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Message From Allan Fleury

District Governor 202F District

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elcome to the August edition of the Southern Chronicle

As I write this article, I think how small the world of Lions really is. I have just seen on the news again the devastation which has happened on the island of Maui in Hawaii with the current death toll of 89. You may be asking yourself why I am bringing this up, well one of my group that went through DGE training with is CJ and he is the new District Governor of Hawaii. As I am for 202F. What a hell of a way of starting your Lions year as District Governor having to deal with such a devastating thing.

My thoughts are with CJ, our group have not heard from CJ since the disaster we hope he is well. No doubt the Lions in Hawaii will pitch in as they are needed.

There is one thing we can do as Lions to help and that would be to make a donation if you are able. This could be made to our district treasurer and Jo will pass it on or you could do it through LCIF and mark it for Maui disaster. No doubt LCIF will be asked to make a disaster relief grant.

On the home front for me it has been all go since my last article with completing two club visits. One of these was to Gore Host and the other was to Invercargill Central Lions. Doing the club visits for me is one of the highlights of being the District Governor as you get to meet and see what clubs have been up to. There are some amazing projects being done in our district. One of my challenges which I have set all clubs to take on, and that is to Tell your Story. Let the community know what you are doing as Lions, through this we will get more hands to help us, and Lions will grow.

I have also held my first district meeting (formally known as cabinet meeting) in Tapanui which I believe went very well. My thanks go to the members of the West Otago club for hosting the meeting. On Sunday after the meeting, I held the president lunch once again hosted by the West Otago Club. The day started with a meet and greeted, then a training which was run by PDG Sue Fleury. This was on the health of your club. This was done around the health of a tree, and how some of the aspects of a healthy tree and club are the same. This was very well received by those attending the day. After the lunch we had a guest speaker Marja Captijn from Tapanui who works with getting people moving.

I then gave my speech and went over the key focus which I would like to see clubs work on this year. One as mentioned earlier Tell your Story and the other is Create a Cleaner Greener Environment. To help with both I gave out 90 native trees to all clubs and all members of the district team, I hope members will use these to start a native planting, and while doing this Tell your Story and involve the youth in our community.

Thanks to all those who helped with organising and running the day. I believe it was well received. Until next time enjoy your Lions work

Allan Fleury
District Governor





DG Visiting List

September

September 14th Alexandra
September 27th Clinton

October

October 2nd Ohai Nightcaps
October 7th Cromwell Lake Dunstan
October 11th Mossburn
October 17th Omakau

November

November 1st Stewart Island To be Confirmed
November 6th Lawrence
November 8th Wanaka Upper Clutha
November 9th Te Anau
November 13th Balfour
November 21st Tuatapere



December

December 13th Gore Hokonui To be Confirmed

February

February 12th Clyde & Districts To be Confirmed

Public Relation and Communication Calendar August - October 2023

August	12 th	MD Speech Competition Finals
	12 th	International Youth Day
	25 th	NZ Cancer Society Daffodil Day
September	Month	NZ Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
	17 th – 24 th	National Clean Up Week
	18 th – 24 th	NZ Mental Health Awareness Week
	21 st	World Alzheimers Day
October	Month	Vision Awareness Month
	Month	LCI Membership Growth Month
	8 th	Breast Cancer Pink Ribbon
	13 th	LCI World Sight Day
		Child mobility Walktober



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Changing the World
Dr Patti Hill
Lions International President

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hanging the World With You

Dear Lions,

I am truly honored and humbled to serve as your international president, and I am happy to share with you my message of Changing the World.

For years, Lions and Leos have been changing the world, one community at a time. Now, collectively, we are setting bold ambitious goals to meet the needs of our neighbors, our communities and our world. Boldness and action are exactly what we can deliver as we tackle the biggest challenges that lie before us.

Boldness, focused on success and excellence, and commitment to service: these are the benchmarks we must use to grow our clubs and districts so we can be there every time we're called on to serve. At our international convention in Boston, I had the privilege of announcing our annual priorities and our four-year initiative, *MISSION 1.5*, which is our drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide by the conclusion of the 2027 Lion year. Although I've been a Lion for over 30 years, it never ceases to amaze me how, as Lions and Leos, we rise to any challenge placed in front of us. I'm excited to embark on this exciting mission with you as we grow our membership and capacity to serve.

I hope the stories in this issue will not only inspire you to grow your clubs and expand your service, but also to share your own stories. When you share your service and membership stories, you let the world know what it means to be a Lion. Every day is a great day to extend an invitation to a potential Lion to join us.

Let's be bold and lead the way to a better future and a world of change.

