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Howick Lions Club Meetings @ DMG...*



OUR NEXT DINNER MEETING - WEDNESDAY JUNE 3

CANCELLED

6:45pm; \$28pp

DANNEMORA GARDENS, BOTANY

JUNE DINNER ROSTER

Zone 7
District 202K

Guest Speaker:

Introducer:

Loyal To:

Beverage:

Cashier:



BREAKING NEWS



OUR JUNE BUSINESS MEETING: -

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 17, 2020

6:45pm for 7:00pm Dannemora Gardens RV, Botany



*On Friday May 29, Paul Johnson, Village Services Manager at Dannemora Gardens Retirement Village, advised Howick Lions DMG was now in a position to host our club meetings at that venue. (*Govt. Covid-19 Ts & Cs applying.*) As a result of this advice a couple of meeting options arose, and in order to resolve these issues a straw poll of all Howick Lions Club members was carried out.

There was majority approval (71%) to resume physical club meetings at DMG with business meetings on June 17 & July 15. There was also a valid majority vote (82%) to resume regular dinner meetings with our 'Change of Officers' (pot luck) dinner at PDG Alan Sheath's home on Sunday, July 5. Normal Howick Lions meetings at DMG continue from August. *See Club Calendar, back page.*

A BYO drinks ZOOM conference meeting is planned for 7pm on Wednesday, June 3.





President Paul's comments for June



Fellow Lions,

It's a wonderful feeling to start my last President's message for The Tatler with the great news that Dannemora Gardens have invited us back. Finally we can get back to work! Thank you to Brian Stocking for continuing to liaise with Dannemora Gardens throughout the Alert Levels.

As my final message, I'd just like to say thank you. Thank you for all your help, advice and support during my term as President, but more importantly, thank you for adapting so quickly to Zoom and WhatsApp during the national lockdown which enabled us to keep talking, hold meetings and stay positive. I was really proud of the way we embraced new technology with great humour, patience and a positive attitude. It goes to show that the strength of our club doesn't come from where, or how, we meet; it comes from the energy of our members.

Having said that, I'm really looking forward to seeing you all in person at our June Business Meeting.

In the meantime, stay safe!

Yours in Lions,

Paul Curtis,

Club President

“Kia Manaaki / We Serve”.



*Sorry
we missed
connecting
May 6*



OUR ONLINE 'DINNER' MEETING WAS SKIPPED

....But we met up at our business meeting on the evening of May 20



We are now 'getting the hang' of this way of having a Lions meeting... and it's fun. Seventeen of us logged in to Zoom for personal catch-ups, & some Howick Lions' business; nice to see everyone was looking well. Clearly, the Covid-19 virus status is impacting on many of our plans, so full & final action often remains in limbo until the last minute.

We still await confirmation of Chip Cooking & Sausage Sizzle bookings from some schools & The Warehouse; and retail closures are dampening Lion Mints sales.

Tony & Shona are planning a movie night for us soon. Thank you folks.

Thanks also to Rajiv & Brian for representing our club as voting delegates at the upcoming (on-line) Multiple District elections.

PDG Alan's (& Karen's) generous offer to home-host a REAL gathering (subject to Covid-19 numbers allowance) for our 'Change of Officers' meeting was greatly welcomed, for July 5 (instead of the regular July 1 dinner meeting, which has been cancelled).



For a full & detailed account of this on-line business meeting please refer to the official minutes from secretary Raj.



Historical Village Issues Press Statement

HOWICK
HISTORICAL
VILLAGE



22 May 2020

PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Howick Historical Village – Covid 19 Impact Update

Howick Historical Village, like many Museums throughout New Zealand, has suffered a serious financial impact from Covid-19. We've felt the effect of the severe decrease in revenues from tourism, events and education and projections estimate that it will take a significant amount of time for these sectors to recover. To help get us through this difficult period, we are actively seeking financial support from Auckland Council and other agencies, as well as the private sector.

Our unique living history museum contains some of the oldest original buildings in Auckland and the stories they tell give us a picture of history rarely experienced. To preserve these historic buildings, heritage gardens and our collection for generations to come we have had to make the difficult decision to downsize our team and reduce our operations.

We want to reassure the community that we aim to fully re-open in the **last quarter of 2020** with fresh ideas and a new perspective. The cafe onsite, the Homestead Cafe, continues to be open to the public for coffee, lunches, and tasty treats.

We look forward to being able to open our doors to the general public; but until that time, we have a number of exciting projects under way. These include a new logo, brand, and website, continuing our increased digital media presence and outreach programmes for schools. We are continuing to take bookings for filming and venue hire such as Weddings, in accordance with current guidelines. Our dedicated team and volunteers will be working hard to keep our gardens, buildings and taonga protected and maintained.

Our main objectives during this time are:

Keep us visible, connect with the local and wider community

Keep us relevant, respond to the new norm

Keep us intact, preserve what we have

Build for the future, get us ready for the opportunities to come.



