

F's Word

21 April 2013

Lions Clubs International

District 202F

D G Des' Deliberations



WELCOME FELLOW LIONS, LEOS AND PARTNERS

I omitted from the last F's Word.....during PID Cliff Heywood's keynote address at our Riversdale convention Cliff presented an International President's pin to cabinet officer Nicki Hambrook for taking part in our district's club breeding programme, with the recent birth

of her wee daughter Evelyn.

Loreen and I have been away up to Christchurch ready for our 3rd and final MD Council meeting on the 10th of April. For us it started with a 'get together council lunch' in the Chateau on the Park. The council meeting followed and here each D G had their District Governor Elect sitting with them. This greatly helps the transition and changeover of D G's for the coming Lions year.

This afternoon dealt mainly with minutes and reports and adjourned at 5.30. The next day D G Elects joined us for the morning as we dealt with Global Membership, then Global Leadership. A lot of time was spent on estimated membership numbers each D G had submitted at the beginning of his/her year and now why are these figures not looking so good.

My own figures got out of kilter with the closing of one of our clubs; however, I am confident we can turn this around in the last quarter of our year.



Of interest to us was the ratio of Lions to population. In New Zealand we have one Lion for every 410 people. Australia has one for every 840 people. Our own District 202F is one Lion for

every 122 people. This is by far the highest ratio but we must not be complacent as our average age is also high. So younger Lions are needed.

The seven Elects were grilled by PID Cliff Heywood in the afternoon on their final training before Hamburg International Convention and they also had to form a panel to interview the present District Governors who were prepared to stand for the position of Council Chairman. This took place later in the afternoon and we were individually interviewed and grilled along with our partners.

Later in the evening the successful candidate was announced and our Council Chairman for next year is D G Joyce Raven and husband Lionel of District 202D. They are such a fun loving couple and will do a great job for our Multiple District.

Friday afternoon was seminars and workshops (all this council meeting and convention was held in the

Chateau Hotel, or half of the hotel anyway as much building work is on-going fixing earthquake damage to half the complex). One of these seminars was for DG Elects "The Year Ahead" for Andy and Ngaire Andrews. Another was for 1st VDG Elects and here we had Les and Elisabeth Glassey and their fellow 1st VDG Elects. These sessions are great 'getting to know you' sessions leading up to busy times ahead as you mould into a team.

The convention began in the evening in the "Grand Hall" with an excellent Maori welcome and items, then a very impressive flag ceremony conducted by our own PDG Lynette Batt.

The guest speaker was a young school teacher and mountain climber William Pike. William and his climbing companion were sheltering in a small A frame



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building beside Mt Ruapehu crater when it erupted during the night and a huge boulder crashed through this building and crushed William's leg badly. His companion James raced down the mountain to get help. William's right leg had to be amputated later and he was very lucky to survive this ordeal. He regards and encourages school children all over New Zealand that 'Every day is a good day'. It was my honour to thank William.

On Saturday we dealt with the business of Multiple District. The keynote speaker was Past International Director Ken Bird of Australia who brought us up to speed on International matters i.e. reading programmes, books and measles vaccinations and the old faithful problem, membership.

Later five remits were waded into and three of them were past. One of these of most interest to our clubs was a recommendation for clubs to consider having a certified First Aid member present at their meetings and projects.

The Saturday evening banquet and ball was well attended and the theme "The Crusade Goes On" was well and truly adopted.

At the Sunday service of Remembrance Loreen and I represented our District's past Lions and was conducted by our Council Chairman Eric and Karen Carter. The service itself was led by the Rev Peter Beck and later the Rededication by Executive Officer David Dawick.

All in all a busy few days for us and it was very pleasing to have 17 other 202F Lions join us at this Multiple District Convention.

Now I promise not to throw any more convention reports at you over the coming fortnightly F's Words so we can get down to dealing with our own District's matters.

Until next time, take care of yourselves and one another and remember "*our great ideas will work, if we do*".

