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MEMO

From: Sunil Amaratunga, Cabinet Secretary
 To: District 201N5 Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs and Cabinet Members
 Date: Jul 27, 2018
 Subject: **MONTHLY COMMUNICATION – Jul 2018**

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

ANOTHER YEAR OVER!!! A NEW ONE JUST BEGUN!!! LET'S MAKE IT'S A GOOD ONE!!!

Throughout the year I will provide a monthly email to all clubs. 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 2018-19, 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. Please note that LCI has introduced two new positions in this year – Club Service Chairperson and Club Marketing Communication Chairperson. We hope your club will fill these positions. It is perfectly alright to hold two or three positions by one member. Remember to advise the Cabinet Secretary as soon as your club appoints or changes any officers, also, update Club Officers and their details on MyLCI. If you have any problems with logon, require your membership number or need a bit of guidance on MyLCI, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0419 223 036 (after work) or send an email to cabsec@lionsclubssydney.org.au.

WELCOME TO OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR DEREK MARGERISON & CABINET / DISTRICT OFFICERS

We welcome DG Derek Margerison, Cabinet / District Officers for 2018-19 to District 201N5. This year DG Derek’s theme is “*Working Together, Hands On WE SERVE*”. DG Derek is determined to increase the membership especially women members. He also wants to work with Leos and assist them forming a Leo District Council for our District. DG Derek will make every effort to participate in Club Activities.

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.

DISTRICT STATISTICS – 2018/19 YEAR

Membership – At present our membership is sitting at 1,559. A slight improvement since 30th Jun 2018.

Clubs – At present our District has 74 Lions Clubs, 10 Leo Clubs and 1 Lioness Club.

Zone – The 74 Lions Clubs and 10 Leo Clubs have been allocated to 14 Zones.

District – 2018/19, our District has approximately 60 Cabinet and District Officers.

2018/19 ZONES

Here are the details of our 14 Zones.

- ~ **Zone 1: Sheryl Buffett (Arthurs Vale NI)** – Arthurs Vale, Norfolk Island, Norfolk Ailen Leos
- ~ **Zone 2 Bruce McLean (Balgowlah)** – Balgowlah, Frenchs Forest, Manly, Mosman, Pittwater.
- ~ **Zone 3 Mark Sing (Chatswood Exec: Bsns:)** – Berowra, Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai, St Ives, Chatswood Exec: Bsns:
- ~ **Zone 4: Vin Pang (Sydney Inner West)** – Sydney Waratah, Sydney Chinese, Sydney Follow Your Dream, Sydney Inner West, Sydney Selective, Western Sydney, Sydney Pacific, Sydney Inner West Leos.
- ~ **Zone 5: David Brown (Hawkesbury South)** – Windsor, Richmond, Hawkesbury South, Hawkesbury Bells line.
- ~ **Zone 6: Karin Cheung (Sydney Central)** – NSW Parliamentary, Sydney Defence & Emergency Svcs, Sydney Eye, Sydney (Host), Sydney Markets, Sydney Central.
- ~ **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: Marilyn Latham (Eastwood Epping)** – Carlingford-Dundas, City of Ryde, Epping-Eastwood, Sydney Sri Lankan, Sydney Jung Ang, Sydney Chinese Bsns, Cumberland 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, Sydney South Shapla Shaluk, Sydney South Shapla Shaluk Leos.
- ~ **Zone 12: Patrick Tsang (Sydney Defense & Emergency Services)** – 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.
- ~ **Zone 14: Jasaman Sethi (Sydney Nepal Himalaya)** – Cambridge Park, Emu Plains, Mt Druitt, Penrith, Sydney Nepal Himalaya, Sydney Asian Himalayas Leos.

DISTRICT HEALTH CHECK Fiscal Year 2018

1) Membership

We started the 2017/18 period with 1,560 members, sadly we ended up with 1,545. There were 257 new members. However, 272 members departed (16 deceased) our clubs.

2) Activities / Services Reporting – in MYLCI

3,108 activities / projects have been reported in MyLCI by our 74 clubs. Total **Lion Hours** were **87,064. 239,656 people** were served during 2017/18. **24,352 Eye glasses** were collected. **262 trees** were planted. **US\$ 1,022,443 Funds** were raised, out of which **US\$ 661,143 Funds** were donated. Sadly, most of the clubs have forgotten to enter the number of Lions participated in these projects. **Only 383 lions** have participated (reported) in these projects. On an average – only around 45 clubs have reported their activities during last year. Had the remaining 29 clubs reported, our numbers would have increased significantly. Still, all clubs should be proud of what they have done to the community and reported in MYLCI in the period of 201/18.

