



# District Governor Newsletter

District 41-0 DG Bev Semple

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## Decision Time is Rapidly Approaching

February 2006

This is February. Some decisions we should be making this month are as follows. What position should a member be looking at in his/her club? Is it time to run for a position on the District cabinet? Are our members registering for the annual convention and training schools – if not – WHY? Are there members in your club registered for the MD Convention in Portland, Me in May? This is where we'll get the final results on the re-districting vote from all sub districts. What about the International Convention? This year it is in Boston, Mass and is as close as we'll see in some time. If you want to be in the 41 delegation hotel you should be registered in February. What will I get my Valentine? Decisions – Decisions.

### Leadership

March 4<sup>th</sup> is a day for Lions in a mini leadership forum with key speaker, PID Mick Barrus. Geary Lions Club will host the event and Barkers Point Lions will provide the lunch. NO CHARGE. If you plan to attend, please, notify Lion Doug Small, Leadership Chairman.

Our district is sending 10 lions to the MD Leadership training in Nova Scotia in April.

### Passion To Grow Program

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Members of President Mehta's Mission 30 Team are helping to guide and assist districts worldwide to meet the president's Plus One challenge: each

club to have a net growth of one new member, and each district to have a net growth of one new club at the end of his fiscal year. Other benchmarks of the PLUS ONE challenge are:

Clubs with at least 20 members

Districts with at least 35 clubs and 1250 members

50,000 new women Lions

Lions clubs in 200 countries and geographic locations

To help achieve these goals, your leadership and skills in new club development are vital. Please contact the Mission 30 Team Leader in your area, PID Bruce Murray or your Mission 30 District Coordinator PDG Larry Barton who has been appointed to assist the Mission 30 Team Leader in your district. For more information about the Passion To Grow Program, see Lions International website.



### The Power of One

International President Mehta's Passion to Excel Program is designed to assist Lions in understanding the power of one member.

Mehta states that if each club grows by one member and each district grows by one club, Lions International would have approximately 60,000 new members.

As you can see one member can make a difference! Believe in the power of new members and consider recruiting at least one member in 2005-2006.

For more information on the Passion to Excel Program, including how to receive recognition for

your recruiting members, go to the membership section of Lions International website.

### ***Spouse Fee Rebate Program***

Effective December 2005 – June 2006, existing member's spouses will be eligible to join their spouses Lions Club while receiving a rebate for the US \$25. entrance fee. For more information about the program e-mail the Membership Operation Department at [memberops@lionsclubs.org](mailto:memberops@lionsclubs.org) or call 630-571-5466 ext 340 or 356. Complete and submit the form online or download the form to submit by mail or fax.

### ***Former Member Fee Rebate***

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***SightFirst 11*** - success of our previous SightFirst Campaign much work remains to be done. Our first campaign raised \$143 million US which grew to investments to approximately \$200 million US. This sounds like a lot, however, it's a stark fact Despite the extraordinary that by the time you finish reading this page, one child somewhere in the world will have gone blind. One child goes blind every minute. Half a million will have lost their sight by the end of the year.

Childhood blindness is only one part of the global vision crisis. If nothing is done experts say that the world's blind population could double from 37 million to 74 million by 2020.

But Lions will not allow "nothing to be done." True to their commitment to be "Knights of the Blind,"

Lions have launched Campaign SightFirst II to prevent this tragedy. CSFII has set out to raise at least \$150 million to continue and expand the extraordinary work of SightFirst, Lions worldwide program to combat preventable blindness.

### ***Have You Mentored A New Lion Lately***

Did you know that if a new member remains a Lion for three years, they are more likely to be a Lion for life.

By participating in the mentoring program you can help create life long Lions. In the Mentoring Program existing Lions are paired up with newer members in an effort to retain and develop both lions.

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### ***Redistricting***

Remember the vote in April. Read the attachment for notice of motion to be prepared for voting. Is your club in good standing so you can vote? Presidents check with your Treasurers to make sure your dues are paid. Secretaries send the names of your voting delegates and or alternatives to CST Peter for the April convention.

#### **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

##### **1. CONSTITUTION ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP SECTION I**

Amendment, addition at end:

The members of this organization shall be all Lions Clubs chartered by the International Association of Lions Clubs in two Multiple Districts if approved by the International Board of Directors, to be known as single District 41 and a new Multiple District, tentatively known as "MD N".

The Multiple Districts shall consist of all single Districts and Sub-districts within the Atlantic Provinces of Canada and the State of Maine, USA, with the boundary lines as adopted by the Multiple District and approved by the Board of Directors of the International Association of Lions Clubs. (See detailed description attached as Revised Appendix "A".)

Amendment, addition:

## REVISED APPENDIX "A"

There shall be two Multiple Districts created, the boundary lines of which and of the respective Sub-Districts, are set and designated as follows:

### **Multiple District 41**

A new single District which shall consist of all Lions Clubs in the State of Maine, excepting clubs currently chartered in the communities of Fort Kent, Maine, Fort Fairfield, Maine, and Calais, Maine, USA.

### **Multiple District N (tentative designation)**

A new Multiple District which shall consist of four Sub-Districts consisting of:

**N1:** The Provinces of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, Canada, and the existing Clubs currently chartered in the communities of Fort Kent, Maine, Fort Fairfield, Maine, and Calais, Maine, USA.

**N2:** The Province of Nova Scotia, Canada.

**N3:** The Western portion of Newfoundland and all of Labrador comprised of an area in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada, composed of an area West and North of a line drawn from Long Harbour in Fortune Bay to a point on the Trans-Canada Highway immediately West of Glenwood, thence to the mouth of the Gander River where it enters the ocean at Gander Bay and extended in a generally Northerly and Easterly direction between Change Island and Fogo Island.

**N4:** The Eastern portion of the Island of Newfoundland, composed of an area East and South of a line drawn from Long Harbour in Fortune Bay to a point on the Trans-Canada Highway immediately West of Glenwood, thence to the mouth of the Gander River where it enters the ocean at Gander Bay and extended in a generally Northerly and Easterly direction between Change Island and Fogo Island.

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*“Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.” – Sir James A. Barrie – British Writer*

## *Dates to Remember*

March 4<sup>th</sup> Mini District Forum PID Mick Barrus

Apr 21-23 Annual Convention Fredericton

May 5-7 MD Convention Portland, Me

May 27 Diabetic Cavalcade Simonds Lions

## *District Governor Visitations*

*Mar 1<sup>st</sup> Canterbury*

*Mar 6<sup>th</sup> Nackawic*

*Mar 8<sup>th</sup> Calais*

*Mar 20<sup>th</sup> Lubec*

*Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Andrews*