

# BETWEEN THE LIONS

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### **HILLSBORO FUN NIGHT—**

You're invited to the Hillsboro's Fun Night, (costumes encouraged), on Tuesday October 27, 2009 at the American Legion, 538 West Main St, Hillsboro, starting at 6:30pm. Make reservations for \$15.00 per person payable to the Hillsboro Lions Club and mail it to PO Box 592, Hillsboro, NH 03244-0592. Deadline for reservations is October 21st, earn a patch for your club's banner, there also will be prizes and surprises.

### **Special Olympics Bowling—**

Lions Lisa, Kathie and Kelly have been crazy busy (as Lion Lisa puts it) with making all kinds of arrangements and paperwork to organize the upcoming Special Olympics Bowling event which will run through out the month of October. Beginning September 29th, the team and coaches have been practicing at Leda Lanes on Tuesdays from 4pm until 5:30pm every week. They are gearing up for the BIG Tournament which is on Saturday October 31st at Leda Lanes in Nashua from 8am until 1pm. At last count they had 35 kids signed up and that's before registration. And to think they just started with five!

If you can find the time, come join us at Leda Lanes on the 31st to support these great kids!

October is here and along with the cooler days and beautiful colors, the town of Milford prepares for its annual Pumpkin Festival as do many New England towns this time of year.

The Milford Lions, however, prepare for their very popular NH Haunted House in Manchester. Many volunteers join other fellow Lions from both districts to put on this spectacular, bone-chilling event. If you haven't signed up to take part, I'm sure its not too late.

The shows run October 23, 24, 25, 30 & 31, 2009 Fridays & Saturdays 6pm-10pm, Sunday 5pm-9pm. Setup is going on now October 10, 11 and 17 & 18 8am-4pm—take a ride up to the Merchants Auto Stadium in Manchester and give a hand or two. We'll be sure to give them back!

If you have any questions regarding how you can help out and participate you can contact PDG Terry Goodman at 627-4206, PCC Bruce Ribolini at 424-1901 or Lion Marilyn Vaccaro at 437-1408. All proceeds from this event benefit the Sight and Hearing Foundation of NH.



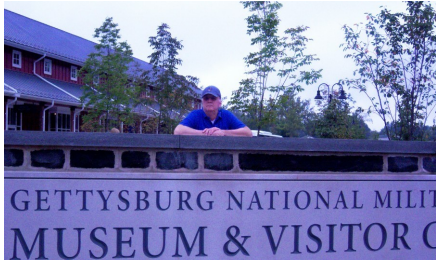
Three Wise Pumpkins:  
See No Evil,  
Hear No Evil,  
Speak No Evil!



~HAPPY HALLOWEEN~  
Stay Alert, Stay Safe—  
Watch out for Goblins and  
Ghouls—

**September Highlights** (Editors notes:)

**The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum held in Memphis TN** on September 23rd through the 26th proved to be a fun and rewarding experience for me. Lion John and I decided to combine a vacation around the forum as we left a week prior to the event driving to our first destination Gettysburg PA. If anyone has not had an opportunity to visit Gettysburg, you should put it down as a future visit. Even if you are not a history buff (as I am not so enthused), it proved to be extremely awe-inspiring and one could only imagine what life was like during that era in US history. I found myself wanting to stay longer but time didn't allow it.



We ventured onward through Pennsylvania, through turnpikes, tunnels and mountains. Yes, mountains, one would think that, hey we're from NH, what's one mountain from another. Well, I thought that but was amazed as to how our roads and interstates go up and down, around hair pin turns through the Appalachians making our NH mountains either the end tips or the beginning hills of this vast mountain range.

Along various rest areas, it seemed that we attracted conversations from various people who were on the road traveling to various destinations. Some of it because our license plate indicated we were from NH and also the fact that we were driving in a bright big RED Jeep Wrangler. It is amazing how many people (jeep owners and non-jeep owners alike) would strike up a conversation with us. I found this to be true during our entire journey both on and off the road. Why is that when one leaves their home state it is so easy to meet and greet strangers but yet have little to say to your neighbor or someone you may work with everyday?

