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EDITORIAL

It's the season of Peace and Joy!

End of the most turbulent year in recent memory is upon us. But before that it's the most blissful time of the year where everyone came together with their loved ones to celebrate Christmas.

Even though this year didn't have much to be joyful of, still the hard times gave us valuable lessons on helping and caring for each other and how precious yet unpredictable our time is.

So with these lessons, together let's spread some love and joy in this holiday season to the world as united and caring lions.

nga hararei koa!

#WE SERVE



DISTRICT GOVERNOR BEEN THINKING AGAIN

Had a great zoom the other night with 38 other District Governors and Past International Directors from New Zealand, Australia, Indonesia plus the International President Douglas Alexander from the USA. It was great to hear about his views and his past Lions history.

When it was over Vicky said, all I seemed to do was spend my time on zoom or other Lion's stuff and never paid any attention to what she was saying to me at the time. Well, I told her a little story about us males.

Dr William Barclay, the theologian, teacher and writer, was exceedingly deaf, but he always said that it was a bonus to him, in his study at the bustling and noisy university where he worked. He would just turn off his hearing aid and become totally immersed in what he was doing.

Roger Davis,
202K District Governor 2021 - 2022

It is also often told how Beethoven composed in Vienna while Napoleon was bombarding the city. Amid all this noise, this deaf man was only aware of the music pouring from his heart.

What does this show? It shows if we males become engrossed in some worth while and interesting activity. It is possible for us to ignore other things around us.

So, you see this is not Escapism; it is a personal inner victory over outside influences. So, you see ladies, we do have good reasons for what we do. But we still do love you and appreciate all the support you give us.

Please look after each other and stay safe.



Merry Christmas and Seasons Wishes to you all.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR 202K ROGER DAVIS

As this is the December issue, I wish to send our best wishes to all your families from ours. 2021 has been a trying year for all of us but with the start of a new year with its clean and fresh pages is something we all can look forward to as it offers us a chance to start afresh.

Charles Lamb put it this way: "Every first of January that we arrive at, is an imaginary milestone on the turnpike of human life, at once a resting place for thought and meditation. And a starting point for fresh exertion in the performance of our journey in life."

As a challenge to 202K clubs for 2022, I would like to see all clubs endeavour to become Model Clubs by the end of my term as your District Governor in June 2022.

Merry Christmas and a prosperous year ahead to you all.

Live long and prosper.

Roger Davis,
202K District Governor 2021 - 2022

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

STARSHIP PICU APPEAL

A reminder from Peter Henderson, Starship Appeal Co-ordinator, Lions Club of Warkworth:

We are now 5 months into the Starship PICU Appeal (1st donation 14th June) and the current status is:

Funds banked \$113,760.46
 Pledges \$117,500.00
 Total \$231,260.46

The total required is \$406,700 and we are certainly well into it.

It is pleasing to see some of the pledges being converted to banked but we realise the effects the Covid lockdown is having on clubs, members and fundraising.

There have been donations from right across the country and we are looking forward to reaching the goal when as Lions can celebrate while reflecting on those who will be cared for in the unit.

Kind regards,

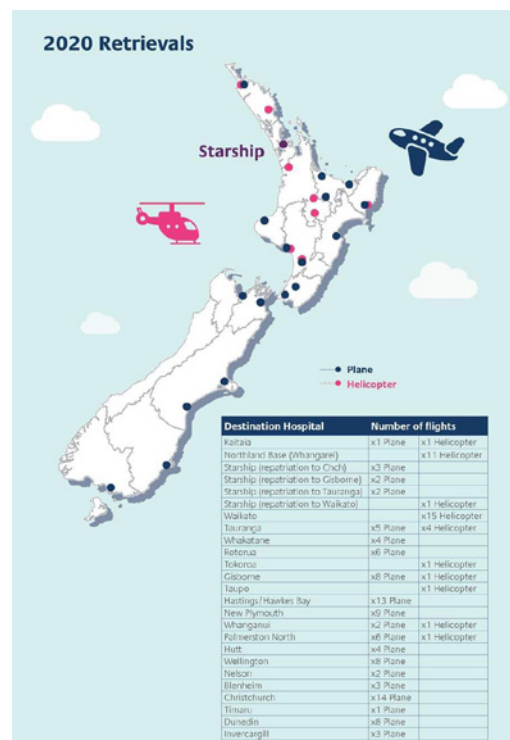
The Warkworth Lions Trust account for this Starship PICU appeal is **02-0480-0015374-97**

