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# LIONS CLUB OF JERVIS BAY

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# The President's Report



Hello everyone.

Well it's only three weeks 'til Christmas and the silly season is upon us. We have two Christmas Carols and our Christmas Party to look forward to. Then it's the New Year's Eve fireworks at Huskisson. And we have the Husky Markets on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> December as well so we have a pretty full plate to end the year on.

Overall we've had a busy and productive year and I would like to thank everyone for their excellent efforts to achieve what we have. So many people wonder why we join a service club and work for nothing. I think it's sad that they don't understand. What we do is rewarding and enjoyable. Most of us have had full lives and lived to see the fruits of our labours, both possession wise and to see our kids grow up and then welcome grandchildren along. To me it's only natural that we now help others who haven't been so lucky. And to do it in the company of like-minded people is a joy.

So no business in this report. Just a thank you to all of you for your good work and your good company. I hope you all have a happy and safe holiday season. Enjoy the company of your friends and family. Take care of yourselves and be proud of your work as Lions.

Thank You.

Lion John Brown

President

# Wot'sOn

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Date                      | Event  |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>DECEMBER 2015</b>      |  |
| Thursday 3rd              | Dinner Meeting- Club Jervis Bay 6.30 for 7 pm                              |
| Saturday 5th              | Carols at Sanctuary Point- Paradise Beach from 5 pm                        |
| Sunday 13th               | Markets- Huskisson Oval from 7am   |
| Thursday 17th             | Carols at Vincentia Mall from 6 pm   |
| Friday 18th               | Christmas Party at Lou & Jen's place-<br>20 Torbin Place Tomerong from 6pm |
| Friday 25th               | Christmas Day  |
| Saturday 26th             | Boxing Day   |
| Thursday 31st             | New Year's Day Fireworks- Voyager Park from 6 pm                           |
|                           |  |
| <b>JANUARY 2016</b>       |  |
| Sunday 10th               | Markets- Huskisson Oval from 7 am  |
| Sunday 10th               | Carnival Fundraiser- Huskisson Oval 10 am to 2 pm                          |
| Thursday 14th             | Board Meeting  |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> | Dinner Meeting   |
| Saturday 23rd             | Australia Day Duck Derby- Moona Moona Creek from 7 am                      |



### THE IRISH ANGLER

The rain was pouring down. And there standing in front of a big puddle outside the pub, was an old Irishman, drenched, holding a stick, with a piece of string dangling in the water.

A passer-by stopped and asked, "What are you doing?"

"Fishing" replied the old man.

Feeling sorry for the old man, the gent says, "Come in out of the rain and have a drink with me."

In the warmth of the pub, as they sip their whiskies, the gentleman cannot resist asking, "So how many have you caught today?"

"You're the eighth" says the old man.

# Birthdays - November

Age shall not weary them

3rd Bob  
25th Noel

# Wedding Anniversaries – November

Nor the years condemn

13th Steve and Carol



## Walking Down The Aisle

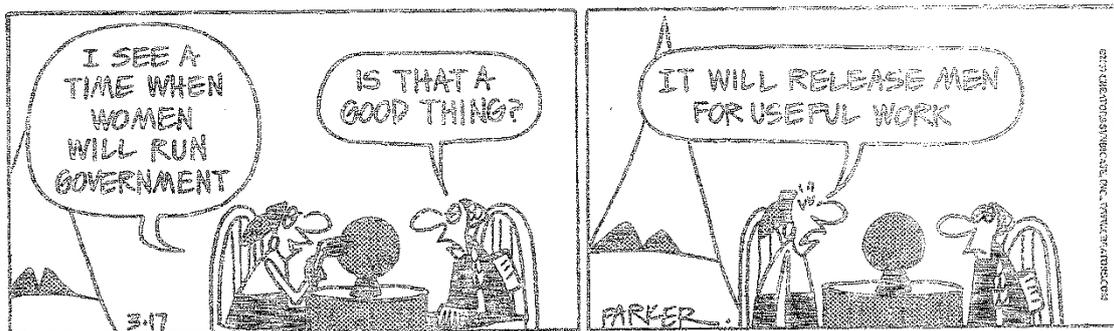
I'll never forget how happy I was when I saw my missus walking down the aisle towards me.

My heart was beating fast and the excitement was unbearable.

It seemed to take an age, but eventually, there she was, standing beside me.

