

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER FOR DG JEFF SMITH.



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PORT ALFRED LIONS CLUB.



Beach clean with other Service Organisations.



Selling Christmas Cakes at a Mall.



Cake press

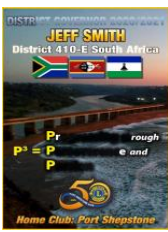
(Right) The Club received second hand wheelchairs from various donors in the area.



We arranged for them to be repaired and serviced. In the photo are **Lions**, and the Chair of Damant Lodge with staff members at the official handover *(Received 18/11/2020)*

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PORT ALFRED LIONS CLUB *(continued)*



(Above) Members of the club assisted with the transport of shelving to Retreat2 eden , a local animal sanctuary.

Alec Mc Kerrow, a former member of the Kimberly Lions Club, who during this time served on the former District 410C Cabinet. After a few years in the wilderness he saw the light and joined the Port Alfred Lions Club.



(Above right) PCC Mike Newlands, who conducted the Induction Ceremony, is seen pinning the Membership Pin on Alec. (l) Lion Alec then lights the candle to signify his membership.

(Received 19/11/2020)



THE WILDS LIONS CLUB; Every year 65 Lions Christmas cakes are purchased by the administrators of **Edgar Droste Trust** for residents of **Gerald Fitzpatrick home** in Bertrams. The picture shows some of the residents with their Lions Christmas cakes. Edgar Droste was a generous donor to a variety of charities during his life and the trust is continuing his community support.

(Received 20/11/2020)

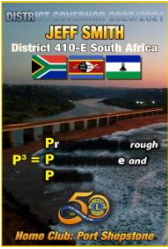
HIBBERDENE LIONS CLUB; Masked, sanitised and certified as essential workers by the Department of Health, **Hibberdene Lions** have continued distributing chronic medication for the **Port Shepstone Regional Hospital** throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. They are (from left) **Lions Steve Coulson, Marie van Rensburg and LP Brian Porteous**, with **Lion Lionel Goliath (not available for the photo) and Susan Smuts-Steyn** (behind the camera). In excess of 500 hospital outpatients collect their medicines from the Lions' Clinic every month. This service has been running almost continuously for more than 20 years.

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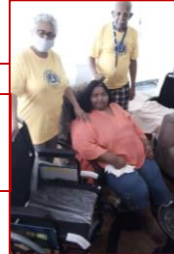
DURBAN HOST LIONS CLUB;

(Above) The "Team" photo shows the first physical meeting together after lockdown allowed us. We did miss each other !!



(above) The Feeding photos show members of **the team** (in collaboration with the **Robin Hood foundation and Generation Of Radicals**) feeding 100 families.

(Right) We were glad to present (on loan) a brand new wheelchair to Mrs. Pather.



We **sponsor wool** to keep our senior citizens occupied and in turn we get beautiful jerseys for our little ones.

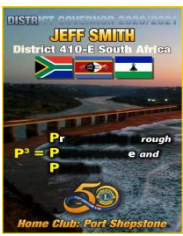


We do monthly feeding (in collaboration with the **Darby street feeding scheme**) to communities from Sherwood, Sydenham, Umbilo, Wentworth and Overport.

(Photos above) we have **Lion Danny** assisting in Wentworth and maintaining social distancing. **Lions Gary and Lorraine** assisting in Umbilo. (Feeding 7) **Lion Vernie** giving out biryani, doughnuts and masks to senior citizens.

(Bottom left) Being in partnership with other organizations (Ext team) gives us the opportunity to serve much more people.





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NELSPRUIT LIONS ACTIVITIES OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2020

With the help of some friends of Lions, we have started a monthly donation of food parcels for families known to the **Childline** social workers to be in need.

LP Val and L Mike Graham handed over October's food to **Director Benita Nel**.
(Photo right)



Vegetable Garden; (right)

To help with the Childline feeding project and others, we have started a vegetable garden at the Graham's farm. The first seedlings of tomatoes, butternut, spinach, beetroot and cabbage were planted at the end of October, and others will follow to keep production ongoing.



