



NPOV Lions Club Newsletter March 2006



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Happy Saint Patrick's Day

Train Work Parties Begin on Saturday April 8th!

The first work party is scheduled for 9:00 AM to noon on Saturday April 8th, with the second party planned for April 22nd during the same time frame. Kinsella Lions will provide lunch for all who come out to help. We plan to remove the old seats from the coach car and make plans for future improvements. Come out and put your "two-cents worth" into the planning. In May we will do some painting and install the new seats. All members are encouraged to attend and participate. You KNOW you'll have fun!

MEETING NOTES

Railroad/ Depot News

Schedules and posters for the 2006 Train Ride Season are available at the Depot

Lions Curt Lynn, Dick Norton, and Kevin Kinsella dismantled and removed one set of seats from the coach car to see how difficult it would be, and to time the effort. They determined that this would probably be a great project for some high school kids who were interested in obtaining some community service hours. If you know of any kids who may be willing to assist in this demolition project, please contact Lion Dick.

Depot Management

Lion Curt Lynn reported that a new front door latch is in place and new track lighting has been placed above the souvenir area. Lion Curt also created a new copy machine cabinet in the office. This cabinet provides more storage and gives a more comfortable/ergonomic workstation by eliminating the need for the operator to bend over to use the machine. Of course, now some of the vertically challenged members will need a stepstool... ;-)

Down River Days

A Chairperson is still needed for the 2006 Down River Days Committee. The Chair serves mainly as a Liaison between subcommittees and community groups that wish to help with the event. We are also looking for help with T-shirt sales, security, permits, etc.

St. Patrick's Day Party

By all accounts, everyone in attendance at the annual Irish celebration had a delightful time! Great entertainment was provided by Donovan Johnson and the Choir, pleasant company was the order of the day, and many conversations and jokes were sprinkled with blarney in the Depot that night! An incredibly tasty corned beef dinner was prepared and served by the Pine Forest Rebekahs!

CONGRATULATIONS to the raffle item winners! Perennial winner Vi Shanklin won the Guinness golf accessories; the celtic shawl/scarf was won by Lion Jack Sherry; Kaye Saxe won the Celtic Clays



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casserole dish; and Kristen Nester won the Galway Crystal Vase. Lion Larry Pollock was over-qualified as the Blarney Auctioneer again this year, assisting many Lions in acquiring some additional auction items, whether they needed them or not. Thanks to all who participated!

Projects

Lions Marita Norton and Gloria Coppock are working on the projects committee again this year. Notice for Special Project requests has been published in the Selkirk Sun. Applications are available at Selkirk High School, or from Gloria Coppock, and are due back by May 31.

Sight

Remember that the first weekend in the month of May is White Cane Days! Please leave room on your calendar to volunteer some time that weekend

Also, May is Recycle for Sight Month, so please remember to bring in any old prescription glasses to be recycled. Last year, NPOV Lions donated over 250 pairs of glasses to this worthy cause! Collection boxes are located at the Selkirk Clinic, POTC telephone office in Ione, and at the Depot. Please contact Lion Karen Kinsella if you have questions.

Other News

In March, Lion Marvel Smith brought forth a recommendation to assist in paying for burial costs for Edna Grape, wife of PZC and NPOV member Larry Grape. Currently, the Ione Community Church has arranged for payment of cremation and burial costs, but there are no provisions to obtain a headstone marker. It has been recommended that the Lions Club pay for a suitable grave marker out of respect to PZC Larry Grape for all the years of dedication to the Lions Club. Further information will be provided at the April 6th meeting.

SPRING IS COMING and that means work parties will be scheduled to prepare the trains for the 2006 season. Any assistance from Lions or local residents would be greatly appreciated. Watch the bulletins for further information.



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Lion Dick Norton presented a letter from Selkirk Youth Baseball and Softball asking for assistance in purchasing new uniforms. Existing uniforms are well used and worn and more uniforms are needed for new members. Currently there are 2 boys' and 2 girls' teams. Cost for uniforms will be \$2,400.00 and Selkirk Youth has already raised \$1,500.00. This is a time sensitive situation since the new season begins May 6, 2006. The Board recommended re-allocating unused money from the 2005 Project budget to fund this request. The membership agreed with this recommendation and voted to donate \$200.00 to Selkirk Youth Baseball and Softball for uniform purchase.

Lee Stark is continuing her efforts to produce a special trading pin she designed to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Down River Days. We're looking forward to seeing the final product!

MEMBERSHIP

Just a reminder that the Board Meetings will be held at 6:00 PM prior to the First Business meeting of the month, and the Railroad Committee meeting will be held at 6:00 PM prior to the Dinner meeting on the third Thursday of the month. This will allow Board Members to approve new members two weeks prior to their scheduled installation. It was decided that Dinner meetings were the preferred night for installations



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The Roster for the 2006–2007 Lion year is in progress. Please see Kim Cress or Karen Kinsella if you have changes, additions, or other comments on this publication.

Installation News

Larry and Lori Deming were installed as new members at the March 18, 2006 dinner meeting. Please be sure to introduce yourself to these new Lions and welcome them to the NPOV Lions Club!

The 3-year Membership Board position is currently open. There has been some discussion among the members about the necessity of having the third position. At the April 6th meeting we will discuss if we want to continue to carry this position or if we need to change our bylaws to eliminate this position.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

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| April 6, 2006 | Board Meeting at 6:00 PM. Regular Business Meeting starts at 7:00 PM. |
| April 22, 2006 | 32 nd Annual Charter Night. Social Hour starts at 6:00 PM, Dinner served at 7:00 PM. Please contact Lion Karen (509-442-0581) if you would like to purchase dinner tickets. |
| April 28–29, 2006 | Lions Spring Conference in Creston, B.C. Please come out and join the fun! NPOV Lions will be conducting the Necrology service on Saturday morning. |