In Times of Darkness, Be the Light



We Serve

Sometimes, it's hard to find our way. In the dawn of 2020, our world has been thrust into a great trial. The past few months have seen countries – including my own – tested to their limits. Many people are facing new realities that challenge their ability to make ends meet and provide enough food and essentials to keep their families safe. And many first responders – doctors, nurses, police officers, grocery store clerks, among the many others – are putting themselves on the line every day to save lives.

It is a dark time. It is easy to give in to fear. But we cannot. This is the time to act.

What that action looks like in the face of lockdowns, quarantines, and social distancing may look very different from service as we've known it. We have to put health and safety first. But now is not the time to shrink away from the new and different. Now is the time to tap into the innovation that Lions are known for so we can find new ways to help.

There is so much uncertainty in the world right now. In these extraordinary times, let's rededicate ourselves to service. Let's become the lights that guide our world through this period of darkness.

In my dark moments – and there have been some for me, too, these past months – I like to imagine every Lion as a candle in a window. I see Lions serving meals to low-income children because schools are closed, making sure they don't miss a meal. I see Lions delivering groceries to elderly neighbours who are most vulnerable to the virus. I see clubs hosting meetings online so they can stay connected and continue to find ways to give back. Every day, I see Lions putting their kindness in action.

And I am lifted.

Now imagine how bright the world would be with all our candles flickering together, shining brightly, helping the world to find its way. Be the light, Lions. Show the way.

Sincerely

Jung-Yul Choi

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi; President, Lions Clubs International

American Girl Scout Gabrielle Edwards painted a mural as her Gold Award project, and to give back to the local Lions banquet hall, where she and her family have spent much of their time.



Mural increases visibility of Lions

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A new mural on the side of the Jefferson Township Lions' Clubhouse and banquet hall in Mount Cobb, Pennsylvania, USA, has been drawing traffic. The vibrant mural depicts a lion's head with a full, brightly coloured mane showcasing many local services, landmarks, and volunteer projects.

Gabrielle Edwards, a high school junior and Girl Scout, designed, planned, and executed the project with the support of the Lions club as her Gold Award project. "They were very enthusiastic," she told The Tri-County Independent. "I then had to actually pick what I wanted to paint. They gave me some ideas on what they'd like to incorporate, so I sketched up many lions and decided to do a cartoonish looking face with the mane full of our community spirit and energy." She chose bright, primary colours to maximize the visual impact of the mural.

Once the wall was power washed and stripped of loose paint, Gabrielle got to work. Her mother Bonnie and brother Jack helped her paint the base coat and her mother, also an artist with several local murals to her name, helped her sketch the head. "We took my sketch of what I wanted and measured out the centre. We then found the centre of the wall and worked our way out, sketching with pencils and house paint. We finished the face the first day in the heat, followed by ice cream," she told the TC Independent. The mane was filled in with the help of her mum and friends over the next two weeks. Altogether Gabrielle estimates they spent about 60 hours painting.

PDG Gayle Padfield, a Jefferson Township Lion, says bookings at the hall, built by members in 1972, have increased since the mural went up. "It has raised the visibility of Lions in the town," she says.

Our Service Roles for 2019 - 2020



The Board of Directors of

The Lions Club of Howick for 2019 / 2020

President	Paul Curtis
Immediate Past President	Derek Miles
1st Vice President	Grant Taylor
Secretary	Rajiv Sondhi
Treasurer	Neil Hornblow
LCIF Co-ordinator	Derek Miles
Membership Director	Colin Salt



OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Tail Twister: Grant Taylor
Almoner: Ian Packwood
Historian: Ian Packwood

Lion Tamer: Dave Downie
Health & Safety Officer: Tony Blair
Bulletin Editor: Denis McKenna

COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION Paul Curtis, Derek Miles, Neil Hornblow, Rajiv Sondhi
& FINANCE;

MEMBERSHIP; Colin Salt

YOUTH & CHILDREN; Ella Curtis

COMMUNITY & PROGRAMS; Tony Blair

PR & COMMUNICATIONS; Colin Salt, Denis McKenna, Paul Curtis

REGULATORY & DONATIONS; Grant Taylor,

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Beeswax Eco-Wraps; Denis McKenna

DMG Liaison; Brian Stocking, Denis McKenna

Club Branded Apparel; Denis McKenna

Club Website Management; Paul Curtis

Historical Village Liaison; Colin Salt

Howick Christmas Lights; Grant Taylor, Neil Hornblow

Howick Santa Parade; Brian Stocking

Lions Christmas Cakes; Agnes Li, Paul Curtis

Lion Mints Sales & Distribution; Neil Hornblow

Sausage Sizzles; Judith Korau (logistics), Brian Stocking (bookings)

School Hot Chips Service; Tony Blair

Senior's Tony Blair (logistics), Jean Wigzell (MC & entertainment)

Christmas Lunch; Shona Blair (Catering)

Spectacle Recycling; Colin Salt

Water Safety Picnic; Paul Curtis

Howick Lions Club intermediate meeting on ZOOM, Wednesday, May 27, 2020



It was just after 7pm when President Paul convened the "BYO virtual drinks" on-line, 'out-of-sequence', club meeting, to catch up with news (& gossip) circulating through our Howick Lions club. As members logged on, the by-plays began almost immediately, with genial greetings, quick quips & pithy banter, and it was some minutes before "order was restored".

