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Latest News

SYDNEY LIONS CLUB SUPPORT FOR DARLINGHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE



For a number of years the Lions Club of Sydney has been donating computers and student encouragement awards to the Darlinghurst Public School. President Wayne and Lion David Pell recently visited the school

to meet with the new Principal Ellie Moore to inspect progress to date and discuss how best we can continue to support the school in the wake of the government's intention to provide a computer for every student.

The support from our club via the George Naher Fund has helped the school bring its students into the computer age and prepare them for their forward journey through further education and on to future careers. Principal Ellie Moore will be our guest speaker on 23 September and we will learn more about the benefits from our assistance in the past and how we can continue support in the future.

VIEW CLUBS AUSTRALIA AND THE SMITH FAMILY SUPPORT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN GREAT NEED



Heather Isemonger, National Councilor for View Clubs Australia, gave a powerful and heartfelt presentation on how the View Clubs provide support for the Smith Family who in turn provide educational programs for children and families in great need. This assistance has encouraged many young people to continue their education and build successful careers.

LIONS CLUBS IN NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA TEAM WITH THE MASONIC CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL AND SYDNEY EYE HOSPITAL TO SAVE MONIQUE'S SIGHT

Monique Pengelly is only 10 years old and has contracted a serious eye disease, keratoconus that has led to the loss of sight in her right eye and failing sight in her left eye.

The Lions Clubs of Ngaruawahia and Chartwell in New Zealand and Sydney Lions and Sydney Market Industries Clubs combined with the

Castlereagh Boutique Hotel to facilitate a special medical procedure conducted by Dr. John Males of the Sydney Eye Hospital. During the Pengelly family's stay in Sydney they were accommodated at no charge at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel and hosted by Lions members.

The medical treatment was successful and there is a good chance that Monique will have a near normal life until a permanent solution is carried out when she is older. Monique and her parents are most grateful for all the help and support provided by Lions Clubs, then DG Carol Alderson, the Masonic Castlereagh Boutique Hotel and the medical staff at Sydney Eye Hospital. Particular thanks go to PDG Lindsay Payne who took the lead in making arrangements to support Monique and her family during their time in Sydney.



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

President Wayne Mackenzie presents an appreciation award to a most deserving Daniella Skoric to acknowledge her prompt and innovative assistance to Lion Vi Beaumont at a recent lunch meeting while waiting for the arrival of paramedics.



CARING FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER



At our 26 August lunch meeting Jan Donahoo, Chaplain for the Cancer Unit of the Westmead Children's Hospital, shared with us the joys and sorrows of caring for children with cancer.

We were all moved by Jan's presentation and appreciated the crucial

role that the Chaplaincy service provides in supporting both the sick children and their families during extremely difficult times. Jan was presented with a donation from the Lions Club of Sydney to support the vital service that she and her colleagues provide to the Cancer Unit.

Coming Events

Date	Event
9 September 2008 12.45 pm sharp	Special joint lunch meeting with the Rotary Club of Sydney. Note that the lunch will be held in Cellos Restaurant right opposite our normal Adam Room venue. Guest speaker will be Professor Ian Hickie AM FRANZOP FASSA who will talk about the Brain and Mind Institute at the University of Sydney. Our cost will be \$35 that should be paid to Treasurer John Cordato.
23 September 2008 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm	Lunch meeting at our normal Adam Room venue. Guest speaker, Ellie Moore, Principal Darlinghurst Public School.
7 October 2008 12.30 pm	Board meeting at Town Hall House. All members are encouraged to attend.
14 October 2008 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm	Lunch Meeting at our normal Adam Room venue. Guest speaker to be advised.
18 October 2008 All day	International Motor Show Barbeque at Darling Harbour. Watch for details from Lion David Pell. We need all members to assist with this major fund raising event. Family members and friends are welcome to assist and enjoy the atmosphere.

Date	Event
26 October 2008 2.30 pm	Nellie Melba - Queen of Song. See separate article below for details. Glenaeon Village & Lodge 207 Forest Way Belrose.
28 October 2008 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm	Lunch meeting at our normal Adam Room venue. Guest speaker to be advised.
30 October 2008 10.00am to 2.00 pm (est.)	Fund raising barbeque in Martin Place. Watch for details from Lion David Pell.

NELLIE MELBA - QUEEN OF SONG

Dame Nellie Melba (1861-1931) was Australia's first superstar, famous throughout the world. Soprano Louise Page and pianist Phillipa Candy are presenting an enchanting afternoon of theatre, music and song in costume, together with some 'Melba' humour. The cost is \$20 per head, but Lion Mavis Lance has suggested that we invite our families and friends to attend at



a cost of \$25 with the \$5 margin to raise funds for our charitable causes. The concert will be held on Sunday 26 October 2008 commencing at 2.30 pm at the Glenaeon Village and Lodge, 207 Forest Way Belrose. Contact Suzanne Gleeson at Glenaeon Village on 9540 2234 for booking details and contact Lion Mavis Lance on 9144 1034 to discuss any other arrangements for Lions and friends.

