

# DISTRICT NEWSLETTER FOR DG JEFF SMITH. ISSUE NO.2: AUG., 2020.



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## *A Message from the desk of DG Jeff Smith;*

**Greetings to all my Fellow Lions of District 410E –**

“Firstly, I would like to say thanks to all the Clubs that are submitting articles to Lion Dee for publishing in the newsletter. This is an excellent way to share and mostly brag about the great work that is being done within our communities.

Secondly, thanks to our Editor, Lion Dee, for the amount of work and time that you put in to get this out to everyone.

We are already well into the second month of this Lionistic year and before we know it we be at Level “nothing” and life can get back to some form of normality, if ever. We are all by now becoming very computer literate when it comes to meeting via Zoom or some other means, and I would like to thank all Clubs that are meeting in this manner.

Well done to **Alberton Lions** who invited all Clubs in the District to attend there last Business Meeting which was obviously held via Zoom. A great initiative and I don’t see why other Clubs cannot do the same. If memory serves me correctly, there were seven other Clubs attending, three from KZN. This give a new meaning to the word, “Raiding”. The only problems I see with this is the Tail Twister having to collect fines from members who have a short memory of the transgression from this meeting. Well done.

There was a **training event put together by the MDC for Lions Alert, Neville van Rensburg**, initially for District 410 W. An invite by **DG Pieter Nel of 410 W** was sent to us and it was great to see so many attendees from our District. The various topics discussed, together with presentations will be circulated to all Clubs and we encourage each Club to appoint a **Lions Alert officer**. **MDC Neville** has chosen Disaster Management as a career and his knowledge and passion for this portfolio is evident.

The service hours are increasing and also the persons involved in serving our Communities, so I would like to say thanks to each and every Lion that is out there doing what we do best. **To Serve.**

Thank you and please stay safe.

*Jeff Smith*

*DG DISTRICT 410E; 2020/2021*

### CENTURION LIONS CLUB

**Lion Liezel and friends of the Lions** repacked two of the six of the food hampers for Pretoria into four to help single people with food. These were all families who are without an income since lockdown started and that was identified by neighbours and friends. Knowing that there are people who realised their need and reached out to help give them hope and mean the world to them, was the feedback from one family. In many cases there were no words, the surprised faces and thankful smiles often accompanied with a thankful tear or two said everything. Two of the families came back and asked if we would mind if they share some of the food with other people in a similar situation. Seeing how people in need still have a heart, to share their tiny bit with others make you feel small, humble and **so proud to be a Lion**, all at the same time. The intended 6 family hampers at the end were shared by 11 or 12 families.



Special thanks to **Joël Transport** who helped to transport the hampers to the various Lions for delivery.

## CENTURION LIONS CLUB (continued)

We recently had the opportunity to help a mother with 5 children with no home. We provided them with the materials to **build a home** and assisted with the setting up of the shack. They now have a place they can call home. Thank you, **Lion Danny**, for helping this mother's prayers come true.



1. The start of the shack building process.
2. Many hands to help with this good cause.
3. Almost ready to hand over to the new owner.
4. Sarah Sethaiso, her 27-year-old daughter and 4 boys (17, 12, 9 and 2 years respectively) will now have their own small safe haven where they can hide away from the cold. (Seen here with **Lion Daniel**)

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Every year our club look forward to our "**Christmas in July**". What a better time to reach out to the needy in this cold weather and to see the joy in faces, a tear running down a cheek with a speechless thank you in the eye, We all know every day is a challenge for the needed and less fortunate, but winter brings extra challenges which I think you will only understand once you had to find a spot in the cold to try and stay warm or had to explain to a child that you don't have food for a hungry tummy, nor something to keep your child warm and protected in this winter times. What better time to reach out and make a difference...? This turns the Covid-19 challenges we need to deal with into small obstacles.

