

Lions Den: September 2024

Membership

While the Lions purpose here on Mayne is to serve our Island community, it is worth reminding ourselves that we are just a small part of a global Lions service organisation with over 48,000 member clubs in more than 200 countries. Lions are on track to reach their global membership goal of 1.5 million by 2027. In a recent Lions Club Int'l newsletter, clubs from around the world (including Nepal, India, Germany, the USA, Canada and Uganda) shared their ideas on how they are growing their membership, so we on Mayne have a broad and highly diverse number of ideas to draw from.

We maintain a strong membership of around 45 men and women but want to grow this number to enable us to serve the community in more ways and refine our support systems. Renewal is important as members come and go. Over the next few months, our current Lions members are being asked to reach out to friends and neighbors. It is a wonderful way to serve the Island and expand your own community.

General Meetings Start Again on September 11th

While the executive has continued to meet through July and August, our general membership has taken a break. Members should come prepared with new ideas and energy and maybe bring a prospective new member.

Lions Mayne Islander of the Year

At our 53rd Charter night dinner on Nov. 16th, we will be announcing the 2024 Lions Mayne Islander of the year. Nominations are invited from all Island residents, so please in the meantime think of who you would like to see recognised and on the cover of the January Mayneliner. A formal notice will appear in the Mayneliner with full candidate criteria.

Where There's a Need, There's a Lion.

There was a large contingent of Lions at the Fall Fair, setting up tents, serving Burgers etc. It was one of the largest crowds we can recall for this event and this was reflected in the record number of burgers, vegiburgers and hotdogs served. Our supplies finally ran out at about 2.00pm. Lions Bino was also very well attended. Our next event is the annual Labour Day Salmon BBQ at the Adachi Pavilion at Dinner Bay park.

We will be at the Baseball diamond for the remaining games at Dinner Bay Park where Lions BBQ burgers will be served and you can make a fun/family evening of it. Games are scheduled for September 11th and 25th.

Around the world, 2024 has seen catastrophic hurricanes, floods and fires. When humanitarian crises of magnitude strike, Lions, are ready to help. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has, since July 1, 2024, awarded 40 disaster relief grants totaling more than US\$400,000, including a major catastrophe grant of US\$100,000 for the flood victims in Kerala, India. Over time, LCIF has awarded over US\$1.2 billion dollars in grants to communities in need.

M.I. Lions volunteer hours for July were 366 hours from 19 Lions.

Allen Slade. Past President M.I. Lions