

Oak Ridges Lions celebrate 25 years of service

By Janet Russell
Twenty-five years ago this week, the Oak Ridges Lions Club was incorporated. April 6, 1950, was the official date of the charter granted to the club by Lions International.

Sponsored by Richmond Hill Lions Club, Oak Ridges started with 33 community-minded men as charter members.

They were: Ken Arnold, William Austin, Eric Bunn, Charles Burnett, John Blyth, Carl Burns, Louis Colombo, Charles Connors (deceased), Vic Draper (deceased), Norman Emerson, Ken Farquharson, Ross Farquharson, Walter Geary (deceased), George Gourlay, Ed Hawman, Harry Hutchinson (deceased), J. Keslick, Grant McCachen, Leo McDonald (deceased), George McEwan (deceased), Ronald MacKintosh, William Mirrlees, Robert Rickard, Gordon Rowe, Stan Rule, Charles Stephenson (deceased), the first president; James Stephenson, Kjell Styrm, Frank Stiver, Jack Turriff, Timothy Woolley, Robert Woolley, Senior (deceased), and William Robert Woolley, Jr.

The Lions' motto is "Working together for the betterment of our community". That the Oak Ridges Lions live up to their motto is very apparent when reviewing the achievements listed by the club in its first quarter century.

In this time, despite the small size of the club membership, the Lions have raised close to half a million dollars. Most of this money has been distributed throughout the community.

Many of the local associations we take for granted today were initiated by the Lions. For instance, the club has held the charter for the Boy Scout organization for the last 23 years. The minor hockey and ball associations owe their beginnings to the Lions.

Our senior citizens' club also has many reasons to be grateful to the Oak Ridges Lions — and the list goes on and on.

Some years after its formation, the club bought a piece of property on King Sideroad and Yonge Street from one of their members, Charles Connors (since deceased).

This property then became known as the Lions Park and was the scene of many of the club's fund-raising activities, as well as providing a playground for children and a ball diamond.

Here also, each year, except in 1972, the Lions held their annual carnival at the end of June. From this year on the carnival will be located in Ozark Park.

In 1972 the Lions sold this park to the Town of Richmond Hill at a monetary "sacrifice" — less than one-third of its market value.

The town required a central site on which to build a fire hall and library, work on which started recently.

Part of the contract between the Lions and the town promises the town will provide a ball diamond to be ready for use in June 1975, with a final completion date of June 1976.

This diamond will be located in Ozark Park, which is the name of the 10-acre parcel of land on which, in 1972, Bond Lake Arena was built.

After the work on the arena was finished, the Oak Ridges Lions undertook to complete the hall upstairs at their own expense.

This generous gesture cost the club over \$22,500. All the furnishings are the property of the Lions, but the

hall, which is becoming known as "The Lions Den" can be rented for community happenings from the town's parks and recreation department.

To celebrate their 25th year of community service, Oak Ridges Lions will hold a charter night dinner April 5 at 6 pm in the Lions Den.

Guest speaker will be Past President District Governor from A3 District Doug Galt from Brighton.

Charter members of the club, past presidents, local dignitaries and visiting

Lions will also be honored. Anyone interested in attending the celebrations should contact Charter Night Chairman Bob McCall for tickets at 773-5902 or President Joe Tanzos at 773-4285.

Baby dedication

The Brethren in Christ Church reports its two-week program of evangelistic services was very well attended. The church will be holding a baby dedication during the morning service April 6.

Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox

Scout auxiliary to meet

The 1st Oak Ridges Ladies' Scouting Auxiliary will meet April 9 at 8 pm at the home of Doris MacAdams, Bond Crescent. The next item on the auxiliary's calendar is the father and son banquet scheduled for later in the month.

Bible Society film

Rev. Huer will be guest speaker at St. Paul's United Church on the morning of April 6. He is a representative of the Canadian Bible Society and will show a film taken during one of his recent world trips.

Made 1,900 Easter eggs

The annual Friendship Night will be held by the UCW April 8 at 8 pm at St. Paul's United. All ladies will be most welcome.

Members of this organization express heartfelt appreciation to all who helped with the recent Easter egg production. Approximately 1,900 eggs were made and decorated by the ladies, this undertaking being their major fund-raising project of the year.