Social by the river

On a hot Sunday afternoon in November, a group of **Nelspruit Lions and their families** (and dogs!) met at **Lion Gail Jackman's** property for a picnic on the banks of the **Crocodile River**. It was so nice to relax and chat in beautiful surroundings.



Remembrance Day

LP Val and Lion Mike Graham attended the annual Remembrance Sunday event at **Mpumalanga MOTHS Shellhole**, White River. A wreath was laid at the memorial to fallen soldiers.

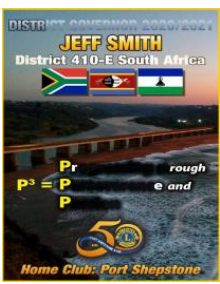


Vision

A free vision test for a resident of Nelspruit was organised at a local optician's (**Dave Kenyon – a Melvin Jones Fellow**), and bifocals were obtained from **Lions Brightsight**. Nelspruit Lions also donated R1000 to Blind SA.

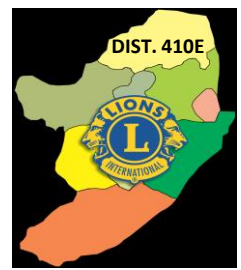
Fundraising

We continue to take a stall at 2 monthly markets, at which we have been selling caipirinhas and Christmas cakes. This month we will be adding R&Rs to our offerings. It's not Innibos but, hey, it's a regular income. The **Lion ladies** have been selling wine at one of these for their projects



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LIONS CLUB OF KRUGERSDORP received a large consignment of duvets, pillows, pillow cases and more from Mount Grace. The elderly at the **Wheatlands Home for the Aged** received pillows and were very grateful for them. The duvets and blankets went to a safety house and to pensioners and other needy places in our community. *(Received 24/11/2020)*



PE Host Lions support SAPS Dog Unit

The Lions of PE Host organised a function to show recognition and support to the members of the **Port Elizabeth Dog Unit**

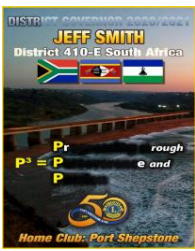
“These are the people at the frontline of combating and preventing crime in all communities and we wanted to show that their efforts are appreciated by the public in general and Lions in particular,” said **PE Host Lion President Mark Bradley**.

At the function **certificates of appreciation** were handed to several members of the Dog Unit followed by a braai and fellowship. *(Received 24/11/2020)*



Krugersdorp Lions donated teddies to the SAPS Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit and were serenaded by the children who were very grateful for the gift of comfort. *(Received 24/11/2020)*





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Attached a photo of our **Zone 3 meeting** at Vereeniging, the meeting was well attended, and was great to see our fellow Lions, and plan for the coming three months. (Received 26/11/2020

Alberton Lions partnered with **Watermans Auditors** to arrange a Christmas party in La Rochelle for the 2 nursery schools we support in the area. The children had an awesome day; Watermans arranged stalls and games for the children to play at, as well as lunch and a gift bag to take home. Each child was given a fluffy toy as a gift and as the teacher said "they all had a new friend to sleep with that night". We left them with such joy and happiness. Thank you **Watermans and Alberton lions** for caring and showing up.

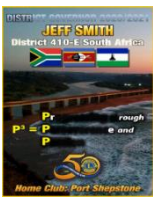
"WE SERVE"



ALBERTON LIONS' 50TH CHARTER DINNER was held on the 28th November Reading Golf Course and what a great evening it was. Just look at this photo of 5 of the gentlemen (OH OOOps, sorry. 6 of the gentlemen who attended! I didn't see the "photo bomber" under LP Glynn's arm! From left to right; LP Glynn (Helderkruijn); the head and shoulders of PDG Ian (Alberton); LP Danny (Weltevreden) ; DG Jeff (Port Shepstone)f; PDG Alistair (Clearwater Cyber); and Lion Karl (Helderkruijn.)

