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# **THE North Brevard Lions Club**

## **"The Mane Mail"**

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*Taking our community by the tail!*

July 2009

*Message from the President*



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

What's

**NEW** This

**Month**

- ◆ Message From The President
- ◆ Committees
- ◆ Secretary's Corner
- ◆ From LCI
- ◆ Dates to Make note of
- ◆ White Cane Event Coming Soon
- ◆ Get well wishes
- ◆ Organ Donor info
- ◆ Twin Club info

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What a pleasure to see more of our members attending meetings during this vacation laden season. I know it's hard this time of year.

However, it is important we keep in contact while committee chairs and members are being assigned this month. Thanks for all your fine efforts.

On June 11 DGE Anne Greer (Viera) was kind enough to do the honors of installing our new officers and directors. Lion Anne also installed our newest members, Lions Ernie and Tammy Aiken whom, I'm sure, are very valuable additions to our club.

We all have made a commitment to share our extra energies for the purpose of Lionism.

The new officers and directors reconfirmed their pledge by accepting their seats in those essential roles.

I am counting heavily on the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents to oversee the committees by keeping me apprised of their activities, problems and needs.

Our activities are being published for you in "The Mane Mail" and Sec. Lion Bob's Minutes of the Meetings. If you are having trouble obtaining same, let me, Ed or Bob know. You should be kept informed, especially if you aren't able to make all the meetings. Dont forget the newsletter is also published on the website at [www.nbbd.com/npr/lionsclub](http://www.nbbd.com/npr/lionsclub)

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## NBLC Brag Box

*We got awards!!*



District Governor Elect Lion Anne Greer was on hand to present our club with some awards at our June 11th meeting.

NBLC was recognized as most active club in Group B.

NBLC received honors for achievements in International Relations for 2008 - 09

NBLC received a banner patch for sponsoring the Merritt Island Lions Club

## July Birthdays

Linda Smiley

## July Anniversaries

No  
Anniversaries  
this month - Maybe  
someone should  
get married

## President's message continued...

Caution: At subsequent meetings you may be fined by Tail Twister Lion Charlotte for not addressing members as "Lion" prior to their name, or not wearing your vest, or not having your pin and/or whatever suits her fancy. Fines are in half dollar pieces only or one dollar in any form.

*King Lion  
Charlie Adams*

## From the Secretary's Desk

July starts a new Lionism year for our club. This means your dues are due. Invoices have been mailed or given to each member. July 15 is the deadline for payment. If a payment is not received by that date you will be dropped from the club. Half payment will keep you in the club. If you do not plan on continuing to be a member, please let me know.

As I announced at the last meeting, this will be my last year as secretary of the North Brevard Lions Club. I will not seek any other positions, but will remain a member.

We will have a White Cane Days on August 7th & 8th at the movie theater in the Sears Town Mall. Let's have a good turnout of helpers.

*Lion  
Bob Smiley*

Sorry for the length this month - Blame it on the Pres. His committee roster took two full pages. Plus I added a page of jokes this month. We also have a Lion who needs some good thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery. Lots of good Lion info in this issue. Tear into it!

(Hey! if you print it out double sided - it is only 6 pages - lol)



*Lion  
Editor Ed*

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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.

**North Brevard Lions  
Club Meets  
The Second and Fourth  
Thursdays @ 6:30pm  
at  
Williams Family Restaurant  
in the Searstown Mall.**

**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.

"People love chopping wood. In this activity one immediately sees results."  
~ Albert Einstein.

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**



# NBLC Committees



Fellow Lions!!

Here are the assignments for the NBLC's committee positions from the King Lion. These are subject to change and will be supervised by the appropriate Vice President who will report back to the King Lion. If you feel you cannot do the task assigned please see King Lion Charlie for a different assignment - Committee chairs will appoint lions to help them on their committees - You may serve on more than one committee. Many hands make light work. We need everyone to take ownership and help out. This is *your* club!

