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# 202D CONTACT

## November 2025

### Editorial Comment...

I have briefly “come out of retirement” to do a 3 week stint at my old school, not the one I was Principal at but the one where I went as a child, the one my grandmother had been at over 100 years ago and the one my own children had attended. I had also had 2 stints of teaching there so it’s safe to assume I knew the school! I was really pleased (and quietly surprised that it has survived) that at the Friday assembly the same school prayer was dutifully recited. For me as a child, I, as did the children on Friday, recited it parrot fashion. Now, as an adult I reflect on one line in particular... **“Know the joy of doing hard things well...”**

This reminds me of the satisfaction that comes from effort, perseverance, and purpose. As Lions members we live this value through service - organising projects, raising funds and supporting those who need it. Each task, though sometimes demanding, strengthens our compassion and unity as a club, turning sometimes hard work into feelings of joy, and meaningful impact in our communities.

May you feel the joy as you work through the busy-ness of these next two months...

Kind regards,  
*Megan England*  
Editor

# District Governor Mike



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Hello Fellow Lions

*We have had a busy 3 months in lionism in 202D. Again congratulations to Ruapehu club for their 60th anniversary of chartering, Heartlands for their 45th, Fitzherbert celebrating their 50th anniversary and Eltham with 55 years. Fantastic efforts all around and great testament to the deep involvement these lions clubs have had in their communities, and how much each of these communities have benefited from the projects, fundraising, camaraderie and leadership our committed Lions have shown over these time periods. It is timely to ask ourselves, "Where would those communities be without lions?" Keep up the great work, and thank you again.*

*Our exciting new venture around the mobile skin cancer screening Bus was front and centre early in October as it made a whistle stop trip through our district. This is a fantastic initiative and I'm sure, from the feedback so far, when we get planned outings and fully staffed for screening, we will not only provide an awesome health service for our communities, but generate enough interest to use as a recruiting tool going forward. Thanks to all clubs who were able to man the bus during its flying visit.*

*The main thrust of my year as District Governor is to grow membership and Lions Clubs in 202D. So far so good. We are currently slightly ahead of target at this stage, so thanks and keep up the initiatives and interest. If each club finishes the year with just one more member than we started, our goals will be achieved.*

*We are breaking a little from tradition at the start of November with our Digital Annual General being held for the first time. (It will have happened by the time you read this). This has come about by a change in reporting deadlines for the Charities Commission, and the new requirement to have financial reporting done by the end of November. This has lead us to separate the financial AGM from our convention. So, the AGM to approve the 2024-25 accounts will be electronically or in person at Addis House Saturday 1 /11/2025, and our Convention in Bell Block on the 28th February to cover the other business on hand.*

*This will lead us to a more fun filled convention than we were able to plan previously, as we needed the business sessions combined to include financials etc.*

*I'm hoping to see you all in Bell Block, with the theme "Happy Hippies" for the Saturday night. We have great speakers and sessions organised finishing with a fabulous Dine and Dance. I have included here*

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*a registration form, and really look forward to this joyous celebration of Lionism and camaraderie, and a fabulous opportunity to catch up with long held lion friendships, while meeting new ones.*

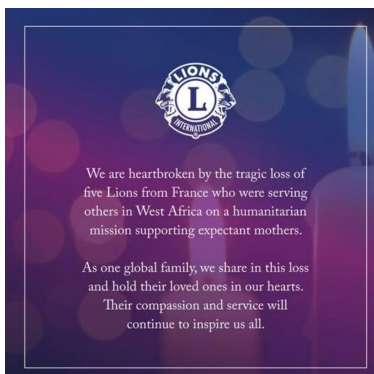
*Thank you all again for your efforts,*

Yours in Lionism

Mike

202D DG 2025/2026

## In our thoughts...



Lions around the world are united in grief following the tragic loss of five members of our Lions family in a bus accident in Togo.

These Lions were serving others on a humanitarian mission to inaugurate a new maternity ward in Benin. Their dedication to helping others reflects the very best of who we are.

We extend our deepest condolences to their families, friends, and fellow Lions in France, Togo, and Benin. Their legacy of kindness will continue to inspire us all.

## The DG Team

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### **Have you considered taking on a leadership role at Cabinet level?**

Serving on the district cabinet offers an incredible opportunity to grow as a leader while making a lasting impact on Lions within our district. By joining the cabinet, you'll collaborate with passionate Lions from across the district, help guide service initiatives, and strengthen clubs through mentorship and teamwork. It's a chance to develop valuable leadership skills, build lifelong friendships, and shape the future of Lionism—while continuing the proud tradition of “We Serve.”

If you are at all interested or just want to know more, please contact one of the DG team members above.

## **From the District Treasurer**

Just a little reminder... For one year only, if you induct a new member into your club you may apply to the District to have the US \$35 Joining Fee reimbursed by the District. Should the member resign within a 2 year period then that money must be paid back.

### **The following procedure is to be followed:**

Once you have received your invoice from International for the new member, please submit this invoice together with a filled out Expense Form to the District Treasurer requesting reimbursement. The current NZD amount will then be transferred into your Incorporated Society bank account.

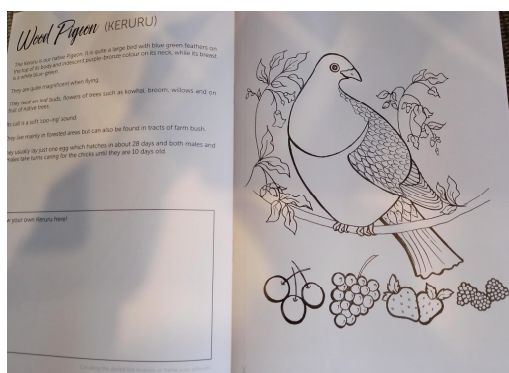
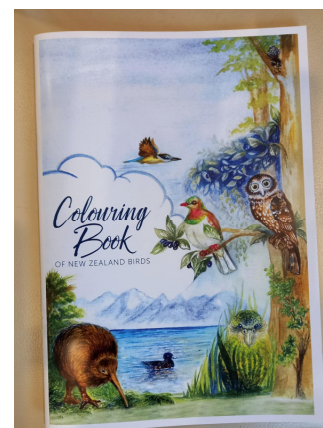
If you don't have an Expense Form please contact me directly and I will forward you one. [202d.treasurer@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:202d.treasurer@lionsclubs.org.nz)

**It'll be Christmas before we know it!**



The **Palmerston North Papaioea Rose City Lions Club** would like to bring to your attention their Colouring Books of Native Birds of New Zealand. These books have drawings of the various birds with a write up about each bird. At the centrefold of each book there are colour pictures of the birds.

These colouring books are good for birthday or Christmas presents for any children or adults who like colouring in. They are available from our Treasurer, Bruce, ([treasurerpnprclc@outlook.com](mailto:treasurerpnprclc@outlook.com)) at \$15.00 each plus postage.



## Around the District – who's doing what?

### How special is this? From Zone 1 Chair Bryan Barber

Three generations of past president's. My father was a member of Foxton then Rongotea then Greerton until his health forced him to retire. He also did several terms as Zone Chair.



My grandfather, Stan Barber, Charter President of Shannon Lions 1968/69.



My father, Bob Barber, Charter President of Foxton Lions 1966/67,



Me, President of Rongotea and District Lions 2013/14 and 2024/25.

**Note from the Editor:** *There is so much going on around the district. Clubs are all busy as they head towards the end of the year and the inevitable Christmas functions and community events.*

*Below are snippets of activities as gleaned from Club Bulletins and (in some cases) after a bit of Facebook stalking!*

**Kaponga Lions** have had a busy weekend cooking for not one but two events; cooking a dinner and a couple of breakfasts for the Scenic City Rod & Custom Car Club coastal weekend as well as manning the gates and barbeque at Kaponga School's 'Big Rigs' fundraising evening.



**Eltham Lions** celebrated 55 years of service with partners & friends. Charter and Life member, Alan Beck did the honours with the cutting of the cake baked by one of our newest members.

The club has also held its annual Trolley Derby, hosted a 'Smalls & Balls' art exhibition in support of both breast cancer and prostate cancer and had a successful day with the Skin Cancer Screening bus on its way through the district.



**Palmerston North Middle Districts** once again ran a very successful Market Day in the Square with 80 stalls, 10 food trucks, and plenty of children's entertainment.

They also marked three years of operating the Mini Golf, a fantastic project which also involves other clubs in the area.

With some financial support from the Lloyd Morgan Trust the club were able to donate a defibrillator to Dr Dave Baldwin for use with his Flying Doctor service.



Congratulations to the **Broadway Stratford Club Branch** who held a very successful High Tea recently. This was enjoyed by fellow Lions and friends from around the area.

They raised \$1888 for NZ Breast Cancer Foundation.

Maybe this will become an annual thing?

A huge thank you to those clubs who were able to host the Skin Cancer Screening bus on it's 'flit' through the district: Roger Malthus in Waitara, the Eltham Club, Gerard Karalus & Normanby & Districts, Tobi Hipp, Murray Neilson & Foxton Clubs, Anne Russell and helpers in Palmerston North, including Dr Warren for doing the screening. The second vehicle is underway and we hope to have progress reports after Christmas.



*The GLOB at Kiwitea School Pet Day, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025*



New Plymouth Central Club are involved in a drawer refurbishment project which aims to supply Taranaki Women's Refuge with around 12 sets of drawers for their community houses.

They will replace many units no longer fit for purpose with cabinets saved from landfill and brought back to a useful life.

Supported by Mediaworks MoreFm, the team have sourced up to 20 units with around 9 ready to use. A great community initiative.



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Date 10 November

If you are on the  
leadership journey and  
yet to be a club  
President this is for you!

A very worthwhile,  
structured weekend to  
equip you with the skills  
and confidence to lead  
your club.

## 202D Junior Speechmaker 2 Nov 2026



What a wonderful day we had today at the Hawera Community Centre!

We were proud to host 40 Year 7 and 8 students from throughout the Lions District 202D for this year's competition.

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who made the day such a success:

- Normanby & Districts Lions for setting up the hall,
- Kaponga Lions for their great work as announcers and timekeepers,
- Hawera Mt View Lions for providing the delicious morning tea and lunch, and
- Our wonderful judges — Ex-Principal Liz Harrison, Richard Baylis (Teacher, Patea Area School), and Toastmasters Glenys and Stephen Brown.

Your time, effort, and enthusiasm helped make the day memorable for all involved.

Thank you also to all the clubs who continue to support this event year after year — without your commitment, this competition simply wouldn't be possible.

And now, on to the results!

While all students who entered are already winners, here are our top place getters

### Room 1 Results

- 🥉 **3rd Place:** Dylan Smith – *Te Paepae O Aotea*  
*Sponsored by Normanby & Districts Lions*
- 🥈 **2nd Place:** Peter Hopkins – *Mangorei School*  
*Sponsored by New Plymouth Pakeke Lions*
- 🥇 **1st Place:** Maleki Toma – *Midhirst School*  
*Sponsored by Toko & Districts Lions*

### Room 2 Results

- 🥉 **3rd Place:** Te Vaka Tuia – *St Joseph's, Feilding*  
*Sponsored by Feilding Host Lions*
- 🥈 **2nd Place:** Seline Monforte – *St Patrick's, Inglewood*  
*Sponsored by Inglewood Lions*
- 🥇 **1st Place:** Krishiv Lal – *Te Paepae O Aotea*  
*Sponsored by Normanby & Districts Lions*

Congratulations to all participants for their confidence and skill — you truly made us proud!

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## Peace Poster – District 202D

### Theme -‘Together as One’

This year we received 5 Peace Poster entries from 5 Clubs in the District.

Thank you to those clubs that participated. The judge was very impressed with these entries. Not only did she award 1st , 2nd and 3rd but also gave the 4th equal a Highly Commended certificate.

Our winning entry now goes with District Governor Mike Powell to the next Council of Governors meeting in 2 weeks time and will be judged alongside the entries from the other 6 District finalists. The winner of the National Competition will then be sent onto the International Board to be judged against entries from all around the world.

We wish our District finalists well.

The winners were:

**Highly Commended:** Jethro McTree sponsored by Kaponga Lions Club

Megan Jordan sponsored by Normanby & Districts Lions Club

**3rd Place:** Lucy Henderson sponsored by Eltham Lions Club

**2nd Place:** Marianne Arambulo sponsored by Hawera Mt View lions Club

**1st Place:** Casey Chamberlain sponsored by Inglewood Lions Club

Congratulations to you all.

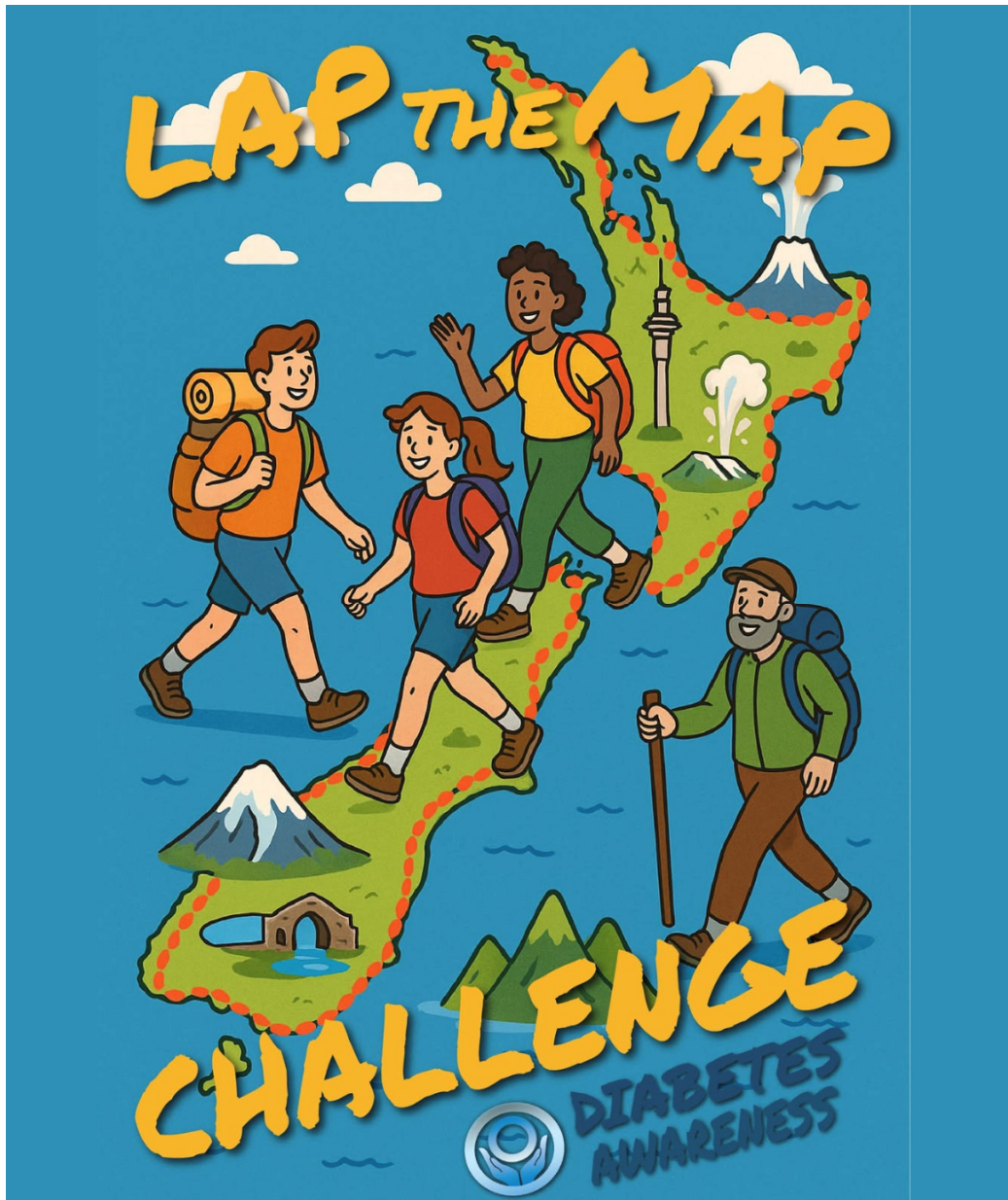
*Stephanie Jordan*





**Do you have an event planned for  
Lap the Map?**





### Lap the Map – District 202D Challenge!

November is Diabetes Awareness Month, and we're walking to make a difference!  
The Hāwera Lions Club challenges all clubs in our District 202D to join us in Lap the Map —  
together we'll aim to walk 15,000 km, the perimeter of New Zealand!

- ✓ No fundraising
- ✓ No cost
- ✓ Just walking, fun, and friendly competition!

Walk on your own, in groups, or with your club — report your weekly total and see the leaderboard grow!

- Runs all of November
- Register your team here → <https://form.jotform.com/252928953694071>

**Let's get moving, Lions — and Lap the Map for Diabetes Awareness!**

# From the District Almoner...

We ask that any clubs who have deceased members they wish to honour at our District Remembrance in February to please forward obituaries to Ash Hazlitt [a.p.hazlitt@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.p.hazlitt@xtra.co.nz) sooner rather than later! It is useful to have details as to length of service and specific roles included.

If possible we would also like the details of the funeral director so we can request a copy of the digital photo used (this is much easier and usually more flattering than taking a screen shot).

**Please do not leave it until the new year.**

## Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust



**THE LLOYD MORGAN  
CHARITABLE TRUST**

New Zealand & Islands of the South Pacific

### *Mission Statement*

*"To assist Lions clubs to fulfil  
Humanitarian needs"*

### How well do you know YOUR Trust?

- The main source of capital for the Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust is through annual donations from Lions Clubs throughout New Zealand.
- Clubs are asked to recognise the Trust by making a per member donation annually.
- Trust recognitions are available to be purchased to acknowledge or pay tribute to the service of those (Lion or non Lion) that they feel deserve special recognition.



### Life Recognition

This is the highest honour and is available to all Lions and member of their families and, at the discretion of the Trustees, such other persons whose contributions to Lions deserves special recognition. Framed Certificate & Lapel Pin. - Donation \$750.00



### Honoured Recognition

Honoured recognition is available for award to Lions and to other members of the community, to include posthumous award, to recognise outstanding service to Lions or the community at large. Framed Certificate & Lapel Pin. - Donation \$400.00



### Friend Recognition

Available to all Lions and partners or those who wish to show their belief in the value of the Trust. Lapel pin is issued. - Donation \$150.00

### Honour Roll

The Honour Roll is available on the Lions NZ website and also displayed at District and Multiple District Conventions. The roll is open to all those who have been Lions or Lionesses. The Roll of Honour perpetuates the memory of those who gave so much of themselves to their Club and the welfare of others. When requested a framed certificate is presented. Donations are left to the club's discretion but should reflect the member's service to Lions.

Recognition order forms are available on the Lions NZ website or by contacting District Trustee, 202d.lmlcct@lionsclubs.org.nz

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## The Skin Cancer Screening Vehicle

There has been much going on with the Skin Cancer Screening project since it was launched in Hanmer Springs in March.

It has really kicked into gear now with some of the initial 'teething' issues resolved and with the appointment of our Administrator Janet Walmsley.

Janet has streamlined the booking process as well as updated documents and worked tirelessly to ensure screeners are qualified and informed as to their expectations.



The vehicle has been busy with events in the South Island before coming briefly to the North Island early in October. This was coordinated (and paid for) by District 202L so the vehicle could be in attendance at the Waikato Home & Garden Show. While it was in the North Island we took advantage of it on its way back to the ferry. (This was only for a short time due to other bookings in the South Island).

At the time of writing there had been over 600 people screened with a 28% referral rate.

The vehicle is booked right through until the Multiple District Convention in April next year with a 5 day stay at the NZ Special Olympics in Christchurch early December.

A second vehicle is on the production line list with an anticipated completion being mid 2026 (could be earlier) so fundraising is still ongoing.

Clubs wishing to know more may contact me as the District Trustee  
[202d.cancertrust@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:202d.cancertrust@lionsclubs.org.nz)

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## **202D Convention – Bell Block**

### **28 February 2026**





## 202D District Convention

28<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Hosted by:-

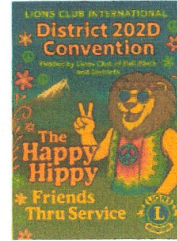
Lions Club of Bell Block & Districts

Venue: Pacific International Hotel

Management School,

4 Henwood Road Bell Block

### REGISTRATION FORM



Note: An online version of this form is available

- Download to be able to type.
- Or Print and hand write your details.
- Then print, scan, and send to: [rooksy.gee@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rooksy.gee@xtra.co.nz)

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|--|--|------------|--|--------------------|------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| <b>Surname</b>   |  |            |  | <b>First Name</b>  |                        |             |                |
| <b>Club</b>  |  |            |  | <b>District</b>    |                        |             |                |
| <b>Lion</b>  |  | <b>Leo</b> |  | <b>Office Held</b> |                        |             |                |
| <b>Partner's Surname</b>                                   |  |            |  | <b>First Name</b>  |                        |             |                |
| <b>Postal Address</b>                                      |  |            |  |                    | <b>Post Code</b>       |             |                |
| <b>Email</b>   |  |            |  |                    | <b>Phone</b>           |             |                |
| <b>REGISTRATION AND FUNCTIONS</b>                          |  |            |  |                    | <b>COST (\$)</b>       | <b>LION</b> | <b>PARTNER</b> |
| Convention Registration: Lion (non-refundable)             |  |            |  |                    | 30.00                  |             | N/A            |
| Convention Registration: Non-Lion Partner (non-refundable) |  |            |  |                    | 15.00                  | N/A         |                |
| Friday Night Meet, Greet & BBQ (Note: Limited Nos)         |  |            |  |                    | 20.00                  |             |                |
| Saturday Morning tea and lunch                             |  |            |  |                    | 20.00                  |             |                |
| Partner's Tour includes Morning tea and lunch              |  |            |  |                    | 20.00                  |             |                |
| Saturday Evening meal and live music<br>Theme: Happy Hippy |  |            |  |                    | 40.00                  |             |                |
| Late registration fee (after 21st to 28th Feb 2026)        |  |            |  |                    | 20.00                  |             |                |
|  |  |            |  |                    | <b>TOTAL TO PAY \$</b> |             |                |
| <b>Dietary Requirements</b>                                |  |            |  |                    |                        |             |                |
| Gluten Free  |  | Vegetarian |  | Dairy Free         |                        | Other       | ?              |

#### REGISTRATION & PAYMENT OPTIONS REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 20th February 2026

Payment is by way of Internet Banking please.

**Internet Banking Details:** TSB Account Name: 202D Convention Account  
TSB Account Number: 15-3956-0713906-000

Particulars: **Member's Name; Code: Club Name; Reference: Registration**

Date Internet Banking Completed: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ (DD/MM/YY)

**EMAIL: Attach your scanned form and send to: [rooksy.gee@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rooksy.gee@xtra.co.nz)**

**POST: Registrations, Lions 202D Convention, C/- PDG Gary Rooks,  
98 Queens Road, Glen Avon New Plymouth 4312**

Please note that the above is a screenshot / image not a pre loaded form. Registration forms can be downloaded

# It's Getting Close....



A reminder to 'like' and follow the 202D Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/lionsdistrict202d>

A reminder that this monthly CONTACT bulletin is yours, the districts, and it will only ever be as good as the content I am given to share. **Please share your club bulletins and celebrations, photos, new members, stories with me so I can help spread the great things happening in each of your clubs with others around the district.**



Lions Clubs 202D

2025-2026

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