



This is a time of plenty; "It is better to give than receive"

PDG Sandra and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

This is a time of plenty for most but we should not forget those less fortunate than ourselves and give a gift of food or share our Christmas with someone in need.

Some person said many years ago, "It is better to give than receive". As Lions we give all year round to worthy causes and support our communities. Thank You. Enjoy your holiday and come back refreshed and revitalised for the coming year.

Lions Clubs International President Sid Scruggs is encouraging Lions of the world to *Share the Vision* and help the hungry of the world. Clubs are encouraged to plan a project or a combined project with an adjoining club. Together we can achieve more.

Membership has been a little disappointing in the first half of this Lionistic year but I'm happy to report that there should be a few new members this month. In December I will be holding my Christmas Cabinet, Executive and MERL meetings, on the weekend of December 11, 12. We have invited the Zone Chairmen along to the MERL meeting to stimulate ideas

Bill's Pipeline

and formulate strategies to regain the membership growth momentum that was evident in PDG Pam's year.

I would however like to remind clubs to please ensure the WMMR is filled in and sent for the new member when he or she joins. Two things happen with the WMMR, firstly the member is recorded by District and International. Secondly they are covered by insurance and can truly be a part of your club. The date of joining is their anniversary date and years of service is taken from that date. The Installation of a new member should be treated with respect as this ceremony is a celebration for the new member and the club.

It is extremely important that clubs fill in their WMMR's as this is a part of their obligation and commitment of a Lions club to fulfil under their charter. The WMMR will also be used to determine the clubs financial obligation to District and International. Even if there is no change to your membership it is imperative that the WMMR is sent. I would encourage members to ask there executive if this is being



DG Bill Laundy.

completed on time each month.

The Lions Peace Poster completion has been completed and I would like to thank the students, teachers and clubs for their participation. The standard was fantastic and the judging took place at the Kingsley-Woodvale Lions Club 20th year celebration, at the home of Lion Colin Heap. Congratulations to all who took part in this wonderful International competition. It was obvious that the children put a great deal of thought into the theme this year, which was "My Vision for Peace". District W1 winning entrant was from Ellie Tregrove from the North Beach Primary School sent in by the Lions Club of North Beach.

My theme for the year is *Lions looking after Lions and the Community.*

Yours in Service

-Bill Laundy, DG.

Children of Courage moves to the CBD

WE ARE very pleased to announce that Pan Pacific Perth has kindly agreed to sponsor next year's Children of Courage event on **Sunday, April 3, 2011 at 11 am.**

As a recent addition to the city, Pan Pacific Perth wants to establish itself as an integral part of the Perth community and it sees this as just the start of a great relationship.

The event will take place in Pacific Perth's newly refurbished ballroom, with Staging Connections providing complimentary audio visual equipment. As part of its sponsorship, Pan Pacific will also provide canapés, soft

drinks, tea and coffee.

This really is going to be a wonderful opportunity for the children and their families to enjoy the event in beautiful surroundings.

New forms are now available and will be sent to all clubs via the cabinet secretaries.

Club sponsorship for the children will continue to be \$50 per child. Any clubs sponsoring over four children, the charge will be \$25 for the extra children to cover the cost of their medal and certificate.

-Chris Smelt, W1 District Chairperson.

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Lions busy bee weekend at Dryandra

INVITATION to a free weekend's accommodation. The Chairman and Board of Directors of the Dryandra Woodland Village need help! We are opening the Village to all Lions and family and friends of Lions on the weekend of the 22nd January 2011 for a busy bee.

We have jobs ranging in skills and abilities all around the Village from painting, wall tiling carpentry, fencing, roof gutter cleaning, sewing, stump grinding, installing fire fighting hoses and more.

A sausage sizzle lunch and a BBQ on Saturday will be provided (you just need to BYO meat) night. Remember Lions this is your village and if you have never visited us this is your chance to experience a very unique part of our Lions of WA.

If your club or you as an individual Lion would like to attend a busy bee weekend on the 22 January arriving on Friday 21st and departing Sunday 23rd or any part thereof

What we need is . . . Painters: with own brushes etc; Plumbers: with our digging machine would be great; Floor and wall tilers: for little patch jobs only, with any excess grout and glue; Stump grinder: with own machine; Electricians and of course the very important tradies, the more the merrier and the quicker we all get to the fun part of the weekend.

