

# JUNGLE TALK MARKHAM LIONS CLUB

District A-16

Region 18

Zone 18 West



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## PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS-

Spring must be here! Our Club, under the direction of Lion Jack Dawson & his committee, have launched the annual flower plant sales project. This is one of the Markham club's major fund raising projects. Good luck in our sales!

A number of Markham Lions recently attended the combined 18W & 18E Zone meeting in Oshawa. Clubs getting together for these type of meetings, help to increase the sharing of ideas, service activities and projects, resulting in good things for Lionism.

A few Club members attended a "showing" of the two new quiet rooms at the Markham Stouffville Hospital. The rooms look excellent and as soon as the furniture arrives, they will be opened for use. Our Club's \$60,000 donation has achieved a very worthwhile visible result. The hospital foundation staff noted that the Markham Lions Club have contributed \$160,000 to the hospital since its opening. We should all be proud to have been a part of this achievement.



Many of our Committees are active in various service projects such as Vision Screening, organ donor clinic, guide dog, youth and community work, eye glass collection, etc. When we pause to think about all the services that our Club provides, it becomes evident that the Markham Lions meets the need of many in our community.

Dinner meetings and social events are important parts of our Club's activities, but our main "reason for being" is to provide services to others. We should all be proud to be a part of Lions.

In order to carry on with our Club's services, we need funds. Fund raising projects are all underway with Flower sales, Fireworks sales, Wedding Show, Food Booth, etc. Participation in these projects gives all of us a sense of satisfaction in knowing that our work will result in helping in our community services.

Happy Easter to everyone.

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# Bits

This summer, as part of "Communities in Bloom" judges will visit our community and assess it - government, business and residents - on our achievements in the following eight criteria:

- Tidiness
- Environmental Awareness
- Community Involvement
- Heritage and Cultural Conservation
- Tree Management
- Floral Displays
- Landscape
- Turf & Groundcover

For definitions re the above see the Town of Markham Website.

Evergreen Hospice  
Markham - Stouffville

Across Canada, thousands of people will be joining friends and family in the **Fourth Annual Hike for Hospice on Sunday, May 7, 2006.**

The Hike kicks off Hospice Palliative Care Awareness Week across Canada. Pledge sheets will be available at the hospice office and in schools and businesses around the area. Donations in support of a walker can be made on-line through Canada Helps.

Markham Museum and Heritage Centre  
May 22, 2006  
Season launch.

The buildings and exhibits will be open for the summer season. Fun hands on activities throughout the village.

From Victoria Day to Labour day the Museum is open 7 days a week for visitors.

A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm and says, "A beer please, and one for the road."

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# Effective Speaking

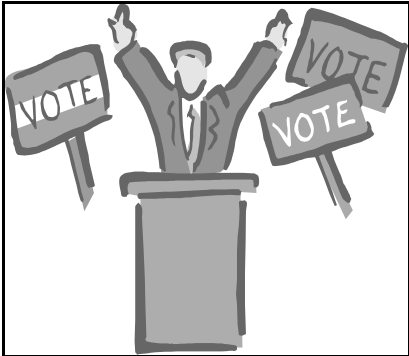


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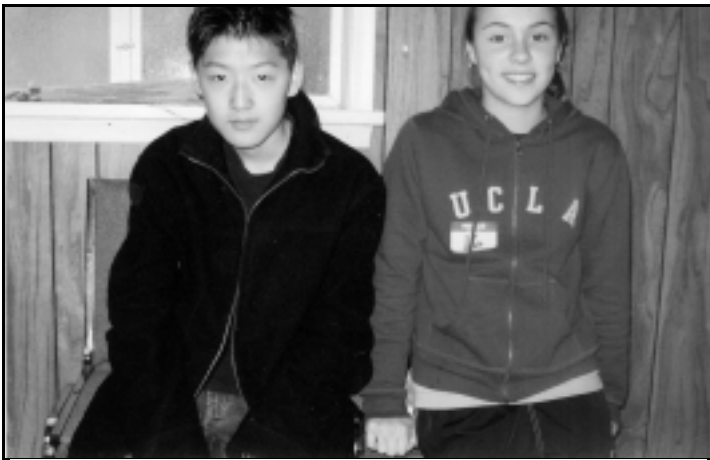
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Lion Grace with Jonathan Lui and Amy Martin. Jonathon was third in Intermediate English and Amy second in Junior English.



