

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER FOR DG JEFF SMITH. ISSUE NO.3; SEPT., 2020.



A Message from the desk of DG Jeff Smíth;

HI Lions of District 410E.

Congratulations to the Clubs that were awarded The Leadership Award and being in the top 20 of our Constitutional Area Eight. An amazing achievement to have so many Clubs in the Top 20. For the other Clubs who want to attempt to get to the Top 20, all you need to do is report those service projects on MyLion. Let's see if we can get some more Clubs into the top. Congratulations once again.

I have been following my Classmates from Group 28,my DGE Training in Chicago, and noticed that they were all getting gifts from our International President. My counterpart in 410 W, Pieter and I kept waiting, until last week, and then it arrived. I have always been fascinated with different tie designs and I have now received Dr. Choi's tie. Really worth the wait and I love it. Thank you International President Choi. Now that the lockdown restrictions have dropped to Level one, I encourage the Clubs to try and get back to as close to normal as we used to have it. It was amazing to get back to a normal face to face meeting with my Club members a few weeks back, not having seen some of them for a while. Please also bear in mind that there are still rules in place that need to be adhered to.

There will be a Cabinet meeting on 31st October 2020 at Midrand Lions Club and thereafter some form of interaction between Clubs, Zones and Regions. Please keep the afternoon free unless you are involved in a project which you could probably share "live" with us in the District. So watch this space.

It was great to read the other day that Lions Clubs International Foundation approved more than \$5.1 million in COVID relief grants. Really makes me proud of being part of this great organization and this should encourage us to contribute to LCIF, whether through Campaign 100 or not. Our contributions go a long way. PDG Alistair, our DC for LCI, challenged the Clubs to each contribute \$250 for this year. This equates to around R4500 for the year. Let's see how many Clubs take this up albeit through difficult times at present.

Dr Choi said in a recent letter to us that the Kindness of one Lion can change a Life, but the kindness of all Lions can change the World.

When we serve, it is more than an act of kindness. It is Personal . Remember you are more than a Volunteer, you are an essential part of your community. As you Serve, continue to build relationships with your communities.

In Closing, let's remember that kindness is more than deeds, it is an Attitude, an Expression, a Look, or even a Touch. In fact it is anything that lifts another person."

Kindest Regards,

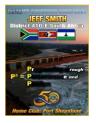
Jeff Smit:

District Governor, 410E



(Left) LP Liane van der Merwe handed over a badge to Lion Shane Papé for 35 years of dedicated service to the *Lions Club of Klerksdorp.*

Lion Shane joined the Klerksdorp Lions Club in 1982. He is currently *the Zone Chairperson of Zone 2.*





Roodepoort Host Club

Our Club sponsored T-shirts for the cleaners at *Floroma old age home* and *the bus drivers at Gateway school*, as they are normally taken for granted. The T-shirts carry the COVID message about safety. Our part of spreading the message.







ALBERTON LIONS CLUB;

Delivery of 20 Mom packs and 20 baby packs delivered to the *South Rand Hospital.*

These packs are donated to the **Alberton Lions** by a group of ladies that knit for the project and then donate the items for the baby packs. The packs for the moms contain the essential toiletries. We have built up a wonderful relationship with the staff at the South Rand hospital who look forward to our regular visits. We are hoping to grow this





project as the need is great.





LIONS CLUB OF MIDRAND

A Welcome to our newest member of the Lions Club of Midrand

What a privilege for us to "virtually" induct *Melanie Browne* as a member into the "family" of the Lions Club of Midrand on 20th August. Thank you *PDG Pierre* for doing the induction and making it so special albeit it from a distance! I We have no doubt that it is one induction that we will all remember when we one day look back at our history.

Once all this craziness has eased somewhat, at the GBM in September, PDG Pierre will hand over Lion Melanie's Lions Pin and Certificate of Membership and we will properly celebrate her joining our family! Thank you to *PCC Cliff* as your sponsor. What more can we say, but welcome and here's to a long and happy time with us. *(Photo below left)*



The Lions Club of Midrand made a donation of soup packs to one of our partners *Isinkwa* and the handover took place at the Ivory Park Community Centre.

