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To Lions friends and family

There are only 4 club left on my list to visit and it has been a great experience being welcomed by you all. I am amazed at just what clubs are achieving in their communities. It makes me proud to be a Lion. Clubs visited in October were Lawrence, Te Anau Kepler, West Otago and Gore River Valley. It was an honour to attend Winton Lions 60th anniversary, Wanaka & Districts 50th anniversary and Lumsden Lions 60th anniversary. Congratulations on reaching these amazing milestones.

Our treasurer training with Steve Bennett at Labour Weekend went well. Steve opened the meeting with a Karakia and an outline of his iwi. This is such a lovely way to get to know someone for who they are. Our own introductions to Steve didn't seem quite as interesting. A big thank you to Gore Hokonui Lions who catered for the 14 of us. Their paper bag lunches were well received.

I am enjoying being involved with the Peace Poster Competition this year. Our Coordinator, Mike Robinson, has collected the entries from our district and I will take the winning entry with me to Wellington to be judged with entries from other districts. The entries are of a very high standard and choosing a winner is no easy task.

One awesome thing I have noticed is that some clubs are creating opportunities to meet informally. Invercargill Central members meet for lunch once a month and Wanaka and Districts have a table talk, where you can discuss anything and everything. Isn't that a great idea? A chance to get to know each other better and a perfect time for brilliant ideas to emerge. Let's all find ways to meet informally.

Well done Maree and Pam for setting up portal training at Zone level. And thanks also to those who are offering their support. It will be great to know that those who need to access the portal are able to do so. It is wonderful to see that membership is up and clubs are supporting Mission 10K. Let's challenge ourselves to keep up the good work.

Family Quote this month:

“Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family: Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one” ~ Jane Howard



MESSAGE FROM DG ELAINE SCOTT

GLOBAL SERVICES CORNER NOVEMBER 2024



Hello everyone

The year is certainly flying past so quickly and many Clubs have started their preparations for Christmas Events. At the end of my Report I have included some of the Events that have happened in your local area. I have gleaned this information from going into the Lions Portal or through Bulletins and Newsletters.

BUT there is a downside

I am very concerned that our numbers for **Service Reporting** have dropped sufficiently since changing to the new Portal in July this year.

One of DG Elaine's goal for the 2024-2025 District Goals is:

“ By the end of June 2025 our District will increase the percentage of Clubs reporting to 80%.”

**At the end of June 2024, we had 69% of Clubs in our District doing Service Reporting
As at 3rd November 2024, Clubs using the new Portal, has dropped to 51%**

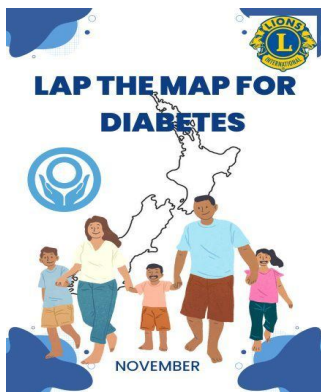
I appreciate there has been a lot of difficulty for many Clubs using the new Portal. I am hoping that with the offer of further portal training especially in the area of Service Reporting that our % figures will start to increase.

Lions and Leos are people of action—it's what our organization is known for. The other side is **Service Reporting**. It is just as vital that we share our experiences and record our voluntary hours. Many Lions are 'doers' and do not appreciate the need to do Service Reporting but this is necessary, not only locally, but as a District, as a Country and Internationally that these statistics are done.

Currently, Maree Hayes our Global Leadership Coordinator is working alongside PDG Liz Murray and PDG Pam Fiveash to provide Portal Training in your Zone. When this opportunity is available in your Zone please consider seriously participating. This is the only way we are going to achieve DG Elaine's goal for an 80% Service Reporting by 30th June 2025.

Cancer Projects and Events

Many Clubs supported Child Cancer, Daffodil Day, Prostrate Cancer or other Cancers in our District over the past few months. With Lions promoting the various events in their communities, it not only highlights the impact of Cancer but also promotes the work of Lions.