I gave her a loving smile and said, "Bring that trolley over here love. They're doing three cartons of beer for the price of two!"

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## *Lion Bob Does It Again....*

*Lion Bob has been around the traps again, this time selling his inevitable Raffle Tickets to support (this time) cerebral palsy – he has raised over \$2000 so far! He was telling this scribe the other day he was in Huskisson and was approached by a couple where the husband (assumed) asked if Bob would pose in his Santa gear with the wife (assumed) giving him (Santa) a peck on the cheek. Of course our ever resourceful Santa figure obliged and the picture was taken. The bloke responded by buying a book (100 tickets) off Bob for \$200 on the proviso that he (the bloke) would fill out the first ticket and Bob would copy out the rest of the book. Of course this was done and Bob's Raffle was \$200 better off for the effort.*

*Well done Santa.*

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The light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing and stopped at the pedestrian crossing, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman behind him was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer.

The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed and placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, giving the bloke in front of you the finger and cursing at him.

I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally ..... I assumed you had stolen the car."

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# Club Elections

A committee of two (an excellent size for a committee!), has been working on a plan for the Club's election procedures for a number of months. Drafts were submitted to the Club's Board where very positive changes were recommended and hence the process has been reasonably lengthy – BUT, it has produced a plan which will work very smoothly for future elections. The election procedures are recorded below and will be implemented early next year. The exact dates will be published in a later Bulletin.

*An Election Committee will be established prior to the club's election being held. This committee will consist of the club's Public Officer, the Club President and a member nominated by the Board. The Public Officer will be the scrutineer during the election process, assisted by the President and the member nominated by the Board. The role of this committee will be to run the election in accordance with the Lions Club's Constitution and By-Laws, and the procedures set out below. It will also be charged with encouraging members to stand for positions that are vacant in the election process, and where possible, ensuring that all positions have nominees. As part of the election process the Election Committee will ensure that nomination forms are delivered to all members of the club either via electronic mail or by being hand-delivered. Completed nomination forms are to be placed in the box set aside for the elections by 7 PM on a date to be advised.*

The positions that need to be filled in the club's annual election, are as follow

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- First Vice President
- Second Vice President
- *One Year Director*
- *Two Year Director*
- *Membership Committee Chairperson (normally Immediate Past President)*
- *Membership Committee Vice Chairperson (normally President appointed)*
- *Membership Committee Member (normally President appointed)*
- *Publicity Officer (normally President appointed)*
- *Bulletin Editor*
- *Tail Twister*
- *Lion Tamer*
- *Safety Committee Chairperson (normally President appointed)*
- *Safety Committee Vice Chairperson (normally President appointed)*
- *Safety Committee Member (normally President appointed)*

## Notes

1. *The One Year Director and the Two Year Director positions is a two-year commitment whereby the Two Year Director has the option of undertaking the role of One Year Director in the second year, if he/she desires.*
2. *The Membership Committee can be a three year commitment whereby the Committee Member has the option of standing for election as the Committee Vice Chairperson in their second year and the Committee Chairperson in their third year.*

3. *The Safety Committee can be a three year commitment whereby the Committee Member has the option of standing for election as the Committee Vice Chairperson in their second year and the Committee Chairperson in their third year.*
4. *To be eligible for club office, a Lion must be an active member in good standing.*
5. *A quorum will be required on voting night for the election to be valid. A quorum is the presence, in person, of a majority of club members in good standing.*
6. *No proxy votes are allowed, you must be present to vote.*
7. *The officer candidate is required to secure a majority of the votes cast by the club members present and voting in order to be declared elected; for purpose of such election, a majority is defined as a number more than one half of the total valid votes cast excluding blanks and abstentions. If, on the first ballot, and subsequent ballots, no candidate receives a majority, the candidate or tied candidates receiving the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated and balloting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority. In the case of a tie on any ballot, balloting shall continue on the tied candidates until one is selected.*
8. *Any issues not mentioned in this procedure will be resolved by referring to the Standard Lion's Club Constitution.*

*Note: I have attached some comments in red that are/have been the "norm" in this Club (and in other Clubs) and do not necessarily need to be the subject of the election process Also it is not usual to elect a Bulletin Editor, this too can be a Presidential appointment, however it is traditional in this Club (and some other Clubs) to elect the Bulletin Editor. – Jeff T (acting BE)*



### **Kia Ora you fullahs (and giddy dingos)**

*Three Australians and three Maoris are travelling by train to a Rugby match at the World Cup in England .*

