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Through the Prism of Lions, Together We Serve More!



DG Alistair with Int. President, Dr Jung-Yul Choi



Ciao! Greetings from the desk of DG Alistair



Fellow Lions,

Can you believe that we are already a quarter of the way through the year. I wish to thank all the Clubs and Lions that have provided information to Lion Dee Easton so far for the newsletters, please keep this up. Sharing of our success stories is a very important part of the Global Action Team (GAT) and Campaign 100. LCIF Chairperson IPIP Gudrun Yngvadottir reminds us that "Through stories, we connect and learn. And when we share these stories with others... we multiply our capacity for change."

As Lions we need to change and adapt to a changing world around us. By sharing these success stories we get to see how other clubs have been able to make changes that we can learn from, they might not necessary work for your club, but they could spark an idea that could.

Did you know that your club also has a Global Action Team:

- GAT leader Club President,
- GLT club coordinator Club 1st Vice President,
- GMT club coordinator Club Membership Chair,
- GST club coordinator Club Service/Projects Chair.

This team will be supported by the Zone and Region Chairs, as needed. I challenge the club members to find out more about this program within their clubs and also to register on MyLion and take part in preparing and planning your club projects and fundraisers. Please remember, if you need any information on any of the programs that Lions Clubs International offers, or maybe you would like some advice on a project that your club is involved in or planning please contact the relevant District Chair, or your Region and Zone Chairs for assistance. We are here to assist your clubs, by providing advice and information, so that your clubs can achieve your goals for the year.

Remember that registrations close shortly for the District New Beginnings Convention, and no later registrations will be accepted after the closing date. So make sure you get your registrations in on time and don't miss out on this historic event, the 1st District Convention of District 410E. Remember your clubs voting delegates will be voting on the election of the future leaders of the district, budget for the new year and any constitutional changes proposed. Keep making a difference in your communities through your Passion, Respect, Integrity, Support and Membership.

Remember that Through the PRISM of Lions,
Together We Serve More

NEW_BEGINNINGS CONVENTION

It's not too late – you can still register for this historic event! Registrations close on 15th October.

The venue, besides having everything we need for a successful Convention, is extremely family-friendly, has beautiful scenery and loads of things to do in your spare time. If you're not the athletic type and don't want to go off hiking or climbing, you can relax by one of the pools, enjoy a sundowner or 2 (or even 3) and chat with old friends (and make some new ones.)

DG Alistair is one of those people who likes to make those around him feel comfortable and at ease, so everything is going to be very informal, (although of course, protocol will be observed at official meetings.) Its going to be a fun time of meeting new people and forming bonds of friendship that will last for many years to come.

Registration forms should please be sent through to LP Rowan (email address; newbeginnings@lions410e.org.za) Any queries, please email me @ easton.denise@yahoo.co.uk



Please note; NO Registrations will be accepted after 15th October.





Important dates to remember:

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 410 GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM 2019/2020

LEADERSHIP guides MEMBERSHIP; MEMBERSHIP expands SERVICE and SERVICE impacts LEADERSHIP

The Council of Governors, at its meeting held on 17 August 2019, resolved to align with and implement the vision, mission and goal of GST by adopting a steady, sustainable and no surprises approach to GST for this year through MD 410 Clubs actively promoting the established LCI approved global causes of Diabetes, Environment, Hunger, Vision and Childhood Cancer and aligning these with accepted global initiatives that are already in place, at the same time creating our own awareness, action, identity and branding within these initiatives.

In order to make this happen, the following programme has been agreed upon for 2019/2020:

- **Lions Clubs Sight Week in support of World Sight Day (10 October) from Saturday 5 October 2019 to Sunday 13 October 2019.
- **Lions Clubs Diabetes Week in support of World Diabetes Day (14 November) from Saturday 9 November 2019 to Sunday 17 November 2019.
- **Lions Clubs Childhood Cancer Week in support of World Cancer Day (4 February) from Saturday 1 February 2020 to Sunday 9 February 2020.
- **Lions Clubs Hunger Week in support of World Hunger Day (28 May) from Saturday 23 May 2020 to Sunday 31 May 2020.
- **Lions Clubs Environmental Week in support of World Environmental Day (5 June) from Saturday 30 May 2020 to Sunday 7 June 2020.