Map the Lap November - A REMINDER

I put out a challenge to all our Clubs to consider having some fun by turning Map the Lap into a District Challenge. All they need to do individually or as a Club is to get active and go walking during the month of November and collect those km's. Then add them up for your Club and email the number of km's to me by 30th November 2024.

Email: 202f.gst@lionsclubs.org.nz

Coming Up -Top Club Service Project - Close off date 15th March 2025



I realise this is only November but with so many Clubs 'closing down' over December and January, we need to start thinking about the Top Club Service Project now. Just a reminder we now have 8 Global Causes for any projects a Club is involved in.

I need to have these applications by **15th March 2025**. I have sent out a separate email with the application form attached to all Clubs at the beginning of November. It must be an innovative and inspiring Club Project that has either been completed in this current Lions year or be an on-going project. **Note: - this must be a project by an individual Club and you need to ensure you have entered this into the Lion Portal for reference.**

Every Lions and Leos Club in our District has an opportunity to be recognised by entering their Top Club Service Project.

“Service” is our eight Global Causes key focus so why don't we tell everyone about what we are doing! There have been some amazing Projects happening around our District. Please consider entering yours for this Award. I will send out another reminder in January and February 2025 and I hope to receive your entry. If you have any queries please get in touch with me.

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- Christmas is fast approaching and many Clubs are in full swing organising Events in their Communities
Wanaka Upper Clutha Lions Club are selling Christmas Cakes at a stall at the Aspiring Valley Christmas Market
Waihopai City Lions Club are holding their Christmas Tree Festival at Stadium Southland. Their Crafting with Purpose Group, with the help of the Southland Girls High School Leo Club have made Christmas Cards to hand out to the elderly.
- Winton Lions Club have been doing Meals on Wheels and also are planning the IHC Golf Tournament as a fundraiser in Winton
- Gore Pakeke Lions have just finished their annual book sale with the proceeds going to Hato Hone St John and the Otago Rescue Helicopter Trust. Now they are planning the Gore Christmas Parade
- Clutha Valley Lions Club have made a sufficient donation to the Food Bank in their area with the proceeds from their 3 day tailing event
- Riversdale Lions Club. Another Club who is involved in tailing as a fundraiser for their community. As a bit of fun, members are planting a spud in a bucket and these will be harvested in March 2025 to see who has the heaviest bucket
- Lawrence Lions Club have been doing firewood – a mammoth task but so well supported by their Members. They have also celebrated with Russell Homer his 50 years of service to his Club – what an achievement
- Toi Tois Lions Members have also been tailing as a fundraiser
- Toi Tois Lions have also raised funds for a co-responder vehicle for their District and launched this Project in October. What an asset for their community. While operated by their volunteer fire brigade, their District Nurse has also asked the fire brigade for their help to reach people in isolated areas.
- Cromwell Lions Club have been doing catering at the Speedway in Cromwell and also at the Highlands Race track. They were also seen operating a drinks stand at the Cromwell half-marathon and 10km run around the shores of Lake Dunstan. Now they are preparing for the Senior Citizens lunch
- Riverton Lions Club is also doing Christmas Cakes and the Spud in the Bucket
- Gore Hokonui Lions Club have done catering for the South Island Table Tennis Association
- Clyde and District Lions Club – Congratulations on winning 1st prize for your Kung-Fu Panda float in the Alexandra Blossom Festival and a further congratulations to the senior Blossom Festival Queen Ruby Marshal and runner up Anne Dougherty who are both Lions



Lions Service Calendar

MONTH	DATE	DAY
December	3 rd	International Day of Disabled Persons
	5 th	International Leo Day
	5 th	World Volunteers Day
January		Hunger Awareness month
	13 th	Melvin Jones' birthday
February	Month	Child Cancer Awareness month

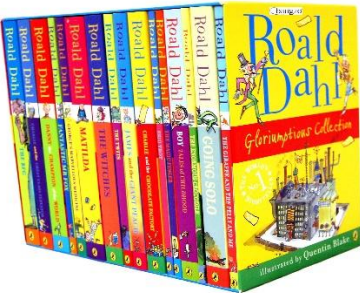


I am really interested in receiving your Club Bulletin or Newsletter each month. It's a great way for me to keep in touch and to promote your Club. Just add me to your mailing list
202f.gst@lionsclubs.org.nz



My final thought:

At the top of my Report I have three photos but it the one of 'Family' that I would like you all to think about. For many of us, we have 'family or friends' coming for Christmas but



for some living in our community they face Christmas alone, or have little food. Foodbanks supplies are running low. Is there a way any of us can donate food to a Foodbank?

