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Committee Selects New Book For 2009 Reading Program

For the last two years, the Eden Prairie Reads Program has been supported and promoted by **Lion George Schell** and **Lion Gary Stevens**. The two have presented readings and dramatizations at member meetings from "Population 485" by Michael Perry and "The Things They Carried," by Tim O'Brien. The book for this year's city wide reading program is "Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...Once School at a Time," by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin.

The 2009 book selection is non-fiction describing the author's experience following his 1993 failed attempt to climb K2 mountain in Pakistan. The local villagers' kindness resulted in his promise to return and build a school. Mortenson did more than that. He built fifty-five schools. The account tells of his work, the joys, the frustrations, and the obstacles in doing all this.

Community wide book discussions and related events are planned for March 2009. The author will probably not make an appearance in Eden Prairie. Mortenson will be speaking in St Paul on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, 7 p.m. at the Olson Center at Luther Seminary, 2391 Como Avenue. The lecture is open to the public and free, but reservations must be made in advance online at www.luthersem.edu/threecupsoftea.

Mortenson's appearance in Minnesota last year was sold out, so committee members urge you to reserve early if you are interested in hearing the presentation.

"The book is fascinating reading not only for the climbing adventures, but also for the accomplishments in making a difference toward world peace," said Schell. The book is just not conducive for dramatizing parts or using characters in reading selections, he added. Copies of the book may be had at local book stores and at the Eden Prairie Library.

Renovation Celebration Event

To celebrate the Camp Eden Wood dorm renovation and honoring the Lion and Lioness Clubs of Eden Prairie, and project donors, Friendship Ventures is having a thank you party, Wednesday, October 29, at Eden Wood Center. A social hour starts at 6 p.m. with the plaque presentation program begins at 7 p.m.

"Thanks to our Lions and Lioness donors, we raised an incredible amount of funds and in-kind gifts to support out renovation project," said Jennifer Gully-Engen, Development Specialist for Friendship Ventures. "As our way of saying thanks for your participation an support, we would like you to join us in this celebration." She added that this support has allowed Friendship Ventures to remain a leader in providing a community-wide network of recreation, respite care, educational and support services for people with disabilities.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by October 22 at: jgullengen@friendshipventuees.org.

Treasurer's Report

Lion Treasurer Luther Nelson released a report ending Sept 14. Current balances are:

Administrative Account—\$6,196

Community Account—\$20,538

Gaming Account—\$10,757

Transactions since August 24 include:

L & R Landscaping for Lions Memorial Reconstruction—\$5,000

Transferred Bingo profit to Gaming Account—\$9,765

Scholarship paid out—\$1,000

Lions Courage Center Halloween party, Paid to 5M5—\$125

The balance sheet for September 14 is: \$37,581.41.

At the last Board meeting, members voted to accept the report.

WORLD SERVICE FOOD DRIVE

October. 10 - 11.

Time slots still available!



New Directories Available

The official Eden Prairie Lions and Lioness directory for 2008-2009 have been printed and distributed at the September meeting to members. For members who did not receive theirs, the directories will be distributed at the Monday, October 6 meeting at Camp Eden Wood.

The over 50 page directory has again used small photos of the members plus address, phone number and email address. More useful information is contained with the listing of major committees and the chair persons, plus a meeting date schedule. Major awards and recipients are also listed year by year. The directory is a joint venture listing membership in Lioness and the same information about committees and meeting calendar. Pick-up your copy at the October meetings of both the Lioness and the Lions.

Lions Memorial has New Site

The Lions Memorial honoring deceased Lion and Lioness members has a permanent site in Round Lake Park which was approved by the Eden Prairie City Council. Specifications were prepared and bids were received to move and reconstruct the Memorial at the new site. Work began this week and the site should be completed before the end of October. Plans will then be made for a dedication ceremony.

The Memorial was originally located on the Li'l Red property owned by **Lion Hawk Nyhammer**. When Nyhammer sold the property to John Richmond, the site was redesigned for the north side of the new store building.

When the city and Hennepin County decided to expand and widen the highway at Valley View Road and County Road 4, part of the Richmond property was taken and the Memorial had to be moved to a new site. The Hennepin County Right of Way Division approved funding for the installation at the new site.

For the Schooner

George Schell, Editor Mike and Karen Gust, Mailing
Gary Stevens, Photographer Kent Barker, Guest Columnist
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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.

Club Calendar of Events

General Meeting	October 6 th
World Service Day	October 10 th -11 th
Awards Night	October 20 th
Board Meeting	October 20 th
General Meeting	November 3 rd
General/Board Meeting	November 17 th

Upcoming Program Events

October 6 Meeting

Speaker for the Monday night meeting session for October 6 will be Becky Hudlow, Director of Health Services for the Eden Prairie School District. She will talk to us about what it means that our club pays for eye exams and eyeglasses for students in need.

October 20 Meeting

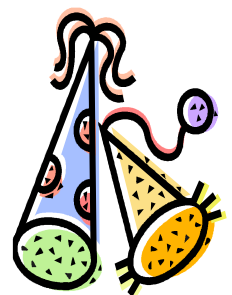
Past President **Lion Bruce Enger** will host the annual Awards Night program honoring club members. Prestigious awards will be given by past recipients for the Lion of the Year, the Helen Keller Award, the Senior Lion of the Year, The Hearing Foundation Award and the Melvin Jones Award.