Sincerely,

Dr. Patti Hill

Dr. Patti Hill
International President, Lions Clubs International





Wendy Goodwin

August 2023 District 202F Service

On Saturday 5th August in Tapanui the first District meeting for 2023-2024 with District Governor Allan Fleury was held.

DG Allan outlined his vision for the year and introduced his goals and action plans to the teams.

Goal 1- is to have Clubs work with youth on Environmental projects.

Clubs can work with their Leo clubs, schools, preschools, and any other youth groups to adopt and work through an environment project.

Ideas are

Garden projects at schools. Vege gardens, fruit tree planting, recycling, composting, rubbish collection. Native tree planting with local council and service groups. Recycling eyeglasses bottle tops, cardboard, hearing aid batteries, cell phones, car batteries, wine bottle caps, old money, Fire-wood-clearing of old trees, beautifying tired areas in towns. Please feel free to email me with any new environmental ideas.

There are many other ideas and Lions clubs can combine to make bigger projects happen.

Goal 2 -To Increase the number of clubs reporting their service projects on MyLion/ portal.

Many of District 202F Lions clubs already do report their service and I can see online some of the amazing projects that make such a difference in our communities.

Reasons to report service

1. Reporting service is the completion of the project and an acknowledgement of the hard work done by Lion members.
2. It's the history of the Lions club. With a few anniversaries happening it's a quick way of compiling the wonderful service history of the Lions clubs.
3. At the end of the Lions / financial year, it is encouraging to the members just to see what they have achieved for the year.
4. It helps Lions International plan resources and programs to help train and support Lions clubs.
5. When entering the Top Club service award and LCI Kindness Matters award its part of the criteria to report the service.

I am happy to help train any Lions who want to report on the service of their Lions club.

When working on a project always get everyone to sign in and out. This helps to know how many hours went into a project and who was present. Take photos, these can be uploaded onto the website during reporting but also very handy when entering any awards.

Have a post project debrief. Good for recognizing any issues, planning changes for next time and spending social time together, which is great for club members connections.

Very soon we will get information on the new Lion Portal and training will be given to help clubs. Preview of the portal says it will be much easier to use as everything is on the same page. No jumping around to negotiate where you need to be.

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***To Promote Lions clubs to support Diabetes***

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The Edgar Diabetes and Obesity research Centre donation of \$140k by District 202F has enabled the project which has been publicized as world first groundbreaking research by Professor Ben Wheeler to go ahead. Professor Ben has been invited to speak at the ANZI forum in Christchurch in September. The trials are underway now with 7- 25-year-olds from all over New Zealand taking part. District 202F has received great publicity throughout the district in the media and online for the donation and support we have given. We wait to hear about the life-changing findings. Several other District Lions clubs have also donated to the center.

Lions Club Skin Cancer Screening trust

The trust is very excited to be part of the Rowing for Life Aotearoa and now have a give-a- little page and have set up a Facebook page. This will be shared to all districts, as the trustees work towards the planning of the mobile units. Trustees are working with designers on the planning of the layout and costings. Lions clubs around New Zealand are making regular donations and we will soon be able to start the paper work to apply to LCIF. I am presenting at ANZI, and also have secured a spot with Hokonui St John at the Southern field days to promote the trust. <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/the-lions-clubs-cancer-trust>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100095201985205>

We need this to be part of the Rowing for life Aotearoa. For public to donate. Any Lions collect funds can be banked to their local district treasurer and will be donated at the end of the row, so a total can be recognized.

Any questions please feel free to contact me. 202f.cancertrust@lionsclubs.org.nz

District 202F Awards

I have sent information to all Lions clubs secretaries through District secretary Liz. Please consider entering your best project for 2022-2023 in the district project award. the Ian Mathieson public Relations and Communication award. The Cockburn Quiet achiever award and the PDG Barbara Sharp Environmental photo award.

Keep working towards the Keelty Youth award and the Millar Leadership award

For the Millar Leadership award, the Zone chairs will continue to send me the attendance list at zone meetings, which gains points for your club towards the award.

Any Questions please contact me at 202f.awards@lionsclubs.org.nz

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Rowing for Life Aotearoa

Rowing For Life



Raising funds for



This is a huge project to be part of. All Lions clubs in the district have been sent all the information through District secretary Liz. If you can't find it please email me at 202f.gst@lionsclubs.org.nz The photo shows the coastal rowing boat for 4. The first row will be on Stewart island starting on December 2nd and arriving in Oban on December 5th. 2023

Ian Hamilton has many rowers throughout NZ including some Olympic rowers ringing the phone off the hook to be part of this one-off event. He is now getting offers of tracking apps which can tell anyone where the rowers are at any time. Ian would love to see local schools arrive down to greet them on the beach or he's keen to visit the local schools. I have logos and collection buckets made up and of course anyone can donate through Lions projects to the District Account. Just make sure to note Rowing for Life on the donation. Remember we are supporting charities that Lions in NZ support. So, if you normally give a donation think about making it though the Rowing for life. Projects can be anything. A dry land row competition, cake stalls, donations what ever works for your Lions club

Many sponsors are now indicating they want to participate including a couple of fishing boats who will be beside the rowers all the way. This is a work in progress so I will have more information to send to you on a regular basis.