Maybe buy a book or a gift for a child? Thinking of others in need and being able to do something positive to bring happiness to another person at Christmas is the 'gift' that can make a difference.

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"If you can't feed a hundred people then feed just one."
 – Mother Teresa



DISTRICT 202F LCIF CORNER

It is hard to believe we are now into the fifth month of the Lions Year.

Thank you to clubs that have kindly donated to LCIF either by purchasing of the PINS or donations from you club.

I once again encourage Lions to support LCIF in all aspects of fundraising across our District.

Last year many countries were hit hard with disasters and LCIF have been there all the way with emergency grants and ongoing repair work.

Latest to be hit was Spain.

Heavy rains and flash flooding ravaged communities across eastern and southern Spain, killing more than 150 people and leaving entire villages submerged. Main roads and bridges were damaged or destroyed, and many were left without power after several months' worth of rain fell in the span of just hours in some areas.

When a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude strikes, we, as Lions, are ready to help. Right beside us is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation. LCIF is mobilizing funds to empower Lions in Spain to help their communities recover.

Whilst this is not in our own backyard, we just never know when disaster can strike in our own backyard.

A reminder for clubs to check in with me for their LCIF credits balances as your club may have sufficient credits to present Melvin Jones Awards.

I would also encourage clubs and districts to look a LCIF grants when they are considering large projects. It is important to investigate these Grants before the project commences. I am more than happy to visit clubs/zones if you are looking at a project and wondering if you can apply for LCIF grants.

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MAREE HAYES



DISTRICT 202F GLT CORNER

Five months into the new lion's year. Recently Lions attended a Road Show delivered by MD202 Treasurer Steve Bennett who covered of lots of topics not just the Treasurer role.



We are well on the way to deliver further training on the portal. I have tasked the Zone Chairs with obtaining a venue with Wi-Fi within their Zones for their clubs to attend. So far we have

Zone 3 – Oak Hill Inn Clinton 4th December 7pm after Zone Meeting
Zone 4 – Mossburn 21st November at 6.30pm after Zone Meeting
Zone 6 and 7- Makarewa Country Club 25th November at 6pm to be followed by Zone Meeting.

Thanks to those organising and go to train and assist with the training.

It would be very helpful prior to any training if those who are unable to access the portal to make enquires with

lionssupport@lionsclubs.org to see if they can assist you with you log in.

Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) is to be held in Christchurch 17th-19th January 2025. ELLI focus on building the skills of Lions members for Leadership opportunities at the club level, including the position of Club Presidents. Applications are now closed. 202F has one enrolled and three were hopefully getting their application is by the closing date.

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CLINTON, TOKANUI AND OWAKA LIONS PRESENT



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AND CLINTON AREAS WITH MEAL
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15-16 FEB
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FURTHER INFORMATION AND REGISTRATIONS
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CATLINS 4WD TRIP

Welcome!

The new members in our 202F District for October 2024 along with their respective clubs and sponsors:

Name	Club	Sponsor
Rosie Jocelyn	Wanaka Upper Clutha Lions	Karen Woolley
Rebeca Gillions	West Otago Lions	Liz Murray
Geoff McClelland	West Otago Lions	John Stiven
Julie McClelland	West Otago Lions	Judy Stiven
Phillippa Reihana	West Otago Lions	Liz Murray
Nelson Young	West Otago Lions	Todd Perkins

CLYDE AND DISTRICTS

The Club Garden: A wonderful opening/celebration was held and Bill's Speech from the day is attached to the email. Mitre 10 have recently sponsored the club for \$500 worth of plants and planting is underway. We are very relieved that the netting has protected most plants from the recent weather. Thanks to Ngaire for all her work with Mitre 10.



