



Message from District Governor Christine.

Hello Lions family.

Just a little reminder about “Lions In Sight” which International President Eberhard Wirfs is promoting. If your club can look at doing something for this there is some great information on the Lions Web Site under the title above. Some of the suggestions are very simple and I would love to think that our District can be involved.

Also those Lions and Clubs wishing to participate in the Blood Donation over this busy holiday season please contact 2nd Vice District Governor Peter Blom [pblom@telstra.com](mailto:pblom@telstra.com) as he is “Happy” to coordinate this great program.

Many thanks to all who attended the Narrabri Convention. For those of you who were unable to attend please put the Yamba Convention in your diaries for next October. You will be guaranteed a great time.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Christine

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From the Cabinet Treasurer

It is very pleasing to report that at the start of November, all Clubs have settled their International Accounts over 60 days. Three Clubs have outstanding balances totalling US\$46.45 that are 60 days old. Of eight Clubs with outstanding 30 day balances, four have already sent me cheques but if a cheque is not banked and LCI advised that it is banked by the end of the month then it will appear on your next statement as still owing.

This is what happened with several Clubs that had let their balances owing get to the “over 60 days” stage before paying. One Club Treasurer got very irate and faxed me a copy of their account giving evidence that the “overdue balance” was paid. I knew this, the bank had the money but the email telling LCI that the money was in the bank must have gone astray and I had to resend it after the end of the month. This resulted in the message on the statement that some or all of the account was past due.

It is absolutely no good sending me messages about errors in International Accounts. I do not originate the accounts, Oak Brook does this. They are then posted by snail mail and often are not received by clubs until well into the third week of the next month. Similarly, if you want the address of the Treasurer changed, you need to do this by using the WMMR system or email or fax the change of address directly to Oak Brook.

If a Club has any question about any account they receive, I would appreciate the courtesy of an enquiry by email or telephone rather than a terse fax along the lines of the one I described above. I can tell you quickly if the amount has been received and banked and the probable reason why the amount still remains on your Club statement. What I cannot tell you is what the amount is for. It could be new member fees, Club supplies, payments arising from your Leo Club or other but I do not get that detailed information, only the amount that it owing.

Yours in Lionism,

Bill Burges PDG  
Cabinet Treasurer

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## **THE BIG BLOOD BANK CHALLENGE**

**The first Big Blood Bank Challenge has started and I urge all Lions, Lioness's and Leo's and their family members to make a blood donation between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009 and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010 and help N1 in the District Challenge.**

**If you have never made a blood donation please give some thought to making your first donation in the next 3 months. It is painless and only takes a short time to do and after you make your donation you are given the best milk shake you have ever tasted.**

**If you, or one of your loved ones, have ever needed blood, you already know how important it is.**

**Many people today would not be alive if it wasn't for Australia's generous and voluntary, unpaid blood donors who give blood each week to help those in need.**

**It's one of those things that we just expect to be there for us, but only a very small proportion of people (one in 30) actually give blood. Yet sooner or later, one in three of us will need it.**

**People who give blood are united by their generosity and desire to give something back to the community which is something we Lions are good at.**

**There are two types of blood donations, whole blood and plasma & platelets**

**The majority of whole blood goes to people with cancer, as well as people who suffered traumatic accidents, burns or who undergo surgery.**

**Below is a summary of how whole blood is used**

**34% Cancer and blood diseases**

**19% Other causes of anaemia**

**18% Surgical patients including open heart surgery and burns**

**13% Other medical problems including heart, stomach and kidney disease**

**10% Orthopaedic patients including fractures and joint replacements**

**4% Obstetrics, including pregnant women, new mothers and young children**

**2% Trauma including road accidents**

**Plasma donations are used to make 16 different products and contain very important proteins, nutrients and clotting factors which help to prevent and stop bleeding.**

**Platelets are used to help clot the blood and seal wounds in surgical and cancer patients. Leukaemia and chemotherapy treatments can reduce a patients platelet count.**