Dean S., sponsored by Unionville, Alexandra Russell, First Senior English, and Adam Roberts, Second Senior English.



Jonathan and Amy.



Jim Mills of Air cadets with Jonathon, Amy and Fatima Hussein, a winner last year.



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# Duties of Club Officers

(As per Standard form Constitution)

## ARTICLE II

### Officers

#### Section 1. DUTIES.

a. **President.** He/she shall be the chief executive officer of this club; preside at all meetings of the board of directors and this club; issue the call for regular meetings and special meetings of the board of directors and the club; appoint the standing and special committees of this club and cooperate with chairpersons to effect regular functioning and reporting of such committees; see that regular elections are duly called, noticed and held; and cooperate with, and be an active member of, the district governor's advisory committee of the zone in which this club is located.

b. **Immediate Past President.** He/she and the other past presidents shall officially greet members and their guests at club meetings and shall represent this club in welcoming all new service-minded people in the community served by this club.

c. **Vice Presidents.** If the president is unable to perform the duties of his/her office for any reason, the vice president next in rank shall occupy his/her position and perform his/her duties with the same authority as the president. Each vice president shall, under the direction of the president, oversee the functioning of such committees of this club as the president shall designate.

d. **Secretary.** He/she shall be under the supervision and direction of the presi-

dent and the board of directors and shall act as the liaison officer between the club and the district (single or sub-and multiple) in which this club is located, and the association. In fulfillment of this, he/she shall:

(1) Submit regular monthly and other reports to the international office of the association on blanks provided by it containing such information as may be called for by the board of directors of this association;

(2) Submit to the district governor's cabinet such reports as it may require including copies of regular membership and activities reports;

(3) Cooperate with and be an active member of the district governor's advisory committee of the zone in which the club is located;

(4) Have custody and keep and maintain general records of this club, including records of minutes of club and board meetings; attendance; committee appointments; elections; member information, addresses and telephone numbers of members; members club accounts;

(5) Arrange for issuance, in cooperation with the treasurer, quarterly or semi-annual statements to each member for dues and other financial obligations owed to this club, collect and turn the same over to the club treasurer and obtain a receipt;

(6) Give bond for the faithful discharge of his/her office in such sum and with such surety as determined by

the board of directors.

e. **Treasurer.** He/she shall: (1) Receive all monies, from the secretary and otherwise, and deposit the same in a bank or banks recommended by the finance committee and approved by the board of directors;

(2) Pay out monies in payment of club obligations only on authority given by the board of directors. All checks and vouchers shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by one other officer, determined by the board of directors;

(3) Have custody and keep and maintain general records of club receipts and disbursements;

(4) Prepare and submit monthly and semi-annual financial reports to the international office of the association and the board of directors of this club;

(5) Give bond for the faithful discharge of his/her office in such sum and with such surety as determined by the board of directors.

f. **Membership Director.** The membership director shall be the chairperson of the membership committee. The responsibilities for this position shall be:

(1) Development of a growth program specifically for the club and presented to the board of directors for approval.

(2) Regular encouragement at club meeting to bring in new quality members.

(3) Ensuring implementation of proper recruitment and retention procedures.

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# March 9, 2006 Director's Meeting



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Meeting started at 7:30 pm with Pres Ken presiding and Sec Ken McFarlane taking minutes

**Past minutes** read by Secretary Ken. Lion Steve K. moved minutes be accepted, seconded by Jack M.

**Business arising from the minutes:**

**Correspondence:**

**Treasurers Report** was presented by Lion Ken Tranter.

The balance sheets were reviewed and Lion Ken T. moved for acceptance. Lion Grace seconded. Motion passed

**Committee Reports:**

**Executive, Planning & Awards:**

**Health : Last vision screening March 21/22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Major Projects:** Meeting was to be held week of 13<sup>th</sup>, to review projects done in the past 6 months.. Update on hospital donation...both rooms are coming along as scheduled. Walls/lights up. Target date still a go.

**Youth and Community:** Motion by Lion Fred, seconded by Lion Steve, that \$200.00 from Scouts budget, be moved to Global Youth Network. Carried. Call from Town, who is having a meeting on "Character Community" March 22, 7 pm. 1 or 2 Lions invited to join.

