

F's Word

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Lions Clubs International

District 202F

D G Des' Deliberations

WELCOME FELLOW LIONS, LEOS AND PARTNERS



CONVENTION CONVENTION CONVENTION

The Autumn Muster is now underway and as I write this my men are combing the hills, mountains and valleys as they try to encourage everyone down into the safety of the Waimea Valley. The urgency of the situation is not registering with a lot of you and the risk of having to be snow raked rests with you. So rattle your dags, join the mob and get registered for the 100% Country Annual Muster. By order: Head Stockman Des Black.

Yes, it is that serious, you need to get these registrations in to our Convention Registrar Hilary Riordan (another registration form accompanies this F's Word) or risk being a straggler and lost in the snow. This Autumn Muster is a crucial one for you.

Last week Loreen and I visited the Lions Club of Tuatapere and spent a nice evening with them. A very busy club. For example last year from fund raising with their hay drive, slink lambs and calves and other projects they put back in their community \$69,000.00. \$18,000.00 was for replacing their ambulance (Lions run the ambulance service in Tuatapere). A further \$13,000.00 was given to make this a free ambulance service. \$16,000.00 was also given to community groups. Youth travel, the Senior Citizens club rooms, the Blackmount swimming pool,



and Hospice Southland were among those to benefit from this club. This is just an example of how valuable our district's Lions clubs are for their communities.

They recently donated \$5,000 to our Neurological Foundation. Over the past year their ambulances have attended 202 callouts and clocked up 27,000 km. What a great service.

I presented Past International President Tam's 100% trees plaque to Lion George McMeaken who last year planted 17,000 trees on his farm. My D G Encouragement Pin went to Tailtwister Maurice Green. I also presented several service chevrons including a 40 year one to Lion Les Kollat.

President Charlie Copeland ran a good meeting and we also farewelled a charter member of their club, Bill Faulkner who is moving into the Riverton Lifestyle Home. We enjoyed the hospitality of Tuatapere.

Away up to Tauranga last Friday to support D G Sara Patrick at her "Anchors Away" convention and meet up again with other D G's and many people we have come to know over the years, including Peter Knox. Peter delivered a stunning flag ceremony for our district at the Owaka convention and wants me to remember him to all his southern friends.

Back home again and on Wednesday Loreen and I went with Riverton Lion Graham Allison over to be with the Winton Lions Club. They are a slightly bigger club than Tuatapere and again a fairly busy club.

They are planning their "Fun Day Sunday" coming up. Also have potatoes ready to dig,



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firewood on the go, book sale and annual IHC Charity Golf to mention a few. President Ted Saul is doing a good job for his club and had a prospective new member there for his first visit, an "Offspring" of a Lion; I really like to see this happening. Plenty of these "Offspring" are out there. Go get them.

I presented my DG Encouragement pin to newer Lion Jeff Munro, so another two good men to watch in these clubs. Then it was my honour to present two Life Memberships to members Keith Cooper and Secretary Everill Cocker, both well deserving men.

Until next time, take care of yourselves and one another and remember "it takes for you to attend to make our convention a success". Fill in the registration form and be part of this huge "muster". [Our Great Ideas WILL work, if we do.](#)

D G Des

Messages from the District Governor to be acted upon

- 1) Club Presidents check now that your Treasurer has paid all outstanding accounts with Lions Clubs International. Failing to do so renders your club ineligible to vote at our Riversdale Convention.
- 2) A painting by Lion Mike Blom has been kindly donated by Mike to DG for auction at our convention to raise funds for the Neurological Foundation.
- 3) Bring all old currency to convention for Heads Up For Kids.
- 4) It takes for you to attend to make this a successful convention.
- 5) **TAKE NOTE** the Lions clubs of Tuatapere, Lumsden, Invercargill East, Invercargill South, Queenstown, Gore Pakeke, Makarewa, Stewart Island, Omakau, Lawrence and Roxburgh. At the convention's Sunday Remembrance service we will be recognising a member of your club. Please invite their family to attend with you at this service.
- 6) **March is Nomination Month:** International President Wayne Madden would like to see clubs train more members to be Secretaries and Treasurers rather than leave people in these positions forever. A 2-3 year rotation he considers

long enough. Some Clubs Immediate Past President's take one of these positions each year, alternating, and this works pretty well. Something for clubs to consider.

District Governor Des' Visitations for March 2013



Fri/Sun	1st/3rd	District 202D Convention
Thurs	6th	Cromwell Golden Age
Fri/Sun	8th/10th	District 202E Convention
Fri/Sun	15th/17th	District 202M Convention
Tues	19th	Mataura
Fri/Sat	22nd/24th	100% COUNTRY CONVENTION
		- SEE YOU THERE!!!