Editor's Note; I'm sure Alberton Lions will put many more photo's of this fantastic evening in the Newsletter but I had to put this one in; it shows the pure enjoyment these Lions were having! I hope Alberton Lions will forgive me for jumping the gun?

On Sunday 29th November Zone 12 enjoyed a lovely year end luncheon at Buffs Club in East London, this was made all the more special by the attendance of our Region Chair Freddie and Tanya Erasmus who travelled all the way from Uitenhage to spend time with us. We also felt very honoured to have 1st Vice DG Leslie Human and incoming Council Chairman Brian von der Decken share the day with us. The 50 odd Lions present thoroughly enjoyed a super social with quality fellowship and a delicious meal together whilst all agreed that interaction between clubs is extremely important.



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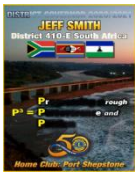
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ESTCOURT LIONS NEWS; Life has certainly changed since Covid-19 hit our shores. It's been tough and picking up the pieces now is even tougher.....Even though there was little that we could do during the lockdown, the **Estcourt Lions Club** was able to bring a ray of sunshine through our **Lions Operation Brightsight** project which assists members of the public, with impaired vision, to get spectacles.

Pictured herewith is **Lion President Chris Stokker** presenting spectacles to 3 happy ladies





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LIONS CLUB OF ESTCOURT (continued...)

NEWSFLASHES



Above: Estcourt Lions Club members recruiting locals to take a free diabetes test at Estcourt Pharmacy. Left: Lions Club members Mary Stokker and Maria Taylor, alongside Mr Adam, who had a free diabetes test.

Free diabetes tests save lives

As part of its community outreach project, the Estcourt Lions Club hosts a free diabetes testing clinic annually.

With the help of Sister Jenny Wreford, dozens of locals have their blood glucose level tested and are either given the thumbs-up or referred for medical advice.

On Saturday, a group of Lions, clad in bright-yellow T-shirts, were

busy recruiting residents to take the free tests.

Once inside Estcourt Pharmacy, Sister Jenny Wreford administers a small prick to your finger before placing the blood droplet into the glucometer. Within a matter of seconds, a reading is given.

On Saturday, a total of 94 people were tested. "There were five possible diabetics and eight retests.

The retests are people whose levels were high and they were asked to come in next week for a retest to see whether they need to take it further," explained Patrizia Louw from the Lions Club.

"The Lions would like to thank Jenny Wreford for doing the tests and Jenny Taylor for allowing us to use the pharmacy," added Mrs Louw.



Lions Club of Estcourt is blooming

Lions Sheryl Lane and Lynell Turnbull, together with Shepstone Place resident Marie Koning, are seen here having fun planting a lemon and apricot tree donated by the Estcourt Lions Club to Shepstone Place.



Lions do their bit to help diabetic woman

Estcourt Lions Club was glad to help a local diabetic with a glucometer. Pictured is Lions president Chris Stokker handing the glucometer to diabetic Tracey Mckenzie.

KRUGERSDORP LIONS CLUB; Thanks to a plea from a lovely lady in Munsiville, **Krugersdorp Lions Club** was able to assist a child-lead household with food and Christmas presents for the festive season. When she delivered the food the children were very grateful because they didn't even have food for today. **Lions really do make a difference** and the need is so great it is heartbreaking.



Note from the Editor; please send your articles and photo's to me per email; my email address is easton.denise@yahoo.co.uk (please note that it is, .uk not .za)

I do apologize to those Lions who were struggling to find my email address.

A big "thank you" to all the Clubs who regularly send me news – without your contributions, I would not be able to do the job I have been given, so thank you once again. Please continue to send me news and photo's of your projects – its exciting for me to see first-hand what all the Clubs are doing!

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

