

...from the District Governor





What can we do in 91 days?

I was reminded recently by our International Director Tim Irvine that there are still 91 days left in this Lions year. There is still plenty of time to look for new projects that your community needs, to talk to your members about whether they are happy with how the club is going and to think about what you can do to attract new members.

Over the last 2 months, Mary and I have been lucky to attend all the district conventions throughout the country. While going to 7 conventions in 8 weeks has kept us busy, it has been interesting to note the ways different districts hold their meetings. I have a couple of observations and comments:

- Conventions are typically only attracting 10-14% of members -very low.
- Less formality seems to be more enjoyable.
- The formal business meeting can be conducted very quickly.
- Fun and fellowship are the main reason that people attend.

We have had very positive feedback on our convention but we shouldn't be complacent. If you came and enjoyed it, please share it with others. If you think there is room for improvement, we welcome your comments. Conventions provide an awesome opportunity to generate enthusiasm in our clubs but if we can't get more people engaged then we need rethink what we are doing.

Last month we saw the opening of the Playscape at the new Wellington Childrens Hospital. Lions clubs from districts M,D and E in conjunction with LCIF and LMLCCT raised \$500,000 for this project, a phenomenal achievement given this was achieved through Covid. Well done and thanks to those clubs who contributed to providing this world class facility.

Congratulations to the team running the Farmer Health Check programme. This month they have ticked past 1,000 people through the "Glob". A fantastic achievement. With 25% of people needing a referral to their GP, this project continues to provide a major benefit to our community and very good PR for Lions.

You should by now be aware of the changes being we are making to Club Officer training this year in response to feedback you have all given us. DGE Tobi has been working with the cabinet team to come up with the new format. It will be based on an "around the table" discussion lead by facilitators. The aim is to allow new people to ask any burning questions, share new material and provide the opportunity for people who have been in roles for a number of years to share their experience. So whether you are new to a role or have been doing it for a while, please make the effort to get there. Look for more information and dates in this Contact.

And please don't forget our friends and neighbours in Hawkes Bay and Gisborne still need our help.

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Yours in Lions Stephen Barr District Governor 202D



As DG Steve mentioned only or still 90 days left. Lots of time to do great things. You will notice that the Contact has a slightly different look this month, this is due to my old software failing again. So, I had to learn a new program and redo my templates. I have embraced the change as we sometimes need to as Lions as well. This month the contact is filled with great contributions, so happy reading. Have a look at the article, why service clubs around the world are struggling. It is an article I stumbled across some time ago and thought it might be a good read.

Please note the Social Media and Content creation workshop in April. There is a save the date for the Club Officers training in May. This is a new design and we hope you take up this opportunity.

Earlier this month Susi and I went to support the Foxton Lions at the beach walk. It is such a great event, I only withed we had more clubs supporting it.

Later the same day, we went to the Inter-zone Mini Golf competition. We enjoyed ourselves and there were many laughs and banter. Great spirit and networking. Maybe next time we have some more zones represented from the northern part of the district. Networking is so important for us Lions and making use of these events to support other clubs and make new friends.

From the bulletins and newsletters, I see that our clubs are busy, keep up the good work. Our communities need us and we need them.

Keep well, till next time.

Tobi Editor and VDG 202D





Brian Sheehan



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Together we can with International President, Brian Sheehan

Dear Lion,

Like so many of you, I'm proud to carry on my family's legacy as a Lion. But today, we're doing things a whole lot differently than my grandfather did. That's because innovation is such a huge part of our tradition, and it's how we've met the changing needs of our communities for generations.

Innovation is about embracing new ideas, new service and new ways of connecting with our communities—and it begins with each of us. So let's keep thinking about new ways to innovate. Because when we ensure that our tradition of service is as vital today as it ever was, we not only honor our past, we create a brighter future for our communities and our world.

Make a great day, Brian Sheehan International President

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Douglas X. Alexander APRIL20 LCIF Chairperson

From LCIF Chairperson Douglas X. Alexander

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Greetings, Lions and Leos!

It never ceases to amaze me when I see how much is possible when Lions and LCIF work together in service. In this month's newsletter, you'll find the 2021-2022 LCIF Annual Report, so aptly named "Helping a World in Need," that highlights the incredible ways Lions, Leos and our organization's partners are creating a better world for tomorrow with support from LCIF. Whether we are responding to a natural disaster like the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, offering long-term assistance during a humanitarian crisis like the war in Ukraine, or ensuring children in underserved communities have much-needed access to comprehensive eye health care, Lions offer help and hope where it is needed most. My sincere thanks to everyone who continues to support LCIF and helps make all of this life-changing service possible.



Grants awarded by constitutional area (CA)



It was nice to be able to attend the first ANZI after COVID. Life went back to some sort of normality again, though we still have to be aware that COVID is still quite rampant in our communities. Most clubs seem to now be back and functioning as normal.

On the First of July we finished up Campaign 100. The Campaign 100 goal was \$US300,000,000. Although it took an extra year to raise this money we ended up raising close to \$US350,000,000. So a big thank you to all the clubs and individuals who contributed to this and made it such a successful campaign. A very special thank you also to Clubs who have achieved Model Club Status. Over 90% of clubs have participated in the campaign.

The fundraising for Ukraine Refugees is ongoing. There are now millions of people who have taken refuge in neighbouring European countries. I spent two months in Europe and was able to visit some clubs who are supporting these refugees. I was also privileged to meet some of the refugees and I have never seen people so devastated by what has happened to them and the lack of trust they have of strangers in their new circumstances.

The Tonga Project has been completed. There are some new water tanks in schools across the islands that were badly affected by the eruption. Thank you for everyone involved in supporting this.

The Wellington Children's Hospital Playscape has been completed. I was very honoured to be able to cut the ribbon for the official opening of the Playscape. The whole Children's Hospital is an amazing facility and the generosity of Mark Dunajschik and Dorothy Spotswood who gave \$50 million for the new hospital made this possible.

