



June 3, 2024, General Club Meeting

Attendees:

Lions: Mike Barker, Brian Havard, Megan Bennett, Sylvia Brock, Howard Wetmore, Mars Hayward, Ellen Gallacher, Christiane Zoidl, Bernard Fernandes, Brigitte Brennan, Diana Graham, Don Gardiner, John Liska, June Foot, Kirby Brock, Marilyn Gray, Mary Singer, Ron Head, Roger Singh, and Suzanne Kishonti,

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

2. Singing of National Anthem:

3. Introduction of Guests:

-Past District Governor J.C. Lagrange, 12 guests from Maple Leaf PS, Beeton Lion Danielle, and Dela Fothoohi

4. Introduction of Maple Leaf Staff and Student Performers: Lion Kirby Brock

- music program has both classroom and extra-curricular components
- several bands and choirs who perform at school events
- introduction to music starts in kindergarten
- the students had an amazing time performing at Canada's Wonderland last year
- the Club supported the purchase of several instruments so students don't have to share
- performance by 3 students
- the Club presented a cheque to Principal Erin Cranney for the repair and cleaning of instruments

5) Presentation by Beeton Lion Danielle:

- she teaches mental health first aid
- working to make mental health first aid mandatory everywhere classic first aid is available
- ALGES stands for A-assess if risk of suicide or harm
 - L-listen non-judgementally
 - G-give reassurance and information
 - E-encourage to seek professional help
 - S-support and reassure
- supporters must practice self care too
- basic courses are available
- check out Be My Eyes App

6. Approval of Minutes of the May 20, 2024, meeting:

Motion: Lion John Liska- "That the minutes of the May 20, 2024, meeting be accepted as presented."

Second: Lion Ron Head

Motion: *Carried*

7. Correspondence:

-none

8. Treasurer's Report: Lion President Mike Barker

-all bills paid, accounts in good standing

9. Donation to LCIF: Lion Sylvia Brock

- CLERC (Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre) collects glasses (no cases) from 15 organizations
- the Larocque family collects A16 donations and sends them to CLERC in Calgary
- glasses are sanitized, cleaned and tested for prescriptions, put in plastic bags with the prescription and sent out to over 101 countries where there are distribution centres that match up glasses with an individual
- through the Empowering Service Fund a donation can be designated for a specific cause

Motion: Lion Sylvia Brock "That the Club donates \$1,000 to LCIF under the Empowering Service umbrella and stipulate the donation is for CLERC."

Second: Lion June Foot

Motion: *Carried*

10. Senior Expo: Lion Mars Hayward

- this Friday, June 7th in the Lions Hall, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- meet at 8:30. a.m.
- Lion Ellen Gallacher has candies to distribute
- table cloth, brochures are in the storage room
- take photos, send to Lion Megan Bennett

11. End of Year Potluck:

- Lion Diana Graham has graciously volunteered her husband and her home for the event
- 6:00 p.m., June 17th at the Graham house, flyer has been issued
- bring your own chair and refreshments
- Lion Mike Barker will bring games

12. Committee Reports:

A) **Blind/Low Vision Scholarship:** Lion Megan Bennett

- this year's recipient is Jaathevan Sahadevan from Stouffville District Secondary School
- he was born with a visual impairment called Nystagmus
- has a passion for learning, helping others
- volunteers at the Legion, helping with events for seniors, and the local library
- he has been accepted into the Waterloo University Honours Accounting and Finance Management Co-op programme
- committee looking to present scholarship at the school in the next week

B) **Effective Speaking MDA recap:** Lions Sylvia & Kirby Brock

- A16 fielded 16 contestants, the most of any district
- another great showing by the youth of A16
- the students were courteous and polite, the families were supportive
- Grace Tan placed 1st in Senior French, she competed in Senior English last year
- Grace presented her speech at the MDA convention last weekend, she was very passionate and received a standing ovation
- Lions International 1st Vice President Fabricio Oliveira, was very delighted with her speech as it reflected his own passion about operating out of your comfort zone
- the contest has a great impact on the young people involved
- Thank you to Lions Sylvia and Kirby Brock for heading the programme

C) **Coats for Kids:** Lion Christiane Zoidl

- the Quakers have agreed to host the programme for another year and have put in new flooring
- the programme is still looking for a permanent home

D) **Spring Giving:** Lion Kirby Brock

- 31 people were identified by Pastor Nathan, only 25 could be found
- still looking for the other 6
- Lion Mars Hayward related his encounter with one of the recipients all of whom are in dire straits

E) **Hearing Aid Request Update:** Lion Sylvia Brock

- the grade 8 student has been fitted with the hearing aids and was so excited to hear
- the social worker and the school board are working to ensure he will be ready for grade 9
- the social worker, Michelle, provided a translator as the boy and his family only speak Spanish

13. Good of Lionism:

a) Camp Kirk: Lion President Mike Barker

- Lion President Mike Barker was asked to bring to the Club a verbal request for assistance from Camp Kirk.
- They need a new stove, costing \$6,500
- were any other Clubs asked?
- Club protocol requires a written request for any assistance, need paperwork
- the Club has donated major funds for a pool liner in the past
- upkeep of the Camp is Lions A16 responsibility, Friends of the Learning Disabled only provide programming

Motion: Lion Kirby Brock "That the Club provides Camp Kirk with funding of up to \$6,500 for a new stove pending a written request from a board member."

Second: Lion Brigitte Brennan

Motion: *Carried*

b) Encounter-Lion Diana Graham

- on her many recent visits to hospitals, Lion Diana encountered a woman with a family member that is deaf and requires dialysis
- the young man was unable to go to university with his friends, Lion Diana mentioned he could meet with his friends at Camp Dorset

c) Memorial: Lion Marilyn Gray

- Lion Marilyn's recently deceased brother was also a Lion. His Club lost 4 members in one year
- a beautiful memorial ceremony was held at a nearby lake and a plaque was donated to the park

d) Procession of Planets: Lion Mars Hayward

- planets align in the sky tonight, 3 will be visible in a straight line
- if you're just reading this, sorry you missed it

e) Mackenzie Place BBQ: Lion Marilyn Gray

- an invitation was received by Lion Marilyn for a volunteer appreciation BBQ
- BBQ to be held on June 20th at 5:30
- Please let Marilyn know of you wish to attend so she can RRSVP by June 18th

Next meeting TBA September 2024

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