Jump on board and be a part of this amazing project.

Wendy Goodwin
202f District service coordinator.





Bluff Marae Visit



JHC Leo Club

Leo leaders collecting for Red, Black and White Day



Photos from Matariki in Winton on the 20th of July

DRINKERS, FRIENDS & YOU

A reminder from the TEAM at 'one of the *tops / tabs / glasses / hearring aids / old [&new] money* Co ordination centre. This is applicable to all Zones et als good enough to gather and sort said items.

WE the team at our, and their centres would value your contribution so much more if you could sort into *bottle tops - rtd - tear tops - tear tabs - wine bottle tops*. Even better should you be so inclined to remove inners [card board] of those wine bottle tops. Feel free to discard that cardboard.

Thank you to all you who have and do complete part, or all of the above. It's not practical for this to happen at the bar obviously. Tis a chance for you to show some of those indoors that you can multi task, yep passed the test.....

Best bet is 5 buckets / boxes adjacent to your favourite chair knowing that while imbibing you're positively contributing to a Lions community cause. Surely deserves support at your place. Not necessarily here!!

STOPPRESS----- thank you but the BREAD TAG division is now closed.

Congratulations

Lions District 202F
Computer Capers 2023
First Place Junior Section
 Isaac Wood




WANAKA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lions District 202F
Computer Capers 2023
Second Place Junior Section
 Tilly McKirdy




WANAKA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lions District 202F
Computer Capers 2023
First Place Senior Section
 Noah Berrio




ST PETER'S COLLEGE



Lions Computer Capers 202F 2023 Judges Feedback

We received entries from students showcasing their creativity, skills and knowledge on our 2023 topic. It was a pleasure to view and learn from these presentations.

We commend all the students who participated in this competition for their hard work and enthusiasm. You have shown us what you can achieve with technology and creativity. We hope you enjoyed this challenge and learned new skills along the way. We encourage you to keep exploring and expressing your ideas through digital media.

We advise all the students to seek feedback from others and test their presentations on different devices. This can help you identify and fix any issues with the slide transition, colours, fonts, special effects, missing images or sounds, and sharing options.

We also advise you to explore the different media that a format like this offers, such as video, sound and music. These can enhance your presentation if they are used appropriately and not just to repeat what can be read. You can also use text boxes and animations to move text in and out of slides to avoid cluttering or limiting your information.

The judges valued the presentations that had clear, concise and informative text and that were timed well to allow enough time to read all the information. We also appreciated the interesting uses of the photo layouts and the consistent theme across the presentation.

The winning presentations stood out for their originality, clarity and engagement. They used a variety of media, such as images, sound, video and animation, to convey their messages effectively and attractively. They also had well-written text that was easy to read and understand. They followed a consistent theme and style throughout the presentation and had a clear structure and flow.

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who entered. We look forward to seeing more of your amazing creations next year.

I am from Kerala, India. Onam, a harvest festival of Kerala is being celebrated by the Keralites all over New Zealand. I thought it's a good time to share you about the festival.

Sajitha

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Onam: A festival of Kerala

The festival of Onam is celebrated throughout the state of Kerala. Kerala during Onam is marked by happiness, excitement and enjoyment among all sections of people. Onam is celebrated as an outcome of reasons that have to do with mythology as well as old agrarian practices. If one is to go by the myth, then King Mahabali or Maveli was a generous and virtuous ruler, who had once ruled Kerala. During his rule, the kingdom became so prosperous that devas (gods of the Heaven) felt jealous about this and also for the reason that King Mahabali was an asura - a member of the demon clan - who were the enemies of devas. So, they sent Lord Vishnu in the guise of Vamana (a dwarf) to King Mahabali. As an offering from the generous king, Vamanarequested Mahabali for three feet of land. And at the time of measuring the three feet of land, Vamana grew so huge that he measured all the worlds in two steps. Since he had nowhere else to place his third step, Mahabali asked Vamana to place it on his head. Pleased by his benevolence, Vamana blessed Mahabali before he was sent to the nether world and granted him permission to visit his dear subjects once in a year. This occasion is celebrated by all Keralites as Onam.

And the other cause for celebrating Onam is because it is the time of the year when a good harvest has been gathered all over Kerala, resulting in plenitude and happiness.

The celebrations for Onam are held for ten days, beginning with the atham asterism in the month of Chingam (August / September) as per the local calendar.

