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## Founding Lion President Moe Keller reflects on 40 years of Homecoming

Alicia McCutcheon

MINDEMOYA—Lion Moe Keller may not be as involved with the Central Manitoulin Lions Club Weekend Homecoming activities as he once was, but the founding president of this Lions Club, and lifetime member, has certainly earned his keep over the years.

Lion Moe shared with The Expositor that the Central Manitoulin Lions Club had its charter year in 1976. The former Sudbury Lion had been very involved with his first club, acting as parade chair for the District A 'Fun Galore in '74' convention, which saw Lions Clubs from Ontario, Quebec and Labrador descend on Sudbury in a show of Lionism (Lion Moe oversaw a parade five miles long), also working as chair of the fundraising committee that raised \$3 million in funds for the Home for the Deaf in Sud-

After moving to Manitoulin, Lion Moe didn't want to let his work with the Lions go and quickly joined the Little Current Lions Club and then, with the Little Current Lions Club as the sponsoring club, helped to form the Central Manitoulin Lions Club along with the late

Peter Stiles in 1976. The cert and dance with music next year, in 1977, Homecoming Weekend was

"We called it 'Homecoming' because we wanted to have something there for people to come home to," Lion Moe said. "Little Current had Haweater Weekend, but there was nothing here.'

At the time, he noted, the Mindemoya Everywoman's Club was very active, as was the curling club, a baseball club and several other recreation groups. It was these groups the first Lions approached, asking for their help with a Homecoming Weekend. "We brought all of the organizations together to put it on," he said. "They were all needing money and this way, everyone got some of the funds raised."

The first Homecoming Weekend had a popular Vegas night with the equipment all built by the first Lions. "Vegas night was a big deal—it was a big moneymaker," Lion Moe said.

Other first events included the always popular softball tournament (headed by Tom Farquhar Jr.), fireworks, a horseshoe tournament (run by Keith Size), a fiddling contest (overseen by Allan Tustian), a fish fry, confrom the Nickel City Jamboree, teen dance, a pancake breakfast on Sunday, horse show at the Providence Bay Fairgrounds, a 'mutt show' and obedience demonstration hosted by the Sudbury and District Kennel Club and an ecumenical church service. The 1977 event also included a special appearance by Miss Teen Canada 1977 Nancy-Jane Newburn, who was not only from nearby Sudbury but who also boasted Manitoulin roots.

"For a few years we had a carnival too," Lion Moe

A few years of Homecoming Weekends later, the Elimination Dinner, Draw and Dance was added to the schedule and has proven to be a big fundraiser for the Lions ever since. Lion Moe recalled that one year, as a present for his father's birthday. he purchased his dad an elimination draw ticket, with his father taking home the grand prize, a tidy sum of \$5,000. His dad then turned around and donated it right back to the club. It was through these funds that the Lions Club could apply for a provincial grant that required matching funds (50

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Moe Keller is the founding Central Manitoulin Lions Club President



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#### Central Manitoulin Lions continue to gain new members for increased good works

#### Alicia McCutcheon

MINDEMOYA—As Lion President Matthew Hallett enters his third term with the Central Manitoulin Lions Club, he reflects on another great year of good deeds and great people, including six new Lions.

Work is currently underway at the community ballfields where a new state-of-the-art concession stand is being built jointly between the Lions, Mindemoya Minor Hockey Association, the curling club and the Pearson Cup Committee. The Lions Club has donated \$10,000 from its coffers, donated with funds raised throughout the year, to the creation of the new concession stand. The stand will be 16 ft. x 32 ft. on a cement slab and will feature an eight-foot serving window and a full service kitchen.

"Whether it's used for Special Olympics baseball, Pearson Cup or whatever the cause, it's another thing for anybody to use in the community," the Lion president said. The ballfields themselves have had a recent update thanks to a grant from the Blue Jays Care Foundation.

Lion President Matthew said the community has once again been most generous with the club this year, which in turn means the Lions can make donations back to the community, including one significant one to the Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya site. "There's been so many donations it's hard to keep count," Lion President Matthew admits.