For more information and / or ideas contact your District GST Coordinator: 410E IPDG Freddie Erasmus 083 448 3120 /

410W PDG Tillie Nel 072 188 1207

The sky is the limit for Clubs to come up with innovative and meaningful activities that will add value and at the same time give you meaningful exposure!

The Lions Club of Midrand elected to have a Refresher Workshop with full Club participation to strategize some new ideas, workshop new projects and complete the Clubs Quality Initiative Workbooks and Community and Club Needs Assessments. A Spring-themed workshop took place on 24 August in Dainfern, Johannesburg where members were asked to wear something Spring-related: flower crowns, leis, floral shirts, shorts and dresses. Being the youngest members of the Club, Lions Bianca Momplé and Barbara Hocking were tasked to organise and facilitate the event and so they did with great achievement. Discussion, debate and ideas flowed as Lions Barbara and Bianca challenged the Club to delve deeper into vital issues surrounding the Club and the great Midrand community. Post-event, the ideas were consolidated and a full action plan was created at the next Board Meeting on 12 September. The Club seeks to host another offsite, inspirational workshop in early 2020.















(Ed. Note) Hi Everyone – Please read the above and let Pretoria City Lions know if you would like to attend.



(Above; Scottburgh Lions Club - We have tested 207 people for sugar diabetes, in July and August. We test on the first Tuesday of every month at the Scottburgh Mall.

Ed's Corner; Surprise There will be another issue of the September Newsletter which should be on your computer early next week. For those whose news and photos didn't make it in this edition, please don't stress – the "b" issue will probably be just as full as this one! Remember there are now over 80 clubs in our District. Wow -I wonder how many Newspapers can boast that they have over 80 reporters working for them?? I hope all you wonderful Presidents are ensuring that all your members get a copy of the Newsletters? By the way, if you have any gripes about the very long Newsletters, please let me know so that I can try to fix it!! Here's the thing; I don't want to dampen the enthusiasm of the writers!

Right; Lions Club Durban Host 410E.

(Some of their recent projects and news.)

- Uniforms given to Molibongwe from Sandra and husband from Austria
- Lunch done at Molibongwe Senior Citizens Club
- .3. Braai stand made by member Mano Pillay for Brown's School
- 4; Our longest member, Cecile, who received a certificate from the Pope.











Lion Maurice and LL Dee Rosenberg from The Wilds Lions Club. See article on left. (Ed. Note; Get better soon Lion Maurice.)

The Rosenbergs moved to Johannesburg from Port Elizabeth in June this year and Lion Maurice transferred his membership from Cape Recife to The Wilds Lions Club.Lion Maurice attended our meetings and assisted with Mandela Day collection. Some new projects were proposed. Sadly Lion Maurice had a Stroke in July and was admitted to Hospital. He has speech problems from the stroke and is undergoing therapy at hospital. Lions Lady Dee has knitted bed socks for our winter stocks and knitting has kept her active while caring for Lion Maurice.





Lions Club of Midrand - News Clips: June to August 2019

1st Board Meeting

She's passionate, fiery and a real big softy! Introducing the Lion's Club of Midrand's sassy 2019/2020 President – Yolandi Van Der Schyf. For the first Board Meeting of the new year, Yolandi decided to mix things up a little. No more lined writing pads, Parker pens, 'all in favour ofs', agendas and formal minutes. Instead she opted for a casual evening of mad hats, your favoruite sauce and of course, a Swiss Fondue party! Apart from the constant sizzling of vienna's, baby potatoes, butternut and chicken strips, the first Board Meeting was a roaring success from which excitement,



Creativity and a whole bunch of new ideas for the new year arose. Need some Board Meeting inspiration? Lion Yolandi knows the secret to her Club's heart!

****** Make Your Mark This World Diabetes Day ******

World Diabetes Day is only a month away—November 14, 2019. We've partnered with the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and are challenging Lions and clubs to help one million people get screened.



SPAR Food Collection - Lions of Midrand Lions Club.