**Further information is available at [www.donateblood.com.au](http://www.donateblood.com.au)**

**More than likely you or somebody you know has benefited from donated blood at some time in their life.**

**If that someone was close to you and the doctor said that he could not give them that life saving treatment because the demand for the blood products was more than the donations how would you feel.**

**Please support the Big Blood Challenge. Encourage family members to join too. When you or your family members go to the Blood Bank take the attached form with you and have it signed and return it to me. I will try to keep a Club total so we can see which club makes the most donations so Club Presidents get those members sleeves rolled up and ready to donate.**

**Peter Blom  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor  
[pblom@telstra.com](mailto:pblom@telstra.com)  
phone 6769 1648**

# MD 201 Big Blood Bank Challenge 2009-2010

Help your District win the inaugural Blood Bank Challenge  
by donating blood at your local Blood Bank  
between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009 and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010.

Complete the form below, ask a staff member at the Blood Bank to sign it for you,  
and send it to your Cabinet Secretary by 14<sup>th</sup> February 2010 to be included in your District's tally.

Grab a group from your club and book in together – challenge another club/zone to beat your tally

THE BIG BLOOD BANK CHALLENGE	
DISTRICT	
CLUB & ZONE	
DATE OF DONATION	
PLACE OF DONATION	
SIGNATURE OF NURSE or stamp from Blood Bank	
LION/LIONESSE/LEO Or Family member	
NAME (PRINT)	
SIGNATURE	
IS THIS YOUR FIRST BLOOD DONATION?	
DG SIGNATURE	



Hi Lions,

Please ensure that the following information is made known to all Clubs AS A  
MATTER OF URGENCY.

The advertisement for Gourmet Christmas Cakes included with the marketing material on Lions Christmas Puddings forwarded to all clubs by TFM Marketing earlier this year was sent to clubs in error.

Lions Australia is only supporting the sale by Lions Clubs of TFM's Lions Traditional Steamed Plum Pudding at a RRP of \$15.00 and purchased at the delivered price of \$11.50 each.

This was an unfortunate oversight by TFM Marketing. TFM have sent replacement order forms to all clubs which now excludes the gourmet cake.

IT IS NOT THE INTENTION OF LIONS AUSTRALIA TO INCLUDE A GOURMET CAKE INTO OUR PRODUCT RANGE. The inclusion of the pudding supported by MD201 is for the purposes of a feasibility study into the possible inclusion of a pudding into our product range. If successful this will be the subject of a Project Notice of Motion to the MD201 Convention, 2010 in Mildura. There is also no commitment at this stage for the TFM pudding to be the preferred Lions pudding.

Kind regards

Lion Ken Brookes

District Chairman

Christmas Cakes

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7 November 2009.

To : President & members Lions. Lioness and Leo Clubs.

From ; Peggy Reehorst,  
Chairman Nurses Scholarship Foundation.

At this time of the year the Foundation will make decisions which nurses will be successful in obtaining a scholarship for further studies in February 2010.

Last year 53 applicants received a scholarship, total worth \$40.000-00. 3 nurses in our District were supported in following post graduate courses in midwifery, intensive care and medication for enrolled nurses.

Due to the global financial problems our investment has not grown as fast as we would have liked and unless we receive donations from Clubs the contribution from the Foundation will be considerably less.

I ask you to dedicate some of your hard earned monies to the Foundation so that we help our nurses to be able to look after us better !!

*Peggy Reehorst*

Nurses Scholarship Foundation,  
P.O. Box 218,  
Baulkham Hills – 1755.

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## "WELFARE"

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This new portfolio is gathering momentum as Lions get to hear about it, so when you have someone sick and or injured in your club then get your club Welfare Chairperson on the job gather all details and call me I will do the rest.

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## "LETTERS TO FATHER CHRISTMAS"

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With only **6.4 weeks to CHRISTMAS** it is still not too late to order your Letters to Father Christmas kits but hurry and take part in this easy to run

### MINIMUM COST - MAXIMUM REWARDS PROJECT

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For further information on both these projects contact.=  
Lion Jeff Mott  
District Chairperson  
Welfare &  
Letters to Father Christmas  
9th November 2009

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