Sadly, the NZ cyclone which has caused wide-spread flooding and loss of 11 lives impacted us locally this year. To date, LCIF have given two emergency grants; one to District K and one to District M; totalling approximately \$30,000. We will also be supporting this disaster in the longer term recovery. For ongoing accountability, Clubs and Districts need to apply for support at each stage of disaster recovery once this first round of money has been spent. Districts or clubs are encouraged to re-apply to the worldwide disaster relief fund for continual support. If any help is needed in applying co-ordinations can assist with this.

LCIF has an account set up for disaster relief and this is where all donated money for disaster relief ends up. LCIF cannot set up individual accounts for every disaster that happens worldwide; at this stage the only disaster fund that can be donated to specifically is the Ukrainian Refugee fund.

When donations are made in response to a local disaster; even if they are donated in response to something locally, these funds are added to the general worldwide disaster relief fund. When Clubs or Districts apply for disaster relief funding it is paid out of this account. This is where the money has come from that LCIF has paid out in emergency grants after the recent cyclones in New Zealand.

In most years LCIF gives more back to New Zealand through grants than it receives in donations. When your clubs give reasons for your donations, this helps us track the payments to report on. Also, a reminder that all donations made to LCIF go towards MJF Credits.

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Once again, thank you so much for your understanding and great support for LCIF.

PDG Leo Danz LCIF Area Leader Multiple District 202

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Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

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To all our Lions Clubs in District 202D,

The Wellington Children's Hospital Playscape has now been completed.

Leo our LCIF Area Leader of Multiple District 202, was invited and honoured to cut the ribbon for the official opening of the Playscape.

Leo says that the Children's Hospital is an amazing facility thanks to the generosity of Mark Dunajschik and Dorothy Spotwood who gifted \$50 million for the new hospital.

It is a very colourful place for chidren to spend "time out" away from their strick treatment routines.

THANK YOU TO EVERY CLUB IN OUR 202 DISTRICT WHO HAS KINDLY DONATED TO THIS WONDERFUL PROJECT.





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As we celebrate some really amazing news, we also have on-going sad and devasting news too. I have received a few questions that have been directed to me recently and wanted to help clarify them.

Here I have quoted Leo's voice here:

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Adrienne Christensen - 202D LCIF District co-ordinator.





New Zealand Hearing Dog Training Centre need our help.

The New Zealand Hearing Dog Training Centre is based just outside of New Plymouth, and they need a new Hearing Dog Recipients Cottage. The current small one-bedroom building (a converted Ideal Garage) is inadequate for accommodating recipients and their support person while they stay on site for a week or so while the recipient and the dog learn to work together.

A small group of local Lions have met several times to explore ways to help with funding for a new purpose built, ready to truck in "Lions Recipients Cottage", that will minimise disruption to the Hearing Dog Centre daily training activities.

It's great that several NZ Lions Clubs have already donated \$21,000 towards funding a new cottage however we are well shorty of the \$215,000, \$226,00 & \$263,000, quoted for a new cottage.

With the Lions financial year ending in June 2023, we ask that Clubs consider donating funds to the Hearing Dogs Trust.



This existing one bedroom building above to this purpose two-bedroom cottage.

What is a Hearing Dog?

When the dogs hear a sound (they have incredible hearing) they gently paw their companion to let them know they've heard something and then lead them there.

They can learn to recognize and alert their person to sounds like:

- Smoke / Fire Alarms
- Alarm Clocks
- Door Knock / Doorbell
- Telephone Ringing / Text Message
- Portable Timer
- Baby Monitor
- Other sounds specific to their person's environment



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LEO's





Ross Intermediate Leo's Club - Jane Stevenson-Wright



Our Ross Intermediate Leos were honoured to receive a visit from Dr Patti Hill, where five Leo's Club members showed her around the school and really impressed her as she was an educator in Canada. The following Saturday afternoon our Leos Club presented the 202D Convention with a talk on 'Toilet Twinning', an organisation that twins your toilet with an underdeveloped country and builds one there. We were so proud of them they did an amazing job.

We had our first meeting on Friday 3rd March - this meeting we all introduced ourselves and met Archie the support dog our Leo's Mascot. Following Friday 10th was a 'Teachers only day'





Friday 17th March we will all make Easter cards for the Woodlands Eldercare

We plan to visit them the following Friday. Cheers, Jane and Lynette.

Pictured above - Patti Hill with the Ross Intermediate Lions (who gave a presentation at the convention) and their teacher.Left - Adrienne, Jane, Robyn,Patti, Tobi Hipp, and Lynette



LIONS MY HEALTH CHECK PROJECT April REPORT

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Relay for Life. Cooks Garden, Wanganui. 11/3/2023. Numbers seen = 25. Age 16 -80 plus. Gender female = 15 .male = 10 Weight. 54 kg -124 kg. Ethnicity. NZ European 20. Māori 4. Other European 1. Seen Own GP= 20. Seen within last year =7. Seen greater than 5 years = 11. Smoking 3 ,previous smoker 4. Never smoked 18. Occupations range : • Farmer owner • Accountant • Hostel manger • Student 8 • Builder • School Principal • Social Services • After School Care. • Retired 10. Blood pressure. 110/60 -162/90 Blood sugar 3.7 -11 mmol / L (latter has a brother who is a diabetic) Blood cholesterol 3.2 -6.5 mmol / L Squamous Cell Cancer. 2 Loneliness 1 Feedback from Dr Warren,

- The usual interesting variation in data however, there are 2 changes from the normal pattern.
- The first is that females outnumbered males. Normally it is the other way around
- The second is that several students, from farming backgrounds, were seen in their teens. This is a new trend and very satisfying as we are teaching them the importance of a regular health check up early in their life.

Some Feedback Comments from Relay for Life, Cooks Garden, Wanganui 11/3/23.