As always, though, Homecoming Weekend and the Elimination Dinner, Draw and Dance is the club's biggest fundraiser. For just \$60 a ticket, you get a chance at winning up to \$8,000 in prizes, a delicious meal and a fun evening of dancing to boot

The Lions have always been good at providing quality entertainment, and this year they have upped their game by adding Halloween and St. Patrick's Day



Central Manitoulin Lions Club President Matthew Hallett

dances to the roster, which proved to be big successes.

Lion President Matthew said the Lions Club hopes to purchase a projector and big screen this fall to start providing movie days at the Community Hall for the youngest community members and their families—part of their mandate to include more family friendly activities into their plans.

The Lion president was also happy to boast that the club has six new members—a happy trend the Central Manitoulin Lions Club has seen over the past few years.

"I appreciate all our dedicated members and the support of our community," he added. "If it weren't for them, we wouldn't be able to do any of this."

Lion President Matthew encouraged everyone to come to Mindemoya for the 40th Homecoming Weekend June 30, July 1 and 2.

"This year, we're going to have an amazing fireworks display Sunday night, July 2," he promised. "It's double the budget from last year."

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## Homecoming 2017 Schedule of Events

## June 30, July 1st & 2nd

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 30TH

**6:30 P.M. • MEN'S FASTBALL TOURNAMENT** at the ball ground behind the community centre. Contact Lion Lew at 705-377-5887 for men's fastball.

7:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. • BEER GARDEN

#### SATURDAY, JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>

9:00 A.M. • MEN'S FASTBALL TOURNAMENT

9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. MINDEMOYA MARKET at the J.H. Burt Memorial arena

**11:00 A.M.** • PARADE The Lions' "Best of Canada" themed homecoming parade is not to be missed. The parade will start at 11:00 a.m., running through downtown Mindemoya and ending at the community centre.

Decorate your float in a "Best of Canada" theme for your chance to win! Float categories include commercial, community group, and private entry. Additional categories include antique cars and horse and rider. Children are encouraged to decorate their bicycle and join in the parade.

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**11:30A.M.** - **3:30P.M.** • KIDS' EVENTS at the Lions Pavilion (behind the arena) face painting, inflatable tents, games, 3-legged and potato sack race, fish pond & boat race games, candy cart, Science North games and exhibits. Lots of fun for the whole family.

11:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. • BEER GARDEN at the Lion's Pavilion behind the Old School between the arena and ball field.

**1:00 P.M. • OLD CAR SHOW -** Shine and show. Contact Lion Matt Hallett at 705-348-0560.

5:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M. • ELIMINATION DINNER, DRAW & DANCE

at the J.H. Burt Memorial Arena

Tickets for dinner, draw & dance \$60.00 per couple Doors open at 5:00 p.m. cocktails at 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Elimination draw 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Dance 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. music by John Roy

Dance will open to the public at 10:00 p.m.

Tickets \$10.00 per person, age of majority only

Contact - Lion Marg (dinner & dance) at 705-377-6644 or

Lion Dale (draw) at 705-377-4818



**SUNDAY, JULY 2ND** 

**9:30 A.M.** • "THE MINDEMOYA CLASSIC" RUN, canoe & bike triathlon start at the government dock, Lake Mindemoya. Contact Andre at 705-377-6018, Allen at 705-377-7272 or Mark at 705-859-1683.

9:00 A.M. • MEN'S FASTBALL TOURNAMENT

NOON-9:00 P.M. • BEER GARDEN at the Lions Pavilion

**1:00 P.M. • HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT** behind the pavilion. Contact Warren Haggard at 705-377-5644

10:00 P.M. • FIREWORKS at the Mindemoya Community Centre ball field, silver collection.

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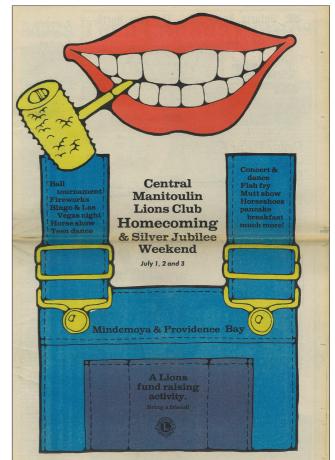
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percent province, 50 percent Lions) to put a new roof on the Old School building.

