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District 202D

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Message from the DG...

What a privilege it has been to visit so many clubs around our district over the last five months! I have met so many wonderful and dedicated Lions and it has been an honour to hear your stories. I still have a few clubs to visit in the new year and I look forward to enjoying your hospitality too.

Our 50th Annual General Meeting will be held at our Convention weekend Feb 26th & 27th. Our opening speaker for the day will be Dean Williamson, co-founder and director of Global HQ in Feilding, advertised as 'NZs most innovative agrimedia business'. Dean is a 'down to earth kiwi bloke' and has an interesting story to share, along with the background to 'The Glob', Zone 1s new Health Van project (which will be on show at the Convention venue). Saturday night will be a 'Red Carpet Affair', a befitting reminder of our 'golden anniversary', with dinner and dancing. Sunday will be our Remembrance and Re-Dedication Service followed by morning. So, a warm invitation from the Clubs in Zone 5 and myself, please come and join us and enjoy the hospitality that Opunake has to offer.

Robert and I send you our best wishes for the Christmas season ahead. COVID has sent us all many challenges this year; take the time to refresh and enjoy the company of family and friends. Thank you all for your continued dedication to Lions and to the people within your communities.

"Because in times of great need, only a greater passion for service can make the world a better place for all people." (International President Douglas X Alexander)

Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year. Be happy, Be kind, Be Safe!

Warmest regards,
Megan





...from the Editor.

Ho Ho Ho,

It is that time of the year again. A time for reflecting and time to spend with family and loved ones. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and best wishes for the coming year. Thank you for your contributions until now and all the kind words of support. Keep the photos, reports, bulletins and stories coming. I am keeping this short, so be kind to one another and think of the lesser fortunate. Sometimes it is good to look at all the blessings we have and be thankful for all.

Gods richest blessings on you all

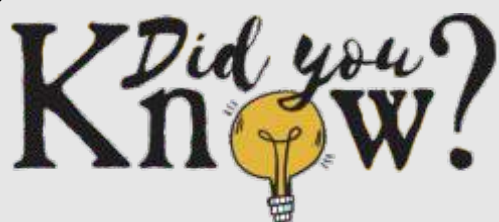
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NEW MEMBER FEES

Due to the continued impact of COVID 19 Lions Clubs International (LCI) has extended the waiver of new member fees until 31 December 2021.



NZ Lions have partnerships with

- Camp Quality
- Cancer Society
- Diabetes NZ
- Kidney Kids
- NZ Liver Transplant Service
- Hearing Dogs



DIGITAL MARKETING

Marketing Display Network Update

I am pleased to inform that our network is growing. Thanks to Stephanie Jordan from Mt View Lions Hawera, we have 7 new locations across our district. GMC Chiropractors have joined the network as hosts and will be doing some advertising as well. Great effort Stephanie.

We currently have screens at:

- Caffeinate Hawera
- Hub Fit Hawera
- Upside Down Eatery Hawera
- Suede Hair by design Stratford
- Hairazor Opunake
- GMC Hawera
- GMC Stratford
- Hipp Accounting
- Stihl Shop Hawera

To be installed:

- Opunake Mediacl Centre
- Fruit and Veg Store Opunake
- Club Hotel Opunake
- Rahotu Tavern
- GMC New Plymouth
- GMC Whanganui
- GMC Feilding
- GMC Palmerston North
- GMC Levin (not our zone but will put one there as well)

As you can see, we are slowly growing and our advertising options are increasing for the advertisers.

At the moment we are looking for references for electricians in our district who could help install monitors if the installations are a bit tricky and our local lions clubs can't do the job.

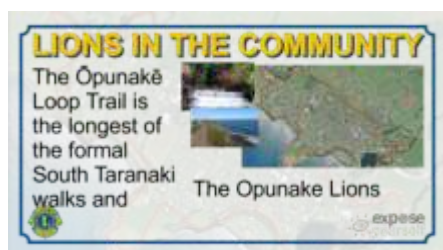
Please keep looking for venues where these displays could be installed, talk to the owners and let me know if there is an interest.

Funding

VDG Stephen Barr has applied for some funding available to help create content which will certainly help. I was not planning to charge for the creating of Lions promotional content and see it as part of my voluntary community service but am very thankful for any funding available.

I will try to come along to zone and club visits when I can. If you in the meantime like to talk to me about how your club can get involved, email tobi@hippconsulting.co.nz or call 0276190269

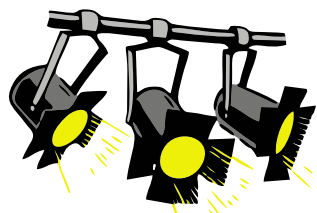
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Who are our 2021/22 Cabinet Members?



This month the spotlight is on:



Ash HAZLITT

started my Lions Life as a member in Woodville on the 4th April 1990 At the time I worked for the Government and I remember one of my Sergeants telling me If I joined Lions I would meet some good people of the area. I was secretary for a couple of years when all mail came via Post Office and the trustee type writer was your friend.