Thanks to **L Patrick and our club donations** we had enough money to purchase food for 40 families and **Acorn Foundation** who donated another 3 hampers as part of our **Mandela day projects**. Our club has identified 20 struggling families in Olievenhoutbosch that we donated much-needed food, and we identified another 20 families in Centurion that we could also assist with food.

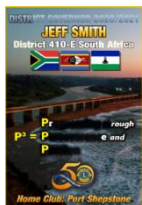


**Thank you to Lions Danny, Given, Isaac and Vincent for delivering the food.**



**LEFT ; Lions Patrick and Bernice delivered hampers to 3 families in Gezina.**

**ABOVE; Lions Sue and VP Suzette** delivered food hampers to 5 Valhalla car guards and the other Valhalla donations to **Councillor Ina Strydom** who delivered it to the identified families and a gardener in Valhalla.



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## CENTURION LIONS CLUB (continued..)

**Lion Sue** accompanied Lee-Anne, mom of **Johnathan** to the appointment with the specialist **Dr Gouws**, who examined Johnathan who suffered trauma to his eye as a baby and now suffers from headaches, double vision and he has a large fatty deposit which has developed under his eyelid as a result of the trauma over the years.

**Dr Gouws** advised that he is certain that he can remove it successfully and Johnathan's sight should be restored, if not immediately, in a short space of time.

The total cost of the operation was initially estimated at R80,000, however, Dr Gouws, the anaesthetist and the Pretoria Eye Institute have given us preferential rates after negotiating with them and the total estimated cost is now just under R31,000. However, we would like to try and arrange for accommodation the night before and the night after the operation, so that the Doctor can examine Johnathan post op, and we would like to ensure that the medication prescribed is covered, and Johnathan needs to have the Covid Test done prior to the procedure (R850) so we are trying to raise R35,000

*Our club covered the consultation and has pledged a minimum of R5000 towards the fund. .*

**Any Lions club who would like to get involved with this wonderful cause are welcome to contact Lion Sue Smith or LP Wilma Shortt.**



Since the first bullying incident, **Ms Von Rauenstein** had taken her son out of school and enrolled him at **Laerskool Goedehoop**. She said she is extremely grateful to the school for understanding **Jonathan's condition**.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of July the **Weltevreden Lions Club** donated cleaning material, non perishable food items and fresh produce to the Mother of Peace orphanage in North Riding. The orphanage received bicycles for some of the children just before lockdown but no helmets. **Pretoria South Lions Club** donated 9 Helmet packs to the children. A huge thank you to Pretoria South for the donation especially to **Lion Ryno** who joined us that morning and personally handed out the Helmet packs. We were informed that the children took part in their first off road race in August.



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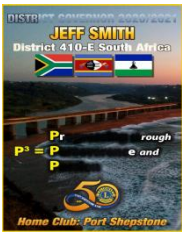


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1 – **Lion Ilsa and Lion Ryno** from Pretoria South  
2 – **Lion Ilsa and Lion Ryno** from Pretoria South with some of the recipients of the helmets.

3 - **Lions Xandy, Ilsa, Petro, Elbé and Christine**  
4 - **Lions Ilsa and Petro** with the fruit donation for the **Mother of Peace Orphanage**.





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## Alberton Lions Sight

1) Part of the Sight Pillar **Alberton Lions** has continued to serve in the community with the assistance of Opticians in the area. **Lion Sandy** often assists the less fortunate and the elderly to get to the optician to have a vision test and the script is then sent to **BrightSight**. Over the Past year Alberton Lions have assisted with almost 50 Optometrist eye tests, 3 eye specialist consultations, 1 Cataract operation and over 50 pairs of glasses.

2) **The Alberton Lions** were blessed to be part of the donation of soup packets received from the **Navada Team** who donated over 3000 packets of soup to the Alberton Help Forum. **The Alberton Lions** are members of the Help Forum and we were able to support the feeding projects in the South of JHB with 1000 packets of soup, the rest of the soup packets were distributed by the other organizations that are also part of the Help Forum.

