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**Message from
Pam Fiveash**

**District Governor
202F District**

To my fellow Lions in District 202F

The time for our virtual convention on Saturday 26 March is drawing near, and plans are well in hand. I've been fortunate to have the assistance of Past District Governors Lynette Batt, Liz Murray and Wendy Goodwin, as their knowledge and experience has been invaluable. Mind you, in saying that, this is totally new territory for all of us.

Three districts in our Multiple District have already had their virtual webinars, and to be able to sit in on those has been extremely valuable. All three have been completely different, probably just as would happen in a face-to-face convention, as each District Governor puts their own spin on how things are run.

As you may remember, we did on-line voting back in 2020 when then District Governor Dave Saunder's convention was cancelled. However this time it's going to be a little different. We're going to be using the Zoom Webinar model, which is slightly different to a normal Zoom meeting. But in my experience so far, it doesn't appear to be too difficult, and I'm hoping that a lot of you will join in the meeting, whether you're a voting delegate or not. As I said in last month's article, club members may like to gather in one place and make a bit of a special event of it – COVID willing of course. The main thing would be to ensure everyone can do this safely.

Our Multiple District, 202, is funding the webinar, and the link moves from one District to another the week of each meeting. We won't get access to it until Monday 21 March, at which time it will be forwarded to club secretaries to share with their fellow members. And the club delegates are getting voting information from our Convention Liaison, Lynette Batt. If you have any questions about the process, feel free to contact her on 202f.voting@lionsclubs.org.nz.

And remember, our candidates for District Governor, Vice District Governor, and Lloyd Morgan Lions Club Charitable Trust need your support. Even though they may be the only person standing for each role, their success is dependent on receiving 50% plus one of the eligible votes. And unfortunately there is no candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor at the moment, and we're unable to call for

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nominations from the floor on the day of the virtual convention. Our District Leaders will be looking to fill this role by following the process set down in our District Constitution. So it's going to be a case of 'watch this space'.

Humankind has been facing immense challenges in recent times; the devastation in Tonga from the volcanic eruption and tsunami that followed, the flooding in Australia, the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the COVID-19 pandemic, to name just a few. Yet through all of this, our Lions Clubs International Foundation has supported Lions' relief efforts globally with millions of dollars in grants. And to maintain this level of assistance, in 2018 the most ambitious fundraising initiative to date was introduced. The aim of Campaign 100 has been to raise US\$300million by 30 June this year. As at 4 March 2022 we have achieved 86.5% of the total goal, but with time running out, and the needs of our fellow man seeming even greater, have you thought about making a personal donation to LCIF? Details are on the Lions website, and our District Coordinator, Maree Hayes, is only too willing to help. If you have any questions, she can be contacted at maree.hayes@justice.govt.nz. Remember, where there's a need, there's a Lion.

As always I'd like to leave you with another smile quote: "It takes a lot of energy to be negative. You have to work at it. But smiling is painless. I'd rather spend my energy smiling".

Take care everyone, stay safe, and until next time, I remain yours in Lions

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Service with a smile





Message from Jeroen Shuurmans

**Vice District
Governor
202F District**

Hello Lions members, family and friends

The summer is gone, and we have moved in to autumn. This means we have to look in next Lion year preparations, new officer's bearers' election and new club positions have to be filled soon, in order to start the year with a big bang.

It's also be advised to set achievable goals, by doing this, you are already half way because you have set your goals, you only have to put steps in place to meet them. And you can do that with the club. Please "don't" be scared, to take on a position because there is plenty of help out there. If you have question, you can always fall back on the previous person in your club or me, for more information.

Henriet and I have visited the Wyndham Pioneer ladies club, it was a wonderful visit and we enjoyed the beautiful baking, thank you. The VDG training is going well, it is all by virtual. Coming weekends, I am still fully booked.

And also, I try to chats up with zone 2 on the 13th on March, hopefully I meet all the presidents from that zone.

Finally, I will ask for your support to vote, by the AGM on the 26th of March, when important decisions have to be made. So please vote.

Yours VDG Jeroen Schuurmans





Global Service Team Coordinator's Corner

Sue Evans

Hello everyone

This month I want to focus on Why Service Reporting Matters. To begin with though it is not long until your Club will be seeking nominations for office bearers. Did you know that it does not have to be your Club Secretary who puts in the MMR or the Service Reporting each month for your Club? When you are entering your new office bearers for the 2022/23 year you can add, for example, a Club Administrator and that person can take on the role of reporting your Club's activities for the month.