In 1994 I was President in Woodville and the following year was Zone Chairman in the then District 202B (Now 202M) My clubs went from Pahiatua to Norsewood)

In 1996 I had a change of occupations and came farming transferring to Rongotea.

In 2009 I served as President. Both clubs had a dress code which I enjoy.

In 2010 under DG Graham ROBINSON I became Zone Chairman. The next couple of years I served in different rolls on cabinet until 2013 when I was invited/elbowed into VDG after my predecessor ran off with another Lions husband.

In 2014 we travelled to Toronto in Canada for the International Convention. (If you have the opportunity to go to one, DO IT. It was an eye opener in many ways)

My theme was "FUN IN LIONS" something I believe we all should do. Since my DG year I have served in a couple of positions on Cabinet. My current roll is Southern Almoner covering Zones 1-2-3. I enjoy this roll. We not only acknowledge Lions and close family that pass on but when clubs tell us we acknowledge milestone birthdays and events.

Memorable Events

International Convention in Toronto and Hawaii

The District fundraising and opening for a unit as Osman House in Palmy

The fundraising and opening of Ronald McDONALD House in Wellington

The raising of funds for a District Nurses car in our Zone

The opening of the Tangawai Memorial by Ruapehu Lions

Sorting KanTabs at Ohakune

Our clubs Cancer kids xmas parties at Rongotea



Not all Cabinet Member Photos were available at time of publication.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Service from the heart with
International President,
Douglas X. Alexander**

Dear Lion Leader,

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to impact the work of Lions and communities around the world, creating challenges for our clubs and the people we care for. Throughout this global crisis, Lions have continued to safely serve because the needs have been so great. To help ensure that clubs are able to meet the growing needs in our communities, the International Board of Directors passed another resolution to make it easier to invite new members to serve with us.

Here is an overview of the new resolution approved by the Board of Directors:

- **Charter and entrance fees waiver** – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from January 1 through June 30, 2022. Charter and entrance fees are also currently waived through December 31, 2021.

Please note that clubs should pay any outstanding balances right away to stay in good standing and avoid being placed on financial suspension on November 15.

We know that every member matters, to our clubs, to our communities and to the lives we touch as Lions. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity, and together, we will overcome this.

Thank you for sharing the joy of being a Lion, and for your outstanding service and commitment to our communities and the world.

Yours in Service,

Douglas X. Alexander - International President

REMINDER Please Remember to get your entries in for these Awards:

- Waverley Award - Community Service Project
- Environment Award

Applications need to be with IPDG Louise Knapman by 20th January 2022

For more information on any one of the awards and the criteria, please email District GST, GLT or GMT Coordinators who are only too happy to help.



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We Serve



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

From LCIF Chairperson Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

It's Diabetes Awareness Month, and LCIF proudly supports our service addressing this disease. Of course, Lions' and Leos' important work in all cause areas takes funding. Therefore, Campaign 100 continues. I want to recognize India's District 318 B for helping lead campaign fundraising success. Also read how you could win complimentary registration to the 2022 Lions International Convention, and to learn how 100% of your donation to LCIF counts toward campaign and Melvin Jones Fellow or Lions/Leos Share recognition!

[To read more click here](#)



WE SERVE

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Lions and Christmas with LCIF

As we approach Christmas, I ask you all to consider the impact that we as Lions have in the world. Through LCIF, OUR Foundation, we have made grants totalling over \$US1.1 billion supporting Sight, Youth, Disaster Relief and Humanitarian efforts. Our Multiple District has received over \$3.6 million of that amount.

Campaign 100 was launched in 2017 with the aim of globally raising \$100 million in each of the following 3 years (extended to 4 because of Covid-19) so that we could make a significant positive impact on:

- The 400 million people with Diabetes
- The 800 million who go to bed hungry
- The 253 million people blind or visually impaired
- The 245 people (mostly children) who die each day from Measles
- That child diagnosed with cancer every 2 minutes
- The 15% annual increase in natural disasters, etc.

And we think we are hard done by with Covid.....

Through our Campaign 100, we have until the end of this Lions year, to raise the \$78 million worldwide to reach our \$300 million goal and **we will do it.**

While we enjoy Christmas, please give some thought to those in the groups above and how we might be able to make a difference to the way their lives are now. Let us give some hope to those suffering so that their Christmas will be a positive and memorable experience.

How can we contribute? As a Club, consider acknowledging the many years of service some of your members have given with a Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF). For \$US1,000, the recipient will receive an impressive plaque, a special MJF Lions pin and their name on the honour role at International Headquarters. What about nominating your MJF recipient as one of the 40 Heroes for Lions throughout our multiple District.

Many clubs have enough credits to award a MJF without any additional cost. (Contact me to see if your club qualifies.)

As an individual, consider purchasing a Lions Sharepin - \$75, \$150 or \$300 for a 1, 2 or 3 star pin respectively. Clubs can also purchase these to recognise the efforts of members. Both Area Leader Leo Danz and I have these available. One hundred percent of the money for both MJF awards and Sharepin purchases is used in LCIF projects.

