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## Lions and Director's Information

- Director minutes of the **June** meeting ARE ATTACHED as an additional download to this email.

**Wrap Up for the Year – The following are observations from President Ron Duffe**

- (1) **We must be lucky.** Good Neighbor Days was held May 28, 29, 30 and 31. What a nice weekend. Normally, we hold the event the first weekend in June. It rained June 5, 6 and 7 this year.
- (2) We had a wonderful remembrance and occasion with our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** in March. Many of the members attended and a great time was had by all.
- (3) We **did not overspend** the budget this year and there should be a few dollars left to build upon the good fortunes from Good Neighbor Days.
- (4) **Love Baskets** (November and December) again provided people in the community who are hurting and opportunity to have a Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner like the rest of us. In conjunction, the **Toys for Kids** project which we support made Christmas better for many families. These are wonderful projects.
- (5) **Membership** has stayed about the same as when the year started. With a bad economy and household budgets strained we should be thankful that we have been able to replace most of those we have lost. When all is said and done, we will likely be down from the start of the year as some members have lost interest and have resigned while others have moved or have other obligations that make membership difficult.
- (6) The **committee structured format** worked fairly well this year. Not every member volunteered to work on a committee and not every member volunteered to work at Good Neighbor Days.
- (7) One new donation of a State project was adopted with my persistence. That was support of the **Lions Pride program**. We gave money to the program as a one-time donation, but I would like to see future Boards of Directors consider continuation of financial support.
- (8) Our response to **Community** needs continues to be our main strength. As long as we address the issues at home and take care of those needs we should be in good shape.

**Thank You's**

**Nearly everyone**, in their own way, **helped this club** during the year. Some helped more than others, but nearly everyone gave what they could to benefit the club. This is what being a Lion and being a member of a club is all about. We do what we can to benefit our community, our district, our state and our International Association. We give of our time freely, whenever we can.

**Finally** all members should understand that being a member does not require you to attend every function or work every work shift. We must **take care of Number One**, first, then take care of our families needs and if there is some time that we can give to help our club it is graciously accepted.

I appreciated the opportunity to be President of the Roberts Lions Club in its' 50<sup>th</sup> year.