

Lions Mark 25 Years Of Service

On Thursday, May 2nd, the Richmond Hill Lions Club will celebrate the twenty-fifth year of their chartering at a gala dinner at the Lions hall. Many out of town guests are expected — Lion officials of the district — also many former members will join in the celebration. The chief speaker will be Frank Birch, past president of Lions International, who is coming from Milwaukee, Wis., to address the gathering. Ladies will join the Lions in marking the anniversary.

The Richmond Hill Club was founded early in 1938 and ever since has been active in community welfare work and in support of worthy causes in the district.

It is impossible to record details of the many good deeds which could be traced through the past quarter century to Lions and the Lions club. At every time of need the Lions met the challenge and their many deeds of mercy and real charity have blessed many homes and greatly enriched our community life.

A few highlights gleaned from the record give some idea of the extent of Lions activities through the passing years. As gleaned from minutes of meetings over twenty-five years.

1938
Charter night held in the Sunday school room of the United Church on April 5, 1938 — Newmarket sponsoring club. Dance held afterward in high school gym. One hundred and seven guests at dinner. Twenty charter members.
Held first street dance on Yonge Street — net proceeds \$475.

1939
Provided milk for public school children.
Donated \$50. to Richmond Hill Tennis Club.
First Lions church service held in the Anglican Church November 12th.

1940
Lions edited and took over the publishing of "The Liberal" for one issue — net revenue from advertising, etc. \$325. Courtesy Lion Jack Smith.
Lions took over the community campaign for funds for the Red Cross and donated \$100.

1941
Held a ladies night at the Park Plaza Hotel, with bowling afterwards.
Donated \$100 to Canadian War Service Fund.
Sponsored a hobby show at the public school — very successful — club donated \$50. in prizes.
Purchased a \$100. victory bond.
Installation of 1941 officers



Car Washers Aid In Boys' Work

Members of the AOTS Men's Club of Richmond Hill United Church rolled up their sleeves, donned their hip-waders, and plunged into the soap and suds last Saturday morning at Gabriel's Texaco Service Station in a car-washing bee. Proceeds from their efforts will be contributed to aid in boys' work and to pay for sending underprivileged children to Richildaca Camp. Shown in the above picture are club members Arnold MacNaughton, in grey fedora; Don Barnett, the man with the glasses; Pete Addison in the hip-waders, and George Fumerton in the checkered windbreaker. (Staff Photo).

Nature Notes

By Richmond Hill Naturalists

Mr. C. F. Schenk, Ontario Water Resources Commission biologist, was the speaker at the April 18th meeting of the Richmond Hill Naturalists' Club. His subject was "The Effect Of Water Pollution On Aquatic Life".

Most herbicides are non toxic at the concentration normally applied. One of these is copper sulphate which is most commonly used to keep farm ponds free of algae. Many of the insecticides are toxic and greater control has had to be exercised in their use. It is now necessary to obtain a permit from the Ontario Water Resources before using pesticides to kill any aquatic life. Special care needs to be taken when 2-4-D is used. Even minute dosages, when sprayed to near any municipal water intake, creates a very strong taste to the drinking water.

The warmer, southern waters are vastly more fertile than the northern waters of the Pre-Cambrian shield. The higher temperature, plus greater wastes (e.g. detergents, high in phosphates and fertilizers, high in nitrates, seep into the water), increase growth to such an extent that it is compulsory to keep it in check.

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1945
Donated \$600. to Lions' British Child War Victim Fund.
Donated \$175. to boys camp Ashunyoong.
Donated \$100. to new building Hospital for Sick Children.
Lion Tom Lamb reported on the formation of a youth council in Richmond Hill and a donation of \$250. to this project was approved.
Donated a scholarship of \$100. to an approved student of Richmond Hill High School. (This has been carried through the years, and is now \$200 per year.)
Motion approved that club membership be raised to 65.

1946
Purchased a \$400. victory bond.
Ladies night held at the Granite Club.
Donated \$150. to Red Cross Society.
Raffled a cow named Daisy and her calf (donated by Lion Len Clement) at street dance.
Agreed that all members of the armed services remain active members with dues paid by the club.
Contributed \$480. to Lions British Child War Victim's fund.

1943
Motion carried that club membership be restricted to 50 members.
Purebred Jersey heifer donated by Mr Redelmeier Sr. of Don Head Farms, and also a doll dressed in dollar bills donated by William Davies, raffled at street dance, Yonge Street, August.
Donated \$150. to the Red Cross Society and invested \$1,000 in victory bonds.
Miss Nixie Fisher accompanied members to charter night of Markham-Unionville Club where she was guest soloist.
Lion John Greene in charge of collecting clothing for Aid to Russia Fund.
Check for \$673. (including public subscription) sent to this fund.

1944
Deputy District Governor Bob Little presided at the charter night of Aurora Club.
Entertained junior B bantam and pee wee hockey teams at June 1st dinner meeting.
Lion members joined the farm commando organization to help local farmers.
Motion carried that club

membership be increased to 70.
1948
Sponsored Maple Lions Club — President Ralph Paris presided at charter night meeting.
Initiated first Richmond Hill Canvass for Salvation Army.
Spent \$413. improving living quarters for an unfortunate family.
Donated \$100. to new library board.
1949
Set up a special crippled children's committee. (This has been continued to date.) Ladies' night at New Uplands Golf Club — Toast to ladies proposed by Hugh MacKay — responded to by Dr. Helen Hogg.
Donated \$150. to sports college of the air.
Melvin Jones, founder and secretary-general Lions International visited Richmond Hill.

1950
Re community hall: The civic projects committee recommended to board, that owing to the attitude of the village council the Lions club proceed with the project on their own responsibility. Agreed.
Sponsored Oak Ridges Lions Club — President Albert Hill presided at charter night.
Annual donation of \$100. made to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.
Cabled London, England,

Club, congratulations on their charter meeting. (First club organized in England.)
Donated \$200 for supervised playground activities.
1951
Presented resuscitator and tanks of oxygen to fire department — cost \$426.
Donated \$100. toward the Lion Frank Hogg Scholarship.
Purchased land on Centre Street East for Lions Hall and building started.
1952
Lions' Community Hall opened February 28th and Chairman Paul Angle was presented with luggage in appreciation of his fine work as chairman of hall committee. \$10,000 - to complete finances - provided by Lion members.
1953
Lion Frank Schissler elected tail twister for third consecutive year.
1954
Donated \$200.00 to Ontario Flood Relief Campaign re damage caused by Hurricane Hazel.
1956
Second wheel chair purchased.
1957
Health and welfare committee spent \$1,500. on needed services in community.
1958
Sponsored a teenage driving

redeo with 17 contestants.
1959
Donated \$100. to school for retarded children.
Sponsored Victoria Square Lions Club — President Jim Langstaff presided at charter night meeting.
Donated \$100. to V.O.N.
1960
Renovated and improvements made to Lions hall at cost of \$16,000.
Donated \$100. to Richmond Hill Refugee Committee.
1961
Held second elimination draw in November with a record net profit of \$6,851. Chairman Lion Reg. Williams.
Sent three crippled children to Blue Mountain Camp for eight weeks at a cost of \$400.
1962
Budget for the year \$19,378. — largest in club's history.
Held third elimination draw — net profit \$7,643.
Agreed to make a total contribution of \$20,000 to York United Hospitals, \$7,500 of which is already paid.
Approved contributions of \$400 a year for four years to CNIB camp on Lake Joseph, Muskoka.
Made an award to Lion P. C. Hill for his remarkable job in selling tickets for the elimination draw.

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