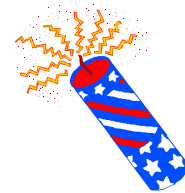
~ Editor

## 1st Vp Lion Gerald Tranchita (Committee Supervisor)

### Club meeting related

Sunshine  
Club Recreation  
50/50 and marbles  
Club Programs  
Bulletin Editor

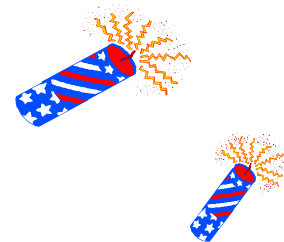
Lion Charlotte Beenblossom  
Lion Linda Smiley  
Lion Ernie Aiken  
Lion Ed Kindle  
Lion Ed Kindle



### Community Service related

Sight Conservation  
Hearing  
Leo Club  
Glasses (used)

Lion Randy Alpha  
Lion Bob Smiley  
Lion John Fisher  
Lion Larry Beenblossom



### Club Finances

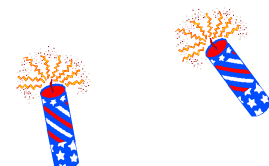
Finance Committee

Lion Larry Beenblossom

### Club Fundraising

White Cane  
New projects

Lion Tammy Aiken  
Lion Peggy Lin  
Lion John Fisher  
Lion Meredith Eberhart



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# NBLC Committees ~ continued

## Membership / Leadership

Membership  
Leadership  
Development

Lion Dorman Lowry  
open  
Lion Dorman Lowry

**Happy 4th  
of July!!**

## Public Relations

Publicity  
Public Relations

Lion Barbara Prisco  
Lion Barb Prisco

## Information Technology

Info Tech/Web

Lion Ed Kindle

## 2nd Vp Lion John Oster (Committee Supervisor)



## Miscellaneous

Disaster Relief  
Awards  
Club Historian

Lion Robbie Robinson  
Lion Charlie Adams  
Lion Charlotte Beenblossom

## Outreach projects

Leader Dog  
Campaign Sight First  
LCIF  
Florida Lions Foundation  
Conklin Center  
Southeastern Guide Dogs

Lion Tom Contento  
Lion Linda Smiley  
Lion Athena Mowles  
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Lion Athena Mowles

## Club Projects

Lion Walks  
Cabinet Meetings

Lion Donna Hamilton  
Lion Charlotte Beenblossom







FLORIDA LIONS EYE BANK

**COMING SOON!**  
**Florida's NEW**  
**online organ**  
**donor registry**

Become a life-saving  
organ, tissue and  
eye donor today.



Diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at age nine, Towana faced end-stage kidney failure and the need for a kidney/pancreas transplant. Her transplant not only allows her to live dialysis free, but also insulin free.

## **You have the power to Donate Life!**

Donate Life Florida, a statewide alliance of organ, tissue and eye donor programs, is updating Florida's donor registry to make it easier for people like you to designate your wishes to become a life-saving donor. The new registry is projected to be ready by July 2009. In the meantime, you can join the registry at your local driver license office. Visit our Web site often to check on the status of the new registry.

**[www.DonateLifeFlorida.org](http://www.DonateLifeFlorida.org)**

Donate Life Florida • 877-FL SHARE

# Pemberton Lions Club

Our New Twin Club - We are looking forward to learning all about our northern neighbors and all that the Pemberton Lions are doing "to serve" in British Columbia.  
(All I know is it looks cold up there. Brrrr.)

The Pemberton Lions are part of Multiple District 19  
District A8

**President** ~ Randy Elkins  
**1st Vice President** ~ Vinny Moule  
**Secretary** ~ Dorothy Frisse & Liz  
**Treasurer** ~ Liz Vermaas  
**Membership Chairman** ~ Michelle Ness

<http://PembertonLionsClubBC.lionwap.org>  
<http://pembertonlions.com/>

Here are some of the community events in Pemberton British Columbia  
<http://www.pembertonsupermarket.com/community/index.shtml>



We are looking forward to Lion Barb Prisco telling us all about their club once she makes contact with them on a regular basis.

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I have also heard from our twin club in Sri Lanka. All is reasonably well there and I will update everyone at our next meeting. ~ Editor



## Lions Clubs International

### Lions Join the National Eye Institute in Celebrating 40-Year Anniversary Lions Support House Resolution 366

Oak Brook, Illinois, USA, June 17, 2009 – Lions Clubs members today join in celebrating the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the National Eye Institute in Washington, D.C. Lions Clubs International President Al Brandel and Vice President Sid Scruggs will take part in a Capitol Hill event to mark the anniversary and Lions' partnership with NEI since its inception.