CLYDE AND DISTRICTS - Senior Blossom Queen

Alexandra Blossom Festival 2024

An energetic team from Lions Club Clyde & Districts was responsible for organising this event as part of the annual Alexandra Blossom Festival. Everything from advertising and receiving nominations for entrants, organising venues, raffle, prizes, entertainment and celebration food as well and looking after the Senior Queen and Runner up at all the events during the festival.

The club loves to support this event as it showcases amazing senior woman in the Central Otago area who contribute much to their local communities. Lions Club of Clyde & Districts works closely with the Blossom Festival committee and knows it is an honour for the Club to be involved.

This year saw the judges meet the entrants at Clyde Bowling Club at a High Tea organised by Clyde & Districts. The first event of the Alexandra Blossom Festival is an afternoon at the District Club Alexandra where the public attends and the Senior Queen entrants are introduced by male members of our Club dressed smartly in their tuxedos. This year the Mayor Tim Cadogan was the MC and announced the winners.

Flying with Birds a local fashion store also held a fashion parade and the models were all members from our Club. This event certainly also showcases the talents of our Club members.

Now onto the Senior Queen winner and her runner up. (note: the judges are independent so our club had nothing to do with the results)

Robyn Marshall who was nominated by Clyde & Districts as a member of our Club won Senior Queen. Anne Dougherty who was nominated by Alexandra Petanque Club but also happens to be also a Clyde & Districts Club member was runner up. A big congratulations to Robyn and Anne. Well done.

Lions Club Clyde & Districts wishes to thank all its members who worked hard with this event. Teamwork in action as we serve our local community during the biggest event on the Central Otago calendar.



Senior Queen Robyn Marshall (left)
Anne Dougherty (right)

LAWRENCE: Celebrating 50 Years of Service: Russell Homer Honoured by Lawrence Lions Club



On October 7th, 2024, the Lawrence Lions Club gathered to honour an extraordinary milestone in service and dedication. Lion Russell Homer, the club's longest-serving member, was recognised for his remarkable 50 years of commitment.

A Lifetime of Dedication

Russell joined the Lawrence Lions Club in October 1974, just shy of his 29th birthday. Over the decades, he has contributed immensely to the club's initiatives and community projects. His leadership and dedication have been evident in the various roles he has held, including:

Treasurer (1978 and 1979)

President (1982)

Lion Tamer (1991)

Membership Attendance Officer (2017 to present)



His exceptional contributions have also been recognised with notable accolades:

Melvin Jones Fellowship in 2014

Life Membership of the Lawrence Lions Club in July 2021

Memories and Contributions

Reflecting on his early days with the Lions, one member shared a memorable experience when Russell helped organise a BBQ at the Beaumont Races. The setup included a trailer, tent, deep fryer, and a heavy round BBQ. Russell's practical wisdom came to the fore when he advised a new member to prepare the hot dog batter by hand—resulting in a humorous moment as the convenor discovered the sticky challenges of mixing by hand. Russell and his wife, Gaye, were not only supportive that day but have continued to be pillars of encouragement and hard work in the club's many ventures.

Described as a “quiet achiever,” Russell's steadfast support and commitment to club projects have been instrumental to their success. His dedication over five decades sets a standard of service that inspires all members.

A Moment of Recognition

In a heartfelt presentation during the event, the club's District Governor, Elaine Scott, presented Russell with a commemorative achievement certificate and medal. Members stood to applaud Russell and extend their appreciation, not just for his unwavering commitment to the Lions but also to Gaye for her steadfast support throughout the years.



Russell Homer's 50 years of service mark a truly tremendous achievement, one that exemplifies the values of community, dedication, and service that the Lawrence Lions Club holds dear. The evening was a fitting celebration of a remarkable milestone in the life of a Lion who has truly made a difference.