PICU Admissions/DHBs 2020	
Count	DHB
146	Auckland
63	Bay Of Plenty
61	Canterbury
17	Capital and Coast
237	Counties Manukau
25	Hawkes Bay
17	Hutt Valley
27	Lakes
19	MdCentral
16	Nelson Marlborough
64	Northland
6	South Canterbury
31	Southern
14	Tairāwhiti
17	Taranaki
96	Waikato
4	Wairarapa
179	Waitemata
1	West Coast
14	Whanganui
2	IAustralia
6	ICook
10	IFiji
1	INiue
8	ISamoa
12	ITahiti
1	ITonga
1093	

And number of beds in PICU historically:

PICU Beds 1992-2020

7	1992-1996
9	1997-2003
16	2004-June 2009 (Merged with GLH Cardiac 4.12.03)
22	June 2009-Current (HDU beds added 21.6.09)



RECYCLE FOR SIGHT

If you have used eyeglasses you no longer need, you can donate them to Lions which accepts prescription and reading glasses, sunglasses and plastic and metal frames. Children's glasses are especially needed.

Unwanted spectacles are sent to Lions processing centres where they are sorted, checked for scratches, cracks and screws tightened before being washed in an ultrasonic washer and dried. They then have their prescription recorded and are packed for delivery to Volunteer Ophthalmologist Services Overseas (VOSO) for distribution to those with poor eyesight in the Pacific Islands.

Type 2 Diabetes is common in the Islands and is the main cause of blindness. Lions clubs in the Islands receive the glasses and distribute them to visiting volunteer optometrists who test patients and fit them with the recycled glasses at no cost. VOSO consists of teams of

eye surgeons, optometrists and eye care workers who visit the isolated communities and bring enhancement to the lives of hundreds of people annually.

Sunglasses are also a useable item for the Islands, particularly after cataract operations. Transporting the glasses to the Islands is always a problem so any way to help is appreciated. Some firms have spare room in their containers and are happy to help. Some travellers take a few boxes up as personal luggage.

**Abridged from Vision Services | Lions Clubs
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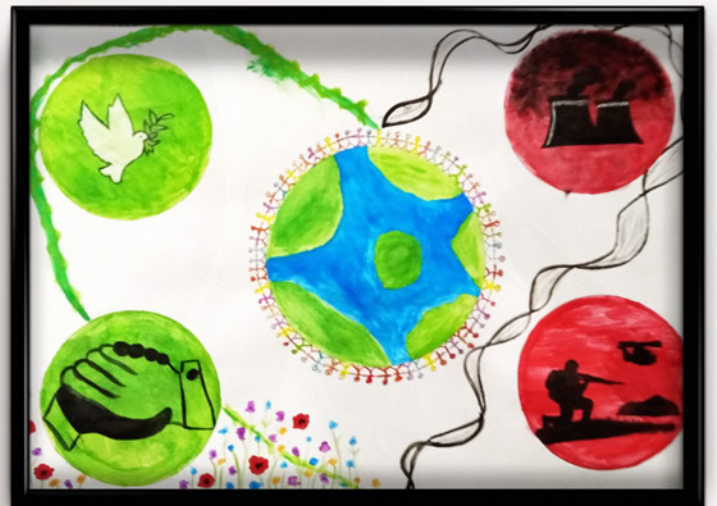
Isabel Wagstaff



Ayeisha Beadsmoore



Zara Williamson



Charlotte McDonagh

International PEACE POSTER

Theme-We are all connected.

There has been a lot of interest in the competition thanks to the efforts of club secretary Rhonda Kaire. Four entries were received from some talented young artists.

District 202L Article

POSTPONEMENT AND OPPORTUNITY!

Sadly, because of the Covid travel restriction being in force in part of our District, AND a small number of applicants we have, had to postpone the “Lions at the Camp” weekend until early next year. We are working with the organisers of the Camp to get new dates for you. We will announce these dates as soon as possible. Ideally, we would like to have around 25 Lions attending so if you have been thinking about it but haven’t acted yet, please put up your hand now and register your interest with Cliff Heywood 202l.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz





253 million blind or visually impaired	245 people lost every day to measles	15% annual increase in natural disasters	2/3 of children impacted by bullying
400 million people with diabetes	800 million people go to bed hungry	A child diagnosed with cancer every 2 minutes	1/2 of the population water stressed by 2025

A WORLD IN NEED - THE NUMBERS CAN OVERWHELM YOU.

We see the effects of this devastation every day, on our television screens, on social media, in our own communities and sometimes in our own homes. We see that this devastation has a particular impact on the world’s children, who we are called to protect. Many say the needs of the world are too great. Many say there’s nothing we can do. Lions say, “We Serve.”

Empowered by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions are taking on these global challenges. In fact, we’ve been doing so for over 100 years.





Attached are some photos of members who over the past few months have missed being presented with their Service to Lions Awards.

The Awards were given at December's Meeting by Pres Ivy.

pps ... good to see Nic "Up and About and we wish you well."