Anyone else that feels they have some skills and/or tools to contribute.

Want to volunteer or ask questions:

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Leadership skills program the real juice

LIONS from the W-Districts met for a weekend of Essential Juice Leadership Skills at Woodman Point Recreation Camp recently.

The number attending was less than was hoped for. Seven from W2 and three from W1. Fifteen if we include the facilitators. Those that did attend participated to the max and said they much appreciated the opportunity.

The District Governor Terry Gray attended for about half of the program and as expected was not backward.

Convenor PDG Bruce Hearman told the *District Newsletter* that, "In contributing, I'm always reluctant to say at this stage the program was a success, even though outwardly it appears to have been, the real test will be to review the journey travelled by participants during the next year or two.

"I've indicated that I wish to conduct a second similar program during the March – April period next year. I ask all to encourage incoming club presidents and board members particularly – but not only them - to consider participating in this event as an integral part of setting themselves up for their year of office.



Pictured above left to right W2 Lions Margaret Sparkman, Stuart Gledhill, Peter Lamb, Dora Bushe-Jones, Terina Tinson, Jessica Thompson, Maxine Whitely, Robyn Roney, Bruce Hearman, Pat Jackson, Arthur Bushe-Jones and W1 Lions Margaret Glenn, Jean Comino and Peter Glenn.

I am sure they will not regret the experience." For the record, the Woodman Point site was

excellent to conduct weekend seminars with all facilities close to hand.

Leadership program essential, and what it was for me

"Who gives you the right to be brilliant? A better question is - who gives you the right not to be?" With that Nelson Mandela challenged the world and all upon it!

Everyone in our lives has the capacity to be amazing, to lead, to inspire and to invoke action. I was lucky enough during the first weekend in November to partake in the Leadership Weekend run by PDG Lion Bruce Hearman. I was blessed to share the weekend evolving with some great Lions from both W Districts.

These Lions each came with their own experiences, varying ability and often very different goals for both their personal, professional and

Lion's lives. Through the weekend we had workshops facilitated by inspirational Lions from our very own District, who like us had aspirations to be something more, who had gone beyond the ordinary to gain those skills. Each workshop sparked conversations, sharing and learning by all members of the group and at the end of the weekend I found myself submerged amongst a group of confident individuals, all with new tools to take on effective and meaningful leadership roles in our communities, be it Lions, business or family.

So what is leadership, fellow Lions.... it's the action YOU take to cause OTHERS to react! We all have what it takes to be inspira-

tional leaders; we just need to have the courage not to let ourselves shrink into the background. If we let our own light shine, we give others permission to shine also.

I would encourage every Lion in this District and other Districts to take part in a Leadership Weekend. No matter what you have done in Lions, whether you are new or have been a member for 30 years or more, take the time to learn about yourselves and find or rekindle that light that has you MOVING, TOUCHING or INSPIRING others!

The first step to becoming a great leader is to take action! When are you taking yours?
-Terina Tinson, Mandurah Lions Club

Regional leadership course a live in affair

A REGIONAL Leadership Institute is being held in Melbourne from February 18-20, 2011 at the Ciloms Airport Lodge.

The course is a live-in three day program and is aimed at providing leadership skills training for newer Lions and those wishing to take on leadership roles at a club level.

It is targeted at: potential club presidents and vice presidents, Newer Lions who wish to take on management of club projects, Lions taking on leadership roles within District Cabinet for the first time.

Topics included in the institute include: communication skills, running effective meetings, team building, motivating members, Lions information and public speaking.

This is a Lions Clubs International program and is run by senior trained Lions from our Multiple District. The programme is funded jointly by LCI and our Multiple District. There is a minimal charge of \$50 per participant, however all costs for accommodation and meals are included in this cost. The only other cost to participants will be any travel costs they incur. Participants are expected to live-in and to attend all sessions.

The course is being held in Melbourne and we are particularly targeting the V, T and C Districts (because of location), however the program is open to Lions from throughout MD201.

Further details and downloadable application forms can be found on the MD201 website and follow the links – Training/Leadership Courses.