We Warmly Welcome the following New Members in February



Beverley Smith	Gore Hokonui
Delma Hurley	Ohai Nightcaps
Bill Brownie	Queenstown
Peter Wilson	Queenstown
Pam Fiveash	Riversdale Waimea
Diana Bryant	Stewart Island
Barry Bryant	Stewart Island
Barry Warnock	Toi Tois Tokanui
Rodney Buckingham	Toi Tois Tokanui

You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do.
Henry Ford

It is with Deep Sadness we Record the Passing of ...



Lion Garry McIntosh
Invercargill South Lions Club
and
Lion Lou Nuttall
Riverton Lions Club

*The Lions of District 202F are devastated at the loss
of two great Lions in Garry and Lou*

*Their sincere sympathy is extended to the families of
Lion Garry and Lion Lou at this very difficult time.*

100% Country Convention 22-24 March 2013



22nd-24th March 2013
Have you registered yet?
**Registrations to be in by 1st March or you pay a
10% penalty!**

All events are at the Riversdale Community Centre in the Main Street.

Friday afternoon:

- **3.00pm:** Registrations will commence. Light refreshments available. Could you please inform if you will require the bus from Gore on Saturday night

Friday Night:

- **5.00pm:** PID Cliff Heywood will meet with Club Presidents
- **6.00pm:** Finger tea for Cabinet and invited guests hosted by the Riversdale Waimea and the Riversdale Lions Clubs.
- **7.00pm: Opening & Flag ceremony** - All to be seated at 6.55pm. Guest speaker is Paul Ferris, ex principal of Kavanagh College. The evening concludes with supper and the bar will be open at own cost.
- Dress code-Lions jackets or semi-formal.

Saturday:

- **7.00am:** Registrations open
- **8.00am:** Business session opens
- The **morning partner's programme** will commence after the results of the elections are given - after the morning tea.
- This morning tour of the town includes an art display of local artists, an antique and doll collection, 2 gardens to view, a classic car collection and the vintage machinery rooms will be open.
- Partners will come back to the hall for lunch.
- Business will be finished by lunch time and all those who wish can go on the **mystery bus trip** for the afternoon. Buses will return you to Riversdale before 5.00pm

Saturday night:

- **Green Ball and Banquet**
- **6.15pm:** Buses will run from pick up points in Gore and they will run again at the conclusion of the evening - times to be advised on the night.
- **7.30pm:** Banquet and Ball commences
- There is a new award for the club item - only the 1st three registered will be judged because of time restraints.
- During the evening there will be judging of the best dressed club, also the bid from Waikiwi & Cromwell clubs for future conventions.

Sunday:

- **8.30am:** Breakfast
- **10.30am:** Remembrance and Rededication Service and Regression of flags

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- **12.30pm:** Lunch and viewing photos

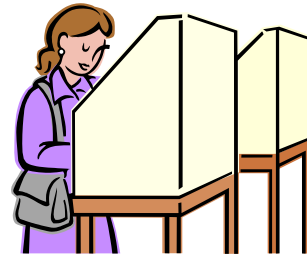
Accommodation:

- Along with the list which was originally circulated, there are spaces for camper vans.
- Contact Colleen and John Butler phone 03 202 5600 or for the Domain Ground phone John Miller on 03 208 5775

The registration form for Convention is an attachment to this copy of F's Word if you have lost your copy – The Ed ☺

PLEASE DON'T LEAVE REGISTERING FOR CONVENTION TO THE LAST MINUTE!!!

IMPORTANT NOTICE to Club Presidents and Secretaries



MARCH IS NOMINATION MONTH for your Club Officers for the 2014-2014 Lions year and **April is Election month.** PU101's must be filed in the LCI website **NO LATER** than the middle of May.

Voting Delegates – 100% Country Convention

- **Clubs** must be financial to vote - all dues must be paid in full before the start of Convention.
- Clubs will receive one vote per 10 members or better part thereof based on the number of members who have been with the club for a minimum of a year and a day or longer, i.e. a club of 16 members will receive two votes as will a club of 24 members. (Any members joining after January 30th 2012 are not counted towards the club's eligible voting numbers.)
- Voting delegates must be accredited by the close off time on the morning of the Business Session (23rd March 2013).



