

# JUNGLE TALK

## MARKHAM LIONS CLUB

District A-16

Region 18

Zone 18 West



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### PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

Markham Lions,

May I wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2007.

As many of you know I have a liking for red wine so imagine my delight when I heard that the A16 district had a Merlot program! Sad to say it was MERLO and not Merlot.



I am sure many of you know what MERLO means but just to be sure I will try to explain it in layman's terms.

The M is for Membership, this is all of us currently in the club.

The E is for Extension, this means forming new clubs.

The R is for Retention, this means keeping the members that we currently have.

The L is for Leadership, this means at all levels with Lions right down to the club and committee level.

The O is for Orientation, this means making sure that new members, and others, are up to speed on exactly what Lions is all about

The T is for Trouble that I would get into for drinking too much wine.

So what does this mean for us in Markham? Well, it is no secret that our numbers are going down. This is due to people moving away, like the Warehams, or

not able to make the commitment for personal reasons, etc.. Whatever the reason, and they are all valid reasons, we have to acknowledge that membership growth is a problem that needs to be addressed. It is also very important for us to get new blood into the club. Just looking at the contributions made by Lion

Jack and Lion Larry in the last 3 years makes me very happy. I see Lion Al getting very involved as is Lion Tim. The new blood is always good for Lions.

During the next few weeks and months you will see a lot of effort being put into gaining new members for our club. Lion Ken Harris and his team are planning a major drive to get new members. Each and every one of us will be asked to participate in this membership drive and it could turn out to be very enlightening and educational for all of us and a whole lot of fun at the same time.

We will also be putting a lot of effort into the Retention part of the equation. Again Lion Ken has plans to ensure that we are all involved and all up to date with various aspects of being a Lion in the Markham club.

Taking a quote from DG Ray in his recent district newsletter: "We are all salespeople for our club and our product that we have is Lionism and the joy of

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## LCI Web Site Receives New Look

The LCI Web site has a new look, including a refreshed homepage and improved navigation on the left-hand side of the site. Note that the top-level navigation (in the yellow banner at top) has not changed, and nothing has been removed; only added, or in some cases, renamed.

## E-Newsletter Gets New Name

Please note that the title of this monthly communication from International Headquarters has been changed from e-Newsletter to Lions Newswire. Lions Newswire is linked from the homepage of the LCI Web site under "Communications." Visit Lions Newswire monthly for the latest news and communications from headquarters.

## 2007 - Year of Celebrations

The "Year of Celebrations" will be recognized during the 2007 International Convention. This year is the 90th anniversary of Lions Clubs International, the 50th anniversary of Leos, the 20th year of women members and of the Peace Poster Contest.

## Take Advantage of Club Renewal

International President Jimmy M. Ross has challenged clubs to complete a Club Renewal. It is an opportunity for club members to review their activities, procedures and operations and identify new ways to re-energize their clubs. Upon completion of the Club Renewal analysis, clubs will be mailed a banner patch.

## Christmas Trees

If you are reading this and still have your Christmas tree, you are to late to put it out for pickup.

## Markham Environmental Sustainability Fund

The Town of Markham is committed to protecting, enhancing and restoring Markham's natural features and green spaces as part of a vital and healthy ecosystem.

The purpose of the Markham Environmental Sustainability Fund (MESF) is to provide financial assistance in funding Town internal and community projects and initiatives that promote environmental responsibility and innovation and enhance the Town's natural resources (soils, water, natural features and air quality).

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# Answers to Christmas Songs

(As given in December Bulletin)



