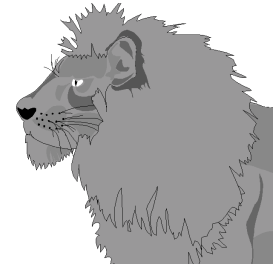


SOUTHERN ROAR



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Lions Millennium Place 6:30 P.M.
3655 Clark Drive

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Of greater concern is the health of our tree lot chairman Grant Crowley. He experienced some chest pains while working on the lot and was advised by some of our fellow members to go to the hospital and have it checked out. As it turns out it was the right thing to do. After all the testing was done he had quadruple bypass surgery on Dec. 29th and as of the writing of this newsletter he is recovering in St. Paul's Hospital. He should be home in the next 5 days or so. Please phone Claudette first before going to see him 604-438-7049. Our good wishes are for a speedy recovery.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday January 10th as it is our first meeting of 2006 it would be a good idea to come prepared to discuss project/ideas for the balance of this Lions Year.

LAST MEETING(S) *in brief*

Our last meeting was our annual Christmas party and therefore no official Lions business was discussed. The event was very well attended and a special thanks to Millennium Place caretakers Ann & Dave for a great job they did in decorating our room for Christmas.

The early report for the tree lot was the numbers were up over last year. It was made possible by a great effort by our club members, members of Richmond Lions, Vancouver Community Policing, Alzheimer's, Volunteer Vancouver, the JO Leo's club and other JO students.

U P C O M I N G . E V E N T S

Jan. 1st 11:00 am tree lot tear down. All available hands on deck

March ??? Leo's Multi Cultural Event planned more details top follow

March 25/26, 2006 District 19A Spring Conference is at the Executive Hotel in Burnaby – more info to follow.

April 26, 2006 Appreciation dinner for Lions International President Ashok Mehta and International director Dur Robertson

BIRTHDAY'S . THIS . MONTH

Bob Akeroyd & Patty Isley

ANNIVERSARY'S . THIS . MONTH

None reported for this month

A . L I T T L E . H U M O R

"In light of your failure to elect a competent President of the USA and thus to govern yourselves, we hereby give notice of the revocation of your independence, effective immediately. Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will resume monarchical duties over all states, commonwealths, and territories (excepting Kansas, which she does not fancy).

Your new prime minister, Tony Blair, will appoint a governor for America without the need for further elections. Congress and the Senate will be disbanded. A questionnaire may be circulated next year to determine whether any of you noticed. To aid in the transition to a British Crown Dependency, the following rules are introduced with immediate effect: You should look up "revocation" in the Oxford English Dictionary. Then look up aluminum, and check the pronunciation guide. You will be amazed at just how wrongly you have been pronouncing it. The letter 'U' will be reinstated in words such as 'favour' and 'neighbour.' Likewise, you will learn to spell 'doughnut' without skipping half the letters, and the suffix ize will be replaced by the suffix ise. Generally, you will be expected to raise your vocabulary to acceptable levels. (look up vocabulary).

Using the same twenty-seven words interspersed with filler noises such as "like" and "you know" is an unacceptable and inefficient form of communication. There is no such thing as US English. We will let Microsoft know on your behalf. The Microsoft spell-checker will be adjusted to take account of the reinstated letter 'u' and the elimination of -ize.

You will relearn your original national anthem, God Save The Queen.

July 4th will no longer be celebrated as a holiday.

You will learn to resolve personal issues without using guns, lawyers, or therapists. The fact that you need so many lawyers and therapists shows that you're not adult enough to be independent. Guns should only be handled by adults. If you're not adult enough to sort things out without suing someone or speaking to a therapist then you're not grown up enough to handle a gun.

Therefore, you will no longer be allowed to own or carry anything more dangerous than a vegetable peeler. A permit will be required if you wish to carry a vegetable peeler in public.

All American cars are hereby banned. They are crap and this is for your own good. When we show you German cars, you will understand what we mean. All intersections will be replaced with roundabouts, and you will start driving on the left with immediate effect.

At the same time, you will go metric with immediate effect and without the benefit of conversion tables. Both roundabouts and metrication will help you understand the British sense of humour.

The Former USA will adopt UK prices on petrol (which you have been calling gasoline)-roughly \$6/US gallon. Get used to it.

You will learn to make real chips. Those things you call French fries are not real chips, and those things you insist on calling potato chips are properly called crisps. Real chips are thick cut, fried in animal fat, and dressed not with catsup but with vinegar.

The cold tasteless stuff you insist on calling beer is not actually beer at all. Henceforth, only proper British Bitter will be referred to as beer, and European brews of known and accepted provenance will be referred to as Lager. American brands will be referred to as Near-Frozen Gnat's Urine, so that all can be sold without risk of further confusion.

Hollywood will be required occasionally to cast English actors as good guys. Hollywood will also be required to cast English actors to play English characters. Watching Andie MacDowell attempt English dialogue in *Four Weddings and a Funeral* was an experience akin to having one's ears removed with a cheese grater.

You will cease playing American football. There is only one kind of proper football; you call it soccer. Those of you brave enough will, in time, be allowed to play rugby (which has some similarities to American football, but does not involve stopping for a rest every twenty seconds or wearing full kevlar body armour like a bunch of nancies).

Further, you will stop playing baseball. It is not reasonable to host an event called the World Series for a game which is not played outside of America. Since only 2.1% of you are aware that there is a world beyond your borders, your error is understandable.

You must tell us who killed JFK. It's been driving us mad.

An internal revenue agent (i.e. tax collector) from Her Majesty's Government will be with you shortly to ensure the acquisition of all monies due (backdated to 1776).

Thank you for your co-operation.

That is it for now. Joe