



Lara Lions Bulletin

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July 09

Twining with Lions Clubs of:
Southport, Qld
Holderness, UK
Leo Club of:
Alexandria, Egypt

June Changeover Dinner Meeting



On Monday night, 22 June 09, the Lions Club of Lara held its annual Changeover Dinner Meeting at the Flinders Bistro, Lara Sporting Club. District Governor elect Bob Gilchrist installed our new executive. Past President Les Kelly reported on our very busy and successful year and incoming President Jeff Cahn outlined his plans for the coming year (see diary.)



At Incitec Pivot, 130 people were fed in 1 hour!! We were kept flat chat servicing a queue, but we were able to accomplish it with aplomb and there were many positive comments from the staff as they left.

President's Cogitation:



Members, just imagine if you invited some friends around for Lunch or Dinner and you and your partner went to all the trouble of buying a roast, extra veg. and something nice for afters, and there you are sitting about waiting for your friends to arrive.... and they DIDN'T.

I can imagine how you would feel about them and what thoughts may be going through your mind when you finally meet up and they say that one of them was unwell or they were on call and had to go to work.

You would say to yourself.... Why didn't they ring or let us know somehow that they were unable to come. All the trouble you and your partner went to setting up for a great meal and a good time.

With the above in mind, please advise Alan Smedley asap if you are unable to attend dinner meetings or if you are coming on your own or, indeed, if you are bringing friends. All it needs is a simple phone call, a courtesy to allow Alan to set up the area and convey to the caterer's the correct number of people attending. This will make life easier and happier for everyone. **Jeff**

Life Membership Award for Jon King



Jon joined Lara Lions in January 1974 and has been a tremendous contributor during his many years of service. Jon has held numerous positions on the Executive Committee including Secretary, Treasurer, 3rd Vice President, Working Bees Chairman and he is currently our Mints Chairman.

Jon is also taking up the position of 3rd Vice President again on the incoming Executive Committee.

In recognition and appreciation of his service to the Lions Club of Lara, Jon has been nominated to the Lions Club International Board of Directors for Life Membership of the Club.

July Dinner Meeting Christmas in July Partners' Night

19:00 for 19:30
Mon 27 July 09

St Laurence Park Residents' Activity Room, Tucker Court, St Laurence Park, Lara

\$20.00 per head

Guest Speaker:

Margaret Clark

Children's Charity Network

Please wear something Christmassy (red or green?)



Members, you are asked to bring a photo of yourself up to 2 yrs old.

Apologies to Lion Tamer Alan Smedley on 5282 1651

As we will be charged for the number we book, our figures must be accurate.

BYO drinks



How to get there!

Enter St Laurence Park at the Station Lake Road entrance. Turn left immediately after entering and drive past the Administration building. Park in the car park. Tucker Court is south of the car park. Follow the road after it turns right. Tucker Court is on the left.



Margaret Clark is our Guest Speaker at our July Dinner Meeting



Margaret Clark was born in Geelong, Victoria, Australia on 20th April 1942. She has two sisters. She went to Geelong schools. Then she went to Teachers College, got married and had a son and a daughter. She has worked as a primary teacher, pre-school director, university lecturer and alcohol and drug educator with the Victorian Health Department. These various jobs have given her great insight into the lives of children and teenagers. She has a B.Ed (Honours), a Masters degree in Education, and a Doctorate in Education.

Always interested in reading and writing, Margaret used to enter writing competitions from ten years old, and shows samples of her work which she kept when she conducts author talks and writing workshops for young people and adults.

Margaret's books have become very popular with young readers. She writes for ages four years to sixteen years. Her first book **Pugwall** was published in 1987 and subsequently made into a TV series, followed by **Pugwall's Summer** in 1989.



Les Kelly's President's Report

Highlights of our last year include:-

- Three new members;
- A big effort for the Bush-fire relief;
- Grants of \$1000 each to 3 Lara Kinders;
- Youth Excellence awards for Art & Literacy;
- Assist with Heron boat building at Lara Secondary College.;
- Assistance at Hoffman Walk;
- Youth of the Year Daniel Tran through to District level;
- Youth exchange student from France hosted by Bob and Sue;
- LSC student to attend Camp Koala;
- Graffiti removal;
- Catering at Lara bushfire 40th Anniversary;
- Acquisition and installation of water tanks at Masonic Lodge;
- Promotion of Children's Charity Network Project;
- Fundraising—Christmas cakes, Mints, providing Santa services, working at Skandia, Air Show, Cemetery Gates, various catering from our Catering van. In excess of \$12,000 raised;
- Citizen of the year / Australia Day Breakfast;
- Award winning Internet club website.



LAUGH OF THE YEAR !.

From Bristol Evening Post:
Outside Bristol Zoo is the car park, with spaces for 150 cars and 8 coaches. It has been manned 6 days a week for 23 years by the same charming and very polite car park attendant with the ticket machine. The charges are £1.. per car and £5. per coach.

On Monday 1 June, he did not turn up for work. Bristol Zoo management phoned Bristol City Council to ask them to send a replacement parking attendant.

The Council said, "That car park is your responsibility.

" The Zoo said "The attendant was employed by the City Council... wasn't he?"

The Council said "What attendant?"

Gone missing from his home is a man who has been taking daily car park fees amounting to about £400 per day for the last 23 years...!



Roster for Clean-up, Raffle and BBQ

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Peter Foster	Neville Gillett
Dennis Grant	Bill Berkeley
John Klowss	Jeff Sollory
Carol Lennon	Scott Thompson
Bryan Walker	Doug Willey
	Tom Elevato

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Membership fees

Please remember that membership fees are now falling due.

Treasurer Lawrie will be pleased to collect them from members at the next Dinner Meeting being held on 27 July 09 at St Laurence Park.

Reminders

- Raffle Dates: 25 Jul 09, 22 Aug 09, 26 Sep 09
- Centreway BBQ: 1 Aug 09, 12 Sep 09, 24 Oct 09,
- Next Dinner Meeting: Mon 27 Jul 09 at St Laurence Park.
- Next Executive Meeting Wed 3 Aug 09 at St John Facility.
- Next Business Meeting: Mon 10 Aug 09 at St John Facility.
- New members Information Night 19 Oct 09
- Meeting APOLOGIES to Lion Tamer, Alan Smedley on 52821651 ASAP.