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| <p>1. O Come All Ye Faithful</p> <p>2. Joy to the World</p> <p>3. Hark, the Herald Angels Sing</p> <p>4. O Little Town of Bethlehem</p> <p>5. Silent Night</p> <p>6. We Three Kings</p> <p>7. The First Noel</p> <p>8. Deck the Halls</p> <p>9. I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus</p> <p>10. I'm dreaming of a White Christmas</p> <p>11. All I Want for Christmas is my Two Front Teeth</p> <p>12. While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night</p> <p>13. Angels From the Realms of Glory</p> | <p>14. It came Upon a Midnight Clear</p> <p>15. O Holy Night</p> <p>16. O Christmas Tree</p> <p>17. What Child is This?</p> <p>18. Away In a manger</p> <p>19. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen</p> <p>20. Angels We Have Heard on High</p> <p>21. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer</p> <p>22. Santa Claus is Coming to Town</p> <p>23. Silver Bells</p> <p>24. The Little Drummer Boy</p> <p>25. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer</p> <p>26. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</p> <p>27. Deck the Halls With Boughs of Holly</p> | <p>28. I'm Getting Nothing for Christmas</p> <p>29. It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas</p> <p>30. While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night</p> <p>31. We Three Kings</p> <p>32. There's a Song in the Air</p> <p>33. The Twelve days of Christmas</p> <p>34. Let it Snow</p> <p>35. Frosty, the Snowman</p> <p>36. We Wish You a Merry Christmas</p> <p>37. Grandma Got Run Over By a reindeer</p> <p>38. Do You Hear What I Hear?</p> <p>39. Have Yourselves a Merry Little Christmas</p> |
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<p>The Four Engineers</p> <p>One day, a Mechanical Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Chemical Engineer and Computer Engineer were driving down the street in the same car.</p> <p>The car broke down.</p>	<p>The Mechanical Engineer said, "I think a rod broke."</p> <p>The Chemical Engineer said, "The way it sputtered at the end, I don't think it's getting gas."</p> <p>The Electrical Engineer said, "I think there was a spark and</p>	<p>something is wrong with the electrical system."</p> <p>All three turned to the computer engineer and said, "What do you think?"</p> <p>The Computer Engineer said, "I think we should all get out and get back in.</p>
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## Perspective on Time

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One hundred years ago.

What a difference a century makes!

Here are some statistics for the Year 1906 :

The average life expectancy was 47 years.

Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!

The average wage was 22 cents per hour.

The average worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year .

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, A dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer

about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births took place at HOME .

Ninety percent of all doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!

Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

Five leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease

5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was only 30!!!!

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and ice tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write.

Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores. Back then pharmacists said, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health." ( Shocking? DUH! )

Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE ! U.S.A. !

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being in the Markham club." (I know we are good at selling fireworks and spring flowers so this should be quite within our reach.) DG Ray goes on to say: "Talk with 10 people about our club and the fun we have. Seven of those people will talk to you about our club, 5 will offer to come to a dinner meeting and 2 or 3 will join." If we all get 1 new member then we will have 78

members. I don't think we will get that many but we won't know this unless we try.

We are not alone in this effort

### *President's Message*

to grow our club. All clubs face the same challenge. However, we do have the commitment of help from DG Ray and his MERLO team. There are 5 committee chairmen in the district and each of them is more than

willing to work with us.

We had a good first half year and I thank you all for your efforts. I look forward to a great 2<sup>nd</sup> half of this Lions year and I eagerly await the time for us all to sell those Spring flowers and Fireworks.

Take care, and pass the wine.

# December 14, 2006 Director's Meeting



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The Board Meeting was held at the Police Station Community Room on Thursday, December 14, 2006. President David Hitchen called the meeting to order at 7:29 PM.

The November 9<sup>th</sup> minutes were left at home, and could not be read. *(Editor's note; Printed in December Bulletin.)*

Attendance: Fred Sheehy, Jim Thomson, Mandy Galloway, Dave Galloway, David Hitchen, Ken Harris, Ken Tranter, Dick Peel, John Bell, Eddie Mees and Bill Milligan.

Correspondence: A Christmas card from CNIB given to Health, and information from the Post Office given to Communications.

Lion Ken Tranter presented the Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was accepted on motion of Lion Ken Tranter and seconded by Lion Jim Thomson. The report of funds released was approved.

-Health-Lion Ken Tranter said

we had a good morning at Kateri Tekakawitha School but was disappointed in number of kids who showed up for the Vision Screening.

-Youth and Community Chair Lion Carl Vanseader reported that the budget will be coming in shortly. Lion Carl filled two requests for assistance at Christmas.

-Communications-Lion President David will send an email report out to all the Committee Chairs. There was confusion in the information re the Turkey Roll start time.

-Membership Chair Lion Ken Harris went to the Markham Festival of Lights but wasn't successful in getting any new members.

-Sick and Visiting- Lion Doris Kowalchuk broke her arm in a fall. John Martin is feeling a lot better. President David is having knee surgery on December 20, 2006.

-Program, Greeters and Visitation — reporting for this committee, Lion Jim Thompson said January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at St. Andrew's United Church is our next meeting.