3) MMR - Reporting – in MyLCI

We have been achieving **100%** Monthly Membership Reporting from Sep 2017 to Jun 2018. We missed out in July & Aug 2017. Excellent work by all club secretaries, hope they will keep it up during 2018/19.

DISTRICT CHANGEOVER NIGHT 2018

The District 201N5 Changeover Dinner was held at Bankstown Sports Club on Saturday, July 21, 2018. What a memorable night it was. The hall was filled. There were almost 200 guests. We were entertained by our very own Lion Christopher Booth from Lions Club of Blacktown Ponds. His signing was superb, especially the Opera Songs. The speech on Leadership by the Guest Speaker, Tim Ferris was very educative and informative. IPDG Ron Gattone presented the District & DG Recognition Awards to the following Clubs and members.

a) District Awards

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

– **Commendations – Blacktown Ponds, Emu Plains, Lugarno**

The Allan J Waters Memorial Trophy for *best Tail-twister* in the District was **Bruce Eaton - Balgowlah**

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

– **Commendations – Winston Hills**

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

The David Bull Memorial Trophy for the *Best Club Secretary* was won by **Rachael Hanlon of Blacktown City**.

– **Commendations - Jennifer Touzel (Crestwood), John Slack (Lugarno), Yvonne Robinson (Ni), Jon Copson (Parramatta), Steven Gault (Penrith), Ian Field (Winston Hills)**

The Diane Sherrington Trophy for *the overall winner of the District Club Competition* was **Lugarno**.

– **Commendations – Blacktown City, Kings Langley, Manly, Parramatta, Penrith**

The James P Ledingham Memorial Trophy for service to *Diabetes Awareness* was won by **Sydney Follow Your Dream**.

The Anthony Cheung Trophy was won by **Bruce McLaren (Balgowlah)** – for the *Best Media Coverage* of Lions Projects or Events throughout the Lions Year.

– **Commendations – Geoff Irvine (West Pennant Hills / Cherrybrook)**

The MJ (John) Booth Trophy for *Best Zone Chairperson* was won by **Elizabeth Lessells (Crestwood)**.

– **Commendations – Mohan Nanayakkara (West Pennant Hills / Cherrybrook, Bruce McLaren (Balgowlah)**

The Bessie Hammond Memorial Trophy was won by **Marilyn Morrison (Sutherland Lioness)**. This is awarded to a Lady in Lionism for being a Quiet Achiever.

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

b) District Governor Awards

Group 1

Certificates of appreciation from International President Naresh Aggarwal

Derek Margerison, Jennifer Touzel, Bruce McLaren, Gavin Ridley, Graham White

Group 2

The Follow Your Dream Foundation Australia Fellowship: in recognition of outstanding leadership as Club President.

Ravindrarajah Anandarajah – (Burwood), Alan Bideleux – (Cambridge Park), Wayne Kedward – (Kellyville)

Group 3

District Officers Star Award: for exemplary service to District within their portfolio.

Sunil Amaratunga, Peter Touzel, David Tuckerman, Warren Latham, Vin Pang, Karin Cheung, Tony Moore, Elvio Munzone, Genevieve Jeny, John Chate, Helen Loseby Bowles

Group 4

Club Excellence Awards 2016-2017

Blacktown City-Rebel Hanlon, Carlingford Dundas-David Evans, Crestwood- John Ebbott, Emu Plains- Ian West
Kings Langley-John Fernandes, Lugarno-Greg English, Manly-Frank Spencer, Oatley-Bryan Pirie, Sydney Indian-
Rohitas Batta, West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook-Sunil Amaratunga

Group 5

District Governor's Star Pin Awards: Throughout the year, during his Club visits and other functions, DG Ron Gattone, presented several Star shaped pins he had specially made to members whom he considered to have contributed well above the required level of service within their Club, District and the Community. 15 were presented throughout the year to the following. All these recipients are eligible to be in a draw for a \$3,000.00 travel voucher to be used in any manner the winner wishes.

They are - PDG Brian Daniels, Geoff Irvine, Gavin Ridley, Bruce McLaren, Genevieve Jeny, Peter Touzel, Jack Au, Andy Chow, Greg English, John Fernandes, Sunil Amaratunga, Elizabeth Lessells, Jennifer Touzel, Risa McInnes, Karin Cheung.

