



Essex Junction Lions Club

Newsletter February 2009

January happenings

January meetings

Our first meeting of the year went very well. We had three people from the Essex ChiPS organization talk to us about the student activities and groups that have grown out of the Essex Teen Center. We may have the opportunity to work with them on some future Lions projects, or ChiPS projects.

The second meeting also was very well received. Our guest speaker was former Green Bay Packer, #87, Karl Swanke. Karl gave us a very inspirational and entertaining talk about his personal vision for his career goals, and how his focus on those goals was instrumental in his achieving success in his football career.

Also present at the 2nd meeting was Lynn Monty, from the Burlington Free Press. She interviewed a few of the Essex Junction Lions, regarding membership and Food from the Heart program. We are anticipating an article to be published in the February Community edition.

KL Bob announced that he has formed a nominating committee to consider the slate of club officers for the 2010-2011 year. At present, we are asking the members to let us know what offices they would like to hold. The committee will be meeting formally in March, to find individuals who will serve in all the offices. We are hoping the members will step up to the challenge, and volunteer.

The LCIF committee met briefly to consider nominations for 2 Melvin Jones candidates, who will be chosen the the District. This is in addition to candidates who will receive MJF awards chosen directly by the club. Those nominations will be considered later this spring.

PDG Betsy gave us a plan for he upcoming Food from the Heart 'Food-Raiser'. The Essex Lions will be sharing territory with the Jericho-Underhill Lions, since Essex has many stores, and J-U has a lot less choices. Jericho will be staffing the Price Chopper in the Center, while our club will be stationed at Mac's Market, and Big Lots. There are quire a few Lions who have already signed up for this event, but we can always use more. Please speak with Betsy to schedule your time.

Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Cmte met for a second time to review the budget that was put in place last fall. The purpose of this mtg was to review the actual incomes from our fundraisers, and to see if any changes should be made to our donation plans. The only significant change was to add back in the support for the Memorial Day

parade. It had been removed last fall, when we thought the parade would be canceled. Now it is back on.

Flea Market

Three Lions (two Essex Junction and one Colchester) conducted a 50/50 cash raffle at the WOKO Flea Market, netting \$119.00 for the Club, a total of seven hours.

Cabinet Meeting & Super Party @ the Elks Club in Burlington.

KL Bob Blue, PDG Betsy MaGee, Secretary, PDG Clem Cardinal, Mary Tewarson, Erin Connors, Dave LaRose attended the meeting on Jan 16.

Our guests at the meeting were District 45 Peace Poster winner, Grace Yu, her parents, and the art teacher from ADL. Grace was recognized by DG Bruce Bushey and Peace Poster chair Julie Simpson. Grace was awarded a \$150 prize.

At the Super Party that evening, the Essex Jct Lions won prizes on both of the tickets purchased by the club. One prize included several gift certificates for local restaurants, and the other was for 60 pounds of the famous ribs from Sunhill Foods. We plan to distribute the gift certificates at our regular meetings. We may try to sell the ribs, or if possible, use them for a club barbeque in the spring/summer.

211 Pairs of recycled eyeglasses were delivered to the District.

Visitations

Lions Becky Beaucage, Mary Tewarson, Mario Marcoux, Dave LaRose, PDG Betsy MaGee, guest Maggie Belval visited Jericho Lions for travel points total of 45 points, as the club had already received the Region Lion earlier in the year.

Various Other Activities Essex Lions have participated in:

From the Monthly M & A (Membership & Activities) report:

Two Lions delivered bread to the needy for a total of 6 hours.

One Lion cooked breakfast at a local nursing home for a total of 12 hours.

Two Lions volunteered at Meals on Wheels, providing meals for a total of eight hours.

Two Lions attended a Memorial Day Parade committee meeting for two hours.

Twelve Lions from Colchester, Essex Junction and Jericho raised over \$1,000 in cash donations for Camp Ta-Kum-Ta from the catch and release trout pond at the Champlain Valley Fairgrounds on January 15, 16, 17.

Upcoming Events

Calendar of Events

Just a quick rundown of the near term events. For more info, go visit the events page on the web site:
<http://home.myfairpoint.net/rfblue/lions/events.htm>

Feb 10 -- Next Club Meeting at the **Hideaway Restaurant** -- 6:30 PM.

Guest speaker will be Andy Watts, talking about his trip to Brazil to help their school system.

Feb 11 – Senior Luncheon

Feb 13 – Food from the Heart program in conjunction with the Jericho Lions Club members

Feb 21 – WOKO Flea Market / Lions Raffle at the Fairgrounds

Feb 27 -- Essex Junction Winter Carnival

Apr 16-18 – Home and Garden Show at the CVE

Thank you all for your support,
KL Bob



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