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President's Thoughts

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Calendar of Events

May 11, 2009	General Meeting
May 21, 2009	General Meeting follows Board Meeting
June 8, 2009	General Meeting
June 18, 2009	Board Meeting
June 22, 2009	General Meeting/Awards Night

General meetings begin at 6:30 PM.

Board meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

All meetings are at the VFW unless otherwise noted.

Upcoming events and News:

June 25, 2009 Blood Mobile from 12-6 at Family of Christ Church

June 22, 2009 Awards Night. Looks like we are headed back to the Ranchero Restaurant in Webster for our awards celebration. More information will be forthcoming but you may want to mark your calendar and start looking for a date.

July 9, 2009 Beer Brats and Bing The permits have been pulled and the bids are out for the refreshments. This is a big event for our organization and all members are needed to assist in some capacity. Fewer bosses and more workers are encouraged.

Lion John Gorence
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Recent Events and News:

Its official, Lion Rick Clemenson is our Membership Chairperson.

Lion Mike Herald and Lion Doug Thompson are desperately seeking volunteers. Lion Mike at the international level for the Lions International Convention in July and Lion Doug at the local level to assist at BINGO on Wednesday nights. Check your calendars and give them a call if you are available.

March 27, 2009 Eight members attended a fund raiser for Life Rebuilders. The dinner for the evening was "wild game" which is beyond words. Life Rebuilders assist those with past chemical additions assimilate back into society.

April 5, 2009 Pancake Breakfast. Thirty Lions participated in our annual pancake breakfast. Nothing says Lionism like some pancakes, eggs and sausage. Thanks goes out to all that volunteered their time.

April 8, 2009 Eight members attended the Region 2- Zone 1 & 2 meeting at Tinucci's Restaurant in Newport

April 14, 2009 The Bloodmobile was taking donations again. We provided the backs to make it run smooth.

April 18, 2009 Several members participated in the City of Lakeville Watershed Clean-Up Day. This was good practice for the Lions Clean up day which took place 2 days later on the 20th.

April 20th, 2009 Lions Clean-Up Day. Once again we organized at the Cracker Barrel on Hwy 5. Our plan was to meet at 6:00 p.m. and start our duties soon afterwards. Several members participated and left the roadway much better than it was found. I'm always amazed at the amount of trash and the type of debris located along the roadway. Lion Heino did find a \$5 bill during his work detail. As of today he has not mentioned how he intends to spend his substantial treasure.

April 25, 2009 MAC Walk/Journey For Sight The four mile journey around Orchard Lake in Lakeville provides funds to the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank/MAC to aid those who are visually handicapped.

April 27, 2009 We were on our best behavior as Troop 261 joined us for dinner and to provide insight on their activities over the last year. The 25 scouts and their leaders once again demonstrated that we have many fine young kids walking among us and doing very good work.

Donations were made to the follow individuals or groups:

- Lions 2009 Golf Fundraiser
- 65th Annual Lions Amateur Athletes of the Year Luncheon and Program
- Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly
- St. Paul Diabetes Lions Club
- DARTS
- City of Lakeville Puppet Wagon
- City of Lakeville Fireworks

On The Lighter Side of Things.... Ok it's not so light but it's a good read and has a great point.

Subject: True Warriors

Look carefully at the B-17 and note how shot up it is - one engine dead, tail, horizontal stabilizer and nose shot up.. It was ready to fall out of the sky. (This is a painting done by an artist from the description of both pilots many years later.) Then realize that there is a German ME-109 fighter flying next to it. Now read the story below. I think you'll be surprised.....



Charlie Brown was a B-17 Flying Fortress pilot with the 379th Bomber Group at Kimbolton, England. His B-17 was called 'Ye Old Pub' and was in a terrible state, having been hit by flak and fighters. The compass was damaged and they were flying deeper over enemy territory instead of heading home to Kimbolton.

After flying the B-17 over an enemy airfield, a German pilot named Franz Steigler was ordered to take off and shoot down the B-17. When he got near the B-17, he could not believe his eyes. In his words, he 'had never seen a plane in such a bad state'. The tail and rear section was severely damaged, and the tail gunner wounded. The top gunner was all over the top of the fuselage. The nose was smashed and there were holes everywhere.

Despite having ammunition, Franz flew to the side of the B-17 and looked at Charlie Brown, the pilot. Brown was scared and struggling to control his damaged and blood-stained plane.

BF-109 pilot Franz Stigler



B-17 pilot Charlie Brown.



Aware that they had no idea where they were going, Franz waved at Charlie to turn 180 degrees. Franz escorted and guided the stricken plane to, and slightly over, the North Sea towards England. He then saluted Charlie Brown and turned away, back to Europe. When Franz landed he told the CO that the plane had been shot down over the sea, and never told the truth to anybody. Charlie Brown and the remains of his crew told all at their briefing, but were ordered never to talk about it.

More than 40 years later, Charlie Brown wanted to find the Luftwaffe pilot who saved the crew. After years of research, Franz was found. He had never talked about the incident, not even at post-war reunions.

They met in the USA at a 379th Bomber Group reunion, together with 25 people who are alive now - all because Franz never fired his guns that day.

(L-R) German Ace Franz Stigler, artist Ernie Boyett, and B-17 pilot Charlie Brown.



When asked why he didn't shoot them down, Stigler later said, "I didn't have the heart to finish those brave men. I flew beside them for a long time. They were trying desperately to get home and I was going to let them do that. I could not have shot at them. It would have been the same as shooting at a man in a parachute."

Both men died in 2008.

THIS WAS BACK IN THE DAYS WHEN THERE WAS HONOR IN BEING A WARRIOR...THEY PROUDLY WORE UNIFORMS, AND THEY DIDN'T HIDE IN AMBUSH INSIDE A MOSQUE, OR BEHIND WOMEN AND CHILDREN, NOR DID THEY USE MENTALLY RETARDED WOMEN AS SUICIDE BOMBERS TO TARGET AND KILL INNOCENT CIVILIANS...HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED.....

This is a true story <http://www.snopes.com/military/charliebrown.asp>

Editors Note:

All comments, articles, and photos should be forwarded to Lion John Arvidson. If you have articles or information for upcoming news letters please forward them to jfa4803@yahoo.com no later than 7 days before the 1st of each month.