

December 4, 2018
MILLIS LIONS
GENERAL MEMBER MEETING



Special guests:

Peace poster winner, Riley Sullivan and her parents Joe & Christie, Catherine Pisacane, President of "Project Smile"
King Lion Shefali Desai called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by Lion Steve Campbell, second by Lion Lauree Ricciardelli to accept e-board 11/20/18 minutes – unanimous
Secretary, Lion Julio informed the members that if any member would like a Lion shirt, jacket or sweatshirt to notify DG Lion Debbie Hayes as she has some in stock and can order more if needed.

Treasurers Report:

A motion was made by Lion Ed Perry, second by 1st VP Lion Paul LeBel to accept the 12/4/18 treasurer's report – unanimous

Lion Keith Gagne spoke about the Melvin Jones Fellow Award and a little history of Melvin Jones. Lion Keith asked Lion Steve Campbell to speak as the sponsor of this recipient. This Lion is a hardworking, very dedicated Lion and a devoted member of the Millis community. She is extremely generous to a fault and is always ready to lend a hand. As the first woman President of the Millis Lions and chair of numerous committees in Lions and in her community it was an honor for the Melvin Jones Fellows to select Lion Lauree Ricciardelli as the newest Millis Melvin Jones Fellow.

Committee Reports

Lion Steve Campbell reported that there is a visitation with the Wrentham Lions on Thursday, December 6th and the next visitation will be with the Sherborn Lions on January 16th at Basils in Medfield. If you wish to attend, please contact Lion Steve.

Lion Dan Breen reported that the youth speech contest was completed and that the winner will be attending our next meeting in January to share their speech with the club.

Lion Carol Baker reported that unfortunately the Frosty 5K race/walk was cancelled but she is working on another one possibly in March starting and ending at Napper Tandy's. More information to come.

Lion Carol reported that the Senior dinner is set for Sunday, December 9th at the High School. This is a "All Hands on Deck" service project. Waiters and waitresses are still in need so if you can help, contact Lion Carol at bakercam2@aol.com.

Lion Claire reported on the Committee to elect DG Debbie with our club's responsibilities for the Mid-winter celebration. This is the Millis Lions/DG Debbie's Mid-winter and we are responsible for the Friday night dinner party including decorations and the Sunday breakfast. The committee has approximately 6K for the dinner, decorations and breakfast. We are also responsible for registration Friday from 3-7 PM and Saturday from 7:30 AM to 4 PM. KL Shefali Desai reminded the club that this is for our Dg and our club and we need a solid representation from the Millis Lions and we need volunteers to help. If you can help contact Lion Claire, Lion Carol or KL Shefali. Please sign up to attend the event to show Millis Lions Pride and support District Governor Lion Debbie Hayes!

Lion Patricia Thompson reported that the Coat Drive runs thru January 6th. Bring your coats to Anton Cleaners to donate or contact Lion Pat and she can arrange to pick them up. If you bring the coats to Antons please let Secretary, Lion Julio know how many.

Lion Ron Paulo reported that the bottle and can drive went great with the more helping hands the faster everyone gets to finish. Next drive is Saturday, January 12th at Safety Signal

2VP Lion Allison LeBel spoke about our peace poster winner Riley Sullivan and awarded her a \$25 check for her winning poster.

Catherine Pisacane, President and founder of Project Smile spoke about her organization she started in 2003. Project Smile partners with over 200 Police, Fire and first responders to donate a stuffed animal to them so they can comfort a child that may be going through a traumatic event. They have also partnered with DCF to help comfort the over 7,000 children that are placed in foster care in MA each year. They take new or slightly used stuffed animals that are two years old or newer. They are also starting suits for smiles for men who need a good suit for an interview but cannot afford used clean suit. Project Smile is located in Hopedale and the website is www.projectsmlie.org if you would like more information.

Tail Twister – Lion Keith informed the club that the next meeting is Hawaiian night and Lion Atul won the ugly sweater contest. 2VP Lion Allison LeBel was the secret greeter and Lion Katrina Ronan won the John Pedalino Raffle.

Lion Bob Braman requested that traditionally the birthday Lions would stand up and sing happy birthday to the club so 1VP Lion Paul LeBel, Lion Atul Desai and Lion Janice Corwin stood in front of the club and sang happy birthday with the club joining in.

DON'T FORGET BOTTLE and CAN NEEDS HELP SATURDAY, JANUARY 12th @ SAFETY SIGNAL – 8 AM.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Dec 09 – Senior Holiday Dinner, MHS

Dec 18 – Eboard meeting, AM Legion, Curve St. 7 pm

ATTENTION! DATE CHANGE * Jan 08 – General Meeting, Restaurant 45, Medway 7 PM**

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:55 PM by Lion Julio Fontecchio, second by Lion Shelbe Doliner - unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Julio Fontecchio, Secretary