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Please allow me to introduce myself, my name is Donna Saunders and I am the Public Speaking Co-ordinator for the Adelaide branch of Make-A-Wish® Australia.

Established in 1985, Make-A-Wish@Australia is a not-for-profit organisation with a mission to bring magic and joy to children and young people with a life-threatening illness. We do this by granting a most cherished wish.

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District Governor's Bulletin

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I cant believe I am already giving a report for my second bulletin just a few days after returning home from America following my installation as District Governor 2011-2012 for District 201 C1 at the International Convention in Seattle on Friday 8th July. This just confirms that you need to live every moment to the fullest as life passes by so fast.

This issue of our District Bulletin will be slightly different to future ones as Bulletin Editor Alison, together with Lion Don Lewis are taking a well earned holiday and travelling the world after attending the International Convention as part of the Australian contingent. Because of this I will be calling on past experience to put together this shortened version that will concentrate on the International Convention.

On a personal note I would very much like to thank the small group of C1 Lions, that whilst attending the International Convention were always ready to provide support, friendship and congratulations to Geoff and I during the convention. It is always wonderful to see a friendly face you know in a sea of faces when you are a long way from home. A particularly big thanks to PDGs Lance Leak & Carlene King, and Lions Alison & Don

Lewis, and Dean Frankell.

Geoff and I are looking forward to beginning our year by attending both the C1 and C2 District Governor's Handover Dinners and the first Cabinet Meeting for 2011—2012 at the end of July and setting off on our exciting journey of visiting all the clubs in our District.

I am excited to be able to personally meet the members of our clubs and find out what they are currently doing and proposing to do in their own communities over the next year whilst letting them know what will be occurring both in our district and around the world at the same time .

As there will be changes occurring in a number of areas I am happy to be able to provide some information on these changes that will set in place a fantastic range of support mechanisms for both individual members and clubs should they wish to receive guidance on how to make their clubs even more successful in projects and membership, and for members with inspirations to move further into the leadership areas of our great organisation from club, district, multiple district and beyond.



**International President
Wing-Kun Tam**



**District Governor
Lyn Shoemark**

DG Lyn's Schedule August 2011

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| Monday 1/8/11 DG Visit - LC of Wallaroo | Tuesday 2/8/11 DG Visit - LC of Pt Pirie |
| Wednesday 3/8/11 DG Visit - LC of Bute | Thursday 4/8/11 DG Visit - LC of Moonta |
| Monday 8/8/11 DG Combined Visit - LC of Orroroo, Booleroo & Peterborough | |
| Tuesday 9/8/11 DG Visit - LC of Rocky Rvr | Wednesday 10/8/11 DG Visit - LC of Jamestown |
| Monday 15/8/11 Combined DG Visit - LC of Cleve & Lock | |
| Tuesday 16/8/11 DG Visit - LC of Cowell | Wednesday 17/8/11 DG Visit - LC of Kimba |
| Thursday 18/8/11 DG Visit - LC of Whyalla | Monday 22/8/11 DG Visit - LC of Tumby Bay |
| Tuesday 23/8/11 DG Visit - LC of Cummins | Wednesday 24/8/11 DG Visit - LC of Pt Lincoln |
| Thursday 25/8/11 DG Visit - LC of Wudinna | Friday 26/8/11 DG Visit - LC of Whyalla Mt Laura |

2011 Welcomes New Members

| LION | CLUB | SPONSOR |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Mervyn Heinicke | Ardrossan LC | Not Advised |
| Wayne Viney | Balaklava LC | Lion Kossie Chegwyn |
| Lynette Schultz | Kapunda LC | Mark Ruciack |
| Darren Fieg | Orroroo LC | Lion Mick Spry |

YOUTH EXCHANGE

Do you know of any young person between to ages 16 -21 years who is interest in being as part of the "Youth Exchange Program".

The Lions Youth Exchange Program is a great way to meet and make new friends from all over the world.

It is an opportunity for individuals to experience, to absorb different culture.

