

The Lions Tale

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Happy New Year Vancouver Lions!

Well here it is. July 2010. A new year. A new King Lion. And another 4th of July just days away. Happy Birthday, America! Happy new year, Vancouver Lions!

And check it out. A brand new edition of *The Lions Tale*! Volume 82, in celebration of our 82nd year as a member of the International Association of Lions Clubs. Issue number 1, because... this is the first *Lions Tale* of our 82nd year as a Lions Club. Pretty neat how that works out; Right?

And while we are on the subject of ourself, there has, in the past, been some controversy about the "proper" name for *The Lions Tale*: Should it be called "The Lion's Tale", as in a publication belonging to some particular lion? Or is it more properly "The Lions' Tale", which would mean it is a publication that belongs to more than one lion? Or is it "The Lions Tale", which would

logically seem to mean it is a publication for Lions. But, this is the *Vancouver Lions Club*! What does logic have to do with the way things are?

We have seen archives of this bulletin titled each of the foregoing ways, and even this Editor has, in years past, switched the masthead around from time to time (frankly, just to see who would notice enough to inform as to is the RIGHT WAY—alas, no help there), so a decision had to be made— this humble newsletter is intended to bring a taste of the comings and goings of the Vancouver Lions Club in particular and

of Lions in general, and since it doesn't belong to a lion or to some lions, it must be for Lions (and

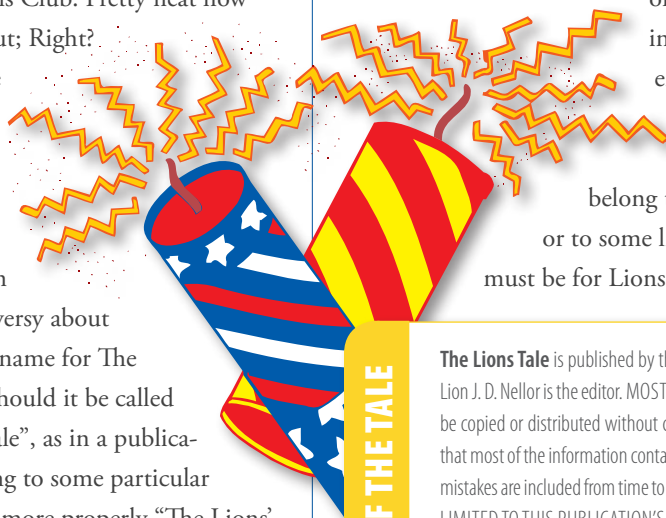
of and by Lions, too, for that matter). That's the only option left. So, for the time being, at least until otherwise elucidated, we shall adopt as our official masthead the third of the options set forth above.

Whew! Sure glad that's out of the way. Wouldn't want to be... improper...

First Summer Bash At Lion Dean And Carlene Landers'

With summer comes a change to our regular dinner meeting schedule. Forget about *Bill's Chicken & Steak House* for a couple of months. Instead, several of our Lions will be hosting picnics, at their homes, for us Lions, families and friends. Unless you have been living on the moon for the past few years, you should recall we have been doing this picnic thing for several summers, so it is not all that new a thing, just a mora-

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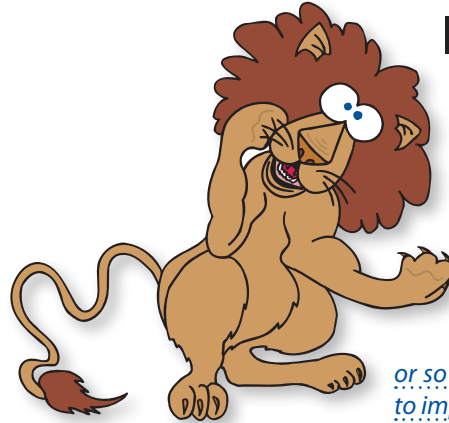
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It's My Axe And I Will Grind It Any Way I Want To, Thank You

Wherein one or more of our beloved Lions shall be granted space for 400 words or so to impart whatever wisdom he or she has to impart to whomever he or she thinks it can be imparted it to.

Welcome to AMEN CORNER. A feature of The Lions Tale new to this issue. This is where you, loyal Vancouver Lion, get a chance to have your say (with a guarantee that someone might actually pay attention to what you have to say). Kind of like an open mic night at the local Karaoke joint, sans singing.

This week's topic... well, there is no real topic this week. And that should make perfect sense because until right now you have never heard about The Lions Tale's version of AMEN CORNER (aka, your chance to be a guest columnist). And you have not heard of it before now because we just made it up. So unless you are psychic there is no way you could have divined this splendid opportunity.

So, how does this work? What are the rules?