For further information you can contact:

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Want To know more about Lions? **ORIENTATION DAY**

VENUE: Valued Independent People (VIP)
Chessell Drive Duncraig

DATE: Sunday 20th February 2011

TIME: 8.30am for 9.00am Start - Finish 2.00pm

COST: \$10.00

**Presenters will be from our Lions
Foundations
& Lions from our District Cabinet**

Morning Tea and Lunch will be available

Come along have fun and learn about "our Club" LIONS

RSVP: Christine Walker - Leadership Chairperson

PO Box 2 WILLETTON WA 6955

Ph 9457 6338 or leadershipw1@westnet.com.au by

Friday 12th February 2011

Cancer screening program sees other MD clubs envious of local success

Special Thanks to W2 PDG Bob Huey for the secretary's duties and to Graeme Winters ex Lion of many years ago for looking after the role of treasurer.

To bolster the Lions on our board to assist with quorums non Lion Graeme will step aside for W2 PDG Neil Saunders who has indicated he would be very happy to assume that role. This year we resolved to move out of the Oasis House Nedlands building and we are most grateful to our MD Paul Kartis and the Cancer Council who have welcomed us at their offices for our ongoing board meetings. Thank you Paul. Future AGM's of the Lions Cancer Institute.

Numbers are always doubtful for these meetings so whilst we are a WA District Project we need to meet in a more central location and it could be timely that the board might enter into discussions formally with the Lions Hearing Institute with a view to a joint AGM of the Institutes so that we overcome the lack of a quorum plus the meeting would be of much interest.

We trialed a mail out to clubs this year which was a mild success as far as public relations is concerned but it appears to have been an abject failure from the perspective of donations.

There is clear evidence that the ongoing work of the Institute continues to depend on the very low level of financial support that we receive from clubs. It is imperative that as a board we need to find improved methods of impressing upon our clubs the importance of what our Institute contributes to the communities of this State and that we must have financial input.

Some time ago I suggested albeit unsuccessfully that we might consider asking clubs to pledge an amount over three years, so again I would like the board to revisit that and to come up with other suggestions which might increase the present levels of financial support.

The contribution from Prof George Yeoh to the W2 District Convention in Northam was a wonderful reminder to everyone who enjoyed his address that the long road ahead in the fight against cancer and the need to fund ongoing research is money well spent.

The National Convention last year proved to be a huge success for the Institute and it was evident to all of us who were fortunate enough to attend, that the screening program is a project which other clubs in other Districts were most envious of.

We are presently assisting those clubs that made contact subsequent to our display there and we are quietly confident that we will see another such programme rise from the dust of that trip to Mildura. A marvellous effort from Colin and his team and a memorable trip to boot!

I have enjoyed my fourth year as chairman of the Institute so come July 1, 2011 I will not stand for re-election to that position but as always will retain a close association to what is one of if not the single best project to carry the name of Lions across this State.

In conclusion to W2 PDG Colin Beauchamp and wife Lion Sue who diligently drive our all important screening program I offer my heartfelt thanks.



ABOVE:
PDG Pam Baird presents Cancer Institute Chairman Garry Irvine with a cheque for \$7,500 from the Razz-Ma-Tazz program.



RIGHT:
The front cover of the cancer Institute Annual Report.

BELOW:
Ellenbrook Lion Tony Turner is pictured with PDG Pam Baird and David at the Cancer Institute's AGM held at the Mandurah Lions Club's Den.





Colin Beauchamp (left) is pictured with Lorraine Strickland, Claremont Nedlands President Paul Wyndham, Peter Lamb and Allan Cooper.

Claremont Nedlands hand over \$12,000 to Lions Foundations

ON WEDNESDAY, November 10 W1 Lions Club Claremont Nedlands handed over a cheque to PDG Lorraine Strickland for \$3,000 as donation to Lions Save Sight Foundation.

This was one of four cheques for \$3,000 presented by the club on the night. Others were presented to W2 PDG Colin Beauchamp, Lions Cancer Institute; W2 First Vice District Governor Peter Lamb, WALDEF and Allan Cooper, Lions Hearing Foundation. Each recipient was asked to deliver a message on progress of their foundations to the assembled audience. Lorraine's message was . . . The Lions Save Sight Foundation has been really busy of late and our biggest win has been our involvement in the new volunteer Concierge Program at the Lions Eye Institute.

This was started jointly by LSSF and LEI to address the needs of elderly patients attending the clinics at LEI. Because the parking is such an issue, elderly patients are often dropped off on their own while family members or carers go to look for parking or who simply say "When you're finished get them to call me and I'll come a pick you up". This system wasn't working and lots of elderly patients were not coping.