*At the station, the three Aussies each buy a ticket and watch as the three Maoris buy just one ticket between them.*

*"How are the three of you going to travel on only one ticket?" asks one of the Aussies.*

*"Watch and learn, bro," answers one of the Maoris.*

*They all board the train. The Aussies take their respective seats but all three Maoris cram into a toilet and close the door behind them.*

*Shortly after the train has departed, the conductor comes around collecting tickets. He knocks on the toilet door and says, "Ticket please."*

*The door opens just a crack and a single arm emerges with a ticket in hand.*

*The conductor takes the ticket and moves on. The Aussies see this and agree it was quite a clever idea. So, after the game, they decide to go one better on the return trip and save some money (being clever with money, and all that).*

*When they get to the station for the return trip, the Maoris again buy a single ticket between them. To their astonishment, the Aussies don't buy a ticket at all!!*

*"How are you going to travel without a ticket?" asks one perplexed Maori.*

*"Watch and learn, bro, " answers an Aussie.*

*When they board the train the three Aussies cram into a toilet, and soon after the three Maoris cram into another nearby, and the train duly departs.*

*Shortly afterwards, one of the Aussies leaves the toilet and walks over to the toilet where the Maoris are hiding. He knocks on the door and says, "Ticket please."*

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## What it costs to belong to this (our) Lions Club

Like it or not we are not only members of the Lions Club of Jervis Bay, we are also members of Lions Clubs International. Now before you start thinking about insurrection and talking about “going it alone” and wishing our Club was an independent entity and divorcing ourselves from “big brother”, just think about it all for a moment.

Without our association and with the huge organisation that Lions International has become, we wouldn't be here! We wouldn't be called a “Lions Club” and we wouldn't have the prestige and world standing that all that entails – and we wouldn't have the not insignificant backing that we do have, and can call upon at any time from our parent organisation. By association all those other thousands of Lions Clubs all over the world are also part of this conglomerate we call “our friends”.

Think of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), we contribute (voluntarily) to this Foundation from time to time, not only to build up “Brownie points” for future granting of Melvin Jones Fellowships, but also to ensure there are funds in the Foundation to help alleviate disasters occurring all over the world through our humanitarian efforts. LCIF is generally one of the first organisations into a disaster area distributing aid through local Lions Clubs – we generally beat both Government and Non-Government organisations into these areas because we already have an efficient distributor network in these areas in the form of these local Lions Clubs.

If we are faced with some form of disaster in our area, just a phone call can have millions of dollars in our bank account ready for immediate distribution to those in need!

Think of the Australian Lions Foundation (ALF) – same thing but in a more local context – recently we have had \$10,000 granted to us to distribute to a family in need affected by the floods in Sanctuary Point. There have been some complications, but not of our doing, some of the money has been spent already and the rest is ready when the complications are sorted out, but the point is that this grant was only a phone call away!

By the way, these contributions are sourced from our Activity Account so they do not directly impact on the following conversation in terms of the fees we pay to belong, but it reinforces the reason for being a Lion in an international setting.

So this brings us to the point of this exercise, just how much does it cost us to be Lions as part of this huge international organisation?

Basically the payments we make (or our made on our behalf by our Treasurer) can be broken down into two sections, Multiple District dues (incorporating International dues) and District dues.

The Multiple District dues are collected for the Multiple District (whole of Australia) by our District Cabinet Treasurer and passed on to the MD to fund our continued existence in Australia.

The dues are calculated on the current membership figure of the Club and are levied semi-annually in December and June each year. The MD and District Dues are Constitutional (determined by delegates at various Conventions) and therefore do not require approval from the Board of the Club to be paid, but do need to be ratified in the Minutes of the Club as being paid. Lions Clubs International issues invoices to the Treasurer that he/she is obliged to pay without reference to the Board of the Club.

There are two components of the dues. There is a compulsory component and a voluntary component.

The compulsory component is that paid on a “per capita” basis and that levied on us as individuals as our “cost of belonging” to Lions, and this is paid out of our Administration Account.

The voluntary component is generally paid out of the Activities Account and these suggested amounts account for: payments to the Lions Club International Foundation (\$2.00 per member); Australian Lions Foundation (\$1.00 per member); MD Projects and Activities Fund (\$1.00 per member); PNG Assistance Fund (\$0.50 per member); Youth of the Year (per participating Club) \$130.00 – so in our case this would be (per year) a total of \$283.00 – from the Activity Account

This treatment is indicative only and is based on 2010 costs (the only ones available to me at the time), so there may be slight variations for today's costs, but in general the budgetary outcome would be very similar.

