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A very mysterious guest arrived to welcome Region 21 Chair Nancy Watt-Durant to the Gravenhurst Lions meeting on Oct. 18th. It seems that I.P. had something very funny to say to both Lion Nan and Lion Archie. You must all beware when leaving your doors open as just about anyone will just drop in for a visit.

Does anyone know which club Ike Parkinfarken belongs to as we would like to give him a visitation credit from our club.



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Gravenhurst Lions News & Announcements



RC NANCY WATT-DURANT WAS AT OUR CLUB FOR HER OFFICIAL VISIT .



Birthdays

Bud Leonard— Oct 27th

Chris Lewis—Nov 7th

Jim Fletcher—Nov 28th

Daniel Soucy—Nov 28th

Anniversaries

Bill & Kathy Allison—Nov 22nd

Wendy & Richard Rawlings—Nov 24th

Dawn & Gerry deVreeze—Nov 29th

RECIPE CORNER— FROM KATHY DAoust

CHICKEN IN TOMATO SAUCE (Bill's Favorite)

Skinless chicken thighs (2 per person)

Flour (depends on number of thighs used)

4 tablespoons of butter or margarine

Salt, pepper, paprika

Can of Tomato soup (plain, bisque, or with oregano)

1/2 cup of chopped onion

1/3 can of water

1 tablespoon of lemon juice

1/4 teaspoon of cinnamon

1/8 teaspoon of ginger

1/8 teaspoon of cloves

Flour chicken and brown in 2 tbsp. of butter in a large saucepan. Salt pepper and paprika to taste.

Remove chicken from the pan and put aside.

Brown onions in chicken drippings until tender.

Add water, soup, lemon juice and stir well.

Add cinnamon, ginger and cloves stirring well. Bring to a slow boil.

Add chicken thighs to pan covering them with sauce.

Cover pan and simmer for approximately 30 minutes or until chicken is thoroughly cooked. Stir sauce occasionally.

"One of the secrets of life is to make stepping stones out of stumbling blocks."

THE ART OF RECOGNITION

Recognition can be defined as, "acknowledgement with a show of appreciation."

International President Clem Kusiak encourages us to practice the Art of Recognition in our dealings with those who join us in service to our communities.

Recognition can be categorized in one of two ways: formal or informal. Both types are important to Lions if we hope to have a truly well-balanced approach to acknowledging the efforts of our members.

Lions Clubs International has an extensive formal recognition program to reward Lions for special achievement. The program encompasses individuals from Leos to government officials, and from new members to international presidents.

If you would like to learn more about the 140+ awards that LCI sponsors, you can purchase the new publication, **The Guide to Awards & Recognition** from LCI Club Supplies, or you can download it from the LCI website, www.lionsclubs.org

Recognition can also be a more personal reinforcement that we call informal recognition. From a simple "thank you," to buying lunch, to sending a note, to naming a club event in their honour, we can all employ creativity to let others know we notice and appreciate their hard work.

The Art of Recognition is another publication that can be purchased from LCI Club Supplies. It provides a variety of interesting and innovative ways to let other Lions know their service is noticed and valued.

"If you think you're too small to make a difference, you haven't been in bed with a mosquito!"

Submitted by: PDG Kathy Daoust, MD'A' MERL TEAM Chairperson

POINTS OF INTEREST;

Variety Show Sunday Nov 20th needs a few workers for the refreshment table and maybe a few to seat the guests

Santa Claus Parade Nov 26th - we need workers to get the float ready and also for the day of parade to hand out the hot chocolate. Also please bring any ideas to design this years float as the theme is "THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS" So every one put on your thinking caps and come up with some great ideas. Work parties will take place at Stevenson Plumbing as Lion Terry has so graciously offered his shop again this year.

Beechgrove Breakfast Program needs volunteers for Monday's if you have a free morning please let Lion Ian Gray know and he will gladly sign you to a date.

Leisureworld Happy Hour needs volunteers for 2 Thursdays a month if you can spare some time for drink serving and a little fun please let Lion Doug Hewittson know and he will gladly give you a night here or there.

Remembrance Day Flags - The flags will be put out at 7am and picked up at 7pm. All available Lions please show up at the Gull Lake Park to help.

Our Get Well wishes go out to Lion Harvey Ramer as undergoes more treatments, to Lion Mike Crawford as he is recuperating from a triple by-pass , to Lion Ken Kloepfer's wife Carol and to Lion Ron Chaisson's wife Eunice.

Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to Lion Bill Allison and His family in their time of sorrow.

I thought that this was worth passing along. It really does illustrate the true spirit of Lionism whether it is a true story or not.

Kath

Breakfast at McDonald's . Please read until the end.

This is a good story and is true, please read it all the way through until the end! (After the story, there are some very interesting facts!):

I am a mother of three (ages 14, 12, 3) and have recently completed my college degree. The last class I had to take was Sociology.

The teacher was absolutely inspiring with the qualities that I wish every human being had been graced with. Her last project of the term was called "Smile."

The class was asked to go out and smile at three people and document their reactions. I am a very friendly person and always smile at everyone and say hello anyway, so, I thought this would be a piece of cake, literally. Soon after we were assigned the project, my husband, youngest son, and I went out to McDonald's one crisp March morning. It was just our way of sharing special playtime with our son. We were standing in line, waiting to be served, when all of a sudden everyone around us began to back away, and then even my husband did. I did not move an inch... an overwhelming feeling of panic welled up inside of me as I turned to see why they had moved. As I turned around I smelled a horrible "dirty body" smell, and there standing behind me were two poor homeless men.

As I looked down at the short gentleman, close to me, he was "smiling". His beautiful sky blue eyes were full of God's Light as he searched for acceptance. He said, "Good day" as he counted the few coins he had been clutching.

The second man fumbled with his hands as he stood behind his friend. I realized the second man was mentally challenged and the blue-eyed gentleman was his salvation. I held my tears as I stood there with them.

The young lady at the counter asked him what they wanted. He said, "Coffee is all Miss" because that was all they could afford. (If they wanted to sit in the restaurant and warm up, they had to buy something. He just wanted to be warm). Then I really felt it - the compulsion was so great I almost reached out and embraced the little man with the blue eyes. That is when I noticed all eyes in the restaurant were set on me, judging my every action. I smiled and asked the young lady behind the counter to give me two more breakfast meals on a separate tray. I then walked around the corner to the table that the men had chosen as a resting spot. I put the tray on the table and laid my hand on the blue-eyed gentleman's cold hand. He looked up at me, with tears in his eyes, and said, "Thank you." I leaned over, began to pat his hand and said, "I did not do this for you. God is here working through me to give you hope." I started to cry as I walked away to join my husband and son. When I sat down my husband smiled at me and said, "That is why God gave you to me, Honey, to give me hope." We held hands for a moment and at that time, we knew that only because of the Grace that we had been given were we able to give. We are not church goers, but we are believers. That day showed me the pure Light of God's sweet love. I returned to college, on the last evening of class, with this story in hand. I turned in "my project" and the instructor read it. Then she looked up at me and said, "Can I share this?" I slowly nodded as she got the attention of the class.

She began to read and that is when I knew that we as human beings and being part of God share this need to heal people and to be healed. In my own way I had touched the people at McDonald's, my husband, son, instructor, and every soul that shared the classroom on the last night I spent as a college student. I graduated with one of the biggest lessons I would ever learn:

UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE.

Much love and compassion is sent to each and every person who may read this and learn how to

LOVE PEOPLE AND USE THINGS - NOT LOVE THINGS AND USE PEOPLE.

To handle yourself, use your head.

To handle others, use your heart.

God Gives every bird it's food, but He does not throw it into its nest.

Searching for the Truth:

1. If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
2. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
3. If a pig loses its voice, if it disgruntled?
4. "I am" is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that "I do" is the longest sentence?
5. Do Lipton Tea employees take coffee breaks?
6. No one ever says "It's only a game" when their team is winning.
7. What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?
8. Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite things?
9. Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist but a person drives a race car not called a racist?
10. Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?
11. If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed Up?
12. Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Original sources unknown my source is Lion Glen Peart



November 2005

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Nov 1 Lions Meeting
7pm. Granite Restaurant

Nov 3 & 17 -Happy Hour
Leisureworld 6:30 pm.

Nov 7, 14, 21 & 28 -Breakfast
Program Beechgrove PS

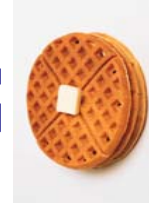
Nov 11 -Remembrance Day
Flag Program 7am & 7pm

Nov 15 - DG Leonard Day's
Club Visitation 7pm Granite Restaurant

Nov 20 - Variety Show 1pm
Gravenhurst Public School

Nov 22- Directors Meeting 7pm
Granite Restaurant

Nov 26 - Santa Claus Parade
1pm start at Leisureworld



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