John and I traveled on through Indiana, Illinois and down to Missouri to Branson. As we entered Branson, we stopped for coffee and when we came out of the store there was a woman standing by the Jeep. She was admiring it and started asking all sorts of questions regarding the performance of it (as she was interested in trading in her Honda for one). She told us all about life in Branson, the history of it and what we should expect, where we should go and what things to avoid. She asked a little about why we came to visit and we explained that we were stopping for a few days before heading to Memphis to the Lions Leadership Forum. She had heard about the Lions and applauded what we do and stand for and wished us a great time in Branson, and a safe and wonderful Lions forum.



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As we drove off, we could see the beautiful Ozarks rising above us. Branson is nestled in a valley with the Ozarks all around, with two lakes to the south. What a beautiful country we have. What a beautiful spot to have a town filled with attractions, artwork, boats, museums, nature trails, rides, restaurants, singing, shopping, swimming, wineries and so much more all encompassed within the walls of the magnificent Ozarks. We had a great time, short but well worth it. We'll have to go back and stay longer. The photo to the left was taken early one foggy morning from an above window at our hotel in Branson.



Leaving was hard to do but we looked forward to Memphis. As we headed south to go through Arkansas, we made it a destination before we left for this trip, to stop in Wynne Arkansas. Now there is no connection with John's family (as far as we know) but that a Captain in the Army by the same name ended up there establishing roots and the town was named after him. (We'll have to look for more history on this at a later date). Wynne Arkansas

turns out to be a bigger community than we thought initially. There were beautiful horse farms and rolling fields of cotton. There also seem to be a pretty extensive railway surrounding the outskirts of town. One would imagine at one time this place must have been bustling as there were remnants of a large abandoned rail yard. We think there is still a rail system but it has been modernized and downsized from the looks of it but the town they call "The City With A Smile" is probably one-third the size of Milford population wise.

Pictured to the left, one of the entrances to Wynne Arkansas



We arrived in Memphis late Wednesday afternoon and drove around a bit before checking into our hotel. After we settled in we decided to get a quick bite to eat at a rib joint near our hotel and then wandered up to the city square known as Court Square. There we found a beautiful park and old-fashioned trolley cars still functioning which were to become our main source of transportation while staying in Memphis. We also saw several horse and beautifully decorated carriages which I am sure for a small fee would take you around Memphis in style. We opted for the Main Street Trolley which took you down Main Street by the Cook Convention Center (where the Forum was held) along the Riverside (alongside the great Mississippi River). For a city the size of Memphis we were astounded by how little activity there was as well as lack of people. It almost felt like the city belonged to the 3,800 Lions who

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would soon be attending the forum. In fact, most of the people we met during the first evening as we strolled about were fellow Lions. We met Lions from Ohio, New York, Massachusetts, Ontario CN just in the first day.

We met up with KL Sandy and PCC Ray Hill in the morning who very graciously directed us in getting our registration packages and led us around the main floor for awhile stopping at various vendors selling Lion products and we also had an opportunity to browse around the Lions Store.

We decided to go back to our hotel and drive over to Graceland for a few hours in the afternoon since we had some free time before the First Timers Orientation and the opening Banquet. After all, even if you are not an Elvis fan, you have to go and visit.

When we returned from visiting and touring Graceland, we went to our orientation seminar. This is an orientation session for "Newbies" to the event. As we entered the room, there were quite a few of us from all around the US and Canada, approximately 800 of us, so we were told. Quite impressive I thought. Soon after it was time for the Banquet and opening ceremony.

They broke up this huge grand room into quarters and a color was sealed onto your name tag as to which quadrant you were going to be seated. KL Sandy and PCC Ray had a different color than ours so we wandered into this grand room and sat down at a table with 10 other Lions from various parts of the country. If I remember correctly there were 2 Lions from Santa Fe New Mexico, 2 from Chicago Illinois, 2 from Milwaukee Wisconsin, 2 from Ohio and 2 from Danbury NH (that's right) our very own PDG Forrest Powers and Lion Cheryl. PDG Forrest started up a conversation with the 2 female Lions from Wisconsin and made a pin trade with one of them. She explained it was a very special pin and it was custom made but nonetheless she traded her pin with PDG Forrest.

