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Lions Club Newsletter

Old Orchard Beach Lions Club



Message From The President

Photos Help Reveal The Big Picture

by Al Brandel, President, The International Association of Lions Clubs

Recently Maureen and I visited an orphanage in Burkina Faso. The infants lost their parents from AIDS or were abandoned. They're alone in the world. They'd have no chance at creating a good life for themselves – if not for this orphanage and Lions. I think you really know what our service means – how very essential it is – when you see these tiny, helpless babies and realize people like Lions are there to care for them. It was really very moving for us to witness the love and care they were receiving.

A photo is worth a thousand words? Photos of Lions projects, such as the ones seen in LION Magazine, are worth a jolt of energy and commitment to improve the lives of the less fortunate. A lasting appreciation of our own blessings. Increased respect for the service Lions do and a renewed commitment to serving our communities.

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter recently visited Lions Clubs International headquarters, and the former district governor, club president and tail twister praised Lions. He said Lions serve “the poorest, most destitute, most forgotten people.” We’re not just do-gooders who are nice to have around in the community. We provide miracles through service, whether it’s restoring or preserving sight, offering vital aid after a flood or earthquake, teaching school-children life skills through Lions Quest or boosting the self-esteem and even employment skills of those with disabilities.

Last Meeting—03/09/09

Present at the last meeting were: Tom Lee, Neal Weinstein, King Weinstein, Mike Mailhot and Linda Mailhot.

Neal was asked about our corporate status. He has determined that our records need to be updated with the State Bureau of Corporations and he will take care of this.

Why should I become a Lion?

As a Lions club member you can:

- make a difference everyday in your community
- provide support locally or reach out internationally
- grow personally and professionally by participating in our programs, community service projects and events
- have an impact on local and international humanitarian issues
- develop relationships with both local and international community and business leaders

Why wouldn't you want to be a member?

Upcoming Meetings

- April 20th
- May 4th



Last Meeting (cont'd)

We discussed the March 16th meeting, and whereas 4 members were going to be out of town it was decided that this meeting would be cancelled. The next meeting will be April 6th.

Linda mentioned that Dana Kelly would be the guest speaker at our April 20th meeting.

It was determined that a kitchen clean out would need to be scheduled as to clean out the stuff that has accumulated over the years.

The interior of the club was painted. It was decided that we should pick up a few switch covers and outlet covers so they will match the paint. The ceiling needs to be done again, as the cross bars for the suspended ceiling have bled through.



Other Lions News

We Have a Website!

Our website is now live. Log onto www.ooblionsclub.com and check it out. The public can learn a little about our club and submit a form to be contacted to receive more information about possibly joining. There is a News section that talks about whatever we happen to be working on or what happened at the last meeting. There is also a photo of Danny being presented with his plaque of Appreciation by some of the members, as well as a link to the latest newsletter. The Calendar page in the site shows the meeting schedule and upcoming events. I am looking for ideas of things to add to the website.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is for April 20th. Past District Governor Marty Cain was going to come in and speak about White Cane Days and the Windham Lions Club fundraiser. Also, Police Chief Dana Kelly was going to come in and speak about the police in town and what is new. However, his father recently passed away and this may need to be rescheduled. I will contact him to offer rescheduling this to May.

Lions Club Project Ideas

Guest Speaker Program—Once monthly or bi-monthly we will have a guest speaker come in and talk to the club about different things. On April 20th Dana Kelly from the Old Orchard Beach Police Department will talk to us about community programs and what is new with the department. Suggestions for speakers—see Linda.

- Club Visitation Schedule—Once monthly or bi-monthly we will visit another club. Lions are a fun group of people and it is nice to get out and see what other clubs are doing and just to visit.
- Community Involvement—Work on community projects together. Dept. of Recreation to keep us informed. Know of something around town that needs to get done?

