



Lions International - Australia

District 201 V3 Newsletter



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May 2012

What a wonderful year it has been so far. Club visits have now concluded. What a great bunch of Lions, partners and friends we have. Thank you from Sheryl and myself for the enthusiastic welcome that has been shown to us as we 'did the rounds' of the 67 clubs in this District 201V3. There are still things to be done but having all club visits completed is a relief and a very fulfilling experience.

During the next few months, as our year comes to an end, International President Wing-Tun Tam has asked that we *"resolve to care for our fellow Lions like family members. At club meetings ask them how they are and their families are. Visit or call when they are sick. Look for job leads if they are unemployed. The strength of our association is a result of the warm relationship among Lions. The more we care for one another the more we will retain our members and serve together effectively. If Lions can help others we definitely can help Lions too. That's what being a family is all about"*. I endorse President Tam's remarks and ask that you look inward at your club and ensure that you are looking after your fellow Lions.

A new 'recruitment brochure' entitled "Want to make a difference" has now been published by Australian Lions. The brochure answers those key initial questions posed by potential members and contains contacts and links to more detailed information online. This will be an essential tool for your club in it's efforts to reach out for suitable new members. Twenty copies of this brochure will be cost free to each club, until initial stock is exhausted. After that they will be on sale at a cost of \$15 per hundred. Check out the club supplies shop on the Lions Australia web site to place your club's order.

Recently clubs will have received a request from our Multiple District Office requesting details of cakes, puddings, mints and fudge purchased. Please don't throw this aside and say "they should know how many we purchased" as I have heard some clubs have done. This is an audit procedure to ascertain that Lions are not being defrauded in any rebates that the suppliers are required to pay on sales figures.

Many clubs have received emails from me with details

of a prospective member who has made enquiries on the internet. Most clubs have contacted these persons and have gained a new member. A few clubs have not taken any action. Because of this a set of guidelines has been produced to help clubs make the most of these "gift" members. A copy of these guidelines has been forwarded to your club in this months mail-out along with a letter co-signed by myself and Jon Dee regarding the project 'DO SOMETHING' which is also aimed at gaining new members. Please assist with this new method of advertising because doing something is better than I often hear from some clubs - we don't know how to get new members.



If you have not attended one of the two Lions Information Days at Bairnsdale or Trafalgar it is not too late. Don't miss out - book in now for the day being held at Cranbourne on Sunday the 20th May. This day is not only for club officers but will provide essential information to all Lions attending.

The fourteen punctuation marks are - period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation mark, brackets, parenthesis, braces and ellipses. The question for this month is - what famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?

Ken

Ken Blay
DG 201 V3 2011-2012



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FROM THE CABINET SECRETARY'S DESK

What a busy April I have had. Life would have been much simpler if Clubs had sent their PU101's and Returns 5 & 6 in on time.

I know that we are all busy volunteers but it isn't really too difficult to send forms in on time.

I will have met some of you at the incoming club officers information days. I hope that each and everyone went away with new ideas, new enthusiasm and new friends. Fellowship at these days is always good.

District Governor Ken has finished his visitation to Clubs but still has a lot of administration duties to carry out before his term finishes.

District Governor Ken; and the members of District 201V3 welcome the following members, we hope that you will remember the day you were inducted and really enjoy your membership with your Club and Lions Clubs International.

Lion Geoff Ablett – Lions Club of Balla Balla

Sponsored by Lion Darryl Sutcliffe

Lion Graham Elso – Lions Club of Balla Balla

Sponsored by Lion Darryl Sutcliffe

Lion Keith Carrington – Lions Club of Briagolong & District

Sponsored by Lion Norm Avage

Lion Frank Cicerone – Lions Club of Lakes Entrance

Sponsored by Lion Bruno Parisotto

Lion Stephen Tullett – Lions Club of Mornington

Sponsored by Lion Lance Rechsteiner

Lion Sheryl Tullett – Lions club of Mornington

Sponsored by Lion Lance Rechsteiner

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Sponsored by Lion Max Williamson

