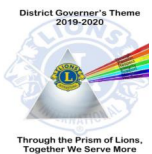


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## Through the Prism of Lions, Together, We Serve More



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



### January Message from DG Alistair:

Fellow District 410 E Lions  
Complements of the season and happy 2020.  
Clubs should be halfway to achieving their goals set for the 2019/2020 Lions year. Keep it up and continue working to achieving these goals. If we all continue working towards these goals, we can achieve great things for our clubs and our communities.

As Lions we are Passionate about making a difference in our communities., and we Respect our fellow Lions and our community, by making a difference.

Lions have Integrity, as shown in our Foundation being ranked the number 1 NGO to work with.

We as Lions, Support our communities, we Support our fellow Lions and we Support LCIF and Campaign 100.

We are all privileged to be members of this great organisation and it is as a result of our Membership of Lions Clubs International that we as Lions have made a difference in over 166 000 people's lives to the end of December within District 410 E and over 97 and a half million people worldwide.

Keep sharing your success stories with this newsletter and continue serving more through your Passion, Respect, Integrity, Support and Membership.

Keep it up!  
Yours in Lionism  
Alistair Tuckett

### February Message from DG Alistair

Fellow District 410 E Lions  
Having visited a fair number of clubs during the first 7 months of this Lionistic year, it is incredible to see the services that clubs are involved with. There is one small issue and that is that there are clubs still not reporting their service being done. Only 67% of clubs are reporting their activities.

The MyLion app, which can be downloaded from any of your app stores, or you can use the web version, is starting to work very well, and is becoming more user friendly as they refine the site and app. One thing to remember is that any Lion can register and use the MyLion app or website, and only Club Directors can report the activity.

Please remember to report the activity, I see that there are many amazing activities listed by clubs on MyLion, but they have not been reported, so club members please check to see if your clubs activities have all been reported, if not please request your clubs board to do so.

Add pictures and customise your reporting and share your activities with the rest of the world on the social media platform of MyLion.

For the records Lions in District 410E have served over 188 000 people to the end of January 2020, and over 107 million people worldwide.

Keep up the great work and keep reporting.  
Yours in Lionism  
Alistair Tuckett.



**(Above); - THE LIONESSE CLUB OF AZALEA -**

**BRUNCH AT TEA ON 23<sup>rd</sup> IN SCOTTSVILLE, PIETERMARITZBURG.**

We had a lovely get-together where we just relaxed and enjoyed a delicious meal together. This is to be done regularly in future.

**(Right;)** Lions Connie Marais ,Richard Marchant and LP Mark Meltzer attended a graduation ceremony at SA Guide Dogs Association in Paulshof on Saturday afternoon.

We received a certificate in recognition of the R 10000.00 sponsorship.



**(Right;)** Several Lions club members and supporters participated both as cyclists and marshalls at the annual **Ride for Sight cycle race.**

Siya is pictured with me; he completed 116 kms in 3 hrs 26 mins and he cycled from Benoni and back after the race as well.

Richard Marchant (not in the pictures), myself, Hayley and friend cycled in 62 kms event which we enjoyed.

The event raises funds to find a cure for blindness.

(This article and the accompanying photos were sent by LP Mark Meltzer of The Wilds Lions Club.)



DG Alistair visited the Boksburg Lions ; Here he presents his banner to LP Peter van der Merwe.



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**Alberton Lions** packed 109 food parcels recently, as they do on a regular basis during the year. The cost of the food packs is borne by the Alberton Club, and they provide enough food to feed a family of 4 for a month. The packs include of all the basic necessities to maintain a healthy diet. The **Tutela** non-profit organization in Alberton stores the packs, and they are given to families in the community that Tutela have on their register as needing assistance. As you can see, many hands make light work, and the Lions finished packing in a record time of 45 minutes!



**Left;** 2 of the Helderkruin Lions Club members who are now living permanently in China. They have been there for 6 months now and are loving their teaching careers! (And no, they haven't just robbed a bank; they all have to wear masks continuously because of the Corona Virus.)

**Message from your Editor;** The following message is an email that was sent by **DC Hunger Alleviation, DC Lion Carol Browne**. It has some really useful information about planning of meals and menus in her book which is freely available to all our Clubs. If interested, please ask your President or Secretary to download it for your Club, from the email which was sent to all Clubs in Dist. 410E on the 19<sup>th</sup> February. It is unfortunately too long for the Newsletter but will really help with quantities etc when cooking for large groups of people.

Dear Lions

I have completed the first of the books that I have been working on. The intention is that clubs can share with organisations who they help out with food. Better planning of meals and menus usually results in cost savings, and usually makes the menu healthier. This means the money for food can go further.

I am working on the second book which has ideas for dishes and recipes.

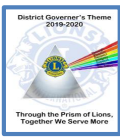
Please circulate to all your club members.

