



**District Governor's Newsletter  
December. 2020**

The pandemic does not seem to be giving us any breaks. The decision has been made to have a virtual midwinter which will be held on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> (My wife and my wedding anniversary), Our guest will be International Director, Mark Lyon, from Connecticut. Further details will be worked out by our midwinter committee co-chairs PCST Claudette Placzek and PDG2 Roger Jones. Our theme was to have been Dr. Seuss; hopefully we can incorporate some of it in our virtual meeting.

It looks like no clubs are meeting in person, with the latest regulation of a 10 person limit at indoor events. If any of the clubs are meeting virtually, please let CST Jim Allen, or myself know. We would love to attend your meeting.

Some clubs around the district are engaged in service projects and fundraisers. Hinsdale has been busy with curbside pickup of meals as well as their annual Christmas tree sale. Agawam had a "fill the bus" drive to collect needed school supplies for the school children in Agawam. They also delivered 16 turkey dinners to families in need around town.

Let us know what your club has been up to. I haven't received a lot of activity reports, which would tell me what is going on.

The membership statistics for this fiscal year:

July 1 <sup>st</sup> membership	912
New members	11
Members lost	(43)
Nov 28 <sup>th</sup> membership	880



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We do not have a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. Next year we may not have a Vice District Governor. The following year we may not have a District Governor. We need your help!

Speaking of help, if you would like to try a Zoom meeting, CST Jim Allen has the District's Zoom account that can accommodate up to 100 persons and can assist you in setting up a meeting for your club. Contact Jim at [jballen6766@yahoo.com](mailto:jballen6766@yahoo.com)

If any of the club secretaries is having a problem reporting their monthly activities, our District Administrator, Dick Lanier can help. Contact Dick at [rlanmb@comcast.net](mailto:rlanmb@comcast.net)

**TALES OF THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL  
by  
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Welcome to my campaign office - my home! Since mid-March, Karol and I, like most of you, have been hunkered down. We all thought sure that this too will have passed by now. As the autumn has seen either a second surge or just more of the first surge, we find that this will continue to some indefinite point when a vaccine is in place. So the campaign continues in "virtual", just as many of you are doing.

The response has been tremendous from all over Maine and New England - Thank you all for your support.

On October 24, the New England Lions Council that was to have been in southern Maine was held entirely by Zoom since the Maine governor (the political one!) said Rhode Islanders still could not come to Maine without a two-week

quarantine here in Maine, and had only allowed Massachusetts residents entry a few days earlier. The officers and directors pivoted early and set up a great session for the day. The highlight was LCI 2VP Lion Brian Sheehan appearing by Zoom. His message reminded us that all Lions do world-wide starts right here in our home clubs. And while we all dread “membership” he did give us the news that NAMI is the model of the future as while CA I and II are the current focus, CA IV Europe as well as Japan and Australia are in the same trajectory as North America. Our work here will be replicated throughout the world.

On Thursday evening, November 5, I teleported to the ethersphere of MD 33 S, aka southeastern Massachusetts and the Cape for their Cabinet Advisory Meeting. I swear that the attendance was phenomenal as with Zoom you can see the participant total at any given moment. Lion DG Sandy Fife had numbers that bounced as members joined and left the meeting, with a high that I noticed of 66 computers joined at one time. Given that some had Lion spouses, I would say that DG Sandy had 75 -85 attendees. Sandy ran a tight ship and kept everything moving. She even gave me a couple of minutes to campaign to a friendly audience. I trust I did not abuse her favor! It was good that they were virtual as the next day the (M)ass-gathering limit from their political governor dropped to 10 people.

Sunday, November 8, saw me and some others joining an in-person gathering of the NH MD 44 N Cabinet Meeting in Hillsboro. They spent the morning doing NAMI with PID Lion Ed Farrington live-on-air! Their district project that day collecting pet food featured a guest speaker from the Monadnock Animal shelter. I had an extended conversation with her while we were both stuck in that ethersphere together. Yes glitches do occur but it was rectified and we both ended in the meeting at the same time. DG Lion Alan ran a smooth meeting also running through all the District’s programming swiftly. And the Tail Twister even managed laughs, such as when she fined Lion Scott, PDG, for apparently

falling to have shaved. And thank you Alan for allowing me to again campaign in the state of my birth.

The joy of participating in these districts’, and the others I have been attending, inner operations is amazing. Last year, the campaign committee with Karol and I were able to participate in the big district events of mid-winters and conventions. We met local Lions and the international guests both. It was great fun. But this involvement is just as important and rewarding to me!

My home District, SD41, is scheduled for an in-person cabinet meeting this Sunday, November 15. We shall see! Even last year, 41 had gone “virtual” with both Zoom and Iphone apps just due to the long distances between that bridge in Kittery and the potato fields of Aroostook County. That is in place, and we may have more there than in-person. And given the sudden ramp-up of positivity, and our state governor’s strict controls, I would not be surprised to see our 50 person reduced limit halved again, or even less by then. Again, the current reality of Lionism.

And on that note: Lions are in the people business, whether we are at the front door of our clubhouses, or on the street doing service. But what of the Lions looking at our backdoor? Many of us are past 60! Some of my club’s members are in their 80s and still active. But during this pandemic, they do not feel safe working a project. Or attending a meeting. And some do not have Zoom capacity, or so they think. Talk to them! There a project tasks that they can do from home, with only pen/paper and a phone. And your more tech-savvy members can show them how to participate virtually, even only by phone audio!. Let’s keep those Lions feeling needed, wanted and valuable. Keep that back door closed!.

**Remember - Montreal 2021! Register now! Please!**