Very Useful. Reassuring. For a good cause. M Awesome thanks. R Absolutely wonderful. Thank you so much, Very reassuring x. S Thank you . You are all great. L Great idea. Helpful. Thank you x. R A picture of health. Thank you for the wonderful service. K Very good, good to check my pulse and see if I need anything. G It was good to be able to come into the van and get a quick checkup to know I am healthy. M-L. This was awesome. So friendly & helpful. I hope lots take up this up. J. Awesome opportunity to check things out. Thank you. Will send others over. T This was good. Was surprised to know I'm fairly healthy considering my weight. S. This was interesting to see how I'm going. Awesome & friendly people. M. Very helpful and assuring. Thank you to everyone. K Everyone is so nice. Thank you. K.



LIONS MY HEALTH CHECK PROJECT April REPORT



Glob at Central Districts Field Days at Manfeild. 148 health checks carried out. Referrals to visit GP = six. One High Blood sugar, one high Blood cholesterol, three high Blood pressure and one probable Melanoma.

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Feedback Comments from Central Districts Field Days Manfeild 16-18 March 2023.

Great check up, thanks so much. Great service. A Very good service, Thank you. C. Thank you so much. You are a Gem. F Excellent – welcoming, hospitable, professional. Thank you A Appreciate the careful testing and professional approach. G. Thank you for taking the trouble with me. J I admire people like you. You all deserve a good seat in heaven. M Excellent service, very good. W Awesome results and service. Should come more often. T. Great service, thanks. D & G. Appreciate the opportunity to have a check-up- thank you. D. Great to have the chance to check here. Find out that I'm very healthy. YL Really Lovely opportunity, thank you very much. C Really easy & welcoming! Thank you. S. All staff are very good. V. Thank you for giving me a clean bill of health. All very friendly and helpful. E. Thanks for the check-up. Good to know things are good. J. A great idea. R. Healthy as. C.

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Snippets from the Lions My Health Planning Committee

Our thanks for time and effort to the Lions and volunteers over these two events. Checks = 173 . Medical Volunteers = Cheryl, Merete, Kathy, Megan, Leanne, Rex, plus Dr Warren & Dr Matt.

Front of house team = Terry, Julie, Lillian , Monty, Phillip, Adrian ,Marilyn, Heather, Chris, Irene, David, Neil, Maurice, Pat, Robert, from Wanganui, Rongotea, Feilding Manchester, Feilding Host Lions clubs.

Welcome on board to: Dr Matt, and an additional Nurse, Leanne who both were orientated at the Field days.

Developments of new Team members in the wings: Dr Craig and Dr John from Carterton, plus a St John Ambulance Officer Michelle. You will provide the flexibility and support as we move into the Wairarapa.

Reminder. You can appreciate there is considerable arranging to ensure available Lions and as Volunteers that are needed to help out at each site visit, hence the need for the Planning Committee to know at least a month before the event can be placed on the visit calendar. This is why we need lead in time for the local Lions Club, some which only meet monthly, to be made aware and to organise their support with their front of house volunteers.

Lions Clubs please keep on suggesting site visits remembering this project is focused on isolated rural communities to encourage regular health checks with their GP/Medical Centre, just like you get a regular safety check for the car or ute except this is a free health check service. The responsibility rests with the person checked to book an appointment with their GP if follow up recommended. This is not a First Aid service to administer prescriptions, vaccinations, dressings etc.

"My Health Check "website www.theglob.co.nz

Your support towards transport cost, consumables with donations can be made to Bank Account number 03-0791-0232608-008. This keeps our service operating. Thank you to Clubs and Sponsors who have made fresh donations this year.

"Friends of My Health Check" Sponsors in Gold or Silver group welcomed. Contact any of the below. Recommendations for new site visits or queries can be made to:

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- Lions My Health Check Project chair, Dr Warren Nicholls ,warrennichollsnz@gmail.com, or
- Robert Heath Project secretary 06 323 2849 robertandlynn@xtra.co.nz,
- Anne Russell Treasurer. 202D treasurer@lionsclubs.org.nz or anneandpete41@gmail.com

Thank You from Lions MY Health Check Project Team.







Lions NZ Skin Cancer Screening Trust

Skin cancers are the most common cancers diagnosed in New Zealand and melanoma of the skin is the most serious of the three types of skin cancers.

The three most common types of skin cancer are:

BCC - basal cell cancer

(The most common, usually pink and may bleed or itch / the growth is confined locally, potentially more dangerous on the face).

SCC - squamous cell cancer

(More serious, as they can spread to the lymph glands / often arises from sunspots / are usually scaly and may be tender).

Melanoma

(The most serious, as they can spread via the blood stream throughout the body / can arise anywhere on the body, including areas that have never seen the sun / can be raised or flat, fast or slow growing and rarely, can be pink in colour).

You should regularly check your skin, including skin not normally exposed to the sun, so that you will be aware of any changes.

The most effective way to increase survival from skin cancer is early detection and adequate treatment. Early detection saves lives!

The Lions Skin Cancer Screening Trust is well on it's way to getting the screening bus up and running. Our Lions Clubs Skin Cancer Screening service is modelled on the Australian Lions Clubs Cancer Institute which has been operating for 30 years. We are not starting something untried and tested. Since our Council of Governors approving this as a National project in 2021 a lot of work has been undertaken by the trustees who represent each District in NZ. A business plan has been developed so we can show outside organisations that this project has been thoroughly worked through. A Trust with Charity Services has been established. All this has taken time but we are now at the next stage of sourcing the vehicle and getting it fitted out, fit for purpose.

Your club may be in a position to fund a specific part of the vehicle or make a general donation towards the cost of purchase.

As your district trustee I am available to talk to clubs about this worthwhile project. It's a project with potential to save lives!

Lions clubs working together on a National Project – a Lions Skin Cancer Screening vehicle that is available and accessible by all New Zealanders.