**Carol Browne**

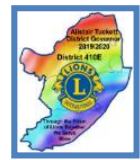
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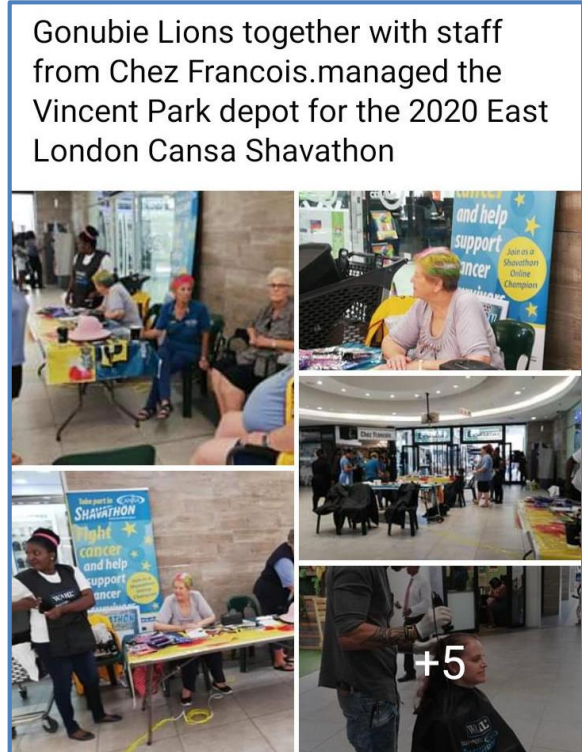




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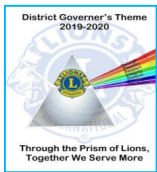


**The Wilds Lions Club** has been collecting and delivering groceries to **The Union of Jewish women** for years. Today Cindy Kree the projects manager of UJW took **Lions Connie Marais, Richard Marchant and Mark Meltzer** on a tour of the premises where they were shown where the food is prepared in the kitchen on the Lutheran Church premises in Alexander. The Union of Jewish Women supports the feeding of community members every week Monday to Friday. Ladies assist children with homework in the afternoons.



Gonubie Lions together with staff from Chez Francois managed the Vincent Park depot for the 2020 East London Cansa Shavathon

**(Below,)** LP Ben Diederichs from **Wilro Park Lions** and **LIONS AT WORK** at the **CANSA SHAVATHON** held at The Falls Pick n Pay on Saturday - a great fun way to raise awareness and funds for CANSA.



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**ZONE 1 – ANNUAL TRIVIAL PURSUIT**, hosted by **ROODEPOORT HOST** on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Everyone had such fun, the questions weren't TOOOO difficult and the food was enjoyable. **NORTHCLIFF LIONS** won the trophy with Clearwater Cyber coming in at 2<sup>nd</sup> place. **Northcliff** will have the pleasure of hosting next year's Trivial Pursuit.



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**PLEASE** everyone, Please send me news of your Projects –  
A Newsletter is only as effective as the amount of news in it!



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**Note from the Editor;** Below is a copy of an important message from PDG Pierre Theron ; Chairman of Brightsight Management Committee. I have included it here in case any of the Club Presidents may not have seen it.

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Dear Lions of Multiple District 410

Our newsletter of 3 January 2020 had some exciting news on the improved operations of our Lions Brightsight facility.

One of the biggest improvements has been the standardised delivery of spectacles to clubs through the generosity of Seabourne Express. Clubs are now receiving their spectacle orders much faster at no cost. Seabourne Express will deliver to a business address where there is someone available to accept the delivery between the hours of 09.00 and 16.00 with no prior notification.

Please do not request delivery to a home address as we will not be able to accommodate this. We do understand that a lot of Lions members are retired and in these instances we ask you obtain the help of a local business.

Once the parcel has left the Brightsight office the waybill number is sent to the contact person on record which allows for tracking of the progress of the delivery. Local clubs are welcome to collect if they wish to do so

Clubs are also welcome to use their own courier service at their own cost.

Please note that deliveries will no longer be done through Postnet or the Post Office. Once again, we ask that you help us to help you by providing Kirsty in the Brightsight office with updated and accurate contact details.

The contact details for the office are manager@lionsbrightsight.co.za and telephone 011 422 5577

Yours in service  
PDG Pierre Theron  
Chairman Lions Brightsight Management Committee

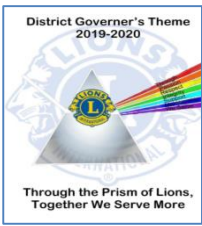


Lion Carl van Blerk looking ever so pretty after having his hair(?) coloured, proving we are indeed, the Rainbow Nation! Project; Cancer Shavathon.

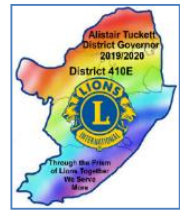
**(Right;)** PDG Ian from Alberton Lions Club being turned into a Rainbow by 2 willing young assistants at the Annual Cancer Shavathon.

**Editor's Note;** I would like to ask for your indulgence should I get any Lionistic titles incorrect; sometimes if I see a posting on Facebook that I think is newsworthy, I will photoshoot it for the Newsletter. If the titles are not mentioned on FB, then I just put LION ..... So if you are a PDG for example, and featured in a photo and I only call you LION ..., please excuse me.