So from "us" and out of "our" Administration Account (annually):

International Dues (they actually never leave Australia)

|  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| US\$19.50 each per half year (AU\$27.00) = | <b>\$54.00 per member per year</b> |
|--|------------------------------------|

Multiple District Payments

|                                       |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| National dues (half year)             | \$14.07 per member                 |
| Public relations and Information Fund | \$2.53 p/m                         |
| MD Directory (printed or CD)          | \$2.80 p/m                         |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>\$33.47 per member per year</b> |

District Dues (per half year)

|                           |                                    |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Administration Fund       | \$6.00 p/m                         |
| Convention Fund           | \$2.50 p/m                         |
| District Officers Fund    | \$1.30 p/m                         |
| District Development Fund | \$\$0.35 p/m                       |
| District Newsletter Fund  | \$1.70 p/m                         |
| District Extension Fund   | \$0.50 p/m                         |
| Total: \$12.35 ½ year =   | <b>\$24.70 per member per year</b> |

Club Insurances (per Club per year):

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Fidelity Bonding | \$16.50                                 |
| General Property | \$9.90                                  |
|                  | <b>(say) \$1.00 per member per year</b> |

(Other insurances are paid out of the Activities Account)

General Club Administration Costs

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Post Box hire      | \$80  |
| Secretarial costs  | \$500 |
| Treasurer costs    | \$100 |
| Account auditing   | \$800 |
| Dept. Fair Trading | \$50  |

|                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Additional Club Insurances    | \$125                           |
| Club Badges and pins          | \$200                           |
| Clubhouse rent (40% of \$850) | \$340                           |
| Total: (Say) \$2195, or       | <b>\$65 per member per year</b> |

**Hence the annual cost of being a Club Member in Jervis Bay Lions Club is:**

**\$54.00 + \$33.47 + \$24.70 + \$1.00 + \$65.00 = \$178.17 per member per year**

**At present we pay \$30.00 per half year, or \$60.00 per year – we are about \$120 short per member per year!**

This is clearly not sustainable as is indicated by the state of our Administration Account at the moment, so what do we do?

**There are some extenuating circumstances in our favour.**

We do have investments put aside by a previous Board to the tune of about \$6000.00 – but that will only sustain us at our current rate for less than another two years. We also from time to time get generous donations to our Administration Account, however these are becoming less as the years progress and it is getting to the point where we can no longer rely on generous outside benefactors.

So we are rapidly getting to the point where we need to become self-reliant as far as our Administration Account is concerned, and we should think very seriously about our situation before it gets to the point that happened in this Club some years ago where we basically went broke and couldn't pay our International and Multiple District dues. At that stage the then Board had to impose an extraordinary levy on Members just to pay the bills!

**The proposal to alleviate this situation is that we increase the fees we pay to \$70.00 per half year (or to make it easier if required – to \$35.00 per quarter),** this will get our contributions up to \$140.00 (still ~\$40.00 short per member) and then arrange some special fund raising social functions during the year to again alleviate the shortfall. When we move to the new venue and we are paying set prices for our meals, we can also put a “premium” on the meals of (say) \$2.00 to also help the situation (20 members x \$2 x 12 meals = \$480.00). We need these means to raise the ~\$1400 (\$40 x 34 members) we are still short to just break even with the Administration Account

**Or we can do nothing and just let the whole thing go down the gurgler, I'm sure none of us want that to happen, so we have to make some hard decisions now to protect the future of our Club.**

For interest sake if we consider the other Clubs around us, \$120.00 and above is the sort of money they are paying to belong, fees below \$120.00 per year are very rare and it is common for members to be paying much more than this – one local Club who shall remain nameless is paying over \$200 per year as member fees!

So it's over to you to have some serious consideration about the situation to basically save our Club and prevent the embarrassment of our Treasurer telling the Cabinet Treasurer that sorry, we don't have the money to pay our bills.

## A short précis of the way our funds are (or should be) managed

*(for your elucidation, from the Standard Club Constitution)*

### 7.12 INSURANCE

Full details of the Lions insurance program together with contact details for the Multiple District Insurance Program Consultant are published in the annual edition of the Multiple District 201 Directory. Any enquiries on insurance matters should be referred to the Insurance Program Consultant or a member of the Insurance committee. Further details can be found in Chapter 9 of this manual.