Lion Trent Alexander – Lions Club of Mt. Martha

Sponsored by Lion Kenneth Reason

Lion Gail Cremen – Lions Club of Mt. Martha

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Sponsored by Lion Rex Blennerhasset

Lion Aidan Wade – Lions Club of Sale

Sponsored by Lion Peter Gower

Lion Amanda Maxfield – Lions Club of Phillip Island

Sponsored by Lion Gregory Marrinan

Lion Michael Maxfield – Lions Club of Phillip Island

Sponsored by Lion Gregory Marrinan

Lion Peter Hamilton – Lions Club of Rye

Sponsored by Lion Bob Beard

Lion Lindsay Ross – Lions Club of Stratford

Sponsored by Lion Ian Marshall

Lion Bronia Lewis – Lions Club of Trafalgar

Sponsored by Lion Merv Moon

Lion John Herbal – Lions Club of Warragul

Sponsored by Lion Sam Vicino

Lion Daniel Macafee – Lions Club of Willow Grove & District

Sponsored by Lion Wendy Moyle

Lion Wayne Lubeck – Lions Club of Yarram

Sponsored by Lion Len Mayo

Lion Tim Mayo – Lions Club of Yarram

Sponsored by Lion Len Mayo

There are two dates that all members need to remember and place in your diaries –

Sunday 8th. July 2012 – District Changeover – notice in with this newsletter.

Friday 26th – 28th October 2012 – District Convention at Korumburra

For those of you attending the Multiple District in Perth – safe travel and enjoy.

Until next month – take care.

PDG Norma Barnard
Cabinet Secretary

MEMBERSHIP WELFARE

District Governor Ken Blay and the Lions family of District 201 V3 pass on their sincere condolences to the families of following members, also to the Lions family who have had a bereavement in their family.

District Members passed away Lions Club

Lion Geoff Bell	Morwell
Lion Peter James Redmond	Yarragon

Member's family passed away Lions Club

Lion Joy Herons	Mother in Law	Wellington Latrobe
Lion Frank Collins	Sister	Moe
Lion Alan Smith	Father	Trafalgar

Our caring thoughts and get well wishes are extended to the following members of the Lions family, whether it is they are recovering from major surgery or a minor cold. We wish you all a speedy recovery. Also members' names that I have not received on the sick list, we wish you good health and a full recovery.

Members on the Sick List Lions Club of

Lion Doug Lay	Korumburra
Lion Neville Boyer	Warragul
Lion Wally Lange	Somerville
Lion Noel Hopkins	Phillip Island
Lion Athol Worthy	Korumburra
Lion Bob Crouch	Cranbourne

All Welfare matters are to be submitted to Lion Joyce Radford before the 12th of the month please.

If I am required to send a card, please supply the name and mailing address that the card is to be sent to.

Please don't wait till the 12th of the month to notify me of a card that needs to be sent – It gets forgotten.

On behalf of District Governor Ken Blay and the Lions family of District 201 V3, I would like to Congratulate Lion David and Carol Roberts of the Lions Club of Toora and Lions Dawn and Ian Rasmussen of the Lions Club of Inverloch on Celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversaries.

Lion Joyce Radford
District Member Welfare Chairperson
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SAY THANK YOU

The first reason you need to say thank you to your volunteers, fellow Lions and your sponsors is obvious - it's simply the right thing to do. No-one, no matter how dedicated they are to a cause or issue, wants to feel that they are unimportant or that their hard work does not matter. Everyone needs to be appreciated and it gives satisfaction to be told how important they are to whatever issue they are dedicating themselves to.

The second reason is perhaps little more cagey. That is when you go out of your way to find the right words to thank volunteers and sponsors so that they will keep volunteering or sponsoring a particular project.

It's extremely easy to find any number of reasons to avoid volunteering or sponsoring. Your job is to show your volunteers and sponsors how appreciated they are, and what a good job they're doing, so they'll want to keep coming back.

A "thank you" costs you nothing but can give you and the volunteer so much.

Like with most things, put yourself in their place. How would you like to be thanked? Would a one time word of appreciation do it for you? Or - should your good works to be noticed more regularly? Of course it helps if the words are natural. No volunteer wants to think that the pat on the back is something someone had to work on doing. If it does not come naturally, and the words don't express gratitude in a normal human fashion, your volunteers will probably pick up on it. That kind of phoniness does no- one any favours.

