



April 8, 2024, General Club Meeting

Attendees:

Lions: Mike Barker, Brian Havard, Kirby Brock, Megan Bennett, Sylvia Brock, John Liska, Rick Metcalfe, Howard Wetmore, Ellen Gallacher, Christiane Zoidl, Marilyn Gray, Brigitte Brennan, Suzanne Kishonti, Jeanette du Plessis, Bernard Fernandes, and Diana Graham

1. **Call to Order/Welcome:** Lion President Mike Barker

2. **Singing of National Anthem:**

3. **Introduction of Guests:** Clia Hartman, Junior English Effective Speaking winner
Mr. & Mrs. Harman
Mr. Joe Sgro

4. **Presentation by Junior English Effective Speaking winner for A16, Clia Hartman:**

-Clia presented her winning speech and a poem she wrote for Black History month, titled "You Are Black and You Are Beautiful"
-poem was emailed with the agenda to Club members

5. **Presentation by Maple Leaf public school:**

-cancelled, to be rescheduled

6. **Approval of Minutes of the March 18, 2024, meeting:**

Motion: Lion Suzanne Kishonti - "That the minutes of the March 18, 2024, meeting be accepted as presented."

Second: Lion Brian Havard

Motion: *Carried*

7. **Correspondence:** Lion President Mike Barker

A) Thank you letter from Maple Leaf PS for the Club's partnership in the Quick Action Grant
-letter was sent to members with agenda

8. **Treasurer's Report:** Lion President Mike Barker

-report will be available by the next meeting as bank statements just came out today
-good news, Treasurer Lion Sue Williams has agreed to remain as Treasurer and Bookkeeper
-Lion President Mike Barker will be the "Reporting Treasurer" and assist

9. Executive Meeting Updates:

A) Request for Hearing Aids: Lion Sylvia Brock

- a grade 8 Maple Leaf PS student needs hearing aids
- the student speaks Spanish and is new to Canada
- Testing has been completed and he has only 30% hearing in one ear.
- this makes it difficult for him to interact with others and to learn English
- 2 quotes were obtained.
- next time he needs hearing aids, he will receive government support
- Hearing Life invoice to be sent to Club

Motion: Lion Sylvia Brock - "That the Club provide \$1,800 plus, tax for a hearing aid for the student."

Second: Lion Jeanette du Plessis

Motion: *Carried*

B) Diabetes Camp Huronda: Lion Sylvia Brock

- a request has been received from a Newmarket family for financial assistance to attend the camp to learn how to manage their child's diabetes diagnosis.
- due diligence has been conducted
- cost \$1,950 for a week, all in

Motion: Lion Sylvia Brock - "That the Club supports the family's request for financial assistance and provide funds in the amount of \$1,950 for the family to attend Camp Huronda."

Second: Lion Christiane Zoidl

Motion: *Carried*

C) Diabetes Camp Funding: Lion Sylvia Brock

- Diabetes Canada is unable to provide information on Newmarket residents looking for financial assistance as it is a privacy violation.
- ask prospective Newmarket Campers to send a written request to the Club
- Camp Huronda is supported by Lions and other Service Clubs
- Lions usually fund a specific camper while other Service Clubs just make a generic donation
- every request to the Club is evaluated separately as some families may be able to provide some financial support

D) Spring Giving: Lion Kirby Brock

- Pastor Nathan Pickard has been providing Lion Kirby Brock with the names of families who are in desperate need and would benefit from a food voucher.
- so far 22 families have been identified and verified by the Pastor
- Pastor Pickard will provide a first name, phone # and/or email
- Club members will be asked to contact prospective recipients and verify information for the food vouchers and deliver vouchers in early May.
- \$10,000 has been budgeted by the Club
- the Salvation Army's Christmas list is confidential and cannot be used by the Club

Motion: Lion Kirby Brock - "That the Club support these families in need with a \$200 food voucher."

Second: Lion Howard Wetmore

Motion: *Carried*

E) Children's Aid- Stay in School program donation: Lion Sylvia Brock

-budgeted donation of \$1,500 had been sent

10. Committee Reports:

A) **Catch the Ace:** Lion Rick Metcalfe

-the jackpot is \$121,000 for tomorrow's draw
-presently, \$170,000 is available for Camp Dorset

B) **Effective Speaking:** Lion Kirby Brock

-Lion President Mike Barker thanked the members who volunteered for the District A16 Effective Speaking Contest
-the Hartman family needs to rent a vehicle to be able to attend the MDA contest in St. Catharines, the Club has previously provided the family with a rental.

Motion: Lion Kirby Brock - "That the Club provides a vehicle rental for the Hartman family to attend the MDA Effective Speaking Contest in St. Catharines."

Second: Lion John Liska

Motion: *Carried*

C) **Bingo:** Lion Marilyn Grey

-email sent to Bingo Volunteers regarding a contest they can enter

11. Good of Lionism:

A) **District A2 Convention:** Lion Rick Metcalfe

-Lion Rick Metcalfe attended the Convention in Niagara Falls
-many Clubs from A2 participated in the original set up of Camp Dorset
-there was a display of Camp Dorset at the Convention
-Lion Rick Metcalfe spread his knowledge of running a Catch the Ace lottery online

B) **Milestone Awards:** Lion President Mike Barker

-letter from International President Patti Hill read to Club
-Congratulations to Club members receiving awards!
-30-year Chevron presented to Lion Brian Havard
-Lion Larry Sikorski to receive a 50-year Chevron
-Lion Ron Head to receive a 15-year Chevron

C) **Aurora Lions Club 80th Anniversary Celebration:** Lion Rick Metcalfe

-Lions Rick Metcalfe and Ron Head attended the afternoon celebration
-The Newmarket Lions Club was the original sponsor for the Aurora Lions Club
-the event was attended by local MPP Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MP Tony Van Bynen and Aurora Mayor Tom Mrakas

D) LCIF Earthquake Relief Support: Lion Sylvia Brock

-International Director Candidate Debbie Dawson is the District Committee Chair for LCIF

Motion: Lion Sylvia Brock - "That the Club donates \$1,000 to LCIF for disaster relief."

Second: Lion Marilyn Gray

Motion: *Tabled to Executive*

15) **Adjournment:** 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting Monday April 22, 2024

Newmarket Lions Club President: Mike Barker
Newmarket Lions Club Secretary: Megan Bennett