

Northeast Eyeopener News

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“We Serve”



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INSPIRING MEETINGS

Last month, our club newsletter featured the second article of a four-part article series based on my discoveries from facilitating a session at the Officer's Training School at Strathmore in April 2010. The session topic assigned to me was "Keeping Members Interested and Active". During the training session, I described four characteristics that I believe help to keep members interested and engaged: (1) Empowering Leadership, (2) Gift-based Service, (3) Inspiring Meetings, and (4) Loving Relationships. In this article, I will be addressing the third of these four characteristics—Inspiring Meetings.

The Inspiring Meetings characteristic asks the question "are your meetings an inspiring experience for those who attend?" Most Lions clubs have meetings that follow a particular agenda and a standard structure for the order, but our meetings can be so much more than words on paper and standards. For a meeting to be an inspiring experience, it needs to be fun, engaging, fulfilling and meaningful. This is such a critical element for getting people interested and engaged in the club activities, projects and events.

The role of the Tail Twister was designed to create an encouraging, fun, lively and respectful environment for all members during the meeting. To have inspiring meetings, it is important for us to activate, support and get our Tail Twister working (which I believe she definitely does during our club's meetings). However, we must also recognize that it is not the sole responsibility of the Tail Twister to set the mood of each meeting. It is important that we all work to engage one another, to create moments of fun and laughter, to play games together, and to share inspiring stories with one another. People need, want and crave inspiration in their lives. Inspiration can empower us to serve our community to the best of our abilities, gifts and talents.

Personally, I am inspired by our club meetings and by each of our members. I strongly believe it is one of the reasons we are growing as a club. But if you don't feel that way, I would encourage you create change. Maybe you are among those Lions who believe that enduring a boring meeting is a virtue and just part of being a Lion. You really don't have to believe that any longer. You can rightly expect a meeting to be inspiring for you – one that you won't want to miss because it energizes you for days to follow. This is your club and if you have ideas to make our meetings more inspiring, perhaps you could make suggestions to the President or Tail Twister to include some of your ideas. Let's work together to create meetings that are an inspiring experience for all who attend.

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NOTABLE QUOTE

"The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service."

~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Club Projects, Events and Activities

Upcoming Events and Projects

Lions Information/Orientation Session

On September 8th, 2010, the Northeast Eyeopeners Club will be hosting a Lions Information/Orientation Session. The session is for all members (new and not-so-new) and will be held at the Winston Heights Community Center beginning at 7:30pm.

We expect this to be great session and strongly encourage all club members to attend. Lions from other clubs are also welcome to join. Please contact Brian Stevenson or Jack Isaman for more information.

Stampeder BBQ's

With summer sort-of here, the Stampeder BBQ's are in full swing. Thank you to all those who have volunteered during one or more of these BBQ's this year. With a few more games left in the season, there are still volunteer spots available. If you are interested in volunteering during one of the future Stampeders BBQ's, please contact Tracey Devine.

Important Requests

Dinner Meeting Attendance

We would love for every club member to be able to attend every club meeting, but we recognize that this is simply not possible. Work, holidays and life happens. That is why confirming your attendance for upcoming meetings is so important. We need to know if you will be joining us for dinner, because having accurate numbers helps our caterers prepare appropriately. Please confirm your attendance for dinner with your Phoning Person (Mike Kirby, Dennise Braithwaite, Joyce Schmidtler, or Ollie Borgedahl) by the Sunday before each meeting.

District Directory Corrections

The 2010-2011 District Directories are available. If you have not received your copy, please contact Dennise Braithwaite. For those who have received a copy, please review it carefully for correct information, and send all updates and corrections via email to Robert Herritt before August 31st.

Member Spotlight

RON LUNDGREN

When and where were you born?

Longer ago than I feel, Sudbury, Ontario

Do you have any children? Names? Ages?

One son, Keith, 31

Do you have any pets?

Not at this time.

What is your favourite food?

Fresh caught pan-fried bass.

What was the last book you read?

Scott Turow: The Burden of Proof (again!), currently: Robert Ludlum, The Sigma Protocol

If you were an animal, what would you want to be? Why?

A Bull Moose, I have great respect for an animal that can outsmart you in a flash and is afraid of nothing.

Which historical figure do you most admire?

Prime Minister Lester Pearson, he made Canada the strong “middle” power it is today with diplomacy and sincere effort. Not that he wasn't above using his political skills to remove his opposition when needed.

What was your first job?

Summer job as Swimming Instructor and Lifeguard on Lake Ramsey (in the middle of the City of Sudbury).

If time, talent, and money were no obstacle, what would be your dream job?

To run a charitable organization helping families that deserve a hand up, not a hand out (as long it only took 6 months, so Wendy and I could spend 6 months in the sun!)

What accomplishments are you most proud of?

Raising a son that is happy and successful at his dream job.

What brought you to Lions? What keeps you here?

My best friend in Sudbury insisted that I come out with him to the organizational meeting of a new Lions Club and socialize with many like-minded businessmen & professionals. Our first Christmas brunch that we held for about a dozen dis-advantaged families. The parents were delighted with the Christmas hampers we had for them, but the kids were just over the moon with the abundance of toys. I remember very clearly the almost deafening joyous noise of them running around and playing with the gifts that they had opened and the anticipation in the faces of the children (and their parents) for the gifts yet to be opened for Christmas day. Working to create those looks of joy and anticipation, no matter the individual, is more than enough reward.



Important Dates and Information

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

August 2nd
August 5th
August 7th
August 25th

Jackie Sebo
Beverly Spencer
Denise Isaman
Vern Borgedahl

September 4th
September 9th
September 11th
September 13th
September 25th

Bryant Tomimoto
Luke Ng
Tracey Devine
Mike Kirby
Abby Khalil

ANNIVERSARIES

August 12th

Violet and Yves Duclos

September 7th
September 8th
September 18th

Bert and Greta Legaspi
Jerry and Shirley Korocil
Howard and Lorraine
MacDonald

FANNING CENTRE SCHEDULES

BINGOS

August 7th
August 14th
August 21st
August 28th

NO BINGO
Team Two
Team Three
Team One

September 4th
September 11th
September 18th
September 25th

Team Two
Team Three
Team Four
Team One

BAR

August 7th
August 21st

Bruce and Carol Carr
Rebecca Snukal and Joey Lyon

September 4th
September 18th

Fred Moore and Paula Hagel
Al Fay and Tracey Devine

DISTRICT 37-O CABINET

District Governor	John Goodrich
1st Vice DG	Rose Geonzon
2nd Vice DG	Bruce Bishop
Secretary	Bill Baux
Treasurer	Bill Baux
PDG	Fred Walters

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Tail Twister	Janet Sebo
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