

# DISTRICT NEWSLETTER FOR DG JEFF SMITH.

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## *Progressing through Perseverance and Passion.*



*..a message from the desk of DG Jeff Smith.*

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“Hi fellow Lions of District 410 E

We are coming through to an extremely busy time for all Clubs with Nominations, Elections, Conventions and very important to all, Training. All this happens whilst we serve our communities as well as we always have. It is very heart-warming to see the activities that are taking place after a year of having to limit what we could do, but please follow the necessary steps to ensure we all stay safe

Lions Awareness Month for the Multiple District is in April and if you haven't ordered your bags and badges, it might just be too late now, this was whilst stocks last. Our District PRO Sandy has been extremely busy with putting this all together and we again encourage all Clubs to go the extra mile and to also please ensure you share your service activities. Please watch this space as there might be a little award for the best Club that submits photos of their activities within the various communities.

I would like to encourage Club Presidents to get members to attend the training that is on offer by the District's Training Team. The recent Leadership Toolkit Sessions have really allowed the ideas to flow and there really was a lot to learn from all sessions. The way it has been done, although via Zoom, has allowed the groups to interact, even having breakaway groups, and some of the members have really inspired the trainers and us all. It all goes well for the District in the future.

To all the incoming Presidents, and the members who aspire to one day be a Club President, do yourself a favour and attend the training sessions as the various ideas that have been thrown around really look like it will be training with a difference. The Districts Training Team have come up with some innovative ideas so please try and attend.

Recently I was fortunate to partake in a fundraiser for a very special Lady and good friend, Joan Robins, who has been diagnosed with stage four cancer. Joan was a Lion for over twenty Years and then resigned for to personal reasons. The three Clubs closest to me, my Club Port Shepstone, Shelly Beach and Ramsgate, agreed to put on fundraisers for Joan. One was held on the Friday night in Ramsgate and the other on Sunday afternoon at Port Shepstone Country Club, Port Shepstone Lions Club together with Shelly Beach Lions Club . The generosity of the local public, the bikers and also friends was something special. Thank you to all three Clubs for making it so special for Joan. It really makes me proud to be a Lion during these difficult times. Let's make The Month of April a month to be remembered, and in closing, Sir Richard Branson was asked **“what happens if we invest in developing our people and then they leave us?”** and his reply was, **“what happens if we don't, and they stay?”**

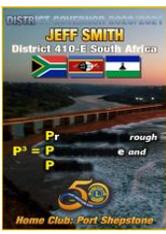
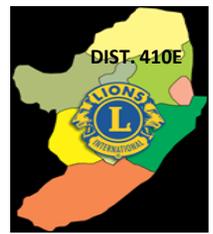
Kind regards,

*Jeff Smith*

DG District Governor, 2020-2021

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## KLERKSDORP LIONS CLUB

At the business meeting of **Klerksdorp Lions Club, ZC Shane Papé** handed over a Lions International **35 year service award** to lion **Gordon Lamont**. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. *(Photo left to right)* Lion President Liane van der Merwe, Lion Gordon Lamont and ZC Shane Papé



## Alberton Lions Club

We put together and donated to **CHOC**, Lion **Shaigh** and prospective Lion **Darryl** delivered the bags to **CHOC**. We hope our donation will make a difference in the lives of little ones.

## Alberton Lions Club.

Thank you Lion Pat and prospective lions Penny and Cecily for delivering 10 mommy care bags to the South Rand Hospital. The South Rand Hospital Staff are so appreciative for our support.

***Alberton lions making a difference where we can when we can,***



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## HELDERKRUIN LIONS CLUB

I felt so honoured to be part of this heart-warming project today. Backpacks filled with stationary, facemasks, pencil-bags, water bottles etc were presented to deserving pupils at Bosmont Primary School. Such sweet, well-mannered little students and such grateful Staff members - what a pleasure it is "to Serve"!!



## KRUGERSDORP LIONS CLUB.

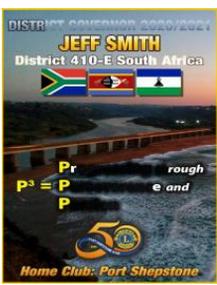
**Lion Debbie Law** of **Krugersdorp Lions** delivering pre-loved baby clothes to the **WAS Rainbow Foundation** in Krugersdorp.



*(A very warm welcome to **Graaff-Reinet Lions** – thank you for sending us your article; sorry there's no photos but next time!)*

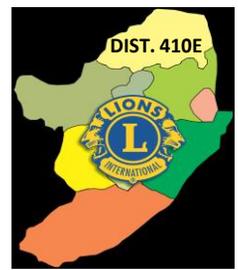
So far **Graaff-Reinet Lions** have provided a two course midday meal for the pupils *of Kamva School for disabled pupils*. We have also collected and sent off two cartons of old spectacles for **Operation Brightsight**.