It is important, however, that members have an understanding of the requirements of our insurance policies and the need to protect our policies.

To protect our insurance cover we need to keep in mind the following:

- Each project must be authorised by a specific motion at a Club meeting and recorded in the minutes;
- A project attendance record must be maintained showing all Lions (and non-Lions) who participated;
- The participation of 'voluntary workers' in a project must be specifically authorised by a Club Officer before Insurance cover takes effect;
- Persons below the age of 15 years are not to be used as voluntary workers;
- Motor Vehicles or trailers are not covered for on road operation – they must be separately insured;
- Any activity which is 'not legal' is almost certainly not insured;

It is expected that anyone carrying out a task is qualified or skilled in that task. For instance, if a Club is to carry out a demolition project, then you must have a person with appropriate skills directing operations. If this is not done, difficulty may be experienced with any insurance claim resulting from the project.

Adequate safety precautions must be taken at all times, including the wearing or use of safety equipment where necessary. The Club should appoint a Safety Officer. Refer to Chapter 9 of this manual for advice regarding such an officer.

### 7.13 DUES

**Three levels of dues are charged to each Club on a semi-annual basis.** Clubs then charge dues to their members which include International, Multiple District, and District elements. All dues payments except Club dues are subject to alteration or amendment by a convention resolution.

Club dues are set from the budget prepared before the start of the fiscal year. The three levels of dues are outlined below.

#### 7.13.1 LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DUES

International dues and other items are invoiced directly to the Club by Lions Clubs International in \$US (United States currency). For MD201 Clubs, a statement is received each month which details the subject of the charge, the amount in \$US, a conversion factor and the amount in \$A (Australian currency). International dues are fixed by the International Convention, charged per head of membership and invoiced in January and July of each year, excluding Life and Associate members for whom no International dues are payable.

This statement should be reconciled and paid immediately by an Administration account cheque made out to Lions Clubs International in \$A and forwarded to your District or Cabinet Treasurer. **The Club Treasurer does not require Board or Club approval for this action which has constitutional authority.**

***Do not post an International dues remittance to the International Office or to the Australian National Office in Newcastle. All dues payments are to be sent directly to your District or Cabinet Treasurer.***

It should be noted that Lions Clubs International sets a monthly exchange rate in \$US - \$A for all transactions. This exchange rate is quoted on your monthly statement and may well differ from published exchange rates.

You should not amend the amounts to be paid at any time – if there is a discrepancy that you cannot resolve, contact your Cabinet Treasurer who will be able to advise you.

It will often be found that differences in the exchange rate between the date of a Club payment and the date of receipt will cause minor outstanding credit or debit balances on your next monthly statement.

These credits or debits may not be amended – the account must be paid as invoiced. Experience has shown that such balances generally tend to cancel out as a result of exchange rate variations in the medium term.

### **7.13.2 MULTIPLE DISTRICT 201 DUES AND INSURANCE**

Multiple District dues and Insurance fees are charged to Clubs through their Cabinet Treasurer usually on a half yearly 'per head of membership' basis. Some items are charged on a 'per Club' basis. The Cabinet Treasurer will invoice Clubs in January and July each year and generally will include the invoice for District Dues at the same time.

Once again these accounts should be reconciled and paid immediately. The amounts to be paid from both the Administration and Activities accounts will normally be indicated on the invoices by the Cabinet Treasurer to whom any enquiries should be referred. Cheques should be made out to your Lions District and forwarded to your Cabinet Treasurer. It should be noted that Multiple District Dues are levied for Life Members of the Club.

Some additional Insurance covers are available via the MD201 Insurance Program Consultant. A form to complete is contained in the MD201 Directory. Details of payment arrangements are shown at the foot of the form. These amounts ONLY should be paid direct to the broker.

### **7.13.3 DISTRICT DUES**

Each District charges dues to cover the cost of running the district administration on a half yearly 'per head of Club membership' basis. These dues vary from District to District. Some Districts also include a fee for District projects to be used at the discretion of the District Cabinet.

District Dues are charged by the Cabinet Treasurer in July and January of each year, generally in conjunction with Multiple District Dues. It should be noted that District Dues are levied for Life Members of the Club.

