

**MEMO**

From: Sunil Amaratunga, Cabinet Secretary
 To: District 201N5 Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs and Cabinet Members
 Date: July 22, 2017
 Subject: **MONTHLY COMMUNICATION – July, 2017**

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

Throughout the year I will provide a monthly email to all clubs. In particular I ask Club Secretaries – please try to be responsive to emails you will receive throughout the year from all clubs and district officers.

TIME FOR PRESIDENTS, SECRETARIES, TREASURERS AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS TO LOGON TO LCI

Welcome, to all new Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership Chairpersons and LCIF Coordinators for 2017-18, along with our previous Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership Chairpersons and LCIF Coordinators, who are returning for another year. All new users please go to the Lions Clubs International website www.lionsclubs.org and click on MyLCI, then proceed to “New User? Click here to register now.” Enter your membership number. If you are a previous user you should be able to use last year’s logon. Some clubs still need to appoint a 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairperson, LCIF Coordinator or Club Director/s. Remember to advise the Cabinet Secretary as soon as your club appoints or changes any officers, also, update Club Officers and their details on LCI. If you have any problems with logon, require your membership number or need a bit of guidance on MyLCI, please do not hesitate contact me on 0419 223 036 (after work) or send an email to cabsec@lionsclubssydney.org.au or contact Administration Chairman Larry Dunne admin@lionsclubssydney.org.au

WELCOME TO OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR RON GATTONE & CABINET / DISTRICT OFFICERS

We welcome DG Ron Gattone, Cabinet / District Officers for 2017-18 to District 201N5. This year DG Ron’s theme is “*Personal Development is the Key to Life*”. DG Ron wants our clubs and members to **a)** increase our lions work by 10%, **b)** actively seek and ask a person to become a lions member, **c)** carry out our duties and those assigned to us in a happy and willing manner, **d)** participate in development courses as arranged by District and Multiple District, **e)** actively seek from the DG and District Officers information as needed, **f)** our cooperation with our club presidents to run the club efficiently.

FIRST SEMI-ANNUAL DUES

The Cabinet Treasurer has emailed the First Semi-Annual Dues accounts to clubs. District accounts will be payable on or before **10th August** (per District Constitution). Submit your dues to Cabinet Treasurer Peter Touzel, **45 Chircan Street, Old Toongabbie NSW 2146**. This account is to be paid immediately upon receipt and the payment ratified at the following Board Meeting. If your club uses electronic payment you will notice the details of the District bank accounts for Administration and Activities. As the only way to pay International dues electronically is by credit card, the treasurer is offering the services of the District to facilitate payment by electronic transfer to the District Administration account. He will then arrange payment to LCI. **PLEASE ensure the treasurer receives an email advising of any payments made into the District bank account.** Lions Clubs International dues are available on LCI. Please logon to MyLCI to obtain the balance owing. You can email the Cabinet Treasurer cabtreas@lionsclubssydney.org.au or ring him on 0478 090 784 (after work) if you require any further information.

2017/18 ZONES

This year, the Zones have been restructured to 14. Unfortunately, three Lions Clubs, one Lionesses Club and a Leo Club have been folded (handed over their Charter) during the period of 2016/17. However, a new cub was formed and a club which was about to fold was revived.

Below are the details of the said 14 Zones.