\$1 in is \$1 out – the full donation amount is reinvested in LCIF funded projects.

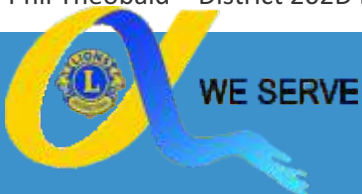
If anyone has any questions or needs help with donations, please contact me at philandngaire.theobald@xtra.co.nz or Leo at danz24@xtra.co.nz.

Remember that all of us as Lions have ownership of LCIF (OUR Foundation) and every person helped from that list above, was helped by US, you and me – not some distant, nebulous organisation. We will continue to help because that is who we are – WE ARE LIONS.

On behalf of our Foundation, Area Leader Leo and myself, we wish you and all of your extended family, a very happy, peaceful and uplifting Christmas.

Kind regards to you all.

Phil Theobald – District 202D LCIF Coordinator



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Useless Facts

What do these two have in common?



They are both “Nutcrackers”

St. Nick was more generous than jolly



You probably already knew that the idea of Santa Claus came from St. Nicholas. The saint wasn't a bearded man who wore a red suit; that tradition came much later. In the fourth century, the Christian bishop gave away his large inheritance to the poor and rescued women from servitude. In Dutch, his name is Sinter Klaas, which later morphed into Santa Claus in English.

The Dutch gave us the idea to leave cookies and milk

If your kids leave Santa a little snack to keep him sated on your journey, thank the Dutch. On St. Nicholas' feast day on Dec. 6, Dutch children leave him food and drink to be exchanged for gifts overnight.



Christmas wasn't always on December 25

While Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, the actual date is lost to history. There's no mention of December 25 in the Bible and many historians say Jesus was really born in the spring. Some historians posit the date was originally chosen because it coincided with the pagan festival of Saturnalia, which honored the agricultural god Saturn with celebrating and gift-giving.

Gifts have both Christian and Pagan origins

Christians may have grown up learning that we give gifts at Christmas to mimic the presents the Three Wise Men brought the baby Jesus. But like so many other traditions, that also has its roots in Saturnalia. The pagans originally gave offerings to the gods, too.

Evergreens are an ancient tradition

The tradition of Christmas trees goes all the way back to ancient Egyptians and Romans, who decorated with evergreens during the winter solstice to signify that spring would return. So if you deck your halls with a green tree, wreaths or evergreen garland, you're honoring history.





Hello everyone, I hope your year is going well and that your clubs are thriving.

I want to remind you that you need to start thinking about the annual awards which are presented at our convention. Yes, we don't do what we do to be recognised, but.....a pat on the back can inspire.

Please, check the criteria and make your submission to me by 20th January. I look forward to seeing what you have been up to.

Cheers

PDG Louise Knapman

Let's Celebrate!



On January 13, we will honor our founder, Melvin Jones on the 143rd anniversary of his birth. I could not be more excited to celebrate with you, and with Lions and Leos worldwide.

This year, we will celebrate what it means to be a Lion or Leo during historic Campaign 100 through a LCIF Week Melvin Jones Photo Contest. Below is important information about the contest.

- Contest runs from October 22-December 31, 2021
- Submission and voting run through December 31, 2021, 11:59 p.m. (Central Standard Time)
- Winners will be announced on January 13, 2022

Enter Contest

Limit one entry per person. No purchase or donation is required to enter. Eight winners, one from each constitutional area, will receive complimentary individual registration* and a ticket for the Melvin Jones luncheon at the 104th Lions International Convention in Montréal, Canada. Family, friends, and fellow Lions and Leos can vote for their favourite photo submission. To quote Melvin Jones, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else." Thank you for your support. Sincerely,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



...ON A RUN

On Saturday, 4th December a number of Lions from all over our District 202D took part in the trip to visit the Tangiwai Memorial Site where many lost their lives on 24th December 1953 due to the bridge being washed away and the train crashed into the river. We met in Whanganui and made our way to Ohakune. Here the Ruapehu Lions put on a fabulous meal and hosted us in their Lion's Den. Thanks to Rene, Fred and the team involved, it was a great event. We quickly felt at home due to your warm hospitality.

After the feed some needed a nap but we went on to the Tangiwai Memorial Site where Sir Bob Norling gave us a very thorough tour and shared his vast knowledge. Thank you for sharing your knowledge of what happened on that Tragic Day of the Tangiwai Train Disaster.

After the visit we all went in our own directions. It was a great day out and thanks to all that came along despite the weather.

We will be having more of these rides/trips away as it is a great opportunity for lions from the district to meet and enjoy each other's company.





YOUTH

Zone 1 Manawatu Rural Speechmaker Final November 13th

The Zone 1 Lions Rural Speech contest was held recently in the Rec Centre. Eleven young speechmakers spoke on a wide range of topics, ranging from "Artificial intelligence", to "If only we could turn back time" to "Addiction". All the entrants spoke with conviction and some with humour. The two judges, English teachers from Feilding High School, rated the speeches very well and there was close scoring for the top two speechmakers in each section. Due to the quality of the best two speakers in each section, it was decided to send 4 speakers to the final in Hawera on December 5th.



