

# BETWEEN THE LIONS

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Spring ahead

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 Sunday March 14th 2am

That means you Kevin...

**Special Olympics—**

Update provided by Lion Lisa Bianchi concerning the Special Olympics basketball team. She has indicated that they are off to a great start with the addition of many new members on the team as well as new volunteers.

There are 24 Athletes in all, 8 new Athletes as well as 9 new volunteers making it 26 volunteers in all. Almost all members of the team has a volunteer dedicated to work with them. As all volunteers are all on different schedules, the rotation is great, the effort our volunteers produce makes their "Lion Cubs" unstoppable.

Once again Coach Herb and Coach Amanda with the help of Lions Kathie Martin and Kelly Jones are making it happen.

Starting the season of basketball last year, there were volunteers from Elementary, Middle and High School. The expectation of losing 6 of the volunteers going to college was prevented as a "gift" to Lion Lisa as they replaced themselves with underclassmen. Lisa expresses her gratitude to these long term student volunteers and they will be sadly missed by all.

Basketball practices began the first week of February. The Skills Athletes and Half Court Team meet on Tuesdays and the Full Court Team meet on Thursdays. The regional Assessment Round competition was held on March 14th at Salem High where placement in the correct levels will be assessed for the state competition.

**Basketball Tournament- Portsmouth,** hosts the state-wide Basketball

Tournament, to be held April 9-10, 2010 (Fri-Sat). The two-day event offers four levels of competition.

Full Court Competition: Special Olympics & Unified Sports Divisions Teams will participate in full length, regulation games over the course of two days including a divisioning round, a seeding round, and a single elimination medal round to determine their finish.

Three on three (Half court) Competition: Special Olympics & Unified Sports Divisions Competition is a one day event where teams play a series of games to determine both seeding and final place finishes.

***Special Olympics-(continued)***

Individual Skills Competition: A series of stations focusing on a specific skill of the game of basketball. Stations include a target pass, a bounce pass, a speed dribble, a shooting station, and a 10-meter dribble. Athletes will achieve a score for each station and will then be awarded based on the combined score of each station.\*

As always, all Lions are welcome to pop in to watch the practices and if you wish to see what these Athletes have accomplished, stop in at the Tournament in Portsmouth on April 9th or 10th as you watch these spirited team members and volunteers bring in the GOLD!

***Milford Spartans— MHS Boys Basketball***

Headlines read "Congrats to the Spartans" Milford High School conquers Class I Title Championship Game against Pembroke Academy at the University of NH Durham on Saturday afternoon March 20th with a winning score of 52-46. Congratulations to all of the team players, coaches, friends and families of the Milford High School Basketball team.

***Update: Harris Jones (taken from March 2nd Journal) -***

Harris visited with his doctors on March 1st wherein his new X-Rays looked great. The tibia looked solid, they removed the hip cast and replaced it with one below the knee. The next step will be to perform an MRI of the growth plate in his ankle and tackle that. The two possible scenarios are 1) if the fusion in the plate is less than 50% they will try to open the plate up with a surgical procedure, 2) if it is more than 50%, they will stop the plate from growing completely. Pro's and con's? If they try the procedure there is no guarantee it won't take multiple operations to stimulate growth or it could just take one and be complete. If they stop the plate from growing, then the right leg would most likely be 3 centimeters shorter than the left by his sixteenth birthday, which they can add at that time. However, at this time, Harris is much happier with the short cast and is already back up riding his bike around the house. I guess the decisions will be left up to the great doctors who have been caring for Harris this past year— sounds like Harris has other fun things on his mind at the moment.

\*taken from an excerpt about Special Olympics

### *Distinguished Guests Visit March 2nd Membership Meeting-*

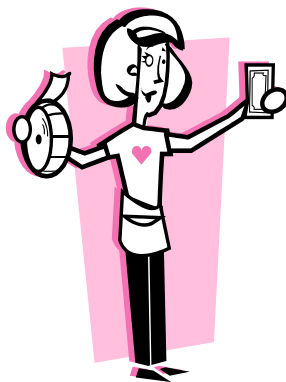
We were honored recently with having the Executive Director, Tracy Bardsley, of the Milford DO-IT committee along with some of the members of the NH Garden Railway Society, Rich Kadmas, Barbara and Allen Kessler, Bob Clark, and Harriet and Ted Cutler visit our March 2nd meeting.

#### ***Milford DO-IT-***

Tracy talked about past and current activities of the Milford Downtown Ongoing Improvement Team (DO-IT) and passed out their annual report outlining events that took place in 2009. The DO-IT team held several events last year emphasizing on the Milford Great Pumpkin Festival which celebrated its 20th anniversary. An estimated 25,000 visitors attended the festival over the three day period.