In fact, not only did we meet with PDG Forrest, Lion Cheryl, President Sandy and PCC Ray but there were a few other familiar faces from NH that we greeted. Fourteen Lions from the area.



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I apologize if I mistakenly name them from the positions they hold:

CST Bruce Ribolini and wife Lion Linda, DG Don Potter, PCC Peter DeMoya, DG Celeste Ricupero, PID Ed Lecius, PCC Ellie Johnson, Lion David Forrest, PCST Meg and PCC Don Ager and VDG William Brown.

The featured speaker this night was Dr Charles Petty. He was nothing like I thought. He was a fast talking, totally hysterical guy from Arkansas. His mode of character basically was directed at husband and wife and families in particular, looking at the lighter and humorous way of life we all share. He was, in my eyes, one of the best speakers during the entire forum.

There were also other keynote speakers. LaDonna Gatlin, sister of the legendary Gatlin Brothers, spoke at the Friday luncheon. She grew up singing with her brothers and when she got married she made a decision to part from singing with her brothers. She has spent her time with family and delivering speeches trying to empower people to realize their potential by living life from the inside out through words, deeds and actions. Throughout her speech she would perform a musical number to inspire and entertain us.

During the Saturday luncheon 2009-2010 International President Eberhard Wirfs spoke on behalf of his presidential program "Move to Grow".

On the final night of the forum, Saturday night's closing speaker was Craig MacFarlane. He was a victim of a tragic accident at the age of 2 wherein, he lost his eyesight. Craig is from Canada and he is a world-class athlete winning over 100 gold medals in a variety of sports (the majority against sighted competition) including wrestling, downhill skiing, water skiing and track & field. His speech and message of his life story is mind boggling and he truly is an amazing person. I think that we all left that evening inspired and proud.

This was just the highlights of the speakers but also included in the Forum were various seminars that were offered. During the morning and afternoons apart from the luncheons, speakers and banquets, there were several seminars on various topics that you could choose to attend. The subject matter ranged from how to be a better Tail Twister for your club to a seminar on the internet and photography. I know from the various seminars I attended, they were very informative and very worthwhile. I know that I brought back a few ideas on fundraisers that I would like to share with you at our next meeting Tuesday, October 20th.

I cannot forget to applaud all the many Lions who brought this Forum together as you cannot imagine all the time and effort that was endured to make sure such an event was so significantly successful. Just think of our Penny Sale for example, 3700% x that work!

I sincerely hope that my brief summary of the US-Canada Forum including John and my mini vacation enlightened you and gave you an idea of what this event is all about. It was amazing to see all the Lions from all over the country and Canada and to realize that we are all about the same thing, service to those in need. I know that these events can be expensive to attend but if you could put a little money aside and/or make it part of your next vacation, it is well worth the time and money. It will be an experience you will not soon forget, and it will give you a refreshed outlook as to why you are a Lion and why your efforts and service is so very important to so many. You will come back to your club with new ideas, you will have the opportunity to meet so many wonderful Lions from all over the country and Canada, you will experience something new and you will just come home with an overall good feeling that you truly do make a difference.

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The next US-Canada Lions Leadership Forum is September 23-25, 2010 in Milwaukee Wisconsin. Maybe you can make it there? I hear there is a lighted horse and carriage that could take you!



.....So long for now, Memphis.....See you in Milwaukee 2010!

If you would like more information on the forum in Milwaukee 2010, please ask PCC Ray Hill. He will be more than happy to assist you.  
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**MEETING TIMES**

OCTOBER

6th and 20th

NOVEMBER

3rd and 17th

DECEMBER

1st and 15th\*

Note: BOD Meetings are now on the third Tuesday of the month: 10/13, 11/17 and 12/08\*

\*Subject to change

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June unless otherwise noted.

Milford Lions Club  
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The Milford Lions Club was established February 1959. The club recently 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.



### 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

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

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