### **7.13.4 CLUB DUES**

**Club dues are charged to each member to cover a share of the administrative costs for the Club during the year according to the prepared budget; and also to recover from individual members International, Multiple District, and District dues paid by the Club on behalf of each member. Within MD201, Club dues are generally levied twice yearly, in July and January, and vary from Club to Club.**

Many Clubs relieve the amount of Club dues payable by fundraising amongst Club members. Club Treasurers should carefully read Paragraphs 7.15 and 7.16 in the Chapter and ensure that their Club complies with the International Association policy in this regard.

It will be appreciated that, for most Clubs, the required prompt payment of International, Multiple District and District dues will need prompt collection of Club dues from members. For this reason it is very important that Club dues are fixed in good time prior to the beginning of the Lions fiscal year, enabling the Club Treasurer to promptly issue dues invoices to members.

When budgeting for Club Dues, it must be remembered that life members are not liable for International dues, but Multiple District and District Dues will still be charged to the Club for such members. Inevitably, these dues for Life Members have to be recovered from other members unless the Club chooses to charge reduced dues to Life Members.

Many Life Members prefer to continue paying dues as a donation to the Club, but this is of course a personal choice by the member concerned.

## **7.14 EFFECT OF LATE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Clubs are required by the Lions Clubs International Constitution to pay all dues promptly on receipt. Delay in payment can place the Club and District in bad standing with Lions Clubs International. Penalties can apply to Clubs who fail to meet their financial obligations by the due dates: These include:

- Any Club which has an unpaid balance in excess of US\$20 per member or US\$1,000 per Club, whichever is less, outstanding past 120 days will be automatically suspended including charter, rights, privileges, and obligation of the Lions Club. In the event the Club does not reach an active status by the 28th day of the month following suspension, their charter would be automatically cancelled.
- Beginning July 1, 2015, Clubs will automatically be placed on Financial Suspension if balances beyond 90 days are equal to or exceeding US\$20 per member or US\$1,000 or greater per Club, and cancellation will occur after the 28th of the month following suspension if full payment is not received. Clubs cancelled more than twice will be ineligible for reactivation.
- The delegates of any Club with an International account of more than US\$50.00 which is 90 days or more overdue at the opening of the District or Multiple District conventions are ineligible to vote at that convention.
- The delegates of any Club that has not paid its District or Multiple District Dues prior to the District Convention are ineligible to vote at that convention.

It is currently a requirement of the Club Excellence Award that the Club is not in status quo and all International Dues billings and new member entrance fees have been paid in full. No more than US\$50 in any other expense due to LCI is outstanding beyond ninety (90) days.

## **7.15 ADMINISTRATION VS ACTIVITIES**

All monies associated with Club activities must always be kept separately from Club administration funds. It is a policy of Lions Clubs International and MD201 that separate bank accounts must be used for Administration and Activities monies.

### ***ADMINISTRATION FUNDS***

Relate solely to the running of the Club for its members.

Transactions that fall into this category include:

- Membership Dues.
- Club meeting income and expenditure.
- Any expenditure relating to direct administration of the Club.
- Any transactions or activities conferring any benefit to the members of a Lions Club.

### ***ACTIVITIES FUNDS***

Transactions that fall into this category include:

- Any money raised from the General Public.
- All costs associated with raising those funds.
- All donations and services provided to the community.
- All expenditure associated with providing those services.
- All expenditure associated with the investigation of potential projects even if the project does not eventuate.
- Interest received on funds collected from the public.

***Many Clubs are now generating their own income to help reduce the cost of membership. This practice is acceptable provided the money is not raised from the public at large. Any funds raised from the public under the banner of Lions must go into the Activities Account and be treated as public money held in trust for charitable purposes.***

***It has also been suggested that if Lions raise money through their labours then this can be put towards Administration. However if this money was raised from the general public then again it must go into the Activities Account.***

***Such support must be conditional upon those persons from whom the funds were raised being aware at the time that that it was the intention of the particular fund-raising exercise.***

***Our ethics include the phrase***

- ***To give them freely of my time, labour and means'.***

These few words in our ethics are quite clear, and together with the policy of the International Association indicate that we cannot use public money to 'subsidise' our Administration Account.

We should consider the 'perception' of the public as well as the legalities of the issue – if the public 'perceives' that we are supporting fund-raising activities by our work – then the result must go to the Activities Account.