This AEVR event is being held under a new initiative established by the Alliance, the Decade of Vision 2010-2020, which is a sustained program to educate about the beneficial impact of federally funded vision research. AEVR-affiliated organization National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research (NAEVR) has worked with Representatives Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Pete Sessions (R-TX), who have introduced H. Res 366, which recognizes the NEI's 40th anniversary and supports designation of 2010-2020 as the Decade of Vision.

Commenting on this event, Brandel stated that, "Since Lions Clubs in all 50 states coordinated the 100,000-plus telegrams and letters that flooded Capitol Hill in support of the creation of the NEI, I am honored to participate in this celebration of 40 years of federally funded research to save sight and restore vision. As a non-profit, international organization that works closely with the NEI, LCIF can attest to the global impact of the Institute's work." LCIF, along with the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO), serve as sponsors of the event.

In addition to helping spur the creation of NEI, Lions have led community efforts at increasing awareness of eye health and the need for timely and regular treatment of eye diseases. In 1991 and 2005 both organizations collaborated to initiate a survey to benchmark the American public's knowledge, attitudes, and practices toward eye health and disease. The results of the first survey led LCIF to develop the Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP). NEI's National Eye Health Education Program was able to provide LEHP with standardized key eye health messaging that the Lions, with concrete ties in local communities, were then able to directly disseminate.

Lions and NEI are planning a focus group for fall 2009 in order to create co-branded eye health education materials. The two organizations share a mission of preventing blindness and increasing community education on eye health.

Lions join AEVR President Stephen Ryan, M.D. (Doheny Eye Institute), who also serves as host of the event and NEI Director Paul Sieving, M.D., Ph.D., who has led the Institute since 2001, as well as a number of senators and eye health organizations in supporting House Resolution 366. Lions Clubs International Foundation is a member organization.





# North Brevard Lions Club White Cane Day!

**Volunteers  
needed!**

**Friday August 7th  
5 pm to 7 pm (2 Lions)**

**Saturday August 8th  
3 pm to 5 pm (2 Lions)  
5 pm to 7 pm (2 Lions)**

## History of the White Cane

In 1921, James Biggs, a photographer from Bristol, England became blind following an accident. Because he was feeling uncomfortable with the amount of traffic around his home, he painted his walking stick white to be more easily visible.

In the United States, the introduction of the White Cane is attributed to Lion George A. Bonham (Peoria Lions Club). In 1930, he observed a man who was blind attempting to cross the street with a black cane that was barely visible to motorists against the dark pavement. The Lion offered to paint the cane white to make it more visible. By 1931, the Peoria Lions Club approved the project and white canes were made and distributed. The Peoria City Council adopted an ordinance giving the bearers the right-of-way to cross the street. The news of the club's activity spread to other Lions Clubs, and the white cane became known by the blind and sighted alike as a means of identifying the safe mobility needs of the visually impaired. In 1931, Lions Clubs International began a program promoting the use of White Canes for people who are blind.

Also in 1931, in France, Guilly d'Herbement recognized the danger of blind people in traffic and launched a national "white stick movement" for blind people. She donated 5,000 white canes to people in Paris.

While the White Cane is commonly accepted as a "symbol of blindness", various countries have different rules concerning what constitutes a "cane for the blind." In the United Kingdom, for example, the White Cane is recognized as being used by visually impaired persons; if the cane has two red bands added, it indicates that the user is deaf-blind. In some areas, the cane is yellow.

In the United States, laws vary from state to state, but in all cases, those carrying white canes are afforded the right of way when crossing a road and when in a public place.

**Email or call Lion  
Bob Smiley  
to sign up!**



## Ha Ha Ha Ha - What?



A mild-mannered man was tired of being bossed around by his wife so he went to a psychiatrist.

The psychiatrist said he needed to build his self-esteem, and so gave him a book on assertiveness, which he read on the way home.

He had finished the book by the time he reached his house.

The man stormed into the house and walked up to his wife.

Pointing a finger in her face, he said, "From now on, I want you to know that I am the man of this house, and my word is law! I want you to prepare me a gourmet meal tonight, and when I'm finished eating my meal, I expect a sumptuous dessert afterward. Then, after dinner, you're going to draw me my bath so I can relax. And when I'm finished with my bath, guess who's going to dress me and comb my hair?"

