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A Message from the desk of DG Jeff.

HI fellow Lions of District 410 E

We are rapidly approaching the middle of the Lionistic year and when the supermarkets have already put up their Christmas decorations, that means two things to me. Firstly, the fact that time flies by, regardless of your circumstances and secondly, we will be asked to sell Lions Christmas Cakes. Well done to the clubs that have ordered Cakes in support of this long standing Multiple District Project and best of luck with the sales.

I have managed to attend some Club meetings again via Zoom, and congratulations to Wilro Park Lions for inducting 6 members in their last Business Meeting. In fact, well done to all Clubs that have managed to induct new members over this difficult time.

I recently received a letter from the Lions Club of Uitenhage sharing with me that they had embarked on project to help a young person within their community with a cornea transplant. Realising the cost implications of this type of transplant, they put out a plea to other Clubs for assistance. The Lions Club of East London Port Rex came forward and assisted Uitenhage to fulfill this project. In the words of Lion President Raynard from our Uitenhage Club, "the Lions Club of East London Port Rex proved that through co-operation we can change the world. This Club shows that "We Serve" is not just words." So Well done to East London Port Rex for this incredible showing of comeraderie between Lions Clubs.

With the second Cabinet Meeting being held on the 31<sup>st</sup> October, hosted by Midrand Lions Club, I have eventually managed to do some travelling and have crossed the border into Gauteng. I am really looking forward to seeing everyone in person once again. Once the Cabinet meeting is over and the Virtual Convention afterwards in done and dusted please forgive me if I avoid any discussions on rugby.

In closing, in the words of the Late Princess Diana, "Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of Reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you"

Kind Regards, Jeff Smíth DG 410E 1



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#### WELTEVREDEN LIONS CLUB.

20 Boxes of doughnuts were donated by *Ait food services*. These boxes were collected by Lions Danny and James and distributed to Ons Huis Old Age Home, Ebenezer Psychiatric Home and the Jan Hofmeyer Community Centre. The Club would like to thank *Christophe Dubois form Ait food services* for their generous donation. We would also like to thank the Alberton Lions Club for the referral. (Received 2/10)











Lion Rally Kartun and family.

**THE WILDS LIONS CLUB; Lion Rally Kartun** who celebrated his 95 th birthday today. He is the 3rd oldest member of The Wilds Lions Club; Following is the list of Oldest to 3<sup>rd</sup> oldest member.

- 1; Dr Les Cooper Charter member 99
- 2; Lion Hilly Goldberg 97
- 3; Birthday boy Rally Kartun 95

(Ps; I (Mark Meltzer) am 2nd *youngest* at 65, with Lion Faniso Khoza the youngest at 41.

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated - We urgently know how to attract young members ?? (*Received 4/10*)

Klerksdorp Lions Club inducted 2 new members tonight.

On the *photo L-R* is LP Liane vd Merwe, Lion Eugene and Lion Carla Landsberg and their sponsor, Lion Jacques Barlow with ZC Shane Papé.We hope this is the beginning of our extention towards more members. (*Received 6/10*)

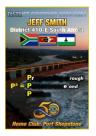


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<u>Alberton Lions Club:</u> As part of Childhood Cancer Week, we filled 10 bags with toiletries, sweets, colouring books and crayons and dropped them off at *CHOC house* in Saxonwold.

These bags are given to patients when they go off to hospital and is a small gesture of hope for each one of them to know that they are loved. (*Received 9/10*)





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#### ALBERTON LIONS CLUB (continued...)

**Food donation** delivered to the feeding project in Forrest Hill, has been an ongoing project since lockdown and we are blessed to be able to continue providing food supplies to those less fortunate, with the assistance of a great network that the Alberton Lions belongs to. The potatoes where donated by New Day Church (a member of the Edenvale Help Forum) and the spinach was picked from the garden at Amcare who are also part of the Alberton Help Forum. Networking has enabled us to increase our service within the community and therefor make an even bigger difference to those who need it most. (*Received 09/10*)















KRUGERSDORP LIONS CLUB; On Saturday we offered our clubhouse to Heiby Warren for her annual Mental Health awareness function. We had around 30 people struggling with mental health and supporters start the day with yoga under the trees. Thereafter we painted hearts to hang in trees - in solidarity for **wearing your heart on your sleeve**. It was a lovely morning! (*Received 12/10*)





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The Lions of Klerksdorp donated some stationary and sweets to Fairview Combined Farm School. In the photo are Lions Gordon & Margaret Lamont, Carla

Landsberg & Riana Papé. With them is principal Mavis Sebete and Nomsa (Received 20/10)

(From Lion Jeanette of **Gonubie Lions Club**: *It gives me great pleasure to send you a few pics of our very first fund-raiser since lockdown.)* 

**Gonubie Lions** were ever so excited to hold our first *fundraiser* since lockdown when seven out of our 10 members ran a pancake stall at our newly renovated shopping centre. Very encouraging was the support from the public who were obviously very happy to have us back as we managed to raise R1 388.00. *(Received 20/10)* 











#### ST. CROIX LIONS CLUB.

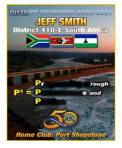
On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September we donated knitted wear to **Thandusana Baby Safe Haven**.