Zone 1 chair Warren presenting the cup & vouchers to Year 5 & 6 winner, Stirling Lumby from Lytton St School.



Year 7 & 8 winner Bella Smout from Hiwinui School.



1st Uijina Lee



3rd Reese Gardener



2nd Anthea Sharrock

Peace Poster Winners



rest of the top 10



SPEECHMAKERS 2021

Junior Speechmakers Contest 2021:

Sadly, due to the traffic light system that the Government has created which has seen part of our District in Red and the other in Orange, we decided that holding the competition in person was not appropriate this year. Phil and I put our heads together and decided to give the students an opportunity to present their speeches in another way. ZOOM.

We received 22 entries this year. We sent invites to attend zoom meeting. We ended up with 17 students online competing with 1 student that entered his speech through recording on USB stick as he couldn't make zoom call.

Despite all this we had a great range of topics from Dad Jokes to Pirates – nonfiction vs fictional to My sister to Emotions from Music. All student only needed to present their prepared speeches. The judges were very impressed with the standard. They found this very hard to choose the 3 place getters as normally it's the impromptu Speech that normally decides the winners.

Congratulation to everyone who participated: the winner were.

1st Emma Livingston year 8 from Hunterville Consolidated School, Topic: Kiwi Slang sponsored by Hunterville Lions Club.

2nd Maddison Parata year 7 from Auroa School, Topic: Weird things my Mum and Dad say sponsored by Kaponga Lions

3rd Geordie Coleman year 8 from Hunterville Consolidated School, Topic: Survival sponsored by Hunterville Lions.

Phil and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Xmas and Happy Holiday Season. Kia Kaha. Keep Safe. We look forward to 2022.



YOUTH

NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP **TARANAKI** NEW ZEALAND.

Hosted by District 202D.



TSB Topec

Hydro Road off Junction Road
PO Box 8859
New Plymouth.

Afternoon All.

The end of the year is fast approaching. Hopefully by now you would have shared the Information about this great opportunity for Youth aged 12-16 yrs with Clubs in your Districts. Applications will open on the 1st Feb and close 7th May. Hopefully by time June/July comes around Covid will not interfere with the Camp going ahead. It is planned to be a fun filled week of activities, forming lasting friendships, increase in self confidence and a few challenges for all to enjoy.

Clubs are asked to sponsor the \$500 cost. We do however encourage Clubs or even zones to share the sponsorship. Think about encouraging those Youth to share and assist in your fundraising efforts at Club, Zone or even District level. Again, we feel it would be great if each District could sponsor 4 Youth to attend this great opportunity.

It would also be great if you got application forms submitted sooner than later to ensure the Youth's spot at the camp. Clubs/Zones that are sponsoring Youth will be invoiced by end May.

I have attached the information regarding the Camp for your information. Please don't hesitate to make contact if you have any questions or concerns.

For now, I'd like to wish you a happy holiday season and look forward to catching up with you all soon.

Regards
Stephanie Jordan
MD NZ Inter Youth Exchange Coordinator.



Megan England
202D District Governor
Lions Club of New Zealand

21 November 2021

Dear Megan

I am taking the unusual step of contacting you directly as District Governor. I want to share an important update regarding how COVID-19 has impacted Camp Quality. In these uncertain and challenging times, the vulnerable children we work with need respite and opportunities to be kids again more than ever. However, the danger COVID-19 poses has meant that we've made the difficult decision to cancel our upcoming Summer Camp programme. This will be the first time in our history that we've not been able to deliver any physical camps. It was a very hard decision but it's clearly the only one we could make to protect our children.

Despite this, we must still be there for our Campers. So, we're busily working on a new concept called Camp-in-a-Box which will bring the spirit of camp to the doorstep of every child who was registered to attend Summer Camp in 2022. Each box will be packed with toys, games, puzzles, books, resources, and activities. Every child will receive their own special box and an invitation to take part in a range of on-line activities. The aim is to generate the kinds of amazing experiences and important outcomes from camp, but in a COVID-19 safe way.

Lions Clubs New Zealand, and your District in particular, have always been a central part of our physical camps. Thousands of children living with cancer have benefitted from your region's generosity and I want to sincerely thank you for that support.

Will you now be central in our response to the new reality COVID-19 imposes upon us? Will the Lions Clubs in your District help us fund the Camp-in-a-Box programme? Enabling every local child to still enjoy the spirit of camp, even in these challenging times.



Each box will cost approximately \$250, however in line with our Camp philosophy will be provided free to our Campers. Across the country, we're aiming to provide 400 boxes so that no child misses out this Summer. This is an ambitious plan, but we can't leave any child out and I know that together we can meet the challenge.

Across our Wellington and Central Districts, we have 81 children and young people to send a box to. So far, thanks to the generosity of Lions Clubs in your District, we already have sufficient funding for 65 boxes, which is just fantastic but we're 16 short of our target. We can't let this happen, we can't have 16 kids who won't be able to participate so, on their behalf, we're again asking for your help.