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Megan England 202D Trustee, Lions Skin Cancer Screening Trust





... from the Treasurer



BANK ACCOUNT NUMBERS

Payments to Lions Clubs District 202D and Lions Clubs International (LCI)

Lions Club International District 202D

Please pay your club dues into the Administration Account PARTICULARS: Club Name CODE: Invoice Number REFERENCE: Dues

> Administration: Trust Account: Diabetes Account: Youth Account: My Health Check:

03-0791-0232608-000 03-0791-0232608-001 03-0791-0232608-002 03-0791-0232608-005 03-0791-0232608-008



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Lions Clubs International Dues

03-0502-0081103-000

Payment of International DuesWestpac, International Assoc of LionsPARTICULARS: Club NameCODE: Club NumberREFERENCE: Dues

LCIF Donations

03-0502-0081103-000

Westpac, International Assoc of Lions

PARTICULARS: Member Name CODE: Member Number REFERENCE: DR (for disaster relief) or RD (Ukraine) or ES (empowering service

If your donation is to be registered against your personal name change the Code to your membership number rather than the club number as below. Please note: the MD office requires email notification of any deposits to the LCIF bank account (with details of the purpose) to assist us with our reconciliation of the account

Melvin Jones Fellowships and Life Memberships

03-0502-0081103-000

Payment of MJF or Life Membership Applications Westpac, International Assoc of Lions PARTICULARS: Club Name CODE: Recipients Membership Number REFERENCE: MJF MBR or LIFE MBR

NZ Club Supplies

New Zealand Lions MD20203-0558-0252696-00Payment of Purchases of Club SuppliesWestpac, International Assoc of LionsPARTICULARS: Club NameCODE: Club NumberREFERENCE: Invoice Number

LMLCCT

02-0528-0038410-000

LMLCCT form can be downloaded from www.lionsclubs.org.nz

Child Cancer Foundation CCF

12-3191-0041879-01

Please feel free to contact me if you have any problems District 202D Treasurer: Anne Russell 202d.treasurer@lionsclubs.org.nz







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Sunday 1st to Saturday 7th October



From top, left to right: Main St Foxton, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, De Molen Windmill, Court House Museum

Cost: \$500.00 (Applicants to be endorsed by Local Lions Clubs) Limited to 40

Youth aged 12-16 years as of 1st September 23. Applications open 1st May closes 19th August 2023 Held at the Foxton Bible Camp 17 Te Awa Street Foxton Beach 4815

Stephanie Jordan. 022 054 0515 Email: md202.interyouthexc@lionsclubs.org.nz



FOXTON CAMP PROGRAMME:

This following is a sample program. This is the first camp in Foxton, so program may be altered to suit time of the year.

Sunday 1 st October:	Day: Night:	
Monday 2 nd October:	Day:	Foxton: Windmill/Flax Museum/ Wildlife base/beach
	Night:	Guest Speaker
Tuesday 3 rd October:	Day:	PN: Wildbase Recovery/Mini Golf/Rugby Museum/Leo's activity
	Night:	
Wednesday 4 th October:	Day:	Ruapehu: Carrot Park/Tangiwai/ Army Museum
	Night:	Games night
Thursday 5 th October:	Day: Night:	Whanganui: Kowhai Park/ Marton Talent Show
Friday 6 th October:	Day: Night:	Sanson/Feilding: Blokarts/Mini Golf/ Celebration.

Whaia e Kie Ki te iti Kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe, me maunga teitei

Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain.

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Foxton (Te Awahou) is a town in the Manawatu-Whanganui region of New Zealand – on the lower west coast of the North Island, in the Horowhenua district, 30km southwest of Palmerston North and just north of Levin. The town is located close to the banks of the Manawatu River, it is situated on State Highway 1, roughly in the middle of Tongariro National Park and Wellington.

Foxton has a population of 3,360 as of June 2022. Foxton has preserved its heritage both Maori and Pakeha – through its parks, heritage buildings and four museums. The Manawatu River Loop and estuary creates an environment that features walkways and Ramsar wetlands with 93 species of birds and is home to the Foxton Fizz drinks.

Foxton Bible Camp was established in 1961 primarily to facilitate an annual Family Camp. Since then, the camp has been continually modernised and expanded. It operates as a popular location for conferences, family camps and youth camps. It is a particularly safe site for families and has amenities suitable for all ages, including dormitories for young people and a central lounge and kitchen. The ocean beach is less than a half hour walk (3 km) from Camp and the river estuary only minutes away. The Manawatu River Estuary draws visitors keen to see the 2000 birds and up to 58 species known to flock there over the northern winter and is a stopover for many rare and migratory birds. It is also one of the best places to watch the unique Wrybill and the magnificent Royal Spoonbill.

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PEACE POSTER CONTEST 2023/24

'DARE TO DREAM'

Entry eligibility 11 – 13 years As of 15th November 2023



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2022/23 District Winner - Ella Ogden Hawera Intermediate/Normanby & Districts

To a young person, a dream isn't just a wish, hope or desire – it's a path, a goal, an ambition. But achieving that dream takes hard work. So, this year, we're asking young people to show how they'll turn their dreams of a peaceful world into reality.

Clubs are asked to order a Peace Poster Kit from Rhonda at our New Zealand Head Office. Please ensure that every club entering has a kit and the form inside is filled in correctly and attached to the back of the Clubs winning poster before sending in to be judged. 1 entry from each School or Club to be forwarded to District Youth Chairs for Judging. See Youth Manual for rules.

Closing Date is 20th October 2023. Judging will take place on Wednesday 1st November. Entries will be displayed at the Junior Speechmakers Contest on Sunday 5th November and the top 3 winners announced.

Youth North Chair Stephanie Jordan 46 Fairfield Road Hawera 4610 022 054 0515



LIONS YOUNG LEADERS IN SERVICE AWARDS

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This award recognises youth aged from 12 years old for their commitment to community service over a ten-month period from February 1st to November 30th.

There are two awards available: 50 hours of community service 100 hours of community service

Types of service could be:

Community groups, religious agencies, or institutions Service through a school-based group or courses Individual efforts to help others. E.g., Coaching or refereeing of sports Scouting groups St John Why not invite your children/ grandchildren along to help in your club's service activities and get them involved with Lions now?