D G Des

The only real voyage of discovery consists not in seeing new landscapes, but in having new eyes, in seeing the universe with the eyes of another, of hundreds of others, in seeing the hundreds of universes that each of them sees.

Marcel Proust

Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great

Mark Twain

Messages from the District Governor to be acted upon

- 1) **Club Presidents/Secretaries** - Please, we are not being informed of the passing of your Club's members. Loreen and I want to be able to acknowledge their loved ones. Also, after the huge job we have had putting together eulogies, complete with photos, for our district's remembrance service, can you please act on this now rather than just hours before the next convention.
- 2) I have just been analysing the membership report for March. It reveals we have 6 clubs with 15 members or less. These clubs need to take advantage of our Club Excellence Process as soon as possible. We have 10 clubs with over 15 members whose membership is static. Thirteen clubs have shown an increase over the past year (1st July) and a huge 19 clubs have shown a decrease. Please throw all you can right now into some form of membership drive be it "Offspring of Lions" area letter drop or 'ask along a friend' night. Membership and retention are vital to our communities.
- 3) **Presidents/Secretaries** - Please contact me with the amounts of money your club has donated to our District's Neurological Foundation Appeal since 1st July 2012. This important information will be used for public awareness and publicity for our district's Lions Clubs.
- 4) All clubs should now be considering supporting the collection of old TV aerials and other metals to raise money for the New Zealand Child Mobility Trust (Hart Walkers). Contact PDG Rodger Millar (details of how are in your directory).
- 5) Amazingly **18** of our club secretaries failed to file their Membership and Activities reports for March. Maybe it's time for some new secretaries. Improvements please. We need to know our correct position on the membership front.

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Please Note the Following Changes In Your Directory



PDG Sandra Carmichael:

Has moved house. Details as follows:

70 Whyte Road, R D 3, Winton 9793.
Tel: 03 236 1407 and Mobile 027 224 5242 (same)
No email at the moment, will let you know.

Heads of For Kids



The Heads Up for Kids Awareness Week began on Friday 12th of April. Thank you to everyone who's been making an effort and raising awareness.

Response from the public has been strong with many calls to the 0800 OLD MONEY number and media coverage is developing.

Simon Hayes, Heads Up for Kids Chairman was on Jim Mora's show with Radio New Zealand National, and Media Works have been promoting the collection on Breeze, Coast and More FM.

The Design a New \$5 Note competition has resulted in lots of lovely \$5 note designs entered by primary schools across the country - The finalists can be viewed on the Heads Up for Kid Facebook page album.

The next step with the Awareness Week is checking in on your collection points and making sure collection units are tidy and being emptied when required. Also, please keep an ears and eyes open for any interesting collection stories that might make a good newspaper story - such as unusual coins, large amounts and the strange places they've been found.

Kind regards
Olivia

Youth Exchange



We have three Finnish exchangees arriving in this district from approximately 1st July until 15th July when they go to Wellington.

They are:

Viivi Lehtonen a girl aged 17. Her interests include music and all kinds of sport including skiing.

Arttu Rintata a 17 year old boy. His interests include all kinds of music. He would like to get familiar with other cultures and languages. He is lactose intolerant and allergic to cats.

Roope Chydenius is an almost 17 year old boy. His interests include going to the gym, basketball and meeting new people.

All 3 exchangees sound like interesting young people. If anyone can host one of these students please contact:

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Thanking you in advance.

James Whyte

Listening, not imitation, may be the sincerest form of flattery. If you want to influence someone, listen to what he says. When he finishes talking, ask him about any points that you do not understand. Then tell him what it is you want and point out the areas where you are in agreement and those where you do not agree. He will be flattered that you have listened intently, that you take him seriously, and that you truly want to understand his position.

Dr Joyce Brothers

Young Speechmaker Competition



This year's competition will be held at the **James Cumming Wing, Gore** on **Sunday, June 9th** commencing at **10.30am** (starting time subject to change depending on entries).