- The Exchange is for approx 6 weeks – departing early December and returning late January. Six weeks of exciting new experience, in a new country, living & sharing their everyday life and learning a new culture
- Lions chaperones accompany youth on outbound/inbound journeys,
- Hostings by overseas Lions families or families associated with Lions.
- Youth Exchange travel uniform
- Need to nominate and apply through their local Lions Club

If there is a young person interested - **please contact Jennie Hill on 82547712** and I would be only too happy to meet and discuss this adventure with them.



members that are leaving whilst looking for opportunities to open new clubs whilst bringing in new members. Youth covers many areas including Leos, Peace Poster, Education, Music, Youth Camps just to name a few. Health covers a myriad of areas across the world; and lastly the Environment where he encourages us all to 'Go Green' by challenging us all to collectively plant a minimum of 1 million trees over the next 12 months to offset the world's carbon problem and ensure the health of our planet.



Left: Geoff and DG Lyn at the official start of IP Tam's project of planting 1 million trees during the DGE Training Seminar.

An especially proud moment for DG Lyn and Geoff came when they were able to remove their red 'Elect' ribbons (see right) and along with the other 751 DGEs, were officially sworn in as District Governor for 2011 - 2012. There were many hugs, kisses and a few tears around the stadium as they all congratulated each other and wished each other well for the coming year.



INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT TAM'S VISION FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Expanding Our Service

Through service, Lions have improved the lives of millions of people. Now more than ever, we are in a position to extend our care network. I believe we can expand our service initiatives in all parts of the world. It's our mission, and our responsibility.

To have a greater impact and to generate more visibility and excitement, once again we will be challenging all clubs to participate in the association's four Global Service Action Campaigns.

- Focus on youth in August
- Sight related activities in October
- Feeding the hungry in December and January
- Environmental projects in April

By individually participating in these global action campaigns, our individual efforts – even the smallest steps – can make a huge difference as I Believe transforms into the power of united service – with 1.3 million Lions working together. But remember it all begins with each of us; as if we are that first drop of water.

There are 7 billion people living on planet earth. Over one-third live in poverty, meaning they don't have enough to eat, don't have access to clean drinking water, live in substandard housing, or they lack proper medical care. Very likely, all of the above and more. Poverty, homelessness, abuse, disease and disabilities, both physical and mental, afflict millions of people. Lions Clubs International cannot provide responses to all problems. Or can we? I believe we can make a difference. I believe that helping just one person sets an example for others to follow. I believe in a worldwide family of volunteers. I believe we are the global leader in community service. **I believe in L-I-O-N-S.**

Do You Believe?

Catch The Believe Spirit. Act NOW to:

- Start a tree planting campaign,
- Enact a "My Club, My Family" philosophy,
- Involve new members in club activities,
- Revitalize your public relations program,
- Expand your service projects,
- Build future Lion leaders &
- Support LCIF.





Above: DG Lyn enjoys the company of Bulletin Editor Alison Lewis, Lion Don Lewis together with 1VDG Greg Dunn for District N5 in NSW and Lions Partner Judith at the Downunder Breakfast.



It felt like every Present International Director addressed the gatherings along with President Scruggs and International President Nominee Wan-Kun Tam, to offer their support for PID Barry's nomination. Both of these events enabled DG Lyn and Geoff to personally meet many of these dignitaries in their capacity of event Hosts along with the other 18 DGE's from Australia.

As part of PID Barry's nomination the Australian contingent was given 15 minutes to demonstrate by marching around the stadium with Pipe Band, placards, whilst yelling, singing and throwing Australian souvenirs into the audience, which to me felt like 15 minutes of complete pandemonium (see left) but which was received very well by those looking on.

Of particular interest to those present at the Convention was the humility of International Presidential Nominee Wan-Kun Tam from China and his vision for his year should he be elected.



