

# JUNGLE TALK

## MARKHAM LIONS CLUB

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Region 18

Zone 18 West



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Today is Thanksgiving Day and we have so much to be thankful for.** We live in a land of plenty and we are fortunate to have a democratic system that allows us to choose how we govern our society. In fact tomorrow is a crucial day in our system and we hope that every Markham Lion exercised his or her right to make that choice. (As Markhamites, we should be proud that a recent survey showed that Markham town, in the last election, was one of the few municipalities in the GTA where over 70% of the population voted.)



Living in a land of plenty puts a load of responsibility on us as Lions as we look out into next year and see less fortunate people around us trying to cope with the reality of a major recession and the accompanying job losses. If we have any sense of social responsibility, we should be addressing the issue of family hunger here within the community of Markham. It is with this in mind and in commemoration of our 65<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary that I have began a **Presidential Initiative Program** to help in the fight against family hunger in Markham.

My proposal, which has been endorsed by your Major Service Project Committee, is that the Markham Lions work closely with the Markham Food Bank to provide services and raise food donations in full support of this worthwhile effort. In our 65<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Town of Markham, I would like to set a goal to raise 6500 lbs of food for needy families.

The history of Lions Clubs across Canada supporting their local Food Banks is extensive. One club that I talked to in Beamsville has just finished their 20<sup>th</sup> annual Thanksgiving Food

Drive and raised an amazing 36,000 lbs. of food in one day with over 200 volunteers.

In a preliminary discussion with the Markham Food Bank, they overwhelmingly welcomed our support. I learned that they provide three days of food every month to over 600 people in the Markham area and that they have numerous organizations working on bringing in food for Christmas

and into January. The help that they need is at the end of February and late June as they head into the lean summer months. Another need is more current as there is always a shortage of drivers to pick up food from the fire-halls and stores.

The logistics of how we can achieve this 6500lb. goal are not yet defined but the Committee will be developing a plan based on other Club's experiences shortly. The Committee will also look into how we can help the Food Bank now with their food pick-up problems.

The Committee is very confident that they will win the full support of the membership as they mobilize all 49 members to join in the fight against family hunger here in Markham.

**What an event it was!!.....**a gloomy September 27 sky did not dampen our Lions enthusiasm..... over 20 proud Markham Lions in their bright vests receiving accolades from the politicians for the good works that the Club has performed over 65 years..... the Ontario Trillium Foundation presenting the Club with \$71,700 to create a permanent display on our history in the Markham Museum Print Shop building.....a memorable day in our Club's

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**Editor's notes:**

The article in the previous bulletin from the Ontario Farmer was written by the editor of the magazine, Paul Mahon which I inadvertently omitted.

To keep administration costs down, the Board of Director's have decided that the bulletin will now go to members with Email via that route. Paper copies will still be available for those members without Email.

**Milliken Mills Lions Club** will be holding its 11th Annual Festival of Lights Dinner (fine Indian cuisine) , Dance, DJ, Music, Entertainment....

On...Saturday, November 1st, 2008 from 7:00 pm at Moti Mahal Banquet Hall, 7850 Woodbine Ave., Markham, ON L3R 0B9 Tel: (905) 943-9300.

**Sharon Lions Club 5th Charter Anniversary:**

This event is being held on Saturday November 15 , 2008 at the Queensville Hall. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and are available from any Sharon Lion or by phone at (905) 476-2813. Social 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m.

**FALL CRAFT SHOW** - November 1 /08 - 9am-2pm presented by Richvale Lions/Lioness Clubs at Langstaff Community Centre, 155 Red Maple Road, Richmond Hill, Ontario  
Free Admission - Everyone Welcome  
For more info contact  
Nancy Adams - 905-770-1772  
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**Westville Celebrates 4 Million Glasses Processed**

Members of the eyeglass processing team at the Westville Correction Center in Indiana can take pride in knowing they've reached the 4 million mark.

Inmates at the center have now processed more than 4 million pairs of recycled eyeglasses for eventual distribution and reuse by those in need with vision impairments. Indiana Corrections Commissioner Ed Buss congratulated Lions, inmates and organizers on their efforts in providing the service.