Clubs are asked to contact your schools to promote this competition (remember you gain points for this towards the Youth Trophy).

Entrants between the ages of 17-21 therefore it is not limited to school pupils.

More information available on Lions website or contact:

Dot Walker

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Around the Clubs



Alexandra: Have had a very busy time of it lately with all the major work for the Bunny Shoot over Easter weekend where they had 36 teas and

catered for approximately 432 tired and very hungry shooters (*I was very fortunate to get a guided tour around their 'kitchen' about half an hour before the meal was served. All I can say is WOW!! – The Ed ☺*). Catered for the Otago Southland Conference and Competitions of the Volunteer Fire Brigade. Sending one girl to Borland Lodge Youth Leadership Course and have two you people for the Young Speechmaker. Have been cutting firewood and catered for the Charity Golf in Clyde. Will be hosting the Presidents Dinner on the 20th July.

Alexandra Dunstan: Had a very successful cooking demonstration with Cameron Petley on Easter Saturday Night, and several members thoroughly

enjoyed the Riversdale Convention. Provided food for the opening of the Multi-Purpose Theatre in Alexandra, and will cater for the Incoming Officer Training and assist Alexandra Lions with the catering for the Presidents Dinner in July and the Cabinet Meeting on the same day. Sponsoring Richard Tweed to the Berwick Outdoor Experience, have completed their Spud in a Bucket competition and will have a guest speaker this month on suicide prevention.

Clinton: Have been cutting firewood for delivery and still delivering smoke alarms. Had a successful golf tournament and had two Mossburn Lions as guest speakers, Jim Thompson and George Taylor, both of whom cruised around Europe on motorbikes. Donated \$450.00 to Borland Lodge, and inducted a new member, Callum Wilson.

Cromwell: Inducted 2 new members in March and had a good turnout at the Riversdale Convention. Have continued raising funds for the Scanner Suite Appeal and will have a full equipment review before the end of the Lions year. Have their Golden Golf at the end of the month and will do bar duties for the rugby club. Sponsored 3 young people on the Lions Leadership Course at Borland Lodge and assisted with the Highland Park opening.

Cromwell Golden Age: Collected for the New Zealand Heart Foundation and the Red Puppy Appeal and manned the collection centre at Placemakers for the Scanner Appeal Auction. Had an outing on the Earnslaw and also to the Lindis Hotel for a barbeque and hosted D G Des and Loreen.

Cromwell Lake Dunstan: Had 3 members attend the 100% Country Convention, and inducting a new member, Leslie Miller, in April with more to come. Made bagged lunches for a child cancer family outing, are holding a Mother's Day raffle and made candy floss at the Highland Motor Sport Park opening at Easter

Gore Hokonui: Had 5 members attend Convention and will be making cheese rolls in April. Helped with food for the Hokonui Country Music Festival and welcomed a new member in Val Gutschlag in March.

Gore Pakeke: Three members went to Fortrose for the Lions Trophy Challenge hosted by Toi Tois Tokanui and had a great night playing golf, darts, bowls, scallywag quoits, pool and darts. The ones

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who went thoroughly enjoyed the 100% Country Convention (also handy being so close to home). Have loaded out a shipment of cardboard at their factory and have another load of paper and plastic ready to go and processed 86 tonnes in February (WOW!). Donated \$500.00 to Tane Tuharaina to attend the Under 21 Softball Championships in Canada and are holding a Garage Sale this month. In March they had two speakers from Gore Hospital who spoke to them on various subjects.



Gore River Valley: Have been cutting and splitting wood, and cleaned a house, and will assist in running the SBS half marathon on the 5th May where any money raised will go towards the Hart Walker for

Charlotte. They awarded the P & M Gibson Bursary to 4 pupils from Menzies College who are working towards a Special Needs Supported Duke of Edinburgh Adventure Programme. Will be having a music quiz at their April meeting and a social meeting at Kingston where they will be staying at the Gore Boat Club Lodge.

