

March 5, 2019
MILLIS LIONS
GENERAL MEMBER MEETING



Special guests:

1st DG and Medway Lion Dawn Rice Norton, Emily Quinn, VP Milford Regional Healthcare & potential Lion Ken Kramer

King Lion Shefali Desai called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by Lion Keith Gagne, second by DG Lion Debbie Hayes to accept e-board 2/19/19 minutes – unanimous

Secretary reminded the members of the upcoming 3rd Advisory on Monday, March 25th at the Coachman Lodge in Bellingham.

Treasurers Report:

A motion was made by Lion Ed Perry, second by 1VP Lion Paul to accept the February treasurer's report – unanimous

Committee Reports

Lion Claire reported on the Mid-Winter wrap up. The Mid-winter was a huge success thanks to all the hard work of the committee members and all of the Millis Lions for being involved in the fundraisers for the last 3 years. Lion Shelbe Doliner did an outstanding job for the decorations and the committee of KL Shefali and Lion Atul Desai, Lions Carol Baker, Steve Campbell, Katrina Ronan, Bob Braman and although she did not mention herself Lion Claire Germano. Lions Jane Hardin and new Lion Jen Donehey chipped in at mid-winter to help with decorations and or registration. Millis was represented proudly. After all bills paid and the District mid-winter committee give back money not spent at the mid-winter the committee will have \$3536. \$2,000 of it to go into the Scholarship committee and \$1,536 to go to DG Lion Debbie to partially compensate for all her expenses for the Mid-winter.

KL Shefali and Lion Atul won the costume contest at Mid-winter along with \$500 for our scholarship fund. Our Speech contest winner from Millis won the District competition and will be competing at the State Convention on Saturday, May 4th at noon.

Lion Bob Braman asked us to spell Mis-under-estimated! He spoke about how Millis has set the bar for our District Governors. How our departed PDG Lion Bill Schoellkopf was the first to have a band at mid-winter and PDG Lion Dorman (Pick) Picklesimer was the first to introduce lunch. He stated that he has been to many mid-winters, advisories and meetings but this mid-winter had a great feeling of comradery and was one of the best he has ever attended. The past 3 years with the tremendous support of our club pulled off an outstanding breakfast the first year, a fantastic lunch year 2 and the best time with the Friday night celebration. The woman in the club will never be mis-under-estimated as they came together with the help of many Lions and did a great job.

Lion Steve Campbell reported that our next visitation will be with Foxboro on Wednesday, March 20th at the Lafayette House. If you would like to attend, contact Lion Steve.

New Business

The nominations for officers are open and Chairman Lion Mike O'Shaughnessy relayed that there are two openings. The position of 2nd VP and of Lion Tamer. If anyone is interested in either position or have questions they can contact Lion Mike or Lion Julio.

Millis is the host club for the State Convention May 3rd -May 5th in Sturbridge. DG Lion Deb will be running for the State MD33 Council Secretary position. She does have an opponent and Millis should receive 6 delegates to vote on Sunday morning at the convention. The responsibilities for our club at the convention is registration. We will need 4 members at each times. Friday night May 3rd from 2-6 PM, Saturday May 4th from 8-11AM and again 2-6PM, Sunday May 5th 8-9:30AM. There is also a need for flower pinning on Saturday May 4th at 4:45 PM. Please contact Lion Claire Germano at cgerm111@gmail.com to help make Millis proud!

Lion Jen Donehey spoke about the Don Reynolds Beatification day to be held on Saturday, April 27th starting at 8:30 AM at the Town hall. There is also a committee meeting tomorrow night Thursday, May 7th at the town hall room 206 if anyone is interested.

Lion Shelbe Doliner would like to remind the club that the Polar Plunge will be held on April 6th at Lake Pearl in Wrentham. Last year Millis had 3 mice plungers, KL Shefali, 2VP Lion Allison and Lion Shelbe. She put the challenge out to the club and the response was great. Lions Keith Gagne, Ed Perry, Atul, Sue Wenzel and Steve Campbell will join the 3 mice this year and if you would like to register to plunge or sponsor a plunger you can go on their website. www.masslionspolarplunge.org

DG Lion Debbie Hayes wanted us to “save the date” for upcoming Trivia night on April 26th. She will need help for set-up at the large hall at 5PM, runners for the papers from 6-9PM and cleanup at 9PM. It would be great for Millis to have a team to compete also. The flyer will be going out to the club and you can also find it on our Facebook page!

Guest Speaker Emily Quinn spoke about the Milford Regional Medical Center. She handed out a packet explaining what the medical center has to offer. I will attach the packet for the members to read as they have a great deal to offer and I cannot explain it all with a few paragraphs.

1st DG Lion Dawn Rice Norton spoke about how wonderful the Millis did this Mid-winter and what a great success it was due to the hard work of the club. Running for DG she knows the hard work behind the scenes it takes to be successful and Millis should be proud. The numbers of service and volunteerism of the Millis Lions that is reported by your secretary is incredible. Millis represents our motto of “We Serve” well.

She is honored to be able to work with DG Lion Debbie, every interaction has been positive and she is always there to help a fellow Lion or anyone in need. DG Lion Deb has my full support of her candidacy for Council Secretary. DG Deb is the best person for the job and will help the state head in the right direction for years to come.

She would like to congratulate the club for their 74th year as a Lions club and thanks the Millis Lions Club for sponsoring the Medway Lions of which she belongs.

She is extremely impressed of the number of Melvin Jones Fellows the club has sponsored. The \$1,000 for each sponsored member not only honors that individual for their dedication to humanitarian service but each dollar potentially saves lives.

There are 2 leadership trainings and the club received the flyers, if you are interested in training just ask DG Lion Deb or myself.

There is also a Woman’s Empowerment Workshop on March 23, 2019 - Holiday Inn Mansfield -- Cost \$40 includes breakfast and lunch as well as a class on Problem Solving, Conflict Resolution and Time Management. There are then three round tables. Lunch speakers include MA Senate President Karen Spilka and MA State Representative Carolyn Dykema. DG Lion Debbie will be teaching a class also. Please share this with non-Lions members as this will be an incredible networking opportunity.

Lion Bob Braman was the secret greeter and 1DG Lion Dawn won the John Pedalino Raffle and donated back to the club.

Don’t forget to respond to Lion Shelbe by the Friday BEFORE the Dinner meeting She needs to give the venue a count!

FUTURE EVENTS:

MID-Winter at the Dedham Hilton starting Friday, February 15th, Saturday, February 16th and Sunday, February 17th!

Feb 19 – E-board meeting, AM Legion, Curve St. 7 PM

Feb 23 – Bottle & Can sorting @ Safety signal, Rte. 115 at 8 AM – **ALWAYS NEED HELP!**

Mar 05 – General Meeting – officer nominations open, 7 PM, 45 Restaurant, Medway

Mar 19 – E-board meeting, AM Legion, Curve St. 7 pm

Mar 25 – 3rd Advisory meeting, Coachman’s Lodge, Bellingham

Motion to adjourn at 8:56 PM by Lion Julio Fontecchio, second by 1VP Lion Paul LeBel- unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,
Lion Julio Fontecchio, Secretary