Our donation made up 150 soup packets that each fed 4 people (total 600 people fed). It came just in time (on 12 July) when we experienced one of the coldest weeks of Winter.

The Ivory Park Community Centre looks after vulnerable children after school and provides them

with a meal.

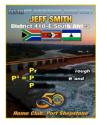
What a leveller - as we have so much to be grateful for (Photos above right,)



All lockdown guidelines were observed.

The LIONS CLUB OF WILRO PARK was invited to join our Neighbourhood Watch forum and the Security Companies in our area to a **WOMEN'S MONTH EVENT** for members of our community. The Event took place on Saturday afternoon the 29th August. It was a fun afternoon with teams dressing up to represent their sector but also with a serious message – various presenters addressed the ladies on Safety and Security issues we face when driving alone, parking our car, pulling into our driveways, self-defence and first aid as well as Gender Based Violence.

The *Lions Club of Wilro Park* hosted the Registration Table for the Event which gave us the opportunity to promote our Lions' Service Projects and of course *Christmas Cakes* – naturally with big smiles behind our Lions'masks!





Kingsburgh Lions Club.



(Left) Tony Marron being inducted as Kingsburgh Lions new President by Moira Rigby, Immediate Past President.



(Far Left) Lions Eveline, Moira, Sonia and Tony prepared for Zoe's induction. (Left) New Lion Zoe with President Tony and Immediate Past President, Moira.

(Left) Feeding the children and adults of *Ezimangweni*



(Right and above far right) Diane and our Lions responding to Happiness Sithole's plea for assistance. Sonia, Eveline and Tony pitched in to help.



(*Right*) Food delivery to one of our local charities



(Left) Lion Moira delivering a pair of bifocals to a delighted Brenda Phillips.

THE LIONS CLUB OF MIDRAND



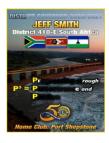


On receipt of the Lions Brightsight Newsletter dated 25 August 2020, and the appeal from them in regard to the initiative of *Adopt-A-Script*, the Lions Club of Midrand who have always been extremely active in regard to the Sight Portfolio, decided to pick up the baton and have sponsored 6 people who were unable to continue paying and therefore unable to get their spectacles.

There is nothing better than being able to give back and to play a role in giving someone the gift of sight. To give the gift of sight is priceless and there are no words to express what a difference a small gesture can make in someone's life – that is why we are Lions!

Pic 1 : A message received which accompanied **the picture** at the handover on 2 September 2020, *from Kirsty the Manager at Lions Brightsight*. "A teary and grateful **Simbisai.**(on the right) with our Angie (on the left)".

Pic 2 September: Her words on receiving her spectacles from Angie at the **Lions Brightsight Offices** on 3 September 2020 were "I can't believe it & God blessing you"





REST IN PEACE.

(FROM HELDERKRUIN LIONS CLUB.)



Claudia Clarke joined Lions about 13 years ago, becoming a member of the *Wilropark Lions Club*. Roughly 2 years later, she became one of the founding members and a Charter member of the *Helderkruin Lions Club*. From the inception of this new Club, Lion Claudia was voted in as **Treasurer**, a post she held with much success until her condition became so painful that she was bedridden and regretfully had to pass on the financial reins of the Club. She became a *Melvin Jones Fellow* on the 3rd June 2015. Lion Claudia was an outstanding Lion and absolutely loved being part of the Lion family right up until she passed away peacefully on 27th August 2020.

Lion Claudia achieved success, lived well, laughed often and loved much. She gained the respect of intelligent people, and the love of little children. She filled a niche and accomplished her task; She has left the world better than she found it, whether by a brighter flower, a perfect poem or a rescued soul.

She always saw the best in others and gave the best she had; her life was an inspiration, and her memory will be a benediction.