BARRY - 23



DEREK - 27



NICK - 29



WOODY - 38



JOHNO - 40

1 IN 5
PEOPLE WITH
DIABETES
DON'T KNOW THEY HAVE IT

ARE YOU AWARE?

District 202E Article

Wigram Skies Lions - our Diabetes Awareness Project, 'Are You Aware' in support of World Diabetes Month & Lions Int. Diabetes awareness global cause. We are particularly pleased to have found a way around our local supermarket banning community stands under Covid Level 2.

The supermarket was using a one way in/out so we held our kiosk safely ventilated in the outdoors in the stream of exiting customers and in an area controlled by the shopping centre owner rather than the supermarket. (well done Wigram Skies!)



A Christmas Story

The Big Wheel Truck Stop

Lions Club of Ruawai

In September 1960, I woke up one morning with six hungry babies and just 75 cents in my pocket. Their father was gone. The boys ranged from three months to seven years and their sister was two. Their Dad had never been much more than a presence they feared. Whenever they heard his tyres crunch on the gravel driveway they would scramble to hide under their beds. He did manage to leave \$15 a week to buy groceries. Now that he had decided to leave, there would be no more beatings, but no food either. If there was a welfare system in effect in southern Indiana at that time, I certainly knew nothing about it. I scrubbed the kids until they looked brand new and then put on my best homemade dress. I loaded them into the rusty old 51 Chevy and drove off to find a job. The seven of us went to every factory, store and restaurant in our small town. No luck. The kids stayed, crammed into the car and tried to be quiet while I tried to convince whoever would listen that I was willing to learn or do anything. I had to have a job. Still no luck. The last place we went to, just a few miles out of town, was an old Root Beer Barrel drive-in that had been converted to a truck stop. It was called The Big Wheel. An old lady named Granny owned the place and she peeked out of the window from time to time at all those kids. She needed someone on the graveyard shift, 11 at night until seven in the morning. She paid 65 cents an hour and I could start that night. I raced home and called the teenager down the street who baby-sat for people. I bargained with her to

come and sleep on my sofa for a dollar a night. She could arrive with her pyjamas on and the kids would already be asleep. This seemed like a good arrangement to her, so we made a deal. That night when the little ones and I knelt to say our prayers we all thanked God for finding Mummy a job. And so I started at The Big Wheel. When I got home in the mornings I woke the babysitter up and sent her home with one dollar of my tip money: fully half of what I averaged every night. As the weeks went by, heating bills added another strain to my meagre wage. The tyres on the old Chevy had the consistency of penny balloons and began to leak. I had to fill them with air on the way to work and again every morning before I could go home. One bleak fall morning, I dragged myself to the car to go home and found four tyres in the back seat. New tyres! There was note, nothing, just those beautiful brand new tyres. Had angels taken up residence in Indiana? I wondered. I made a deal with the owner of the local service station. In exchange for him mounting the new tyres, I would clean up his office. I remember it took me a lot longer to scrub his floor than it did for him to do the tyres. I was now working six nights instead of five and it still wasn't enough. Christmas was coming and I knew there would be no money for toys for the kids. I found a can of red paint and started repairing and painting some old toys. Then I hid them in the basement so there would be something for Santa to deliver on Christmas morning. Clothes were a worry too. I was sewing patches on top of

patches on the boys' pants and soon they would be too far gone to repair. On Christmas Eve, the usual customers were drinking coffee in The Big Wheel. These were the truckers, Les, Frank, and Jim, and a state trooper named Joe. A few musicians were hanging around after a gig at the Legion and were dropping nickels in the pinball machine. The regulars all just sat around and talked through the wee hours of the morning and then left to get home before the sun came up. When it was time for me to go home at seven o'clock on Christmas morning I hurried to the car. I was hoping the kids wouldn't wake up before I managed to get home and get the presents from the basement and place them under the tree. We had cut down a small cedar tree by the side of the road down by the dump. It was still dark and I couldn't see much, but there appeared to be some dark shadows in the car, or was that just a trick of the night? Something certainly looked different, but it was hard to tell what. When I reached the car, I peered warily into one of the side windows. Then my jaw dropped in

amazement. My old battered Chevy was filled full to the top with boxes of all shapes and sizes. I quickly opened the driver's side door, scrambled inside and kneeled in the front facing the back seat. Reaching back, I pulled off the lid of the top box. Inside was a whole case of little blue jeans, sizes 2-10. I looked inside another box, it was full of shirts to go with the jeans. Then I peeked inside some of the other boxes: There were candy and nuts and bananas and bags of groceries. There was an enormous ham for baking, and canned vegetables and potatoes. There was pudding and Jell-O and cookies, pie filling and flour. There was a whole bag of laundry supplies and cleaning items. And there were five toy trucks and one beautiful little doll. As I drove back through empty streets as the sun slowly rose on the most amazing Christmas Day of my life, I was sobbing with gratitude. And I will never forget the joy on the faces of my little ones that precious morning. Yes, there were angels in Indiana that long-ago December. And they all hung out at The Big Wheel Truck Stop.



