(Lion’s Den Contribution for the April, 2016 Mayneliner. Note that Toby Snelgrove is submitting a photo which we would like to include with this column. DC)

On March 4, The Lions Club held an Open House at the Ag Hall, which is where we meet on the first Wednesday of each month, except for July and August. The Open House was to inform members of the community just who the Lions are and what we do here at home and internationally as well as to give everyone an opportunity to join us as we serve.

The visitors were kept intrigued by many displays of Lions activities and achievements locally and far afield, and also by an excellent video loop.

There were 2 sessions, the first, from 2 until 4 pm, and the second, from 7 to 9 pm. Both were attended by small but interested and enthusiastic crowds.

Membership Chair, Millie Leathers, who worked very hard to organize the event, gave the opening address and the welcoming speech. She was followed by Bill Warning who gave the President’s address. Sue Miyazaki talked about the Single Seniors’ Dinner, and Jim Deverill spoke about, ‘Why a non-Lion helps the Lions.”

Next, Shania Thomas, who has helped out at a variety of functions over the past year, spoke about the role of the Lions in assisting students with extra-curricular education. Jim Starkey then talked about why he became a Lion, and Bill Liversidge explained how the eye glass program works. Allan Guy presented a windup speech, and Millie closed the event with some final “thank-you’s.” She was especially grateful to Tru Value for providing the food, Judy Taylor for loaning us her silver punch bowl, and Jim Heshedahl and his friend Barry for providing the music.

A big thanks goes out to the Lions who attended and helped out, and to Lions Toby Snelgrove and Cliff Kiyooka for their terrific contributions. Also, a big thank you, Jim Traversy, for the excellent poster you designed for us.

An important reminder for anyone planning an event that requires any of the Lions’ rental equipment, tents, tables, chairs, etc., is to make your booking asap to avoid disappointment. 3 weddings and several community events have booked already.

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