



*Ciao! Greetings from the desk of
DG Alistair*



Fellow Lions

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you. Thank you for all that you do, for your communities, for all your time and effort that you put in.

During these challenges that we face together I am often asked what more can we do to assist? For now, we need to stay at home, unless you are doing a regulated essential service, in which case we as Lions would like to give you a huge THANK YOU, for putting your lives on the line to protect the people of South Africa.

How is staying at home service, you may ask? Do you remember what LIONS stands for?

“Liberty, Intelligence, **Our Nations Safety**”. By staying at home, you are thinking of Our Nations Safety.

This challenge we are facing will pass, but in the meantime, we keep on serving our communities, we just need to find different ways of meeting these needs and meeting with our fellow club members and fellow Lions. There are many tools available, your club just needs to find one that works for you. One advantage that is going to come out of this lock down is that we are going to be forced to adapt and change the way we do things.

So my challenge to you and your club is find a new tool that you can use to meet with your fellow club members, start planning for when this ends, because it will end, and when it does there are going to be huge needs in our communities that we as Lions can meet.

Enjoy the time that you have been given to spend time with your families, to do the many things that you wish you could do if you had time, and stay safe.

Yours in Lionism

Alistair Tuckett

District Governor 2019/2020



(Left;) Working with the Help Forum and Happy Hearts organisations, **Alberton Club** delivered food supplies for the elderly and families in need in the Alberton area. With the current conditions, all protection measures were taken to keep everyone safe. Confirmation that Lions can increase their service through Networking.

(Right;) Covid 19 restrictions prompted **Alberton Lions** to partner with members of the **Alberton HELP forum** – some 40 plus organisations and individuals to provide much assistance to their community. Working as a team, they have been delivering food parcels, cooked meals and most importantly, masks to keep them safe. Donations to the HELP forum are managed, and procedures are in place to ensure those in need get support and assistance in these difficult times.





- 1 & 2; View of the **Piazza in Clearwater Mall**, taken from upstairs.
- 3; Lion Elbe from **Weltevreden Lions Club** showing her painted hand ready to imprint on Wallie, the Rhino.
- 4; Lion Elbe and Prospective member, Sinta, at the **Weltevreden stall**.
- 5; **The Wilro Park Lions** exhibit showing their involvement with Paediatric Cancer.
- 6 **The Lions poster** that was designed by one of the Lions and printed by Clearwater Mall which we used for advertising.
- 7; **Clearwater Cyber Lions** showing off their project with some Spekboom plants as well.
- 8; LP Rusty from **Mafikeng** with Lion Glynn from **Helderkruin** and Gemma (one of Helderkruin's Lion Cubs.)
- 9; Leo Tino and his friend (both from Zimbabwe but studying here) – their first project with **Clearwater Cyber**. They were kept very busy painting hands and loved every minute of it!
- 10; **Krugersdorp Lions** with their Bee Project.
- 11; **Helderkruin** Lions exhibiting their Guide Dog Project.
- 12; 2 Lions visiting the **Rustenburg** stall, showing the International winner of the Peace Poster Competition.

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REPORT ON THE ZONE 1 ANNUAL MEET AND GREET PROJECT.

On Saturday the 14th March, the Lions of **Zone 1 in District 410E** provided the Public with the opportunity to learn more about our wonderful organization, Lions International.

A large number of people visited our Expo, showing much interest in our various Projects that we had on display. Each Club showed a Project with which they are particularly proud to be associated.

***Weltevreden Lions** showed various aspects of the assistance they give to the Elderly:

***Helderkruin Lions** showed the interest they have in being the Knights of the Blind as requested by Helen Keller. They provide the money needed every year to train a Guide Dog which is then given to a sight-impaired person:

***Clearwater Cyber Lions** told of their great interest in saving the Environment through teaching the Youth in a fun way;

***Wilro Park Lions** had a great display showing their commitment to helping the children who are suffering from Paediatric Cancer:

***Rustenburg Lions** showed a copy of the winning entry in the Peace Poster International Competition as well as their Club's entry which won their Club, their Zone and the District levels of the competition.

***Krugersdorp Lions** displayed how their project to Save the Bees is assisting to protect this very valuable, endangered species and even brought along some of the honey produced from the hives. A number of the clubs in our Zone have purchased these hives as an Environmental Project.

All in all, a very interactive and successful morning with the Public. The Lions would like to thank Central Management (in particular, the Marketing Manager, Jess) of Clearwater Mall for all the assistance she provided to make this event the great success it was. We are so grateful for all your continuing assistance!

Our gratitude also goes to Lion Rusty from Mafeking Lions, who brought his trusty Rhino all the way from Mafeking - he is truly amazing and his patience with the children was wonderful to see.

(Right) Alberton Lions enjoy visiting other clubs, and most recently with **Wilro Park** at their GBM. We enjoyed seeing our friends from Wilro, who allowed us to learn about their club service projects and share their ideas. Their wonderful fellowship after the meeting left us well fed for the journey home. Huge thank you to Wilro for your great welcome and hospitality on the night.



Alberton Club put on their popular **Music Quiz** on 14th March; We were happy to see their regular fans there, and we would also like to thank fellow Lions from 7 other clubs, who came along to enjoy the evening. As usual great fun was had by all! The theme was "**Countries around the world**", and the table hosts put lots of effort in decorated their tables. We are hoping to have another event in September, and would love to have your support again.



Left;) Helderkruin Lions assisted **the Transvaal Boeremaatskappy** with their food collection. They were very grateful to receive the R3000 donation of emergency rations from Lions. LP Karl and Lions Glynn and Sophia purchased and delivered the food on Saturday, 18th April.

(Editor's note;) And now, for something different; One of our Lions has sent in a poem for everyone's enjoyment. I thought it was rather fitting as one of our Pillars of service is Environment.

(A poem that I wrote some years ago to honour our magnificent elephants that are being slaughtered by poachers in South Africa; The Zulu words in the title translates to "Go well/ go in peace/ farewell")

HAMBA KAHLE, KHUMBA MY FRIEND!

Huge ears flapping slowly in the breeze,
She stands majestically beneath the trees.
Swaying to and fro
As though
To a mysterious distant beat -
Moving her body, lifting her feet,
This awesome Goddess of the forest dense
Stood relaxed for hours, but now suddenly she's tense
At the remembered scent that taints the air!
She has the smell stored in her memory, to share
With her herd - the terror and rage,
As she remembers the carnage from a bygone age.
She trumpets her challenge to this dangerous foe -
"Stay away from my family, just GO!
I recall what you did all those years before:
My ancestors were the victims in your one-sided war!
With your deadly weapons, traps and guns,
You slaughtered even the tiny ones!
Were their tusks really worth all that pain and despair?
How much were you paid for each unique pair?
They weren't even given the chance to fight -
Does your conscience let you sleep at night?"
Khumba suddenly realises, these aren't her foes,
Ready to add to her fears and woes -
They are **TOURISTS** whose money keeps her home intact
That they can be taught what their education lacked.
The only shooting that they may do
Is with their cameras and videos too.
Ever so quietly, she turns away
And as she moves, a single ray
Of the setting sun silhouettes her, so bright -
An awesome and unforgettable sight!
Hamba Kahle, Khumba my friend, go well,
You're at peace again, I can tell.
Live out the rest of your days in freedom and peace
And may your magnificent family ever increase,
So that our children may always have the pleasure
Of enjoying, what we consider, a National treasure.

