

Those were the days

CHAIRMAN ROY ELLENTON

During the summer of 1978, a group of "Home" boys discussed the possibility of a 1980 Reunion. By the fall, they were determined to pursue the issue.

A first formal meeting was held in the town council chambers Monday, January 7, 1979, and those meetings have continued the first Monday of each month for general meetings.

Many discussion meetings have been held besides, establishing groups within, to cover the various involvements.

The advisory committee was established with Mike Palmer as entertainment chairman, Don McKeeman, registration and accommodation chairman, Don Murray as sporting events chairman, Rod Kearns as publicity and promotion chairman, Sally Boileau accepted the job of secretary while Shirley Ackert is the treasurer.

From this nucleus, parade, band competition, beautification, beauty pageants, bake to school and

many other service committees were formed.

Town council gave its blessing and plans began to formulate. Service clubs have volunteered their services to events, functions, ticket sales and projects.

Schools and organizations have volunteered time and talents along with many, many individuals towards seeing this Reunion become a reality—and believe you me, I am overwhelmed with the response by our community for their help.

Both displaced "London and Toronto" former Kincardinians have planned or had their pre-reunion gatherings. The invitation lists are getting lengthier all the time.

August 15 will undoubtedly see one of the largest crowds of "Old Boys and Old Girls" ever gathered anywhere.

Please come to Kincardine and join us in celebrating "Those Were the Day."

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Chartered in 1974

The Kincardine and District Lions Club was granted its charter in June 1974. Of the original 25 charter members, only five remain; many have moved to new job locations and the club wishes them success in their new endeavours. Twenty-five new members have been inducted and most are active.

The main source of revenue is derived from the Monday night Bingo held in the Kincardine and District community centre. Several thousands of dollars have been given to many lucky people.

In the past the club has hosted three entertaining bluegrass festivals. The next one will be held at Connaught Park on Sat., July 12 from noon till midnight or so. The annual Flat Top Guitar contest will be held on that date. Top name bands from various areas, including the Bruce County Grass, will be in attendance.

The Lions Club is a staunch supporter of the C.N.I.B. and Sight Conservation; last year they assisted in providing a smoke censor system for the Lake Joseph Holiday Centre near Parry Sound. If you have any surplus eye glasses which you would like to donate to a good cause, give them to any member of any Lions Club.

Approximately 25 per cent of the funds the club raises go to support the physically handicapped. Generous donations have been made to the "Bruce Grey Handi-capped" van project, the specialized recreational program, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Arthritis Society, Cancer Society, etc.

The club supports the Lions International Foundation fund where 100 per cent of every dollar is used for those less fortunate, i.e., floods, fires, hurricanes, earthquakes, etc. The most recent donation of \$1000, matched four to one by the provincial government, was donated to the Oxford County Relief Fund (Woodstock).

The members support the Leader Dog campaign; having already donated more than \$5000. to this worthwhile cause.

This coming year the club intends to support project L.E.A.P. (Leprosy Eradication Action Project).

In the past they have donated \$1000 in support of a hockey team and the Novice and Atom hockey tournaments. They gave financial assistance to the former Kincardine Girls Hockey team, the soccer and baseball teams.

The club sponsors contestants for the Lions Effective Speaking Contest as well as providing a memorial bursary of \$250 to a student who is considered to have contributed essential, voluntary services to this community.

The club has a \$1500 pledge to the "Parade of Stars" telethon which assists those with Cystic Fibrosis in an attempt to operate a summer camp at Holland Centre near Owen Sound.

The members have donated physiotherapy equipment to the Kincardine and District General Hospital and presently have a \$5500 pledge to purchase more equipment which is desperately needed when the new addition is completed.

They are also committed to building a \$7000 Carousel Bandshell in Victoria Park. If you have spare time, go on out and give them a hand. It would be greatly appreciated.



CHAIRMEN OF THE Reunion Committee are, front, Sally Boileau, Mike Palmer, Chairman Roy Elenton, and Shirley Ackert. In back row are Emma Peter, Rod Kearns, Duncan

McFadyen, Martin Quinn, John Slade, Dan McKeeman, John Adams and Wanita Fletcher. (Photographs compliments Keith Filby Photography)

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