All you must do is supply applicants with a Service Tracking record form. These are available from your Youth Chairman so that progress can be monitored.

The forms must be collected before the closing date of **November 30th** of each year and returned to your District Youth Chairman. The certificate will arrive directly to your club. You will need to organise a time to present the certificate to your applicant, perhaps at a club meeting would be suitable.

The District Youth Chairperson would like to attend a presentation where possible.

This can be a steppingstone to further youth activities both within your club and for the youth involved.





District 202D

Young Speechmakers Contest 2023:

Sunday 28th May Cullinane College 15 Peat Street Whanganui

Registration & Morning Tea

10:30am

Contest starts @ 11am Sharp.



2022 District Finalises.



Daphne says...





Heads up For Kids

I have more HUFK collection cans and I am asking for posters that can be put up where the tins are. If you need a collection tin in your area, then please contact me and I will get tins to you, also Roy has a few spare ones in Palmerston. There is still lots of old money and foreign money out in the community which we can collect. Don't forget that you can apply for grants from Heads up for kids to help children with education, sports, activities etc. I have copies of how to apply for grants, but you can go into the HUFK web site and get all the information from there.

Keep up the good work.

Daphne Holley.



Sales for December to March totaled **\$15302.19**





Why Our Service Organizations Are Dying (and 6 ways to fix them)

article by: Michael Brand

Nothing more American than a service club. **Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, IOOF, Altrusa, Shriners.....** Frenchman Alexis de Tocqueville rode all over the United States in the 1830s and was struck by the influence of religious, fraternal and civic organizations, and secret societies, on American democracy and concluded that **they made communities stronger, more interesting, and more engaged**.

But there are some reason for concern. All of these service clubs, once the backbone of community life in America, have been in significant decline over the past 2-3 decades. It is not that our clubs have changed. America has changed. Thus the imperative is for us to reinvent for a new America.

Declining Social Capital

In his 2000 book, "Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community," Robert Putnam documented that attending club meetings, such as those held by Rotary and Kiwanis groups, has **declined by 58 percent in the period 1975-2000**. This trend continued and even accelerated in the 21st century. Putnam notes it's part of an overall trend by Americans who also have 43 percent fewer family dinners. Thirty-five percent fewer of us have friends who drop in to see us at our homes.

Pick an organization and the numbers are telling. In the past two decades Rotary down 20%, Jaycees down 64%, Masons down 76%. Recalling de T ocqueville's observation about the role our clubs play in a civil society, this decline represents a tangible loss to community. The question remains, 'Where do we go from here?"

Since most service club leaders are in office but for one year, they shoot for short term quick fixes such as a membership drive. However, **for most of our service**



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clubs the issue is not recruitment but retention. Rotary averages 44,000 new members per year and loses an average of 51,000. They cannot keep members. If businesses are not keeping customers, the leaders generally make it top priority to find out why and correct the reasons. If they fail, they most likely will not be leaders for very long. Common sense says the same principle should apply to service clubs as well.

With this in mind, consider six ways we can begin reinventing ourselves for the future.

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#1: Think Tribes, Not Community

The classic definition of community is associated with a physical place, hence many of our service clubs are branded with a 'place' such as Jamestown Lions Club. But emerging generations of Americans now define community by their affinities: the gay community or the tech community. Even college alumni groups now tout themselves like independent countries such as Spartan Nation at Michigan State University.

Seth Godin is an entrepreneur who ruminates on marketing in the digital age. Author of several best-selling books, Godin argues that digital life has ended traditional mass communication and replaced it with an ancient human social unit, The Tribe. These are groupings of people founded on shared ideas and values. As such, tribes give ordinary people the power to lead and make big change.

In the new world, what people desire most is an opportunity to connect with one another.



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People like bonding with other people. It's human nature. If we create opportunities for people to connect, they'll open up and feel more comfortable. As they do, they'll invite us into their lives and will introduce us to their friends. Then their friends become our family, our tribe. One by one we rebuild our clubs.

The data is so overwhelmingly convincing. One half of charitable giving in the United States is not driven by what people care about, it is driven by what their friends and family care about. Consider the charity walk or bike ride. Most of those involved have little driving passion for the issue at hand, but join up to walk as part of a team organized by a friend or family member. It's their community. The service clubs which will thrive in this new era are the ones who build out their tribe.

#2: Emphasize Time Over Treasure

The speed of American life has picked up. While we are not working that much more than previous generations, we are spending vastly more time in what might be called 'structured leisure activities'. This is especially true for families with children. For them, **time is more prized than talent or treasure**. For two parent families, both are often working and sharing household and child rearing duties.

So what will attract them is not so much our mission, but **how we can add to the quality of their lives**. Their time is precious. So how can we adapt in order to make ourselves more welcoming to this emerging America?



#3: Build An Informal Atmosphere

Is the format of our club outdated? Is the weekly lunch a productive format? Are the rituals in our meeting making sense to younger Americans? Many try to side step or ignore these impediments rather that deal with them. That's human nature **as the most powerful force in the world is the status quo**.

But Americans now connect on-line so don't need the time investment of a weekly meeting in order to network. Leaders must identify and remove obstacles. Is the structure of our club meetings an obstacle to involvement? One thing is abundantly clear, what emerging generations want in physical meetings is for the environment to be **fundamentally social**, **fundamentally conversational and fundamentally less formal**.

#4: Enable Them To Bring The Whole Family

One of the encouraging trends in modern America is how men have taken a much more active role in child rearing. Some of this is driven by women's increasing role in the workplace and some by men desiring to play a more intimate role in the development of their sons and daughters.

These two parent, two career families have higher than average incomes and should be **a priority to our recruitment strategy**. They earn more and are more active than other demographics. If we want to get them, we have to offer a milieu which permits and engages their children as well, for they will not give up valuable family time for anyone. So, does our club offer a family friendly environment?