Legitimate expenses can be charged to the Activities Account from the Administration Account, or directly.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Cost of meals for a guest speaker who has been invited to the Club to talk about a project or potential project of the Club (even if the Club decides not to proceed with the project);
- The direct costs of auditing the Activities Accounts. The audit procedure is to account for public money;
- Insurances relating to activities and projects are payable from the Activities Account. If in doubt, refer to your Cabinet Treasurer;
- Postage, telephone and any other expenses which can clearly be identified to projects. Such expenses must be clearly quantified and supported by documentation. Percentage deductions without supporting documentation are not regarded as appropriate.

The following are examples of expenses which are definitely NOT rechargeable to the Activities Account.

- The cost of drinks or refreshments etc. after a project
- The costs of a membership drive or the costs of training or anything which provides a benefit to Club Members;
- Providing any meal, drinks, or other benefit to members at any Lions functions.

It is important to remember that any charges from Administration to Activities must be documented as genuine expenses that relate to specified activities and must be reasonable. Any charges that are questionable or considered 'over the top' are totally outside the bounds of Lions Clubs International policy. Remember – we must not benefit Lions members or Clubs by way of funds raised from the public.

## **7.16 PUBLIC FUNDS POLICY**

The policy of the International Association states that we cannot use public monies to 'subsidise' our Club administration costs or extend any benefit or dues reduction to our members.

Over the years there have been frequent discussions and interpretations of this policy and in July 2011 the International Association issued a 'Use of Funds Guidelines' document as an attachment to its Use of Funds Policy in Chapter XV, Section B of the Board Policy Manual to help clarify some of the 'grey areas'. These guidelines are in an easy to follow question and answer format and can be accessed at

[http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/use\\_funds\\_policy\\_faq.pdf](http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/use_funds_policy_faq.pdf)

Every Treasurer should hold a copy for reference purposes.



Somewhere in Ireland a teacher asks her class:

"Can anyone tell me the name of Robin Hood's girlfriend? "

Young Paddy raises his hand and says, "Trudy Glenn Miss".

"No Paddy ," says the teacher. "The answer is Maid Marion ".

But Miss, what about that song we always sing: "Robin Hood, Robin Hood riding Trudy Glenn".

You're singing this as you read it aren't you?

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## **The Man Who Gave Up Sex for Golf**

A golfer is in a competitive match with a friend, who is ahead by a couple of strokes..

"Boy, I'd give anything to sink this putt", the golfer mumbles to himself.

Just then, a stranger walks up beside him and whispers, "Would you be willing to give up a quarter of your sex life to sink the putt?"

Thinking the man is crazy and his answer will be meaningless, the golfer also feels that maybe this is a good omen, so he says, "Sounds good to me," - and promptly sinks the putt!

Two holes later, he mumbles to himself again, "Gosh, I wish I could get an eagle on this one."

The same stranger is suddenly at his side again and whispers, "Would it be worth giving up another quarter of your sex life to make an eagle?"

Shrugging, the golfer replies, "Okay." And, amazingly, he makes the eagle.

On the final hole, the golfer needs another eagle to win. Without waiting for him to say anything, the stranger quickly moves to his side and says, "Would winning this match be worth giving up the rest of your sex life?"

"Definitely," the golfer replies, and, sure enough, he makes the eagle - and wins the match.

As the golfer is walking to the club house, the stranger walks along beside him and says, "I haven't really been fair with you because you don't know who I am. I'm Satan, and from this day forward you really will have no sex life at all."

"Nice to meet you," the golfer replies.

"I'm Father O'Malley."

# LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL

## LIONS CLUB PURPOSES

**To organise**, charter and supervise services clubs to be known as Lions Club.

**To coordinate** the activities and standardise the administration of Lions Clubs.

**To create** and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world.

**To promote** the principles of good government and good citizenship.

**To fund** and otherwise serve the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.

**To assist** financially, culturally, socially, and morally the disabled, disadvantaged and infirm of the community both directly and also indirectly.

**To unite** the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.

**To provide** a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.

**To encourage** service-minded people to serve their community without personal, financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavours.

## LIONS CLUB CODE OF ETHICS

**To show** my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

**To seek** success and demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but do accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

**To remember** that in building up my own business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

**Whenever** a doubt arises as to the rights or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

**To hold** friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

**Always** to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labour and means.

**To aid** others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

**To be careful** with my criticism and liberal with my praise, to build up and not destroy.