



Orientation and Information Booklet.
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LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PURPOSES

TO ORGANISE charter and supervise service clubs to
Be known as Lions Clubs.

TO CO-ORDINATE the activities and standardise the
administration of Lions Clubs

TO CREATE and foster a spirit of understanding among
the people of the world.

TO PROMOTE the principles of good government and
good citizenship.

TO TAKE an active interest in the civic, cultural, social,
and moral welfare of the community.

TO UNITE the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good
Fellowship and mutual understanding.

TO PROVIDE a forum for the open discussion of all
matters of public interest provided, however, that
partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be
debated by club members.

TO ENCOURAGE service minded people to serve their
community without personal financial reward, and to

encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works, and private endeavours.

CODE OF ETHICS

TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

TO SEEK success and demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

TO REMEMBER that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's, to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards my fellow men, to resolve such doubt against myself.

TO HOLD friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit it is given.

ALWAYS bear in mind my obligation as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give freely of my time, labour and means.

TO AID my fellow men by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise, to build up and not destroy.

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

(Lions Clubs International)



Who are the Lions?

They are volunteer members of clubs grouped under an International Organisation, where they enjoy time to help those in need all over the world, while making their individual communities a better place to live in.

The Origin:

Lions began in the United States in 1917 when a group of independent clubs responded to an idea presented to them by a young Chicago Insurance agent, Melvin Jones. The idea was one of service as a group to their fellow man without regard to politics, religion, race or in any way the personal interests of the members.

The Name:

The official name of "Lions" is the "The International Association of Lions Clubs".

The Emblem:

It consists of a gold letter "L" on a circular blue field. Bordering this is a circular gold area with two conventionalised lion profiles at either side facing away from the centre. The words "Lions" appear at the top and "International" at the bottom. Symbolically, the

Lions face both past and future, proud of the past and confident of the future.



A Lions member may transfer to any club in the world, subject to the new club's acceptance. It is a requirement that a Lion complete their transfer within six months following the date of termination of membership from their former club.

Club meetings are normally held twice monthly. One meeting may be devoted to business and the planning of projects and the other to a dinner meeting, often with a guest speaker. The required attendance of members (either a club meeting or at activities), type or programme, formation of committees etc, are all decisions taken by the local club based on the Board's or President's recommendation of the Association.

Lions Clubs elect their officers annually and work through club committees.

All monies for Lions Clubs activities are raised by the efforts of the members through whatever legal fundraising projects they may devise.

The basis of membership – any person of legal majority, good moral character and good reputation in the community may be granted membership in a duly authorised Lions Club. Membership is by invitation only.

Service to the Community – from the start, the emphasis has been on service in all forms to less fortunate members of the community. The club constitution, as recommended by the Association may be adapted by the local club to suit its own particular requirements while keeping within the principles of the Association and its International Constitution.

The Lions year– The official Lions year is from July to June. Clubs must have elections and PU101s completed by the 15th of May every year.



Networking

Giving members the chance to network is an excellent way to add value to their Lions Club membership.



Leadership Opportunities and Personal Growth Lions Clubs offer an amazing spectrum of possibilities. Lions provide a variety of leadership and personal development training opportunities where members can enhance their leadership and communication skills. This can offer members the chance to gain confidence and to learn, grow and assume leadership roles.



Conventions:

International Convention is held annually in early July.
 Multiple District 202 Convention is held annually in April.
 District 202D Convention is held annually in March.
 Members are encouraged to attend both Multiple and District Conventions.

Major Service Activities

Diabetes Awareness
 Sight Conservation
 Environmental Services
 Leo Programme
 Youth Exchange Programme
 International relations
 Educational services
 Health services
 Recreational services
 Public services
 International Youth Camp
 Camp Quality
 Drug Awareness



Lions Clubs are involved in organising and supporting a variety of community, national and international projects.

Some projects have been challenged every year, while others are a “one-off” project. Whatever the case may be, our aim is to help those less fortunate than ourselves and help make this a better world to live in.

OUR MOTTO

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O—Our

N—Nation's

S—Safety



“We Serve”



THE SLOGAN

Liberty

Intelligence

The Colours

Blue and Gold. To Lions, purple stands for loyalty to country, friends, one's self and the integrity of mind and heart. It is the traditional colour of strength, courage, and tireless dedication to judgement, purity in life and generosity in mind, heart and purse toward their fellow man.



