



Scarborough Maine Lions Club

Since 1948

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A Word From Your President

Well, here we are again, fellow Lions, another month gone, and closer to Spring. I do love Spring, and dislike Winter more each year. I only joined the Lions so that I could get that Winter home in Florida like all the other Lions have. But, I guess if you are into any of those cold/snow activities, and you like this weather, well, enjoy it while you can, it's going to be melting some day, soon, I think. Hey, how are things in Florida, guys? It's been a long time since you made an appearance up here, George H. We'd love to see you again. Paul Cyr tells me that Paul Lamson is beginning to call at Bingo on Thursdays now, so he and Gary are hoping to be able to take turns attending our meetings.

All righty, then. So, thank-you to El Sprague and Bill Pape for setting up your speakers for this month, way in advance. That's the way to do it, waiting until the last minute, usually leaves us with no speaker for the next meeting. And I believe that you both plan to be there to introduce them. Yes! El's speaker will be Karen Packham of Project Grace. She will explain her organization to us. Bill's

speaker will be our new town manager and his wife. The second meeting in February will be a spouses night, so be prepared to let me know at the 1st regular meeting or at the board meeting if you plan to attend, and if your spouse will also be able to come. If I don't see you at one or the other, please R.S.V.P. me on my answering machine at home. If I do not hear from you, I will assume that you will NOT be attending, because I won't be able to call everyone this month, but I still need a head count for Kevin. Our January meetings were very informative. We had Norma Coughlin tell us about the Food Pantry here in town. It has been operating for years in our community, helping the less fortunate. Peter Hansen told us all about the statewide E911 project that Verizon is installing in stages. This new emergency services phone system will help locate the caller faster and more efficiently when time makes the difference. I know our speakers for this month will be equally stimulating.

Thank-you to all of you who work Bingo. We've been involved in this game for a long time now, so thank-you to all of

you who participate all year long, on a regular basis, and those of you who help out when you are home in the summer, like Chuck, Bob, and Ralph, and Derrek and Grant have been covering lately, even though Bunny has been ill. Thanks to all of you. Speaking of which, where are you Randy? We haven't seen you in a while, and we could really use your support at Bingo. We're getting tired, even half-teaming it with Gorham. Help!

Another thing to think about is that those of you who cannot work Bingo for one reason or another, can perform other functions in the club. Bill would like someone to take over the Christmas balls project. It's a job just made for someone who can't work at Bingo, and I'm sure Bill will be willing to teach you everything he knows. The auction is another project just perfect for retired folk. And I have received correspondence from the Wentworth Middle School. They evidently heard that I have been expressing an interest in a teen drop-in center (on the old drive-in property), and have started meetings for interested parties. But the first meeting was from noon to 2:pm on a Wednesday. I would really like for our club to

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Missing In Action??

Well, it's time that we discussed the Bingo Kings of the Scarborough Lions Club. Of course, you all know that I mean Gary Lamson and Paul Cyr, right? Not mentioning any names, but I once heard about someone watching the Miss America pageant, while wearing a tiara, but I thought everyone did that. News flash: Gary and Paul were last seen boarding a small plane at the South Portland jetport, for a day flight to Atlantic City. That was 2 weeks ago. Gary's gas credit card was used in Puerto Rico last Tuesday, and Paul's credit card was used at an expensive restaurant in Monte Carlo on Friday. Perhaps they have just decided to run away from it all, together. Paul Lamson is not substantiating rumors that one of them hit the "Big One" in Atlantic City last Thursday, but he was seen showing off a picture of our two boys posing with Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman, with white sand and blue water in the background. So, they really have hit the big time and are hob-knobbing with the jetset. You have to admit, they are a handsome pair, and would fit right in. I would like to know what Tom and Nicole have thought, that we don't have. I can't think of anything. Does this explain Paul Lamson's brand new cherry red Cherokee? Have you seen it yet? What a beautiful thing. Well, if they really did strike it rich in A.C., I hope they know that we wish them all the best in the



Little Miss Scarborough
Runner-up Karli-An Gilbert

Little Miss Scarborough
Jessie Larson

world, hey, they can afford to go find it now. Okay guys, just don't forget your friends here at the Lions' den in Scarborough. Oh, and no guilt trip or anything, but I hope that you are still planning to make the carrots, and that delicious gravy for our roast beef dinners, like the one coming right up here, on February 3rd. Everyone raves about them you know. A toast, here's to you, Gary and Paul, and to the Good Life. Good luck.