-Social and Convention — Reporting for this committee Lion Dick Peel reported that there was not a very good turnout for the Turkey Roll and \$1400.00 was realised. Lion Glen Schick was very disappointed that many

of the Lions did not show up.

**Note-**It was recommended for next year's tickets a statement is needed about where the money is going, that it is Administration.

Wedding Show- There will be a meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 to see if the show is a go. A cheque will be issued to the Treasurer.

-Finance Chair Lion David Hitchen would like the committee chairs to give a mid term report of spending by the first meeting in January 2007. He will collate all the information.

-Food Booth and Property Reporting for this committee, Lion Jim Thomson read a list of costs for the Food Booth. Net income is \$17,460.64. Property List given \$4,000.83.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm on motion of Lion Bill Milligan and we headed to Tommy Cook's for a cup of Christmas cheer.

Lion Mandy Galloway  
Secretary  
Markham Lions Club





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# Picture Potpourri One

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Above—Visit of District Governor Ray  
Left— Former Markham Lions at Lambeth  
Below— Hockey fans?





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# The Lighter Side

## Corporate Management

Put about 100 bricks in no particular order in a closed room with an open window. Then send 2 or 3 candidates in the room and close the door.

Leave them alone and come back after 6 hours to then analyze the situation.

If they are counting the bricks, put them in the accounts department.

If they are recounting them put them in auditing.

If they have messed up the whole place with the bricks, put them in engineering.

If they are arranging the bricks in some strange order, put them in planning.

If they are throwing the bricks at each other, ut them in operations.

If they are sleeping, put them in security.

If they have broken the bricks into pieces, put them in information technology.

If they are sitting idle, put them in human resources.

If they say they have tried different combinations, yet not a brick has been moved, put them in sales.

If they have already left for the day, put them in marketing.

If they are staring out of the window, put them in strategic planning.

And then last but not least...

If they are talking to each other and not a single brick has been moved, congratulate them and put them in top management.

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 Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and says to the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to heaven?" The man said, "I do Father." The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall." Then the priest asked the second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?" "Certainly, Father," was the man's reply. "Then stand over there against the wall," said the priest. Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and said, "Do you want to go to heaven?" O'Toole said, "No, I don't Father. The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?" O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now."  
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## 25 Things You Should Have learned By Middle Age

1. If you're too open-minded, your brains will fall out.
2. Don't worry about what people think; they don't do it very often.
3. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
4. It ain't the jeans that make

your backside look fat.

5. Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
6. My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.
7. Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.
8. It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.
9. For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.
10. If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.
11. Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.
12. A conscience is what hurts when all of your other parts feel so good.
13. Eat well, stay fit, die anyway.
14. Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it.
15. No man has ever been shot while doing the dishes.
16. A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.
17. Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.
18. Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.
19. Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.

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### Dear Club Officer,

The coming year will be a very special one for Lions Clubs International. Lions from all over the world are invited to "come home to Chicago" for our 90th International Convention in July. There will be many other celebrations and events marking our 90th anniversary beginning with a special feature in an upcoming issue of The LION magazine. Information on other events will be available throughout the year at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

Other parts of our asso-

ciation family will be celebrating significant milestones as well. This year will mark the 50th anniversary of Leo clubs, the 20th anniversary of the Peace Poster contest and the 20th anniversary of women's participation as Lions club members. These anniversaries will also be featured in The LION magazine and on the Lions Clubs International Web site.

While we will be taking special note of the past in this year of anniversaries, we will also be moving ahead with the new paradigm for our organization. As part of this new paradigm, we are focusing membership extension efforts on "target markets" that are underrepresented in the association. Urban populations and the "baby boomer" generation are two important

examples.

But perhaps the most important group we can reach out to is young people. It should be obvious to everyone that the youth of our communities will be the Lions club members of the future. That is why I am asking all Lions clubs throughout the world to consider sponsoring a Leo club.

The association is placing great importance on Leo clubs in their 50th anniversary year. In a letter to all Leo Club members throughout the world ([http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/youth\\_leo\\_convention.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/youth_leo_convention.shtml))

I have invited them to come to Chicago and participate in a special Global Leo Conference during our International Convention. I believe that knowing that Lions Clubs International is dedicated to providing activities and programs that are specially tailored to young people will energize existing Leo clubs and be a powerful motivation for the formation of new ones.

I hope that your club will also place great importance on Leos in the coming year. The month of April has been designated as Leo Awareness Month. I strongly urge you to show your members and your communities what young people can accomplish by joining with a Leo club in your area

for a special service project in April.

