**From the Lions Den, article for the Mayneliner, March 2016**

At our February meeting, one of our guests, District Governor Brian Philips from Sooke, expanded on the themes of Dignity, Harmony and Humanity as he detailed some of the international projects to which Lions clubs are contributing. Among these projects were measles vaccinations, reading programs, eye health, and fresh water provisions in Guatemala. He also talked about humanitarian aid to those in need, especially in disaster areas. Lions are able to send direct aid to many parts of the world within 24 to 36 hours. He noted that funds would be available quickly for our own community should it ever be needed.

Congratulations go to Mike Bullis who was presented with a 30 year Service Award. Bill Liversidge, Art Calvert, Wayne Ming and Stephen Mathieson were recipients of the Club Award of Appreciation.

We welcomed new member, Mike Halliday, sponsored by Bob Soper, who was inducted into the Mayne Island Lions’ Club.

Another guest, Ron Weeks, is seeking government funding and Mayne Island groups’ support to have a Mayne Island 150 years project for 2017 to celebrate this special year in Canada’s history. In the near future, there will probably be a gathering of representatives from island associations to give shape to these ideas.

The whole community is invited to come to the Lions’ Open House on March 4th. The events continue into the evening so that those who cannot make it during the day won’t miss out. We want Mayne Islanders to know what we have been doing over the years, and what we’re up to now. Along with a light lunch, there will be displays of ongoing projects, our history on Mayne Island, our services, celebrations, speeches and conversations. Posters are up and about describing the events, so check their details and the ad in the Mayneliner, and join us in this exciting day!

The phone book will be out soon and has been well supported by our advertisers. Please acknowledge these businesses as they make this valuable resource available.

Don’t forget to donate the eyeglasses you have outgrown (or out-focussed) at the several locations on-island, and check out our web page at [www.mayneislandlions.org](http://www.mayneislandlions.org) if you wish to glean any more information about the club.

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