Worldwide organization

Although the youngest, the International Association of Lions Clubs has grown to be the largest service club

organization in the world. The Association's headquarters is located in Oak Brook, Illinois, USA. The Association is governed by an elected Board from all parts of the world. This Board includes 1st and 2nd year International Directors, 2 Vice-Presidents, the Immediate Past President and is headed by the International President.

Club Organisation

Lions joining a club for the first time pay an entrance fee to the Association. Annual dues to the International Association, Multiple District, the District, and Home Club constitute their financial commitment.

CLUB STRUCTURE

The Lions year commences each year from 1st July to 30th June, with nominations of the incoming Board of Directors in March followed by election before 15 April.



The Board of Directors may consists of:

Club President, Immediate Past President, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents, Membership Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Directors, Tail Twister, Lion Tamer and Bulletin Editor.

The Club is divided into Committees such as Community and Youth – Welfare of club members and community

affairs, recording of attendance, promoting Lions, retention and recruiting of new members.

Programme and Social Committee – arranging entertainment for club members and families, organising guest speakers to dinner functions and other social activities for club.

Project/Finance/Fundraising Committee – organising of fund raising projects.

Regardless of which Committee we may be in, as MEMBERS we ALL have a common bond and work closely together on projects and activities during each Lions year.



The President:

The Presidents presides at all meetings of the club. The President is also the leader of the GAT Team within the club. (The Global Action Team)

They appoint committees necessary to the functioning of the club. They will see that these committees function, maintain standards of the club and ensure that the purpose and objectives are met through the development of a strong and active service programme. They will assist the incoming President in the preparation for their year, prepare an annual report of the club with recommendations for improvement and for the adoption and implementation of new activities.

In addition, Presidents will serve as an example of spirit and dedication for the Lions and show each member that they care about their participation in the club.



Vice Presidents:

The Vice Presidents act in the absence or inability of the President in order of succession and should be prepared to perform assigned duties. Vice Presidents may serve as Chairman of Committees. They may represent the club at meetings of other organisations at the request of the President. They are also the GLT (Global Leadership Team) leader within the club and as such are responsible for identifying and training new leaders. Also making members aware of lions training programmes such as Emerging Lions leadership Institute, Advanced Lions Leadership Institute and Stand and Deliver courses through lions.

The Secretary:



The Secretary is responsible for maintaining club records on the Website through MYLCI. Recording correspondence and keeping accurate minutes.

They order club supplies and awards for eligible members. They forward appropriate emails and bulletins to all members. They forward correspondence to appropriate committees.

The Membership Chair:



The clubs membership Chair is the GMT (Global Membership Team) leader in the club. They are always on the lookout for new members. At all projects they are responsible for advertising the

club to the General public through a notice board or similar. They are the people that should keep constant contact with the press and Facebook etc.



LCIF Portfolio Within The Club. As of Last year it is recommended that each club appoint an LCIF leader in every club. Usually it is recommended to use the Past President in this position as they have more Knowledge on how LCIF works. This position is now required on MYLCI.



The Treasurer:

Treasurers are responsible for keeping accurate financial records, depositing funds, paying accounts, budgeting items and expenditure. Managing the two Administration and Trust Accounts, and presenting a financial statement at regular meetings. A legal requirement for Incorporated Clubs is to provide an annual set of audited/reviewer accounts.



Immediate Past President:

The Immediate Past President can offer support and help the new President as much as possible and serve as a member of any committee as appointed by the President.



The Directors:

The number of Directors varies within clubs. Directors may serve as Chairmen of any committee as appointed.

Club Bulletin



Your club may have a monthly Club Bulletin which contains items of interest and information. Committee reports are given to the Bulletin Editor. Selected items along with upcoming projects and items from other clubs may be included.



Role of Club Almoners

The role of the Club Almoner is to co-ordinate support to any club member who is unwell or who is having any difficulties. If you become aware of a member who is sick or in need, please contact the Club Almoner and advise them of this.

Role of Greeters

Your responsibilities as a Greeter are:

To ensure that you arrive early

- Wear a Greeters badge if available
- To welcome every member and guest as they arrive To ensure that no guests or new members are left standing alone – always ensure that there is a Club member talking to them, if there isn't, guide them over to a member and introduce them
- To ensure that the President is introduced to any guests



Role of the Lion Tamer

This person's role is to:

- Set up the meeting venue and lay out club paraphernalia
- Direct members and guests to the table when the dinner bell is rung, ensuring all persons have a place and that guests are mixed in with members.
- Collect the fines as the tail twister calls them.
- Ensure that all paraphernalia is returned to storage at the end of the meeting.