You have my best wishes during this holiday season and for a joyful, service-filled new year.

Sincerely,

Jimmy M. Ross  
International President  
Lions Clubs International

### Helping Hand Across Continents

Cliff McDonald of the New Plymouth Egmont, New Zealand, Lions Club and his wife Lesley, a school teacher, contacted a fellow Lion they met in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, while on vacation two years ago to see how New Zealand Lions could provide a helping hand in the wake of the devastating hurricane.

The club learned of a need at the Joseph Maggiore Elementary School, and Lesley's school, Puketapu Primary, began a coin trail, which New Plymouth Egmont Lions matched dollar for dollar.

As the Louisiana school's library was destroyed in the storm, New Zealand Lions also worked to collect books. In all, Lions collected 200 children's books, enough to fill four large cartons. Lion approached Warehouse Stationary, which donated a large quantity of school stationary. Lions then contacted DHL, which agreed to ship the collected materials free of



# Noah in 2006

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## Noah in 2006

In the year 2006 , the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in Canada, and said, "Once again, the earth has become wicked and over-populated, and I see the end of all flesh before me.

Build another Ark and save 2 of every living thing along with a few good humans."

He gave Noah the blueprints, saying, "You have 6 months to build the Ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights."

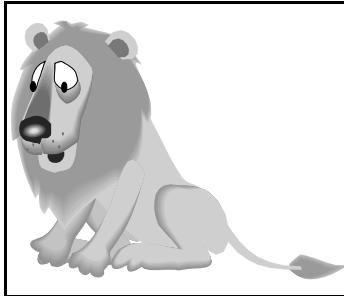
Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard - but no Ark.

"Noah!" He roared, "I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?"

"Forgive me, Lord," begged Noah, "but things have changed. I needed a building permit. I've been arguing with the inspector about the need for a sprinkler system. My neighbors claim that I've violated the neighborhood zoning laws by building the Ark in my yard and exceeding the height limitations. We had to go to the Development Appeal Board for a decision.

Then the Transport Canada demanded a bond be posted for the future costs of moving power lines and other overhead obstructions, to clear the passage for the Ark's move to the sea. I told them that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it.

Getting the wood was another problem. There's a ban on cutting local trees in order to save the spotted owl. I



tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the owls - but no go! When I started gathering the animals, an animal rights group sued me.

They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. They argued the accommodation was too restrictive, and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space.

Then Environment Canada ruled that I couldn't build the Ark until they'd conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood.

I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Human Rights Commission on how many minorities I'm supposed to hire for my building crew. Immigration Canada is checking the status of most of the people who want to work.

The trades unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only Union workers with Ark building experience.

To make matters worse, the Revenue Canada seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species. So, forgive me, Lord, but it would take at least 10 years for me to finish this Ark."

Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky. Noah looked up in wonder and asked, "You mean you're not going to destroy the world?"

"No," said the Lord. "The Canadian government beat me to it."

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20. There is always one more imbecile than you counted on.

21. Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make

it again.

22. By the time you can make

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ends meet, they move the ends.

23. Thou shalt not weigh more

than thy refrigerator.

24. Someone who thinks logically provides a nice contrast to the real world.

25. If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.



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## Club Election Procedures

**Editors Note:** *The following is from a brochure produced by International. I believe there have been some changes which I was not aware of so here it is for your review.*

### General Procedural Guidelines for Club Elections.

**Club Elections** – Timing: Elections are to be held no later than April 15 of each year. The club secretary is required, either by mail or by personal delivery, to give notice to each member of the club at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the date of election. (Standard Form Club By-Laws, Article IV, Section 1.)

**Nomination Committee:** The Club President appoints the nomination committee, which submits the names of candidates for various club offices to the club membership at the nomination meeting. (Standard Form Club By-Laws, Article

IV, Section 2.)

**Nominations:** Nominations may be made from the floor of the nomination meeting. Once nominations have been closed, no more nominations may be made. If the nominee/s are unable to serve, and there is no other nominee, the nominating committee may submit, at the election meeting, names of additional nominees for that office. (Standard Form Club By-Laws, Article IV, Section 2 and 3.)

