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Ciao! Greetings from the desk of DG Alistair

Hi Everyone.

As this is the second issue for October, there will not be a message from our District Governor. However, from my side, I would like to apologize for the late arrival of the October (a) edition of his Newsletter. Due to being part of the organizing Committee for the District 410E Convention, my time just ran away from me so I hope I am forgiven? I would like to thank everyone who has submitted news for both the October issues of the Newsletter – I am amazed and in awe of the amount of projects being done by the Clubs in our District – you are all truly awesome!

Kind regards,

Lion Dee. (Head Cook, Bottlewasher and Editor.)

PS; Please send photos taken at Convention – if I receive enough, I will do a dedicated Convention issue which should be fun!

Alberton Lions – Home at Last!!





Every Lions Club longs to have their own permanent "home", and Alberton realised this dream on Monday, when the members and guests at the General Meeting raised a glass in celebration. Reading Country Club have kindly given the *Alberton Lions* a large space in an upstairs area at this venue, with a private entrance, and which, after some reconstruction, is now large enough to hold not only our 40 members, but also a number of guests who generally join us for our meetings.







Thanks to the generosity of *LP Juan* from Rustenburg Lions Club, *Lion Dee* from *Clearwater Cyber Lions,* received 100 Spekboom plants. These were given to Mellow Oaks Academy where the Students took great delight in planting them on Arbor Day.



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Wilro Park Lions

The funds raised at our Golf Day will most definitely help us to help others through our Pillars of Service - Without the kindness and generosity of our sponsors and golfers we would not be able to do these desperately needed projects for those who need our help most.

It was really a successful and fun-filled day





Our DG Alistair and IPDG Peggy tuck into some fabulous Thai Vegetarian (which was the theme this year) Potjie. Hosted by *Clearwater Cyber Lions*, this potjie competition has become a favourite Annual event, which, besides being a great time of fellowship for the Clubs, is also a fundraiser for the Host Club.

This year, the well-deserved winner was *Helderkruin Lions Club*, much to the shock of *Weltevreden Lions*, winners of the previous 3 years!



I'm 93 years old and have lived in Benmore Gardens since 1975. We have two blocks of flats built in the early 1970s on 12ha of ground. The rooms are quite big. There's also a beautiful swimming pool, a clubhouse and good security. We're right next to Benmore Centre. They've got everything there.

VAL STEWART WITH FELLOW LIONS CLUB MEMBER JOSE CASTRO

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(Left;) Hi from LP Mark Meltzer from the Wilds Lions Club. Please see picture which appears in today Saturday Star in property page. Pam Hemmens is Lion Dave Griffith partner.









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Some of our DG's recent Club visits; DG Alistair with

(Top row from left to right;) Weltevreden; (Middle row;)

(Rottom row left to right:) Ricomfontai: President Chris

Pres. Danny Burnett; Manzini, Swaziland; President William Kelly.

Stilfontein;

Benoni Lakes; President David McCullough. **President Shelby.** Kimberley: President Walter



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On Saturday 26th October Port Shepstone Lions hosted a Medieval Feast charity fundraiser at Port Shepstone Country Club. The parking area outside Port Shepstone Country Club was transformed into a magnificent tented medieval banquet hall. The 520 guests went out of their way to dress up according to the theme. Kings, queens, princes, princesses, maidens, bishops, knights, crones, hags, peasants, witches, serfs and an array of other medieval characters arrived full of fun and laughter ready to enjoy the event of the year. The marquee was beautifully decorated by Jenny Vogt and her team of Lion Ladies and helpers who spend many days creating the various decorations and props for the event. The fun props outside the hall included stocks, a hang man's noose, an executioner's block and a jousting log. King Mervin (Lion Mervin Curnow) and Queen Lyn (Lion Lady Lyn Curnow) of the Royal House of Daisy presided over the feast. The "royal couple" graciously allowed guests to visit the facilities and provided salt for their meals during the course of the evening.

Prizes for the **best dressed lady** and **best dressed man** were presented **to Lize Van Niekerk** and **John Graham** respectively. A very delicious 3 course meal was provided courtesy of Harbourview Superspar and Michael Frey's Fresh Meat with the assistance to the Clubhouse Café.

The music and lighting was superb. Local band, The Gentry comprising of James Carlsen - guitar/vocals, Princess Dube vocals, Jonathan Brauteseth - keyboards, Gavin Hughes - Drums, Brent Geldenhuis - Bass, Wayne Coughlan guitar as well as **DJ Belinda** kept the dance floor full until the early hours of the morning.

Thanks to the wonderful support of our community, a substantial amount of money was raised for charity. Port Shepstone Lions would like to express their very sincere gratitude to the following individuals, sponsors and helpers who contributed towards the success of the event:

Graeme Milligan and Harbourview Superspar Michael Frey and Frey's Fresh Meat RTS Trading for the charcoal Jenny Vogt and The Costume Shop for the décor Paul Apostolides and Riversmead Farm for the chickens Port Shepstone Country Club, their Exco and Manager Carrie PieterseDean Margison and the Clubhouse Café

James Carlson and The Gentry (including DJ Belinda) **Project Convener Lion Jean Masson**















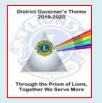




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TOP; Banquest Guests enjoying the festivities; Best Dressed Lady; Lise van Niekerk; Best Dressed Man John Graham with Proj. Conv. Lion Jean Masson; Brad Elliot and Renee Swanepoel; LP Alister Love, LLP Irene Love &Lion Craig Curnow. 2nd ROW; John and Denise Graham; John and Jay Beekman; John and Trish Naylor; Jonathan Brauteseth on Keyboard; King Merve & Queen Lyn; Kobus Gildenhuys and Mike King. (Continued on next page.)





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Port Shepstone Lions' Medieval Feast Charity Fundraiser (Continued from Previous page.)



















(Top Row, left to right;) LL's Cathy Volker, Lyn Curnow & Irene Love: LL's June Rundle, Debbie Marshall & June Massey; Mike & Mirinda Netterville; The festive Banquet Hall; The festive Dance Floor.

(Bottom row; left to right) The band, The Gentry: Trevor Hudson & Rob Harley; Wayne Coughlan on the guitar; Zelna Atkins & Graham du Plessis.

LETABA TZANEEN LIONS CLUB; Report: 12 October 2019 Dine a Night without Sight



Ed's note; I apologize for the grainy texture of the photos; sometimes the format sent to me does not always agree with my laptop.

On 12 October 2019, 60 locals arrived at Arbor Park Lodge, got a "Welcome" drink in the garden, then went on into the hall for dinner where the blindfolds were ready and waiting. They had their sense of touch and smell, and then, of course the sense of taste to guide them through this first of its kind event in Tzaneen.

We received wonderful positive feedback on how amazing this opportunity was to feel how it felt, for a little while only, to be blind. Having child-like fun jabbing your fingers all over the plate to feeling the different temperatures and textures

Two or three hours, eating with blindfolds on, might not give you quite the same insight about how visual impairment can feel, but it may go some way.

The idea was to raise awareness about blindness and turn the tables on society's attitudes towards visual disability.

We, the *Letaba Tzaneen Lions Club* would like to again thank all our donators and sponsors for making this event a reality, and the first of many "Dine a Night without Sight" evenings!