Answer to second question first: There are no rules. At least, none that we are willing to share. So long as what you have to say fits the secret vision of common courtesy and decency held by the editorial staff, or can with reasonable editing be made to do so, it can appear right here. As an aside, The editorial policy of The Lion's Tale is, has been, and shall remain, utterly arbitrary. Any apparent consistency in the execution of the editorial policy is merely an illusion. And in the final analysis, contributing articles may be used or ignored, in whole or in part, based on the whim and caprice of the editorial staff.

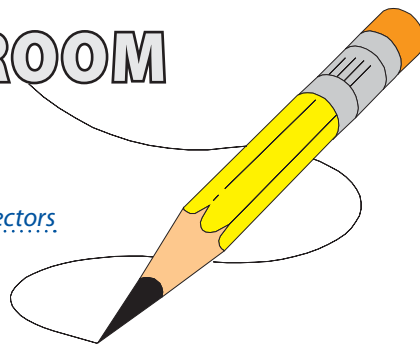
Now, in answer to the first question: If you think you have something you want to say, and you also think you can actually manage to put what you think you have to say in writing, you are almost there. Just do the writing thing and submit your tome to The Lions Tale. A Word or text document is preferred so we don't have to retype the whole thing. You can do so by mail (P.O. Box 441, Vancouver, WA 98666), by email to the editor (jdnellor@comcast.net), by actual hand delivery to the editor (or any board member for that matter) at any board meeting, regular dinner meeting, picnic, or any Vancouver Lions event. Clandestine rendezvous for the handing off of said tome can be arranged.

The point here is: Don't be shy. Get those creative juices going. Tell your club mates what you have always wanted, but never before had the wherewithal to say. Starting now.

the code

THE LIONS CODE OF ETHICS NUMBER 5: To Hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

THE BOARD ROOM



THE ROAD AHEAD

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

June 24, 2010

Submitted by: J. D. Nellor

Club Secretary, 2010–2011

A regular meeting of the board of directors of the Vancouver Lions Club was held on June 24, 2010. This being the last board meeting of the year, and the last board meeting of King Lion Robb Peck's tenure as King Lion, the meeting was held, at the King Lion's invitation, on the patio at the King Lion's residence.

Present at the meeting were Lions Linda Bannon, Bill Craig, Robb Peck, J. D. Nellor, Doug Rae, John Thomas and Doug Van Ness. Hope I didn't forget anyone.

King Lion Robb called the meeting to order somewhere around 7:00 PM.

Incoming secretary, Lion J.D. Nellor was appointed to take the minutes by outgoing secretary Lion Brian Rerick (the outgoing secretary, with great ceremony, handed the incoming secretary the official club records immediately on his arrival, even before he sat down or even popped open a soda) because outgoing secretary Lion Brian has, in his words, had his fill of taking minutes.

The Treasurer reported that we had money, but it was nobody's business how much money we had because: (1) This was the last Thursday in June, and besides that; (2) He could see no full moon, and besides that; (3) Although he had received a current bank statement for the month the bank in question mailed it to him two days before he was prepared to receive or read it, which screwed up his plans so much it was just going to have to wait until the bank figured out the window of opportunity for the acceptance of said statement, and besides that; (4) If you really want to know how much money we have you can be the treasurer.

King Lion Robb set out food and libations for the board to partake while solving all the World's problems and otherwise discussing the year that was.

Lion Robb reminisced about his year as King Lion.

Lion Doug R. wistfully regaled about the history of the Vancouver Lions.

Lion Linda reminisced, we think, about something no one else understood.

Lion J. D. played with Lion Robb's dog until he (the dog) barked long enough and loud enough to annoy King Robb and all of King Lion Robb's neighbors.

Lion Bill waxed poetic.

Lion Doug V. N. offered philosophical, if not profound, conversation.

No resolutions were adopted, nor offered. No motions were made.

The meeting was adjourned when darkness set in.

Many thanks to Lion Robb for a great year.



1 July, 2010 (Thursday). First summer picnic of the year! 6:00 to 7:00 PM social hour, dinner at 7:00 PM. Lion Dean and Carlene Landers' home, 2313 N.E. 45th Circle.

8 July, 2010 (Thursday). New King Lion John Donnelly's first Board Meeting. Teachers lounge, Washington State School For The Blind, 7:00 PM.

