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EDITORIAL

Kia Ora to all the great lions out there!

Welcome to the last digital edition for the year 2020!

We have already arrived at the second half of the Lion year surpassing lots of challenges. As a nation we overcame a global pandemic and as Lions we bound ourselves to serve people in need.

A heart of compassion and empathy was all we needed for that leap from a darker past to a brighter tomorrow. Today we have the luxury of enjoying a safe Christmas with our whanau and returning to our ordinary lives.

It is indeed gratifying to see more and more Lions join the clubs and pick up the life bound duty of serving others; for once you are a Lion you are always a Lion!

Keep up the great service that you've been rendering to the society but do not forget to share these stories with the rest of the Lions!

We would love to see your suggestions on new ways we could be of service to others in the upcoming year.

Wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!





INVEST CHALLENGE ENCOURAGE

202K DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Dear 202K Members,

Welcome to our December issue of the District 202K Bulletin.

We are now getting close to this very extraordinary year where a new focus has taken centre stage. Lions, you have responded well by supporting our most vulnerable who have struggled through the pandemic and I thank and commend to you all for showing the strength to deliver on our mission for this 2020 – 2021 Lions year, quoting our International President, Dr. Jung Yul Choi, by serving through “We Serve – United in Kindness and Diversity”.

Marilyn and I have been travelling through out the District delivering my theme as well as International President’s theme as well and it has been very humbling to hear of the stories of how the Clubs in our District are responding to the call to help in our communities. I have had the pleasure of recognising some very hard working Lions for their excellent service in the way of presenting Milestone Chevron Awards as well as some Charter Chevron Awards, this has been a real honour to present these to some outstanding Lions.

It is also pleasing to hear that Clubs are inducting new members into our association who see the benefit of supporting their communities. We are seeing former Lionesses now joining our Clubs or forming new clubs where they see avenue where they can continue their service, they also bring with them their years of service. I welcome these new members to our District and look forward to meeting you very soon.

I want to make a special mention to Morgan Alley, from Howick as our Peace Poster winner who I selected to represent 202K District to the Multiple District Level and I am pleased to announce that this very talented young lady has now been selected as the Multiple District winner. The calibre of all the entries were very high and the decision was very hard to select an ultimate winner, thank you to all the participants, their entries were of a very high level. We are very fortunate to have some extremely talented young people in our District.

As we now are heading into the second half of the Lions year it is still important that we continue to show support to our vulnerable members of our clubs as well members of our communities who may find the Christmas period very daunting especially after the unprecedented times that have occurred through the last few months, so show Kindness by offering these members support.

I attended a Council of Governors meeting 21st - 22nd November in Wellington and It was a pleasure to hear that we had several members from our District attend and qualify from the ELLI (Emerging Lions Leadership Institute), it is now we nurture these people through to Leadership positions in our Clubs. We are now looking for nominations to go onto the ALLI(Advanced Lions Leadership Institute), as we can only have a maximum of 3 participants per District so get your nominations in to attend this amazing Institute so watch out for the notifications coming shortly.

Marilyn and I wish to take this time now to wish everyone in District 202K a joyful and happy Christmas, spend the time with your families, re-charge your batteries before you head out into your communities taking on the new projects and events in the next half of the year.

“The kindness of one Lion can change a life, but the kindness of all Lions will change the world. Great teamwork leads to even greater success, and our leadership is the key to unlocking your greatest potential. As Lions, we can accomplish so much on our own, but together when we are United in Kindness and Diversity, we can accomplish so much more.”

Kia Kaha
202K District Governor
Brian McMillan



SEASON WISHES

FROM 1ST VDG ROGER & VICKY

As Christmas approaches us at this time of the year my thoughts are of family and how lucky I am to have the love and support of them around me. I know like us you may not be able to have some members join you because of the border restrictions. At least with modern communications they can at least join us via the internet etc on the day.

But sadly, that is not the case for some. There will be those around us who will find this a very lonely time for one reason or another.

So please as good Lions offer your hand of friendship if you know of anyone in this situation. As we look to the challenges ahead for us in 2021.

I wish you all the very best for Christmas and a great New Year ahead to all.

1ST VDG Roger, Vicky and Family.



TALENT ENHANCEMENT

THE BENEFITS FOR YOUR CLUB

As with any crisis, COVID-19 has fostered resourcefulness, creativity, and activism in unexpected places. It was great to see some of the 202K clubs taking the opportunity to identify these members and registering them for the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI).

Six 202K Lions attended the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute in November at Silverstream Retreat Wellington. This was a time for these members to explore their own talents, see how they can use them in Lions, and how they can lead others to do the same. A diverse group of 43 participants from across NZ attended the Institute, all adding to the perspective of culture, age and life experience for all.