**Bulletin and Publicity:**

**Communications:** Meeting held since last meeting. Website content decided upon. Meeting with developer possibly on 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership:** Lion Sashi is back. As an affiliate members, Lions dues are still required. Lion Ken Tranter motioned that if in one week from March directors meeting, if Lion Bruno Piva has not paid Lions dues of \$90.00, that a letter of termination be sent. If \$90.00 is not received, he will be terminated not in "good standing".

**Sick & Visiting –**

**Nominations –**

**Program –** Next general meeting, to be held March 16, Grace Anglican. Speaker will be a Lion from Newmarket, speaking on Habitat for Humanity. Possibly museum visit after meeting. John Webster also is going to talk.

**Social & convention –**

**Fireworks –**

**Flowers –** Flower package to be available next dinner meeting.

**Wedding Show –** 8 more vendors committed, with 3 big names. Ashleys, Sears, Moores, as the anchors. 16 vendors confirmed. March 31, will review if show is a go.

**Finance –** Finance advises that any cheques written to a budget item, be named on cheque. When cheques are written, they must match the line item. Club has PST number. We should not have to pay PST on items for resale. Forms received for PST exemption. April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, remaining meal money dues, are "due"

**Food & Property –** Club has

agreed and committed to help the Unionville club, at the Unionville festival

**Auditors –** Antique show final finance report. Income 14549.42. Expenses 14292.40. Profit of \$257.03. Recommendation that cheque be written to close the account.

Other business – Unionville club attended meeting, with 4-5 members present. Unionville club is asking for help. As it looks, they may have to close the club at the end of April. Options are available to them.

1. Return to Markham Lions
2. Branch club
3. Continue the Unionville Lions, with assistance from Markham club, and other local clubs.

Issues are that leases are due the Unionville club holds. And staffing issues to various projects they have. Major projects are Unionville festival, and summer food booth at local ball park.

- Lion Ken Harris, recommends that if the Unionville club must close, that the members who wish to transfer, will be welcomed at Markham.

If such happens, the board will propose to the general Markham club, that we accept the transfers from Unionville. Lion Jack McBride seconded. Carried.

Meeting adjourned 9:40, on the motion of Lion Carl.

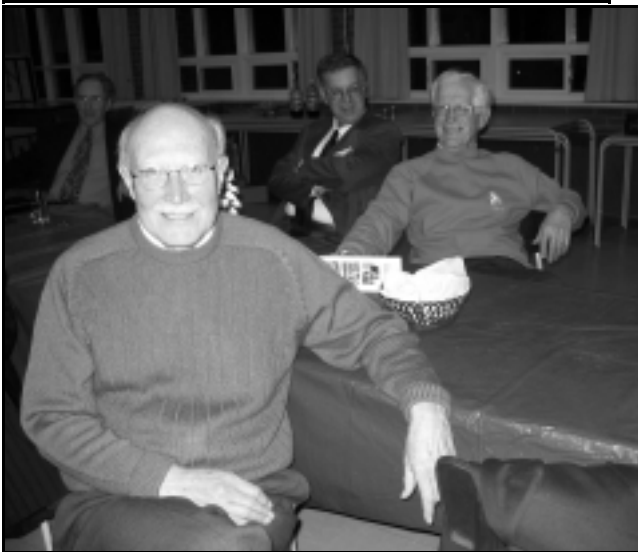
Submitted by Secretary Ken McFarlane



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# Picture Potpourri

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*Clockwise from top:*

*Lion Jim Thomson thanks Ward Five Councillor for an interesting talk (easily heard.)*

*Lion Jack demonstrates a topsy turvy world.*

*Lion Grace and friend at vision screening.*

*Leprechaun Fred and leprechaun Carl with Lions Tim and Jack in background.*

*Lions Mike Springford and Ernie Crossland visited to tell us about Habitat for Humanity.*

# The Lighter Side



## And they ask why I like re-tirement....???

Question: How many days in a week?  
Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?  
Answer: Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?  
Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?  
Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?  
Answer: The term comes with a 10% percent discount.

Question: Among retirees what is considered formal attire?  
Answer: Tied shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies?  
Answer: They are the only ones who have the time.

Question: What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?  
Answer: NUTS!

