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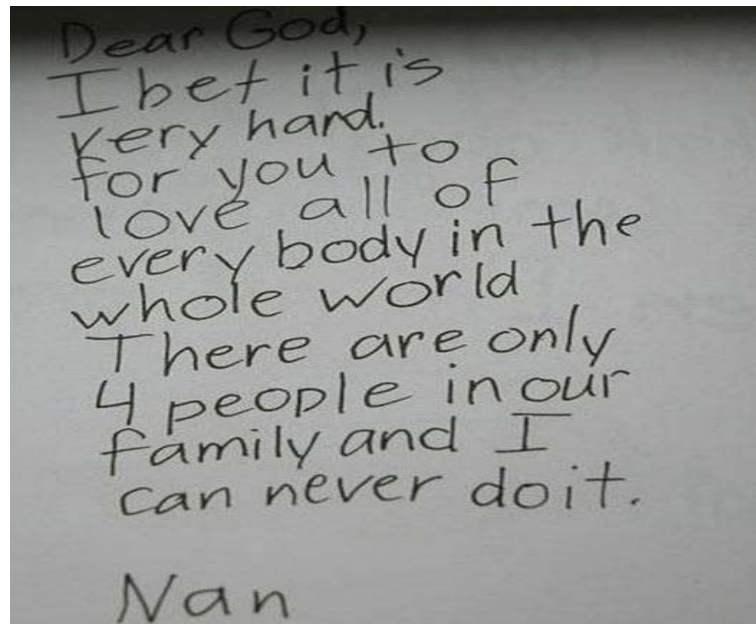
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Gravenhurst Lions News & Announcements



Ethan Roos son of Lion Carrie and Ryan Roos and baby brother to cub Ryan Roos in his Lion vest. Quite the handsome little man don't you think.



Birthdays

Terry Stevenson - Dec 21st

Gord Campbell - Dec 25th

Ian Gray - Dec 27th

Anniversaries

Lorn & Eleanor Punshon - Dec 17th

Ron & Barb Riddell - Dec 19th

Randy & Lynn McGregor - Dec 22nd

Ed & Barb Stirrrett - Dec 27th

Carrie & Ryan Roos - Dec 28th

Dave & Nancy Durant - Dec 31st

Get Well Wishes

Eunice Chaisson

Carol Kloepfer

Harvey Ramer

And anyone else out there who I was not told about our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Reminders for month of December

Lions 50/50 Draw is December 15th at Gravenhurst Tapes at 2pm. If you have any tickets left please let Lion Mike Stora know so that we may get them sold before the 15th.

Breakfast Program at Beechgrove Public School can always use extra help every Monday from 8:15am to 8:45am. If you can help please let Lion Ian know and he will put you down for a shift.

Lions Christmas get together is December 19th at the Granite Restaurant at 7pm. Cost is \$20.00 per person and there will be a cash auction any questions please contact Lion Ken Kloepfer

At the time of the putting together of the December Bulletin I did not have any information as to whether there is a Lions Kids Christmas Party

If any one is available on Dec 7th or Dec 21st to help at Leisureworld for Happy Hour please let Lion Sheila know

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the Salvation Army Kettles for December 16th please let Lion Sheila know also

From the California Bureau of Investigation:

Southern California law enforcement professionals assigned to detect new threats to personal security issues, recently discovered what type of information is embedded in the credit card type hotel room keys used throughout the industry.

Although room keys differ from hotel to hotel, a key obtained from a well known hotel chain that was being used for a regional Identify Theft Presentation was found to contain the following information:

- A. customer's (your name)
- B. customer's partial home address
- C. hotel room number
- D. check in date and check out date
- E. customer's (your) credit card number and expiration date

When you turn them into the front desk your personal information is there for any employee to access by simply scanning the card in the hotel scanner.

An employee can take handfuls of cards home and using a scanning device, access the information onto a laptop computer and go shopping at your expense.

Simply put, hotels do not erase the information on these cards until an employee re-issues the card to the next hotel guest. At that time, the new guest's information is electronically "overwritten" on the card and the previous guest's information is erased in the overwriting process. But until the card is rewritten for the next guest, it usually is kept in a drawer at the front desk with YOUR INFORMATION ON IT

The bottom line is: Keep the cards, take them home with you, or destroy them. NEVER leave them behind in the room or room wastebasket, and NEVER turn them into the front desk when you check out of a room. They will not charge you for the card (it's illegal) and you'll be sure you are not leaving a lot of valuable personal information on it that could be easily lifted off with any simple scanning device card reader.

For the same reason, if you arrive at the airport and discover you still have the card key in your pocket, do not toss it in an airport trash basket.

Take it home and destroy it by cutting it up, especially through the electronic information strip! Information courtesy of Pasadena Police Dept.

This is very good information for you to pass onto others as this is what we called " The Travel Season"

IF I COULD BE CLUB PRESIDENT AGAIN

More than 45,000 new Presidents take office every July. The Club's success hinges largely on their success as a leader.

In many Clubs, Lionism is hardly moving forward at all. Why so? - stagnation. The activities in too many Clubs have become dull, repetitious, and uninspiring. There's no enthusiasm. The fire has gone out. Most Clubs haven't tried a new idea in years. Too many of the shining goals of Lionism have been tarnished by mediocrity.

But the fact is, Presidents, you need not settle for a mediocre Club. The potential for creative and exciting Lion activity is absolutely overwhelming. This can be the best year your Club has ever seen.

Lion's success is in your hands. What kind of leadership will you provide? Time and again I've heard Past Presidents lament, "If I could do it over again, I would" Well, I'll tell you five things I would do "if I could be President again." Consider these ideas; they may help you break the cycle of mediocrity in your Club.