November 3 Meeting

"The Journey to Loudi" will be presented by Janet Pladson, Director of Teaching and Learning for the Eden Prairie School District. After a slide presentation about the trip to the China community, students who made the exchange trip will talk about their reactions and what they learned. Loudi, China is the sister city with Eden Prairie for educational exchanges. Students from that school visited our school system this past spring.

Happy Birthday

Lion Conn McCartan	Oct 01
Lion Tim McLaughlin	Oct 02
Lion Chuck Tebelius	Oct 04
Lion Will Egan	Oct 05
Lion Kenneth Roetzel	Oct 16
Lion Mike Gordon	Oct 24
Lion Jerry Biese	Oct 26
Lion Jerry Larson	Oct 26
Lion Gary Watkins	Oct 27
Lion Bernie Williamette	Oct 27
Lion Mike Diede	Oct 29



Another Successful Eden Prairie Lions Foundation Golf Tournament



In the high spirit of the tournament play, golfer Basil Wissner, Eden Prairie, gets in the spirit as Lion Dean drives to a foursome.



Lion Floyd Berntsen welcomes Lioness June Gilbert, left, and Lioness Lou McCoy to the awards dinner.

“The weather was good, the golf games were fun, the sponsors were fabulous, and we had a great turnout for this year’s 11th annual charitable golf tournament,” said **Lion Stan Mustanski**, co-chair this event along with **Lion Kevin Honius** and **Lion Jerry Biese**. According to Lion Mustanski, there were:

- Ninety five golfers registered with “a very nice bunch from Let’s Dish of Eden Prairie”
- Twenty five sponsors who donated between \$200 and \$3,200 each
- Nineteen donors who provided contest and raffle prizes valued at \$2,500
- Twenty seven Lions who volunteered and a half dozen Lioness, totaling 330 hours of service
- Estimated amount raised is \$13,600 to be split between two charities: Meals on Wheels of Eden Prairie and Opportunity Partners.

Thrivent Financial Services for Lutherans provided the first Premium Level sponsorship of over \$2,500. Thanks go to work by **Lion Lynn Swanson**, and **Lion Andy Bergman**. “We certainly want to thank the organization for their fine support,” said Mustanski.

The first place trophy went to Carter Staaf and Chris Millard’s foursome with a 19 under of 53. Dean Schmandke, Brad Kolstad, and Denny Williams were part of the lucky foursome who won the grand raffle prize of a golf outing at the Edina Country Club. Denny Williams was in charge of prizes that were gathered for the golf event. Lion Bob

Grootwassink sponsored a \$60 prize for the longest drive for a golfer over 60, which was won by Rod Mustanski of Prince George, VA.

This year brought back the “best Lions foursome” competition won by Larry Bushnell and Earl Raths with a 10 under 62. They also beat the Bloomington Lions team so the EP Lions club now holds the championship trophy.

“Thanks to all who made this a very successful event,” said Mustanski. Recognition and thanks goes to:

- Jerry McCoy and crew at the beer tent
- Pulitzer prize photographers, Paul Strot and Gary Stevens
- All the signage by Floyd Bernsten, Paul Yager and Wilbur Gjersvik
- Gordie Gilbert for lining up volunteer assignments and seeing that the event ran like clock work
- Curt Connaughty who helps get one of the best golf course deals around
- Personnel who worked with registration, administration and miscellaneous areas: Bernis Galler, Jarry Johnson, Luther Nelson, boys Wasson, Dean Schmandke, BobCarloing, Bob Haugen, Mike Gust, President Brad Kolstad, Hawk Nyhammer, Tom Anderson

“And special recognition goes to Mike Gruidl whose foursome had the distinction of shattering a Dahlgren’s scramble record with +31 of 103.” Said Mustanski. “But I heard that was because your ringer didn’t show up!”

**** GREAT NEWS ! ****

A limited number of highly sought after World Service volunteer opportunities are available just for YOU (and you, too). PROP's food shelves are very low as the needs increase. Our October drive raises community awareness of the all too real need, adds essentials for distribution and evidences that Lions/Lioness in a community truly serve. Don't miss out, call Kent Barker 952 914 0234 or email birchpt@Juno.com to volunteer for a shift on Friday or Saturday, October 10 and 11. Openings as of 9/28

FRIDAY 6 - 8 THREE each at Cub and Rainbow.

SATURDAY ONE 8 - 10 Cub

FOUR 2 - 4 Rainbow

TWO 2 - 4 Cub

Surely none of our Lions can pass up the opportunity to help those in need?

Also we still need a van or other transport to pick up and deliver donations to PROP Saturday afternoon. Thanks, Lion President Brad, for offering your physical and vehicular aid. More needed. Volunteers - please call Lion Kent. And, thanks again to all who take part.



* P.P. Lion Doug Teich's father, and best friend, died a few days ago in Shakopee. Doug was an enthusiastic President, who served and supported the community and Eden Prairie Lions in multiple ways prior to moving.. Another E.P. Lion spoke with Doug on his cell number - 952 297 6387 - to express his sympathy. As we have no address, perhaps others would like to do the same.



* Looking for Gold on the Streets of Eden Prairie? The official rush for all the valuables begins Wednesday evening, October 15th 6 P.M. at the bank parking lot across from Cub. Dress well, President Brad insists we do so, as this gentleman displays, for the "good of the order."



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