



## **November 6, 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, Mary Singer, Howard Wetmore, John Liska, June Foot and Tom Alderson

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

2. **Singing of O Canada:**

3. **Introduction of Guests:**

**Guests:** Danielle Gibb of Community Living of Central York Region, Ruth, Lindsay and Lui

4. **Gues Speaker Danielle Gibb of Community Living of Central York Region:**

- Community Living has been helping adults with intellectual disabilities for 69 years
- Programs involve 150 clients every day and include literacy, cooking, arts and outings
- they support independent living for 40 people helping them for 6 hours every week with things like employment and community connections
- they own or rent 16 homes which house 72 people that need 24-hour care
- Every year Allstate employees work with the residents to plant flowers
- they offer respite for families living with an intellectually disabled adult
- there are 43 employers in the Region who support these individuals & provide them employment
- 1 in 5 adults have developmental disabilities and not all live with family
- they support 550 people and have over 3000 people requesting support
- asking the Club to consider Community Living in our fundraising

5. **Approval of Minutes of the October 16, 2023 meeting:**

**Motion:** Lion John Liska - "That the minutes of the October 2nd meeting be accepted as presented."

**Second:** Lion Howard Wetmore

**Motion:** *Carried*

6. **Correspondence:**

- Email from DeafBlind Ontario asking for a donation to purchase Care Kits-Lion John Liska to make inquiries

7. **Treasurer's Report:**

- Bank statements just came out; report will be sent to Club members by the end of the week

## 8. Committee Reports

### A) Peace Poster/Essay: Lion Sylvia Brok

- Club finalists art work was displayed
- Theme is "Dare to Dream"
- 3 posters were from Maple Leaf Public School and 1 from Mazo de la Roche
- posters will be judged by the Cabinet, winners to progress to MDA
- 3 Peace Essays have also been received
- Club should honour participants, would like to see top 3 receive \$100
- children must be 11, 12 or 13 years old by November 15<sup>th</sup>
- photos at a later date

**Motion:** Lion Sylvia Brock - "That the Club honour the Peace Poster entrants with gift cards, totalling \$350"

**Second:** Lion Don Gardiner

**Motion:** *Carried*

### B) Gifts/Cards for Seniors and Newmarket Residence: Lion Sylvia Brock

- the Request Committee will meet to discuss
- downsizing support from last year as many other groups do the same thing
- focus on people who have no family in the area
- possibly 200 seniors at Southlake Village, need to acquire more information
- Newmarket Residence have a great need-Lion Sylvia Brock to find out what we can do
- we will not seek out senior residences, we will let them come to us if they need us
- we will not be writing Christmas cards as there seems to be an issue distributing them to the residents
- Mary Gardiner has made lovely tags for any parcels we may procure

### C) Eyeglass Collection: Lion Christiane Zoidl

- need a Club member to collect eyeglasses on a regular basis for Opticians at Upper Canada Mall
- contact Lion John Liska or Lion Mike Barker when have a request for Mall pick up
- we must keep track of our own eyeglass donations-when pick up, count and give total to Secretary

### D) Wheelchair Assistance: Lion Sylvia Brock

- due diligence has been done by the requestor, Kay Williams
- all procedures have been followed
- she has government support for 75% of the wheelchair asking for help with the remaining 25%
- The Executive has recommended paying for the full 25% -\$3,544.25
- requestor cannot function without this wheelchair

**Motion:** Lion Sylvia Brock - "That the Club pay \$3,544.25 to acquire the wheelchair for Kay Williams."

**Second:** Lion Ron Head

**Motion:** *Carried*

### E) Community Meal: Lion Sylvia Brock

- Lions Ellen Gallacher, Marilyn Gray, Diana Graham, and Sylvia Brock to cook meal on Friday
- start time 12:15 p.m. to approximately 3:00 p.m.

**F) Santa Fund/Lunch:** Lion Kirby Brock

- we have Lions Hall #3 Saturday night
- still trying to get Halls 1 & 2 for Saturday night to set up
- Lion John Liska and family are assembling 400 gift bags
- last year 1300 people were provided with assistance at a cost of approximately \$38,000
- Salvation Army application cut off is December 1<sup>st</sup>
- expecting 300 people for lunch requiring 44 helpers
- need volunteers to invite people to lunch
- Lion Kirby Brock is asking for volunteers for the Committee
- Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. before the next General meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>
- Lion Kirby Brock will send out an agenda to the Committee
- helpers to arrive at 9:45 on Sunday December 10
- food safety must be top priority, as we will be inspected
- Lion Rick Metcalfe rented a second fryer, Guest Ruth to make inquiries re: rental fee
- Please collect items for the adult table, new and unused items would be appreciated toiletries, decorations, toys, socks, cosmetics etc.

**G) Vision Screening:** Lion Sylvia Brock

- waiting for approval from YDSB to start vision screening
- Committee Chair Larry Doble to meet with YDSB Superintendent
- we have all the equipment necessary to start

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

- Farmer's Market is finished
- Saturday was the first day for ticket sales at OPM, buyers have to walk right by the table
- bodies needed at OPM
- may try to get a second shift at Canadian Tire and OPM
- need people, let Lion Rick know if you can help
- This is week 19, fundraising is ahead of last time
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**I) Bingo:** Lion Marilyn Gray

- an email was sent to all volunteer organizations indicating some volunteers were not respecting customer's personal space

**J) School Nutrition:** Lion Kirby Brock

- The Club is supporting 180 students per day for breakfast
- 3 more schools have contacted the Club for assistance
- Lion Kirby Brock investigating

**9) Good of Lionism:**

**A) New Member:** Lion Rick Metcalfe

- Mr. Bernard Fernandes has indicated he would like to join the Club
- an application form has been received
- all members of the Membership Committee are present

**Motion:** Lion Rick Metcalfe - "That the Club accept Mr. Fernandes' application for membership."

**Second:** Lion Ron Head

**Motion:** *Carried*

**B) Holiday Wine Draw/Dinner:**

- Lion Diana Graham will run the wine draw again this year
- Lion Don Gardiner checking into restaurants

**C) Pull Tabs for Pups:**

- The Club will continue to collect tabs
- tabs must be delivered to Lindsay

**D) Pill Bottles:**

The Club will no longer collect pill bottles as it is extremely expensive to ship them to the U.S.

**E) Former Club Member**

- Former Newmarket Lion Ron Graham who now lives in London, is doing well

Adjournment: 8:20 p.m.

**\*Next meeting Monday November 20, 2023\***

**Guests: Dr Patrick Quaid  
Zone Chair Lion Vaughan Moul**

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