Photographed here are Lions Barbara and Bianca, with beneficiaries of the SPAR Food Distribution project, from ABC Creches in Ivory Park township. Still the most successful food distribution project to date, the Lions of Midrand commit to facilitate food delivery to various beneficiaries in the Midrand area, 365 days a year including Christmas and New Year's Day. Every member of the Club offer their mornings to collect the various food donations at the Carlswald SPAR and hand it over to different recipients, including those representing creches and homes for the intellectually disabled. Special mention must ao to Midrand's Community Service Chairperson, Lion Roy Michas, who constantly ensures the ongoing success of this hugely prosperous and sustainable project.







Lions Club of Midrand

Cars in the Park

On Sunday 4 August, the Lions Club of Midrand ran the bar and sold boerie rolls and frankfurter rolls to raise money for their Projects accounts. Members rolled into Zwartkops on a brisk Sunday morning just before 06h30 to ensure 60 dozen rolls had been buttered in time for sales to begin. Kitted out in hair nets, latex gloves and aprons, the Club exercised great skills in communication while repeating food orders being bellowed out by LP Yolandi. By 12 noon 600 boerie rolls and 100 frankfurter rolls were sold out, leaving behind only a trail of braai grease and a few last drops of tomato sauce. The bar was a hive of activity and members swopped their latex gloves for bottle openers. Renowned for being an ongoing successful fundraiser, Cars in the Park 2019 was no exception! Special thanks to Lions in Service, JP Tomkinson and Ryan Van Zanten, for rolling up their sleeves, reaching for the braai tongs and assisting Lions Cliff and Bothwell in braaing over 50 dozen pieces of boerie.







October Is Vision Awareness Month!

Ever since Helen Keller inspired Lions to champion the cause of blindness in 1925, we've served and advocated for the blind and visually impaired.

*Please send me a brief article and photos of any Vision Awareness proiects that your Club does in October



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Dignity Bags – Project of the Midrand Lions Club.

Midrand Lion Meredith Wilter-Sturges designed **Project Dignity** to empower victims of sexual abuse and assault at the Victim Empowerment Centre in Midrand, run by the Midrand Community Policing Forum. The Lions Club of Midrand appealed to the community to come forward and donate any pre-loved medium-sized handbags and fill them with basic toiletries. The Club collected over 40 bags in 2 months and did their first hand-over to the Victim Empowerment Centre on 19 July. The organisation operates out of the Midrand Police Station and provides a 24/7 counselling service to the community (mostly women and children), who are victims of domestic abuse, rape, mugging, and assault. These 'dignity bags' will be handed to women when needed, to provide them with the basics for a few days after the incident. Most incidents are serious, and victims can receive up to 6 counselling sessions over a period of time. The Lions Club of Midrand envisages that this will be a sustainable project, and will continue to collect pre-loved handbags. We anticipate the next handover towards the end of September. Thanks to all friends and family who made this possible through incredibly generous donations.



PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE OFFERED TO CLUBS DOING HUNGER ALLEVIATION PROJECTS.

Our District Chairperson for Hunger Alleviation, Lion Carol Browne, would like to remind Clubs that do projects for *Hunger Alleviation*, to please send her a short note of what the Club does in this regard. Lion Carol would also like to know if she can apply her Nutrition expertise to help any of the Clubs in any way. Her email address is *carol@kiteco.co.za*

A great time was had at the Society for the Blind recently when the **Alberton Lions** put on a delicious braai, with great music that had the residents dancing.

Currently there are 70 residents & 15 staff, and the Lions who attended were touched by the response from this group, who seemed overjoyed that our Lions cared about them, and promises were made to return soon.















Induction – Tracy Valadao; Midrand Lions Club.

What an honour it was to have Council Chairperson, Jacqui Hocking, induct Lion Tracy Valadao at the Lions Club of Midrand's August GBM. Tracy is popular in the Midrand community mainly because she works so closely with the team at Friends of Free Wildlife – an ethical wildlife rehabilitation centre that provides for the care of urban wildlife - rescue, rehabilitation and release of the animals that share our space. Tracy is also extremely involved in all community happenings around the Kyalami area, but best known for her nifty business – The Baker's Box. Baker extraordinaire, Tracy and her assistant baker produce baked products for anyone who may enjoy having their cake and eating it. She also sells DIY Gingerbread House and Train kits during the Festive Season to bring back the joy that Christmas ignites in all of us. The Lions of Midrand are proud to have Tracy as part of the family and know she is in great hands under the guidance of Sponsor Lion Jacqui Doyle, Council Chairperson Jacqui Hocking and LP Yolandi Van Der Schyf.

