



# Medfield Lions Newsletter

August 29, 2009

Founded in 1944 - Our 65th Year

## We Serve

### On the Calendar

#### September

- **9th Dinner Meeting**
- **16th BOD Mtg Basil's**
- **26th Medfield Days**

#### October

- **7th Dinner Meeting**
- **17th Clothing Drive**
- **21st BOD Mtg Basil's**

**Dinner Meeting Wed September 9th**, 7:00 PM, at the Legion. (Basil's will cater again!). **Please note date change.** King Lion Scott Colwell requests business casual attire, and offers the following welcome to members.

"As we begin the 2009-2010 Lionistic year, I invite all Medfield Lions back for our first dinner meeting on September 9th. Thank you to the Board of Directors for a very productive summer. We have planned a terrific fall season with a bigger and better presence at Medfield Day, and hope to fill some of the holes we've had in our yearly schedule. If you have been thinking about becoming more active, now is the time. The Medfield Lions Club is making a difference in our community and in our world. That's why you joined and that's why you will feel great when you become more active. I look forward to seeing you on September 9<sup>th</sup>." Note our guest speaker will be a representative from Habitat for Humanity who have an ongoing project in Medway.

## **Recent/Upcoming Club Activities:**

### **Discover Medfield Day - Saturday Sept. 26th:**

The LIONS will be participating in the Discover Medfield Day festivities to be held on Saturday September 26th, 9 AM to 4 PM. Lions Bill Hajjar and Richard Thornton will be grill commanders serving up tasty burgers again this year. More details at September meeting.

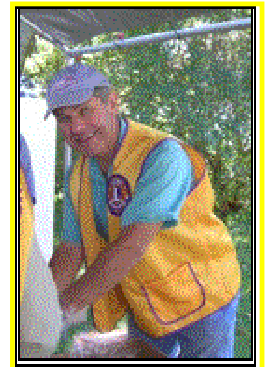
Again this year NEADS will have a booth showcasing their dogs and the services they provide. We will also have the Eyemobile on-site. A good Lions turnout is expected, so become part of the fun and join in!

### **Drive Saturday Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 9-12 Noon at Pfaff Center: Details at our upcoming Dinner Meetings.**

The Lions will be holding a Clothing Drive to support the Big Brother/Big Sister organization. Their truck will be at the Pfaff Center and Lion volunteers are needed donations and load them on the truck.

### **Annual Food Drive Begins Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Again this year the Lions will be conducting a Food Drive in coordination with Beth Eby of the Medfield Food Cupboard. Donations will be left off at the Needham Bank, Campaign will last till year's end.



## We're on the Web!

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MedfieldLIONS/>

## *From the Editor:*

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## **Annual Lions Toll Booth Saturday Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 9-12 Noon - Lion Tom Kerr, Event Coordinator : Details at our upcoming Dinner Meetings.**

Weather permitting the Medfield Lions will conduct their annual Toll Booth for Lions Eye Research on Saturday Nov 7th. PKL Tom Kerr is managing a select group of Lions who will be downtown and at Shaws. This is our most productive fundraiser and we need all hands to help out. So mark your calendar now. Your participation even for an hour will add to the success of this event.

## **Lions Look to Strengthen Outreach to High School Students**

You may have noticed over the recent past that the Lions have been fortunate to receive volunteer workers from the Medfield High School's Community Teens Group. They have been most helpful during the Christmas Tree sale either by helping to off load trees or helping to fill holes in our manning schedule. Their strength and enthusiasm were most appreciated by the older club members who have health problems or have trouble with those heavy trees. The Lions want to continue and expand this relationship in the upcoming year. Lions Steve Kramer and John Carey are heading an effort to work more closely with the students in fulfilling their volunteer requirements and introducing them to what Lionism is all about. Who knows they may want to start a Leo's Club or someday join the Lions based on their high school experiences with our club. Lions Steve and John look forward to your support and ideas for this beneficial outreach program.

## **Are You a Christmas Tree Lion ? Editorial Comment**

There are two sides to this question. The first is that in my time as a Lion I realized that there were several members who only participated in the Christmas Tree sale and never attended any meeting or Lion activity. Their help in the tree sale was important but we need more robust member participation throughout the year. A club with more Christmas Tree Lions is doomed to no growth or dramatic reduction in membership with eventual termination of the club. We can't let that happen. To the extent you can think about becoming more active in Club activities.

The second side is that for Lions Tom Kerr, Steve Small and Andy Fitzgerald this is their last year running the Christmas Tree sale. We need other Lions to step up and take over the operation of this Club's central fundraiser. **Give it some thought!**