**Lions Clubs International has designed new billboard ads!**

The new billboards from Lions Clubs International are available in two sizes in two file formats below. Contact billboard companies in your community to see if they have low non-profit rates or if they will allow you to put the Lions messages free of charge on any billboards that are not rented.

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## Take Note

### Social Events 2008-2009 Markham Lions Club

Please mark your calendar to day to ensure long term plans.

1. **Charter Night November 8, 2008** at the Markham Civic Centre
2. **Fun & Games Night on Thursday December 4, 2008** for all members, spouses and friends. Details to follow. This event will modify the Turkey Roll event, to include other activities as well as a pot luck dinner.
3. **President's Christmas Open House on Sunday December 14, 2008 at 88 Fincham Avenue from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**
4. **Euchre and Bridge Night, Saturday January 25, 2009** at the Markham Lawn Bowling Club at 7:00 p.m.
5. **Bowling and Dinner Event, Saturday February 28, 2009, five and ten pin bowling at 4:30 p.m.** at the alley at Galsworthy and Hwy 7. (approx. cost \$12.00 to \$15.00.) **Dinner at the new Mandarin Restaurant in Box Grove at 6:30 p.m.** People may opt to attend one or both of the events.
6. **Herongate Dinner Theatre Night** in late March or early April. Selection of the date depends upon Herongates' spring programme. Approx. cost \$40.00 to \$45.00 per person
7. **A-16 Convention in Oshawa, April 17 - 19, 2008.**
8. **MDA Convention June 4 - 7, 2009 in North Bay.** It is hoped a number of members and spouses will plan to attend and that we may be able to book a number of rooms close to each other. It will be a great time to enjoy the North Bay area
9. **July 1, 2009 Annual picnic.** - details to follow.
10. **International Convention July 7 - 10, 2009 in Minneapolis.** Contact Dick Peel for details of bus group arrangements.

### 11 Commandments for Team Building

1. **Help each other** be right-not wrong.
2. **Look for ways to make ideas work-** not for reasons they won't.
3. **If in doubt check it out-**Don't make negative assumptions about each other.
4. **Help each other win** and take pride in each others victories.
5. **Speak positively about each other** and Lions at every opportunity.



6. **Maintain a positive mental attitude** no matter what the circumstances.
7. **Act with initiative and courage** as if it all depends on you.
8. **Do everything with enthusiasm-** it's contagious.
9. **Whatever you want-give it away.**
10. **Don't lose faith-** never give up.

When the wise company president learned that his employees were tanking up on no-trace vodka martinis during their lunch hours, he issued the following memo:

To all employees; If you must drink during you lunch hours, please drink whiskey. It is better for our customers to know you're drunk than to think you're stupid.

## SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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#### BACKGROUND

Many Lions districts worldwide, from MD 13 (Ohio, USA) to MD 111 (Germany), have successfully utilized the position of second vice district governor to strengthen district operations, to better prepare Lions to serve as district governors, and to create more opportunities for leadership development.

After studying the positive results and benefits attained by these districts, the LCI Board of Directors developed formal guidelines and duties for the position of Second Vice District Governor during 2007-08. Subsequently, delegates at the 2008 Bangkok International Convention approved a by-law amendment officially creating the office of second vice district governor. The following provides a detailed overview of the position and information on the nomination and election procedures.

#### BENEFITS

##### 1. What are the advantages of having a second vice district governor?

In today's fast changing world, individuals must blend their family demands, work commitments and volunteer work. Because the district governor's role is a complex and demanding one, he/she will be able to share his/her responsibilities with the first and second vice district governors. This will foster collaboration, provide continuity in district administration and better prepare the first and second vice district governors for the role of governor. Based on the success experienced in districts already utilizing this position, a stronger, more cohesive and efficient district leadership team will emerge.

##### 2. What is the general breakdown of duties between the governor and vice district governors? And how do they work as a team?

The governor and the first and second vice district governors are a team working together to provide effective district leadership. As the team leader, the district governor -- in addition to supervising overall district operations -- is responsible for developing teamwork strategies, coaching and motivating the vice district governors, and monitoring overall performance of the team. The first vice district governor is primarily responsible for assisting with membership development, assisting with the chartering of new clubs, and promoting district events. The second vice district governor is primarily responsible for focusing on retention issues affecting the district and for increasing the awareness among Lions about various association programs.