Around the Clubs



Lion Judy preparing items for the Monster Auction/Garage Sale

Alexandra Dunstan: Will have Sharon Donaldson, a Naturopath, at the March meeting on "Aging Well". Had a very busy time (along with Alexandra Lions and Rotary) with the

Monster Auction and Garage Sale for the Scanner Suite at Dunstan Hospital where approximately \$23,000.00 was raised and are cooking great meals for the Alexandra Lions meetings each month. Had 18 people attend their new member training night where 1st VDG Andy and Zone Chairman Alan were the facilitators for the evening. Are holding a fundraising night cooking display with Cameron Petley on the 30th March. Will be finalising their "Spud in a bucket" on Sunday, 4th March and continuing doing the gardens outside the Post Office.

Multiple District Convention – Christchurch 12-14 April 2013

Chateau on the Park, Christchurch is the venue for the 2013 Multiple District Convention

Registration forms are available in the Lion Magazine or on the New Zealand Lions website.

Get registered to attend NOW!!

Clinton: Held a successful golf tournament in January and donated the profits of \$5,000.00 between the Gore and Balclutha IHC and Camp Quality. Have awarded 8 students Youth Scholarships between \$1,000.00 and \$500.00 each. Have been splitting firewood and will donate fire alarms to senior citizens.

Gore Pakeke: Held their February meeting at St Andrews Hall where they hosted the 9 recipients

and their parents where 109 people all up attended. Made \$500.00 donations to both the Red Puppy and Child Cancer appeals. Manned the gates at the Gore A & P Show and are still working hard at their cardboard factory and their walking poles. Will be hosting Karl Metzler, CEO of Gore Health who will be speaking on the proposed Rural Health Centre at their March meeting and have 2 prospective members in the wings

Lawrence: Just completed their Farmarama where they have over 125 exhibitors and donated \$10,000.00 to the Tuapeka Aquatic Centre. Held a very successful Trail Bike event, where there were 664 riders over two days. Will have Geraldine Lions visit on 12th April.

Lumsden: Donated \$500.00 to the Winton Athletics Club to support Jack Beaumont and will be weighing in their Spud in a bucket on 17th March (St Patrick's Day?) with a barbeque.

Queenstown Wakatipu: Are having a membership drive. Will be making cheese rolls and also selling Entertainment Books. Are also collecting reading glasses, kan tabs and assisting with Heads Up for Kids.

Riversdale: Had Helen Christie, an equestrian judge at the London Olympics as their guest speaker in February. Made a donation from the proceeds of the Glenary tailing to the Waikaia-Riversdale RSA, IPP Morgan Green received the Past International President's Membership Pin for an increase in membership last year and donated a bag of chaff to the Eastern Southland Pony Club for a prize. Will cook a barbeque for a wedding after match and are looking for ideas for the "Rabbit Trap" challenge. Are extremely busy organising the 100% Country Convention which will be held in just 3 weeks' time. **Have you registered yet?**

Tuatapere Waiau Valley: Will be holding a Book Sale/White Elephant Stall on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th April at the Pipe Band Hall, Main Street Tuatapere. Proceeds will go to the Waiau Health Trust Prime Kit. Also holding a Mother's Day raffle.



Lions advertising the Monster Auction/Garage Sale

Wanaka Upper Clutha: Had a great time at the Charity Auction for the Scanner Suite Dunstan Hospital where approximately \$31,000.00 was made

between the Lions Clubs and Rotary. Have the A & P Show coming up and also the Red Puppy Appeal. Head Emma Pearce at their February meeting. The Club purchased a walking frame for Emma to use at school.



Wyndham: Will be hosting 10 members from Owaka Lions at their March meeting. Have made hay and now have some for sale. Will be having a stall at the Wyndale Expo to promote Lions on 21st March at the Wyndham Presbyterian Church Hall between 7.00pm-10.00pm.

Donated \$150.00 for travel costs to Menzies College and did bar duties at the local Golf Club and gatekeeping at the A & P Show. Also did over 50 house gatekeeping for the Burt Munro and built a wooden deck outside the Plunket Society rooms. Also did gatekeeping for Crank Up Day at Edendale. Will display some "Lions" advertising at the Presbyterian Church Craft Display being held soon to show what an interesting Club they are and "why not join us?" They also sponsor a child in Mali through World Vision.

Wyndham Pioneer: Will be having a demonstration of flower arranging at the March meeting and held a Pot Luck tea for their February meeting. Still catering for race meetings and 'doing' the gardens at both Edendale and Wyndham.

Finally... The Ed Sez

Whoops... I did it again. My sincere apologies, I told you last month that it was Cromwell Lake Dunstan who catered for the Cabinet Meeting. It was actually Cromwell Lions and their wives. So very sorry about that.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR CONVENTION YET?

Cheers, Diane ☺

If you can't excel with talent, triumph with effort.

Dave Weinbaum

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