## "Increased service through networking"



1) **Lion Sandy** from Alberton Lions.



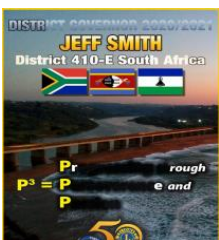
2) Sister Margi Bollman, Lion Jiri, CEO Tertia Burger (Stepping Stone Hospice) and Lion Tammy

**WELTEVREDEN LIONS CLUB**; On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August we donated 230 beanies, 58 pairs of booties and 14 handmade blankets to **Booties, Beanies and Blankets**. These will be handed out at the maternity and neonatal wards at various hospitals.



Left: Chair-person from **Booties, Beanies and Blankets** and **LP Danny**.





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### SIX TIPS FOR ORGANIZING A PEACE POSTER CONTEST DURING COVID-19

(Kristopher Kempski August 10, 2020)

For more than 30 years, Lions around the world have sponsored the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in schools and organized youth groups in their communities. This year, as we move forward with the 2020-21 competition, "Peace Through Service," we face a new challenge of hosting the contest safely during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. **Lions** have been serving and connecting safely through social distancing, Zoom meetings, social media and more, and we encourage you to continue being safe as you sponsor the Peace Poster Contest.

**Consider the following tips:** Email or call your school or youth group leaders to check in, confirm their participation in this year's contest and offer your support. Encourage schools conducting e-learning to participate by providing rules and instructions online. Students can then complete their posters at home and drop them off to the designated school contact. Provide your name, email address and phone number to the participating school or youth group contact, and make plans to collect the posters from them for the local judging. Follow local guidelines for gathering and practicing social distancing when holding your contest judging (at the club, district and multiple district levels).

**Consider holding your contest judging online.**

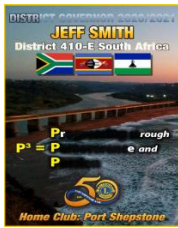
Photograph the entries and post them without the student's names (remember it is a blind judging) in an online photo gallery such as Flickr, Google Photos, etc. Share the link with your judges and include a score sheet to email back to you. **Recognize local winners** by sharing their poster images with your local news media and by posting them on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.) with **#PeacePoster**.

How are you adapting and innovating the way you hold your contest? We would love to hear from you.

Please post your photos and stories on social media using the **hashtag #PeacePoster** or email [peaceposter@lionsclubs.org](mailto:peaceposter@lionsclubs.org).

Get started and purchase your Peace Poster Kit online before the October 1 deadline. Additionally, visit our website to learn about the **Peace Essay Contest** and to download the Peace Essay Contest Rules and Entry Form.

***Thank you for continuing to foster peace and international understanding and supporting the youth in your community!***



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## NELSPRUIT LIONS CLUB

### ZOOM INDUCTION OF LP VAL GRAHAM AND NEW MEMBER TRISH STEVENSON

After our original plans for an actual, safely distanced induction were scuppered, due to concerns over a possible Covid contact of a Lions family member (thankfully, nothing was passed on), our **Presidential Induction** was eventually held via Zoom on the afternoon of 15 August.

**IPP Feju Chandy** handed over our gong and gavel, charter, chain of office, and pin to incoming **Lion President Val**. Her theme for the year is **'Together in Service'**, since we can't always be together in person.

**New member Trish Stevenson** was also inducted. She is a bee fundi, knows her plants (especially orchids), and will be heavily involved in our environmental projects.

**Immediate past Region Chairman Mike Graham** performed the inductions. We were lucky to be joined by a **Lion from Crosby and District Club, MD 105, UK: Ivan Swainbank**. His club has helped with a Nelspruit project in the past, and he actually taught LP Val at her high school in Liverpool over 50 years ago!