This collaborative team approach not only can improve district administration but it also helps prepare vice governors to become more confident and effective district governors over a two-year period. As second vice district governor, they are able to learn how the district operates, they become more familiar with LCI programs and they assess the needs of local clubs. Then, as first vice district governors, they assume more responsibility for growing clubs and membership, for taking on special assignments, and for representing the district governor at meetings and events as requested. Districts currently utilizing the 2 second vice governor position have clearly found that this 'learning by doing' approach has been very valuable to leadership development.

##### 3. What are the specific duties of the first vice district governor?

A detailed description of the duties is found in the International By-Laws, board policy and the *Standard Form District Constitution And By-Laws*. The first vice district governor shall:

- Further the purposes of the association;
- Perform administrative duties as assigned by the district governor and accept and complete other duties as required by the International Board of Directors
- Attend cabinet meetings;
- Preside at cabinet meetings and other meetings in the absence of the governor and participate in council meet-

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ings as appropriate;

- Assist the governor in identifying opportunities and challenges facing the district and in developing long-term strategies to strengthen and grow the district;
- Conduct club visitations when requested by the district governor;
- Work with the District Membership, Extension, Leadership Development and Convention Committees and assist them in reaching their goals for the year.
- Supervise other district committees at the request of the district governor;
- Participate in the planning of the following year including the district budget;
- Become familiar with the responsibilities of the district governor.

#### 4. What are the specific duties of the second vice district governor?

A detailed description of the duties is found in the International By-Laws, board policy and the *Standard Form District Constitution And By-Laws*. The second vice district governor shall:

- Further the purposes of the association;
- Work with other district officers to promote membership growth, new club organization, and member retention;
- Attend cabinet meetings;
- Preside at cabinet meetings and other meetings in the absence of the governor and the first vice district governor;
- Monitor the health of clubs by regularly reviewing LCI recap and membership reports; develop action steps to assist declining clubs in coordination with MERL teams and zone/region chairs;
- Assist in preparation of the budget and other matters to be continued in the following year;
- Supervise appropriate district committees as requested by the district governor;
- Accept and complete other duties as required by the association's policy or as assigned by the district governor. For example, conduct club visitations, offer assistance to declining clubs, work with the District Convention, LCIF and Information Technology Committees.
- Become familiar with the responsibilities of the district governor and first vice district governor.

#### CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS/ELECTIONS

#### 5. Who is eligible to be a candidate for second vice district governor?

Any Lion who:

- Is an active member in good standing in a club that is in good standing;
- Is endorsed by his/her club or the majority of clubs in the single or sub district;
- Has served as club President and a member of the board of directors of the club for two years and as zone and region chairperson or cabinet secretary or cabinet treasurer, with none of these offices being accomplished concurrently. A Lion must hold these offices for a full term or major portion thereof.

These same qualifications apply to the election of the first vice district governor who will serve in 2009-2010.

#### 6. Is the second vice district governor the only candidate eligible for first vice district governor the following year?

Yes, unless the second vice district governor does not stand for election as first vice district governor, or if the office is vacant at the time of the district convention. In this circumstance, any club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of second vice district governor may be elected as first vice district governor. Additional qualifications are outlined in the *International By-Laws*, Article IX, Section 6.b.

#### 7. Is an election required for the second vice district governor to succeed to the office of first vice dis-

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You might not have known this, but a lot of non-living objects are actually either male or female. Here are some examples:

**FREEZER BAGS:** They are male, because they hold everything in, but you can see right through them.

**PHOTOCOPIERS:** These are female, because once turned off; it takes a while to warm them up again.

They are an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed, but can also wreak havoc if you push the wrong Buttons.

**TIRES:** Tires are male, because they go bald easily and are often over inflated.

**HOT AIR BALLOONS:** Also a male object, because to get them to go any where, you have to light a fire under their butt

**SPONGES:** These are female, because they are soft, squeezable and retain water.

**WEB PAGES:**

Female, because they're constantly being looked at and frequently getting hit on.