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## Benoni Toy Run 2019 – Through the eyes of the Centurion Lions club

One of the biggest rewards for the members of the Centurion Lions club is the happy smile on child's face, and the teary smile of a parent seeing that smile on their kid's face. Christmas is the chance of a lifetime to collect many of these wonderful memories. So, when it is time for the Benoni Toy Run and the hard work begins it is all done with a big smile on all our faces and all the achy back pains are forgotten. This is our golden opportunity to collect toys and go out into our community to create rewarding Christmas miracles. Last year was no different. Thanks to the public and the organisers of the Benoni Toy Run, we collected many toys that we could use to spread a bit of love and Christmas joy. The toys we collected mainly went to the Bakwena Creche, CIC Witbank, Eleos for children in Danville and underprivileged children in East Lynn, Pretoria.

The little ones at the Bakwena Creche are close to our hearts and it was wonderful to know Father Christmas came to visit. We have since received their sincere thanks for the donations. A further 100 toys were sent to CIC Witbank to ensure Father Christmas made a stop there too. In East Lynn, Pretoria two ladies saved the entire year to ensure 20 children get each a special Christmas gift, their budgets unfortunately only allowed for clothes for the little ones. Thanks to these toys and another donation, a special toy and some sweeties were added to their Christmas gifts.

The toys are not only collected for Christmas, but also for special camps where Eleos shows children the kinder side of life. They take them 2 or 3 times a year on a weekend camp and once a year on a week camp. The camps are aimed to uplift children, motivate them to keep fighting for better circumstances, to learn to dream and to provide them with the love, motivation and support to give them a chance to overcome the horrible circumstances they live in. For many of these kids it is a first time ever opportunity to sleep between bedsheets on an actual bed, to receive a toothbrush and toiletries. Some families have only one toothbrush for the entire family. At these camps two of the biggest WOW factors for these children is that they have three nutritious meals a day with seconds and get to keep everything that is given to them. Another first for many of them is to receive brand new clothing. For all the camps the organisers work hard to ensure every child at least receives toiletries and if there is a gift, like a toy or a crocheted blanket, it is just an added bonus. Our club was fortunate enough to ensure that 100 children would receive a special toy that they can take home with them to remind them of the amazing moments they had at the camp when life gets tough again. The first of these gifts will be handed out at their first camp for this year, which is from 6 to 8 March just North of Pretoria.

### **Environmental – removal of the invasive species called Lantana: (Article sent by Lion Liezel van der Heever from Centurion Lions Club.)**

**Lion Patrick and Bernice** assisted with an environmental hack at the Faerie Glen Nature reserve to remove the invasive species called Lantana. They pull the bushes out of the ground and they cut up the pieces into piles which then disintegrate with time. An area of 6 metres can be opened after clearing out one bush/tree. They do this every 3rd Sunday of every month. All Lions are welcome to join them.

### **Environmental – removal of the invasive species called Cats claw creeper:**

**Lion Bernice** assists 5 other devoted ladies every Friday at the Faerie Glen Nature reserve. They physically walk into the groves where the **Cats claw creeper** has destroyed and killed some trees and are busy threatening other huge and small trees at an alarming rate. They cut off the vines, open up the stems to feel the breeze and paint a poison called Kaput onto the cut off vines. This then pulls into the tubers under the ground and kills the invasive plant. They do this every Friday morning.

**(Editor's note:)** Below left; The Cat's Claw ; Below right; The flowers of the Lantana plant; pretty but deadly (to other plant life in the wild.)





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## SCOTTBURGH LIONS CLUB.

**(Below;)** Trauma bags given monthly to Social workers Nomcebo and Amanda for rape victims by Lions Eileen, Priscilla and Wendy .We also give baby clothes etc to the newborn and premature babies at the same time.



Dads Charity gave the Lions a fantastic donation. We bought teddy bears and donated them to every child at Crooks, Amadudzuza Hospice for Children, Crooks Hospital, Kanya Hospice and Prince Mshiyeni Hospital.

• It was heart breaking to see some of the children but uplifting to see the smiles at getting their own teddy. We gave out 120 teddies and still have 100 for later.



After the **Sani to Sea bike ride**, the helpers from farmer Glen's farm were going home in a bakki and had an accident. All 7 of them were killed. We collected food, clothing (we asked the ages of the children) clothes for adults male and female. We travelled for 4 hours to the farm and donated 2 SUVs of clothes and food. After having tea with farmer Glen and his wife, travelled back on dirt roads in the pouring rain.



## WILRO PARK LIONS

**image on right facing : (Right to Left)** Lions Bernd, Irene and Roleen with 3 full trolleys of food collected at our regular monthly food collection at **the Falls Pick n Pay**. Food Parcels were made up on Sunday and delivered

**(image on left :)** Lion Rajes Naidoo on duty at **the Lions Roodepoort Eye Clinic** on Saturday morning assisting a lady with her new specs.



*As they say in the Classics,*

*“That’s all for now Folks!”*



**BUT....**

**More to follow.....  
(Soon!!)**