

CARNDUFF DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

The local Carnduff District Lions Club has been a highly active club ever since its conception in 1961. The club has put hundreds of thousands of dollars into worthwhile causes in the community during its history. The present club continues to strongly support Lionism and service to the local community.

Our current president is Dan Firth. Lion Dan leads the executive which also includes long time treasurer Bill Grass and rookie secretary, Brian Nicholls. Our club also has 12 other approachable members who are dedicated to Carnduff District improvement and support. Our club consists of the executive and these members: Russell Bayliss, Doug Hancock, Ken Irwin, Carl Lang, Mike McMillen, Rob McCulloch, Keith Neufeld, Jim Roberts, Morley Robertson, Darcy Schlosser, Bill Smith, and Dyon Stadnick.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Carnduff District Lions do many annual projects including the Lions' lottery, the community calendar, chocolate Easter bunny sales, Share the Warmth, Christmas tree sales, and an annual Sportsman's Dinner.

We share the Sportsman's Dinner project with the Gainsborough Lions, and this year's dinner is slated for Carnduff in early April, 2010. We have had a variety of guest speakers in the past including members of the Saskatchewan Rough Riders. We hope to provide another entertaining evening for your enjoyment this year.

The sale of chocolate Easter bunnies and Christmas trees provides a service for the community. They provide people with access to these products, and they also allow the community to access their local Lions.

We are happy that the Lions' Lottery raises money that supports the Carnduff Arena, Carnduff Curling Club, and Carnduff Golf Club, as well as providing the Lions with funds for other projects.

Share the Warmth, which occurs in October, allows the community to donate extra winter clothing to those less fortunate. The Lions advertise the night on which the town canvass occurs, and the community has always done a fantastic job of supporting the charity.

We are also extremely proud of our Community Calendar project which helps us to help those in need. The funds generated by this project always go directly back to community members who have difficulties that cause additional expenses to their families. Many of the problems that come to our attention are of the medical nature, and we realize that transportation and lodging for medical care can add up quickly. We offer financial support that we hope will make these hardships a little easier to handle financially. We also want people to know that we care. We do not discriminate in any way when offering our support, and we want you to know that many people appreciate our help without accepting the financial support. We often get thanks and have our cheques returned to help others. While the calendars are the main source of revenue for these types of community assistance, we have also raised funds in other ways such as the Mentalist performance that we sponsored in May, 2009. It is also important to note that even though we try to help everyone, we may not always hear about some of the problems that people go through. We would rather have that information given to us than to leave people out when they need our help.

Even though these annual events take a lot of work, the Lions also take on other projects when they feel that a need exists in the community. A recent example is the Toddlers' Playground beside the theatre.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is a constant concern for all community groups and the Lions are no exception. We have had years in recent history with thirty members, but today we have half that number. We don't want declining membership to affect the services that we provide for the community, but it gets more difficult to provide those services each year with less and less people. We would like the public to know that we gladly accept new members and we are willing to work with new members to make their experience as Lions as rewarding as possible. Anyone, male or female, who is interested in joining the Carnduff District Lions can approach any current Lion, and we will do our best to help you join and to feel welcome!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please, contact any Lion if you need information or assistance. We want to help.

We meet on the first and third Thursday of every month upstairs at the Carnduff Curling Club.

If you need to mail us, this is our mailing address:

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