



Recap – January 21, 2020 Officer David Leonard

Meeting started at 12:16pm by President Ed Thauer with a welcome & prayer
Broke for lunch

Reconvened at 12:46pm (20 members & 3 guests)

Announcements:

1. Happy Bucks: trips taken and future trips and no Lion pin
2. Bowling Report given by Lion Jamie Junod. There wasn't any 200 pin game. The wildcats & Rhinos tied for 1st. Come out and bowl – fun times and no competition
3. Calendar Raffle: Still taking money and first draw will be next week.
If your money isn't in – you will miss the first calendar draw
4. Blind Dinner Date: March 24, 2020 at the BOB. Sponsorships are still needed. Feb 4 is our next meeting, (after Lunch) anyone is welcome to come.
5. Guests: Pam VanOverloop
6. Inducted Bob Younger into the G. R. Lions Club as a new member, Jamie Junod-sponsor → →



Program: Officer David Leonard

Officer David Leonard was a Grand Rapids Police Officer for over 27 years. He retired in November of 2019. It is rare for an officer to stay on the streets for their whole career. The officers usually move up the ranks or take a federal job. Federal jobs pay more and have better benefits (social security). Officer Leonard told us how officers are getting burnt out and that will be a problem. It is vital to have a mix of seasoned officers, officers and rookies. The police force could end up with just rookies and officers with less than 10 years of experience. The officers are under more scrutiny today due to body cameras and cell phones. What you see on tv with the footage from cell phones is usually not the whole story. He went on to say how there really aren't any books out there to help the officers relate to, or hear of experiences/problems other officers have experienced. Officer Leonard's book came out of writing down some memorable arrests/stories and before he knew it-he had a book. "Real Cop, A Memoir of a Career Street Officer" by David Leonard. You can purchase the book at a few places in town or at Amazon. He had a few books to sell at the meeting. His contact email is: Djleonard48@hughes.net



Meeting adjourned at 1:24

Respectfully Submitted,
Lion Cheryl Anderson
GR Lions Club Secretary