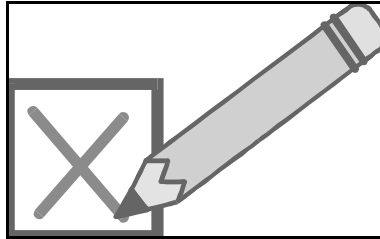
**Eligibility for Office:** To be eligible for club office, the Lion must be an active member in good standing. (Standard Form Club By-Laws, Article II, Section 2.)

### General Voting Guidelines:

Unless otherwise provided in the respective club constitution and by-laws, the election shall be by ballot by those present

and eligible to vote. A plurality vote is necessary to elect.

**Quorum:** The presence in person of a majority of the members in



good standing. (Standard Form Club By-Laws, Article III, Section 5.)

**Eligibility to vote:** Voting privileges are granted to members present who are in good standing and fall into one of the following membership categories: Active, Affiliate, Associate, Life, Member at Large and Privileged. The president is entitled to one vote, so long as he or she is in good standing.

**Plurality vote:** The candidate receiving the largest number of votes has a plurality.

**Form of Ballot:** Unless otherwise provided in the respective club constitution and by-laws, or other adopted rules, in elections, "for" and "against" spaces or boxes should not be used. They are applicable only with respect to votes on motions. An election, in effect, is a vote on filling a blank, and a voter can vote against one candidate only by voting for another who has been nominated or by writing in the name of another

candidate.

### General Principles Regarding Elections:

All elections should be guided by the provisions contained in the respective club, district and International Constitution and By-Laws, or by any rules of procedure adopted by the respective club or district for elections or by local statute or common law. Otherwise, all questions of order or procedure should be determined in accordance with Roberts' Rules of Order Newly Revised, as revised from time to time.

### Exercise for Seniors

I came across this exercise suggested for seniors, to build muscle strength in the arms and shoulders. The article suggested doing it three days a week. It seems so easy, so I thought I'd pass it on.

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5-lb potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides, and hold them there as long as you can.

Try to reach a full minute, then relax. Each day, you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb. potato sacks. Then 50-lb. potato sacks, and then eventually, try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb. potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute.

Once you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each sack.

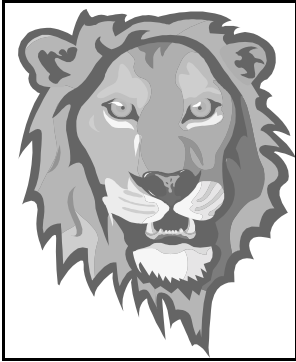
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## Calendar of Events

### 2007 February

- **1—Regular Meeting**  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian  
Card Night

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- **8—Board of Director's**  
Police Station

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- **15—Regular Meeting**  
Grace Anglican  
TBA

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- **26—Zone Meeting**  
Thornhill (Tentative)

### 2007 March

- **1—Regular Meeting**  
St. Andrew's United  
Nominations

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- **8—Board of Director's**  
Police Station

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- **15—Regular Meeting**  
Grace Anglican  
TBA

### 2007 April

- **12—Regular Meeting**  
Heritage United  
Elections

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- **8—Board of Director's**  
Police Station

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- **26—Regular Meeting**  
Unionville Presbyterian  
TBA

*Editor's Note:* I expect that some of you read the page 4 article on the changes in 100 years and thought "Why doesn't he get some Canadian material?" Perhaps I should but the point seems to me to be bigger — that changes occur quickly and we, the Markham Lions Club must also change. Not that Lions are 100, a mere eighty only, or as a club only sixty four.

In the twenty years I have been a member of the club there have been many changes. There is considerably less liquid consumed at meetings as members don't like to get up many times during the night. Coffee and cake are seldom served anymore but

frankly most of us are probably better without it. The majority of members are now on Email and it has proven a significant means of communication. We now have a website. We are adapting.

Nevertheless our membership is decreasing. From around sixty five when I joined to less than

#### On Membership

forty. One asks what changes would make membership more desirable, or indeed is that the answer. Do we have the right product but describe it wrong. Are we selling membership when we should be selling friendship? Are we selling membership when we should be selling the opportunity to make a contribution to the community?

What about the channel to new members — do we push it through a channel consisting of our members when we should be pulling it through by advertising. (Some stations do public service announcements for free.) Pushing implies such things as a dues holiday for each new member brought in.

What about the market segment — my reading tells me we should be looking for men over 50 but women who have recently entered the work force.

Regardless of how you see it, we need to give the membership committee our full support. There is a commercial about pay me now or pay me later. If we don't stay on top of this, we pay later through more and tougher shifts.