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OUR JULY BUSINESS MEETING: -<u>WEDNESDAY - JULY 15, 2020</u> 6:45pm for 7:00pm Dannemora Gardens RV, Botany

Important Message for Lions

A Joint Statement from Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, and Rotary International

Woven through the fabric of virtually every community on earth, the service clubs of Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, and Rotary International are working safely and diligently to maintain connections with each other and neighbours so we can cope with and overcome the effects of COVID-19. We are leveraging the strength of our combined networks of 3.2 million members to provide comfort and hope to those feeling the effects of isolation and fear. And we are focusing our collective skills, resources, and ideas to support frontline health workers and first responders as they battle this disease and save lives. In these times of uncertainty, local service clubs remain committed to meeting the challenge of finding innovative ways to act together to help communities around the globe heal and thrive –

and become more united than ever.



President David comments...

Thank you Fellow Lions for giving me the opportunity

to lead you through this coming Lions year. Firstly, I ask you to join me in extending

to Paul our gratitude for leading us through, what must be the most difficult & taxing of years. Thank you Paul.

My theme for the year is "Enjoyment in Service". It is my hope that we can focus on projects concerning our youth, and to that end I have sought the help of several long-standing members to work with Ella and her crew to fulfil this important and topical issue.

For the enjoyment, other than the satisfaction of community service, we are planning to have a 'Pot Luck Dinner', Theatre Night/Movie Night, Elevenses in November, a Car Rally (most likely in February 2021), and other events which will add a more social experience to the business of being a Lions Service Club in Howick.

I look forward to working with you all over the coming 12 months. Sincerely, David





You're Invited.....

This email sent to all members by Jean Wigzell on 10/6/20

Greetings Lions Family

On behalf of PDG Alan Sheath and your Social Committee it is my pleasure to invite you to a Howick Lions first.....

A Change of Officers Luncheon !!

This slightly formal affair in an informal setting will be held at the Sheath's (106B Bramley Drive, Farm Cove) on Sunday 5th July.

Would you please let me know if you wish to attend so that I can give a rough idea of numbers to Alan asap.

Due to space restrictions we request that the invitation be extended to Lions and partners only.

FYI: We intend a shared lunch. Please bring a plate and your own drinks. Sundries, tea and coffee provided.

In order to avoid 35 Pavlovas and 1 plate of sandwiches I will be in touch nearer the date to sort out more detail. We are very good at this – just like the old days !!

Cheers for now.

Hope to hear from you very soon. Lion Jean.

PS I should mention that our regular dinner meeting July 1st will be cancelled.



Alan & Karen's address: -106B Bramley Drive Farm Cove



This evening would have been a regular dinner date, so eleven keen Lions logged in to their PCs to join the Zoom Room and 'chew the fat' about Lions service, activities & other matters. As it turned out, this very casual meeting was somewhat light on 'Lions Stuff', with discussion subjects ranging from David Westwick's recent fishing experiences to Alan Sheath's familiarity with genealogy.

A stranger looking on may have gained the impression there was a modicum of longwinded waffle, but in true Howick Lions style this hardy bunch managed to navigate through this distraction and sort out a few current and important issues.

We discussed the upcoming annual 'Change of Officers' meeting, where next (Lions) year's club management will be inducted. And all decided Alan Sheath's offer to host at his home on Sunday, July 5 was a good & novel idea. Jean agreed to manage the catering & attendance communications, and it was decided to cancel the regular dinner meeting scheduled for July 1.

We supported the suggestion by District to link with the Bucklands Beach & Pakuranga-Panmure clubs for the incoming District Governor's official visit (or rep), at the Bucklands Beach Yacht Club on September 23, and would be recommending so to all members. Again, to avoid 'Lions Dinner Meetings Overload', we should consider cancelling the scheduled meeting on September 2.

We also discussed our archives at The Depot in LEP, and tried to identify a safe & secure storage location for our trailer—which can't now be stored with Dave (Downie) who has moved house. This issue is still on the table.



INFORMAL FORMALITY FOR COO

PDG Alan & Karen host social lunch for Change of Officers



t was a fun, friendly, happy, connecting afternoon, interspersed with short & sincere LCI ceremonies, as Howick Lions & partners bore witness to the annual inductions of our new club management team for the coming year. With a long and honourable history of experience, our most senior active member PDG Packy, conducted the essential formalities, installing David Westwick and his Board as our 2020-2021 president with his supporting Lions. New president David presented outgoing president Paul with a signed



Certificate of Appreciation for his dedication to community service, to the code of LCI, and to the capable guidance of our club during his year.