Role of the Tail Twister

This person's role is to create harmony and fellowship amongst all members by fining them small amounts of cash for

misdemeanours, for birthdays etc.



Expectations of Members

If you are a new Lion, you will have just

completed an oath which contains the expectations of you as a Lion:

- Regularly attend scheduled meetings □ Apologise if you are unable to attend
- Participate in Club projects and events
- Pay your dues on time
- If unsure on anything please - ASK
- Wear your Club badge when participating in any Lions event

Roles of Sponsors



A new Lion will have a Sponsor who has agreed to:



- Introduce you to the Club and its members
- Act as your mentor within the Club
- Explain Club procedures to you
- Answer any questions you have on Lions
- Ensure that you start to contribute as a member
- Remind you of meetings and projects

202D - Your club is part of District 202D and

Multiple District 202 is New Zealand and the Islands of the South Pacific and is divided into 7 Districts. Each District has its own District Governor and Cabinet Team.

New Zealand is part of Constitutional Area 7 which includes Australia and Indonesia & New Caledonia.

CLUB MEETINGS

Business Meeting – held once a month.

This meeting is to discuss club affairs such as fund raising, projects, activities and any matter pertaining to the club.



Board of Directors' Meeting – held as required by the President. Any club member may attend a Board of Directors Meeting and may speak, but is not entitled to vote.

Dinner/Social Meeting – held once a month, this is a social meeting with fellowship before dinner followed by

entertainment or guest speaker, tail twisting and a raffle. At some dinner meetings partners/family/children are invited and members are always welcome to bring along guests.

Apologies

If you are unable to attend, you must apologise to the Lion who is allocated the task of booking meal numbers. If you do not submit an apology, you may still incur the cost of the meal.

Members' Duties at Meetings

It is the responsibility of each Member allocated a duty to find a replacement if they are unable to undertake their duties.



District Bulletins and Publications



Membership List / Lions Directory

This list is confidential and should be used and stored with discretion and privacy. Lions are not allowed to use membership lists for commercial or pecuniary purposes.

District Magazine the "Contact"

The Monthly District Magazine is called the Contact and is produced to keep clubs in the District in touch with each other and Cabinet.

“The Lion” South Pacific Edition Magazine

The Multiple District (Lions NZ) issues this magazine every two months and you will receive a copy from the club Secretary at meetings.

LIONS DUES:

New Members are required to pay an introduction fee to Lions Clubs International. This is a one off fee which some clubs may pay on their behalf.

Once a member is inducted there are annual dues. Your Club treasurer will inform you of normal procedure to pay these. Amounts vary from club to club. It is important to be up to date with your dues as the club has an obligation to pay International, Multiple District and District dues. Meals are always separate to dues and also vary between clubs.



LCIF

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the grant making arm of Lions Clubs International. □ LCIF is Lions helping Lions to serve others

- Funds programmes preventing blindness
- Provides assistance to victims of Natural Disasters
- Lions-Quest youth programme

LCIF Ranked Best NGO Worldwide in 2007

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) ranked best among NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

(NGOs) worldwide. From 34 global organisations, LCIF came in first for its execution of programs, demonstrated accountability, communications internally and externally, and understanding the goals of its corporate supporters.



THE MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP

In a fitting tribute to Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International, the foundations highest commendation for humanitarian service is named in his honour. Created in 1973, the fellowship symbolises those attributes characteristic of individuals dedicated to humanitarian service. When any individual, Lions club or District donates funds to LCIF this can be tagged for a Melvin Jones Fellow to be presented to a worthy recipient.

CLUB AWARDS

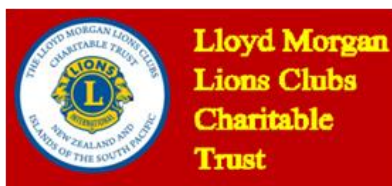
Awards are a symbol of achievement representing a special effort by a member.



100% Attendance

Some clubs operate a programme where members are awarded pins for each year of 100% attendance at meetings. The years of service accumulate.

Special Awards – may be presented throughout the year in appreciation for individual member's contributions.



Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust (LMLCCT)

In 1979/80 a New Zealander held the office of International President. Lloyd

Morgan filled the highest office of the Association, demonstrating the care, concern and personal brand of Lions so indicative of New Zealanders.