15 July, 2010 (Thursday), Picnic. Lion Doug Rae and Loretta Babbitt hosting. 6:00 PM. We think.

22 July, 2010 (Thursday), Board Meeting, teachers lounge Washington State School For The Blind, 7:00 PM.

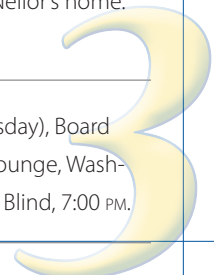
29 July, 2010 (Thursday), Council Of The Elders. The agenda: 5:30 to 6:30 PM, Happy hour; 6:30 to 7:00 pm, Evaluate club activities and vibrancy; 7:00 to 7:30 PM, Look back to the past; 7:30 to 8:30 PM Look to the future. King Lion John Donnelly's patio..

5 August, 2010 (Thursday), Picnic. King Lion John and Grace Donnelly's home.. 6:00 PM..

12 August, 2010 (Thursday), Board Meeting, teachers lounge Washington State School For The Blind, 7:00 PM.

19 August, 2010 (Thursday), Picnic. Lion J.D. and Susan Nellor's home. 6:00 PM..

26 August, 2010 (Thursday), Board Meeting, teachers lounge, Washington State School For The Blind, 7:00 PM.



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torium on our normal routine. We will all gather back at our usual meeting place come September. But for now the next four “dinner” meetings will be elsewhere. Starting with:

This Thursday, July 1, we will meet at Lion Dean (and Carlene) Landers’ home, 2313 N.E. 45th Circle, beginning at 6:00 PM for socializing, with food at 7:00. Lions Dean and Carlene have hosted several times so this should be a real great picnic.

Two weeks later, on July 15, we have another picnic. Last we heard, Lion Doug Rae and Loretta Babbitt will be hosting that evening. Seasoned veterans as Club picnic hosts, as well.

August may seem a long way out, but in reality it is only two picnics away. Our first August meeting will be hosted by King Lion John and Grace Donnelly (August 5), and for our second, on August 19, we will visit Lion J.D. and Susan Nellors’ home. Both the Donnellys’ and the Nellors’ are experienced Lion’s picnic hosts as well, so we recommend you not miss either event.

What a great group of hosts! Our summer is in great hands! Thanks in advance to Lions Dean, Doug, John and J.D. (and, Carlene, Loretta, Grace and Susan, too!).

Fifth Thursday

I suspect you all know that the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month is when we hold our general membership meetings (and summer get-together’s with family and friends). And, we all know the 2nd and 4th Thursdays are dedicated to our board of directors meetings (in the teachers lounge, in the Irwin Building at the Washington State School For The Blind). But, what about 5th Thursdays?

It’s kind of a big deal. This year we have a lot of 5th Thursdays— five of them, to be exact. Although veteran club members are undoubtedly smug in the knowledge of what a 5th Thursday means, we do have some “fresher” Lions that would like to know the secret. And we had better get to it— the first of those 5th Thursdays happens this month. Five Thursdays from now!

Well, the 1st 5th Thursday (sorry... just had to do that) is accounted for. Our new King, Lion John Donnelly, has scheduled a Council Of The Elders, which he is hosting at his abode, beginning at 6:30 PM. He has a full agenda all set. His goal: to get some guidance and coordinate efforts to make this a great Vancouver Lions year! So for all you Club Elders out there (you know who you are), see you at King Lion John’s July 29.

As for those other 4 5th Thursdays (the devil made me do it)— September 30, December 30, March 31 (that would be in 2011) and June 30 (2011, again), you will just have to end for yourself.

Football Tickets

What? Football? It’s July. Are you daft?

Nope. Not daft. Just getting a head start on things. ‘Cause, football season starts soon. In fact, there are only 3 more dinner meetings left to get all organized for our ticket taking project at Kiggins Bowl. That’s right: just three (okay... we really don’t know yet... it could be four) more chances to get to-

gether as a group, and then it’s Kiggins time.

So, get your calendar out and mark out a few Fridays before you fill them up with other, better deals. Let’s make a real effort to help out our Football ticket chairlion, Doug Van Ness. Get it on your calendar, NOW. Give Lion Doug Van Ness a call (694-8255 at home, 609-2148 by cell) and commit some time to taking football tickets. Its an easy gig... really. Just stand around a couple of hours.

No, Lion Doug doesn’t have a list of games yet, but so what. There is a game practically every Friday (and, a few Thursdays, too), from the end of August through October, every year. What more do you need to know?

Here is the math: if everyone signs up for 4 games, all the games will be covered. That would mean Lion Doug will not have to work every game! How special is that?

The Golf Tournament

Yeah, we know, we bagged the golf tournament at the last minute last year. But, this is a traditional spot in *The Lions Tale* where we have reported, in every issue since Volume 75 began, all

of the trials, tribulations, comings and goings, and wants and wishes, of the golf tournament project. It is usually a hot topic this time of the year. Kind of feels empty without it. And, we have a little space to fill. So, to fill the emptiness, just thought we would mention it one more time. For old-times sake.