- ~ **Zone 1: Ian "Spider" Webb (Norfolk Island)** – Arthurs Vale, Norfolk Island.
- ~ **Zone 2 Bruce McLean (Balgowlah)** – Balgowlah, Frenchs Forest, Manly, Mosman.
- ~ **Zone 3 Mark Sing (Chatswood Exec: Bsns:)** – Berowra, Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai, St Ives, Chatswood Exec: Bsns: Sydney Pacific, Hornsby Leos.
- ~ **Zone 4: Vin Pang (Sydney Inner West)** – Sydney Waratah, Sydney Chinese, Sydney Follow Your Dream, Sydney Inner West, Sydney Selective, Western Sydney, Sydney Inner West Leos.
- ~ **Zone 5: Chaminda Hindurangala (West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook)** – Windsor, Richmond, Hawkesbury South, Hawkesbury Bells line.
- ~ **Zone 6: Karin Cheung (Bondi)** – NSW Parliamentary, Sydney Defense & Emergency Svcs, Sydney Eye, Sydney (Host), Sydney Markets, Sydney Central, Myanmar Eye (Branch).
- ~ **Zone 7: Tony Moore (Sydney Champions Inner West)** – Bondi, Coogee, Maroubra, Sydney Seaside, Sydney Champions Inner West.
- ~ **Zone 8: John Perkins (Oatley)** – Caringbah, Cronulla, Kogarah, Kyle Bay, Lugarno, Oatley, St George, Oatley Leos, Sutherland Shire Lioness.
- ~ **Zone 9: Mohan Nanayakkara (West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook)** – Carlingford-Dundas, City of Ryde, Epping-Eastwood, Sydney Sri Lankan, Sydney Jung Ang, Sydney Chinese Bsns, Cumberland Leos, Epping Eastwood Leos.
- ~ **Zone 10: Elizabeth Lessells (Crestwood)** – Baulkham Hills, Castle Hill, Crestwood, Kellyville, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook, Hills Leos, Cherrybrook Leos, Crestwood Leos.
- ~ **Zone 11: Andy Chow (Sydney North West)** – Parramatta, Sydney Indian, Sydney North West, Winston Hills, Bennelong.
- ~ **Zone 12: Ian Ackland (City of Ryde)** – Strathfield Han Ho, Greenacre, Burwood, Sydney West, Auburn Lidcombe, Bankstown, Burwood Leos.
- ~ **Zone 13: John Fernandes (Kings Langley)** - Blacktown City, Blacktown Ponds, Kings Langley, Riverstone & District, Sydney South Shapla Shaluk, Sydney South Shapla Shaluk Leos.
- ~ **Zone 14: Jasaman Sethi (Sydney Nepal Himalaya)** – Cambridge Park, Emu Plains, Mt Druitt, Penrith, Sydney Nepal Himalaya, Sydney Asian Himalayas Leos.

VISITATION SCHEDULE (DG DIARY) – A CHANGE

This year DG Ron Gattone will be visiting all clubs. The Cabinet Secretary has emailed the DG Diary to all clubs indicating the dates selected for DG visits. Most of the clubs have confirmed the dates. This year, the DG will be accompanied by either 1st VDG Derek Margerison or 2nd VDG Jennifer Touzel. The DG has already visited few clubs in the last three weeks along with his 1st & 2nd VDGs.

As you know, the DG wants more Cabinet / District Officers to visit clubs (at least few times) to build a friendly relationship between the Clubs and the District. A memo from DG was sent last month to all clubs on this matter, and it is pleasing to announce that most of the clubs have welcome the idea.

DISTRICT CHANGEOVER DINNER

The District 201N5 Changeover Dinner was held at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club on Saturday, July 15, 2017 with approximately 150 people in attendance. IPDG Dennis Halpin presented recognition awards to the following clubs and members:

The Leo Club Award for the Best Record of Community Service was awarded to **Cumberland High**.

The Lloyd Morgan Trophy for the Best Public Relations project was awarded to **Balgowlah**.

The Allan J Waters Memorial Trophy for best Tailtwister in the District was **Wayne Kedward (Kellyville)**

The Ted Tricker Memorial Trophy for the Best Club Bulletin was **Emu Plains**.

The Reg Prudames Trophy for the Best Community Service Project was awarded to **Oatley**.

The David Bull Memorial Trophy for the Best Club Secretary was won by **Paul De Alwis (West Pennant Hills)**.

The Diane Sherrington Trophy for *The overall winner of the District Club Competition was Blacktown City.*
The James P Ledingham Memorial Trophy for service to Diabetes Awareness was won by Sydney Indian.
The Bessie Hammond Memorial Trophy was won by Dianne Weatherill (Sutherland Lioness). This is awarded to a Lady in Lionism for being a Quiet Achiever.
The Anthony Cheung Trophy was won by Greg English (Lugarno) - the Best Media Coverage of Lions Projects or Events throughout the Lions Year.
The MJ (John) Booth Trophy was won by Elizabeth Lessells (Crestwood) - Best Zone Chairperson.

IT'S TIME TO CHECK YOUR CLUB'S FUNDRAISING LICENCE IS CURRENT?

Simply go to the NSW Fair Trading website www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au click on Check a License, select Charitable Fundraising, type your club name in. This will advise you of your Club's Charitable Fundraising number and expiry date, along with the suburb of the Public Officer. If you need to register or change your Public Officer, who will be required to fill out Form A9 (Notice of appointment of Public Officer and notice of change of association address). The Public Officer has an important role of ensuring your club is compliant with the Regulations under the NSW Fair Trading through the lodging of a Form A12 (Annual summary of financial affairs). Associations are required to hold an annual general meeting (AGM) within 6 months after the end of its current financial year. The association is required to lodge an annual summary of financial affairs within one month after the holding of the AGM, and not later than 7 months after the end of the financial year of the association, whichever is earlier, unless an extension of time for holding an AGM or to lodge an annual summary is allowed by the Director-General. The role of the Public Officer is summarized in the fact sheet at www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au

NOTICES OF MOTION AND NOMINATIONS FOR THE CONVENTION

Please be mindful of the close off dates:

Sunday, August 6, 2017 for any Notice of Motion to establish a District Project.