I am confident, that with your support we will be able send a box to every Camper. In fact,

I would like to aim higher so that any fundraising over and above our target for Camp-in-a-Box could be used to support our broader work across the region. Our camps (and now Camp-in-a-Box) are just part of what we do locally. We also provide support for parents looking for information and resources, run events that give children a chance to catch-up with their camp buddies while providing respite for their parents. We provide personalised support through the year with specially trained, volunteer Companions being there for Campers even outside of camp, and we provide a sense of hope and community for the hundreds of families and whanau affected by a cancer diagnosis.

The total cost of running Camp Quality in the region, outside of running physical camps, is approximately \$39,000 and we must fundraise every dollar. In these difficult and uncertain times, fundraising is so much harder. And so, we're asking Lions to also support the organisation that provides the camps, the camp boxes, the advice and support at the end of a phone, the fun, hope, happiness and community. Will you help us to be there for all the children and young people living with cancer in your District throughout the year?

Lions Clubs New Zealand have always been an incredibly valued members of the Camp Quality family and together we have given fun, hope and happiness to countless children and young people living with cancer. We would be delighted to come along to a Club and talk about our work and the important role Lions play in making it all possible.

Please accept our thanks for your support and together we can make a lasting difference in the lives of children and young people living with cancer, even in these uncertain and challenging times.



If you have any questions, need further information or wish to book in a speaker for a meeting please contact me on email rm.central@campquality.org.nz. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Matt Perkins
Regional Manager: Wellington / Central Districts
Camp Quality New Zealand

If you are able to support our children, please use the electronic banking details below.

Account Name: Camp Quality Wellington Central

Bank: Westpac

Bank Acc. #: 03-0609-0145840-00

Reference: your Club name



The rowing project to raise five million for Child Cancer, Surf Life Saving, Starship Hospital, The Lions Skin Cancer Bus (if it goes ahead) and a Trust that supports life saving drugs that are not funded by PHARMAC (if they can find one for the whole of New Zealand) starts in Bluff on the 12th of March, I was saying April, but it is the 12th of March. The rowing crew are travelling 40 kms a day depending on the weather and sea conditions, up the East Coast to Cape Reinga, they hope to be there by the 24th of July. A mammoth task and we need to

support them as much as possible. They have planned each stop at night and hope to be hosted by Lions clubs with accommodation and meals, they will do guest speaking about their project and hope to also have Olympic rowers meeting them and speaking.

We can help by raising funds with projects, baking stalls, rowing competitions, sponsorship, letters of support and encouragement, getting guest speakers and hosting dinners, donating the profit to the rowing effort and any other ideas you may have to help this very worthy effort which will also raise our Lions profile.

There will be a lot more information come out before the event starts as they are still planning at the moment. I will keep you all informed as I hear.

Kaponga Lions reported that they made good money from the last sale of kan tabs aluminium which is great to hear, so keep collecting please and get it to Kaponga, they are doing a magnificent job. Kaponga are also taking glasses (Old Spectacles) down to the Karori Lions club in Wellington who are doing a great job with the glasses, so get your glasses to Kaponga before January too please.

I really enjoyed hearing about the GLOB at zone one meeting recently, this a fabulous project that zone one is managing and I know it is going to do marvellous things for the people around Feilding for their health.

Stephen Barr is also promoting the new Membership initiative and he is positive that this club driven three pronged focus to reinvigorate Lions is a great idea. Talk to Stephen about it and ask him to come to your zone meetings to get the message out to as many members as possible.

Like wise with Tobi and the t.v screens in businesses to promote Lions, Stephanie and Phil with the Youth Camps, Environment video challenge, Speech makers and Peace Posters, let us all get behind these ground breaking initiatives and make them happen to benefit us, our communities and New Zealand.

Daphne Holley, Global Services Team.



ANZI Pacific Forum

With the disruption to this year's ANZI forum the event in Australia has been postponed to 2022. Future forums will be:

2022 Australia
2023 New Zealand
2024 Indonesia
2025 New Caledonia



Revitalising Membership

By now many of you will have heard DG Megan and I talk about the new membership initiative that is coming next year called the Global Membership Approach. Membership is the life blood of our great organisation. We are not alone in experiencing difficulties on recruiting and retaining members.

This membership programme, while it has come out of LCI, differs in many ways from any previous attempts to grow member numbers:

1. We are not being told what to do, we are being given a logical process to help.
2. At its centre is an acknowledgement that local people know what will work in their own communities.
3. The process is aimed at getting a team of people together from throughout our district to work together, share experiences and come up with a plan that is right for our clubs.

The programme has 4 main areas of focus to grow membership. These are:



So we are needing to get a team of people together to work on this project. We are looking for people who are passionate about what Lions do in our communities and are keen to help ensure this work continues by growing the number of people who are proud to call themselves Lions. If this sounds like something you could be interested in, please contact me.

