

Carling, Nyhammer: Successful in Business, Friendship, Lionism, Life

Lion members **Bob Carling** and **Hawk Nyhammer** share common beliefs and backgrounds as well as an enduring friendship. They have worked side by side at most of the club's fundraising events including Schooner Days, the pancake breakfast, the annual corn feed plus the annual golf tournament.

In February, Nyhammer celebrated his 90th birthday on Valentine's Day. On March 17, Carling turned 89 and was part of the Irish night program where the club members sang Happy Birthday to Carling, instead of Carling leading the singing for the monthly birthday members.

"I'm always one year ahead of Bob," said Nyhammer, "and he tries his damndest, but just can't catch up!"

The two of them make up the Sunshine committee, cheering up Lions who are ill, sending cards and flowers where appropriate, and maybe a visit of two for members who are seriously ill or who have had operations.

"This is a much appreciated and very important service we do for the members," said Carling. "It's always nice to be remembered by the fellows. All in all, we just try to do everything we can together and for the common good."

Nyhammer grew up in the Excelsior and Shorewood area. He grew up in the grocery business and saw an opportunity in 1972 to buy a small grocery store on a then isolated stretch of Eden Prairie Road.

"There were cornfields across the street," said Nyhammer, who had previously run a Tom Thumb store in Shorewood. "But I could see that this had real potential."

He changed the name from Eden Prairie Grocery to Lil' Red, built a new store on the site in 1982 and watched Eden Prairie grow up around his property.

He first met Bob Carling at the store. Carling ran a successful trash hauling business, Trash-Tronics, in Eden Prairie and wanted the store's business.

"He wanted to haul my trash," Nyhammer said. "I had to use him; he was the only one in town!"

Carling served in the 34th Division of the U.S. Army during World War II, seeing action in North Africa and Italy. Nyhammer is also a World War II vet giving the two men another common bond.

Both men grew up during the depression of the 1930s giving them similar philosophies about life. Carling grew up in a Minneapolis downtown neighborhood around the intersection of Cedar and Riverside.

"We both grew up during the Depression, and that coupled with being in the Army, makes us appreciate what we have," said Carling.

The two men usually go on fishing trips to northern Minnesota and then other spring and fall trips with each other. A favorite spot is to vacation in the winter in Arizona.

"We play golf, travel, visit a lot of friends," said Nyhammer.

"We seem to have the same likes all the time, the same temperaments," said Carling.

"We know each other well and never seem to have any arguments. I think we are both grateful for having a life."

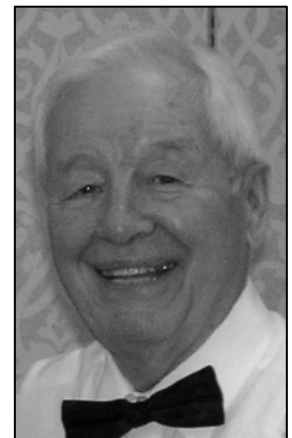
"Our family lives are similar," said Nyhammer. "We've had a good relationship and just accept one another."

The E.P. Lions club has accepted the two men also, and recognizes how much richer the members are "just having them around."

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Lion Bob Carling



Lion Hawk Nyhammer

President's Message

The following committees met last month and reported appropriate action as follows:

Foundation Committee: Lion Brent

Rickenbach presided at the meeting with four members present. **Lion Luther Nelson** gave a treasurer's report stating that the foundation has \$12,470. A motion authorized a \$75 payment to the state attorney general for the annual registration.

The foundation's major fundraiser is the annual golf tournament. A motion was carried to have the annual golf outing at Dahlgren's in Chaska on Monday, August 4. The proceeds will be shared equally with Meals-on-Wheels and Opportunity Partners.

Golf Committee: Lion Stan Mustanski, along with co-chair **Lion Jerry Biese**, started planning for the event by seeking sponsors. The green fee is set at \$85 per golfer and proceeds approved by the Foundation Board.

Memorial Committee: Lion Luther Nelson stated that the committee has been meeting to plan for obtaining bids for replacement of the memorial. Once the bid is selected, the committee wants the Board to give immediate approval. The goal is to have the contractor start as soon as construction is practical in the Spring.