At the moment throughout District 202F we have nearly half of our Clubs putting in their Service Reporting and we really want all Clubs doing this. So where do we begin?

The starting point for Cabinet is that I will be contacting the Secretaries of our Clubs who are not doing Service Reporting. We need to know why this is not happening and how we can help your Club. We have a team of Lions who are happy to give a helping hand so I do hope you will take up this offer. I then want to have a chat with Secretaries who are doing Service Reporting as they may have some good ideas around the value of Service Reporting.

WHY SERVICE REPORTING MATTERS:

- People want to participate in real, visible change. Service reporting allows Lions Clubs to continually engage their communities, tell their story more effectively, and ultimately grow their member base. This can all encourage new members to join Lions.
- Discover what can happen when you share with others what your Club is doing. It can be what occurred at your monthly meeting, to an act of kindness, to a Project. Entering your voluntary hours including your Office Bearers time is all part of Service Reporting. Your ideas can help other Clubs as well.
- Clear, relevant service data ensures people in need know exactly where to go for help.
- Increase global awareness. Service data helps people understand

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the needs of communities around the world. Global-minded Lions identify opportunities and lead their local communities into action.

- Pave the way to partnership. Service reports provide tangible evidence to prospective partners of Lions International's global engagement and impact. These relationships strengthen the organization and yield benefits at the local level.
- Uncover the next big idea. Because service activities are scalable, one small service project can become the next signature initiative of the organization: but only if it is reported and promoted by Lions!
- Enhance our support. Service data—along with peer-to-peer sharing and feedback from Lions—enables Lions International to identify best practices that can be shared globally.
- Build a brighter future. Measurement leads to insight, which in turn sharpens our focus. Setting higher—and more reachable—goals each year both unifies and mobilizes the organization toward growth.
- Service reports show how Lions and Leos around the world are using funds from Lions Clubs International Foundation grants to serve their communities. This visibility encourages Lions to think creatively about their own projects and apply for LCIF grants themselves.
- Recognize and reward. When Lions report service, they become eligible for a number of service awards. From Centennial Service Challenge patches to Leo Awards, rewards recognize the hard work of Lions and motivate them to continue striving for excellence.

KINDNESS MATTERS

I realise we are all living in a state of flux at the moment as Omicron is weaving itself through our communities, but I believe that Lions is a great organisation to belong to and with that in mind I have been in touch with the Zone Chairs to ask them to contact your Club. What I



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want to do is hear about the fabulous stories of how you are coping as a Club in these stressful times. I am sure there is some great things happening whether it is baking, fundraising, a phone tree, zoom meetings, face to face meetings, helping an elderly neighbour or a project. Once the Zone Chairs have your stories and ideas, then I want to collate these so we can share them with other Clubs in our District. I have a time frame of the end of April for Zone Chairs to get back to me so information should be coming out to all Clubs in May.

DIABETES IDEAS

In the latest Your March District Digest is some great ideas around supporting Diabetes including:

- Sharing a low glycaemic index snack at your club meeting and asking a nutritionist or diabetes educator to teach club members and their families about interpreting food labels.
- Taking fresh fruits or vegetables to a school classroom to encourage children to try a variety of healthy foods just to name a couple of ideas.

Please take a look, you will be surprised at how simple and easy some of these ideas are.

Well that is it from me for another month. Take care of each other and be safe.

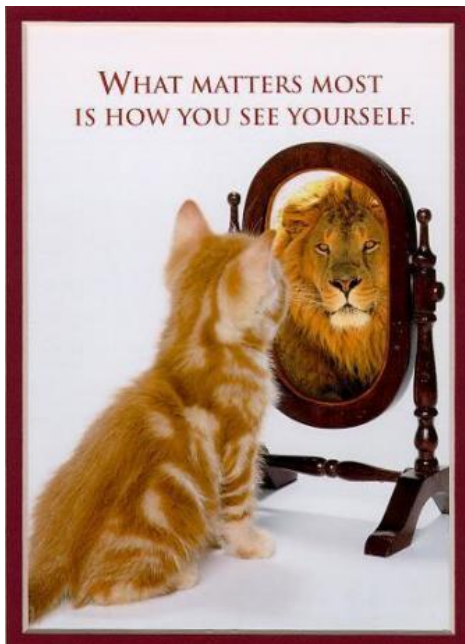
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Global Membership Team Coordinator's Corner

Juon Schoen



To be, or not to be, that is the question.
(Hamlet, Act 3, Scene 1)

Though not one for having a soliloquy with a skull, I do all the same have conversations with myself at times. The beauty of this, is having the ability to agree with yourself and feeling much better for it in the end. One of these conversations followed yet another Zoom meeting in which membership was a point of discussion.

