Lions Den article for January, 2017

The end of 2016 saw the Lions contributing $500 to the Mayne Island Food Bank, funding the annual Santa ship visit, and installing the lights at the Japanese gardens on a cold, but dry wintry day.

On the social scene, the annual Seniors’ dinner was held on December 14, and Santa and Mrs. Claus surprised the crowd with their appearance.

We are carefully planning our projects for the 2017 year, a very special year, by the way, as the Lions celebrate 100 years as an international organization.

At our December meeting, Allan Evans was presented with a “Milestone Award” for his 15 years of service to the club. Also at this meeting it was announced that the 2017 phone book is well underway. The theme for this year is water conservation.

While the deadline for making changes to personal information in the issue is long past, new changes for the 2018 phone book can be made throughout the year by visiting the Lion’s web page.

If you would like to join us, the Lions are taking down the lights in the Japanese Gardens on January 5, starting at 9 am.

Finally, here is a poetic reminder of recycling our eyewear:

             See what you can find,

             In all those drawers and pockets

             And cupboards too.

             Among the fluff and stuff will be

             Glasses, specs, pairs 2, no ,3.

             Sunglasses too, All are needed,

             And if this call is not unheeded,

             Please dig them out and dust them down

             Then turn your steps towards the "town"

             And there to find the Lions' boxes, all white and blue,

             At Gulfport, Hardware, Clinic too,

             They wait for glasses, new or old

             To travel on to lands untold

              And there to find new owners with vision poor

             Which thanks to gifts of glasses, your

              Help, and Lions work both far and near,

             Will change and take away the fear

             Of going blind.

             Your kindness and your gift, no matter its size,

              Will travel South and open eyes

              Of folks you do not know,

              Who will have them fitted,

              AND FIND THAT THEY CAN SEE.

(Thanks to the poet, Alan Guy)

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