Invercargill Central: Hosted Zone Chairman Graeme at their April meeting and will be celebrating Changeover along with their 30th anniversary on the 11th June at the White Herron. Have made cheese rolls and will be running a Mother's Day raffle.

Invercargill East: Visiting Toi Toi in April, still bringing canned food to their meetings to donate to Food Bank, several members really enjoy the 100% Country Convention, and planning a "Working Weekend" at Borland Lodge along with other Clubs in Zone 7.

Invercargill Host: Had an interest guest speaker in February in Paul Colvin from St John's and Deborah Lyons a Holistic Living Skills coach in March. Have tidied up Lions Carol's garden, and will collect for St John's in May. Still selling Lion Mints and have made donations of \$35,624.20 since July 2012 (WOW!). Sponsored a youth to the Lions Youth Leadership Course at Borland Lodge and since June 2002 have donated 2,547 soft toys to St Johns Ambulance.

Invercargill South: Have had several candy floss projects at various places and Meals on Wheels. Still keeping Kew Bush up to scratch, doing rugby gates, baking for Hospice, selling Entertainment books, and did bar duties at a member's wedding. Had members attend and very much enjoy the 100%

Convention and had a member attend the Multiple District Convention. Have elected a full board for next year without any hassles ☺.

Invercargill Southern Pride New Century: Have had an early change of officers and now have PDG Lynette Batt as President, Visited Invercargill South in April (and it was a very enjoyable meeting for South having them there – The Ed (South's President☺). Coming up with some wonderful ideas to revitalise their Club and will attend the Zone 7 Zone Tea meeting at Southland Enterprises on the 21st May where all will have a tour of the recycling centre after a meal. Will have their changeover night at the Eastern Suburbs Tavern (Glengarry Tavern) on the 15th June. They will also celebrate the Clubs 10th Anniversary on this night.

Lawrence: Have been very busy with barbeques, and had an excellent project with Farmarama where they made good money. Assisted with a Trail Bike ride where they had 663 riders. Had a great guest speaker in Dan Cummings who spoke on the many entertaining and meaningful stories on his life as a priest. Sponsored a youth to the Lions Leadership Course at Borland Lodge and several other donations to worthy causes.

Lumsden: Their spud in a bucket competition has ended and they had around 30 entries. Moved that they would assist with funding for Five Fingers Craft to provide promotional signs at the entrance of the township. They also have come up with some very interesting ideas for future projects.

Makarewa: Had three prospective members along to their March meeting, have been busy with their firewood project and sponsored a youth to the Lions Youth Leadership Course at Borland Lodge. Have completed their elections for officers for the 2013-2014 year.



Maniototo: Donating \$1,500.00 to Maniototo Curling International for their Heat Exchange project, looking at bidding for Convention 2016, will probably be holding a Steptoe Auction in May this year, are donating \$250.00 for the speakers

travel costs for Maniototo Youth, and have cut the hedges at the hospital. Have been very busy with the Cavalcade, Duathlon and the Art Deco weekend. Had a very interest and amusing guest speaker in Tim Cadogan from Clyde who is a criminal lawyer practising out of Alexandra.

Mataura: Collected for the Muscular Dystrophy Society and held a very successful Variety Concert and will hold a Golf Tournament at the Mataura Golf Course on Anzac Day where the proceeds will go to Camp Quality and Ronald McDonald House Invercargill. Enjoyed the Zone 5 Challenge at Fortrose and had several members attend convention where their very own Les Glassey was elected 1st VDG for 2013-2014. Hosted D G Des at their March meeting where he presented his encouragement pin to President Doreen and also presented 2 25 year Chevrons to Lion Gus and Lion Don.



Mossburn Northern Southland:

Visiting Otautau Lions in April and had a great time at the Mossburn Lions 40th Anniversary weekend. Catered for a Golden Wedding

Anniversary lunch and will host some Lincoln students in April and will supply evening meals and packed lunches. Also attended the 100% Country Convention.