The one thing I have learned this year as your District GMT, is every reason in the book why our membership is declining. Looking at the monthly District membership figures can be depressing. However, it is hugely joyful to see Clubs that still manage to maintain or even gain new members.

Big shout out to Steward Island, well done Team!

Anyway, my conversation with myself was in how much COVID has really contributed to our decline in membership. How come we have Clubs that have come to a standstill and how come we have Clubs that just keep going. Not for me to sit in judgement on who is right or wrong in this matter.

I just thought, that perhaps COVID or any form of adversity should make us stronger and more active than before. Not only by looking after our own members, but also by small projects, like looking after the more vulnerable in our communities. An opportunity to interact with other Service Groups in our communities and actively reach out.

These are scary times, no doubt about that. We are not finished with COVID variants yet, and the effects will be lasting. But we will have to keep Serving as Lions and avoid adapting a siege mentality instead. To be, or not to be.

Our communities need our Service now more than ever before.
Not money, but Service.

To quote Mother Teresa:

"I can do things you cannot. You can do things I cannot. Together we can do great things."

Let's be careful out there,
Juon



202f Lions Out and About

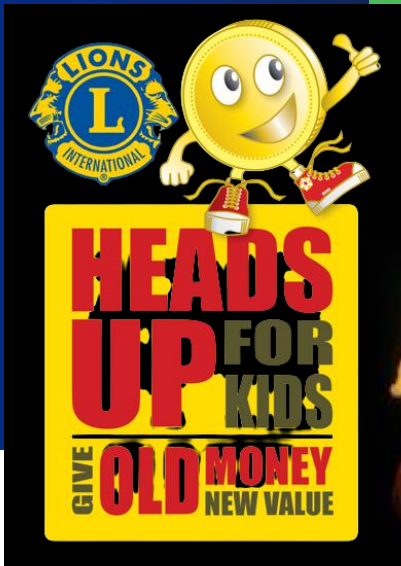
Cromwell Lions: Food Drive for Tonga



Invercargill Host Lions



Sajitha with her husband John and her daughter Zilla. Our Club presented flowers to Sajitha with the colours representing Sajitha's wonderful and bright personality that we all know so well and the photo frame is for a photo of their choice to remember the day they became New Zealand residents.



HEADS UP FOR KIDS

Is your club involved in collecting for Heads up for Kids?

Your service to this project helps young people engage in activities that help them achieve goals and reach their potential. Find out more about the program on our website. Resources such as collection tins and posters are available from the MD office.

WORLD WIDE INDUCTION DAY (WWDI)

Lions Clubs International celebrate world wide induction day at the end of April. You can find out more about how to be involved here.

LCI NEW MEMBER JOINING FEE

The joining fee will continue to be waived until 30 June 2022.

TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP

UPCOMING TRAINING

Stand and Deliver - April 9-10 Wellington Face to Face if possible otherwise zoom. Here is a chance to upskill and deliver good presentations. Email 202.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz to register your interest.



The District 202F Cabinet decided at the February meeting in Tuatapere to go ahead and order 2 new banners. The past one was a bit wind damaged and unable to be used.

The new banner is bright and modern and contains a quote from Helen Keller:

"Alone we can do so little Together we can do so much"

A motto we as Lions can relate to as we do great work in our communities.

These banners will be used at District events, conventions, training and for promotional purposes.

PDG Wendy Goodwin
Media and Awards Convenor



Lions Clubs New Zealand
District 202F




Alone we can do so little,
Together we can do so much.
- Helen Keller

Come join us and let's make
a difference in our community

Please contact
202f.secretary@lionsclubs.org.nz

New District 202F Banner as
passed by the Cabinet at the
last meeting



March	First Sunday	Children's Day
	8 th	International Women's Day
	15 th	World Sleep Day
	20 th	Lions Day with the United Nations
April	Month	Leo Club Awareness month
	Month	Environmental Awareness month
	Month	Family & Friends month
	22 nd	Earth Day
	24 th	Lions Worldwide Induction Day
May	Month	Strengthen Membership Month

World Sleep Day®

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Wyndham Pioneer

Thank you , Liz, for going to The Emerging Lions Leadership Institute Course and I am sure she will be able to help us in many areas in the future.