Outgoing president Paul expressed his gratitude for the support & encouragement he had received from members, particularly the club's positive & wholehearted

response to digitally coming together during the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown period, to conduct (some) Lions business, and

maintain essential interpersonal rapport. Paul thought it likely our Howick Lions club may have been leading (the District) with



these creative cyber-meetings. Paul then presented Certificates of Appreciation to a number of Lions for their ongoing commitment to the mission & ethics of Lions International, and for 'going the extra mile' for our community & our club.



And then it was time for lunch - and what a super lunch it was! Everyone had contributed a plate in one way or another to the fabulous fare even PP Paul arranging for cup cakes to be embellished with our club logo! Karen & Alan were, as usual, ever the consummate hosts, ensuring 'the agenda' was discreetly followed. Our thanks go to them both for the venue & the arrangements, and to Jean for co-ordinating & balancing the lunch dishes. The very enjoyable afternoon was a fine signal of our new team's aims & objectives for the coming Lions year.









Jottings from our business meeting June 17, 2020 - at DMG

WE ARE BACK!!

This was our first Howick Lions Club physical get-together since Covid-19 virus Lockdowns began in New Zealand in late March. It was also outgoing president Paul's final business meeting as Chair. Paul expressed gratitude for the support he had received during his term as 'Head Lion' and also during the disruptive period of the Lockdowns. He was pleased that members had largely embraced the digital tech of 'WhatsApp' & 'Zoom' which helped the club maintain contact & fellowship.

Rex is in hospital with 'Guillain Barre syndrome', which we were sorry to learn. All members wish him and Rosemary well, with our best wishes. With her nurse access Agnes has been able to visit him and reports Rex's spirit & 'trademark' good humour are in good shape. We understand Rex will be discharged from hospital next week.

We still can't find a suitable place to store our club trailer; Dave has moved house, and we are debating whether The Depot yard would be safe enough with a wheel clamp. Grant has kindly continued to hold it in the meantime.

We were sorry to learn that PP Derek Miles wishes to take 'Lion at Large' membership status. We wish him well and will review his situation in 6 months to see how he is placed with personal commitments.

It's ALL GO for our 'Change of Officers' meeting. We will meet for LUNCH at Alan & Karen Sheath's home on Sunday July 5 (instead of our usual dinner meeting on Wednesday July 1), for a 'pot-luck' lunch. Jean is handling the lunch communications & organising member's dishes to achieve a nice meal balance. Thank you.

Members' agreed to join with Bucklands Beach & Pakuranga-Panmure Lions clubs at the Bucklands Beach Yacht Club on September 23 for dinner for the official visit of DG Brian McMillan (& perhaps wife Marilyn) from the Ngatea Lions Club. This meeting will replace our scheduled dinner on September 2.



Howick Lions Club involvement with the HVA & the Christmas Lights has ended, with Bo Burns (Santa Parade organiser) now

taking over this responsibility on behalf of the Howick Village Assn. Our famous sizzling sausages & hot chips are now back on the menu

with future dates confirmed. (See Club Calendar back page).



For a full & detailed account of this business meeting please refer to the official minutes from acting secretary Denis



Our Service Boles for 2020 - 2021

The Board of Directors of The Lions Club of Howick for 2020 / 2021

President Immediate Past President **1st Vice President** Secretary Treasurer I CIF Co-ordinator **Membership Director**

David Westwick Paul Curtis Judith Korau Alan Sheath **Neil Hornblow** Paul Curtis Colin Salt

Health & Safety Officer: Tony Blair

Bulletin Editor: Denis McKenna

Lion Tamer(s): Dave Downie / Brian Stocking

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Tail Twister: Gordon Myer Almoner: Ian Packwood Historian: Ian Packwood

COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION Paul Curtis, Derek Miles. Neil blow, Rajiv Sondhi UPDATE

Coming

& FINANCE;

MEMBERSHIP; Colin Salt YOUTH & CHILDREN; Ella C **COMMUNITY & PROGRAMS;** PR & COMMUNICATIONS; Co **REGULATORY & DONATIONS:**

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Beeswax Eco-Wraps; Paul Curtis 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 Christmas Lunch; Tony Blair (logistics), Shona Blair (catering), Jean Wigzell (MC and entertainment) Spectacle Recycling; Colin Salt The Warehouse Liaison: Brian Stocking Water Safety Picnic; Paul Curtis

The Lions Club of Howick - in Days Gone By...



