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MIDLAND LIONS CLUB

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Currently

MARCH 1ST IS ZONE MEETING IN PENETANG.

MARCH 4TH IS OUR MIDLAND LIONS FRIENDSHIP NIGHT AND BUFFET DINNER AT THE BEST WESTERN HIGHLAND INN. LET'S GET THERE BEFORE 6:30 TO GREET OUR GUESTS. WE HOPE TO BETTER EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON LIONISM AND ATTRACT A FEW NEW MEMBERS.

MARCH 11TH IS EFFECTIVE SPEAKING-SEE LION RUTH TO HELP OUT. THE FINALS ARE IN MAY.

MARCH 26TH IS REGION RALLY AT STAYNER. PLEASE ATTEND IF POSSIBLE.

MARCH 28TH AND 29TH IS LIONS LEARNING WEEKEND AT BAYVIEW WILDWOOD RESORT IN SPARROW LAKE. THIS IS FOR NEW LIONS AND THOSE SEEKING OFFICE .

MARCH BINGOS: ALL MAINFRAME (Jackie's Team 1) SUNDAY MARCH 1, (Bud's Team 2) SUNDAY MARCH 8, AND (Jackie's Team 1) SUNDAY MARCH 15.

Looking Back

FEBRUARY 4TH MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY ACTING 4TH PRESIDENT LION LYNN. WE HAD CHRISTY SKELLY COME TO SPEAK ON S.C.A.P.D. FOR THE DISABLED. IT WAS A VERY INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION. SHE GAVE US SOME INFORMATION THAT WILL HELP OUR HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE DEAL WITH OUR REQUESTS FOR AID FROM THE PUBLIC.

FEBRUARY 8TH SUNDAY, WAS THE A12 CABINET MEETING AT VICTORIA HARBOUR. LION RUTH ATTENDED ON OUR BEHALF.

FEBRUARY 11TH WAS B.O.D. MEETING CHAIRED BY ACTING PRESIDENT LION LYNN AT THE HOME OF LIONS RONNIE AND BILL.

FEBRUARY 15TH SUNDAY WAS SCHEDULED TO BE LION EDWIN'S 98TH BIRTHDAY PARTY AT 750 KING PLACE 2-4 PM. THIS WAS CANCELLED AS LION PDG EDWIN WALKER WAS HOSPITALIZED FOR DEHYDRATION WHICH CAUSED KIDNEY FAILURE. HE BRAVELY STRUGGLED TO REGAIN HIS STRENGTH OVER HIS 10 DAY STAY, AND HAD A BRIEF RESPITE ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY THE 12TH AND 13TH. MANY LIONS, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY DROPPED IN TO VISIT HIM AND CHEER HIM ON. SADLY, LION ED PASSED AWAY IN THE EARLY HOURS OF SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15TH. THIS WILL BE HIS FINAL MONTH AS OUR BULLETIN EDITOR SO I WILL TRY MY BEST TO DO THIS PROPERLY.

FEBRUARY 18TH GUEST SPEAKER WAS A VISIT FROM VDG GEORGE BIK WHO INDUCTED A NEW MEMBER, JOHN PARKER INTO OUR CLUB. LION BUD WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND DUE TO A SERIOUS FALL WHICH CAUSED BRUSING ON HIS RIBS AND A BACK INJURY. WE ENCOURAGE ALL LIONS TO CALL AND OFFER HELP TO BOTH LION BUD AND HIS PARTNER IN LIONISM, MIDGE. SOMETIMES JUST A CHEERY WORD IS ENOUGH TO GIVE SOMEONE STRENGTH TO RECOVER QUICKLY.

Looking Forward

APRIL 24-26 IS THE A12 CONVENTION AT DEERHURST RESORT HOSTED BY EMSDALE AND DORSET LIONS CLUBS. REGISTER EARLY TO ENSURE A PLACE AT THE FUNCTIONS.

JUNE 4-7 IS THE MD "A" COUNCIL MEETING IN NORTH BAY.

JULY 3-5 IS THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN MINNIAPOLIS MINNESOTA.

OCTOBER 24-26 IS A "FUN WEEKEND" AT CAMP DORSET. ALL LIONS ARE WELCOME

LION PDG GEORGE EDWIN WALKER February 19, 1911- February 15, 2009

A LIFE WORTH LIVING



Rebecca Pearce is pictured here receiving her award for Effective Speaking from Lion PDG Edwin Walker at the first meeting of the year at Lion Bud's on September 3, 2008

The Effective Speaking Contest was just one of the many Lions activities that our Charter member was instrumental in starting during his nearly 72 years of perfect attendance.

He was Midland Lions President in 1941-1942 during which he presided over a summer carnival, ran weekly bingos, sold souvenir coins, and raised \$2800 for a mobile canteen used by the Salvation Army overseas.

Lion Edwin was elected D.D.G. for 1949-1950. His guest speaker at the Region Rally in Owen Sound was none other than Lions International founder Melvin Jones whom he had met previously and heard speak in Toronto in 1937. He held this office again in 1960-1961.

He was elected as District Governor for the 1962-1963 Lions year, and was installed at the International Convention in Nice France. Lion Ed presided over District 9 and Chartered clubs in Angus and Wasaga Beach that year.

Lion Edwin was named International Councilor and later recognized as PDG.

He served our club in his later years selling 300 Club tickets, Easter Bunnies, and Christmas Cakes. He was chairman of the Membership Committee for many years sponsoring over 25 new members. He was our unofficial photographer at meetings, and took an active part in the Board of Directors. He attended as many functions as was possible and was a welcomed source of correct information. Euchre Night was his favourite social activity.

Since his charter year he has received just about every honour, medal, and award that Lions International could bestow on a Lion. He was given the Key member pin for sponsoring two members in 1947, the Master Key for 12 members in 1969 and 15 members in 1999. He was awarded a Lifetime Membership in 1973 and the Melvin Jones Award in 1987.

He served as Cabinet Secretary while his son Lion Gordon Walker was Governor of District A12 in 1974-1975.

Our Lion Ed received many more awards and honours at the Midland Lions 70th Charter Anniversary Night. I worked closely under him for two of the last five years while he was our Bulletin Editor. This is the last Mini Roar written with his byline. He has been and will continue to be an inspiration to newer members and a role model for our club. I feel privileged to have known him. ROAR! ROAR! ROAR!



Lion PDG Edwin Walker resting a little after the festivities at our 70th Charter Night November 3, 2007
Lions Hall North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre, Midland