#5: Help Them See World Differently

TED talks have become the gold standard among young professionals for these sessions arouse followers' thoughts and imagination, as well as stimulating their ability to identify and solve problems creatively. People gravitate to places containing others who awaken their curiosity, challenge them to think and learn, and encourage openness to new, inspiring ideas and alternatives.

While we may not be able to book high-level speakers, **we can look at altering meeting formats**. How about facilitated discussions around a pressing societal issue? How about reflective exercises which engage members to think deeply about a topic?

These ingredients are essential to creating an environment where people are willing to invest their time. Intellectual stimulation is defined as encouraging innovation and creativity, as well as critical thinking and problem-solving. Intellectual stimulation involves arousing followers' thoughts and imagination, as well as stimulating their ability to identify and solve problems creatively

People love environs that awaken their curiosity, challenge them to think and learn, plus encourage openness to new, inspiring ideas and alternatives. These elements are essential to pulling in the emerging generations and thus ensure club success.

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#6: Let Them ReThink You

It's not 'Come do what we do', it's 'What do you want to do?" Can our club be an incubator for young creatives to develop new and interesting ways to address our traditional issues?

One aspect of emerging generations is their desire to have an **impact now**. It means they will not wait 5 years to be elected Chair of the Fundraising Committee before seeing their ideas in action. **If it's not happening today, they'll walk away**.

Victor Hwang in his book, The Rainforest, metaphorically notes that most of us were trained to manage farms. By this he means our approach to anything is that we know what we want to grow, know when to plant the seeds, plant in straight lines, kill anything that looks like a weed, know when to harvest and can anticipate roughly our yield. The Rainforest, by comparison, is a chaotic environment where all sorts of genetic mutations are taking place and everything looks like a weed. Hwang's point is that we need more Rainforests. But that means relinquishing some measure of control. Not always easy when we have 60-80-100 years of tradition behind us. Yet, by allowing emerging leaders to reinvent our club we can navigate a path to securing our survival.

Inventing The American Future

Service clubs are an American innovation that have evolved into a worldwide institution. While vibrant across the globe, **the loss of membership in the United States represents a loss of social capital and civic engagement**. Today potential members are constrained by lack of time. In addition, they may not see much use in an organization whose prestige and vitality is in question. It is imperative we reinvent. That may involve passing the torch and **allowing an emerging generation of leaders to reinvent our clubs according to their needs**. The alternative may be irrelevance and obscurity.



HUMOUR

Duck Hunting

A big city New York lawyer went duck hunting in rural Texas. He shot and dropped a bird, but it fell into a farmer's field on the other side of a fence. As the lawyer climbed over the fence, an elderly farmer drove up on his tractor and asked him what he was doing.

The litigator responded, "I shot a duck and it fell in this field, and now I'm going into retrieve it."



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The old farmer replied. "This is my property, and you are not coming over here."

The indignant lawyer said, "I am one of the best trial attorneys in the U.S. and, if you don't let me get that duck, I'll sue you and take everything you own."

The old farmer smiled and said, "Apparently, you don't know how we do things in Texas. We settle small disagreements like this with the Texas Three Kick Rule."

The lawyer asked, "What is the Texas Three Kick Rule?"

The farmer replied, "Well, first I kick you three times and then you kick me three times, and so on, back and forth, until someone gives up."

The attorney quickly thought about the proposed contest and decided that he could easily take the old codger. He agreed to abide by the local custom.

The old farmer slowly climbed down from the tractor and walked up to the city feller. His first kick planted the toe of his heavy work boot into the lawyer's shin and dropped him to his knees. His second kick landed square on the man's nose. The barrister was flat on his belly when the farmer's third kick to a kidney nearly caused him to give up.

The lawyer summoned every bit of his will and managed to get to his feet and said, "Okay, you old coot, now it's my turn!"

The old farmer smiled and said, "Naw, I give up. You can have the duck."





Welcome to the family of



District 202 D New Members reported

FEILDING MANCHESTER (034474) - LIONS CLUB

WAYNE COBHAM (6083208) 8 URSULA DRIVE FEILDING 4702 Joined: 02/22/2023 Sponsor: WAYNE ELLERY (3717196)

GRAHAM ZACHAN (6083202) 53C PORT STREET FEILDING 4702 Joined: 02/22/2023 Sponsor: JOHN DOUGHERTY (796840)

HAWERA MT VIEW (052903) - LIONS CLUB

SUSANNE HIPP (6087349) 365 KATEMARAE ROAD RD 15 HAWERA SOUTH TARANAKI 4675 Joined: 03/01/2023 Sponsor: STEPHANIE JORDAN (3868744)

STRATFORD (023276) - LIONS CLUB

MARGARET ISLA O'KANE (2564639) 73A SWANSEA ROAD STRATFORD TARANAKI 4332 Joined: 01/25/2023



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Inglewood Lions was on gate duty on the day collecting donations. As well we help set up tents the day before and the day after plus assist with the memorial garden.

It is great to be able to assist helping out for causes like this.

NP Central Lions were there on the day walking the track, as well as several highschools and friends and families support those that had passed, and those going through it now.

It is definitly a great community atmosphere and one we a proud to be a part of.

The photo of the back of a lady watching the survivor march is one of our members wife, she was also helping on the gate duty with me on the day. With the pipe band leading the survivor march it is always emotional. Patea Maori Club also performed at the official opening of the day.

One of the close up photos of the survivors march also showed a past members wife who herself battled cancer shortly after his passing. We all know someone who is facing the battle or who has fought the fight and lost.

