Lions’ Den Article for November. 2016 Mayneliner

At the last meeting of the Mayne Island Lions, Alan Guy, who is the District Governor, spoke to us on the topic of serving “Outside the Box”. We were made aware of the June 30 - July 4 International convention in Chicago.

* We received “thanks you’s” for our help with the Terry Fox run, and from the Days for Girls association for our donation to their project.

Currently there are 54 members in the club, and Neil Howard has transferred his membership to his new community of Sidney.

We hope our donation toward the fireworks for Hallowe’en helps with the celebrations at the community bonfire.

Lions are on board to support the Oil Spill preparedness program here.

Some volunteers responded to help the MIALS fundraising with firewood splitting.

Chevron awards for service were presented to Bob Wilband, 10 years; Les Scearce, 10 years; Brian Bovet, 20 years; Peter Hansche, 25 years; Harry Lane, 45 years!

Phonebook preparations are underway for the 2017 issue. Aside from the gathering of new information and making necessary changes, the volunteers are soliciting advertisements from businesses and will be planning the new layout.

The general membership supported the executive’s recommendation to donate $1000 toward the Ag Hall Renovation where we hold our monthly meetings and the ability to display works of art will be more attractive and convenient.

The Lions will help the Fashion show organizers by providing tables.

Nominations from the community for the Mayne Islander of the Year closed Oct. 25, so the committee will be discussing the nominees of those who have helped the community as a whole, volunteering and serving to enhance the lives of islanders. The recipient receives a plaque and also has her/his name on another plaque in Dinner Bay Park.

On November 12, our Charter Night takes place in the school gym. It is a celebration of 40 years serving Mayne Island since the local group was granted its Lions Charter. This formal evening includes dinner, dancing, a few speeches and the announcement of the Island of the Year award. Once Lions members have had an opportunity to purchase tickets, the public is also invited to attend until the 110 seat capacity is reached.

More information will be forthcoming about our December activities in next month’s column. However, it might be helpful to know ahead of time that the Santa ship is coming December 10. This is usually the first showing of the Christmas lights in the Japanese gardens, as well, and the crew will have been out installing the lights December 6. The ever popular Single Seniors’ Dinner is December 14.

Please remember that developing countries benefit from eyeglasses collected by Lions clubs all over the world. Here on Mayne island there are deposit boxes at the health clinic, Gulfport Realty, Home Hardware and the Thrift Shop. Check our website for more details about this and our many other projects!

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