Alberton Lions Club.



What a great general business meeting for the Alberton Club! Thank you to (1) DG Alistair Tuckett, and Regional Chair Patrick Mills for visiting our club. Also a thank you to Northcliff and **Centurion Lions** for their visit. A very special meeting as we (2) inducted four new members, and have now reached a membership of 40 amazing hardworking dedicated members, DG Alistair presiding for the ceremony.(3) A special Appreciation Award was given to a very young prospective Lion Gabrielle, who has already contributed much of her time to our Lions service projects.









Port Shepstone Lions' 33rd Annual Leadership Retreat was held during the weekend of

6-8 September at Camp Anerley. 46 Grade 11 pupils, recently selected for the Port Shepstone High School 2020 Executive Council of Leaders, attended the camp. The full weekend program commenced shortly after they arrived at the camp on Friday with a welcome address by Retreat Convener, Lion Jeff Smith, a course briefing by Lion Peter Mc Killen, an address by Headmaster Mr Peter Jenkins and the official opening address by Club President Alister Love. This was followed by a talk on Lions Clubs International by Lion Denis Meyer. The group was thereafter divided into 5 colour coded teams who took part in various team-building exercises. After supper the ECL's participated in a very enjoyable ice breaking exercise before heading off to bed.

The ECL's had an early rise on the Saturday morning and were served breakfast prepared by the Lion Ladies. Then it was down to business, with lectures on leadership theory, communication, motivation, an innovative engineering exercise, people to people relationships and conflict management. Various presenters included Miss Kerry Mc Killen, Mrs Selina Van Wyk, Mr Agreement Sikhosana and Lions Jeff Smith and Peter Mc Killen. After lunch the group participated in a very enjoyable and challenging "Amazing Race" together with Lions who acted as marshals and transported the teams around the course. Sunrise Farms once again kindly allowed the club to utilise their farm lands for this course which was organised and run by Lions Nico De Jong and Kevin Ross.

The Grade 11's arrived at the Lions' Formal Dinner, held at Port Shepstone Country Club on the Saturday night, wearing glittering make-up, elegant evening wear, and smart suits. The main hall and tables had been beautifully decorated by Lion Lady Jenny Vogt. Emcee Lion Denis Meyer did a superb job in explaining the various formalities and protocols associated with a typical formal Lions gathering. The Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the *Lions Floating trophy* to the "Orange" team who won the afternoon's Amazing Race challenge. The quests enjoyed a superb three course meal and, once the formalities were over, they took to the dance floor until it was time to board the bus and return to the campsite.

On Sunday, the group, once again had an early start for breakfast. Then it was on to morning focus with Mr Bronson Pretorius, a workshop on goal setting presented by Lion Alastair Warman, an inspirational talk by past **ECL member Sinjyn Bunge**, ECL in action and the final evaluation of the weekend presented by **Lion** Peter Mc Killen. The afternoon session was dominated by the strenuous and very enjoyable obstacle course which was marshalled with much laughter by all Lions present.

The Retreat was, once again, a resounding success. Hats off to Course Convener, Lion Jeff Smith and his dedicated team of Lions and Lion Ladies. The entire project was funded by the Club's charity account together with generous sponsorships and support. Leadership development of our youth is one of the core projects of Lions Clubs International and this project is one of the signature service projects of the Port Shepstone Lions Club



(Left) 2020 ECL Elect group photo upon their arrival at Camp Anerley

Ed's Note; There are some more great photos of this project but no room on this page; please see next page.



More photos of Port Shepstone Lions' Youth Project





 Lion Peter Mc Killen introducing the Retreat to the learners.