Rest in Peace, Claudia, You were indeed a true Lion!





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Lions Club helps out SA Guide-Dogs

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The Wild Lions Club of Johannesburg has put its best foot forward to support the furry animals on the frontline.

Club president Mark Meltzer took on the South African Guide-Dogs Association for the Blind's 101km Pedal for Paws virtual cycle challenge.

The cycle challenge ran from 24 August to 7 September.

Participants had the option of taking their bikes to the streets or using indoor stationery bikes to complete the distance and help raise fund and awareness for the association.

According to Meltzer, the members of the Wild Lions Club have been long-time supporters and donors to the guide-dogs association so taking on the challenge was a pleasure.

The club usually contribute towards the training of one guide dog every year. "Lions Clubs internationally are motivated to assist the blind with sight-related issues, such as river blindness," he said.

Meltzer also has a love for cycling which made the challenge all the more exciting. "I cycle most weekends throughout the year and it has managed to help me stay active during the lockdown." Not only have their been no cycle races

due to the restrictions of the lockdown but many of those that who have occurred do not allow individuals over the age of 60 to

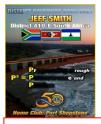
participate. "The virtual cycle challenge gives me an opportunity to take up a goal to fundraise

and complete an event." He concluded, "My personal goal was



Wild Lions Club president Mark Meltzer took to the streets to Pedal for Paws. Photo: Supplied

to complete the 101kms and to raise funds for SA Guide-Dogs who assist people not always in the public space because of the issue of being blind."



PORT ALFRED LIONS CLUB.



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Teddies -.

We received a donation form a lady *,Louise Kluter*, offering to donate 50 teddies to the Club for distribution at our discretion. We gladly accepted the offer and donated to the *Port Alfred Pre Primary School*.

The teddies were placed on the desks of the little ones on their first day after returning form lockdown. Each teddy had a child's name attached and they remain at the school. The idea is that the children, who are used to hugging each other or the teacher. Not being allowed to do so, the teddies provide a much needed substitute. Lions, staff members and a few of the young learners in the **photo below left**.





Induction. Lion President François de Klerk hands Lion President Elect John Dell the reigns of the club (Photo right)





SPCA (Photo left) Members donated and collected items for the SPCA Shop, while donating dog food and blankets to the local SPCA. Lion lain Macrae and LP John at the presentation.



Kuyasa School for Special Needs

A teacher recognised the need for the testing of learners eyes at this school in **Grahamstown**. With the assistance of a local optimist and the *ST, Johns Eye Clinic*, scripts were obtained and sent to Lions Operation **Brightsight**. Port Alfred Lions agreed top sponsor the spectacles. These were handed over as soon as possible following lockdown. 4. LP John Dell with the recipients wearing their specs. 5 The group of Lions joined members of the school staff at the handover.









PORT ALFRED LIONS CLUB (on the right) Some very good PR for the Club. 2 separate reports with photos of

recent projects in the local newspaper.





ALBERTON LIONS CLUB; An email request was sent to our Lions Region Chair, by the *Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital*, a stateof-the art specialised paediatric facility serving the children of Southern Africa, located in Parktown, Johannesburg to assist them by providing pacifiers (dummy's to many of us) which are continuously in needed for their patients within the Neonatal and Paediatric ICU's, especially, (although not specifically) 0 to 6 months - ,whose parents simply cannot afford them.

The email was sent on the 28 August, and on the 4 September, Alberton Lions donated and *delivered 300 pacifiers* to the Occupational therapist and volunteer manager, who were very thankful and very appreciative by the quick response to their request.





What a successful arbour day in Alberton. Working together with *Afriforum*, 2 Ward counsellors, ward committee members, **17 Alberton Lion members**, 6 prospective lions, a fellow Lion from Edenvale, and residents from the community, *100 donated spekboom* were planted for environmental week, one of the LCI pillars.





The Weltevreden Lions visited two Baby Houses in Randfontein on the 22nd of August. The Door

of Care and Safety in Randfontein.