Pancake Breakfast: Lion Lynn Swanson, co-chair, indicated that work hour sign up sheets have been completed and that ticket sales were moving well. Tickets were distributed last month to each Lion member. Swanson reported that the breakfast is still "all the pancakes you can eat," but sausages with the pancakes will be reduced to two from three, with additional links at \$.25 each. Signage placement is planned at spots around the city. The committee is hoping for a "great weather day" like last year when some families ate at the tables place outside on the north sides of the dining room.

Scholarship Committee: Over forty application forms have been received by the deadline on March 28. The full Lions committee will be processing and evaluating all entries. Any graduating senior in good standing, who lives in Eden Prairie and plans to attend a vocational technical school, a two year college, or four year university is eligible. The club awards eight \$1,000 non-renewable scholarships. **Lion George Schell**, chairman, said winners will be announced early in May in time for Awards Night at the various schools.

~Lion President Bruce Enger

Club Calendar of Events

Mystery Night	April 7th
Regular Meeting	April 14th
Pancake Breakfast	April 20th
NO MEETING	April 21st
Steak Fry	May 5th
<i>Bloomington Lions Joint Meeting</i>	
Officer Installation	May 19th
<i>Board Meeting</i>	
Schooner Days	May 29th - Jun 1st

April Programs

April 7th – Past President **Lion Brent Rickenbach** has a special night plan. Looking for the details? You will have to attend to find out. See the advertisement on this page.

April 14th - Regular Meeting with guest speaker. Here's a position that many probably really didn't know existed: the Eden Prairie Police Department Police Chaplain. That job is filled by Rev. Paul Nelson from Immanuel Lutheran Church. He will talk about his job, what a police chaplain does, and some encounters he has had to deal with. A question and answer period follows the talk.

Mystery Night

Bus leaves City Hall (8080 Mitchell Road) at 5:30 PM on Monday, April 7th. 42 brave Mysterians have signed up for the evening. The bus leaves Eden Prairie City Hall at 5:30 PM on Monday, April 7th. You may want to bring a light coat as some of the buildings might be on the cooler side. We will return to City Hall around 9 PM.

Brent
Cell 612-803-9546

For the Schooner

We welcome your comments and story ideas for the Schooner. Send your comments via email to gjschell803@comcast.net. Stories and material should be submitted by the 15th of each month for publication in the up-coming month. For further activities, check the Lions website: www.eplions.org.

Schooner Days 2008 Offers New Challenges for Co-Chairs Diamond, Tully

Taking on the challenges that creativity offers is nothing new for **Lion Gary Diamond**. He's been doing that for years now on two fronts: the Schooner Days event and being an amateur potter.

This year's Schooner Days event offers multiple challenges of a new site, a new arrangement inside the large tent, and new parking problems.

The City of Eden Prairie has built a blacktop pad area for the Schooner Days tent site, which includes electrical outlets for lights and power needs. This is at the north end of the newly remodeled Community Center parking lot. According to Diamond the city was required to install a storm run-off pond in the long standing tent location just west of the firehouse station.

"The tent will be the same size as before, but we will now be able to utilize it in its entirety," said Diamond.

The entrance area at the old tent location became a major bottleneck on Friday and Saturday nights when the crowds increased. The plan is to have a much larger entrance area in which guests can mingle.

"We are also adding an annex tent onto the large bingo tent," said Diamond. "This will be either 30 x 30 or 40 x 40 feet. The Lioness are planning on using this annex to prepare and sell their food wares. The beer and wine bar will be located inside the larger tent."

Because of the way the dates fall on the calendar, Schooner Days are a little earlier this year. The bingo tent goes up on Thursday, May 29 with the placement of the tables and chairs inside. Bingo games begin at noon on Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31. On June 1, Sunday's bingo runs from noon to 4 p.m. when the tent will be taken down.

There will be a carnival as usual with kiddie and adult rides, plus games and food stands. The carnival units will be set up just south of the bingo tent in the adjacent parking lot.

Parking will be about the same with spaces in the Round Lake parking areas and in the Eden Prairie High School parking lots.

