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Club Co-Operation

As in the past, the annual Christmas tree project (trees mainly from our two farms) went well and in 2007 all activities and the net profit was shared equally by Gibsons, Egmont and Sunshine Coast Clubs despite some distance, Egmont is 55 miles away from Gibsons.

Also, one Club was a bit short in their LCIF account to purchase a Melvin Jones Fellowship, so two other Clubs contributed to the cause to ensure that the award could be purchased.

General

The January 1st Polar Bear Swim (organized by the Sunshine Coast Club) went extremely well this year with dry but chilly weather. Approximately 60 swimmers participated along with over 150 spectators. Free hot chocolate was served and a DJ was present. The event received good press coverage, all positive factors to make the public aware of the Lions presence in the community

As anticipated, the Sunshine Coast made a public announcement that they are now finished with the E Waste Disposal Project due to minimal or zero recovery of costs and efforts incurred.

Pender Harbour received their large cheque from sale of timber on the new soccer fields. They are now planning to renovate the hall (used for Lions meetings and rentals), renovate the attached "pancake room", upgrade the present water and sewage systems and construct a concession stand in the new soccer field.

In order to increase efficiency and service to the public, Clubs are upgrading their equipment (Gibsons - upgrade of concession trailer, Sunshine Coast - upgrade of their small concession trailer and Pender Harbour - complete repair of their cooking grills).

We had excellent attendance at our second zone meeting in Gibsons earlier this month and we were extremely pleased to have as visitors Cecil Fung, Dickie Lam, Annie Lau

and September Stokes who gave us an inspiring presentation about varying aspects of Lionism. One senior Lion's comments were "we should clone her thoughts for every Club". Thanks everyone for attending and giving up a Sunday afternoon away from your families.

I have now completed my official visits as zone chairman except one to Powell River which will happen on March 5th. I am pleased five Clubs are operating successfully and have enthusiastic members (who are always on the lookout for suitable future members who are service minded and will be an asset rather than a liability to their Club).

I attended the Cabinet meeting in Vancouver recently which was very informative and I had a chance to see the new 19 A diabetes van. There is a strong possibility that the van will be fully equipped by early March and will likely be available for viewing at our 3rd zone meeting in Powell River on Sunday March 16th.

District Governor's Visits

To date DG Henry has made three visits to A-6, the meetings were enthusiastic and everyone present was extremely impressed with DG Henry's inspiring speech and the goals that he will meet in his year as District Governor. At the Sunshine Coast meeting two new members were inducted (one of which said "I am not a new member but a recycled member who has been away from Lions for over 10 years and boy it feels good to be an active Lion member again"). Also to follow tradition, DG Henry, along with his wife Rita had the pleasure of staying at Phillip & I's bed and Breakfast at Roberts Creek, apparently the afternoon high teas are something to remember.

19 A Spring Conference

Will be held on April 4th & 5th at the Burnaby Executive Inn. Rooms are all suites \$95 including parking. PDG Ray Moyle is the conference chairman so let us try for a good attendance from A-6 to show DG Henry our support for his efforts.

Zone Meeting #3

Will be held on Sunday March 16th in Powell River. To date I have confirmed attendance from Patty Allen and Mike Gayda from the MD19 office, Cecil Fung, Dickie Lam and a few other Lions expressed some interest at the recent cabinet meeting to attending. It would be great if some "ordinary" members could attend as well not just president and secretaries. Everyone present should be able to view the equipped diabetes van.

Thank You

Once again, my efficient secretaries have achieved 100% timely submission of the January 2008 monthly reports. WAY TO GO, YOU ARE ALL SUBERB.

Respectfully submitted,

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