Stephen Barr

VDG 202D

Email: 202d.vdg@lionsclubs.org.nz



SETTING UP A CHARITABLE TRUST

If are thinking of setting up a charitable trust to comply with recent changes in charities legislation, you are not alone. Many clubs are doing the same and we can help you with the process.

There are several parties that you will need to deal with along the way:

- Your club
- The charities commission
- Incorporated Societies
- Inland Revenue
- Your club's bank

We have developed a straightforward summary which details the steps you need to take when dealing with each of these parties. This is based on the experience of our club, which did this last year. Please contact me and I can send this to you.

There are 2 documents that you will need to use:

1. Charitable Trust Deed template
2. Standard Lions Club Constitution (latest version)

These are both templates that are simple to fill out. They have been approved by Lions, the Charities Commission, Incorporated Societies and Inland Revenue. Using these documents will streamline the process and ensure that we all operate by the same rules and stand together. I can send these to you as well.

So please don't be afraid or confused by the process. I am happy to come and talk to your board or club about it if needed. We are here to help!!

Stephen Barr

VDG 202D

Email: 202d.vdg@lionsclubs.org.nz



The Potato Story:

Girl Potato and Boy Potato had eyes for each other, and finally they got married, and had a little sweet potato, which they called 'Yam'.

Of course, they wanted the best for Yam. When it was time, they told her about the facts of life.

They warned her about going out and getting half-baked. So, she wouldn't get accidentally mashed, and get a bad name for herself like 'Hot Potato,' and end up with a bunch of Tater Tots.

Yam said not to worry, no Spud would get her into the sack and make a rotten potato out of her! But on the other hand, she wouldn't stay home and become a Couch Potato either. She would get plenty of exercise so as not to be skinny like her Shoestring cousins.

When she went off to Europe, Mr and Mrs Potato told Yam to watch out for the hard-boiled guys from Ireland. And the greasy guys from France called the French Fries, also when she went out west to watch out for the Indians, so she wouldn't get Scalloped. Yam said she would stay on the straight and narrow and wouldn't associate with those high-class Yukon Golds, or the ones from the other side of the tracks who advertise their trade on all the trucks say, 'Frito Lay.'

Mr and Mrs Potato sent Yam to Southland P.U. (that's Potato University in Invercargill) so that when she graduated, she'd really be in the Chips.

But in spite of all they did for her, one day Yam came home and announced she was going to marry Keith Quinn.

Keith Quinn? Mr and Mrs Potato were very upset. They told Yam she couldn't possibly marry Keith Quinn because he's just -----

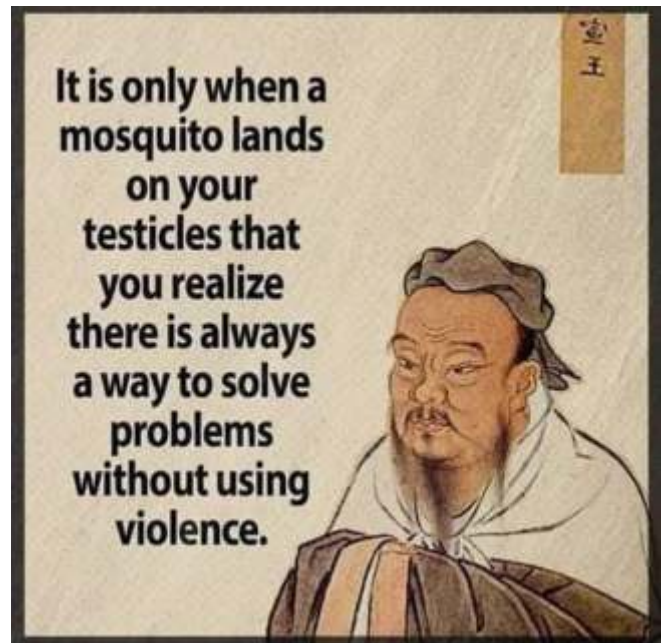
Are you ready for this?

OK A RETAIRED COMMON TATER.



Let's Laugh

Congratulations to my wife who reached a new culinary milestone today by setting off the neighbours' smoke alarm!



Let's Laugh

'Doctor, doctor, I keep thinking I'm a Christmas bell.' 'Take these pills and if they don't work, give me a ring.'

How Indian Chief Forecast a Cold Winter

One day in early September the chief of a Native American tribe was asked by his tribal elders if the winter of 2010/11 was going to be cold or mild. The chief asked his medicine man, but he too had lost touch with the reading signs from the natural world around the Great Lakes. In truth, neither of them had idea about how to predict the coming winter. However, the chief decided to take a modern approach, and the chief rang the National Weather Service in Gaylord Michigan.