DISTRICT 202F GMA

Revitalizing your club

Building A culture of Young Leaders in your club

It describes how the Fitzherbert Lions Club of New Zealand built a club of young Lions who have stepped up to lead their club & are now stepping into District leadership roles. The story, seven years in the making, provides insight from the young leaders & experienced Lions about how they attracted and keep young Lions.

Have a look at this Lions Virtual YouTube clip:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVeahCHUonto&t=1902s>

Old Ways won't open new doors

Rejuvenate your club with new members

- What opportunities exist to expand membership?
- What is your membership recruitment plan?
- Does the club conduct meaningful inductions and provide effective orientation?
- Are members encouraged to sponsor new members? Are they recognized?

Revitalize your club with new service opportunities

- Are the club's service projects relevant to current community needs?
- Are members enthusiastic and actively involved in service projects?
- Is club leadership receptive to members' ideas for new service ideas?
- Does the club have a "signature project"

Excel in leadership development and club operations

All club officers

- Do club officers participate in training for their position?
- Do officers and members attend zone or region meetings?
- Are meetings and events effectively planned and managed?

All club members

- Are members encouraged to take leadership positions?
- Do members regularly attend and participate in club functions?
- Does the club operate according to the Lions International Code of Ethics?
- Do you need to reconsider the format of club meetings?
- Are members invited to share their ideas, so they know their input is valued?

Share your club's achievements with your community

- Is the club active on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)?
- Does your club have an e-Clubhouse or website?
- Are club members informed about club issues and events?
- How are you keeping the public informed of your events?

202F GMT COORDINATOR LEIGH BURFORD

RIVERSDALE

Heather Fowler was presented with a **Lions International President’s Certificate of Appreciation** (from Dr Patti Hill), for all her hard work with organising the Peace Posters over the years.

PDG Allan Fleury and Mike Robinson attended the meeting.

Past District Governor Allan Fleury Presenting Lion Heather Fowler with a Lions International President ‘s Certificate of Appreciation (Right)



202F Peace Poster Coordinator - Mike Robinson and PDG Allan Fleury at the Riversdale Lions Club Tea Meeting on 22 October 2024 (Right).



Our October Tea meeting on Tuesday was a night of celebration, with a new member welcomed, and a presentation. Nigel Elder, our newest Lion member was inducted by PDG Allan Fleury.



Welcome to Nigel Elder.

Induction of new Lions Member - Nigel Elder with his Sponsor Scott Nicholson and PDG Allan Fleury (Left)

Riversdale Lions Club and community of Riversdale and Waikaia helping – for one day’s tailing, starting at 7.00am, finishing with a barbeque once finished. Below are a few photos capturing moments from the day.





Share Your Stories, Photos and Profiles with us!

The Southern Chronicles is all about celebrating the achievements, stories and inspirational moments of our Lions members, and we need your contributions to make it truly shine! Whether it's an article, a striking photo, a member profile, or a personal story, your input helps us showcase the amazing work happening across our district.

This is a wonderful opportunity to spotlight projects that matter to you, honour dedicated Lions and strengthen the bond within our community. Every contribution adds a unique perspective, making our bulletin more vibrant and reflective of who we are as Lions.

Guidelines for Submissions of large images/photos:

If you would like to include images or photos, please copy (not screenshot) them into a Word document and add captions if applicable. This ensures that file sizes remain manageable, and you won't need to worry about sending large attachments across multiple emails.

Submit your stories, photos, profiles, or articles by 10th December to be featured in the upcoming issue. Let's fill our bulletin with incredible moments and inspiring stories from every corner of our district.

Together, let's continue to connect, uplift, and inspire—building a stronger community with every contribution!

SAJITHA FERRY BULLETIN EDITOR

DISCLAIMER

Advertising in last month's Southern Chronicles (October Edition) by Leigh Burford for the position of Second Vice District Governor was found to be presumptive in that no nomination for the position had been received at District level. Leigh is currently obtaining the correct paperwork.





**Letter from
the President to You
International President
Fabrício Oliveira**

Dear Lion,
You know that when we work together, we can make our mark in an even more impactful way. We all have important roles to play in order to grow our clubs and our service, so let's do our part to keep our momentum going in every avenue. Talk to that potential new member. Take that online training. Work together with your fellow Lions to reach your club goals and your personal goals.