An occasional feature looking back at our club's past activities. From the Archives of Ian Packwood, Past Council of Governors Chairman (PCC) & Past District Governor 202K (PDG).

The Year - 1990; President; Brian Stocking

The Howick Lioness Club - the 17th to be formed in our District. The club was formed bringing a new dimension to our club's activities and an opportunity for ladies to join us in service.

The initial (Acting) Board was formed with:-

President; Patricia Watkinson

Secretary; Wendy Smith

Treasurer; Joy Mann

During their initial few months the Lionesses were actively involved, with the their sponsoring Lions, in the September Telethon and the November Christmas Parade together with the Senior Citizens Christmas luncheon.



They accomplished many projects until recent times and made a valuable contribution in their own inimitable way.

The *"Celebration of Age"* Telethon was a great success with our legendary chips selling well at the Howick Gala Day in Picton Street.



The annual fireworks display was the best attended to date; some 7000 people and \$12,000 raised for local projects. A cheque for \$8000 was presented to Howick College to assist with the restoration of amenities lost following an arson attack.

The display has been a major event eventually raising many thousands \$ over the years to support many local and major projects such as the construction of a playground for the Homai School for the Blind and vehicles for the St. John's KidSafe project.

Major events have been staged at the Manukau Velodrome, Ericsson Stadium, and Ellerslie Racecourse on the occasion of the

Lions Multiple District 50th Anniversary Convention in 2005 and finally at Alexandra Park 2009.



More Howick Lions Club History

Let's not forget the celebrated LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION held in Brisbane 19th–22nd June.

To round off this Lions year we saw a contingent of Howick Lions depart to the 74th Lions Club's International Convention held in Brisbane 19th-22nd June. This would possibly be the first time it has been held in the Southern Hemisphere and certainly "Down Under." Our team: -

Brian & Josie Harris, Keith & Valerie Hyland, Bob & Mary Hughes, Ken & Jeanette Marshall,

Ted & Maureen Penney, Merv & Joyce Sharp. Doug & June Kilgour, Ian & Nancy Packwood, Neil & Lynn Plows,



For those attending their 1st International Convention; WOW! Six years of planning took place prior to Brisbane welcoming over 30,000 Lions from around the world.

The organisation, transport, accommodation and the conduct of the convention, all were superb. The parade, with more than 12,000 participants from 100 countries, many in national dress, marching bands and spectacular floats, all gave a new meaning to our understanding of *Lions International.* As did the opportunities to meet with, and speak with, like-minded people from countries we may never have the opportunity to visit.



More Club History...



This letter from our International President represents one of the "Red Letter" days in the story of our club's

history. The small tab pictured at the top is a 30 year service recognition tab. This Life Membership granted to Brian Harris reflects his dedication to the work of Howick Lions beginning with his role of Charter Year Secretary in 1962 and continuing to serve as President in 1966-67. And in subsequent years virtually taking part in every aspect of our Club's administration and activities. Brian continued his active involvement with 36 years of 100% attendance record. As well, he has held the positions of Zone Chairman 67/68 on the District Cabinet, Deputy District Governor in1968/69 and as Treasurer for the District in the Lions year 1976-77.



Brian Harris

TO. LIDN BRIAN HARRIS.

The International Association of Lions Clubs 300 22nd Street/Oak Brook, Illinois 60521-8842, U.S.A. (708) 571-5466 19 AM L. "SILL" BIDGS April 16, 1991 Dear Brian: On behalf of the International Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to welcome you as a life member of The International Association of Lions Clubs. All of us in the family of Lionism are proud of your dedicated and committed service and the achievements that have marked your career as a Lion. Please accept my congratulations and my personal wish to you for many, many more years of service and fellowship in Lionism. Warmest personal regards. Serve.

This inaugural club logo was retired

in October 2016





Alan Sheath's email address is: -<u>alan.sheath@gmail.com</u> Howick Lions, please use only this address to send emails to Alan. Thank You.



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