Prospect Sinta, Lion Debbie from Krugersdorp Lions Club, Ramona from Door of Care and Safety, Lion Ilsa and Prospect Christel.



Prospect Christel and Lion Ilsa with the some of the fresh produce.



Just in Time Baby House. Non perishable food, baby products, clothes and household items were donated. Lion Debbie from Krugersdorp Lions, Martha and Georgina from the Baby House, Lion Ilsa, Prospects Christel and Sinta and the children of the Baby House.



Fresh produce, baby products, toys, non perishable food was donated.



Prospect Sinta, Lion Ilsa, Georgina from the baby house and Prospect Christel with the donation.





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Roodepoort Host Club had there first face to face meeting on Saturday 12 September, also inducting the new President (LP Hester van Vuuren) and handing out the awards for the previous year.









COWIES HILL'S JOINT PROJECT WITH THE OPEN DOOR CRISIS CARE CENTRE

One of our members is the CEO of the **Open-Door Crisis Care centre** and over the years we have done many projects to assist them. They were offered a donation by Premier bakery and are paying it forward by donating 200 of the 400 loaves of bread to us, for our projects. So twice a week, every week, *+we are delivering and handing out the loaves to the community in Mariannridge. (*Photos below;*)



CUPCAKES FOR CHOC.

As September is International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, we decided to bake and sell cupcakes with all income being donated to CHOC in Durban. We have delivered a couple of batches of cakes and have a couple more to deliver. We are hoping to get a couple more orders before the end of September. (*Photos right and above right.*)







COWIES HILL LIONS CLUB; BEANIES AND JERSEYS FOR EDENDALE CHILDRENS ONCOLOGY WARD.

We have a very active knitting circle of ladies from the retirement villages in our community. They are kept busy all year knitting fingerless mittens to put in parcels for the sailors that do not get home for Christmas as well as making blankets, beanies, jerseys and knitted teddies. This month we decided to hand the beanies to the children's ward at the oncology ward at *Edendale hospital*



WILRO PARK LIONS CLUB; We continued to pack food parcels & provide Emergency food hampers through **PROJECT 36** bringing the total number of family food parcels to over 400 plus our seniors at Klein Helderkruin & our 2 students, Joshua & Thomas. We also did our **Random Acts of Kindness "BAGS OF BASICS**" made up from the **Pick n Pay donation** of grocery items like oil, salt, sugar, mielie meel, pasta, rice, beans, tea – with thanks to Florence and some extras from Rene. I have to say a big thank you to **ABSOLUT SECURITY** who collected bakkie loads of food for the needy during Lockdown. Helen Keller said - Alone we can do so little together we can do so much more! **KINDNESS MATTERS**!







We made **67 LIONS SNUGGLERS FOR MANDELA DAY** – the packs included a Lions Sleeping Bag, scarf & beanie, facemask and instant meal. **Roodekrans Neighbourhood Watch** kindly distributed them for us during Lockdown – their Patrollers who patrol day and night carried them in their cars and handed them out to the homeless sleeping on the streets or in the shopping centres. We have since received a donation of brand new socks and so will add them to our next Care Packs.





WILRO PARK LIONS (CONTINUED....)

*** We have handed over 50 tiny jerseys, bootees and beanies to Katie for the *KANGAROO CLINIC* for Prem babies at Bara – special arrangements had to be made to be able to visit the hospital wards. Katie is a past Lion and remains a Friend of Wilro Lions, she represents us at the *Children's cancer ward as well as the Kangaroo Clinic at Bara*, even though she herself is fighting Cancer. Our Knitting Angels are special ladies who are always busy knitting, crocheting or sewing for our Kids Undercover we are very lucky to have 2 groups of talented ladies who knit jerseys, beanies, scarves, Care Bears and Comfort Kids for our *KIDS UNDERCOVER PROJECTS* for children who are victims of abuse and cared for by *The Haven who work with Child Protection Unit*. At the beginning of Lockdown there were 40 children but the numbers soon climbed - we were able to deliver 90 new jerseys, beanies and a bag of gorgeous little Care Bears and Comfort Dolls. Princess Clinic, Zandspruit Creche and Samantha's Safe House were also beneficiaries this winter! Our *Friend of the Lions Gayle Dismore* continues to support us with yet another bag of knitted baby clothes. *(Photo; below left)*



