



January 22, 2024 General Club Meeting

Attendees:

Lions: Bernard Fernandes, Brian Havard, Kirby Brock, Megan Bennett, Mike Barker, Sylvia Brock, Rick Metcalfe, Howard Wetmore, Mars Hayward, Ellen Gallacher, June Foot, Christiane Zoidl, Marilyn Grey, Brigitte Brennan and Diana Graham

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

2. **Singing of O Canada:**

3. **Introduction of Guest Speaker:** Lion Mike Barker

4. Guest Speaker Angela Pagniello Mantle of Canadian Hearing Services

- Canadian Hearing Services is the leading Canadian agency for services and products
- their mission is to empower people with hearing loss to overcome barriers to participation
- services are provided in the office, in the home or virtually
- they are a non-profit founded in 1940
- they provide hearing care services, mental health counselling, accessibility devices and hearing tests among many other services
- mainly funded by the Ministry of Health, some funds provided by the United Way and fundraising
- studies show that all individuals between the ages of 20-79 have some hearing loss
- hearing loss happens gradually with aging being the biggest cause with increased loss over 80 years old
- signs of hearing loss included speaking loudly or softly (over compensating for known hearing loss), tv or radio playing too loudly, inappropriate answers to questions or favouring one ear
- hearing aids won't restore perfect hearing
- the ear is important to balance, therefore could be an increase in falling

5. Approval of Minutes of the January 8, 2024 meeting:

Motion: Lion Howard Wetmore - "That the minutes of the January 8th meeting be accepted as presented."

Second: Lion Brian Havard

Motion: *Carried*

6. Correspondence:

- A) Thank you note from Church of Christ Holiday Drive team
- B) MDA Convention 50/50 draw tickets 5 tickets @ \$5 each
- C) Southlake has contacted Lions Kirby Brock and Rick Metcalfe to inquire about providing a lunch for participants in their fundraising 5k walk/run on April 28th for 1,600-2,000 participants
 - a committee has been formed to liaise with Southlake regarding requirements

Motion: Lion Rick Metcalfe - "That the Club purchase the 5 MDA convention tickets."

Second: Lion Kirby Brock

Motion: *Carried*

7. Treasurer's Report:

- emailed to Club members
- Maple Leaf school's grant should be wrapped up by the end of February
- Lottery trust should read "Camp Dorset" not Camp Kirk
- still need \$13,000 to pay for Santa Fund-to come out of Bingo

8. Committee Reports:

A) Bingo: Lion Marilyn Grey

- The Club received a thankyou from Bingo helper Marylou Alessandrini for the Christmas bonus
- \$4,414 was earned in December
- current schedule ends in March, new one should be forthcoming
- Bingo license approved for another year

B) Catch the Ace: Lion Rick Metcalf

- almost \$100,000 raised for Camp Dorset
- the Club makes 50% of the ticket sales-minus any expenses
- a Facebook page was made for Catch the Ace-please follow
- Lions Kirby and John sold 206 tickets at Canadian Tire on Saturday

C) Coats for Kids: Lion Christiane Zoidl

- due to a continued high demand, one more distribution day was added
- February 10th, at 1145 Nicholson Rd, (old place) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- there is a donation collection box available all year at Avis/Budget rentals on Yonge St across from Upper Canada Mall
- Trinity United Church will donate space free of charge, to store coats

D) Community and School Requests:

1) Maple Leaf PS-Lion Sylvia Brock

- A) -a thank you note was received for the funds the Club provided to re-start their music program, and helping with bussing.
 - the school sent a band to the Canada's Wonderland festival and they did very well
 - the music program has now blossomed to include 5 bands and a choir
 - they will need 2 busses (\$2,200) to attend this year's Canada's Wonderland festival and would appreciate any support the Club could provide
- B) -the grant program that the Club oversees, should be wrapped up by the end of February
 - 2 events are planned to include different parts of the community-a movie night on January 30th, and a Story time for Grade 1 French Immersion students and Grade 1 non-French Immersion Students on February 15th

2) Glen Cedar PS-Lion Kirby Brock

- school is desperate for funds for a breakfast program
- they have a broken refrigerator- The Principal is able purchase a replacement if you know anyone with a used one let Lion Kirby know

E) Community Meal: Lion Kirby Brock

- January 26th at Inn from the Cold
- the usual ham and potatoes, salad and vegetable
- meet Friday at 12:30

F) Vision Screening: Lion Sylvia Brock

- Maple Leaf Principal will speak with the school Superintendent to suggest after school vision screening
- consider contacting the school Trustee?

G) Santa Fund: Lion Kirby Brock

- received \$30,400 in donations, the highest ever
- have paid \$22,800 to No Frills so far
- \$13,000 will be needed to cover the costs

9. Good of Lionism:

- new Lion Mars Hayward has volunteered to help with the February 5th Munch and Mingle
- new shirts have been ordered, there is still time to put in an order, please contact Lion Sylvia
- Trinity United Church will provide the facility free of charge for Effective Speaking in March

10) Adjournment: 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting Monday February 5, 2024

Munch & Mingle

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