NB: In Kerala, festival dates are decided in accordance with the Malayalam calendar and local traditions and customs. We have calculated the above festival dates based on these. But there can be changes in the dates according to the customs and rituals associated with each place of worship. As such, these should be considered only as approximate dates and have to be confirmed with the local authorities.

Source: Keralatourism.org

Please see the link below for an article of Onam published in NZ Herald last year.

Learn more about onam celebration in New Zealand: <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/celebrating-onam-indian-festivals-not-just-about-diwali/I5KCAC6RN2HQNV6LWRMSBCEC4I/>

Pookalam (Floral Design)

The Onam festival kolam, also known as Athapookalam, is a traditional art form of Kerala, India. It is a beautiful and intricate design made with fresh flowers and petals and is created in front of homes and public places during the Onam festival. There are many reasons why the Onam festival kolam is so significant. First, it is a way to welcome the mythical King Mahabali, who is said to return to Kerala every year during Onam. The kolam is believed to please him and encourage him to stay longer.

Second, the kolam is a symbol of prosperity and abundance. The fresh flowers used in the design represent the beauty and fertility of nature, and the intricate patterns are said to bring good luck and

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happiness to the household. Third, the kolam is a way for people to come together and celebrate the Onam festival. It is a community event, and everyone is encouraged to participate in creating the kolam. This helps to foster a sense of community and togetherness.

Finally, the kolam is a beautiful work of art. It is a testament to the creativity and skill of the people who create it, and it adds to the festive atmosphere of Onam.



Photo is from Athapookkalam by lecturers of History Department (me and my colleagues), All Saints' College, Kerala (2011) as part of onam celebration.

Sadhya (Photo from google below) – a vegetarian banquet is the centre of attraction for Onam. The Sadhya is served on Fresh Plantain Leaves.



Welcome!

New members

- Simon McAtamney : Balclutha Clutha Valley
- Peter Gilder : Owaka sponsored by John Burgess
- Rose Liew : Roxburgh & District sponsored by Kevin Lewis



**We remember with great respect and
appreciation
the Life and Services of**

**Russel Hannon of Alexandra
and
Launa McNaughton of Clyde and Districts**

Safety should not be a priority for Lions?

I would imagine right now you have read the title and already have questions about where I am going with this, which is great. That means the title has done its job and caught your attention. You are maybe surprised to hear someone in the safety field say that safety should not be a priority, but please bear with me, I will explain to you why it should not.

It is time we stopped viewing safety as just three 'pieces of paper' on the Lions website, safety is about members! It is about our people and focusing on the safety of the work we do is in fact in itself an act of service.

For some of you, this view turns the whole idea of health and safety on its head, a 180o turn as it were. Safety should not be a priority. The inherent problem with making anything a priority is admitting at the outset that it is subject to change.

What typically happens with priorities? As I mentioned above, priorities change, safety goes out the window when there is a change in routine or environment. When the pressure gets intense, priorities shift, and safety is no longer the big focus it was at the beginning of the activity. So how do we get our members to focus on safety all the time? The answer to that question is, we must make safety a part of what we do. It should not be something extra.

Safety is and must always remain a value, as our values remain the same. Obviously, we place high value on our members, then by the same measure we should value safety and the safety of service. This shift recognises that safety is not a bureaucratic task as in the past, but in fact an ethical responsibility to ourselves and other members.

With this responsibility in mind, the existing documents that sit on the Lions website no longer align, a new 'safety toolbox' made up of a balance of tools and rules has been developed over the last year with the assistance of Clubs and individual Lions in 202L, as required additions will be co-developed to support specific gaps that exist. In order to make these tools useful requires Lions at 'the sharp end' of service to contribute to the development.

Having the tools is great however, in response to the growing interest in a more proactive approach to safety across the country. I am really excited to roll out a series of Zoom meetings throughout August-September to unpack our new safety tools. So, if you need more information, or wish to register your interest in the Zoom sessions email me now at the address below.

Graeme Dewhurst, MD202 Alert & Risk Chairman alert@lionsclubs.org.nz 027 332 3507



ANZI Pacific Forum Golf



Templeton Golf Course Christchurch Thursday 7th Sept 2023



Come join us –
10.30 am reporting for
11am tee off time.

REGISTER FOR THE GOLF TOURNAMENT AND ENTER A LIONS DISTRICT TEAM OF FOUR TO PLAY FOR THE PRESTIGIOUS PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT KAJIT HABANANANDA'S "CHALLENGE TROPHY".

WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU REGISTER FULLY OR PARTIALLY FOR THE FORUM, BUT IF YOU JUST WANT TO JUST PLAY GOLF WE CAN ACCOMMODATE YOU.

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