Also discussed and outlined were the next visions for 2010 with setting up a revolving loan fund to establish a revolving loan fund for local businesses that will give them low interest loans to renovate their buildings, expand their businesses, and purchase equipment. Because the mission of DO-IT is to focus on the downtown, DO-IT will also consider projects located outside the Oval that will positively impact the Oval. Plans to partner with the Keyes Art Group for the annual Art Show held the first weekend of June have been made. They will continue their summer lunch time concerts, holiday stroll and the pumpkin festival. Tracy also discussed the downtown signage and South Street improvement projects. DO-IT also partnered with the Milford Conservation Commission to enhance, resurface the Granite Town Rail Trail as well as create a tunnel under Melendy Road and extend the trail to the downtown and Keyes Field. And to end her discussion she spoke of how DO-IT is planning on commencing a community tree planting program to bring the Liberty Elm Tree back to Elm Street. Historically, Elm Street was lined with beautiful elm trees that were affected by the Dutch Elm Disease of the early 20th century. By planting these disease resistant Liberty Elms will restore a significant part of Milford's history and serve to beautify an important gateway into the downtown Oval.

Tracy also participated in our before the raffle was called and she held the winning ticket and the \$25.



club's 50/50 Raffle, she had to leave before the raffle was called and she held the winning ticket and the \$25. Nonetheless, she held JACKPOT was HERS!



***Milford Lions Club is NOW on FACEBOOK-***


If you haven't discovered it already or if you haven't signed on yet, I had launched a Milford Lions Club Facebook page. If you are a Facebook user, you know there is power in social networking for individuals as well as for businesses, and organizations such as ours. We already have a small number of people who have found us in just a short time without any promotion. Currently the page is very new, but will grow in the months to come as we take advantage of social media to expand upcoming events and promote the Milford Lions Club.

Please "become a fan" so that we may begin to build our presence and extend this message to your friends, families and co-workers and invite them to become a fan of the Milford Lions Club. If you are a regular FB user, know that your personal Facebook Status Updates will not appear on this fan page and will not be linked to the club in any way. Only comments that you choose to post directly can appear on this page. I will be announcing it more publically (possible press release, etc) after we have had some time to build content and followers.

I encourage you to join social networking communities like Facebook but if you are not familiar with this website and want to know more and learn how to get started, get in touch with me so that you too can join the circle of fans out there. Just this past week, we had 2 more fans join and 67 visits to our page.

Signing up is FREE— just go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)—once you have signed up- go to the SEARCH Box at the top of the screen and type in Milford NH Lions and it will bring you the page where you can sign on as a FAN—



Look for the Icon  and click—You are now a FAN!

### *Club Members Make Visit to Orlando FL-*

PP Joe and Lion Barbara Stella along with Lion John and I, stopped by the College Park Orlando Lions Club recently while vacationing in Orlando FL. The club is under renovation and they are currently bringing back membership as the club was beginning to fizzle out due to a few deaths of some older members these past few years. The building is owned by the Orlando College Park Lions Club and sits on quite a few acres including being located on the shores of Fairview Lake. This lakefront property is worth quite a bit of money but the Lions protect it and are restoring and revitalizing the building as it was when it was originally donated to them. Along with our visit to the club, one of the District Governors, DG Lion Shel Reichard, District O from Palm Coast, Florida was also visiting.

It was fascinating to see other Lions involved in their community similar to our own. The club's president KL Nick Francisco had everyone's attention while discussing upcoming events the club was holding. I also learned how the districts were established. We have 2 districts in NH—44N and 44H—the N and the H after the number indicates one of the initials for New Hampshire. The state of Florida has 7 districts, however, so all the letters that make up the word Florida is designated for each district. For example, there is District F, District L, District O, etc—the District Governor visiting the evening we were there was from District O. I didn't know this and found it very interesting.

If anyone should want to hear more about our visit, I am sure PPD Joe, Barbara or John would be very happy to tell you about it. If you ever have an opportunity to visit another state while on vacation or business, I urge you to look up one of the local Lions clubs and pay them a visit. I am sure you will find it a very rewarding experience.



Pictured left, Tail Twister, Lion "Red" Christensen Center, in plaid shirt, President KL Nick Francisco Right, in blue blazer, DG Lion Sheldon "Shel" Reichard

***Melvin Jones Fellows -***

PPC Terry Goodman presented Melvin Jones Fellowships to not one but two members of the club.