Following his Presidential year a trust was established bearing his name.

The Trust—your Trust—has become the Multiple District resource for the charitable work of the Lions of New Zealand.

Funding is through contributions to the trust from Clubs and other benefactors.

MD 202 International Youth Camp - Hosted by District 202L

A camp for youth aged between 17-21 from around the World.

Each candidate must be sponsored by a Lions club.



The camp normally starts on the 27th December and runs for 10 days. They get the opportunity to experience new activities at the same time mixing with a wide range of different nationalities and varied cultures forming life-long friendships.

Camp Purpose: to further the first objective of Lions - "To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world"

Camp objectives:

- To bring young people of different countries into meaningful contact with each other.
- To permit the sharing of ideals and cultural viewpoints.
- To develop leadership potential in outstanding youth.
- To stimulate, encourage and increase personal awareness of New Zealand's natural and beautiful environment.
- To promote World Peace by International understanding.
- To encourage respect in young people for the thinking of others.



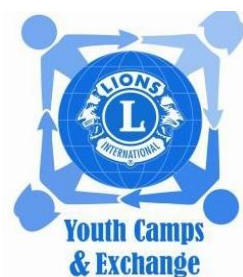
IT'S GREAT TO BE A LION

Camp Quality

The first Camp Quality was in Auckland in 1985. Camp Quality gives children suffering from life threatening cancer the opportunity to enjoy a fabulous time of fun.



The Youth Exchange Programme This programme is designed to allow young people to experience an overseas stay with a host family. New Zealand reciprocates by taking youths from other countries and hosting them.



The Young Speechmaker Contest

The aim of this contest is to select the best young public speaker in New Zealand and to sponsor him/her on a six week visit overseas where he/she will be hosted by a Lions Club. He/she will be expected to speak at every opportunity, arranged or impromptu, about the attributes of New Zealand and to promote it in its widest possible form. The aim of this contest is to promote the art of effective communication, to encourage pride in the correct use of our language, to develop leadership potential, to encourage respect in young people for the view of others and to promote world peace through international understanding. The project is co-educational with the entrants being between 17 and 21 inclusive.

Support of the Blind

In 1925, Helen Keller challenged Lions to become “Knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness” during the Association’s International Convention. Today, Lions are recognised worldwide for their service to the blind and visually impaired. Lions demonstrate their commitment to sight conservation through eyeglass recycling, sight partnerships and countless other sight services.





World Lions Service Day

October 8th each year is designated World Lions Service Day in recognition of the first Convention of our Organisation. It is an opportunity for Lions to recall the fundamental reasons for the existence of their clubs and what makes Lions unique.

So on October 8th each year Lions clubs are encouraged to conduct a humanitarian service.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Membership Kit - your kit provides a personalised Lions Certificate of membership, information booklet, car sticker, club name badge, and Lions Pin.

BADGES

- Name badges should be worn on the right hand side
- Lions pins should be worn on the left hand side

Lions Information Resources:

- Lions Supply Catalogue – Lions International Policy and Procedure Manual
- Club Constitution and Club Incorporated Society Rules
- Lions Directories
- Lion Magazine
- www.lionsclubs.org
- www.lionsclubs.org.nz

Club Officers Training - held annually and valuable to all Lions, especially the incoming Board.



District Officers - highly qualified Lions within our own district are available to assist members or clubs on request.



PUT THE SIX STEPS TO WORK

Every good Lions Club has six basic characteristics. The more firmly these qualities are embedded into the club's operation structure, the more success and growth the club enjoys, becoming stronger. By understanding how they work and imparting this knowledge to both new and experienced members, in any special way possible, all Lions will get the inspiration they need to remain



active and involved in the club programmes.

These six steps are:

- 1. A major service activity** that involves **every member** of the club.
- 2. A major fundraising project** in which the community can participate and to which it can contribute.
- 3. A strong public relations programme** that provides a continuous, unending line of communication between all members of the club and between the club and the community.
- 4. Well organised club meetings** that are stimulating, informative and enjoyable.
- 5. Team spirit** – a condition that exists when each member knows that they are an important part of an organisation that is truly dedicated to humanitarian service.
- 6. Strong membership growth and development programmes** which provide immediate orientation and involvement of new members in club projects and a continuing involvement of current members in club activities.

YOUR CLUB INFORMATION AND GUIDE

Your Club Information and Guide cont;

MEMBERS NOTES

Last, but not
least – it's
FUN to be a
Lion!



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