(Lion’s Den Contribution for the May, 2016 Mayneliner.)

The Lions are stretching their ligaments and muscles, anticipating the delivery of chairs and tables, and setting up tents for spring and summer events such as the Church Fair, Quilt Show, Fall Fair, Salmon BBQ, weddings, and so on.

Three guests for our April dinner meeting have joined the Lions and we look forward to their induction at the May 4th dinner meeting.

As most of the readers are aware, the Mayne island Assisted Living group has lost a significant part of its funding. The Lions have responded to their request for help and have pledged the earnings from our annual 222 draw along with a new special event. On June 11, there will be a CookOff challenge! Keep a look-out for more news and “rules” around preparing the most delicious Mac & Cheese inspired dish. Thanks, Brian Dearden, for organizing, and let’s all pitch in to make this a real success.

Letters of thanks were received from the church for our contribution toward the restoration of the driveway, and also a thank you note was received from the Parks committee for our preparing the grounds for the Easter Egg Hunt.

For several years, the Saturna Lions Club has invited the Mayne Island Lions to attend their Charter Night. We have now learned that if they forget to invite us, we remind them. They provide a wonderful meal and an opportunity for us to see how another club operates. Last year we enjoyed seeing multiple generations involved on Saturna. The young parents bring the children along to the meetings and that certainly energizes things. Some of our members will be going on April 25, and we look forward to hearing about their experiences.

Keep watching for some changes at Dinner Bay. The Lion’s shed is getting an addition and the stage platform will be upgraded.

As usual, please make your bookings for tents, tables, chairs and dinnerware asap to avoid disappointment for your summer event.

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