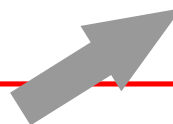
'Yes, it is going to be a cold winter,' the meteorological officer told the chief. Consequently, he went back to his tribe and told the men to collect plenty of firewood. A fortnight later the chief called the Weather Service and asked for an update. 'Are you still forecasting a cold winter?' he asked. 'Yes, very cold', the weather officer told him. As a result of this brief conversation the chief went back to the tribe and told his people to collect every bit of wood they could find. A month later the chief called the National Weather Service once more and asked about the coming winter. 'Yes,' he was told, 'it is going to be one of the coldest winters ever.' 'How can you be so sure?' the chief asked. The weatherman replied: 'Because the Native Americans of the Great Lakes are collecting wood like crazy'

Pastor Tony is walking down the street on Christmas eve when he notices Larry, a small boy, trying to press the doorbell of a house across the street. However, Larry is very small and the doorbell is too high for him to reach. After watching the boy's efforts for some time, Pastor Tony moves closer to Larry's position. He steps smartly across the street, walks up behind the little fellow and, placing his hand kindly on the child's shoulder, leans over and gives the doorbell a solid ring. Crouching down to Larry's level, Pastor Tony smiles benevolently and asks, 'And now what, my little man?' To which Larry replies with a beaming grin, 'Now we run!'



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Online Calendar
Click [HERE](#)



Did you know?

There is an online calendar for the 202D District that should have all our events on. This includes zone and club events. This is a great tool to see what is happening in our district.

December 2021 -

15th, Wednesday - MC Peace Poster posted to LCI

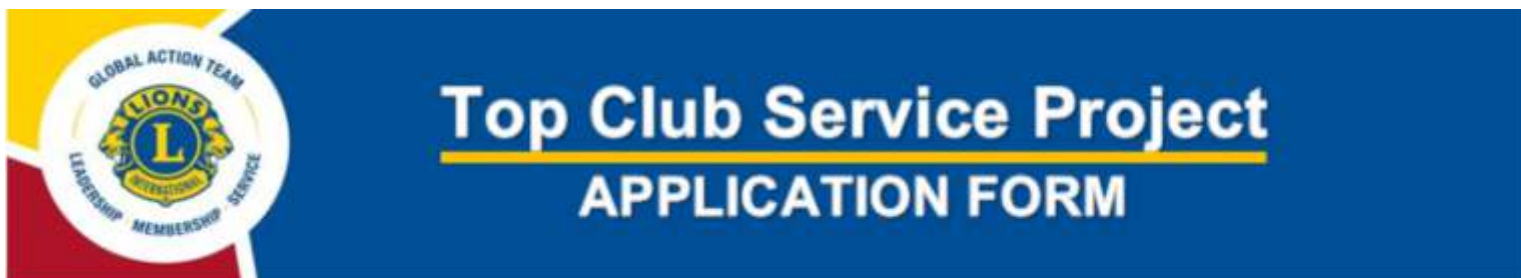
24th, Sunday - 10:20 pm Tangiwai Memorial Service

January 2022 -

11-18th - LCIF Week

13th - Melvin Jones Birthday

21-22nd - LCI Peace Poster Judging.



Top Club Service Project Application Form is emailed as an attachment to the Contact



December 2021

2022

District 202D Convention

Please join us for our

50th Convention

26 – 27 February 2022

Sandford's Event Centre
156 Tasman Street
Opunake

RED-CARPET
EVENT

Hosted by clubs in Zone 5

Eltham, Kaponga, Opunake, Opunake Lakeside, Stratford, Toko



December 2021



202D CONVENTION

Opunake 26th – 27th February 2022

REGISTRATION FORM

IMPORTANT: Each Lion must complete a separate registration form

The Convention venue requires visitors to be Covid vaccinated and be able to produce their Vaccine Pass

Last Name:		First Name:	
Club:			
Lion	Lions Title:	Delegate (select one)	Yes No
Postal Address			Post Code
Email Address	Phone	Home:	Mobile:
Dietary Requirements: Please advise any special requirements e.g. Vegetarian, vegan, gluten free			
Non-Lion Spouse / Partner:	Last Name:	First Name:	
		Mobile:	
REGISTRATION & FUNCTIONS		Each	Number
Registration Fee - Non-Refundable		\$5	Total Cost
Saturday Business - AGM		N/C	\$0.00
Saturday Business Morning Tea & Lunch		\$35	\$
Partners Programme			
Includes Bus, Theatre & Lunch		\$40	\$
Saturday Evening Dine & Dance "A Red Carpet Affair"		\$50	\$
Sunday remembrance & rededication		N/C	\$0.00
Sunday Morning Tea		\$10	\$
Total to Pay:			\$
		Registrations for Catering close : Friday 19th February	
Email registration to:		202d.convtreas@lionsclubs.org.nz	
Internet Banking:		TSB 15 3951 0397692-03 Eltham Lions Events Account	
Or - Post Registration form to:		202D Convention 2021, Eltham Lions PO Box 95 Eltham 4353	

Registrations Contact:

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CLUB NEWS



Lance Pedersen - Rongotea & Districts

Lance Pedersen was doing his bit for the community, on his 83rd birthday, when he was the victim of a drug-fuelled attack.

In September, Pedersen was driving a dialysis patient up to Palmerston North Hospital in the Foxton Beach Community Health Shuttle, as he often did when volunteering for the service for the past six years.

Except this wasn't a regular trip. While waiting outside the hospital he was attacked by a man demanding the van. "You can't have it," Pedersen said.