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Comment by Vanda Robinson - Inglewood Lions

Wanganui Lions Club

Always busy with volunteer work

Cancer Society among extensive roster

Paul Brooks

ath Pinker is Volunteer of the Month. Volunteer the Mont Whanganui manager Sandra Rickey presented Kath with a certificate, a metal lapel badge and a \$40 Mud Ducks voucher. Mud Ducks has been sponsoring the winner since the Volunteer of the Month inception in 2018. Kath volunteers for the Cancer

Society among other things, but she

was a career primary school teacher. "I was at Wanganui East for 30-odd years, before that Churton, before that Keith Street. I finished in 2011 when Covid came in two years ago." She worked as a relieving teacher after 2011, then took on a position as teacher aide. After a couple of years she went along to help, unpaid. Her credentials speak for them-selves life membership of the Cancer

Society, life membership of Wanga-nui Netball and life membership of Lions International – recognition for

a lot of unpaid work. Her work at the Cancer Society

came about through her Lions membership. "I have been a member of Lions for many years ... I happened to be on the central executive of [Lions District] 202D, in a role as president of health and welfare, and they said we want someone to go to Camp Quality." Camp Quality New Zealand is a

volunteer charitable trust that runs camps for children living with cancer. So Kath went. It was held at a board-ing school "in the Hutt" that year. She

ing school "in the Hutt" that year. She assisted at Camp Quality for 15 years. At the first camp, Kath was asked to make contact with the Cancer Society in Whanganui, and she did – at its AGM. "Next thing I was on their executive, and that was it." She has held office, including president, and she has been to every Relay For Life, including the first one in Debmerton including the first one in Palmerston North. "The Lions had a team at that one, and that's how I got into it. When they started in Whanganui the next year. I just went from there and I've organised the Lions every year to do the Candle Bags." Kath says the Lions are still strong:

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in what they do. Like the Christmas gift wrapping at Trafalgar Square that raises funds for Special Olympics. When the wrapping was going to stop a couple of decades ago, Kath organ

ised the Lions to take it over "We made more than \$6000 this year." Of course she's there wrapping gifts for the cause. "It's good fun." She's there in the mornings but it's also her

Photo / Paul Brook

ob to find people for the other shifts "It was a bit hard when I was still working, but I managed it. Now, I just do it.

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Kath was also netball president for many years and she also ran the office at the Laird Park courts. That stemmed from her teaching days when she coached primary netball teams

"Tve just always been busy." Why volunteering? "Tve always done it. I did it through

my teaching through sport, and I've done it always through Lions ... I just like doing it. Now, I've got the time."

Kath loves the company of people of any age, which is why she enjoyed her years of teaching and loves volunteering. "And if I can help somehow, I'll "be rve made some wonderful

help. I've made some wonderful friends over the years." You'll see Kath at the Christmas

wrapping again. "Tve never thought about why I do it: I suppose it's part of me

If you'd like to volunteer, If you'd like to volunces, there are plenty of positions available in a variety of organisations. Talk to the people at Volunteer Whanganui on 06 347 9430.

Kath Pinker as volunteer of the month. Kaths lions service includes:

- Inducted into the Lioness Club in 1983
- Charter President of Rivercity Lions (Lioness Club) 1992
- Served Zone Chairperson and Cabinet Secretary.
- Rivercity Lions amalgamated with Motua Lions into the Lions Club of Wanganui and served as Secretary for 10 years



Special Olympics Christmas Wrapping project. With Lions sponsorship we were able to present the Wanganui Special Olympics with a check for \$6000.00.

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Wanganui Lions Club

THE KOWHAI PARK, "ToT TOWN RAILWAY"

The Tot Town Railway is the Signature Project of the Lions Club of Wanganui since 1963. Yes, a total of 60 years and still serving the public. The President of Lions International from the USA officiated the opening.

We have two trains, the original was built only two years are our Club was chartered by the workers at the then Railway Workshops Aramoho Plant Zone. This train was retired in 2007, but still operational, and replaced with the current one thanks to a generous donation by Powerco Trust.

Lions volunteer to run the Train every weekend and school holidays (weather permitting) providing family entertainment for locals and visitors alike.

Kowhai Park stands as a testimony to the goodwill, enthusiasm and forward thinking of various Service Clubs, Councils, citizens and indeed the benefactors during the late 1950s.

This ethos stands true today as the community gets together for working bees, repairs, and maintenance.

The Lions long standing project is the Tot TOWN Railway with the results returning to the community. Firstly, the look of enjoyment on the faces of all generations who ride the rails. Secondly, we have a small shop providing sweets, ice creams and cold drinks to the public staffed by local young ladies. They are part of our Youth Development program and are taught the skills associated with customer relations, stock management and EFTPOS transactions. Note: The EFTPOS reduces the cash transactions and improves accounting, SORRY no CREDIT.

From the small charge for a ride all the profits are returned to the public through our directors in accordance with the rules of a Charitable Trust to organizations rather than individuals. We currently support UCOL Scholarships, Riding for the Disabled, Koha Shed, and City Mission, Youth Speech Contests, W.R.W Cancer Society, Camp Quality Luncheons, Salvation Army and the Starship Hospital to name a few.

Our members are volunteers and proud to Serve our community. The best part of the Tot Town Railway is seeing the smiles on all those faces including Grandparents through to toddlers.

Thank you,

Terry Carmody Treasurer





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Running since 1963

The New Train was commissioned on 17th December 2008

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Foxton Beach Walk



What a great event. Foxton Lions put on a fabulous Beach Walk. We did the 5KM walk. First half was into the wind but then coming back was so much easier. Susi and I enjoyed the day. We hope to see more Lions Clubs support this fundraiser next year. Thank you for organising this.

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Inter-zone Mini Golf



29 Budding Golfers from Zones 1, 2 and 4 competed for the District 202D Mini Golf Challenge Trophy which was won by Joce Marsden, Feilding Host Lions. Fellow Lions not only enjoyed their game of golf amidst lively banter, but also saw the newly installed Feilding Host Lions' Electric BBQ being used. It was a most enjoyable Social Occasion with Fellowship to the fore.





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A Pastor entered his donkey in a race and it won.

The Pastor was so pleased with the donkey that he entered it in the race again and it won again.

The local paper read: PASTOR'S ASS OUT FRONT.

The Bishop was so upset with this kind of publicity that he ordered the Pastor not to enter the donkey in another race.

The next day the local paper headline read: BISHOP SCRATCHES PASTOR'S ASS.