*** Meet **Joan van Niekerk**, Lee Ann's mom who heads up one of our Knitting groups – so grateful for each and every one of our Knitting Angels! Watch for pics of our other **Knitting Angels** next time. From time to time we receive calls for help from our Community forums. We have delivered Grocery Hampers, boxes of clothes and Welcome Baby Boxes to 10 moms since July. (*Photo; Above, 2nd from left.*)

***** Lions Roleen, Rene, Elna and her Mom** worked the morning session at the **CANSA West Rand Pay it Forward Charity Shop** and **Susan, Shirley and Sandy** did the afternoon session! (*Photos: 3rd and 4th* from above left.)

******* Thanks to **Isobel from CANSA** for the donation of bright and beautiful beanies to use in our other Baby Parcels. **Elna** has met with Isobel and we will be partnering with **CANSA**, **West Rand and CHOC** to bring some extra love to kids with Cancer because CANCER SUCKS. (*Photo; Above right.*)

SEPTEMBER IS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH!







East Coast Lions; Virtual Women's Day Fundraiser. 12

Our first online fundraiser was a huge success and well received by all the courageous, strong and vivacious women who attended. A total of 85 people attended the event and theme of the fundraiser was **Women Supporting Women.Wesley Singh from Makeup by Wes** showcased how easy it is to apply makeup with the correct tools using affordable makeup brands. This insightful interactive masterclass gave us all something to look forward to once we can glam up for a night out.

Tamara Dickson from Tamara's Kitchen inspired us to get in our kitchens and bake up a storm. She demonstrated how to bake a mouth-watering-chocolate ganache tart. **Dr. Lubna Nadvi represented The Advice Desk for the Abused** and gave us insight into the organisation and how they assist those in our community who experience gender based violence.

R11,500 was donated to The Advice Desk for the Abused. **Pictured above are Lions Prakash and Sherrel Harikishun and Immediate Past President Perry Chetty** who presented a cheque to Dr. Lubna Nadvi and her colleague from The Advice Desk for the Abused. They were extremely grateful for the generous efforts made by **East Coast Lions**. Our very own **Lion Hansuya Moodley** closed the event with the trending Jerusalema Dance which was enjoyed by all.

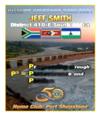
Exciting prizes sponsored by Wesley and Tamara were won during the event by Kavitha Matadin, Vashi Kamithal, Latashma Maharaj and Sue Munga. Congratulations to you all! Thank you to each and every one of you who supported our virtual fundraiser event. Without your support and generosity we would not be able to carry out our work as <u>WE SERVE</u>.



This is a story of lion clubs coming together to still make a difference in the environment, even under the difficult lock down situation that face us all. ③

(Left) is **Lion Patrick (Centurion Lions Club**) with a shady tree to be planted in the Car Park of **Sungardens Hospice**. Thank you to the **Lions Club of Centurion Lifestyle** for your donation towards this.







<u>CENTURION LIONS CLUB</u>: For Arbour Week, instead of planting trees, we saved quite a few by removing the surrounding invasive vegetation. Centurion Lions, in partnership with the Friends of the Faerie Glen Nature Reserve, did a Lantana hack in the Reserve. Lantana can take over whole areas of land, and their shallow roots take up all water, killing off nearby trees.





LIONS CLUB OF ST. CROIX;

Our *Women's Day projects* on the 9th of August: We delivered food and toiletries to the *Homeless Shelter* at the Bowling Club; (Photo; Below left.)





