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Fellow **Lions**,

Well it was delayed but the end result was phenomenal! Yes, I am referring to our annual Bland Contest, which went very smoothly thanks to **Lion Ray** and **Lion Shannon** and an exceptional turnout by our members, **THANK YOU!**

If you didn't know **Lion Felton Graham** had his hip replaced and is doing great! **Lion Ray Yannello** has managed to keep us slightly ahead of SouthSide in the Traveling Leo Competition. I think the one I attended today was number 45 for us. If you have not made one of these events I really encourage you to participate in one. Believe me, it is not at all painful and you will see how other clubs operate and it really is fun.

It is that time of year again to bend some arms, poke some eyes and find some new blood to fill the slate for next years Board of Directors. Remember, I said this in 2006 and will say it again, "You give but a little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give." It this is the time to give of yourself and to help us fill the board positions!

See you at Charter Night. By the way, has anyone had a chance to provide me with a program for this event????

Yours in Lionism,
Lion BT

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Charter Night!

March 18

Kiln Creek Country Club



Secretary's Report

The Board met at **Lion BT Smith's** house on March 11, 2010. Eleven of fifteen Board members were present plus one additional **Lion**. **Lion BT** presided. The following actions were taken:

Opening Remarks: President **Lion BT**.
Minutes from last meeting: Presented.
Treasurer's Report: Presented.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was received:

-- **Lion BT** received an e-mail concerning a group called the Young Audiences of VA (YAV) soliciting a donation. This organization arranges for performances by various artists at schools and other venues. The Board took no action at this time.

-- **Lion BT** received an e-mail concerning a Hampton resident that needs help purchasing a special reading machine to aid in her pursuit of a GED and other schooling. **Lion BT** will contact our Sight and Hearing Chairman to pursue.

-- **Lion BT** received a number of announcements of upcoming District events. These include a Leadership Training session on April 3rd, Sight and Hearing Van Bowl-A-thon on June 12th, and a Blind Whitewater Rafting Expedition the weekend of May 28th and 29th. See the Newsletter announcements or **Lions BT** and **Dan** for details.

-- **Lion Judy** received a letter from the EDMARC Hospice for Children thanking the Club for attending the EDMARC's 3rd Annual Fundraising Breakfast on February 10th. The Club was represented by **Lion Bill Emerick** and donated \$150.

-- **Lion Dan** received a letter from the James City **Lions** Club thanking the Club for our donation of \$50 towards their purchase of a prosthetic eye for a needy member of their community.

Committee Business:

-- **Broom Sale:** **Lion Debby** and **Lion Barb** reported everything is on track for this year's Broom Sale, though they are still looking for a location to use as this year's **Lions Den**. If any **Lion** knows of a likely place please contact **Lion Debby**. In addition, **Lion Debby** stated she would be ordering the popular lawn flags and other items to sell.

-- **Charter Night:** **Lion Keith** reported **Lion Charlie Harris** has everything on track for another great Charter Night at Kiln Creek on March 18th. **Lion Charlie** has had sign up sheets at the last few meetings in addition to e-mail announcements.

-- **White Canes:** **Lion Mark** reported everything is on track for this Spring's White Cane Days. **Lion Mark** has had and will have sign up sheets at future meetings. Also, there will be stickers available.

Old Business:

-- The Board discussed and agreed to donate \$50 to Poquoson After Prom event.

-- **Lion BT** and the Board again discussed potential service projects the Club could undertake, including suggestions from the recent City meeting. The Board agreed to designate May 1st as the date for the service project. **Lion BT** will decide, after inputs from the Board and fellow **Lions**, on what project the Club will undertake. If you have any ideas, please forward them to **Lion BT** by March 25th. In addition, the **LEO** Club will be helping the Club with this project. Once a project has been decided upon, the Club will be notified of the details.

New Business:

-- **Lion Keith** reported on the recent Poquoson City meeting with all the City's Civic Clubs to discuss mutual items of interest and the use of the Community Center. The City is looking for volunteers to help clean up the Kids Park and April 24th and the Poquoson Municipal Pool on May 8th. The meeting also discussed the actions the City has taken to clean and fix up the Community Center. After some discussion the Board agreed to donate \$300 out of the Operating Fund to the City for the use of, and to help defray costs for, fixing up the Community Center. See **Lions Keith, BT** or **Dan** for details if interested in taking part in these community events.