**TRAINS:** Definitely male, because they always use the same old lines for picking up people.

**EGG TIMERS:** Egg timers are female because, over time, all the weight shifts to the bottom.

**HAMMERS:** Male, because in the last 5000 years, they've hardly changed at all, and are occasionally handy to have around.

**THE REMOTE CONTROL:**

Female. Ha! You probably thought it would be male, but consider this: It easily gives a man pleasure, he'd be

lost without it, and while he doesn't always know which buttons to push, he just keeps trying

THREE NUNS WERE ATTENDING A CUBS BASEBALL GAME..

THREE MEN WERE SITTING DIRECTLY BEHIND.

BECAUSE THE NUNS' HABITS



WERE PARTIALLY BLOCKING THE VIEW, THE MEN DECIDED

TO BADGER THE NUNS HOPING THAT THEY'D GET ANNOYED ENOUGH TO MOVE TO ANOTHER AREA..

IN A VERY LOUD VOICE, THE FIRST GUY SAID, 'I THINK I'M GOING TO MOVE TO UTAH .. THERE ARE ONLY 100 NUNS LIVING THERE..'

THEN THE SECOND GUY SPOKE UP AND SAID, 'I WANT TO GO TO MONTANA . THERE ARE ONLY 50 NUNS LIVING THERE..'

THE THIRD GUY SAID, 'I WANT TO GO TO IDAHO .. THERE ARE ONLY 25 NUNS LIVING THERE..'

ONE OF THE NUNS TURNED AROUND, LOOKED AT THE MEN, AND IN A VERY SWEET AND CALM VOICE SAID,

'WHY DON'T YOU GO TO HELL .. THERE AREN'T ANY NUNS LIVING THERE!'

Always wear underwear in public, especially when working under your vehicle...

From the Northwest Florida Daily News comes this story of a Crestview couple who drove their car to Wal-Mart, only to have their car break down in the parking lot. The man told his wife to carry on with the shopping while he fixed the car in the lot.

The wife returned later to see a small group of people near the car. On closer inspection, she saw a pair of male legs protruding from under the chassis. Although the man was in shorts, his lack of underpants turned private parts into glaringly public ones.

Unable to stand the embarrassment, she dutifully stepped forward, quickly put her hand UP his shorts, and tucked everything back into place.

She took a deep breath and stood up boldly to face the crowd. She looked across the hood and found herself staring at her husband, who had been standing idly by. The mechanic, however, had to have three stitches in his forehead.

The Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces and laid it upon the altar.

And then Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times.

"Now, said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?"

A little girl in the back of the room raised her hand with great enthusiasm. "To make the gravy," came her enthusiastic reply.



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history.

Thanks to all the members that came out in support of their Club. A huge thanks to Lions Jim Wicks and Jack Dawson for their endless hours of work to make this day possible. We await the completion of the project and another great day of celebration!!

**Congratulations go to Co-Chairs Lions Larry Tod and Bill Dewberry** and the entire Food Booth Committee for the outstanding job of organizing this year's Markham Fair food sales. The weather was fantastic, the crowds were a record and as you know we were very busy. Saturday at noon was unbelievable as lines of 10-12 customers were constant for 3 hours. A lot of work, a lot of fun and over \$35,000 in sales. Thank you Lions!!

**The 65<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary Committee**, led by Lion George McKelvey, have been working since June to put together an evening of celebration on November 8 that will set new standards for our Club. With a promotional campaign aimed at the members, Lions execs., politicians and other Lions Clubs in A-16, Chair George confirms that we will have over 110 people attend this party at the Markham Civic Centre. It will be

an exciting evening as we commemorate 65 years of dedicated service to the Town of Markham and the address of motivational Lions speaker, Eleanor Wood will be the night's highlight. This restaurant holds 140 people so if you have not purchased your tickets, there's still lots of room to join your fellow Lions in this Anniversary celebration.

**The weeks of work are over** and the



Committees came through again this year with a very responsible budget for 2008-9. The budget with a few amendments was approved at the Director's meeting on October 9. Many thanks to Chair Tim Armstrong, his Finance Committee and all the Committee Chairs for a job well done.