Recruitment

I was given the job of recruitment, mostly done by publishing articles in Community press, the 'Senior's Have a go Newsletter' and our various Lions Publications. The response was amazing and just over thirty people volunteered their services. A wonderful recently retired volunteer called Lyne Thomas took over the day to day management of the project for us.

We have only been going for about six months but the program was nominated for the volunteer section of the Subiaco Business Awards. The competition was fierce and we had another eleven equally magnificent volunteer organizations to beat. I felt very confident about our chances because we had something

new, fresh, local and successful to offer. A group of us went to the Subiz Awards Dinner to support our coordinator Lyne and we were all thrilled and very noisy when we won.

Our normal LSSF work continues with successful screenings happening all over the state and our recycled glasses heading off all over the world to needy third world countries.

We have also just produced a new LSSF

brochure and all clubs will be receiving some of these in the near future. They are great for your own information but they would also be useful placed in a local library or community centre and you can always ask for more if you need them.

As usual the Lions Save Sight Foundation continues to do good work for sight on your behalf.

Lions Hearing Foundation promotes hearing conservation in WA

THE Lions Hearing Foundation of WA Inc. continues to actively promote hearing conservation in Western Australia.

The Foundation's main avenues for achieving this are via its hearing screening bus and by its support of the work of the Ear Science Institute Australia (ESIA), previously the Lions Ear & hearing Institute, in its treatment and research of hearing. The Foundation's screening bus conducted 20 screenings during the 2009/2010 year, screening 524 people, of whom 312 required to be referred to assessment.

Child subsidy scheme

The Foundation also continues to support ESIA's child subsidy scheme, where it provides a subsidy to cover part of the cost of hearing treatment for children whose parents may not otherwise be able to afford such treatment. The Foundation provided subsidies totalling \$6,490 in 2009/2010.

The Foundation also recently requested Lions Clubs in WA to make donations towards the supply of two FM hearing systems for children to ESIA. Because of the response from Clubs, in particular a single donation of \$3,000 from the Lions Club of Claremont-Nedlands, the Foundation was able to donate four such systems to ESIA.

During the year, the Foundation also provided a loan of \$100,000, repayable over five years,

to ESIA to assist in the opening of a new Lions Hearing Clinic in Mt Lawley.

It should be noted that the Ear Science Institute Australia is still very much a Lions institute – it runs the seven Lions Hearing Clinics in Subiaco, Mandurah, Joondalup, Mt Lawley, Winthrop, Nedlands and Middle Swan, with the proceeds from the clinics going towards the research of ESIA. The Foundation is also acknowledged on ESIA's letterhead.

In addition, in 2006, the Foundation provided the initial donation of \$300,000 towards the funding of ESIA's newly completed state of the art building in Subiaco. I would certainly encourage all Lions members to visit this wonderful building.

Therefore, the Lions Hearing Foundation continues to play an important role in hearing conservation in Western Australia, as it has done since 1980.

However, this is only possible because of the ongoing generous support of the Lions Clubs of Western Australia. It is therefore particularly pleasing to note and sincerely thank the Lions Club of Claremont-Nedlands for there two very generous donations of \$3,000 each, which will greatly assist the Foundation in its continuing efforts.

-Lion Allan Cooper, Treasurer, Lions Hearing Foundation of WA Inc.

Concierge program a big winner

Back in April/May of this year the Lions Save Sight Foundation and the Lions Eye Institute began a recruitment drive to start a Concierge program at the Lions Eye Institute.

This program recruited Lion and non Lion helpers to work as volunteers for one half day a week. They were kitted out in their smart red jackets and welcome badges which makes them easily identifiable to patients.

The service they provide makes patients' visits and treatments a smoother, less stressful and more pleasant experience.

To maintain this kind of programme you need to have lots of helpers and a great volunteer coordinator to prepare the rosters and keep everything running smoothly. We were blessed to find such a person and recently retired Lyne Thomas is doing a fantastic job, keeping everyone well informed and the programme running smoothly.

Recently, the project was nominated for the volunteer section of the inaugural Subiaco Business Awards or Subiz as it is known. We had stiff competition from eleven other nominees in our section, many of them really well known. We were delighted to find out that we were finalists and even more excited at the presentation dinner night when we took out the top award.

Lyne Thomas collected the award on behalf of the team from the Mayor of Subiaco.