Spoken or written

That's up to you but there is no reason why you cannot do both. A regular word of kindness to volunteers for the job they do always is noticed and appreciated, especially when you say it right after they have done something wonderful.

When someone goes out of their way, you should do the same to let them know how valued they are for what they do.

On a birthday or the anniversary of the volunteer joining our association it would be a good thing to write that person a note. You can use a nice note paper or buy a card that expresses your sentiments.

How should you put it

Something along the lines of "Thank you for all the good you do We couldn't get along without you" is a pleasant example.

Not everyone that volunteers is wealthy. In fact some volunteers could probably use someone to help them. The idea of providing a tangible memento of thanks for a selfless job well done is a kind and decent thing to do. It does not need to be a huge amount of money. A \$10 gift card to a book store may be exactly the kind of treat your volunteer wouldn't spend on themselves, but might be the thing that would delight them nonetheless. And let them know their efforts were truly and warmly appreciated.

The presentation to a Lion of an Australian Lions Foundation award (William R Tresise Fellowship - Ian M Stockdale Humanitarian Award - James D Richardson Award) or a Lions Club International Foundation Melvin Jones Fellowship should not be forgotten. This is a method of showing great appreciation and supporting Lions Projects at the same time.

Never pass up the chance to find the words to thank Lions, volunteers and sponsors. Being kind always brings a ton of rewards to the giver and recipient alike.

Ken

Ken Blay
DG 2011-12

Lions Village Licola Working Bee

Commences Sunday 27 May 2012

Finishes Sunday 3 June 2012

No special skills needed – wide range of jobs available

Open to Lions, Lionesses, family members and friends

BYO sleeping bag, doona, blanket, changes of clothes and evening liquid needs.

Also if you have trailers, ladders, tools etc. – in fact anything that could be useful to you up here, load it in!

Beds provided in cabin accommodation

Meals provided.

Please ring now to Adam Wake on 5148 8791 so we can confirm accommodation and food requirements.

Any questions contact Adam or myself: - Peter McShane 0402 851 745 or email ceo@licola.org.au



37 HOSTINGS AND COUNTING

We enjoy Lions Youth Exchange hosting because we get so much out of it personally – especially the exchange of cultures and international extension of our family. We trust the tips listed on this flyer will encourage all clubs and families to become involved with the Youth Exchange Program.



Lion Bob Hoare, Melvin Jones Fellow
& Lioness Dorothy Hoare OAM
Lions Club of Trafalgar, District 201V3

Hi, we are Bob and Dorothy. Over the last 18 years we have hosted 37 youth from Japan, USA, Canada, Indonesia, Tahiti, Germany, Finland and Norway. All the youth we have hosted have been very good, some excellent, and all well-mannered. On one occasion a Japanese girl arrived at our home already homesick. We suggested, as we do with all of the youth, that she phones home. She burst into tears. The next morning, after a good night's sleep, she explained that we had asked her to ring home but how could she? She had been told not to speak Japanese. If she had rung she would have had to speak Japanese as her parents only speak Japanese and that would be impolite.

It was satisfying to witness a reclusive youth exchangee spend time in Australia, return home, commence university and choose to return to Australia to study at Monash University for 12 months. She visited Australia again in 2011 with her god-daughter. A Japanese girl, Mie, has visited from Japan many times and in 2011 she brought her 3-year old son Toshiya to experience an Australian Christmas. In 2010, exchangee Catharine from Indonesia visited with her husband and children.



Above: Mie & Toshiya
Below: Catharine & family

OUR YOUTH EXCHANGE TIPS: THIS IS WHAT WE DO – IT WORKS FOR US!

- Remind club members that youth exchange is a CLUB PROJECT not a host family's project. Establish an itinerary weeks before the youth arrive to give members a chance to plan outings and family get-togethers with the visitors.
- Language is not an issue. There are dictionaries, charades, sign language, notepads, and if all else fails, a picture can be used. Most international exchangees speak English and they want to practise their English-speaking skills. The youth appreciate our patience and willingness to repeat phrases if they don't get it first time. If they make a mistake, laugh with them and the mistake is quickly forgotten. Always remember they have learnt

English, NOT Australian. Don't use slang; they do not understand it.