Currently the Staff of this **Safe Haven for Babies** are looking after 6-10 babies. (*Received 22/10*)



<u>GONUBIE LIONS</u> were thrilled to hold our first GBM since lockdown on Thursday 15th October and as we had not been able to hold an Induction event it was decided to keep the evening small and personal with all ten members present. We commenced the evening with a delicious meal kindly prepared by *Chantal and Drew from the Gonubie Golf Club* whereafter outgoing President Margie handed over her chain of office and the Club Charter to Incoming President Nicholene. We then enjoyed our first GBM in seven months where much planning was made for the rest of 2020. (*Received 21/10*)





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# **\*\*** <u>Uitenhage Lions help young man to see for the first time in 12 years</u>

A young man from *Kwanobuhle in Uitenhage* can see again after 12 years of being legally blind. This was the result of a cornea transplant facilitated by the **Uitenhage Lions**. *Aphiwe Mene* (26) was legally blind due to scarring of the cornea in both his eyes. Although he was able to complete matric despite limited vision, he had to abandon his tertiary studies due to deterioration of eyesight.

He contacted the **Uitenhage Lions** for assistance and from there the ball started rolling. **Dr. Nick York,** an ophthalmologist from Port Elizabeth, agreed to perform a cornea transplant free of charge. The *Life St. Georges hospital* agreed to sponsor hospital and theatre costs. Due to the unavailability of corneas in South Africa, one had to be imported from the Lions Eye Bank in America. This came at a cost of around R 45 000. **Uitenhage Lions** approached other Clubs and within three days the funds were donated by the **Lions of Eden, Uniondale, Knysna, Port Rex and Uitenhage.** 

The transplant took place on 08 October and was a huge success. *Aphiwe's* sight improved immediately and is already at around 80% restored. The prognosis is that he will have 100% vision in his left eye within 18 month

*Aphiwe's* joy at being able to see again is boundless. He plans to resume his studies and to *start a Lions Club* in his Community.

The co-operation of Lions Clubs, not even in the same District, made an indescribable and permanent difference in the life of this young man.

 (Front Row:) Aphiwe and Dr. Nick York.
(Back Row:) Freddie Erasmus and Bokkie Oberholzer from Uitenhage Lions.





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# From the Lions Club of Uitenhage – Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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The official Port Shepstone Lions Clubhouse opening party held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October was a huge success! Sheppie Lions would like to express their grateful appreciation to the 200 friends and supporters who attended and enjoyed a very festive and fun evening. Local bands, *Flat Tyre Groove and Anton Roosterbrood* played superb music throughout the evening. *Rib Rage* donated a meat hamper which was raffled and raised R2890. The new clubhouse was officially opened by Port Shepstone Country Club resident *professional golfer*, *Jesse "Papwa" Verster* who, together with Lion Mervin Curnow was instrumental in initiating the clubs move to their new venue at *Port Shepstone Country Club*. During his opening address, Club President Mike Heathcote paid tribute to Port Shepstone Country Club for their wonderful support of the Lions and to all Sheppie Lions members who gave up their free time and contributed towards the move to their new venue. A significant amount of funding was raised for the club's administration account. This is the first of many more fun events which will be hosted at the new venue. (*Received 26/10*)



LP Mike Heathcote & Gayle Wallis.



LP Mike, Mr. Jesse Verster & Lion Mervin Curnow.

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Entertainers Ian Jones & Foin Welsh

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Lion Clayton & Inika Curnow



Lion Kevin Ross & Chantal Du Toit & Celeste Du Toit-Stander



Lion Mervin Curnow, Candice Hooper and Lion Rob Harley.



Lions Rick Thomson & Mervin Curnow



Marlene & Danie Van Tonder



Singer/Entertainer Anton Roos.

**GONUBLE LIONS** are currently managing **an art exhibition** in aid of the *Carel du Toit Centre* where deaf children learn to talk.

During the week shoppers at *Kings Mall* in Gonubie have the pleasure of viewing lovely paintings all created by local artists whilst on Saturdays Lions are in attendance. This project runs for two months and despite the very tough economy in the Eastern Cape we are hoping to raise much needed funds for this very worthy cause. (Received 23/10)





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**ALBERTON LIONS** received an awesome donation of 456 litres of almond milk. The milk was divided and delivered to the three feeding projects we are still currently supporting in Forrest Hill, La Rochelle and West Turfontien. The recipients where so grateful. Thank you Lion Sandy for coordinating the donation. (Received On 26/10)

s they say in the classics -



"That's all for now, Folks!"