This was too much for the Bishop so he ordered the Pastor to get rid of the donkey.

The Pastor decided to give it to a Nun in a nearby convent.

The local paper, hearing of the news, posted the following headline the next day: NUN HAS BEST ASS IN TOWN.

The Bishop fainted.

He informed the Nun that she would have to get rid of the donkey so she sold it to a farm for \$10.

The next day the paper read: NUN SELLS ASS FOR \$10

This was too much for the Bishop so he ordered the Nun to buy back the donkey and lead it to the plains where it could run wild.

The next day the headlines read: NUN ANNOUNCES HER ASS IS WILD AND FREE.

The Bishop was buried the next day.

The moral of the story is . . . being concerned about public opinion can bring you much grief and misery and even shorten your life.

So be yourself and enjoy life.

Stop worrying about everyone else's ass and just cover your own !!!

You'll be a lot happier and live longer!



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Relay for Life - Inglewood

Relay for Life - Palmerston North



PN Heartland Lions Relay for Life 2023. In the luminaire tent selling candle bags and tee shirts alongside the Cancer Society.



Relay for Life co-ordinator and Heartland Lion project coordinator Karensa Dennis in the purple shirt was amazing. Congratulations Karensa.







"I don't want to scare you. But Pop says if I don't get better report cards, someone is going to get a good spanking!"



"I didn't have time to make a fire, so I ordered one online."

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President Hugh receives Club Excellence Award on behalf of Normanby and Districts Lions Club from Zone 4 Chair, Lion Martin.

Opunake Lakeside Lions Club

Following the first Dog Walk this year it was decided to hold another on April 1st, 2023. The dogs continue to enjoy this activity and their owners and carers get some good exercise.





Lions supporting Lions

at Feilding Host Interzone Mini Golf

Ngaire T, Phil and I attended the Feilding Host Mini Golf and BBQ on 11th March. We went along to have games and mixed and mingled. It was a very enjoyable event sharing fellowship with lots of lovely people. There was great attendance from Zone 1, Zone 2 and even some dedicated Zone 4 attendees! We were able to see the impressively new covered BBQ that was built by Lions outside the Mini Gold course.

Of course, as always, the shared kai was delicious at these Lions gatherings.

Regards, Adrienne





at Foxton "Footprints in the Sand"



BOOK FAIR - BELL BLOCK

The Bell Block & District Lions Club held their annual Book Fair in March, this was very successful, and proceeds have been tagged for Books for Babies and other local projects.







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New Plymouth Jokeke Lions Che



Amber Cox with David Cox and her Certificate for voluntary work.



Mavis introducing Krystyna Wells to present her with her certificate at the members' meeting.

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CHILD CANCER FOUNDATION STREET APPEAL: There are still some very generous people out there in the community who gave without any trouble to such a great cause in order to help hopefully many children. Thanks to the members who once again helped on the day of the appeal.



PRESENTATION:

PDG Roy Price presented Claire Culley with a LMCT Friend of the Trust Lapel Pin for all her work she has done for Lions over her 20 years of service.

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The Lions Club of Rongotea & District.

Our Club invited Year 7 & 8 students from 7 local schools to participate in this year's Kids 'N Us projectracing go karts at Daytona Indoor Raceway & X Karts, to compete for an overall individual " Best Karter" trophy. The kids were really excited to be racing go karts against each other and it went very well. One little guy was so impressed and excited with karting, (he had never done it before) he told us he would definitely be back to have another go. This is the sort of reaction we got from the children at this event. Even some of our Lions' helpers managed to climb into karts for racing. A race final was held with the 6 fastest drivers racing each other. The winner was Stanleigh from Rongotea School. Our 1VP Nick presented him with the trophy. It was a very successful youth project, so well done to Graham, our Kids "N Us" co-ordinator.





A Car Show Day-

Rongotea Lions presents the next big community event.



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Sunday 16th April, Te Kawau Recreation Centre Rongotea From 10.00am- 2.00pm. Gates open 9.30am. Prizegiving at 1.00pm

Open to: all classics, future classics, vintage, veterans etc. welcome. Swap & boot sale area. Display entry: \$20 /vehicle, including 2 people/family.

\$10 /car for multiple entries.



Public entry: \$10 each or \$25/ family (Mum, Dad, 2 kids.) Prizes and entertainment, cafe food & drinks for sale. Eftpos available.

People's Choice Award, Category Winners & Spot Prizes. All proceeds to Charity.

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Put the **Sunday 16th of April 2023** on your calendar. The Lions Club of Rongotea & District is holding a special event at the Te Kawau Rec Centre and Rugby grounds in conjunction with the **Classic Car Breakfast club**. We will be holding a Car Show and Swap Meet to raise funds for the **Arohanui Hospice, the Classic Car Breakfast Club** whose motto is Driving for Charity and also for **our Lions Club** who donate proceeds back to the community. All welcome.





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<u>Fright Night Trail</u> - 60 people involved in security, parking, scaring, and manning the entrance and eftpos/shop, checking vax passes and counting people in and out on night as well as organisation of event. Approx. 1,000 people attended and raised over \$13,000. (330 hrs)

KAIRANGA LIONS - MAURICE'S 90th BIRTHDAY !!



CLUB NEWS

Happy Birthday Maurice !!

Rà whànau ki a koe Rà whànau ki a koe Rà whànau ki a Maurice Rà whànau ki a koe!

Maurice aka 'The Professor' joined Kairanga Lions in Dec 1978, became President in 1988/89, and has received multiple recognitions including the MJF for his services to the community. He is a dedicated club member and still highly active in our committees and service activities like ticketing at the PN Arena. Looks like it was a great day!

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Lions Club of Middle Districts

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Russell Gibson making a donation of 3 Cartons (i.e. 18 Lions Christmas Cakes) to the Arohanui Hospice, Palmerston North, in February. The Cakes were greatly appreciated and will be used for a variety of catering options. Our Club has had a long association with Arohanui Hospice, having previ-ously collected food and other items at Club events for this worthy cause.

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