**What a choice to make!!** On Saturday, October 18, many of us will

have a very difficult choice to make as both the Mount Joy Clean-up and the Camp Kirk Closing unfortunately come on the same day. Lions Dick Peel and Tom Goldring will be helping at Camp Kirk and have room for passengers if you are interested. Whatever your choice, I'm sure it will be the right one just as long as you make every effort to attend one of them.

The full details are not out yet but put **December 4** aside as a special Club event of fellowship and fun. The Social and Convention Committee plan to revamp the Turkey Night as a potluck dinner with the Club member partners and friends as special guests.

Just received the December 4 agenda as I write so you can read it for yourself. Looks like a fun evening!

**On December 14 from 2pm to 5 pm**, Lorraine and I will be welcoming all the Club members and their partners into our home to celebrate the Holiday season. Put that date aside now and we look forward to seeing everyone.

Yours in Lionism,  
Lion President Jack

Three old gals are out walking. First one says, "Windy, isn't it?" Second one says, "No, it's Thursday!" Third one says, "So am I. Let's go get a beer."

A woman was telling her neighbour, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but its state of the art. It's perfect."

"Really," answered the neighbor. "What kind is it?"  
"Twelve thirty."

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later, the

doctor spoke to Morris and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?" Morris replied, "Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'" The doctor replied, "I didn't say that. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'"

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#### **trict governor, and the first vice governor to succeed to the office of district governor?**

Yes, a district must conduct an election for each officer every year. The elections are by secret written ballot and a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast by the delegates present and voting at the district convention. However, it is possible that the existing first vice district governor or second vice district governor may choose not to stand for election. In such circumstances, a Lion that meets the qualifications for candidacy contained in the International By-Laws may submit their candidacy to the nominations committee.

#### **8. How does a district choose a second vice district governor?**

A district elects a second vice district governor in accordance with International By-Laws, Article IX, Section 6 and the district's (single, sub- or multiple) constitution and by-laws and adopted election procedures. A district also conducts a separate election for the first vice district governor. Candidates for the first and second vice district governors must appear on the ballot.

#### **9. Could a Lion be a candidate for both first and second vice district governors?**

Since both offices are new and vacant in fiscal year 2009-2010, technically a Lion could be a candidate for both offices for district elections held in 2008-2009. In subsequent years, the only candidate eligible for first vice district governor will be the second vice district governor. Each district is encouraged to have candidates specify the office that matches their experience. A Lion cannot hold both offices simultaneously.

### DISTRICT BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

#### **10. How does a district amend its constitution and by-laws?**

A district amends its constitution and by-laws according to the amendment provision contained in its constitution and by-laws. The *Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws* provide guidance regarding the amending procedures (see Constitution Article VII and By-Laws Article X). Any district (single, sub-, multiple) constitution and by-law provision for a second vice district governor must be consistent with the International Constitution and By-Laws.

#### **11. Can a district elect a second vice district governor without amending its by-laws?**

Yes, the second vice district governor is an official position of the association as provided in the International By-Laws. The district's constitution and by-laws should be amended to be consistent with the International Constitution and By-Laws. However, if the district's by-laws are not amended, the International By-Laws and *Standard Form District Constitution And By-Laws* would govern.

#### **12. Can a district modify the duties of a second vice district governor to meet the district's needs?**

Yes, a district may define additional and different duties in its district constitution and by-laws. These modifications must be consistent with the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws and board policy.

### FIRST OR SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR VACANCY

#### **13. What happens if a district is unable to fill the office of second vice district with a qualified candidate?**

There is vacancy in the office of second vice district governor. In this case, a district reports the name of the first vice district governor to the English Language Department, International Headquarters. The vacancy remains in the office until the district fills it. Districts are encouraged to fill any vacancies since doing so will expand the pool of Lions qualified to be future governors. This is because Lions eligible to fill second vice district governor vacancies need

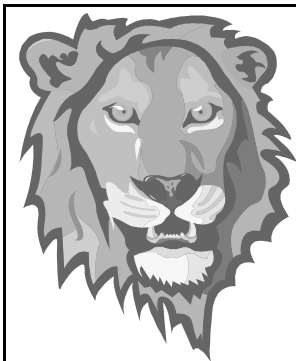
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to only have completed one year as a club officer and one year as a district cabinet member.