World's Stupidest Criminals

A 20-year old drug dealer in Omaha, Nebraska, got one number wrong and accidentally paged undercover narcotics officer Sgt. Mark Langan in February 1996. Langan realized he'd been contacted by a drug dealer by the man's terminology, set up a meeting to buy crack cocaine, and busted his target.

Clarisse Wynn and Darvie Sutton made their way into a Chicago bar in December 1995 by claiming that they were delivering food to a retirement party going on inside. This was simply a cover for a holdup, of course; but what they hadn't realized was that among the party-goers were over 100 police officers, who quickly subdued them when the alarm was raised. "That's what makes this job so interesting," said a police spokesman. "Dumb people."

Telling New York police in May 1994 that he'd been robbed of \$4,000 in the street, Robin Charles went on to provide them with an extremely detailed description. The resulting composite sketch looked exactly like Charles. When he was arrested later, he admitted that he'd stolen the cash from his own restaurant.

In one of those dubious-sounding tales, a thief denied breaking into a luminous-paint factory in Los Angeles in August 1995, then the cops took him into a darkened room, and his shoes lit up like glow-worms.

Recipe of the Month

Sweet Potato Cake

1 ½ c all-purpose flour
1 tsp each baking powder and baking soda
1 tsp ground cinnamon
¼ tsp ground ginger
⅛ tsp each ground cloves and nutmeg
½ c plus 2 tbsp reduced-calorie margarine
6 oz cooked sweet potatoes, mashed
1 tsp vanilla extract
½ tsp orange extract
1 egg plus 2 egg whites
¼ c sugar (or sweetener equivalent to 12 tsp sugar)
¼ c skim milk

Into a large bowl, sift flour, baking powder, baking soda, and spices. Add margarine and mix with a fork or pastry blender until mixture resembles course crumbs. Combine remaining ingredients in a large bowl. Beat on low speed of an electric mixer until well blended. Add dry ingredients to potato mixture, beating until all ingredients are moistened. Beat on high speed 1 minute. Place mixture in a 6 x 10-inch glass baking pan that has been sprayed with a nonstick cooking spray. Bake 30 minutes, at 325°, until a toothpick inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack. Serves 10, 173 calories per serving.

Sautéed Mushrooms in White Wine

2 tbsp plus 2 tsp reduced-calorie margarine
4 c sliced mushrooms
⅛ tsp garlic powder
salt & pepper to taste
¼ c dry white wine

Melt margarine in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add mushrooms. Sprinkle with garlic powder and salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until mushrooms are tender, about 5 minutes. Add wine. Cook, stirring, until heated through.

February Calendar



- 2/1 6:30p Social Hour
7:00p Regular Dinner Meeting
Speaker /Karen Packham
Project Grace—El Sprague
- 2/8 6:30p Finance Committee Meeting
7:00p Board of Directors' Meeting
- 2/11 3rd Cabinet Meeting / Centurian
Club Westbrook
- 2/15 6:30p Social Hour
7:00p Regular Dinner Meeting-Spouses
Night
Speaker /Ron Owens-Town
Manager—Bill Pape

February Anniversaries



2/17 Lorraine & Len Libby

February Birthdays



2/6 George Hazen
2/7 Paul Cyr

Quizzzzz

1. Who is the only woman to win the Medal of Honor?
2. Name the only day of the year that the Washington Monument, in Washington D.C., is closed to the public.
3. What is the only Ancient Wonder of the World still in existence?
4. What is the only vegetable that starts with the letter z?
5. What is the only mammal that cannot jump—and is also the only mammal with 4 knees?



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be involved in this endeavor, but I can't attend during the work day. I think our club could really help out in a lot of ways, other than monetary, and that this is something that could really benefit the youth of our town. What do you think? Okay now, any takers?

One last plea, it's time to get together a slate of officers for the 2001-2002 year. I really need a past-president to get a committee together to line up our new officers. We are hurting, like all clubs. It's so hard to get new members, and even though we have all already held office, we have to pull together and take another round if need be. You all know that this is my second time as President, and it's not so bad, you might even say that I'm enjoying it. Please think seriously about holding an office again, and that includes me, for I will never ask any of you to do anything that I will not do

myself. We all know that we need to work to get new members, so hit the bushes, and let's get started on that, too.

Answers

1. Civil War physician Mary Walker won the Medal of Honor for saving the lives of countless Union soldiers. Born in Oswego, New York, Walker graduated from Syracuse Medical College in 1855 and became an assistant surgeon during the war.
2. Christmas Day.
3. The Great Pyramid of Khufu, Egypt.
4. Zucchini, the elephant.
5. The Elephant

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