(Left;) We also supplied the Covid Ward at St Georges Trauma Unit with a Pamper Pack, this project was done with the Lionesses of Uitenhage Club

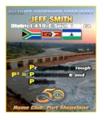




(Left) Food Donation of Soup and Rolls to the residents of ACVVKensington on the 19th of August.



(Right) Food Donation for supper to the Homeless Residents at Noordhoek on the 24th of August







Port Shepstone Lions,

Port Shepstone Lions, Lion Ladies and their guests attended the Club's **50th Presidential** *Induction and Awards Dinner* on Saturday 19th September at their new Lions Clubhouse facility at Port Shepstone Country Club. Special guests at the event included **Scottburgh** Lions, Zone 10 (South Coast) Chairman Colin and Lion Carol Mackintosh, Kyle and Whitney Enslin and prospective Lion Gustav Lindenberg with his partner Kaye.

During his valedictory speech, Club President Alister Love paid tribute to both the Lions and Lion Ladies for another successful year of service to the needy despite the setbacks created by the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. He then announced that *the Lion of the Year Trophy* is to be awarded *to Lion Kevin Ross* in recognition of his outstanding commitment to the new Lions clubhouse facility. Presidential appreciation medals were also awarded to Past Council Chairman Denis Meyer and Past Presidents Jean Masson and Kevin Ross in recognition of their support and assistance throughout the past year. Long service awards were presented to Lions Hilton Horsley (35 years of service), Denis Meyer (25 years of service) and Jean Masson (20 years of service). Appreciation medals were also awarded to past Club Secretary Kevin Ross and Club Treasurer Richard Borradaile in recognition of their fine efforts. 11 Club members were presented with award pins commemorating 100% attendance of club meetings throughout the past year.

Outgoing Lion Lady President Irene Love thanked the Lion Ladies for their ongoing projects in support of the needy. The Lion Lady of the Year award was presented to Lion Lady Lyn Curnow. Special appreciation gifts were also presented to Lion Ladies Secretary Cathy Volker and Lion Ladies Treasurer Jane Massey in recognition of their fine efforts and support.

District Governor Jeff Smith, who is also a member of the Port Shepstone Lions Club, then formally inducted **Lion Mike Heathcote as Club President** for the 2020/2021 fiscal year. In his acceptance speech, Lion Mike thanked his predecessor for his leadership of the club and undertook to further promote membership growth, increased service and fellowship activities for the forthcoming year.

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PORT SHEPSTONE INDUCTION (Continued...)

DG Jeff Smith inducts Lion Mike Heathcote as LP for the coming year.



LP's Treasurer's Award presented to Lion Richard Borradaile.



LL Treasurer Jane Massey receives an appreciation award from outgoing LLP Irene Love.



Anna Compion and Denis Schmidt.



Club President Mike Heathcote.

Zone Chairman

Colin Mackintosh

replies to the

Toast to the

Guests.

LL Secretary Cathy

appreciation from

outgoing LLP Irene

Estelle ONeill.

Luke Mclelland

and Yvonne Rodda.

Volker receives

Love.



20 year Membership pin awarded to Lion Jean Masson.



25 year Membership pin awarded to PCC Denis Meyer.



35 year Membership pin awarded to Lion Hilton Horsley.



Recipients of 100% Attendance awards.



Lion of the Year, Lion Kevin Ross.



President's Appreciation award given to Lion Jean Massyn.



(Left) Lions Lady Lynn Curnow receiving LL Lady of the Year award from outgoing LLP Irene Love.

Outgoing LLP Irene Love with Incoming LLP Sandy Heathcote.



Heather and Craig Curnow.

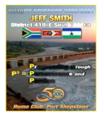




Ralph and Bela Gallagher.



Colin and Carol Mackintosh





Note from the Editor; Hello my Family of Lions – We certainly had a lot of news this month, for which I am very grateful. Goodness me, 15 pages – I was a bit worried that you might get bored, reading so much in one sitting, so I will be sending out a (shorter) issue September (b) shortly; so......



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