

What a passle of pirates overran the Lions Hall last Saturday! Captains, wenches, mateys, & swabbies laughed and danced the night away to the rhythms of Bauder Road, who in honour of the occasion had worked up a set list from reggae and sea shanty to their signature rock songs. There's something really special about seeing your neighbours and local business people show their talent in this way – and are they talented! They would shine in any venue, but they choose to live in ours. Speaking of talent – at certain times of the evening a group of pirate re-enactors took over the hall with real sword fights and pirate dramas. Bravo to the Lions and especially to chairman Jim Lansdell for another terrific theme night.

Earlier that Saturday the Farmers Market saw a whole new set of faces as people arrived with their kids for photo ops on the pirate ship that had been constructed for the evening's revelries. It was good to see so many new market goers in the mix of stalwart regulars. The market is a Verona treasure, and the more we understand that the stronger it will grow.

Vera Brown tells us that weather concerns prompted Verona's chapter of the Red Hat Society – the Purple Juliettes – to plan to stay close to home for their March meeting activities, so they took advantage of some of Verona's special spots. They first visited Ken & Anne Brandley of the Joyful Bearer for a demonstration of beadmaking and stained glass crafts. Then the group headed over to Korner Stone Kastle B & B where proprietor and chef Steven Johnston served them a delicious lunch. The Purple Juliettes meet monthly to enjoy each other's company in interesting settings like McPherson House, the Kingston Tour Train, and Wheeler's Pancake House. The outings always include lunch. Marg Kelsey is the "Snow Queen" (winter coordinator) and Sharon Sole is "Queen Mum". New members are warmly encouraged. Call Vera at 374-2585

Doris Ritchie reminds us that the Rock Lake Seniors are moving back to their home base at the Verona Lions Hall now that the hall renovations are done. Join them there on Weds. April 9 for a noon pot luck lunch followed by entertainment from Home Card and friends. Be prepared to buy things at the "bakeless bake sale". This clever fundraiser simply pretends that there's a tableful of baked goods to buy, but nobody has to bake anything or take anything home. Just pay some money as if you had!

The Verona Community Association is looking for a new logo. It should be black and white and suitable for stationary. The winning entry will receive a \$50 prize compliments of the Verona branch of the Bank of Montreal. Send a jpeg of your entry to inie@sympatico.ca by the end of April.