It seems that we are very lucky to be continuing with our service activities. Many other clubs have not been able to do that. With that in mind, I would like to thank our Catering Committee for keeping us on track and allowing us to enjoy each other's company while working. Our next race meeting is on the 19th March. Paula will be in touch closer to the day for helpers and bakers.

Gore River valley

Lesley and Roger are safely married, well fed, and enjoyed a lovely sunny day. Thank you, Judy and your team, for the hard work you all did catering and serving the "young couple"

Well our January was off to a fabulous start with the Social outing to Paterson Park and Gardens, Sharon Paterson's property at Waikaka. 17 of us had an awesome time as we wandered around the garden.

There was Sharon's Mess which was her version of Eton Mess and was a real winner. My favourite was the white chocolate Blondie slice.

Gore Pakeke

It is good to see that we are able to present 10 scholarships of \$1500 again this year. It was good to see that Ryan O'Rourke, who is wheelchair bound, will be receiving one also.

At our February meeting we will once again meet an awesome group of young adults whom will be receiving a scholarship from the club. Each year the Club assists these young adults with a great financial start to their future. The Pakeke Lions can be very proud of their commitment to the community in this way.

Gore Hokonui

Thanks to those who brought along goods for our sales table. If you have anything spare for next month feel free to bring it along.

3 members went to the Zone Meeting at Wyndham on the 17th Feb. Let's dress in green to honour St Patrick

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NZ Leo Video Contest - The MD202 Lions Video Contest closing date has been extended to 31 March 2022.

Leo Advisors - Are you aware that the Leo Advisors have a monthly zoom catchup? If you would like to join this please contact Lynda Halverson on 202.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz to receive a link to the meeting.

Leo Club Advisory Panel April Symposium - If you would like to join this symposium on 9 April 2022 10:00am CDT (4:00am NZT) please register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7305931931545562637>

Does your club have anything planned for Leo Awareness month in April? Contact Wayne Paulin Leos Advisor on 202.leos@lionsclubs.org.nz to let him know.

Leo Clubs and their members along with the youth of our Multiple District are our future. Please support our Leo clubs in their service activities



PEACE POSTER/SPEECHMAKER: It is time to get your Youth competitions started.

Young Speechmaker Contest - The final for this years National Competition will be in Palmerston North Saturday 13 August 2022 and your respective District Contests will be in May/June 2022.

Peace Poster - This years theme is "Lead with Compassion". Get your club involved, check out the NZ Lions website for more information. Peace Poster kits are available from the MD office and can be ordered online

Peace Poster Essay - This year the Essay contest will be provided for students who are assessed as "Low Vision" by the NZ Ministry of Education. More information on this competition will be provided by the Peace Poster team shortly.

NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP - This year there is to be a National Youth Camp from 10 to 16 July at TOPEC in Taranaki. The camp is for youth 12 to 16 years of Age. Applications close 7 May. Poster, Application and Health Declaration are available in the website. Any questions contact Stephanie Jordan at md202.interyouthexc@lionsclubs.org.nz.

LEO NEWS

YOUTH PROJECTS

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**Message from
International
President
Douglas X. Alexander**

Dear Lion,

You always give what it takes to make a difference in your community. And in these final months of Campaign 100, every one of us has an opportunity to give just a little more to ensure that the people and causes that matter most will always have the support they need. This has been a difficult year for many, but I am asking those of you who are able, to give a gift that will make a difference for many others. Because every contribution to Campaign 100 is a part of our promise to fight hunger, keep families and neighbors healthy, protect the environment and so much more. And only together, can we deliver on that promise to our communities and the world.

Yours in Service,
Douglas X. Alexander
International President



Donations to Campaign 100 are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellow (MJF), Progressive MJF (PMJF), and Lions Share and Leo Lions Share credits. Donations also count toward limited-edition Campaign 100 recognition and ongoing LCIF recognition, such as 100% MJF, 100% PMJF, 100% Lions and Leos Share Participation, and per-member average banner patches.



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

**Message from
LCIF Chairperson
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**

Your support of doing and giving is essential with only four months left to reach our historic campaign goal. The success of our campaign, association, foundation, and future starts with you. To each Lions and Leos club going boldly into a new era of service – an era where serving 100% is accomplished only when clubs both do and donate – thank you!