I am confident that we will achieve great things this year — including our MISSION 1.5 goal of reaching 1.5 million members by 2027. You are the best of our

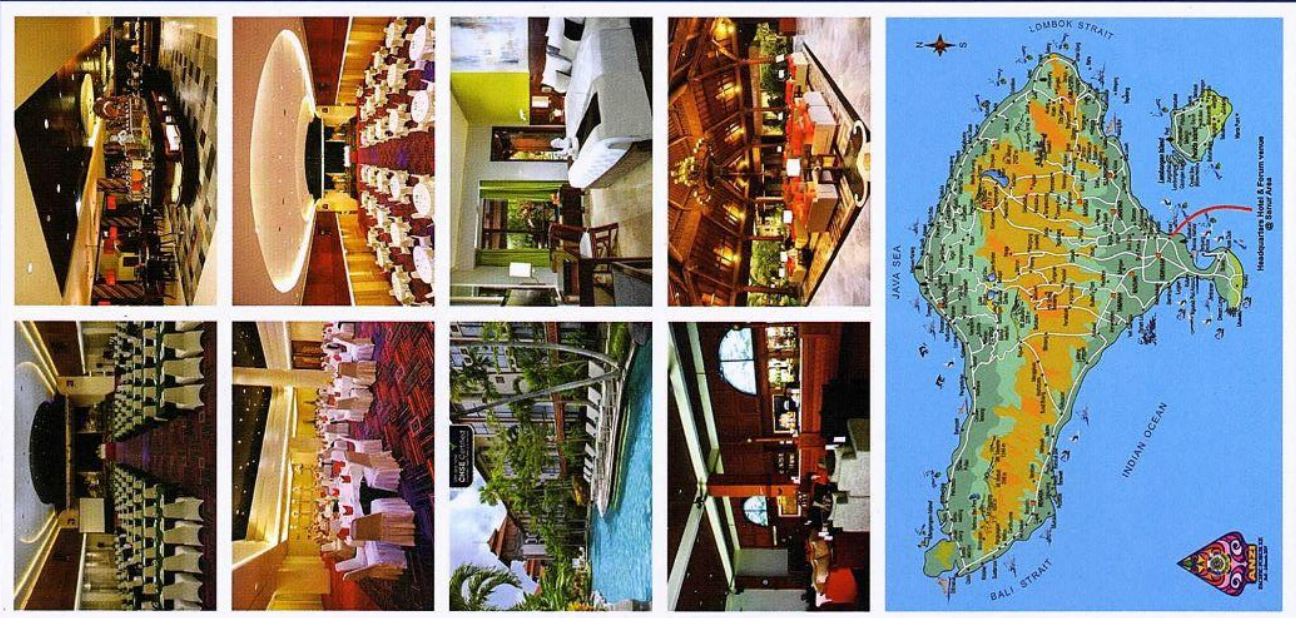
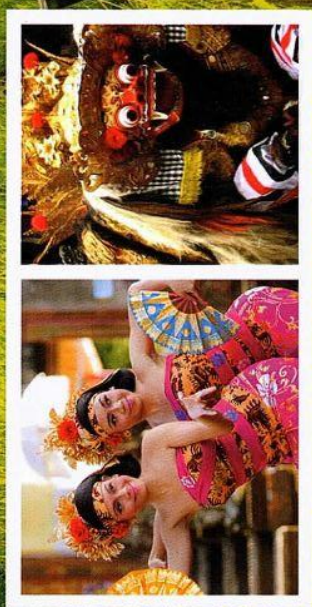
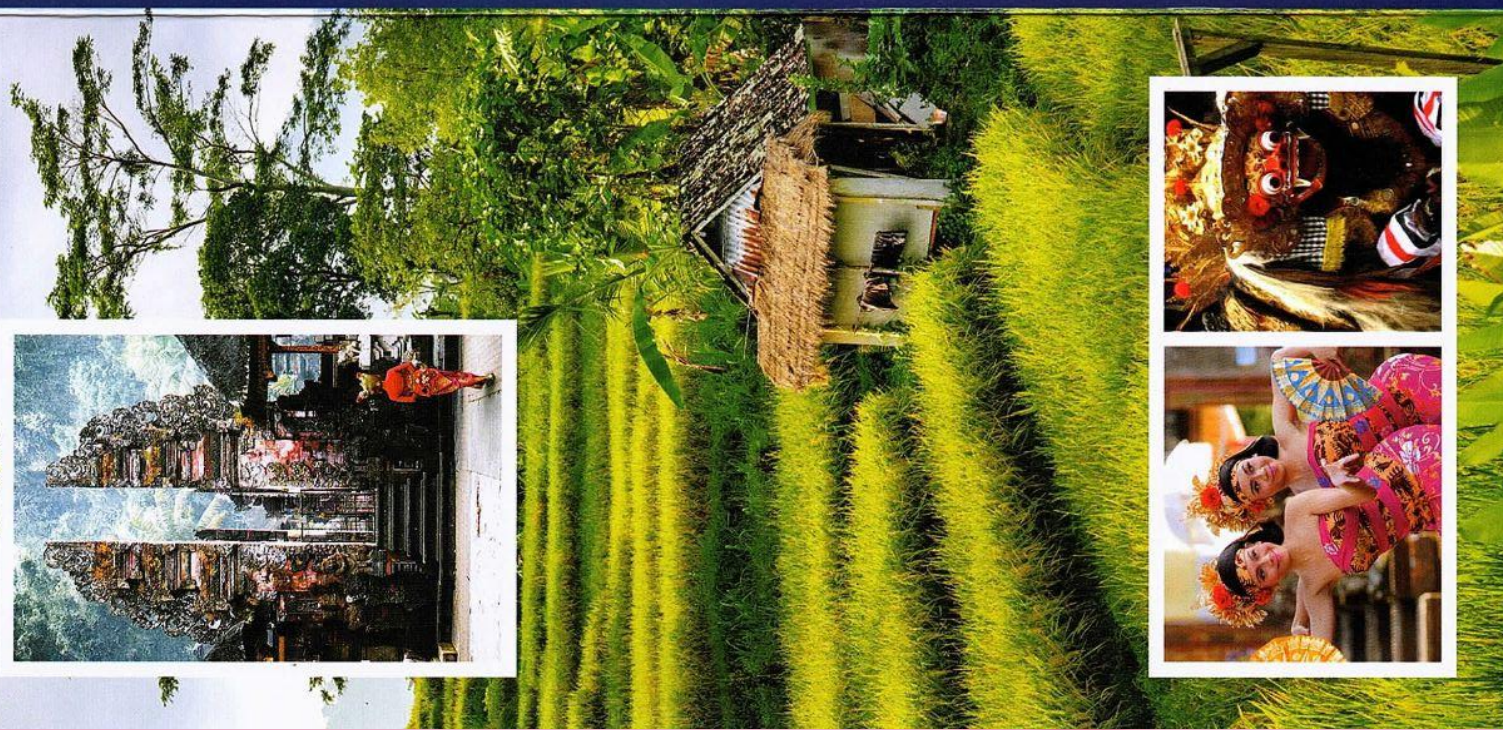
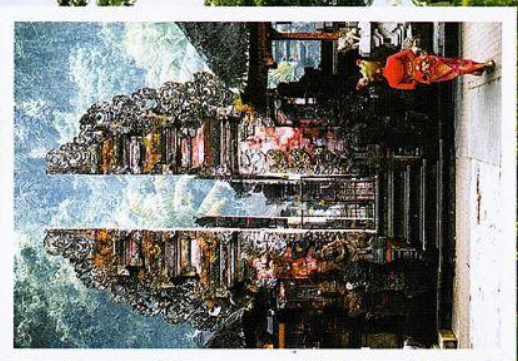
organization, so be sure to do your part, serve like only a Lion serves, and Make Your Mark in the world.

At your service,

Fabrício Oliveira
International President



MESSAGE FROM FABRÍCIO OLIVEIRA



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