2008 INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SHOW DARLING HARBOUR



The International Motor Show will be held at Darling Harbour Exhibition Centre from 9-19

October 2008. As one of our major fund raising events, the **Lions Club of Sydney will be conducting a barbeque on the Family Day, Saturday 18 October.** We have a successful track record with this event and it will take a genuine team effort from all members, families and friends to ensure that this year's Motor Show barbeque is even better.

Full details of arrangements will be provided by Lion David Pell, but in the meantime please book this day in your diaries.

LIONS CLUB OF SYDNEY BBQ AT MARTIN PLACE



Watch for details from Lion David Pell for our fundraiser barbeque in Martin Place on **30 October 2008**. At this stage estimated timing is an early morning setup with cooking and sales between 10.30 am and 2.00 pm.

Book the date in your diaries now.

TWO GREAT SERVICE CLUBS TO UNITE AT A SPECIAL JOINT LUNCH MEETING



The Lions Club of Sydney and the Rotary Club of Sydney are 'next door neighbours' during our lunch meetings and the true meeting of community service recently came alive when Rotarian Ann Burrell rushed to provide paramedical aid to Lion Vi Beaumont at a recent meeting while awaiting the arrival of Ambulance officers. This situation happened during the very first meetings chaired by new President Lion Wayne

Mackenzie and new President Rotarian Patricia Harrison. The two new Presidents got together and decided it would be a great idea to hold a joint lunch with the Lions Club of Sydney and the Rotary Club of Sydney.

Our normal lunch meeting on Tuesday 9 September 2008 will be held jointly with the Rotary Club of Sydney meeting at Cellos Restaurant, directly opposite our normal Adam Room venue. The Rotary meeting will start at 12.30 pm with lunch served at 12.45pm. The guest speaker will be Professor Ian Hickie AM FRANZCP FASSA, Executive Director of the Brain and Mind Institute at the University of Sydney. Lions members will be charged the normal \$35 fee that should be paid to Treasurer John Cordato.

Rotary and Lions have similar objectives in serving the community and those in need. Let's all share that spirit with our Rotary colleagues by sitting with them rather than at a separate Lions table.

Member Activities



This is the segment where members and their families can share their interests, hobbies, travel adventures, achievements and any other matters that you feel may be of interest to other members.

Your Bulletin Editor seeks input from members and will accurately reflect their submissions. In the absence of factual material, there is always the risk that the old journalistic adage will apply... "never let the absence of a few facts get in the way of a good story". You have been warned. **Remember that a picture tells a thousand words, so please send in your favourite photos to Bulletin Editor David Carter at 1506/2 Atchison St. St Leonards 2065 or dcarters@sydneylions.org.au**

International and District News



- Our new International President is Albert Brandel who is a retired New York Police Detective. Al's theme is "Miracles through Service" and as our new District Governor Elvio Munzone says, "Our International President is my kinda guy". Al's wife, Dr Maureen Murphy, is an Anesthesiologist and Lion who works at a community hospital.
- Our District 201N5 membership has fallen by 71 from 1934 in July 2007 to 1863 as at 30 June 2008. Sadly this includes 17 Lions who passed away during the year. Many service organisations such as Lions are experiencing similar trends and this highlights the importance of encouraging membership growth activities.

Wise Quotes

"Life is like playing a violin solo in public and learning the instrument as one goes on" - Samuel Butler (1835-1902).

"The distance is nothing; it is only the first step that is difficult" - Mme Du Deffand (1697-1780)

"It is a sobering thought that when Mozart was my age he had already been dead for a year" - Tom Lehrer (when he was 36)

Broaden Your Mind



1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators or the participants know the score or winner until the contest ends.
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backwards?
3. Without consulting a dictionary, can you name the three common words in the English language that begin with the letters 'dw'?
4. Name the one vegetable that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.
5. Name six or more items beginning with the letter 's' that you can wear on your feet.
6. How many 'limbs' does a squid have?
7. How many stomachs does a cow have?
8. What colour is Yak's milk?
9. How many players are there in a polo team?
10. In what year did Roger Bannister break the four-minute mile?
11. What is a capon?
12. How many lines are there in a sonnet?
13. What was the D-Day invasion password?
14. Which was the first Australian state to introduce compulsory voting?
15. How many Roman Numerals are there?
16. What is the name of the dog on the HMV label?
17. How many balls are used in snooker?
18. What is the best hand in poker?
19. Yellow gold is a combination of gold and what other metal?
20. What would you do with NaCl?

Some of these questions are difficult and they do cover a wide range of general knowledge. It would be quite a feat for someone to get all the answers correct without referring to a dictionary or Google.

Let's compare scores at our next regular lunch meeting, i.e. the one after our forthcoming joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Sydney.

Lessons from the Geese

The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.



LESSON:

We need to make sure we offer encouragement to our team leader and our fellow team members.

When a lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies at the point position.



LESSON:

It makes sense to share leadership and take turns doing the hard tasks. This makes it less likely that any one member will quickly tire out.

When a goose gets sick or wounded, two geese drop out of formation and follow their fellow member, to help and provide protection. They stay with this member of the flock until it is able to fly again or dies. Then they launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with their own flock.



LESSON:

If we have as much sense as the geese, we too will stand by one another in good times as well as in difficult times.