"Both **Lion Dennis Tully**, co-chair, and I are very excited about the new set up and location," said Diamond. "People will see just a little variation from the way things have been set up in the past, but the Lions are still here to provide entertainment and fun. This is a well established community fundraising event for all to enjoy."

With Schooner Days pretty well planned out,

Lion Gary Diamond loves spending his spare time at the wheel in his studio at home, throwing pots and working with clay. The challenges involve creativity with the material, and ending with a simple and beautiful form.

"Working with the clay is very relaxing," said Diamond. "I truly enjoy sharing my pots with people that appreciate them." He exhibits at art shows and fairs around the state.

Happy Birthday

Lion Kevin Hogan	Apr 01
Lion Kevin Honius	Apr 02
Lion Mikkal Gust	Apr 03
Lion Brent Rickenbach	Apr 04
Lion Balu Iyer	Apr 08
Lion Ram Gopaul	Apr 10
Lion Floyd Berntsen	Apr 12
Lion Mike Waller	Apr 15
Lion Darrell Kuntz	Apr 16
Lion Ryan Laing	Apr 21
Lion Dennis Williams	Apr 22
Lion Gary Simenson	Apr 23
Lion Hernondez Norman	Apr 24
Lion Curt Connaughty	Apr 28



2008-2009 Slate of Officers

President	Lion Brad Kolstad
1 st Vice President	Lion Kevin Honius
2 nd Vice President	Lion Dan Kurtz
3 rd Vice President	Lion Jeff Earl
Secretary	Lion Jerry Biese
Treasurer	Lion Luther Nelson
Lion Tamer	Lion Gregg Fletcher
1 Year Director	Lion Joel Johnson
1 Year Director	Lion Doug Brown
2 Year Director	Lion Dean Schmandke
2 Year Director	Lion Ted Muller
Membership	Lion Andy Bergan
Past President	Lion Bruce Enger



*** Vision - So Important Yet Too Little Understood.** A National survey in 2005 found that 71% of the adults interviewed said sight loss was at the top of their sensory loss fears - but only 8 percent knew that there are no early warning signs of glaucoma; more than half knew of sight dangers from diabetes, only 11% knew there were no early warning signs of such disease. Yet, in both of these, sound, early detection and care can help with both the disease and its related sight loss threat.

Lions provide information (many even offer exams) as part of the Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP), a community-based education program for Lions clubs, other community organizations, and individuals to promote healthy vision to save sight through the early detection and timely treatment of glaucoma and diabetic eye disease, encourage those at higher risk to get a dilated eye exam, and educate those with low vision about the condition. In short - raising awareness of the causes of preventable vision loss. Can/should E.P. Lions take part as is done by many other clubs here and abroad?

*** Last month's assignment** was to list all locations where EP Lions have met over the past 47+ years. Underwhelmed when only 2 (and both Past Presidents!) responded - each knew of one location. As see them rarely, could they be going to the old haunt? A failing memory recalls at least these: Eden Prairie's old Legion Hall (destroyed by fire which was not our doing), a F.C. business opened a casual restaurant for a year then closed it, so Lions left EP for a back room of Uncle John's Pancake House (current site of Perkins) in Hopkins, returned to EP when another operator opened, then closed the FC location. Homeless again, we moved (not in order) to the Kabuki, a new Eden Prairie Legion, Tony's City Center Garden Room, **three** EP Center locations: Old Home Buffet, Great Mandarin and the Community Room. Then, working with the Camp to pledge support and raise money and interest, our new and well run "home" arose - a fine location for meetings, dining and the revived Pancake Breakfast coming up this month.

*** SPRING?** OK, so there's a little snow. But the calendar predicts Spring, while failing to point out that the IRS swill strike mid-month, and that the month opens with a day honoring me and perhaps you, too. Beware of calls from the zoo, seemingly innocent comments/question from "friends," etc. And remember, if some miscue happens to arise, Iron Rangers know that the situation is saved by laughing at one's own dumb mistake - before others have the chance. If someone (probably one of the smart kids!) notices your VCR clock is wrong, explain that you're being efficient since it will be right in 7 months. The umbrella man says works every time - as reliable as any pols' pre-election promise.



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