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 for any other Non-Project Notices of Motion. – I inadvertently indicated in the DG Diary as 15th of September 2017 –Please disregard it.

MAJOR CLUB EVENTS AUG / SEP 2017

1) CARLINGFORD / DUNDAS -- VOICE OF YOUTH PUBLIC SPEAKING COMP: – THURSDAY 10TH OF AUGUST 2017.

A worthy club project to assist students in years 7 and 8 to develop Public Speaking Skills. The competition will encourage school students in the local area to develop confidence and experience in public forums. It is being held at **Normanurst Boys School, Normanurst**, commencing at 6.00 pm. Each participant is given an Impromptu Question to answer in Two minutes and will be asked to give a prepared speech of Four Minutes. **All enquiries to Lion Clem Cawley 0411 271 357.**

2) WEST PENNANT HILLS / CHERRYBROOK – TRIVIA NIGHT – SATURDAY 12TH OF AUGUST 2017.

WPH Lions club is organising a Trivia Night in aid of Legacy at WPH Sports Club, West Pennant Hill commencing at 7.00 pm. \$25.00 per head. Legacy charity supports the families of fallen veterans and wounded servicemen returning home

3) TEEJ 2016 CHARITY DINNER & DANCE NIGHT – SATURDAY 12TH OF AUGUST 2017

The Lions Club of Sydney Nepal Himalaya presents a Charity Dinner and Dance Night on Saturday, August 12 from 6 pm till midnight at Greg Percival Community Centre, formerly known as Ingleburn Community Hall, corner Oxford and Cumberland Roads, Ingleburn. Enjoy mouthwatering food. Kids below the age of 10 years are free. **Bookings Jasaman Sethi 0432 712 903, Subash Aryal 0452 498 528, Shekhar Mahajan 0408 144 411.**

4) RICHMOND 60TH ANNIVERSARY – SUNDAY 13TH OF AUGUST 2017

The Lions club of Richmond invite you to join the members for Lunch at 12.00 noon for 12.30 pm on Sunday 13th of August at Richmond Golf Club, Burke Street, East Richmond. \$40.00 per head. **RSVP 4th August to PDG Roger Sherrington 0420 987 842 or roger.widespan@gmail.com**

5) BLACKTOWN PONDS CHARITY DINNER DANCE – SATURDAY 26TH OF AUGUST 2017

The Blacktown Ponds Lions Club organising a Dinner Dance in aid of The Ponds School, a special needs school established to support students with moderate or severe intellectual disabilities. It is held at Blacktown Workers Club Ballroom, 55 Campbell St, Blacktown. 6.00pm for 7.00 pm start. \$70.00 per head. **For tickets contact Rissa McInness 0414 947 135, Espie Bables 0425 379 011 or Orchy Macquarrie 0434 418 238.**

6) LUGARNO LIONS SPRING FAIR – SUNDAY 17TH OF SEPTEMBER 2017

The Lugarno Lions Club is holding its 38th Spring Festival at Gannons Park, Isaac Street, Peakhurst. The festival draws an estimated 40,000 plus visitors each year. Should you wish to run a Rent free stall **please contact John Clarke on 0450 300 192.**

DISTRICT CONVENTION AT NORFOLK ISLAND – 3rd to 5th of NOVEMBER 2017

This year, Our District Convention is being held at Norfolk Island from **Friday the 3rd to Sunday the 5th November.**

Check out some of the cheapest airline prices! Due to airline group seat allotment policy, these prices are strictly limited. Travel packages including airfares are sold on a first in first served basis. To make sure you don't miss out on the cheapest price make your booking now. All you need to pay is a \$200 deposit to secure the cheapest price. **Maria Massey** at the **Norfolk Island Travel Centre** is the dedicated Travel Consultant for the Convention and she will take care of all your arrangements. Contact her at maria@travelcentre.nf or by free call **1800 140 066**. She will send you a comprehensive Information Pack with everything you need to do to make your booking and pay your deposit.

There is as much or as little as you'd like to do on Norfolk Island. Whether you are deciding to travel for a special event or another time of year, this South Pacific gem is guaranteed to safely return you home very much satisfied.

SO, DON'T MISS OUT ON VISITING NORFOLK ISLAND FOR N5 DISTRICT CONVENTION

COMING EVENTS

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

I hope you enjoyed reading my first Cab Sec Monthly Memo

Kind regards,

Sunil Amaratunga
Cabinet Secretary



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