The man then hit him in the face multiple times, but Pedersen was able to fight off the attacker with a "kick in the nuts."

His elbow also happened to hit the shuttle horn which was heard by a nurse who alerted security. However, by the time they got there the attacker had taken off, and Pedersen was on his way to A&E.

The attacker, Liam Anderson, 26, had been in hospital for a methamphetamine overdose and had discharged himself that morning.

At 3.30pm the same day, Pedersen got a call from police in New Plymouth to say Anderson had been arrested.

He had been picked up on unrelated warrant matters and had also assaulted two police officers while in the police cells. He was later sentenced to two years and two months in prison.

Pedersen has been back behind the wheel of the shuttle but has also had to scale back his contribution due to double vision.

Doctors think he may have delayed concussion.

He also suffered significant bruising to his face and a cut to his lip during the assault.

Despite the attack, he was still keen to get back behind the wheel and do his bit for the community.

"No, I wanted to get back into it," he said. "I thought, well, I've got to have something to do, so that's looking after the community.

"I missed the driving, taking these people up. And you know all the other shuttle drivers that come from Dannevirke, Pahiatua, Feilding, they come in and you sort of get to know them all."

Pedersen was nominated for an ASB Good as Gold award by fellow Rongotea Lions Club member Bernard Lilburn.

"He's just such a good, humble man," Lilburn said. "When we heard about the assault, and it just really knocked him around, I thought how can we make something good from something horrible?"

Pedersen won the award, which was normally accompanied by \$10,000 – \$5000 to the individual and \$5000 to their community cause of choice.

But Pedersen said he didn't need the money and wanted it all to go to the shuttle service.

Up until he was assaulted, he was driving the shuttle two days a week, and often more when it was busy.

"I've enjoyed it because you pick up a lot of people that you know, that you talk to.

"I took a lady up one day, and she went in, and she came back. 'I can hear, I can hear,' she said, 'I'm 64.' I said 'well I'm sorry, but you've got an 82-year-old driving you home'. Well, she hardly said another word after that."



CLUB NEWS



Halloween Party - Papaioea Rose City



Opunake Lakeside Lions - Yarn Bomb

Kairanga Lions Club

On Sunday 10th October Leos did Small-bore. Great afternoon - it was a new experience for half of the group - well done all of you. For the record, the top 5 Leos were:

- 1st Grace 167.1
- 2nd Cooper 156.1
- 3rd Emily 155.2
- 4th Josh 151
- 5th Lachy 140



December 2021

CLUB NEWS



Inglewood Lions Club - Junior Speechmaker



PN Heartland Lions - Knitting Group

Congratulations Whanganui Lions Club

On 1 November the Wanganui Lions celebrated some very special events at The Brick House Restaurant. It was the Wanganui Lions Club 60th Anniversary, and also three of the members have been in the Club for 50 years, and are still serving members. Due to the Covid restrictions, it has been difficult to arrange this celebration. However a very successful night was held with existing members and guests from other Clubs including Megan England the District Governor, seen below with the Club's newest member Bruce Hedges cutting the 60th Anniversary cake.

The three members of the Wanganui Club, who have given 50 years' service, are Jim Ennis, Norm Crowe and John Deroles, pictured below with their 50th anniversary cakes.

Also below is a picture of the original 1961 Charter of the Club. Interestingly, the Kowhai Park Railway run by the Lions, was started in 1963.





To the new members, welcome to the Lions family
and those that have transferred, welcome to your
new clubs.

November 2021:

VALERIE GAYE HARRIS (Feilding Lions Club) Sponsor: Robert Marsden

JOHN GILBERT JAMIESON (Feilding Lions Club) Sponsor: Lloyd Evens

October 2021:

Alison Clarke (Mt View Hawera) Sponsor: Robyn Pollock

Lynda Dymond (Mt View Hawera) Sponsor: Judith Urlich



District 202D 50th Convention & Annual General Meeting

I give notice that the Convention and Annual General Meeting of District 202D, Lions Clubs International, will be held at:
Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake
Saturday 26 and Sunday 27th February 2022.

Nominations are now called for the positions of -

- District Governor 2022-2023
 - 1st Vice District Governor 2022 – 2023
 - 2nd Vice District Governor 2022 – 2023
- Nominations close 28 December 2021

As provided in the Constitution an election will be held during the Business Session of the District Convention on Saturday 26 Feb 2022.

Nominations must accepted by the nominee and seconded by a Club, and should be made to: Cabinet Secretary Brenda Stanners by e-mail:
202d.secretary@lionsclubs.org.nz

REMITTS

Any Club wishing to submit a remit for consideration at the Business Session should note the following requirements -

- Prior to submission, Remits, in draft form, should first be checked with the District Legal Advisor Craig Hart to ensure they comply with the Constitution.
- Remits must be in the hands of the Cabinet Secretary Brenda Stanners no later than 28 December 2021

LCICon 2022 Registration Now Open

Join us in celebrating service in Montreal!



#LCICON2022



WHO's WHO?

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