Owaka: Attended the 100% Country Convention where Sandra Grant spoke on the Stem Cell Project concept that was accepted by the convention. The Dialysis Caravan is currently being stored in a shed in Wanaka and have completed their spud growing competition. The successful Catlins Canter is now over, they had 120 riders. Will host some Lions from the Balmacewan Club at their April meeting and approved \$7,000.00 towards putting hot water in the toilets at the hall.

Queenstown: Held a very successful Casino Night, planning a trip to Stewart Island and will participate in the Anzac Day Parade. Will now be doing Meals on Wheels 5 times a year and sponsored Zac Davis to the Borland Lodge Youth Leadership Course.

Queenstown Wakatipu: Had two members attend the Riversdale Convention and also had two members attend the Multiple District Convention in Christchurch. Are having a membership drive and also will be making cheese rolls in the very near future. Will take part in the Zone Challenge hosted by Wanaka Upper Clutha in late April, and had a great night at their March meeting where they wore second hand or hand me down clothing etc. Will be having a membership evening for prospective members at the end of April where PDG Lynette Batt will be their facilitator and are selling Entertainment Books. Are sponsoring prizes for the

Peace Poster competition this year and are still collecting kan tabs and eye glasses.



Riversdale: (Bulletin published before their very successful Convention ☺) Donated \$300.00 to the Riversdale Playcentre for educational resources and will be running a Garage Sale for Dusty Coleman, a charter member of their Club, who has now decided to leave the area. Visiting the White Hill Wind Farm for their March meeting and hopefully having a meal in Mossburn (*I do hope you all got fed – The Ed*). Have an interesting speaker lined up for their April meeting in Mike Hesson, the son their member Paul, and will be inducting new members. Have sponsored a local girl, Taylor Marlow, on the Spirit of Adventure and got 900+ bags of chaff from their 2012 crop. Have upgraded the Community Centre Information Kiosk and the Kiosk at the Cemetery is also now complete. **April Bulletin:** Have received great feedback on their fabulous convention and their great fellowship. Had a great trip to White Hill Wind Farm and enjoyed a nice meal at the Mossburn Hotel (glad to hear that you did get fed – The Ed ☺). Will host D G Des at their April meeting and he will induct two new members into their Club. Garage sale now on hold in the meantime and have 200 bags of chaff to sell and are sprucing up the Community Centre Information Kiosk and

Riversdale Waimea: Held a very successful and enjoyable Convention where they, amongst many other things, catered for a finger tea for Cabinet and invited guest on the Friday night and also catered lunch for 172 people on the Sunday (*what a great meal it was too – The Ed ☺*) Will have a social tea meeting in April at the Buzz Café in Lumsden. Will be catering for a Senior Citizens lunch in May and also the Zone 4 meeting.



Riverton: Had an enjoyable time at Convention, have started cutting kindling and firewood for the year and will have their combined meeting with Tuatapere this month where the competition will be fierce.

Donated to the Stroke Foundation, Autism New Zealand, the National Foundation for the Deaf, Riverton Coast Guard, Thornbury Vintage Car Club, and paid their annual dues to Borland Lodge. Their lamb competition is now finished and they will donate \$4,000.00 for the proceeds to the Neurological Foundation and \$2,000.00 to the Riverton St Johns Ambulance.

Roxburgh: Sales of their telephone books going well and have been very busy catering. Are continually looking after the lawns etc at the local cemetery and hosted the Zone Meeting where they supplied a light meal to all attendees. Will be holding a working bee at their Den in the near future to fix up a few things and have also been getting their caravan repaired. Working on the Giant Auction for the Scanner Suite to be held on the 2nd July.

Te Anau: Are devastated at the loss of one of their own, Lion Neil James. Neil was an enthusiastic and dedicated Lion, always willing to undertake any project, often without being asked. A true Lion. Cooked a barbeque for the Te Anau Kepler Lions tent at the Tartan Festival and attended the 100% Country Convention. Is having a well-earned spell in the projects department at the moment.

