



November 20, 2023 General Club Meeting

Attendees:

Lions: Brian Havard, Christiane Zoidl, Kirby Brock, Megan Bennett, Mike Barker, Sylvia Brock, Marilyn Gray, Ellen Gallacher, Ron Head, Brigitte Brennan, Don Gardiner, Rick Metcalfe, Diana Graham, Mary Singer, Howard Wetmore, John Liska, Greg Charles, Larry Sikorski, Sue Williams, Suzanne Kishonti and June Foot

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

2. **Singing of O Canada:**

3. **Introduction of Guests:** Dr. Patrick Quaid, Valerie Kitazaki (YDSB), Mars Hayward, Lily, Rachel and Leslie Brock

4. **Guest Speaker:** Dr. Patrick Quaid of Vue Vision Therapy

- 15 schools in York Region participated in a pilot program-Right to Read
- 100 children, 50 were in the control group, 50 were using SERTS (Special Ed Teacher)
- dynamic visual skills were assessed in the 100 children
- assessed the way their eyes move in conjunction with the brain
- functional issues with the eyes are treatable
- the children must have passed, in the last 12 months, a regular eye exam administered by an optometrist
- a 3 steps, 10-minute, screening test was administered by the SERTS who had been trained
- found 86% had vision issues in the children that were in the Independent Education program
- rehabilitation program is not covered by OHIP and is cost prohibitive
- it's a 9–12-month program and requires the family's commitment
- Parent Rachel spoke about her experience with 2 children being assessed and requiring treatment
- Rachel is now an advocate, lobbying members of parliament to have treatment covered by OHIP
- Can Lions Clubs help in some way? Maybe sponsor training at a PD Day?

5. **Snack Break:**

8. **Approval of Minutes of the November 6, 2023 meeting:**

Motion: Lion June Foot - "That the minutes of the November 6th meeting be accepted as presented."

Second: Lion Howard Wetmore

Motion: *Carried*

9. **Correspondence:** Lion Mike Barker

- a thank you note was received from Mason, a camper the Club sponsored at Camp Huronda

10. **Treasurer's Report:** Lion Sue Williams

- Lion Sue thanked members for their support and understanding during a hard year
- Taxes have been filed

11. Club's Christmas Dinner: Lion Don Gardiner

- dinner has been moved to December 18th by member online vote
- dinner to be held at Donnelly's Restaurant on Leslie
- voluntary gift exchange \$15-\$20
- menu selection slips distributed
- Please book with Lion Don at lion.dn.gardiner@gmail.com
- \$30 per person, please bring cash to next meeting or pay at the door

Motion: Lion Rick Metcalfe - "That the Club will cover the Tip and HST from draw funds that were won."

Second: Lion John Liska

Motion: *Carried*

12. Wine Draw: Lion Diana Graham

- Lion Diana will be running the annual wine draw to take place at the Christmas Dinner
- Please bring your unwrapped bottles to the dinner as Diana will be on vacation DO NOT BRNG BOTTLES to her home

13. Committee Reports

A) Catch the Ace: Lion Rick Metcalfe

- this is week 21 of the draw, Ace is worth \$37,000
- Black Friday help is needed at OPM on Harry Walker Parkway to sell tickets for the day
- Friday shifts- 9:30-12:30
12:30 -2:30
2:30-5:30
- Contact Lion Rick to volunteer rick.metcalfe169@gmail.com or 905-960-2840

B) Meal Kit Assembly: Lion Sylvia Brock

- Monday November 27th 5:30- 7:00
- please ensure all your purchases are there

C) Seniors/Newmarket Residence Gifts: Lion Sylvia Brock

- All 226 Southlake Village seniors are to receive a gift bag with a full-size moisturizer and a lip balm
- Newmarket Residence for Adults has 13 women and 58 men. Hand lotion set for the women and a scarf the men are to receive socks
- Lion Sylvia to send out email requesting help with purchases
- Mary Gardiner has generously made tags for the gifts
- gift assembly on December 4th
- Follow WhatsApp for updates

D) Coats for Kids: Lion Christiane Zoidl

- 1/2 way through the season and its still very busy
- 650 coats have already been given away to families in need
- desperately in need of adult coats and boots

E) School Nutrition Program: Lion Kirby Brock

- the public school system has been the target of a cyber attack so no emails getting through
- no response from the Separate school board
- expecting requests for assistance from Maple Leaf, Meadowbrook, Stuart Scott, Prince Charles, and JLR Bell elementary schools

F) Santa Fund/Lunch: Lion Kirby Brock

- we have Lions Hall #3 Saturday night
- can't get Halls 1 & 2 until 8:30 Saturday night to set up
- Lion John Liska and family have assembled 400 gift bags 😊
- expecting the Salvation Army's contact list by December 1st
- need at least 40 volunteers to call families, sign up with Lion Kirby
- Lion Kirby will send out a roster
- December 11 and 12th the remaining vouchers will be distributed at Church of Christ on Davis Dr.
- expecting 2 all day shifts, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Sign up list to be forthcoming
- The Salvation Army offices at the Giant Tiger Plaza will be permanently closed on January 30th and moving to the Northridge Church on Leslie at Wellington in Aurora

G) Bingo: Lion Marilyn Gray

- would like to provide our annual fruit cakes to the Bingo Hall
- Lion Marilyn will look into the cost (\$540 last year for 48 cakes)
- Lion Marilyn to check if any evening Bingo hours available

Motion: Lion Marilyn Gray - "That the Club provide 48 fruit cakes to Bingo for our annual Customer Appreciation event."

Second: Lion Ron Head

Motion: *Carried*

H) Peace Poster/Essay: Lion Sylvia Brock

- 2 posters sponsored by the Club tied for 2nd place at MDA contest
- the 1st place winner has gone on to LCI

Adjournment: 9:20 p.m.

Next meeting Monday December 4, 2023
Munch and Mingle

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