Thirteen chatty members joined the zoom room, but despite being able to talk with Judith we couldn't see her. (*Apparently a family member had recently 'updated' her PC and now the video doesn't work!*). And Neil kept appearing & disappearing during the session; but we did have the pleasure of having him join the conversations from time to time. All in all, a merry bunch.

The talk was wide-ranging (but not much Lions stuff), with very good news from Rex regarding his health issues; there were tales, many tall & true, of planned overseas travel & fees refunding, or not; and trips taken, or not.

Among other subjects, we discussed the future of the fragile economic condition of the RSA & its pending development plans; Brian updated us on the public access status of the Historical Village (*see page 5*); We had a few apologies from absentees who couldn't make the time and/or date - from PP Colin especially, who informed us they were still over in 'Coro' (with no broadband), and June was not yet feeling fighting fit and unable to make the journey back to 'civilisation'. Get well soon June; our best wishes are with you - and with Colin.

A couple of 'tech-heads', who shall remain nameless, showed off with special backgrounds to their Zoom appearance, which generated a few 'cat-calls', (or should that be lion-calls?).

We decided to do this again for our scheduled 'dinner' meeting in June, (subject always to prevailing lockdown conditions).





Elected Officers of The Lions Club of Howick for the 2020 - 2021 Lions Year



Thank You

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDER</u>
President	David Westwick	Paul Curtis	Alan Sheath
Immediate Past President	Paul Curtis	David Westwick	Alan Sheath
Secretary	Alan Sheath	Paul Curtis	David Westwick
Treasurer	Neil Hornblow	Paul Curtis	Alan Sheath
1st Vice President	Judith Korau	Paul Curtis	Alan Sheath
2nd Vice President	Neil Hornblow	Paul Curtis	Alan Sheath
Lion Tamer(s)	Dave Downie/ Brian Stocking	Paul Curtis	Alan Sheath
Tail Twister	Gordon Myer	Paul Curtis	Alan Sheath
Membership Director	Colin Salt	David Westwick	Alan Sheath
LCiF Coordinator	Paul Curtis	David Westwick	Alan Sheath

The above members' roles were confirmed by member ballot on Wednesday April 15, via a ZOOM video link. Additional club responsibilities to be advised.


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On behalf of our Lions club, PP Neil presented a cheque for \$1000 to Howick RSA Secretary-Manager Scott Adams, to assist with welfare food distribution during the Covid-19 lockdown conditions.



Congratulations!



Birthdays & Anniversaries in June



Judith Korau
Alan Mead
Colin Salt
June Salt
Hamish Tait

Sarah & Paul Curtis
Gillian & Brian Stocking



"The barber-shops better open soon; it's getting hard to recognise even best friends"

CLUB CALENDAR



Please Note.
Some
scheduled
Lions events in
our calendar
will be
dependant
upon the
pertaining
COVID-19
alert level
lockdown
conditions.
Check status
just prior to
each date.



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June

- 1 Queens Birthday Observance (Monday)
- 1 Helen Keller Day
- 3 ~~Dinner meeting~~; ZOOM link booked
- 7 Lions Clubs International - birthday
- 13 ~~Sausage Sizzle @ The Warehouse TBC~~
- 13-14 New Officer Training Day TBC
- 17 Business Meeting; HLC business meetings resume.
- 21-27 National Volunteer Week

July

- 1 ~~Dinner meeting; Change of Club Officers~~ (cancelled)
- 5 **Change of Officers meeting @ Alan & Karen's home**
- 15 Business Meeting
- 25 Sausage Sizzle @ The Warehouse TBC

August

- 5 Dinner meeting
- 13 Sausage Sizzle @ The Warehouse TBC
- 19 Business Meeting

September

- 2 Dinner meeting
- 5 Sausage Sizzle @ The Warehouse TBC
- 16 Business Meeting
- 19 General Election Day
- 23 Combined Clubs Meeting (Official DG visit) TBC
- 26 Hot Chips @ Owairoa School TBC
- 27 Daylight Saving begins

October

- 7 Dinner meeting
- 10 Sausage Sizzle @ The Warehouse TBC
- 17 Hot Chips @ Star of the Sea School TBC
- 21 Business Meeting
- 26 Labour Day
- 31 Hot Chips @ Wakaaranga School TBC

November

- 4 Dinner meeting
- 18 Business Meeting
- 21 Sausage Sizzle @ The Warehouse TBC

CONVENTION DATES

~~INTERNATIONAL~~ Singapore, June 26-30, 2020
District 202K Waipu, Oct 30-Nov 1, 2020 TBC
MULTI-DISTRICT 202 HUTT CITY, APRIL 23-25, 2021

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