Some of Lion Moe's proudest moments as a Central Manitoulin Lion include raising all the funds needed to create a helipad for the Mindemoya Hospital. The Lions were ready and eager to make the announcement, but then Minister of Health, Larry Grossman, kept putting it off. Finally, the minister called Lion Moe and shared the news that the helipad was being 100 percent funded by the province-the first of its kind in Ontario. The field in which the helipad was created was named Keller Field for Lion Moe's hard work on the project. The Lions were then able to donate all the funds raised for the helipad to the Mindemoya Hospital under the direction of the late Dr. Jack McQuay, also a charter member of the club.

"A lot of the things in the hospital were donated by the Lions at the time," Lion Moe said.

Following a major renovation of the Mindemoya Hospital and the end of surgical practice there, the Lions purchased the old equipment, got together to build shipping crates and sent it off to Africa as a donation with the help



The first Mindemoya Homecoming Weekend supplement from in 1977.

of Manitoulin Transport.
Lion Moe pointed to the
Friendship Arch found at
the entry of Community
Living Manitoulin as another great achievement
for the Club. Over the
years, the Lions have been
major supporters of Community Living, formerly
the Hope Farm. It was in
those early days of the
Hope Farm that Lion Moe

learned that the government provided funds for families of disabled individuals for two weeks of vacation each year.

"We discovered the need and built two or three buildings and a lookout to go and admire the stars," the Lion explained. The retreat, called Maple Ridge, also features a

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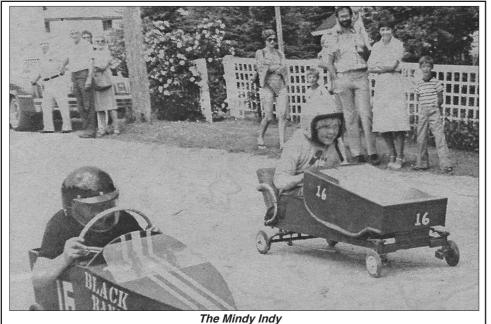


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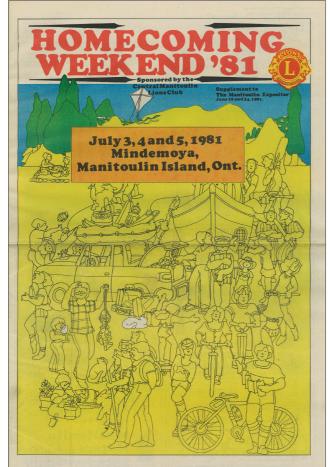
The road leading to the vacation cottages was named Foster Lane in honour of the Late Conservative MPP John Lane, who worked, alongside the late Algoma-Manitoulin MP Maurice Foster, to get the Lions a grant that would see the road paved to allow for wheelchair use.

Vacationers could get to the lookout, complete with telescopes, and admire Manitoulin's famous night sky. This project also saw generous funding from the Lions International Fund.

Lion Moe was also pleased the club paid for a number of Central Manitoulin Public School and Manitoulin Secondary School teachers to be trained in DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) when it was brand new to schools.

Being hearing chair for District A also had a life-long effect on Lion Moe, especially after his time spent with deaf children at the John Roberts School in London.

When asked what drew him to the Lions Club, Lion Moe was quick to answer. "Service," he re-



The cover of the 1981 Mindemoya Homecoming supplement.

plied. "Being a Lion, you get out and enjoy the fellowship of others," Lion Moe said. "When I was first a Lion it was just men, but there were Lionesses and a Leo club (for teenagers) for a time too."

He's glad to see succession in the club with many of the younger members of his family now serving as Lions in their community. "My grandson's

daughter is leading the Homecoming parade in Mindemoya this year," he said proudly.

Lion Moe said he is too "crippled up" to help out with many of the activities, but you'll be sure to see him at the Elimination Dinner, Draw and Dance Saturday night, so be sure to say hello and thanks for over 40 years of Lionism.

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