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?  
Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Question: What do retirees call a long lunch?  
Answer: Normal.

Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?  
Answer: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

Question: Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he used to work with?  
Answer: He is too polite to tell the whole truth.

A group of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, accompanied by two female teachers, went on a field trip to the local racetrack (Churchill Downs) to learn about thoroughbred horses and the supporting industry (Bourbon), but mostly to see the horses.

When it was time to take the children to the bathroom it was decided that the girls would go with one teacher and the boys would go with the other.

The teacher assigned to the boys was waiting outside the men's room when one of the boys came out and told her that none of them could reach the urinal. Having no choice, she went inside, helped the boys with their pants, and began hoisting the little boys up one by one holding onto their "wee wees" to direct the flow away from their clothes.

As she lifted one, she couldn't help but notice that he was unusually well endowed. Trying not to show that she was staring the teacher said, "You must be in the 5th grade."

No, ma'am, " he replied. "I'm the jockey riding Silver Arrow in the seventh!"

## "Daughter in College"

Did you hear about the banker who was recently arrested for embezzling \$100,000 to pay for his daughter's college education?

As the policeman, who also had a daughter in college, was leading him away in handcuffs, he said to the banker, "I have just one question for you. Where were you going to get the rest of the money?"

## English Hospitality

An American tourist in London decides to skip his tour group and explore the city on his own. He wanders around, seeing the sights, occasionally stopping at a quaint pub to soak up the local culture, chat with the locals, and have a pint of bitter.

After a while, he finds himself in a very nice neighbourhood with big, stately residences. No pubs, no stores, no restaurants, and worst of all no public rest-rooms.

However, he really has to go, after all those Guinness's. He finds a narrow side street, with high walls surrounding the adjacent buildings and decides to use the wall to solve his problem.

As he is unzipping, he is tapped on the shoulder by a London bobby, who says, "Sir, you simply cannot do that here, you know."

"I'm very sorry, officer," replies the American, "but I really have to go, and I just can't find a public restroom."

"Ah, yes," said the bobby, "just follow me". He leads the American to a back delivery alley to a gate, which he opens.

"In there," points the bobby, "whiz away sir, anywhere you like."

The fellow enters and finds himself in the most beautiful garden he has ever seen. Manicured grass lawns, statuary, fountains, sculptured hedges, and huge beds of gorgeous flowers, all in perfect bloom.

Since he has the policeman's blessing, he relieves himself and feels much more comfortable. As he goes back through the gate, he says to the bobby "That was really decent of you. Is that what you call English hospitality?"

"No sir..." , replied the bobby, "that is what we call the French Embassy."

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- (4) Preparation and implementation of orientation sessions.
- (5) Reporting to the board of directors on ways to reduce the loss of members.
- (6) Coordination with other club committees in fulfilling these responsibilities.
- (7) Serving as a member of the zone level membership committee.

g. **Lion Tamer (Optional).** The Lion tamer shall have charge of and be responsible for the property and parapher-

nalía of the club, including flags, banners, gong, gavel, song books and button board. He/she shall put each in its proper place before each meeting and return the same to the proper storage area after each meeting. He/she shall act as sergeant-at-arms at meetings, see that those present are properly seated, and distribute bulletins, favors and literature as required at club and board meetings. He/she shall give special attention to assure that each new member sits with a different group at each meeting so that he/she can become better acquainted.

h. **Tail Twister (Optional).** He/she

shall promote harmony, good fellowship, life and enthusiasm in the meetings through appropriate stunts and games and the judicious imposition of fines on club members. There shall be no ruling from his/her decision in imposing a fine, provided, however, that no fine shall exceed an amount fixed by the board of directors of this club, and no member shall be fined more than twice at any one meeting. The tail twister (optional) may not be fined except by the unanimous vote of all members present. All monies collected by the tail twister (optional) shall be immediately turned over to the treasurer and a receipt be given.

## Wisdom of Will Rogers

-Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier 'n puttin' it back in.

-If you're ridin' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.

-If you get to thinking you're a person of some influence, try ordering somebody else's dog around.

-After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

-Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.

-There's two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither one works.

-If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging.



-Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.

-It don't take a genius to spot a goat in a flock of sheep.

-The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back in your pocket.

-Don't squat with your spurs on.

-Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

-Never miss a good chance to shut up.

-Always drink upstream from the herd.

-When you're throwin' your weight around, be ready to have it thrown around by somebody else.

-There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by read'n The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence for themselves.

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## Best Practices for Inviting New Members



Lions clubs worldwide were once again asked to share their best and brightest membership ideas in the second annual Best Practices Contest. This year's contest offered a new twist – ideas were accepted in two categories: retention/participation strategies and invitation/recruitment ideas. More than 100 clubs responded to the challenge, sharing their most successful ideas for inviting new members or retaining current ones. Whether they were traditional methods, updates on old favorites on inventive new plans, the entries are excellent examples of membership strategies that yield positive results.

This club, (Gresham Lady Lions Club) in existence for little over a year, was experiencing some issues with a few members not being able to pay their dues. Not wanting to lose valuable members over a financial matter, the club's board of directors developed a unique way to keep the members they worked so hard to recruit and develop.

Their solution is called Dues in

Kind. Members who own small businesses or work for businesses that can provide gift certificates (for things such as oil changes, haircuts, restaurants, etc.) are asked to secure donated gift certificates.

These certificates are then auctioned off during club meetings. The money made is used to offset the dues that are needed to retain the members who are struggling to pay them. Those in need of financial assistance are kept confidential. The club has found this to be a win-win situation and it has retained four members through this effort.

The Bauru Bela Vista Lions Club approaches member participation and retention several ways: They hold a points-based attendance competition that encourages participation on the club, region and district levels; club membership diligently follows up with members that miss meetings; they promote fellowship through informal gatherings at members' homes; they keep leader-

ship accountable to the pledges they made when they were sworn into office; and they hold an annual membership retreat. These strategies have helped the club not only achieve 100% retention, but add four new members as well.

The club (Camperdown) has developed the "Ten Commandments of Retention" that they consistently follow:

1. Meeting punctuality and control
2. Allocate tasks Lions will want to do
3. Show all members you care about them
4. Keep in touch with members and their families
5. Don't have an overkill on fines/jokes
6. Involve all members
7. Bond the club together with social activities
8. Be interested in people – acknowledge any achievements
9. Give thanks and praise when due
10. Deal promptly with conflicts or disagreements.

These guidelines have helped the club increase its membership by 16 people over the course of one year.

Q: What's the biggest gripe of retirees? A: There is not enough time to get everything done.



# LFC/LCIF/LIONS NEWS

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## **Campaign SightFirst II**

### ***Why are Lions concerned with global blindness?***

Speaking at the 1925 International Convention Helen Keller, the noted American author who was both blind and deaf, challenged Lions to be "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Lions answered "yes," and ever since, blindness prevention and service to the blind has been Lions highest service priority.

### ***Haven't Lions done enough?***

Lions have done much, especially since 1990. In the process, Lions have become respected leaders in the international effort to combat avoidable blindness. If Lions withdrew, no one could take their place. No other organization can match Lions' experience, expertise and commitment.

### ***Will Campaign SightFirst II help my community?***

SightFirst helps prevent blindness and restore sight in communities in all parts of the world. In Africa, South Asia and China, which have

the largest populations of blind people, SightFirst organizes and sponsors large scale treatment programs which can help thousands of people in one day. In Europe, the United States and some parts of Asia, where diabetes is epidemic and glaucoma a significant threat, Lions organize educational programs



and provide local screening opportunities.

### ***What does CSFII mean to Lions Clubs International?***

SightFirst accomplishments and the depth of Lions dedication to sight have raised the profile of the association and have made Lions a major force for good on a worldwide scale. CSFII will ensure that Lions do not relinquish their leadership of the place on the world stage.

### ***What does CSFII mean to***

### ***Lions Club members?***

CSFII is every Lion's opportunity to participate in effective service on a worldwide scale - the most comprehensive and far-reaching expression of the "We Serve" spirit.

### ***Will contributions to CSFII count toward Melvin Jones Fellowships?***

Yes, any gift to LCIF can be designated for a Melvin Jones Fellowship. However, CSFII seeks funds over and above existing support for LCIF and local projects. Lions should take care to ensure that CSFII fund raising is in addition activities that support other important projects.