- Gender, nationality, age of exchangees. Consider carefully whether you will host young men or women. If you have children and teenagers at home, that is often the deciding factor. Asian girls usually thrive where there are young children in the host family. Choose an age group with whom you are comfortable.
- We always host two youth from different countries at the same time to minimize homesickness. The youth are good company for each other and delight in exploring each other's native languages and taste in music and sport. We learnt very quickly not to host two from the same country together as they tend to only speak their own language, and do not have the same need to speak English. The one with the better English does all the talking, the other one misses out.

- Paying for expenses – hosting comes at considerable personal financial cost to a host family.



The host club is required by Lions International guidelines to cover the cost of excursions, entry to sightseeing venues, movies, sporting events, etc. The budget should be established well before the youth arrive. If the exchangees offer to pay, let them. Often we say "You pay next time" and when that time arrives, we say "Your turn to pay".

BEFORE YOUTH ARRIVE

- When we have confirmation of the youths we will host each year, we make contact as soon as possible.
- We send an email to introduce ourselves, including our own ages, names and ages of family members; introduce our pets and explain if they are inside or outside animals; give a brief history of our Lions Club, number of members, special activities, etc; summarise briefly our area's geography, population of town, distance from nearest capital city and industries; stress that they will be arriving in Australia in mid-winter (July visit) or hot/warm (December visit) and bring suitable clothes and inform the exchangees that we have hosted before and they will be, for example, number 37.
- We follow up with a very short telephone call to each exchangee.
- Contact is made several times before the youth arrive to ask if there is something special they might like to do or see while they are in Australia (we explain that we MAY be able to fulfill their dreams, no promises). Then we send a letter to the youths' parents – their mothers are especially anxious about them leaving home. If there are problems with their flight bookings, we can resolve them before the youths depart their home countries.

WHEN YOUTH ARRIVE

- We greet them at the airport as a family member, not a guest or stranger, and take them for something to eat and

drink. They are usually very tired. Many from Europe and America have not slept for up to 48 hours.

- On arriving home, we show them their room, bathroom and toilet. Explain that this is their home and they can help themselves to a selection of snacks (fruit, bread, drinks, biscuits, etc) if hungry.
- Encourage the youth to telephone their families to let them know they have arrived safely. We pay for the calls.
- Allow youth to sleep until midday to catch up on sleep and recover from jetlag.
- We invite them to choose what they will call us – Mum and Dad or Bob and Dorothy. We speak to them as a youth exchange son or daughter, not as a child.
- From day one, set rules for use of telephone and computers and monitor carefully. Set rules about showering duration. Explain water restrictions. Thirty minute showers twice a day are not possible in our home.
- Encourage exchangees to write postcards, diaries, prepare their talk to the Lions Club in the family dining room rather than in their bedrooms. Offer to help with preparation of their speech to the club members.
- Be aware of any exchangees who want to spend most of their time in their bedroom. They should be meeting people and experiencing our lifestyle. If problems develop, contact District or MD Youth Exchange for advice.
- **NEVER LEAVE THEM HOME ALONE.** Involve the youth in all family activities.
- We encourage club members to meet the visitors in our home prior to an excursion. ALWAYS ensure there is a club person of the same gender participating in an outing, particularly with young female. Youth enjoy outings with club members but they prefer to return home to sleep at the end of the day.
- Sightseeing musts – a day spent at our local high school, a visit to our Lions Club meeting, local supermarkets, souvenir-shopping and tourist attractions in the local area.
- We have rest, clothes-washing and house-cleaning days. The youth are expected to help. They are family members not five-star guests. Youth clean their rooms and change bed linen when required. Japanese youth will most likely need an explanation how to use our beds. Their bedding is quite different in Japan.
- Usually we cook meals and the youth wash up, or vice versa. We don't cook special meals for them. They are on a cultural exchange which includes learning about our food. Encourage them to try every new food once. Serving food in a buffet style in the centre of the dining table reduces the anxiety of having to eat a whole plate of strange, served food. Where possible we try to eat at food courts on excursions. We select a table and send the youth to purchase their own meal then we buy ours when they return to the table. If we all purchase our meals together, it could be assumed that we will pay for everyone.

