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Well The New Lions year is upon us and trust all who attended the handover enjoyed themselves, sorry to have Geoff, Paul and Pauline as late apologies.

I have accepted the role of Newsletter editor for the year to see if a trial information sheet will suffice for the old Bulletin that didn't really get a Guernsey for the past two years. I will try to get a note out before the end of each month to ensure we are all on the same page as Wayne & Steve regarding communications. Brian M

President Wayne's Report

I am looking forward to the coming year and hope to have a positive influence on the Whyalla Mt Laura Lions Club in that time.

Some of the things I hope to achieve this year is as follows.

- Unfortunately the numbers in our Lions Club for a number of reasons have fallen away in recent years I think increasing our membership base needs a strong focus this year. If we continue along our current path we are going to find it increasingly difficult to fulfil our obligations at events such as the Whyalla Show etc. Whilst the membership committee led by John Schrapel are principally responsible in trying to find new members I believe we all have an obligation to do this.
- I would like to see our club become involved with an ongoing project that involves the disadvantaged in our community. Exactly what this is, I am not entirely sure. However I will be canvassing it at future meeting to see what ideas can be generated. It could be as simple as a blanket appeal each year?
- There has been a suggestion put forward whereby we put on a function, where it is not about raising funds. For example, a free BBQ outside the council chambers on a Friday afternoon. We will not only be putting the name of our club out to the community but also enjoying some fellowship at both the BBQ and the subsequent debriefing at the Bayview Hotel!

We have a big month coming up in August. On Sunday the 9th we have working bee at the Dutch Shed in preparation for the Show. Following this is the opening of the extensions to the telecommunications centre at the Mt Laura Homestead. I would urge all Lions to try to get to this event.

The Show is on the 15th 16th. This is obviously a major event where we will need all hands on deck. Further information as to rosters etc. will be forthcoming.

Hopefully I will see most of you at the combined Lions function next Wednesday the 29th at the Homestead.

Regards Wayne

Events scheduled for July

- Carols in the Park Committee met on Thursday the 23rd 7.00pm at Steve's place, focus on sponsors.
- The weekend of July 25-26 we are commencing fundraising BBQ's at the Woolworths's store in Viscount Slim Avenue in replacement of Bob's. I believe the crew was arranged at the meeting 9th of July.
- 2nd Vice District Governor Megan BUTLER will be at the meeting on July 29th at the Homestead that we will be hosting along with the members of our mother club, the LC of Whyalla. Catering to be arranged with both clubs. Please reply to Wayne with your acceptance and hopefully partners to ensure we all get fed.

Coming up in August

- 9th Clean up the Dutch Shed then attend, with the Chipvan (as a service to the community) the opening of the PDG Jim Hewitson Memorial Telecommunications Museum extension at 1.00pm
- 12th Meeting at Westies
- 15-16th Whyalla Show
- 22-23rd BBQ at Woolies, Phil(captain), Mick, David, Paul & Wayne
- 26th Meeting at Westies guest speaker????

Smile a while:

After being married for 50 years, I took a careful look at Anita one day and said, "Fifty years ago we had a cheap house, a junk car, slept on a sofa bed and watched a 10 inch black and white TV. But hey, I got to sleep every night with a hot 23 year old girl.

Now ... I have a \$ 750,000 home a \$45,000 car a nice big bed and a large screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 72 year old woman."

So I said to her, "It seems that you're not holding up your side of things"

Anita is a very reasonable woman

"She told me to go out and find a hot 23 year old girl and she would make sure that I would once again be living in a cheap house, driving a junk car, sleeping on a sofa bed and watching a 10 inch black and white TV."

Aren't older women great?

They really know how to solve an old guys problems!

In wine there is wisdom

In beer there is freedom

In water there is bacteria

District Governor Rob Royal has the following as his mantra for the year

DREAM, ACHIEVE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE