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From: Jennifer Touzel, Cabinet Secretary
To: District 201N5 Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs and Cabinet Members
Date: May 27, 2014
Subject: **MONTHLY COMMUNICATION – May, 2014**

CLUB OFFICERS – PLEASE FORWARD THIS EMAIL TO ALL LIONS, LIONESS AND LEO CLUBS, SO THEY KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR DISTRICT.

62ND MULTIPLE DISTRICT 201 NATIONAL CONVENTION AT TAMWORTH

A few highlights from the MD 201 National Convention held in Tamworth May 2-5, 2014. Winners of the Youth of the Year – Overall Winner Jordan Green from W2 and Public Speaking Winner Ashleigh Rogers from V6. Raul Vellani, sponsored by the Lions Club of Epping-Eastwood N5 gave an excellent speech and answered the impromptu questions well, however, was unsuccessful on the day. Over 1,200 attended the Convention and the Constitutional Notices of Motions were as follows:

CNM1 – Subject: Proposed amendment to Multiple District Constitution – Clause 84.4 Rescission of Sunset Clause in relation to Category “B” Projects. Motion carried.

PRNM2 – Subject: Beyond Blue – Joining Hands Project. Motion carried.

PRNM3 – Subject: The Australian Lions Children’s Mobility Foundation. Motion carried.

PRNM4 – Subject: Youth of the Year Project. Motion carried.

PRNM5 – Subject: Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation. Motion carried.

PRNM6 – Subject: Junior Public Speaking Competition. Motion carried. However following a ballot this item was lost.

PRNM7 – Subject: Lions Neurobionics Research Fellowship Fund. Motion carried.

PRNM8 – Subject: Australian Lions Visual Independence Foundation Incorporated. Motion carried.

PRNM9 – Subject: Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP). Motion carried.

PRNM10 – Subject: The Lions McCusker Alzheimer’s Research Foundation Project. Motion carried.

PRNM11 – Subject: The Lions Emergency Medical Information Book Project. Motion carried.

PRNM12 – Subject: Letters to Father Christmas Project as a Category “B” Project. Motion lost.

PRNM13 – Subject: Lions Cord Blood Foundation Incorporated Trust as a Category “B” Project. Motion carried.

PRNM14 – Subject: Lions Prostate Cancer Research and Treatment Project as a Category “B” Project. Motion carried.

PRNM15 – Subject: The Early Intervention Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Education and Therapy Project as a Category “B” Project. Motion carried.

PRNM16 – Subject: Lions Australia Operation Smile Project as a Category “B” Project. Motion carried.

PRNM17 – Subject: The Follow Your Dream Foundation – Australian Project as a Category “B” Project. Motion carried.

PRNM18 – Subject: Lions Christmas Cake Fundraising Activity for a further term of four years. Motion carried.

NM19 – Subject: Rescission of a Resolution relating to Multiple District Conventions. Motion lost.

NM20 – Subject: Multiple District Conventions. Motion withdrawn.

NM21 – Subject: Corporate Membership. Motion carried.

NM22 – Subject: Proposed Amendment to the Definition of “Principal Focus”. Motion carried.

NM23 – Subject: Proposed International Project – International Youth of the Year. Motion carried.

NM24 – Subject: New Member’s Kit. Motion carried.

NM25 – Subject: Proposed Amendment to the International Constitution of Lions Clubs International. Motion carried.

NM26 – Subject: International President Promotion Fund. Motion carried.

NM27 – Subject: 2017 Convention in Hobart. Motion carried.

Congratulations to our DG Warren Latham, who was elected as Council Chairman for 2014-15, also I should add that I was fortunate to receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship from the International President Barry Palmer, however, I wasn't present at the time to receive it, due to my obligations as Cabinet Secretary and preparing for the ballot. I'm pleased to report the District had 41 delegates registered for the Convention and I hope that next year's Convention to be held in Newcastle will hopefully attract a few more people. There were also a few other awards and congratulations to all the award winners including the Lioness Club of Sutherland Shire, who won the Fannie Tresise Premier Project Award for outstanding humanitarian services. The Club's winning sustainability project, apart from the many local successful projects the Lioness's have undertaken, was to assist with a women's sewing co-op project in the mountainous poverty stricken remote East Timorese village of Maliani. PDG Elvio Munzone won the Ted Horwood Award for the best article written for the Lion Magazine. PDG Elvio wrote about Dr Alice Lee and her Hep B Free project in Papua New Guinea. PDG Elvio also received an International President's Award from International President Barry Palmer. Congratulations Elvio!!!.

YOUTH EXCHANGE NEEDS HOST FAMILIES – URGENTLY

Time is running out and Gae Bergin our Youth Exchange person is URGENTLY seeking host families. The outgoing Youth Exchangees are magnificently hosted by the Lions of the world and this experience is a defining experience in their young lives. Gae wants the Lions of MD201N5 to return the favour. The Multiple District Youth Exchange Committee is currently seeking Host Families or clubs for 73 incoming Youth Exchangees arriving late June and August. Gae Bergin is hosting two students and we have had some interest from others, but we need a lot more. Gae's Club has taken on two Japanese youth as a club project. Gae hosts the two youths and between the club members they draw up a schedule and take them out and show them the sights. They cover the costs of their admission to attractions as a club project expense (about \$200). We live in the best city in Australia and we have 75 Lions Clubs in our District. It would be great if we could host 10 youth, it would be outstanding. Remember that our International President is encouraging clubs to engage in Youth Programs. Please discuss with your club as soon as possible and contact Gae Bergin (Youth Exchange) on 9311 3156 or email youth@lionsclubssydney.org.au So please consider hosting and continue to support "Youth Exchange".

INVESTIGATION ON POSTAGE COSTS

I was copied into an email from one of our clubs regarding the cost of postage. The Attendance Tabs were requested from the Newcastle Office and posted to the club and they were very disappointed when they had to pay \$8.25 for freight, when they thought it could easily have been sent in an ordinary letter envelope for 60c. The email asked could this be investigated and the possibility of reducing the costs to Lions Clubs Administration Accounts by sending this type of item (small and being able to send as a letter). So, while I was on Lions business in Newcastle I received a phone call from a club to pick up an urgent item, so here's an opportunity to pick up the urgent item for the club and meet the wonderful team at the Newcastle Office. I made enquiries and was assured that Australia Post had requested that the metal tabs needed to be sent in a padded bag, as they can get caught in the automatic letter sorter. I thought a number of clubs may be interested to know why. It's good to ask questions and here's an opportunity for all of us to learn the answer. On another note, please remember to be polite to the staff in Newcastle, they are doing their best and I've always found them to be extremely helpful. They have to follow the rules and they are there for a reason.

LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE A BARRY PALMER RECOGNITION AWARD

Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation District Chairman Lion Greg English would like to ask you to help out their 2013-14 effort in fundraising to purchase walkers by speaking to your club Presidents. It is the last chance for 2013-14 to have clubs purchase a Barry Palmer Recognition Award, while Barry is still International President, a truly great award for a deserving Club member or associate. These purchases will go towards providing walkers for the District's children with cerebral palsy who need them. At this time we need to raise funds of around \$35,000. BUT IT MUST BE DONE NOW as time is limited and it will take time to produce the awards. Information on the award can be found at the following link <http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/alcmf/awards.htm>. Applications forms are available from Lion Greg English on 0411 045 148 or the Cabinet Secretary.

LIONS CLUB OF SYDNEY EYE TO CELEBRATE CHARTER

The Lions Club of Sydney Eye will be holding their Charter Night on Thursday, May 29 at Sydney Eye Hospital Campus, beside the courtyard fountain, 8 Macquarie Street, Sydney, from 5.30 pm to about 8.00 pm. Cost \$40 per person canapés and drinks will be served. Contact Secretary Kevin Gardner on 9382 7408 or email kevin.gardner@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au.

58TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY OF BANKSTOWN LIONS CLUB

Bankstown Lions Club will celebrate 58 years of service to the community on Friday, June 13, at Bankstown District Sports Club at Platform No. 1 Greenfield Station, Bankstown, at 6.30 pm. Chief Guest will be DG and Guest of Hon Jason Clare Federal MP Blaxland. Bookings Lion Sec Robert Jacobucci bankstown@lionsclubssydney.org.au , cost \$30 for 3 course meal and soft drinks.

SUTHERLAND SHIRE LIONESSE CHANGEOVER DINNER

The Sutherland Shire Lioness Changeover Dinner will be held on Thursday, June 26 at Woolooware Golf Club, Harnleigh Avenue, Woolooware, at 7 pm. Cost \$26 per person for two course meal. Bookings essential, with Di Miller on 9589 1359.

SUNDAY LUNCH – JULY 13 WITH CARLINGFORD-DUNDAS LIONS

President David Evans of the Lions Club of Carlingford-Dundas would be delighted if Lions, partners and friends joined the Carlingford-Dundas Lions and partners at Muirfield Golf Club on Sunday, July 13, at 12 noon for 12.30 pm. Cost \$45 per head. During the course of the afternoon, the DG will officiate at the installation of new President Jeannette Mumford and her Board of Directors. If you would like to join them, please let Clem Cawley know at ccawley@optusnet.com.au by June 27, 2014.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY DINNER DANCE

The Lions Club of Blacktown City Inc will join in a night of fun, dinner, dancing, entertainment, raffles and lucky door prizes on July 19 at Blacktown Workers Club, in the Marana Room, Campbell Street, Blacktown and invite others to join them. Tickets cost \$60 and include dinner, Christmas Cake, tea and coffee. Doors open at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm. Details Rissa McInnes 0414 947 135, Daisy Phillips 0438 648 773 or Josie Balana 0402 948 756.

DISTRICT 201N5 CHANGEOVER DINNER

Remember to put this date in your calendar ... District 201N5 Changeover Dinner to be held at Blacktown Workers Club, 55 Campbell Street, Blacktown, on Saturday, July 26. Cost \$45 per person. Cheques to be sent to Cabinet Treasurer, Larry Dunne, PO Box 134, Eastwood NSW 2122 or electronic payment. Enquiries Lynn Campbell on 9858 1577 or 0402 089 415. Booking form is available on the District website www.lionsclubssydney.org.au

WEST PENNANT HILLS-CHERRYBROOK 50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER – JULY 25, 2014

The Lions Club of West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook was chartered by Lions Club of Epping/Eastwood 50 years ago. To celebrate this important milestone they are holding a 50th Anniversary Dinner on Friday, July 25, 2014 at Madison Function Centre, 632 Old Northern Road, Dural, from 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm. Cost \$55 pp.

LIONS ANZI PACIFIC FORUM, ADELAIDE – AUGUST 29-31, 2014

A reminder that the ANZI Pacific Forum will be held from Friday, August 29, 2014 until Sunday, August 31, 2014 at the Hilton Hotel in Adelaide. This outstanding event was introduced to Constitutional Area 7 four years ago. It's an opportunity to learn about Lions, meet with and exchange ideas with the leaders of our organisation. For more information visit the Forum website at www.lionsclubs.org.au/anziforum. There will be a special session for Club Presidents to meet the International President and share ideas on the organisation. He will pass on his ideas to Presidents about how he sees Lions International being a part of the local community.

MAROUBRA TRIVIA NIGHT

Just a reminder that the Lions Club of Maroubra's annual Trivia Night to raise much needed funds for Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease research, it will be held on the October 11, 2014 at the Randwick Labor Club from 6.30 pm, so place this important date in your diary.

COMING EVENTS

Remember to check the 'Coming Events' page of the District Website www.lionsclubssydney.org.au for the latest upcoming events.

Regards,
Jennifer Touzel
Cabinet Secretary, 2013-14