

## Lions Den: July 2024

### IMPORTANT NOTICE Regarding Equipment Rental policy

There have been instances recently where Islanders have asked a Lion if they can rent items for an event. ALL Lions have been told that they must not accept verbal rental requests and that ALL request must be processed through the website [rentals@mayneislandlions.org](mailto:rentals@mayneislandlions.org). In enforcing this policy, our aim is to avoid disappointment by Islanders assuming that a conversation with a Lion, means that the rental is registered. Each rental request involves between 3 and often as many as 10 Lions volunteers and can only be initiated by a request via the Website.

### Trading Post Community Spirit

Our thanks go to the Trading Post for the donation from their May community spirit program. This is much appreciated and will go towards one of the many Island programs that we support.

### Steak Night at the Lions Adachi Pavilion

This year's event was a tremendous success with Lions travelling from Surrey, Sooke, Saturna and Salt Spring. This is an informal event that gives us the opportunity to share in good food and good company with Lions and friends. As well as the regular group of Lions from Saturna, this year we were delighted to welcome some of the Lions from Salt Spring, that includes well known singer/songwriter Valdi, who performed some Island related songs for us all to enjoy. The ferry schedule from Salt Spring to Mayne works well for such social exchanges and we hope to include them in future events.

### Where there's a need-there's a Lion

At the June Lions Executive meeting we received 2 presentations with requests for funding support for two children/youth programs. Both requests were approved at the General meeting. Michael Dunn made a request for support of the Gulf Island Center for Ecological Learning (*GICEL*). This is their 24<sup>th</sup> year for this event and like so many other things, their costs have escalated. To keep the event affordable for Island families, Michael requested that the Lions support the event which takes place in throughout the Southern Gulf Islands during July and August. For more information go to <https://www.gicel.ca>.

The second request came from Jacquie Henry on behalf of the Otters swim club. Their goal is to take as many children as possible from the Mayne Island school to the Panorama recreation center in Sidney, once a week during the summer for swim lessons.

Volunteer hours from the Lions was 280 hours from 22 Lions for May. Lions and Leos around the world have already reported more than 1 million service activities this year!

### Summer meetings

We had full agenda for the Lions June meeting, our final of the summer and we enjoyed a fabulous Potluck dinner. Following our tradition, Lions General meetings will not take place in July and August and will resume in September. This does not mean that we will not be active with a host of events taking place throughout the summer months, starting with the much-anticipated Canada Day Dog Show.

Allen Slade, Past President M.I. Lions