"The funeral director," said his wife.

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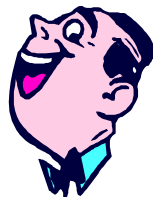
A man and his wife were returning from a party one evening. As the couple was driving home, she asked her husband, "Honey, has anyone ever told you how handsome, sexy and irresistible to women you are?"

Totally flattered, he replied, "No, dear they haven't."

At that point she yelled, "Then what the heck gave you THAT idea at the party tonight?"

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position.

As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?" "Yep," the wife replied, "in-laws."



If money doesn't grow on trees then why do banks have branches?

Since bread is square, then why is sandwich meat round?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

What did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why are you IN a movie, but you are ON TV?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

How come we choose from just two people for President and fifty for Miss America?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.



# The Miscellaneous Page



*"All the news that fits - we print"*

## Get Well Soon!

PDG Dotty Scherer is in the hospital. She was outside on Monday looking at the new roof that was being put on the house and lost her balance between the driveway and the grass. Result — She has fractured her pelvis. I spoke with PDG Doc last night and he is doing well. Neighbors and Lions are there when he needs them. Dotty spent a painful day on Tuesday but had a better day on Wednesday. She was already getting some physical therapy. Dotty might be coming home in a few days and I'll keep you posted when new details are available. Please say a prayer or two (they ALWAYS help) and cards are always welcome.

Lion Joyce Loaiza

Cards and well wishes to...

Dotty Scherer, PDG  
6140 Bluegrass Drive  
Boynton Beach, FL 33437

### Update!

Since they volunteer at that hospital, the CEO paid her a visit, sent a get well card from him and some other hospital officials and made sure they had strawberry shortcake for a celebration. Dotty said that since her primary Dr. was on vacation, the other Dr. wanted to keep her a few days so she might get home over the weekend. Spoke with Doc (her husband) also. He was doing well, took his insulin and had breakfast. He was also getting re-aquainted with the washer, dryer and dishwasher. (Hmmm, I wonder where these dishes belong!) A neighbor was taking him to the hospital around lunchtime and another neighbor would pick him up after dinner. Neighbors and Lions have really stepped up to help out.

"To be social is to  
be forgiving."

~ Robert Frost

Joyce



## Days to make a note of...

|                 |                                        |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------|
| July 4, 2009    | Independence Day                       |
| July 6-10, 2009 | Int'l Convention — Minneapolis, MN     |
| Aug 7-8, 2009   | Summer Conference                      |
| Aug 21, 2009    | Ramadan begins                         |
| Aug 29, 2009    | Cabinet mtg hosted by Viera Lions Club |
| Sept 7, 2009    | Labor Day                              |

### Lions International Calendar

|                 |                                                                                                                                |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| July 1, 2009    | Annual Reports for Leo districts and multiple districts (Leo-91) due                                                           |
| July 1, 2009    | Lions districts and multiple districts may apply for 2009-2010 Lions Services for Children Worldwide Symposium Funding Program |
| July 1-5, 2009  | International Board of Directors meeting (Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA)                                                         |
| July 6-10, 2009 | 92nd Annual Lions Clubs International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA                                                |
| July 15, 2009   | Lions Club Activity Report due                                                                                                 |
| July 31, 2009   | Standard, Core 4 and IAG grant application deadline for review at the October 2009 board meeting                               |

"Self-pity is our worst enemy  
and if we yeild to it, we can  
never do anything wise in  
this world."

~ Helen Keller

"Computers  
are useless.  
They can only  
give you  
answers."

~ Pablo  
Picasso



**Got a question?  
Ask us!**



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



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Secretary  
Treasurer  
Tail Twister  
Lion Tamer**

**Charlie Adams  
Gerald Tranchita  
John Oster  
Robert Smiley  
Larry Beenblossom  
Charlotte Beenblossom  
Dona Hamilton**

## **Directors**

**1 year director  
2 year director**

**Randy Alpha  
Barbara Prisco**

**Membership Chair  
Sight Chairperson  
Hearing Chairperson  
Historians**

**Available  
Randy Alpha  
Robert Smiley  
Larry Beenblossom  
Charlotte Beenblossom**