Gone are the days when we sit back and say “if only we can find the right leaders”, research shows us that only 30% of people are innate leaders, the rest develop their skill base into leadership. But we all need that opportunity to do this, we need the chance to talent develop, and that is what these Lions Institutes and training are all about.

This Institute took each participant through the leadership skill base from communication, team building and change management and a variety of other leadership skills. The model of adult learning, where we recognise the knowledge base and experience of the participants as an integral part of the learning process, was used. Their experiences add to the fun interactive approach of topics, and gave each participant plenty of ideas and resources to take home with them.

Well done to Judith Korau (Howick), Deb Lagdon (Orewa), Marie Brothers (Papakura), Dave Wase (Mangonui) Amandeep Sabarwal (Keri Keri) and Clive Couldwell (Remuera) for graduating from the ELLI 2020 course, you did our district proud. We look forward to seeing what you do with your learning from here!

Clubs let's remember that your members are what really help you grow and sustain results, they are the raw material that will propel your club forward if they are resourced and their talents are brought forward to be developed. Be proactive in ensuring that their talents are used and developed which not only benefit them personally but your club and its leadership and service needs.

Talk to your leadership teams about ways that you can do this, email 202k.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz, or phone 027 294-8004 to discuss more.

Lynda Halverson
202K Global Leadership Team Coordinator



GLENFIELD LIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY



2nd DECEMBER 2020

On the first Wednesday of December the gents and partners of Glenfield Lions Club hosted the ladies and their partners from Hillcrest Lions Club at our Christmas function. For the first time in many years the party took place away from either Fairway Lodge or the Glenfield Hall. This time we held the function at the Birkenhead RSA and we had a good turnout of 40. Our clubs have got together for some years now and it was our turn in 2020.

Past Presidents Reinhold Handwerk & Thom Huzziff spent several hours earlier in the day turning the rather spartan area into a very festive space – a great effort for a couple of blokes. The dinner was not overwhelmed with formality, but the national anthem was much more tuneful with the ladies outnumbering the men.

Our meal was catered by the resident RSA caterers and they put on a lovely buffet for us to enjoy including a succulent ham and Christmas pudding with the trimmings. As a departure from the normal practise of 'Secret Santa' presents it was decided to maintain the idea but that the proceeds should go to a local Anglican Church in the form of cash and treats for food parcels. This idea was well received by members of both Clubs and much appreciated by the Church who received \$360 in cash plus a few treats.

As you can see from the accompanying photos produced by the bulletin editor, we all had a great time.

Dave Whiting
Secretary
Glenfield Lions



TWELVE COMMANDMENTS FOR SENIORS

#01 Talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice.

#02 "In Style" are the clothes that still fit.

#03 You don't need anger management. You need people to stop annoying you.

#04 Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.

#05 The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."

#06 "On time" is when you get.

#07 Even duct tape cannot fix stupid but it sure does muffle the sound.

#08 It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.

#09 Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.

#10 Growing old should have taken longer.

#11 Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.

#12 You still haven't learned to act your age and hope you never will.

And one more: "One for the road" means using the loo before you leave the house.

Y O U R L I O N S F U T U R E



WHERE TO FROM HERE

WHY NOT ATTEND

ADVANCED LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Friday April 9th - 11th 2021

Nelson New Zealand
Registration of interest
202.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz

Limited to 25 participants only
You need to have been a Lions Club President

LIONS UPDATE

MTA MPA



Morgan's quotation:
"Serving others is the pathway to a more peaceful world"

Morgan also enjoyed other success as a young artist this year during lockdown when she entered a competition where J.K. Rowling (the author of the Harry Potter series of books) asked children aged from 7 to 12 from all around the world to illustrate her new book, the Ickabog. Morgan's illustration was selected as one of 34 out of 18,000 entries from the UK, Ireland, India, New Zealand and Australia, to be published in the UK edition of the book which was released in November of this year.



Morgan's Illustration in J.K. Rowling's book, "The Ickabog"



Morgan has followed in the footsteps of her big sister, Mackenzie, now aged 14 and attending St Kentigern College. Mackenzie also won the 2018/2019 local Howick Lions poster competition and then went on to have her entry submitted to Lions International Headquarters.



Howick Lions Club past president Ian Packwood and former Somerville Intermediate student Mackenzie Alley in November 2018.



Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Competition Theme, "Kindness Matters" by Mackenzie Alley. Quotation: "If we all choose kindness, then peace will be inevitable".

Mackenzie has continued with her interest in art and last year entered a poster into the International Embracing our Differences competition. Embracing our Differences is a charitable organisation that works to share their positive message of enriching lives through diversity.