-- **Lion Judy** reported she had moved the endowment Scholarship funds from the CD it had been in for a number of years to a Money Market Fund. This move will give the Club greater access to the funds and will allow it to earn better interest at the current time.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Next Month's Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, April 8th at **Lion Bob Boddy's** house. The Board will be notified if there are any other changes.

Respectfully, **Lion Dan Lange**, Secretary

Lion's Corner

Club Notes:

Poquoson Lion's Anniversaries

The following **Lion** observed his "Anniversary" as a **Lion** this month. We are proud of his "**continuous service and dedication**" to club and community!

<u>LION</u>	<u>JOINED</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
TJ SULLIVAN	1994	16

Thank you, fellow **Lion** for being a "Beacon of Light" and quiet "Hero" for those less fortunate!

59th Annual Warwick Lions Variety Show

When: March 18th, 19th, and 20th
 What time: 8:00 PM Curtain
 Where: Warwick High School Auditorium
 How much: \$8/person
 See **Lion Dan** for details if interested in attending.

District Leadership and Training Day

When: Saturday, April 3rd
 What time: 9:00 AM through 12:30PM
 Where: Smithfield Center, Smithfield VA
 How much: \$5/person, includes continental breakfast and mid-morning snack
 See **Lion Dan** for details if interested in attending.

88th Virginia State Lions Convention

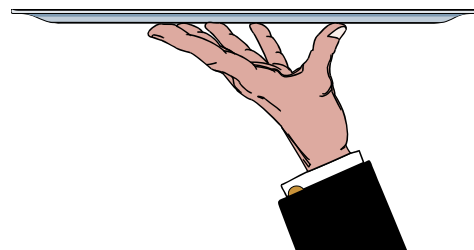
When: May 21st through 23rd
 Where: Roanoke VA
 If interested in attending, see **Lion Dan** for details.

District 24D

Blind White Water Rafting Expedition

When: Weekend of May 28th and 29th
 Where: Beckley West VA
 How Much: \$155/person
 If interested in attending, see **Lion Dan** for details.

Poquoson Lions Club Coming Events



- Mar 18 **CHARTER NIGHT!
Kiln Creek Country Club**
- Apr 1 Dinner Mtg—6:30 PM
Election of Officers
- Apr 8 Board Mtg — Host
Lion Bob Boddy
- Apr 15 Dinner Mtg—6:30 PM
- Apr 16-17 **White Cane Days!**
- May 3-8 **Broom Sale!**
- May 6 Broom Sale Dinner
- May 13 Board Mtg—Host
Lion Vern

Don't Forget

You can read the *Knight's Vision* online at our web site—www.poquosonlions.com. You can also get all the latest news about the club and much more there. Give it a try.



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Happy Birthday to Lions:



**Keith Feigh
 Dave Galland
 Barry Holloway
 Shannon Phillips
 Barb Seiter**

**Congratulations
 March Lions!**

Treasurer's Report

Charity Account February 28, 2010

COLLECTIONS:	
Interest	\$77.31
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$77.31
DISPERSALS:	
Bland Contest	(\$950.00)
Misc.—New Kent Club	(\$50.00)
TOTAL DISPERSALS	(\$1,000.00)
NET CHANGE	(\$922.69)

Sight and Hearing Van Bowl-A-Thon

When: June 12th
 What time: 1:00 to 3:00PM
 Where: AMF Lanes, 6660 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach VA
 How Much: \$20/bowler
 See **Lion Dan** for details if interested in attending.

Believe it . . . Or not!

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s:

- They used to use urine to tan animal skins, so families used to all pee in a pot & then once a day it was taken & sold to the tannery.....if you had to do this to survive you were "piss poor." But worse than that were the really poor folk who couldn't even afford to buy a pot.....they "didn't have a pot to piss in" and were the lowest of the low.
- Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell . . . brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.
- Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all, the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater!"
- Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."
- There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

HUMOR

Believe it . . . Or not—Continued!

- The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, "Dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way. Hence: a "threshold". (Getting quite an education, aren't you?)
- In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme: "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old".
- Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, "bring home the bacon". They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "chew the fat".
- Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.
- Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the "upper crust".
- Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a "wake".
- England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the "graveyard shift") to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be "saved by the bell", or was he considered a "dead ringer"...

And that's the truth...

I am not sure any or all of these are true, but it was fun to read.



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INVOLVEMENT

**MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS
SHARE LIONISM - BRING IN A NEW MEMBER**

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The **Poquoson Lions Club** warmly
welcomes visiting **Lions** and guests.
We meet at the Old Community Center on
Odd Road in Poquoson at 6:30 PM,
the first and third Thursday of each month.
Come see us!