Our Christmas Party

Orewa Lions Club

A sincere thanks must go to Helen, who opened up her home to everyone, and hosted the Christmas party for 2021.

All who attended had a fabulous time, and an added bonus for three of our newest members was when we were able to FINALLY induct Jack and Maureen Jansen into the Orewa Lions Club.

As well as welcoming them, we were also able to welcome Murray Jones, who has transferred from the Whangarei Lions into our Orewa Lions. It was a wonderful night of fun and friendship for all who attended. Murray's wife Julie also attended the evening, so it was a nice night meeting our 'newcomers'. With plenty of food and plenty of laughter, a great night was had by all.



The Great KIWI BBQ

JAN - FEB
2022

District 202F Article

The Great Kiwi BBQ is a fun and simple way to get together to raise funds to help tamariki with cancer and their whanau while raising funds for this Organisation.



CHRISTMAS SPECIAL 2021

A few special things have happened this month and it is my pleasure to provide this special update.

The Club got together at Geoff & Denise Barnett's home to celebrate Christmas and enjoy a lovely meal and drinks together as reflected in the following pictures.

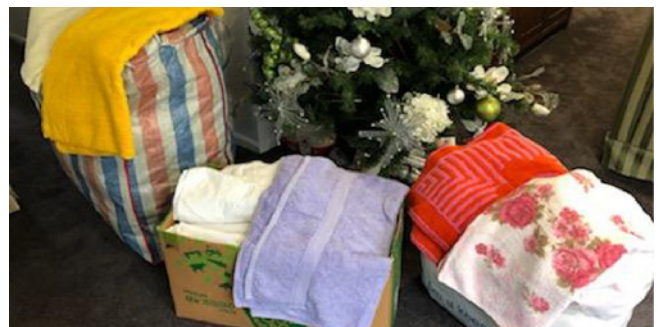
Best wishes to you all for Christmas and for a successful New Year.



The Christmas goodies for the Old Folks' Home.



Lion Peter Fleming presented with the Lloyd Morgan Life Membership Award.



At the Christmas Lunch President Roger presented the following Awards.

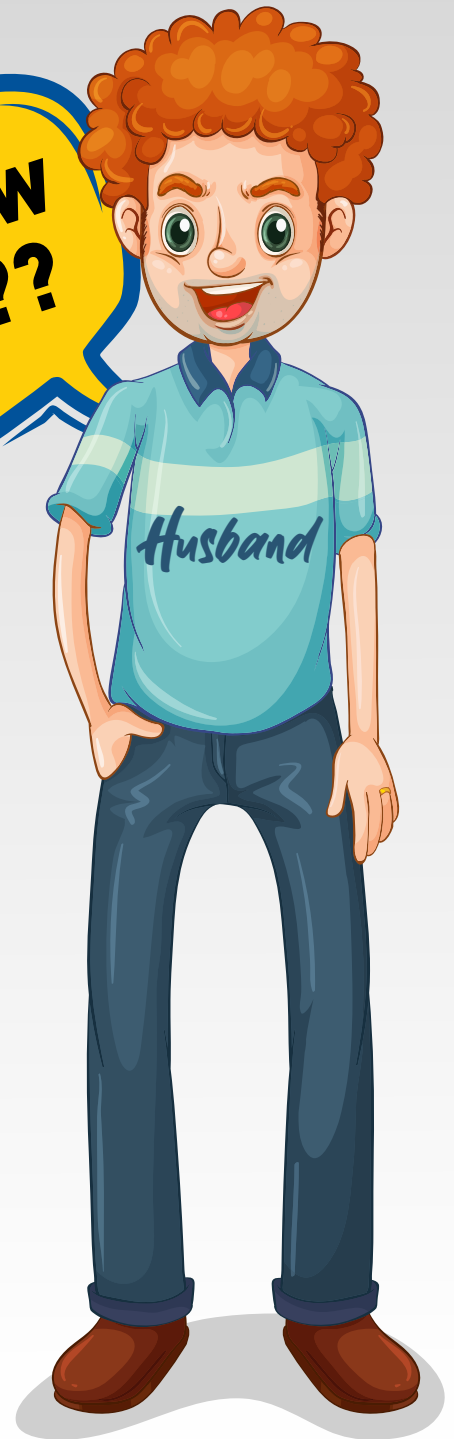


Sue Green has also been very busy organising Christmas Gifts for the Local Old Folks Home and Women's Refuge.

**I have changed
my mind...**



**Does the new
one work???**





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