□ Always speak slowly and clearly to the young visitors. Our Australian accents can complicate their ability to translate. Be aware that many non-English speaking youth say "No" when they mean "Yes" and vice-versa. This is to do with the way Australians ask questions.

□ At Club meetings, introduce the youth to members who may be nervous about meeting youth from overseas.

All in all hosting is a wonderfully rewarding experience. If you have a spare room or two give it a go. You will be glad that you did. Remember, not all students remain in contact, but those that do, you have for life. We now have several "married daughters and nine grandchildren" around the world.

Bob & Dorothy

Yours in Lionism, Neil Barnes, Wonthaggi
my 'phone No. is 56722559 for more information.



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Inverloch Lions Jazz Festival Catering 2012 - Report.

What a huge success, due mainly to the input from all who worked over the weekend of 9th to 12th March. Who would have imagined the crowd being so big, especially on the Saturday, with a continual que of people at the BBQ.

Some of the statistics to come out of the weekend are,
90 kgs of sausages cooked.
30 kgs of onions peeled and cooked
60 kgs of pumpkins used for those delicious cups of pumpkin soup.
700 cups of coffee and tea served
100 loaves of bread used
plus numerous servings of curried sausages, quiche and sandwiches.
not to mention the delicious sponges, pavlovas and apple slices.



Special thanks to all those who cooked the pumpkin soup, curried sausages, quiches and sponges.

The effort put in by members was nothing but outstanding resulting in gross takings of \$10,000 for the weekend.

And how about our neighbouring Lions,
4 from Leongatha (including champion onion peeler Fred Morrison)
3 from Wonthaggi
5 from San Remo
and Zone 7 Chairman Rod Jackson from Mirboo North
Without their magnificent contribution our workload would have been extended considerably.

And how well everyone worked together, there was not a word of complaint all weekend and some of the reports I am getting back from visitors and locals were all positive in relation to our menu and the way we presented the food..

.A hearty Inverloch Lions thankyou to all concerned
In the meantime we can sit back and take a sigh of relief until our next big project, parking cars on Phillip island for the V8 Supercars in May.

Neil Everitt

Whilst passing through Mirboo North, the Lions Ride for Sight riders, were recipients of fine food and all riders thank the Lions and local bowls club for providing an excellent venue for our meal.



Pictured are past president of Lions Rod Jackson, Leah Evans from the Lions Eye Health Program and Betty Larsen from Cowarr. Mirboo

North locals will remember Betty as one of the Garner girls from Hallston. Betty was awarded a prestigious Bob Coulthard award for her efforts over many years in the Meat Raffle which goes with the ride.

Korumburra Lions 36th Annual Convention 2012
26 – 28 October 2012

All under one roof at the
Korumburra Recreation Centre

Plans are well underway plus a few surprises!
Updates will be available on our website:

www.korumburra.vic.lions.org.au

For any further information contact:

Convention Secretary:

Lorelle Logan on

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korumburrallions@yahoo.com.au

Inverloch Lions Butterfly Ball.

Only a week after the Inverloch Jazz Festival music once again was to the forefront in the Inverloch Community Hub where the Lions Club staged their annual Butterfly Ball last Saturday evening.

This time the music was provided by well known Gippsland band, the "Silhouettes", who are popular with old time dance enthusiasts and played continuously from 8pm until well after midnight. The hall was decorated with butterflies and balloons providing a pleasant surround for the many dancers in attendance from places as far away as suburban Melbourne and East Gippsland.

In line with the tradition of an old time ball judging took place during the evening to decide the "belle and beau" of the ball. Judged on dancing skills and presentation the winners for 2012 were Jan Nugent of Korumburra (belle of the ball) and partner for the evening, Peter Murray (Beau of the ball).

