed their support for the 5th Annual Leader Dogs for the Blind & Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association Walk-a-thon & 5K Run at Bloomer Park on June 21st. This year's "Wag, Woof & Walk" was the most successful in the event's history, raising over \$35,000 for the programs of Leader Dogs for the Blind!

We thank everyone that participated! Whether you walked, ran or pledged, we appreciate the important part you played in raising both funds and awareness for Leader Dog.

From Lions International:

LCIF Approves US\$3.2 Million in Grants at June 2008 Board Meeting



Oak Brook, Illinois, USA--Nearly US\$3.2 million in grants was approved at the June 2008 LCIF Board Meeting. A total of 47 grants were awarded to Lions clubs all over the world to assist many humanitarian projects.

This includes 11 Core 4 grants to construct homes with Habitat for Humanity, expand low vision and diabetes programs and a US\$200,000 to Lions of Sweden for an LCIF-Sweden tent project to provide tent housing to relief workers and victims left homeless from the earthquake in China.

LCIF also approved two major catastrophe grants: US\$50,000 for flooding relief in Iowa, USA and US\$500,000 for relief in China. This is in addition to the US\$500,000 initial major catastrophe grant awarded for China relief in May.

The complete list of approved grants is available online.

Lions Clubs International Foundation provides grant funding to Lions districts for large-scale humanitarian projects too extensive for Lions to finance on their own. LCIF is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International, the largest service club organization in the world with 1.3 million members in 202 geographic areas and countries. The Foundation aids Lions in making a greater impact in their local communities, as well as around the world. LCIF was recently ranked the number one NGO in a Financial Times study. Through LCIF, Lions ease pain and suffering and bring healing and hope to people worldwide. For more information, visit <http://www.lcif.org/>.



Bring Eye Donation Facts into Focus

- * You are never too young or old to be a donor.
- * Visual acuity is not important when it comes to eye donation. It does not matter if you wear glasses.
- * Even eyes with more severe problems, such as retinitis pigmentosa, are extremely valuable for research.
- * Eye tissue is never wasted. Increasingly other parts of the eye, such as the sclera, are being used in surgical procedures. Tissue is also used for education and research.
- * Eye tissue is removed shortly after death. The procedure does not delay funeral arrangements and open-casket ceremonies can still be held.
- * The gift of sight is made anonymously. Confidentiality is always protected.
- * All major religions approve of eye donation and transplantation.
- * Eye donation helps the donor family as well as the recipient. A grieving family is comforted knowing this gift has been made as a living testament to the donor's memory.

North Brevard Lions Club 2008-09
Board of Directors - Club Officers – Misc. Positions

President - B	-
Immediate Past President - B -	Edmund M. Kindle
Vice-President - B	Karen Johnson
2nd Vice President -B	Janet Rooks
3rd Vice President - B	John Oster
Secretary/ Treasurer - B	Robert Smiley
Tail Twister - B	Meredith Eberhart
Assistant Tail Twister	-
Lion Tamer - B	Lisa Squaglia
1 Year Elected Director - B	Jan Alwine
1 Year Elected Director - B	Peggy Lin
2 Year Elected Director - B	Nancy Arnold
2 Year Elected Director - B	Pastor John Fisher
(- B = board member)	
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Asst.	John Oster
Hearing Chairperson	Janet Rooks
Asst.	Edmund M. Kindle
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White Cane Day Chair	Rev. Jerald Smith
Fundraising Chairperson	Kathy Dunn
Publicity Chairperson	Jan Alwine
Speaker Organization	-
Lions Alert Team Chair	-
Leo Club Chair	Robert Smiley
Community Needs Assessment	-
Service Projects Coordinator	-
Twinning Correspondent	Barbara Prisco
Glasses collection & sorting	Barbara Batchelder &
	-
Pop tab collection	-
Cell phone collection & sorting	-
Ink cartridge collection & sorting	-



The Miscellaneous Page



"All the news that fits - we print"

Summer Conference

July 31—August 3, 2008

Hosted by

Cocoa Beach Seaside Lions Club

Event Schedule

Friday 8/01 - 12:15pm Camp Luncheon \$20.00

Saturday 8/02 - 8am Conklin Center Breakfast \$18.00

Saturday 8/02 - 12:15pm Lunch with the Director \$22.00

Saturday 8/02 - Banquet: \$35.00

Choice between Champagne Chicken Or Mango Mahi Mahi

Sunday 8/04 - 8am Foundation Breakfast \$18.00

Sunday 8/04 - 10am 35D Cabinet mtg Luncheon \$20.00

Make checks payable to:

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Mark Your calendars!

Jul 31-Aug 3 Summer conference hosted by Cocoa Beach Seaside Lions Club

Aug 3, 2008 Cabinet Meeting hosted by Cocoa Beach Seaside Lions Club

August 9, 2008 North Brevard Lions Club Birthday Bash

Sept, 2008 6th Annual Conklin Center Poker Run

Sept 1, 2008 Labor Day

Sept 18-20, '08 USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Saskatoon Saskatchewan, Canada

Sept 30, 2008 Rosh Hashanah

Oct, 2008 Conklin Center White Cane Awareness 5K Run

Oct 1, 2008 Deadline to purchase Peace Poster Kits from Club Supplies

Oct 9, 2008 Yom Kippur

Oct 13, 2008 Columbus Day

Oct 20, 2008 Sovereign of the Seas cruise hosted by Viera Lions Club

Oct 24-25, 2008 Haunted Trail at Florida Lions Camp

Oct 31, 2008 Halloween



Your contribution of money and/or time helps us offer guide dogs free of charge to blind individuals.

With the gift of a guide dog, our students are able to contribute to their communities, work on their goals, and accomplish their dreams.

Ha Ha Ha!

An elderly man had serious hearing problems for many years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed him to hear 100%.

The elderly man went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor diagnosed, "Your hearing is perfect! Your family must be very pleased."

To which the elderly man said, "Oh, I haven't told them yet. I just sit and listen to their conversations. I've already changed my will three times!"



Russellville, MO

Lion Meredith's trip to Missouri - Lions Club's Around the state



Russellville, MO



Jefferson City, MO
Capital City



Sunrise Beach MO



Lohman, MO

Your Ad Here

The North Brevard Lions Club is accepting a limited number of paid advertisements to help the club raise money. The ads will be business card sized and will run either for a 6 month or one year term to be paid upon acceptance of ad. Revisions are descretion of editor.

\$ 60.00 for 6 months -
\$100.00 for year - \$20.00
discount.



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