**Right;** LP Val with Benita Nel, Director of Childline Mpumalanga. (Mandela Day project)



### NELSPRUIT LIONS CLUB MANDELA DAY PROJECT

**Nelspruit Lions Club** has tried to keep active at the start of our new Lionistic year, despite the challenges of lockdown. Our first project was on **Mandela Day**, when we organised and packed 67 (plus 3) food parcels in 67 minutes and donated them to **Childline Mpumalanga**.

Although normally a telephone and walk-in counselling service, the social workers attached to Childline have been advising that there is a major lack of food for many of the families they deal with. They had just discussed the problem at their board meeting on Monday, and we were able to provide an answer by Saturday. The parcels and bags of maize-meal were handed over to **Director of Childline Mpumalanga, Benita Nel, by LP Val**.

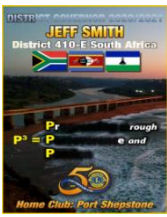


**Left:** Lion Tony Clemens, Lion lady Verna Boswell, and Lions Mick Henry, Mike Graham and Mel Boswell pack food parcels.

**(Left;)** Some of the Lion ladies who made and filled the bags: (left to right **Linda Henry, Marion Langdon, Rhona Clemens, Ana Bremner, Sue Robbertze and Verna Boswell** at the very back) along with Lions Mike, Mick, Dave and Tony, IPP Feju, Barbara Kenyon and LP Val.







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## NELSPRUIT LIONS ACTIVITIES (Continued...)

### Lockdown isn't an excuse: Lions still do what we do – SERVE!

Even before the 2020 - 21 Lionistic year began, when the club was sorting out how to meet and partake in projects during lockdown, our members were still able to help a creche in the greater Nelspruit area by providing **funds for PPE and cleaning materials for the creche** to prepare to receive its young charges. **IPP Feju Chandy and Lion lady Nimmy** supplied the cloth masks for the children, who also received scarves knitted by many of the other Lion ladies. *(Photo below left)*



*(RIGHT)* Nelspruit Lions have a very active ladies' section. Although not Lions themselves, they run their own very successful and worthwhile projects, such as helping the creche mentioned above. They recently decided to make and fill comfort packs for the rape survivors helped by the Greater Nelspruit Rape Intervention NGO (GRIP). These were handed over to **GRIP acting director, Barbara Kenyon**, on 1 August.



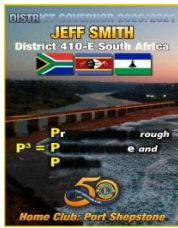
*(Right)* Several members of the club took part in the 'virtual' Sani Pass walk for childhood cancer support organisation, **CHOC**, on 8 August. We decided to complete the 16 kms of the actual walk by way of a relay event held at **LP Val and Lion Mike Graham's farm**. Lions, friends and family – including **GRIP director Barbara Kenyon** - each walked at least 1.5 kms to complete the entire distance, plus a couple of kilos. In so doing, we raised R2200 for CHOC, and also enjoyed a socially distanced wors roll braai afterwards.



## CENTURION LIONS CLUB (CONTINUED.....)

**RIGHT;** Thanks to the donation from **Acorn Foundation, Lion Liezel and friends of the Lions** added a packet of sauce and beef blocks (donated by friends of the Lions) to these meal packs before it was delivered to many large families in need across Pretoria. Here too we were met with surprise that someone noted their need and they thanked us for helping their prayers come true.





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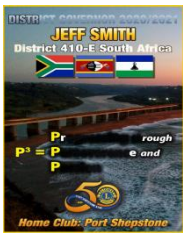


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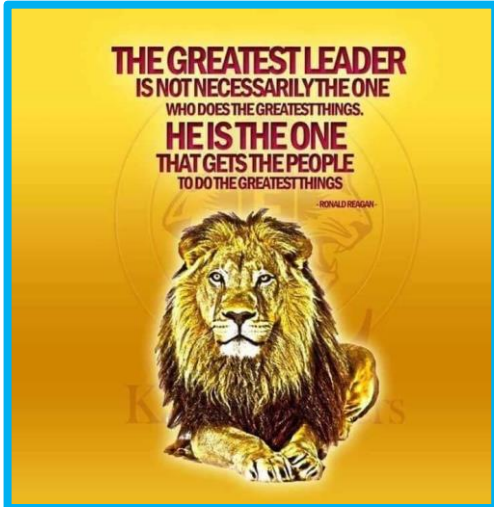
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## HELDERKRUIJN LIONS CLUB:

**Lion Sofia** assists the group called **Soul Sisters**; they feed homeless people twice a week in Florida and Roodepoort, every Wednesday and Saturday evening. They have donors that assist with blankets, shoes, clothing and food. We currently feed between 60 and 90 homeless people each time.

***I am proudly a Lion, serving our community.***  
**Sofia Langford**



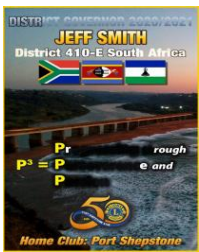
**HELDERKRUIJN LIONS'** newest/youngest little **Lion Cub; Connor** is the sweetest little boy! Seen here, attending his first meeting with Mommy, **Lion Kayleigh**.

## **ALBERTON LIONS HELP SAVE LIVES;**

Attached the photo of some of the **Alberton Lions** members that donated blood on Saturday 22 Aug. 6 Members donated, 2 prospective members and 6 members were there for moral support. During the time of lockdown and Covid, we have been working as a team to come up with new ideas and new projects that we can still serve in our community.

**Making a difference to help save lives.**





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## Alberton Lions

### Thanking woman in service:

Part of Woman's Month **Alberton Lions** blessed woman in service at 10 organizations with cupcakes and a crocheted heart to remind them they are appreciated by the community in the service and care they offer. The members baked cupcakes and 170 were given along with our with love and care. Some of the organizations were **Stepping Stone Hospice, Amcare, Tutela, Lewensentrum, Alberton SAP** to mention a few.



## ALBERTON LIONS

### CARE PACKS FOR MOMS AND BABIES.

15 Moms and baby care packs were delivered to the **South Rand Hospital** to the moms in the maternity ward. The moms were overjoyed with the packs they received. The baby goods were knitted and donated by the ladies of **Methodist Church, the Highveld and eSwatini woman's Auxiliary Synod**. We have taken hands with many organization in and around Alberton which allows us to increase our service to those in need. As well as increased awareness in the community for **Alberton Lions**.



**Lion Sandy** delivering chips, coldrink and broccoli to the food distribution project in **Forrest Hill**. **Alberton Lions** have been supporting the elderly and families that stay there over the past 4 months delivering food almost every week.

**(Far right) Lion Jiri and Lion Tinus** delivering food to **The Society the Blind**. We were able to deliver **over 500 heads** of broccoli to the various feeding projects we support.







## Lions Club of St Croix

Wind nearly blew us away! Thank you to Fiveways Spar for the food donation and to Sinako.

- (1) We Can for the educational donation for **Missionvale**.
- (2) Today we decided to feed our furry friends in **Missionvale**.
- (3) We supported **Lions Uitenhage Club** with their Roadhouse Fundraiser.
- (4) We fed our furry friends in Gelvan Ext 12. There are so many puppies : Thank you to our community helpers Toffie and Fudge for assisting us.
- (5) **Mandela Day Projects** : Hotdogs and salads for Supper for **Old Noordhoek Shelter** Gate 01
- (6) Mandela day projects: Sandwiches and yoghurt for the children at **Sinako We Can Special Needs School**.
- (7) On Friday the 24th of July we visited **Thand'usana Safe Haven for Babies** delivering handknitted

Items for the babies.



(left) Thank you to **Miss Junior SA Finalist Anneke Bushby**, her mom **Annalien Bushby** and her **Gran Anna Schoutz** for providing a warm cooked Sunday lunch, pudding and a towel for each person at the newly established Bowling Club Shelter



*"Well, that's all for now, Folks"*