A rummage and bake sale is planned for April 19 from 10-2 pm. The UCW is asking for contributions of good used spring clothing or small household goods. For information or pickup call Freda McQuarrie at 773-5316 or Irene Blyth at 773-5161.

All proceeds from the bake table will go to support St. Paul's mission project in Brazil.

Family service Sunday

St. John's Anglican Church will hold a family service April 6 at 10:30 am. The Mixed Blessings and the church school will be responsible for the service. There will be a coffee hour after the service in the lower hall.

The ACW will hold its regular bi-monthly meeting April 9 in the upper room of the parish hall at 8 pm. Guest speaker will be Sue Mosteller from Daybreak.

Celebrate feast day

At St. Joseph's Chapel April 7 at 7:15 pm there will be a feast in celebration of the feast day of Our Lady of the Annunciation Roman Catholic Separate School. Following the mass there will be a family bingo.

Hectic two weeks

This week's column seems rather short but the last two weeks have been really hectic, what with early deadlines to meet and costumes to make as well as my usual busy schedule. Therefore to those of you who were expecting to read some news which isn't here — please don't think I have forgotten, I've just held it over for a week. (I still have the horrid feeling that I've forgotten something I meant to write!)

Janet says —

Cancer can be beaten

By Janet Russell
Although the calendar tells us Spring officially begins March 21, April is the month I associate with Spring and the rebirth of our northern part of the world after the long winter.

Therefore, it seems particularly appropriate to me that April was chosen by the Canadian Cancer Society as the time to canvass for funds.

Because to me April is the time of awakening, I feel there is a special significance in happenings at this time of year.

I suppose it is a reaffirmation of faith in the continuity of all things.

Although the word cancer still strikes fear into the hearts of many, it is far from being the affliction it once was. Recent years have seen great advances in the treatment and cure of many cancers.

"Cancer can be beaten" is no empty slogan as many healthy, happy people can testify who have benefitted from the results of research made possible by money donated during annual campaigns.

The Canadian Cancer Society's booklet "The Facts (1975)" gives details of research work.

For those of us who have seen loved ones suffer and die from one form of the

disease or another, the word "cancer" brings back memories which we usually keep locked away in the dark recesses of our minds.

But every year brings new discoveries and the news for cancer patients these days is more one of optimism than ever before.

I have a friend in her mid-fifties, who has been having treatments for bone cancer for some time, but unless she told you, you'd never know.

She has the nicest smile I ever saw and the sweetest nature and I'd rather visit her than some of the "healthy" people I know.

Maybe unconsciously she feels every day is a gift, and as such is a cause for joy. I don't know because I have never asked her.

I do know that she will be supporting the cancer society's campaign this month, and so will I. I do hope you will also.

April 6 is Daffodil Sunday and the local branch of the Canadian Cancer Society will be decorating all the local churches with these beautiful flowers.

Canvassers are needed for this area and if you are interested in helping call Doris Smith at 773-5371.

Please give generously when the canvasser calls at your door. You may save the life of a beautiful person like my friend.

Helps Cancer Society

A committee met recently at the home of Chairman Wilbert Jennings to plan for the annual Robertson Masonic Lodge euchre bridge to be held in aid of the Canadian Cancer Society, King City Branch. The date, April 18, 8 pm sharp, the place, the Masonic Hall, King City. Admission at \$1 will include refreshments, prizes and lucky draws. The members are looking forward to the same fine support they have received in the past.

Mrs. Lance Beath of Toronto entertained a few friends at a dinner party at the Granite Club, Toronto March 22. Guest of honor was Catharine James, who was celebrating her 18th birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred James, Gordon and Barbara enjoyed the evening along with Catharine.

The 4H Homemaking Clubs have completed their project, "A World of Food in Canada," and are looking forward to their

Achievement Day on April 19.

Work is continuing on the up-dating of the history of Temperanceville United Church. The committee met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Jennings Friday evening.

The afternoon unit has taken on the project of selling historical picture plates of the church. These plates will be for sale early in the summer.

A long time established herd of Guernsey cows came to an end this week when Kingfield Farms sold their herd. We will miss the peaceful sight of them grazing in the field at the corner of the townline this summer.

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