The lucky winner of \$3,000.00 travel voucher was Geoff Irvine.

Group 6

International President Leadership Award and Service Award:

Leadership Medal-Elizabeth Lessells, Service Medal-Jon Copson

DISTRICT EVENTS

1) ORGAN DONOR AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS (During Awareness Week 29-07-18 to 5-08-18)

Chairperson Mohan Nanayakkara will hold a district wide Awareness Campaign through several clubs. The main Campaign will be held at Castle Hill Shopping Centre on the 29th of Jul 2018. Several Clubs from Hills District will take part in this campaign.

2) DISTRICT FOOD HANDLING COURSE – SATURDAY THE 4TH OF AUG 2018 – Postponed

As you know, unfortunately, the Food Handling Course (Free) has been postponed until Funding is approved by the State Govt. The Trainers will contact no sooner they receive their funding.

3) LIONS WOMEN'S FORUM & LEOS FORUM – SUNDAY THE 12TH AUGUST 2018 – Bankstown Sport Club

I am sure most of you who are interested in these two Forums by now must have sent their Registrations. Both Forums have a lineup of great motivational speakers. Please urge your Lion lady members and any other ladies who are keen on Lionism and our motto "We Serve" to get registered for this first ever Lions Women's Forum. Leo advisers, please get your Leos to attend this all-important Leo Forum which will be the stepping stone of forming a Leo District Council in our District.

4) "JUST ASK" FORUM – FOLLOWUP – POSTPONED – new date to be determined

Due to time constraints, we were compelled to postpone the "Just Ask Forum" indefinitely. A new date is yet to determine by the GLT Team.

5) DISTRICT CONVENTION 2018 - 2ND NOV TO 4TH NOV 2018 – WEST TRADIES, DHARRUK 2770

This year, our District Convention will be held at West Tradies, the community Club of the West. This year's Convention will be quite different from the traditional Conventions. Please register yourself early to avoid any disappointments. All details and Registration Forms are on our District Website.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND NOMINATIONS FOR THE CONVENTION 2018

Please be mindful of the close off dates:

Sunday, August 5, 2018 for any Notice of Motion to establish a District Project.

Tuesday, September 4, 2018 Deadline for Nominations & any other Non-Project Notices of Motion.

(a separate memo will be sent on this matter very soon)

UPCOMING ZONE EVENTS

1) DG Visit to Zone 14 – Saturday 11th Aug 2018 – Henry Sports Club, Werrington County – 6.30pm

2) DG Visit to Zone 3 – Tuesday 14th Aug 2018 – St Ives Club, St Ives – 7.00pm

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

1) Lugarno Trivia Night in aid of Big Red Kidney Bus Projects – 25th Aug 2018 – St George Maso's Club

The Lugarno Club is holding a Trivia Night at St George Maso's Club in aid of Big Red Kidney Bus Project. Tickets are priced at \$25.00 per head which includes nibbles.

2) Nepalese TEEJ Festival Dinner / Dance-Sydney Nepal Himalayas-Sat 1st Sep 2018–Ron Moore Hall Minto

The annual Teej festival organised by Sydney Nepal Himalaya Lions Club will be held on Saturday 1st Sep 2018. For Bookings and further details please contact Jasaman Sethi 0432 712 903 or Shekar 0408 144 411

3) Hornsby – 60th Anniversary – Tuesday 11th September 2018 – Hornsby RSL 6.15pm

The President and the Club members cordially invite you to come along and celebrate this wonderful occasion. More details on our website.

4) Parramatta – 60th Anniversary – Friday 28th of Sep 2018 – Parra Villa, Parramatta 7.00pm

The members of Parramatta welcome you to join them in their celebrations of 60 years of service to Parramatta community. More details on our website.

PUBLICITY OF YOUR EVENTS AMONG OTHER LIONS CLUBS OF OUR DISTRICT

Please note publicity of your club events / projects among other clubs in our District is very important. It helps your club to achieve two things, a) It will publicise your club b) members of other clubs will participate / contribute to your event. As such, if you wish to publicise your event please send me the details, I will email to all clubs (with the approval of our DG), place your notice in my Monthly Memo, Send to Webmaster to upload to our website and send direct to SN Editor for publicity in Sydney News.

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 1st Cab Sec Monthly Memo for 2018/19.

Kind regards,
Sunil Amaratunga
Cabinet Secretary



'Working Together Hands On WE SERVE'