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Markham Lions Club marks 60 years of service tonight

BY SIMON MOUNTFORD
Special

In the beginning, Carmen Lewis was just a young man who started a club with his friends. In the past 60 years, Mr. Lewis and the Markham Lions Club have changed a great many fortunes. The Markham Lions Club is a local chapter of an international organization that does community work and provides aid to third-world countries. The Markham club was chartered with help from the Lions Club of Stouffville. Mr. Lewis, 90, is this year's guest of honour for the anniversary celebration. "He is an amazing man," club member Vic Wareham said, "and the only

charter member of the club remaining." The club's 60th anniversary dinner and dance is being held tonight at the Markham Fairgrounds. As a tribute to the era in which the club was formed, the evening will have a 1940s theme. The celebration will feature music from the 1940s and '50s including the sounds of a 17-piece orchestra. Antique cars and trucks, including a fire truck from the '40s, will be on display. Over 400 people are expected to attend, including Lions from all over Ontario, as well as representatives from organizations, such as Markham Stouffville Hospital and the York Region Police.



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