This year's recipients of the Melvin Jones Fellowship are Lions Herb Adams and John Wynne. It was expressed that there are now 18 recipients of the Melvin Jones Fellowship from the Milford Lions Club. Herb and John make it number 17 and 18 accordingly. Heartfelt gratitude and congratulations to both.

***9th Annual Model Train Show -***

Saturday and Sunday, March 20th and 21st not only welcomed in the first day of Spring but also our 9th Annual



Model Train Show sponsored by the club and the NHGRS (NH Garden Railway Society) which was held at the Milford High School. As you know the NHGRS is a group of people who share an interest in promoting the growth of large scale trains and garden railroading. It is through this promotion that their hobby is shown and displayed to the public and jointly the Milford Lions has an interest in providing these shows to the public in means of raising funds along with the food concession to go towards charitable and civic projects in our community.

The Sunday Telegraph (3/21/10) had an extensive article about the train show and I personally feel that the paper's article and photos captured an audience and brought them to the show as Sunday's attendance was greater than that of Saturdays. I don't know for sure, it may have been the fact that Saturday's weather was the first delightful day we have had for some time and people may just have gone outside to enjoy the day while it lasted and decided to go to the show on Sunday. Never the less, considering today's economy, the show is inexpensive way to entertain and provide enjoyment for the entire family, train enthusiasts or not and we welcomed all who attended.

***9th Annual Model Train Show******(continued)-***

Kudos to Lion Jim Whalen for chairing this event and all the hard work and effort in collaboration with the NHGRS that went into the show. Many thanks goes to all Lions who supported and worked the event as well.

Please look for a final report of the success of the project and more photos of the event in the April Newsletter.



*Lion Jim Whalen greeting a very excited youngster during Sunday's Model Train Show.*

***LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICT 44 LEADERSHIP FORUM-***

This year's Leadership forum will be held on May 1st at the NH Fire Academy, Smokey Bear Blvd, Rt 106 in Concord NH. Please select a class or classes in which you would be interested in attending, fill out the reservation form and mail it to PDG Stanley Brothers, PO Box 148, W Ossipee NH 03890. Or better yet, if you wish to save a stamp and the paper, turn in the form with your selected classes and Lunch choice with your \$11.00 payment (check payable to Lions District 44 Past & Present DG's) to PCC Ray Hill. I am sure Ray will be more than happy to get your reservation in before April 16th. If you should have any questions regarding this forum or in making your reservation, please don't hesitate to ask PCC Ray or KL Sandy.

These classes are very useful, informative in guiding, training and describing many of the stations held within the club. I encourage you to attend as I guarantee you will find the information you receive from attending this forum very useful in your participation as a member of your Lions club.

**MEETING TIMES**

***1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month***

\* Note: BOD Meetings are now on the second Tuesday of the month:

\*Subject to change

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MILFORD LIONS CLUB

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The club meets 630 pm every  
1st and 3rd Tuesday of each  
month from September through  
June unless otherwise noted.

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Milford NH Lions Club

The Milford Lions Club was established February 1959. Last year the club celebrated their 50th year of service to the Milford community.

Lions are men and women (yes, there are male and female Lions) who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes in their local and world communities. By conducting service projects and raising funds, Lions strive to help those in need, wherever the need exists. The Lions' motto is "We Serve".

In 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions at their annual International Convention, challenging them to become "Knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness". Since that time service to the blind and visually impaired has become one of the associate's most significant activities. That crusade has resulted in the establishment of various blindness prevention programs. In addition, Lions participate in service activities emphasizing diabetes awareness, education and research; work with the physically and mentally impaired; environmental issues, community welfare, international understanding and youth. The association was founded in Chicago, IL USA in 1917. To the Lions, "We Serve" is not only a motto, but a definition and a philosophy.



*For more information on how to  
become a member today.*

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## What do Milford Lions Do?

### *Just some of what we do:*

Fundraising Events include:

- Cash Raffles
- **Penny Sale**
- Train Show
- New Clubs
- Dinner Dances

### *Service Activities include:*

- Payment towards eye exams and glasses for Milford residents
- Eye Screenings
- Hearing Screenings
- Boy Scout Troop #407 Sponsorship
- Support SHARE

- Support NH Sight/Hearing Foundation
- Support Lions International Foundation
- Senior Dinner
- Oval Christmas Decoration
- Santa and Mrs. Claus Visit
- Kid Sight
- Labor Day Float
- Peace Poster
- Scholarships
- Youth Development Activities such as Young Leaders and "We The People"
- Eyeglass Collection
- Souhegan Valley Crop Walk
- **50th Anniversary Lions Park**