### ***How will donors to CSFII be thanked?***

Lions Clubs and individual donors will be honored and recognized in proportion to the size of their gift through a formal recognition program that will include banner patch awards, publicity and opportunities to associate their gift with a specific SightFirst project. Details of the program will be provided to all clubs and potential donors before local fund raising begins.

Q: Should I have a baby after 35?    A: No, 35 children is enough .



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## Perspective

### 5 Corporate Lessons

#### Corporate Lesson 1:

A man is getting into the shower just as his wife is finishing up her shower, when the doorbell rings.

The wife quickly wraps herself in a towel and runs downstairs. When she opens the door, there stands Bob, the next door neighbour. Before she says a word, Bob says, "I'll give you \$800 to drop that towel." After thinking for a moment, the woman drops her towel and stands naked in front of Bob.

After a few seconds, Bob hands her \$800 dollars and leaves. When she gets to the bathroom, her husband asks, "Who was that?" "It was Bob the next door neighbour," she replies. "Great!" the husband says, "did he say anything about the \$800 he owes me?"

Moral of the story: If you share critical information pertaining to credit and risk with your shareholders in time, you may be in a position to prevent avoidable exposure.

#### Corporate Lesson 2:

A priest offered a lift to a Nun. She got in and crossed her legs, forcing her gown to reveal a leg. The priest nearly had an accident. After controlling the car, he stealthily slid his hand up her leg. The nun said, "Father, remember Psalm 129?" The priest removed his hand. But, changing gears, he let his hand slide up her leg again. The nun once again said, "Father, remember Psalm 129?" The priest apologized "Sorry sister but the flesh is weak." Arriving at the convent, the nun went on her way.

On his arrival at the church, the priest rushed to look up Psalm 129. It said, "Go forth and seek, further up, you will find glory."

Moral of the story: If you are not well informed in your job, you might miss a great opportunity.

#### Corporate Lesson 3:

A sales rep, an administration clerk, and the

manager are walking to lunch when they find an antique oil lamp. They rub it and a Genie comes out. The Genie says, "I'll give each of you just one wish." "Me first! Me first!" says the admin. clerk. "I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speedboat, without a care in the world." Poof! She's gone. "Me next! Me next!" says the sales rep. "I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse, an endless supply of Pina Coladas and the love of my life." Poof! He's gone. "OK, you're up," the Genie says to the manager. The manager says, "I want those two back in the office after lunch."

Moral of the story: Always let your boss have the first say.

#### Corporate Lesson 4:

A crow was sitting on a tree, doing nothing all day. A rabbit asked him, "Can I also sit like you and do nothing all day long?" The crow answered: "Sure, why not." So, the rabbit sat on the ground below the crow, and rested. A fox jumped on the rabbit and ate it.

Moral of the story: To be sitting and doing nothing, you must be sitting very high up.

#### Corporate Lesson 5:

A turkey was chatting with a bull. "I would love to be able to get to the top of that tree," sighed the turkey, but I haven't got the energy." "Well, why don't you nibble on my droppings?" replied the bull. "They're packed with nutrients." The turkey pecked at a lump of dung and found that it gave him enough strength to reach the lowest branch of the tree. The next day, after eating some more dung, he reached the second branch. Finally after a fourth night, there he was proudly perched at the top of the tree. Soon he was spotted by a farmer, who shot the turkey out of the tree.

Moral of the story: Bullshit might get you to the top, but it won't keep you there

I hate egotists. They all think they are as good as I am.

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# Calendar of Events

## 2006 May

- **4—Regular Meeting**  
Grace Anglican  
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- **5-7—A 16 Convention**  
Haliburton

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- **11—Board of Directors**  
Police Station

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- **18—Regular Meeting**  
Whitevale United  
“TBA”

## 2006 June

- **1—Regular Meeting**  
St. Andrew’s United  
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- **1-4 MDA Convention**  
Niagara Falls

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- **8—Board of Directors**  
Police Station

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- **15—Regular Meeting**  
St. Andrew’s Presbyterian  
“Ladies and Installation

## 2006 July

- **June 30- July 4th**  
**Int. Convnt.**  
Boston

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- **1—Club Picnic**  
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- **13—Board of Directors**  
Police Station

I think people should enjoy old age. It’s the one thing they can do better than youngsters.



*A reminder that it is flower sale time. This is a good fund raiser and should be supported by all members.*

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