



BETWEEN THE LIONS

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MD Convention – Christchurch – April 2013

The Lions Clubs Multiple District 53rd Annual Convention, which is scheduled for the City of Christchurch over 12 – 14 April 2013 and to be hosted by the Lions Club of Wigram, is going to be a wonderful opportunity for Lions nation-wide to show an expression of support to both the Lions members and their communities of that quake-ravaged city.

The well-known Christchurch landmark Chateau on the Park hotel, situated in the 'safe' western area overlooking Hagley Park and the Avon, is our location and recent upgrading of both the conference and accommodation facilities will make this a perfect venue for our convention. The Chateau is set among 5 acres of roses, protected mature Oaks and a variety of native trees & shrubs. A heated swimming pool, golf putting green and gymnasium set off this hotel for those wishing to stay on site. The Hotel has accommodation reserved for Lions through to 15 December 2012 and, when booking, you merely need to state that you are a Lion to secure accommodation. Phone 0800 808 999 or email res@chateau-park.co.nz.



Friday evening Flag and Opening Ceremony

This will be held in the newly refurbished 'Great Hall' with registrants gathering from 6.15 pm for a catch-up social time together before being seated by 7.00 pm. Dress will be after five, Lions jacket or business suit. The Flag Ceremony will be inspiring. We have secured a wonderful (and highly topical) guest speaker and all attending the opening ceremony will be both educated and highly entertained. A scrumptious supper (for what the Chateau is well known for) will follow.

Saturday Business Session

A full & interesting Annual General Meeting is on the agenda with several remits for consideration by delegates. We have been fortunate to secure a Lions Clubs International keynote speaker with right up to date knowledge of the latest trends in both GMT & GLT and one who is well known to the Lions of New Zealand. Registration fees for all sessions of the 2013 convention have been set to ensure a full turnout of club delegates. Now is not too early for your club to nominate just who will represent the club at this AGM.

Saturday evening

The evening function will again be held in the Great Hall with a well-known local band. A buffet-style dinner will be held in the adjoining area and, thus, all those attending will be able to either dance the night away or just talk quietly with Lions friends. Again, the Chateau's famous dinner servings will tempt the widest of taste buds.

Sunday Remembrance Service

Something slightly different this time round with a well-respected Christchurch identity leading the service followed by a rededication address aimed at Lions from far & wide. Passed Lions will be remembered in the Chateau's Memorial Garden with a special presentation.

Partners' Programme

All partners who are not attending the AGM & business session will be accommodated with a wonderful programme incorporating a choice of 'city' or 'Country' tours (this depending on registration numbers). Lunch will be provided within the reasonable partners' registration fee.

So plan to come to Christchurch in April 2013 and enjoy a wonderful weekend of Lionism and friendship.

At your next club business meeting nominate your convention representatives and look out for the registration form with the next Lion magazine due later this month.

COMMUNICATIONS

Club Presidents or Secretaries who receive Between the Lions are asked to pass this on to their club bulletin editors or to their members at the next club meeting.

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