2020 ECL Elect group at the Formal Dinner



Formal Dinner MC **Denis Meyer**



Course Convener Jeff Smith with Club President Alister Love at the Formal Dinner



Amazing Race winning team ("Oros" Orange team) – L-R Joshua Jacobs, Blake Naidoo, Fynn Weber, Asekho Ndlebe, Lisa Mbele, Zimi Ntisane, Zinhle Ngcobo and Olwethu Gqoli receiving the floating trophy from course convener Lion Nico De Jong



Fynn Weber replying to the toast to the guests on behalf of the ECL Elect



- Nhlakanipho Chonco receiving a Certificate of Leadership Training from Club President Alister Love.



 Olwethu Gqoli receiving a Certificate of Leadership Training from Club President Alister Love



Team building exercise







Welcome to our "Get to know your Cabinet" page.



Lion Les Human

2nd Vice District Governor of District 410E



I joined the Lions Club of Port Rex in May 1998 after an association with the club for 18 months

CLUB OFFICES HELD

- Secretary 1998-99 to 2002-03 and 2019-20
- President 2003-04, 2015-16,2016-2017,2017-2018
- Membership Chairperson 2004-05 (club increased membership by 15%)
- Treasurer 2005-06
- Chairman of the Finance Committee 2014 to date
- I have served as a Director since 1998

DISTRICT OFFICES HELD

- Zone Chairman 2016-17; 2017-18, 2018-19
- 2nd Vice District Governor 410D 2018-19
- 2nd Vice District Governor 410E 2019-20
- Regional Chairman Region F 2019-2020

BUSINESS

 I worked at SAA for the last 40 years and I am currently on pension from 1 September, 2019.

HOBBIES

- I was a keen sportsman and represented my province in Cricket, Squash and Soccer
- I am involved in the Wings and Wishes program that assist with children with cancer
- I assist at underprivileged schools coaching in various sporting activities
- I served as the chairman of the Port Rex High School Governing Body.

FAMILY

 I am married to Vanda for 36 years and we have one son Andrew, who is married to Christine, have a granddaughter Gracie and grand son Spencer.

GOALS

- Encouraging and assisting smaller clubs with their current and future membership retention and growth
- Working hard to accept each other's unique differences
- Assisting with the formation of new viable clubs in key geographic areas
- Growing and increasing membership of younger Lions within the organisation
- Promoting all District projects





ZC Dave Shone from Zone 10

Lionistic History:

I joined Lions in August 2000 so have been a Lion for 19 years now, as a member of the **Lions Club of Cowies Hill** for all this time.

- * I am a Louis Halse Fellow.
- * Club President 2004-2005 and again 2006-2007.
- * Been Secretary 3 times along with a number of other portfolios over the years, including* barman (most important), projects chair, membership chair and club entertainment convenor. An currently the club Treasurer for the 5th year (and am still the barman!).
- * My first year as Zone Chair been resisting it for some time. I have always given my all to my club rather.
- * I am now retired and enjoying life as much as I can.
- * My Goals for this year were submitted with my first report see Cabinet minutes.
- * Looking forward to a rewarding year.







Introducing **Sydney van Heerden** — he joined Lions as a Charter Member of the Lions Club of **Wilro Park** in 1986 — He has held many positions within his 33 year Lionistic career both within his own Club and on Cabinet serving as a

Syd is married to Sandy also a member of the Lions Club of Wilro Park and a fellow Cabinet Officer – so they serve together!

This year Sydney is serving as for Region A *Region Chairman* which includes 8 clubs from Zone 1 and 6 clubs from Zone 2. Sydney has already seen some amazing projects and met with special Lions who are dedicated and committed to making a difference through their awesome projects. He would like to encourage and inspire all clubs to reach new heights.

Cabinet Treasurer for the past 3 years.

Sydney would like to use his experience to assist Clubs with both Extention and Retention of members and is encouraging clubs to put succession plans in place and to take advantage of the excellent Training Workshops available to future Leaders. As a Certified Guiding Lion for three clubs in the past he is available to assist with the challenges and formation of new and diverse clubs and would really like to see many more young Lions.

The Role of a Region Chairman can be very challenging but Sydney enjoys a challenge and is available to support all the Clubs in his Region – he is just a phone call away! -----