Te Anau Kepler: Had three members attend Convention which they really enjoyed. Baked for the late Lion Neil James family and sold food and raffles at the Tartan Festival. Will hold their Changeover Night on the 24th May and still holding a sales table at their tea meetings.

Tuatapere Waiau Valley: Assisted with Meals on Wheels in March and will hold their Book Sale/White Elephant Stall/Mothers' Day Raffle on the 19th-20th April.

Waikiwi: Attended the Riversdale Convention and now gearing up big time for next year when they are the hosts. Will be hosting the Zone 7 meeting on the 21st May and are looking for a date for a working bee at the Blind Centre. Have started on some small maintenance and concreting jobs, and done some preparatory work for some water blasting jobs and Hosted Invercargill Central Lions

who gave them the Hot Potato. They cooked a barbeque for a 40th birthday and had a speaker in March who spoke on teeth whitening. They collected for the Red Puppy appeal and attended an afternoon tea in appreciation to the drivers who assist at the Blind Centre.

Wanaka: Have been very busy with the Monster Auction for the Scanner Suite at Dunstan Hospital, catering for the Cavalcade, the A & P Show and many and varied catering projects. Had an interesting speaker at their February meeting in Lloyd Thayer who gave a very interesting talk on worm farming. Will be delivering firewood and sponsored a student to the Youth Leadership Course at Borland Lodge. Had their March meeting at the Airport Café with wives/partners and they wore 60's clothes.

Wanaka Upper Clutha: Will be holding their April meeting at the Paradiso Picture Theatre where they will take in a movie and have pizza, dessert and popcorn. Several members thoroughly enjoyed the Riversdale Convention where they won the Best Dressed trophy on the Saturday night, will be making salads for two post wedding barbeques in April and will be making cheese rolls again in May. Had Brooke Dickey as their guest speaker in March, Brooke spoke on her experiences on the Spirit of Adventure. They also had Jessica Bailey speaking on her experiences at the Kayaking Junior World Championships in Wisconsin, USA, and Morgan James on her experience snowboarding in Korea during the Winter Special Olympics. They also had Richard Elvey and Angie Griffiths of the Upper Clutha Kahu Youth Trust speaking on their need to have a 10 seater bus/van for transport for their activities. Donated \$2,000.00 towards the Wanaka entrance signage, raised a combined total of approximately \$31,000.00 at the Wanaka Scanner Suite Appeal, worked at the Wanaka A & P Show, and will be hosting the Zone Challenge on Sunday, 28th April.



West Otago: Have been very busy cutting firewood, helped with the Dusky Dust Buster Bike Race, and some members enjoyed the 100% Country Convention in Riversdale. Really enjoyed their visit to Van de Voorts Pack House at Ettrick.

Wyndham: Attended the Zone Meeting where Dr Succand from Gore spoke on melanoma. Had a demonstration on flower arranging from two of their

members at their February meeting and joined with Wyndham Lions at the Wyndale Expo to promote Lions in their community. Attended convention and collected eye glasses, kan tabs and old money. Continually keeping the town gardens in shape and baking for the Wyndham Rest Home. Had their March meeting at a member's home where they had some Easter Bunnies visit. They donated \$1,100.00 plus \$900.00 from their Meals on Wheels account to the First Response Team at Edendale.

Wyndham Pioneer: As above attended the Zone Meeting and the Wyndale Expo promoting Lions where they also sold some telephone books. Attended convention and had 2 members move furniture for some elderly folks. Taking entries for their silage competition and have firewood cutting and splitting ahead of them.

**Some Photographs from 2013
Multiple District Convention in
Christchurch**

If you look closely there might be some people you recognise in these photographs.



***A man's mind stretched by a new idea can never
go back to its original dimensions.
Oliver Wendell Holmes***

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