FIRST, I WOULD EMPHASIZE THE DIGNITY OF LIONISM

This doesn't mean that I would want stuffed shirts or prudes, but it does mean that there is no place in Lions for off-colour jokes or embarrassing horseplay.

When the President opens a meeting, common courtesy demands that he or she be given full attention by every member. If your Club isn't giving this attention, now is the time to start a new trend.

Any Club member should be able to bring a guest - without the slightest doubt that the experience will be delightful. Lionism is fun, but it also has DIGNITY and CLASS.

SECOND, I WOULD DE-EMPHASIZE 100% ATTENDANCE

I believe in good attendance as much as the next Lion. Some Lions have 30 or 40 years of 100% attendance, but that doesn't really say anything except that they have regular habits and have eaten a lot of high calorie meals.

If I could lead a Club again, I think I'd view attendance with a slightly different perspective. You must attend meetings if you expect to get anything out of Lionism. But a fetish on attendance? Some Clubs take ten minutes of every meeting to check on the absences of members and fine those who failed to get a make-up. This is a waste of time when there are other important things to do during a Lions' meeting. Don't assume "attendance" equals "service".

Poor attendance says as much about the quality of Club meetings as about the members themselves. Make your meetings so interesting and vital that members won't want to miss one.

Our By-Laws don't require 100% attendance. They suggest 80%. I'd rather see a Lion attend 80% of the meetings and do something valuable for Lionism than see a "100 per-center" who merely shows up at the meetings.

THIRD, I WOULD IMPROVE PROGRAMS

Nothing discourages members more than un-inspired programs. Good programs ensure good attendance at meetings; they also help prevent the problems of members leaving early.

There are dozens of excellent speakers in other Lions Clubs who would be flattered to be invited to talk to your Club.

If I could be President again, I would see that my Club treated speakers with more courtesy. Many Clubs neglect to show appreciation. The least we can do is give him or her a thank you note and a small gift. The value of the gift is not as important as the expression of thanks.

FOURTH, I WOULD TAKE A NEW LOOK AT THE PRESIDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY AS A LEADER

I would polish my introductions of Lion visitors. I would make my welcome sincere and warm. I would provide interesting Lions information at every meeting. It needn't be a big dose; just a few minutes. It might be a Committee Report; or a fascinating Lions fact (When did Lions start a Club in Windsor, Ontario, thus making Lions truly "international"? There are hundreds of fascinating facts about Lions that would make your meetings more interesting.)

You have about 3-4 precious hours each month to conduct your Club's affairs. So plan your time wisely, and be sure to relate each item on your agenda to Lionistic service.

FIFTH, IF I COULD DO IT AGAIN, I WOULD ORIENT MY YEAR AS PRESIDENT AROUND WELL-PLANNED GOALS

Chart a successful year with high aims. The accomplishments of your Club will seldom be greater than the goals you set. To succeed, you must set specific goals, and then strive to reach them.

Be a leader. Make a goal for each Service: membership growth, Campaign SightFirst II, LCIF, youth programs, and every program of Lionism. If you don't have a goal for each area, you'll never know whether your Club achieved success during your term.

Your Club will remember your year as President, one way or another. Make it a year you - and they - will be proud to recall.

Don't worry about the occasional thoughtless critic or the foot-dragger. Don't listen to Past Presidents who caution that "we never did it that way before". Just remember that when success begins, everyone will want to jump on the bandwagon.

For many, the opportunity to lead a Lions Club knocks only once. Make the best of your year, and you'll never have to look wistfully back and think, "If I could only be President again....."

HAVE A GREAT YEAR LEADING YOUR CLUB IN THE GREATEST SERVICE CLUB ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD!

*PID John Hoyle, Massachusetts
Speech delivered at a USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum*

LIONS "ACRONYM" LIST

ACRONYM	DEFINITION
IP	INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
ID	INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR
PIP	PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
PID	PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR
CC	COUNCIL CHAIR
PCC	PAST COUNCIL CHAIR
DG	DISTRICT GOVERNOR
PDG	PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR
VDG	VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR
DDG	DEPUTY DISTRICT GOVERNOR (now Region Chair)
PDDG	PAST DEPUTY DISTRICT GOVERNOR
CST	CABINET SECRETARY TREASURER
PCST	PAST CABINET SECRETARY TREASURER
RC	REGION CHAIR
PRC	PAST REGION CHAIR
ZC	ZONE CHAIR
PZC	PAST ZONE CHAIR
PP	PAST CLUB PRESIDENT
LCI	LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
LCIF	LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION
LFC	LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA (Dogguides)
MJF	MELVIN JONES FELLOW
JBSF	JUDGE BRIAN STEVENSON FELLOW
CSF	CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST
CSFII	CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST II
LQ	LIONS-QUEST (Thrive!)
MDA	MULTIPLE DISTRICT "A"



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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Dec 5th - Lions Meeting 7pm at Granite Restaurant

Dec 6th - Leo Meeting 7pm at Gravenhurst Youth building

Dec 7th - Happy Hour at 6:15pm to 7:30pm at Leisureworld

Dec 19th - Lions Christmas get together 7pm at Granite Restaurant

Dec 20th - Leo Meeting 7pm at Gravenhurst Youth building

Dec 21st - Happy Hour at 6:15pm to 7:30pm at Leisureworld

Dec 24th - Christmas Eve

Dec 25th - Christmas Day

Dec 26th - Directors Meeting 7pm at Granite Restaurant

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