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# Apsley Lions



October 2019

By Brenda Lenson

This year, the Lions Club was invited to set up our food booth at the Second Annual Creekside Music Festival. It was a whole new experience for the Lions Club, and we were very excited to be part of it! Our congratulations go to Mike, Sandy and Alicia Del Mastro and Julie and Andy McGinn for hosting this amazing event. Unfortunately, the weather could have been better but as they say, *the show must go on* and it did. Thanks to everyone who supported our food booth and we hope to see you again next year.

Well, it's October so it's time to talk about Christmas! The **Annual Christmas Parade and Children's Christmas Party** will be on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. The theme again for the parade will be "*The Magic of Christmas*" and we hope that many of you will want to put a float into the parade and join us!

Plans are also underway for our **Annual Winter Carnival** to be held this year on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Once again there will be games for the kids; a petting zoo and an open mic event in the evening. We will keep you posted on the events as we get closer to the date.

People often ask us where the money goes that we fundraise. This month, there was a devastating hurricane that hit the Bahamas, the Carolinas, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Lions Clubs International has a foundation that our Clubs can donate to and the money from this goes to covering communities in trouble as part of their mandate. We are very proud to announce that the Apsley & District Lions Club donated money to LCIF with directions that it is to go toward hurricane relief. In the past LCIF has given money to various Canadian areas such as Fort McMurray, Alberta; Goderich, Ontario as just examples for relief to the citizens of those areas.

We hope to see many of you at the Food Bank's Lucky Loonie Night when the Lions will once again be doing the bar.

Don't forget bingo on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm at the NKCC. We are very happy to say we had some new faces out over the summer months and we welcome anyone who wants to join us.

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## Adieu ... for now.

By Peter Hughes

For the first time in 19 years, the Apsley Voice will be taking the winter off, with plans to return next spring. Over the past years, we've proudly pursued the truth, while allowing everyone to have an opportunity to use their own voice to express their opinions on a variety of topics.

For all of this, we're proud of what we have accomplished and we have no regrets.

Recently, we asked madame mayor if she would send us a copy of the items she has shared with the Backroads. She declined, saying that she had a long-standing agreement that she would not send information to both papers. This arrangement has the appearance that the mayor works for the benefit of some and not for all. With that kind-of moralistic outlook, one wonders if the recent changes to the Dock Bylaw were at all self-serving to the mayor, whose family is supported by the dock-building business.

The picture on our front page this month shows a small dock with a long, un-obstructed shoreline. We used to enjoy such sanctity in the past. Several years ago, a judge found that council erred, when it did not intervene when a 'monster dock/boat-house' was built on one of the lakes. How will the new Bylaw protect our shorelines and enjoyment of the lakes? Who will step up and fairly deal-with this issue while the Apsley Voice is out of circulation on winter hiatus?

**Does anyone want to buy a newspaper?**