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VALENTINES DAY MEETING

Our last meeting was on Valentines Day February 14th, 2011 and we had 18 Regular Lions and 3 Guests in attendance. This shows just how dedicated our Lions are as they chose to attend the meeting rather than taking their "sweetheart" out for the evening. The Chinese Auction was run by Lion Peter VanAmelsfoort and Lion Jenn Thomas-Reaume won the prize of a \$25 gift certificate from Garland's Service Centre donated by Lion Doug Young. Next meetings prize will be Lion Shannon Young's responsibility.

Visitation from the zone chair man

One of our guests was Zone Chairman Lion Raymond Weiler who provided us with some interesting information on the Leader Dog Program. Did you know that all Leader Dogs you see are trained by the Lions Leader Dog Program? Also, these dogs are not just used for the visually impaired but are assisting people with other medical and physical disabilities such as hearing, seizures and autism. So, as you can see, this is a very worthwhile project that we should support whenever we have the opportunity. Zone Chairman Raymond also talked about the LCIF, which is a fund from Lions International that can be accessed by Lions Clubs for major projects. They are looking to start a Canadian chapter of this fund to enable us to possibly receive "matched" funding from the Government when available. (An example of this was the Haiti Relief, when the government would match donations). Thanks Lion Raymond for all your information and insight.

Regional rally

The Regional Rally will be held at the Golden Age Club in North Bay on Friday February 25th. Cocktails are from 5:30 – 6:30 pm with Dinner being served at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$20 per person and Lions Peter VanAmelsfoort and Carrie Thompson will be calling February 21st to see how many Lions are interested in attending.

Breakfast anyone?

The Pancake Breakfasts will begin Sunday March 13, 2011 from 9 -12 and go for the next 5 weeks. Lions Tracy Raaflaub and Shannon Young will be chairing these events and will be looking for all the help they can get. Make sure you tell everyone you know about these fundraising breakfasts so that we have good attendance.

Lion's canoe raffle

Lion Doug Young has agreed to Chair this raffle again this year and has started the process of getting the license and tickets. The prizes will be the same as last year...canoe, coffee table and chair. Please make yourself available to sell tickets for Lion Doug when he starts making up schedules at various functions and locations. This is one of our major fundraising events of the year and there are lots of tickets to sell. A couple of hours of your time a few times in the next 6-7 months isn't a lot but will make a big difference to Lion Doug.

Maple syrup tickets

Ticket sales are over for the Maple Syrup Draw...now all we need is for the sap to start flowing! If you have not already done so, please return all your ticket stubs and money to Lion Donna Arkwright as soon as possible.

New fundraising ideas

It was brought up that the Club needs to come up with some new fund raising ideas. We are looking for ideas that don't involve selling tickets as we have just finished the Maple Syrup draw and are moving right into the Canoe Raffle. So put your thinking caps on and if you have some ideas let Lions Donna Arkwright or Tracy Raaflaub know as they are chairing this new committee. I am sure we can come up with something interesting and unique that will generate some fun as well as some much needed funds.

Bingo

The Bingos at the Northeastern Regional Mental Health Centre will be starting up again in March at the new facility. Lion Jennifer Thomas-Reaume will get more details on the date and location for the next meeting. She is also looking for 4-5 volunteers to help her out. If you are interested please let Jenn know.

Just for laughs

On a golf tour in Newfoundland, Tiger Woods drives his Mercedes Benz into a gas station in a remote part of the island.

The attendant at the pump greets him in a typical Newfoundland manner, completely unaware of who the golfing pro is.

"Mornin' bye" says the attendant.

Tiger nods a quick "hello" and bends forward to pick up the nozzle. As he does so, two tees fall out of his shirt pocket onto the ground.

"What are dey den, son?" asks the attendant.

"They're called tees" replies Tiger.

"Well, what on de good earth are dey for?" inquires the Newfie.

"They're for resting my balls on when I'm driving" says Tiger.

"Freeckin Jaysus" says the Newfie, "Dem boys at Mercedes tink of everything".

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