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The Lions Club of Bowmanville



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**DON'T FORGET BAVARIAN NIGHT
THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH TICKETS \$35.00
SEE LION LINDA FOR TICKETS**

Next Meetings:

Monday, March 8, 2010

Monday, March 22, 2010

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Clarington Beech Centre
Attitude Adjustment **6:00 p.m.**
Dinner **6:30 p.m.**

Next Programs: The first meeting of March will be combined with the Zone meeting. Two new inductees will be welcomed into the Club on the March 8th meeting.

The March 22nd meeting we will be joined by neighbouring service clubs for the annual Interclub meeting.

Last Meetings:

February 8 meeting

Acting Lion Chief Steve Simic started the meeting promptly at 6:30 pm. Our guests for the evening were Albert Munneke – Zone Chairman, George Rickard – Regional Chair, Earl Oliver – Deputy District Governor, in addition we had guests from various local Lions Clubs.



After dinner, Zone Chairman Albert, showed a video – “Room to Grow”. Regional Chair George and Deputy District Governor Earl brought greetings from Lions International and thanked our Club for our continued commitment to the community. It was also mentioned that it is necessary to keep the Club growing through new membership and retention.



Blackstock Lions presented to the Club a poster from 1950 showing the Bowmanville Lions Club. This will be present for everyone to see at our 75th Anniversary. From left to right Lions Doug Benns, Ken Love, Steve Simic, Lynda Kendry, Ken Hudson, Eleanor Colwell, Sharon Wilson, Chris Cliff, Don Cliff, and Merlin Suggitt.

50/50 Draw – still not won!

Correspondence:

Letter from “Dreams Day Flight” and Big Brothers and Big Sisters Memorial Hospital wrote regarding our contribution to the Mammography waiting room – a presentation will tie into our 75th Anniversary.

Business: At the executive meeting Lion Doug Rutherford proposed that the bulletin be issued monthly – the Board felt that this was viable and brought it to the general membership. It was passed by the membership. This will now not just save us money, but will now allow us to qualify for the Bulletin contest - as they are only for monthly bulletins.

A motion was made by Lion Moe and seconded by Lion Linda to accept the proposed Zone changes by Lions International – this will allow for a more balanced number of clubs per zone – this was passed.

Birthdays: none

February 22nd meeting - EFFECTIVE SPEAKING COMPETITION

Acting Lion Chief Steve officiated once more with panache.

We had several dinner guests – 14 Young Adults, who were our competitors in the Effective Speaking Competition.

Dinner this evening had splendid caterers – our own Lions Club, specifically headed by Lion Deb, Lion Linda, Lion Tom, Lion Ken, Lion Bill and Lion Charles' lovely wife Judy (great apple crisp).

The effective speaking competition was extremely well represented by families and friends of the students – it was excellent – we had 13 English speaking competitors and one French speaking competitor. The subject covered a wide variety from Disney World, to trains to the Price is Right (in French). All competitors received a cash honorarium.

Lion Jim Clyderman thanked the judges, timekeepers and all contestants.

While the scores were being tallied Lion Steve asked the families and friends of the speakers if they had any questions regarding Lions – someone asked what Lions meant – after a brief moment Lion Jim Coombes produced our induction platform and explained what the letters meant – we then realized he had cheat sheets attached to remember them – good for you Lion Jim.

Don't forget for the next meeting to have a photo of your favourite pet with you or you could have to pay a fine.

Service Pins: Lion Jim Coombes presented Lions Ed with his pin, Lion Tom will receive his when he comes back from vacation.

Lion Chief Art's wife is doing well after her knee surgery and is home from the hospital.

The Lions/Rotary Elimination draw was very successful, each group netted \$1,600 from the sale of the tickets and \$331 from the sale of tickets for Aftershave.

The grand prize winner is Jim Sandberg of Newcastle, 2nd prize went to Crown Rust in Bowmanville and the 3rd prize winner was Norm Tillson of Orono. Congratulations to this year's winners.

The bar committee report - November and December \$3,892.36.

The Clarington Older Adult Centre has sent in a request for a donation for the purchase of a new van – this was brought to the attention of the general membership by the Board for consideration.

Membership Application: Membership Chair Lion Jim Coombes has received 2 new member applications. For more information on the applicants please see Lion Jim.

Coming Events

Duck Derby tickets are available – please see Lion Linda

ATV tickets are available – Lion Linda can be contacted for these tickets.

March 5 Bavarian Night fundraiser – tickets are available \$35.00 per person – see Lion Linda
Lion Linda stated at the meeting Feb 22 that only 50 tickets have been sold so far. Members were encouraged to try to have friends and families to attend as this is a fundraiser for the club.

March 5 – Blind Skiers – pancake breakfast – Lion Jim Coombes needs members to assist with this, however, you must sign a release form and this has to be handed in. Check with Lion Jim Coombes.

March 28 – A-3 Dog Guide Van Project – Class Act Dinner Theatre \$ 65.00 per person.
This is a joint project with Newcastle Courtice & Kendal Lions Clubs. \$30.00 per ticket will go to the project.

April 16-18 – A3 Convention – Kingston

April – Older Adult Centre Pancake Breakfast – for new members, they have 268 new members. Club members will be required to assist with this.

June 4-7 – Ambassador Hotel, Kingston – Multiple District Convention. We should all try to attend to show our support of Lion Linda – the club will cover registration and provide one night's accommodation to each club member.

July 23-25 – 2nd Annual A3 Lions Camping Weekend – at Pickerel Park Campgrounds (Napane) contact Carl or Earl Oliver 705-639-5619

A Little Humour

In Memorium: With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person, which almost went unnoticed last week. Larry LaPrise, the man who wrote "The Hokey Pokey", died peacefully at age 93. The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in. And then the trouble started.

Two old guys were sitting under a tree, watching the sun go down. One says, "You know, I'm 84 years old and my body is full of aches and pains. You're about my age. How do you feel?"

The other guy says, "Oh, I feel like a newborn baby."

"Really," says the first guy.

"Yep," says the second one. "No teeth, no hair and I think I just wet my pants."