The parade which included over 15,000 Lions from nearly 200 countries was a wonderful experience and the streets of Seattle were lined with thousands of people who were amazing in their support of our organisation - in fact it was covered on TV and touted as the largest parade Seattle had ever witnessed. Australia (left)

was well represented and led by our 30 foot inflatable Kangaroo, Matilda and a Pipe Band to which those marching sang along to 'Waltzing Matilda' and 'The Road to Gundagai'.

On the final day, and following the voting process, DG Lyn is extremely pleased to advise that Wan-Kun Tam is your International President for 2011 - 2012 and Barry Palmer is your Second Vice President - a very proud moment for the Aussies in the stadium as this is the first time Australia has a Lion who will go on to be International President.

President Tam has given the Lions of the world his goals for the year that covers 4 main areas, Membership and Retention, Youth, Health and the Environment. Membership and Retention are fairly straight forward - he looks to implementing procedures to retain those



2IVP Barry Palmer (above) & IP Tam (below) addressed the Australian Reception.



WALK FOR AN AUSSIE KID NATIONAL LAUNCH 2011



This event, the ALCMF's registered fundraiser, will be launched in 2011 at **Fremont Park Elizabeth on Sunday 18th September 2011** &

hosted by the Elizabeth Playford Lions Club who are working very hard to make this a great day for all.

Local Councillors, State & Federal Politicians, local schools, DGs & VDGs all have the date diarised as well as physiotherapists from Novita, & not to mention my fellow Trustees from around the Nation who will be flying in.

The day will begin at **8.30am for registrations & at 9am the fun will begin** with the 'celeb' wheelchair races & a shorter 'race' for our walker children, followed by a 1km walk for those sponsored walkers. [sponsorship forms will be out soon & funds raised will go towards necessary equipment for children in need]. About that 1km walk. For the 2007 National Launch, Playford Council widened the paths especially for us to allow wheelchair access. There is also a wonderful **all ability playground** at Fremont, ALCMF Trustees agree it's the best they've seen.

Food & games will be available as well as **a raffle, face painting, & the chance to experience wheelchair travel. CFS cadets will 'man' the course & provide water & any assistance needed [they will be equipped with two-way radios], there will be a 1st aid station & it's hoped that Central District players will attend.**

Where do C District clubs come in? The ALCMF is one of our Lions Projects so.....

First of all **be there** & look out for the **sponsorship form** so that members can seek sponsorship to do the 1km walk. **Make it a club social day out!!**

If you have sponsored a child/children & are in **contact with them** [& I hope you are] let them know the event is on so that they can enjoy a day out. It would be a great way for you all to catch up. And who knows 'their' physiotherapist might be there too.

If you haven't yet been able to sponsor a child come along anyway & learn what Mobility's all about.

Above all, **ENJOY** & I'll see you there!!!

Vaal Dix - Childrens Mobility Chairman District 201 C1

THANK YOU FROM NOVITA

A great time was had on 20/7/2011, from the thank you' banner at the door to CEO Glenn's kind words. Lions mingled with all levels of Novita, from Linda in the play corner to at least a dozen physiotherapists, Marketing Director & of course Glenn. Who could forget the children, Ryan thanked us through his machine [He's sponsored by our bag lady Peggy Marks], Alynna whizzing around at a fearsome rate [2nd of Peggys], Otilie needing her walker for her constantly breaking bones, Chloe there with her twin sister, Matthew, Novita's current pinup boy [3rd for the bag lady] & Chase trialling his Kidwalk through our uniquely South Australian Walker Clinics.



I have thanked Novita for their wonderful hospitality & their reply...'I'm so glad that we were able to thank you all for your amazing work & that people were so keen to come along to meet us all. You certainly deserve the thanks of Novita & our families'.

This event is unique to SA, no other State has sought to personally thank those 'at the coalface' for their incredible efforts in allowing an improved quality of life for some very special children. Thank you C1 you're amazing.

Vaal Dix - Childrens Mobility Chairman District 201 C1

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS

KAPUNDA

The Biggest Morning Tea was our focus on 25th June 2011.