Judge for the evening was Hannah Stallard, a sales consultant employed by Nagels Amcal Pharmacy at Leongatha was presented with a hard task in deciding the winners with all of the dancers presenting extremely well whilst dancing the "Lucille" for the judging.

M.C for the evening was Lion Neil Everitt who kept things moving so the dancers could enjoy the extensive programme with dances such as the Emmadale, Maxina, Charmaine Waltz, Fox Trot, Barn Dance, Festival Glide and many others over a period of 4 ½ hours, interrupted only for a supper break and drawing of the raffle by the Lions Club.

The Lions Club wish to thank those who attended to make it a successful night both financially and socially and especially wish to thank Wattle Bank residents Peter and Lorna Dawson who brought along forty people to the ball.

L to R Inverloch & Distric Lions Past President, Dawn Rasmussen with "Belle of the Ball" winner Joan Nugent and Peter Murray ("Beau of the Ball") also in the photo is dancing judge, Hannah Stallard of Leongatha.

Neil Everitt



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At the Pakenham Racecourse
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District Changeover

the District Changeover will be held on Sunday the 8th July 2012 at 12noon for 12.30pm start at:

The Warragul Club Inc.
Downtowner Function Room
55 Victoria Street, Warragul.

This will take the form of a sit down three-course lunch with drinks available from the bar. The cost will be \$30 per person.

Please forward your booking, no later than the 1st July 2012, with your payment (made out to Lions District 201V3) to PDG Norma Barnard, P.O. Box 777, Noble Park 3174

Help us to make this a great occasion to thank District Governor Ken and Lion Sheryl for their wonderful 2011-12 year and to welcome District Governor Elect Don and Lion Pam back to the district from the International Convention after Don was inducted as your new District Governor for the year 2012-2013.

RIDE FOR SIGHT

The winners of the Ride for Sight meat raffle 2011/2012 are below.

- 1st prize: Paul Kerr, Foster
- 2nd prize: Railway Hotel, Cowwarr
- 3rd prize: Peter Hansen, Toongabbie
- 4th prize: Hampton Park Lions Club
- 5th prize: Aidan Wade, Longford
- 6th prize: Frank Ferguson, Koo Wee Rup
- 7th prize: Norm Hall, Hazelwood North

The Ride for Sight committee congratulates the winners and thanks all Clubs whom participated.

Thanks & regards
David Koschade

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 - Hot Rods
 - Classic Cars
 - Utes
 - Trucks



PAKENHAM 26th & 27th MAY

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On Good Friday and Easter Saturday the Lions Club of Inverloch & District assisted with the running of "Inverloch on the Flip" a water ski spectacular which was held in Anderson Inlet adjacent to the Inverloch foreshore.

The "Stars Down Under" ski show was held between 3pm and 4pm and attracted hundreds of holiday makers and locals to watch the event.

During the afternoon the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving club collected a gold coin donation to assist them with their lifesaving duties at the surf beach in Inverloch.

The Inverloch lions acted as safety personell by keeping swimmers and spectators out of the water during the display. Lions donated their time towards the community run event which included some of Victoria's best water ski teams.

Photo No1. Inverloch & District Lions Tim Drowley, Steve McHugh, Neil Everitt, Annie Rivera, Geoff Cole and Ken Aly.



Photo No.2 the "Stars Down Under" in action



Youth of the Year

DISTRICT WINNER & STATE PUBLIC SPEAKING WINNER



Janel Gibson (pictured above) of Mornington Secondary College, representing the Lions Club of Mt Martha was the winner of the District Youth of the Year Final held at Trafalgar on Sunday 18th March. Janel subsequently represented the District at the State Youth of the Year Final in April where she won the State Public Speaking title. **CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE JANEL!**

The 5 contestants competing for the District title are pictured below. The clubs they represented included Rosedale, Toora, Westernport and Drouin. Allison Murphy representing the Rosedale Lions Club won the Public Speaking Section of the District Final.



District Governor Ken Blay and YOTY Chairman, Max Dusting with the District Finalists

L to R Jordan Gannaway, Christina Brickle, Lauren Walker, Janel Gibson (District Winner) and Allison Murphy (Public Speaking Winner)