Thus, the vacancy filling procedures may actually help districts that have experienced challenges in finding qualified candidates for first vice governor.

#### 14. How does a district fill a first and/or second vice district governor vacancy?

A district fills either vacancy according to the provisions of the single, sub-district or multiple district constitution and by-laws. Any Lion is eligible and qualified to fill either vacancy if he/she:

- Is an active member in good standing of a Lions club in good standing in his/her district;
- Has served as an officer of a Lions club and member of the district cabinet for a full term or major portion thereof, with none of these offices being accomplished concurrently.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### 15. When does the office of second vice district governor become effective?

The term of second vice district governor begins July 2009. A district calls for candidates and conducts an election for this officer in 2008-2009.

#### 16. Is the office of second vice district governor mandatory or optional?

The second vice district governor is neither a mandatory nor an optional office. It is an official position of the association. The terms "mandatory" or "optional" do not define the office and these terms have never been used to describe the office of district governor. Based on the inquiries from districts worldwide and their keen interest in the office of second vice district governor, it is anticipated that districts will call for candidates and elect this officer in 2008-2009 to take office in 2009-2010.

#### 17. Is the name of the second vice district governor reported to International Headquarters?

Yes, the second vice district governor election results are reported to the English Language Department, International Headquarters by the district governor after the district convention. The name, address and contact information should be reported. A district unable to elect a second vice district governor reports the first vice district governor election results.

#### 18. What financial support is available for the second vice district governor?

Based on the success and experience of districts already utilizing the position, the duties and responsibilities of the second vice district governor should not require significant additional expense. Some of the larger multiple districts using the position, for example, do not require the second vice governor to attend council meetings, which is one way to manage resources effectively. Additionally, the district governor may share their LCI expense reimbursements for club visitations if the first or second vice district governor is assigned responsibilities for such visits on the governor's behalf.

#### 19. To whom should inquiries and requests for additional information regarding the second vice district governor be directed?

For inquiries, please contact the English Language Department at International Headquarters. The e-mail address is [englishlanguage@lionsclubs.org](mailto:englishlanguage@lionsclubs.org)

*These questions and answers are general guidelines. Districts can find more details about a second vice district governor in the International Constitution and By-Laws, the Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws and their own adopted election procedures.*

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# Three Month Calendar

## November

- 6 — General meeting  
Mr. Hungarian

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- 8 — Charter Night  
Markham Civic Centre

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- 13--Board of Director's  
Police Station

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- 20 — General Meeting  
St. Andrew's United

## December

- 4--General Meeting  
Boxgrove Community Centre  
Turkey Roll

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- 11--Board of Director's  
Police Station

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## January

- 8--General Meeting  
St. Andrews United  
Health Night

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- 15--Board of Director's  
Police Station

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- 22--General Meeting  
Grace Anglican  
Jokes and Gags

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We enter a new era with this bulletin — electronic distribution for those with email. Paper copies for those without email.

In addition there are no minutes or International President's letters within. These will come from the secretary to all members.

I have put all the info re the second vice president at district level in this bulletin. While this takes a lot of pages, it is a significant change and one all Lions should be aware of.

Also my thanks to those who contributed — Lions Dick peel, Fred Sheehy, Ken Drynan, Karim Moosabhoy and Bill Hosking. Contributions make my job so much easier.

My thanks also to President Jack as his President's message is inclusive.

The fall has been a busy time for Markham Lions, but a great time. All are to be congratulated.

I leave you below with a few truisms to ponder.

1. Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead. Do not walk ahead of me, for I may not follow. Do not walk beside me either. Just pretty much leave me alone.

2. The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt or a leaky tire.

3. It's always darkest before dawn, so if you're going to steal your neighbor's newspaper, that's the time to do it.

4. Don't be irreplaceable. If you can't be replaced, you can't be

promoted.

5. Always remember that you're unique. Just like everyone else.

6. Never test the depth of the water with both feet.

7. If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.

8. Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.

9. If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

10. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.

11. If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.