Mackenzie's poster was one of 50 chosen out of over 16,000 entries from people of all ages, from 127 countries around the world, to be displayed on a billboard in Bayfront Park, Sarasota Florida USA from January to April this year. Mackenzie's family had made plans to visit the exhibition to coincide with the opportunity for Mackenzie to sing with her school choir, Kentoris in Carnegie Hall, New York in April, but sadly the Covid-19 pandemic prevented this trip from happening.



Mackenzie Alley with her winning Embracing our Differences poster, "Be a Voice, Not an Echo"



The billboard of Mackenzie's poster being erected at the exhibition in Sarasota Florida, January 2020



LIONS HISTORY

FROM TONY LEWER

Waiuku Lions Bulletin

THE SCRAP METAL PROJECT 1984-1986

The below image on the right hand side shows the location of the scrap metal collection point in the yard where the current New World Supermarket now stands. The land was donated to the Lions by the owners Coe and Lewer Builders Corp. and was used for about 3-4 years at the times of our other big projects - The Town Clock and The Kiosk etc. At that time we had good relations with senior staff at the steel mill and they put a proposal to the Club to collect and cut into small pieces scrap steel, which they would buy by weight and they would supply the cutting gear and the gas for us to work.

Working Bees were held Saturday mornings and the Lions soon learnt to wear the right clothing, boots and gloves to avoid being hurt by sparks and falling steel. Sparks down a gumboot or stepping on hot cut steel was not desirable. The project certainly cleaned up the countryside of old cars and machinery as up to 50 cars could be onsite ready for cutting some weekends. We were lucky to have members like Les Wymer and Neil Fitzgerald who had heavy loaders and traxcavators to compact car bodies to crush them flat so they could be loaded on to transports for a trip to Pacific Steel at Otahuhu.

Best load 17 cars. We also had a heavy Nuffield Tractor, with a specially purpose made trailer [see photo] to take the cut scrap to the local mill. Everything worked well but times changed - the mill changed its process using less scrap in making their type of steel, the land was wanted for further development and a sigh of relief was held by the members as it was reasonably hard work, so the project came to an end.

In a Christmas Parade passing the Fire Station with a banner attached advertising that we wanted car bodies and scrap metal. The special built trailer.

Lions Jack Stenhouse and Peter Bates using a gas axe to cut up large pieces for the trailer. Note the bulldozer/bucket in the rear of the photo.



AGAIN WE ARE LOOKING FOR OLD PHOTOGRAPHS TO UPDATE OUR HISTORY AND ARCHIVES.



Ha Ha



RIGHT! I'M READY TO STAND UP NOW

CAT!!

OH, COME ON! THE STICK IS RIGHT THERE!

GPS



Lions Club of Kowhai Coast



JIM SIMPSON OUR VERY OWN LEGEND

Lions Club of Ruawai

Jim's involvement over 40 years as a member of the Lions Club of Ruawai has been a key factor in its success. Jim joined the Lions Club of Ruawai in February 1981. He had previously been in the Ruawai Jaycees Chapter but when reaching the age of 40 they were deemed an exhausted rooster and usually graduated onto the Lions Organisation. The Club had a large membership then - with a maximum membership of 40 and a waiting list. It was a privilege to be invited to join.

Jim became a Director in 1987 (Bulletin Editor), 1988, 1989 becoming the Youth Coordinator from 1990 to 1992, and then President in 1993 and continued to be a director to 2001. He then became Zone Chairman (a Cabinet position) in 2002 and then continued to be on Cabinet as Lions Quest/ Skills for Living Chairman until mid-2006, when he became President of our Club for 2 years and then back to being a Director until he became President for 3 more years from 2014-2016. 6 years being President. Very difficult to find someone else to take on that position!! He brought in 17 new members over the years. Being Youth Coordinator involved organizing the Methven Exchange Programme each year.





STORY OF THE MONTH

Lions Club of Bucklands Beach

Have you ever been guilty of looking at others your own age and thinking, surely I can't look that old? Well.....You'll love this one!

My name is Alice Smith and I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his dental degree, which bore his full name.

Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name had been in my secondary school class some 30-odd years ago.

Could he be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then?

Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought.

This balding, grey haired man with the deeply lined face was far too old to have been my classmate. After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had Attended Morgan Park Secondary School.

'Yes, yes I did.. I'm a Morganner!' He beamed with pride.

'When did you leave to go to college?' I asked.

He answered, 'in 1965.. Why do you ask?'

'You were in my class!' I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely.

Then the ugly, old, bald, wrinkled, over-weight, Grey-haired, decrepit, creep asked....

'And what subject did you teach?'



SUPPORT LOCALS

Lions
are reminded to consider
their support of local businesses
who have struggled over the
Covid-19 period.
Some have closed, while some are
finding it harder now that winter is
here (and the tourists are not as
common). Members are particularly
asked to help out those who have
helped us in the past, and make
discrete enquiries as to offering
support if necessary.



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