Pre Work was put in place – Lion Barrie organised the CWA rooms for our use & with Lion Ros they visited all the business houses in Gawler the week before to get their order.

We had over 160 morning teas to deliver plus make sure all who visited the rooms were well looked after



Above: A sample of the delicious items delivered to the businesses in Gawler.

Maureen Cock with the able assistance of Di Ellis & Ros Lomman put together a band of willing helpers who baked with zeal & skill to make sure that when the doors opened at 9.00

am all was ready.

Lions Des, Barrie, Darryl, Ros & volunteer Tanya made sure the local businesses got the plates of goodies & the rest of the gang manned to tables & urns back at HQ.



Above: The Team of dedicated Lions who worked hard on the Biggest Morning Tea.

When the dust had settled by high noon we had completed a very successful day.

In addition to the deliveries we had around 50 – 60 people call in for a Cuppa, a piece of cake & a chat.

The other pleasing thing was the club had raised approx \$1400- for Cancer Research & again showed the value of Lions in the Local Community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PDG PAT MELLS

Congratulations to PDG Pat Mells who was invited by IPIP Sid Scruggs III to speak at the ALERT Chairperson Forum at the International Convention in Seattle.

The ALERT Program develops plans of action in case of a Level One (affecting a few people), Level Two (affecting a community) or Level Three emergency (affecting hundreds or thousands of people in a region). As PDG Pat has been involved in this area for many years he has extensive knowledge and experience in this area. And would have been able to impart this knowledge to those attending the forum.

Unfortunately due to the short notice and costs involved, PDG Pat was unable to attend this convention, but will be considered for a similar speaking engagement for future International Conventions.

Well done PDG Pat for this wonderful recognition of your achievements and we encourage you to keep up your great work.

International Convention Report

It was with a little trepidation but loads of excitement that DG Lyn and Geoff set off for the International Convention in Seattle on 4 - 9 July.

Prior to the convention beginning DG Lyn was involved in 5 days of intense training along with 751 other DGEs from all around the world. This amazing experience allowed her to meet many Lions that have a whole host of vastly different districts, from very affluent countries to some of those less affluent and almost third world countries. The range of projects that are carried out is so wide and varied that are to Australians, almost unbelievable - from assisting children born with AIDS in the African countries to opening the 76th Leo club in a district that has just 77 Lions clubs - something that we would dearly love to see occur in Australia so we can ensure our organisation will continue when these young Leos become our Lions of the future. It was a very humbling time for DG Lyn but also one of extreme pride to realise she is part of a wonderful group of ordinary people doing extraordinary things that do indeed make a difference to those less fortunate all over the world.

The Convention opened with a bang with the Flag and Opening ceremonies in Seattle's basketball stadium where some 15,000 – 20,000 Lions, partners and friends assembled (see right). There were speeches by President Sid Scruggs on what he and Lion Maureen had done during the past year and from IPP Eberhard Wirfs on what had occurred during the year whilst he was the chairman of LCIF.

President Scruggs presented several awards including a specific award for his year called the Beacon Award for the DGs of his year which had two levels, the Silver Beacon and the Gold Beacon. I am very pleased to advise that Australian DG's for 2010 – 2011 had approximately 6 recipients including IPDG Graeme Smithers of District C2.



Our National Leo Tom Porter (left) from Twin Cities Leo Club in Queensland, acquitted himself very well and we understand that he may even have been selected as the international Leo for 2010 - 2011, but this has not yet been able to be confirmed.

There were many exhibitors and assorted forums at the Convention Centre that were of great interest to DG Lyn and she was able to learn even more about several areas of Lions that will stand her in good stead for the coming year.

For the Australian contingent of around 200, an exciting time was had at the Downunder Breakfast and the Australian Reception. As PID Barry Palmer from Australia was nominated for 2nd International Vice President, these events were extremely well attended by a vast array of Past and Present International Directors and Presidents.



Above: DG Lyn & Partner Geoff with C2 DG Trevor Jacobs and Lion Sue.

