



# THE CARBINE CLUB of NEW ZEALAND

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Newsletter to members

## **OBITUARY – David Raymond LEVENE KNZM, OBE**



Sadly, our Patron, Sir David Levene passed away on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at the age of 91. He was a true gentleman and an exceptionally generous and unassuming man who was genuinely interested in people and his community. He was a very great supporter of the Carbine Club and its activities and regularly attended functions until his health deteriorated earlier this year.

The David Levene Foundation, was the principal sponsor of the Annual Charity Golf tournament. The Foundation gives to around 300 charities or programmes each year but the Carbine Club was fortunate that the Club's objectives aligned well with the interests of Sir David. He was a great champion of sport, education and disabled people as also evidenced by his Patronage of The Outward Bound Trust and YES Disability.

Sir David originally began his working career in the paint and wallpaper store of his father and uncle in 1947 and was responsible for its development into a major retailing enterprise comprising 52 retail stores plus large paint and wallpaper manufacturing factories when the business was sold in 1994. Following the sale of the Levene business, he developed a substantial investment portfolio in wide ranging areas from biotechnology, environmental monitoring and digital media startups, but his philanthropy began in the 1960s as he strongly believed in the importance of giving back to the community.

He received the Order of the British Empire in 1995 for his services to business and was knighted in 2010 for his services to business and the community.

Sir David will be sadly missed and our condolences go to his family.

Regards

VJ Latta

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