A big thrill for Save Sight, the Eye Institute, Lyne Thomas, our volunteers and the Lions who have supported us. Bravo all!

"It has been successful beyond our wildest dreams and we still have volunteers joining us, some of whom are branching out into other



PDG Lorraine Strickland, Lyne Thomas, Professor David Mackey and Julie Robson with the prize at the awards dinner.

areas of support," the chuffed PDG Lorraine Strickland said

"I am constantly amazed at the number of people who want to help but don't necessarily

want to commit to membership of an organisation like Lions.

"Perhaps working with and for us will change their minds," Lorraine added.



Receiving the cheque for the club are Lion Melanie Hawkes project coordinator, and club president Lion Ray Zinner. The others in the picture are bank shareholders.

Forrestfield High Wycombe pick up \$5,500 grant

At its recent Community Grants Presentation Night the Forrestfield and High Wycombe Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) presented \$71,500 to local community organisations.

Grants awarded to the local community have amounted to over \$300,000 over the last ten years the bank has been in operation within Forrestfield.

Grants of many hundreds to thousands of dollars have been awarded to sporting organisations, schools, charity and service clubs.

The Lions Club of Forrestfield and High Wycombe are again most fortunate in being a recipient of a grant to the value of \$5,500

This money will be used to assist in the running of one of its successful service projects, the Mentor Camp for Children with Disabilities.

The Camp has been run on four previous occasions at the Alfred Hines facility in Rockingham.

The next Camp will be in October 2011, so over the next few months the club will be putting together a list of participants. Any club who believes they have a suitable camper, please contact the club for details.

North Beach entrant wins Peace Poster comp

The theme for this years competition was "My Vision of Peace". We had 5 entries and the judging took place at the celebration of Kingsley-Woodvale's 20th Anniversary.

The winner chosen was a popular decision among those including myself, who viewed them, and was painted by a student from North Beach Primary School and submitted by North Beach Lions Club. This has now been sent off to the Multiple District's Chairman and we are eagerly looking forward to the results of the judging.

The painting depicted the artists vision of harmony and friendship between nations seen looking through a frame, while on the outside were the guns and cannons of war.

This project certainly makes the children think about the world in which we live and how different our lives could be. I offer my congratulations to the student and our newest Lions Club for taking on this worthwhile project. **-DG Bill Laundy.**

W1 Lions embrace Fudge

Hello to all Mints and Fudge Chairmen. Congratulations on the enthusiastic way that you have embraced the new Fudge product. As far as I can tell we are well up there nationally in the sales figures. Please keep up the good work. I hope you continue to support this new product.

Mints on the other hand are not doing so well as last year. While this is a busy time of year for us all with Christmas Cakes to sell and the festive season fast approaching, I would like to urge all "Minties", to check their displays and top them up. Remember that most of you will soon be having a break, until well into January.

Our Mint ordering year ends on the 31st of December, so there is still time to get in an order before Christmas and get us in the running for the national sales prize, that we won last year. **-PDG Sandra Laundy, W1 Mints Chairman.**

Heritage award for Dryandra Village

AFTER being fully heritage listed for just one year, the Lions Dryandra Village won the 2010 Heritage award for outstanding contribution to heritage by a non-profit community based organisation. The village shared the award with Museums Australia.

The 2010 Heritage Awards were hosted this year by the City of Perth. At this gala ceremony, held in the main function room at Council House in St Georges Terrace, the Heritage Minister, John Castrilli handed out awards in a range of categories. "The Western Australian Heritage awards showcase the very best in conservation, adaptive use and interpretation of State Registered Places," he said.

Lions involvement with the village goes back almost 40 years. It was at that time that the forestry village was abandoned and would have become derelict if it hadn't been for the vision of a few Lions.

The Lions Club of Scarborough saw an opportunity to manage it as a holiday camp for disadvantaged children. It soon became obvious it was too big a project for one club, so all clubs in WA became involved. Now run by a board representing clubs in both W-Districts and with full time caretakers, it has been the work of various board members over the years that have seen the village reach a standard worthy of this award.

Hiring of the cottages is open to the general public. For more information call (08) 9884 5231 or visit the website www.dryandra-village.org.au



ABOVE:
State Heritage Minister John Castrilli presents Lion Bob Whitney with a framed copy of the WA Heritage Award for outstanding contribution to heritage at Council House recently.

LEFT:
A cottage at the Dryandra complex.

