June “Lion’s Den” Article”

The Lions’ May dinner meeting was well attended with regular members. We welcomed new inductees, Irene Barrett, Nigel Barrett, and Tara Walker to our club, which gave everyone a chance to hear the purpose and commitments of Lions once again. Other guests included Janet Guy, Kim Fairall, Wayne Walker, and Andrew Gerbrand.

A new slate of officers for the July 2016 to June 2017 season was chosen by acclamation: President, Brian Dearden, 1st Vice President, Allen Slade; 2nd Vice President, Peter Hansche; Secretary, Richard Jarco; Treasurer, Mike Bullis; Past President, Bill Warning; Membership, Kit Mitchell; Lion Tamer, Al Mitchell; Tail Twister, Bob Soper; Communications, David Chase; Directors at Large, Henry Till and Jim Starkey. The “old” executive still has a month to serve, so we will thank them in the next column so they won’t quit too early!

On Friday, May 13, after a hearty meal at Men’s Breakfast,  6 Lions put in a combined total of 12 hours of community work helping to clear most of the mountain of debris left on the Church grounds after the recent tree-felling.  Their efforts made for a much cleaner scene there, although there is still a lot of work to be done.

Thanks go to Lions Bill Liversidge, , John Glover, Len Epp, Steve Mathieson, Alan Guy and Bill Holmgren., who, literally “pitched in”  to clear a large quantity of twigs, branches and other material in front of the church..

May 18th found us celebrating the spring with some lively Lions from Saturna at our annual Steak Night at the Dinner Bay pavilion. We had a sampling of children and spouses joining us as well, and conversation and some exciting draw prizes kept the action going. The Saturna members were especially interested in bidding for the only auction item, a Lions’ brass bell. After Neil Howard’s enthusiastic auctioneering had gathered a $110 bid, strangely, the bidding started going backwards, and the lucky lions of Saturna finally had the bell for a steal of a deal…25 cents! We are grateful for all involved in the planning, prepping, cooking and setting up and cleaning up involved in making this a great event.

We look forward to many activities coming up soon. The Lions will have helped with the school carnival on May 22, providing tables, tents, volunteer time and some cooking. Other events include helping the RCMP with the bike rodeo at the school, which promotes safe cycling . Our annual Summerfest is June 18 at the Community Centre. This is an evening of introducing the new executive, having a fine meal, and enjoying some entertainment. We very much appreciate Dennis Watts’ organizing this for us over the past few years.

Don’t forget to get a team together for the Mac and Cheese cook-off on June 11. Read more about this in other parts of the Mayneliner!

And, of course, be aware that the Lions are involved in supplying tables, chairs, dishes, cutlery, etc., for many private and public events this summer. Avoid disappointment by booking your items asap.

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