Our first meeting of the year is scheduled for Wed 17 March.  
**From Gerald Buisman.**



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## PORT REX LIONS CLUB

Members decided to have an impromptu GBM combined with a bring and braai social around their newly renovated swimming pool. It was attended by 14 enthusiastic members who had some very interesting experiences regarding community service projects to share. Photos 1 and 2; Lions chilling together and enjoying a catch up on who has done what. Photo 3 *Lions Members Peter and Isobel Knicklebein* elaborating on the pleasure of being able to serve and the experience they enjoyed feeding really hungry families

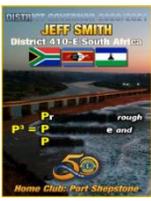


## POTCHEFSTROOM LIONS CLUB.

*ZC Shane Papé* visited the Potchefstroom Lions Club business meeting and inducted ex-lion *Martin Blaauw*

Photo: L-R is sponsor lion *Deon van Tonder*, Lion *Martin Blaauw* and ZC *Shane Papé*.





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## ZONE 1 MEETING.



A very successful Zone meeting, led by ZC Alana, and attended by representatives of all 8 Clubs, was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March and proved to be very interactive and interesting. An address by RC Sydney was short, to the point and thought-provoking. Thanks go to the Lions Clubs of Wilro Park, Krugersdorp and Roodepoort Host for hosting the meeting.



### ST. CROIX LIONS CLUB

First drop off, of donated clothing, toys and soft toys for **The Moeksies of Port Elizabeth** project. Our aim is to assist them to make up 1200 Easter parcels



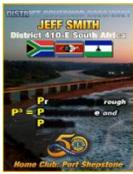
Induction of 4 new members to **St Croix Club** on 06/03/2021



### HELDERKRUIJN LIONS CLUB.

Welcome to our Family, Lions Craig and Bev – may you have many happy years with us! A HUGE thank you to PDG Al for taking the time to conduct the Induction.

Welcome



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## LIONS CLUBS OF UITENHAGE AND ST CROIX.



(l to r) Lion Pat, Lion President Raynard and Lion Robbie.

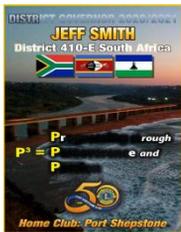
Two members of the **Uitenhage Lions Club**, **Robbie Eftting and Pat Clohessy** have been awarded the **Melvin Jones Fellowship Award**. These members have contributed to outstanding service to humanity through dedication and perseverance. They utterly deserve to be regarded as Melvin Jones Fellows. Congratulations to absolute stalwarts of Lionism. The awards were handed over by **Uitenhage Lion President Raynard. McLaren**.

**The Uitenhage Lions and The Lions of St Croix;** recently had a joint induction ceremony for new members. **3** new members were inducted into the **Uitenhage Club** and **5** into the **St Croix Club**. This was a very special occasion, as all the inductees are **women!**  
**Welcome to the family, Ladies!**



**Gonubie Lions** were happy to man a table at the **Vincent Park Centre** in aid of the East London Branch of **CANSA** raising R2 305.00 for this worthy cause.





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### HELDERKRUIJN LIONS CLUB.

**IPP Karl Bands** receives a Certificate of Appreciation from **PDG Alistair** in recognition of his work as Chairman of the Organising Committee for PDG Al's Convention.



**Alberton Lions** received 1 ton of potatoes as a donation from a very generous farmer. The potatoes were sorted and distributed to the feeding projects we currently support as well as to one of our partnerships in the HELP Forum, **Amcare**, who also distributed to their projects in the community. "Faith like potatoes"

**Alberton Lions** has an amazing network of knitters (the ladies of the **WA, Alberton Methodist Church**) who attended our GBM in March, and who, on a regular basis, knit baby goodies, for example blankets, teddies, booties, beanies, octopus, jerseys and mittens that are donated to us. We then pack these items into bags along with nappies that then get delivered to the South Rand Hospital and the Nelson Mandela Hospital. The Mommy Care Bags go the new moms that need a little assistance with their journey in having a new baby. The octopus, small beanies and teddies go the **prem babies** at the **Nelson Mandela Hospital**.

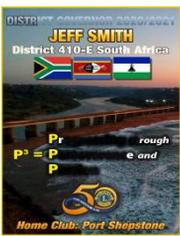
**"Increased service through networking"**



**Lion Shaigh, prospective Lion Darryl and Lion cub Kyra**, baked biscuits, bought Easter eggs as well as made wooden hearts which they dropped off at the 2 elderly residence facilities we support in the South Hills area **Karina Place and Northam**. The 40 ladies that live there were so appreciative and felt so loved.

**"Sharing is caring"**

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Photo: **Lion Jim** collecting 50 new pairs of glasses from **Lydia Pieterse Optician**.

### ALBERTON LIONS CLUB.

We have a wonderful working relationship with a couple of opticians in the area that support the Alberton Lions on a continuous basis with frames as well as eye tests for those who can't afford eye testing. We then send the script to Brightsight We are then able to supply and donate the client with the much needed glasses.

**"Vision - making a difference in our community, Knights of the blind".**

Photo: **Lion Jim** collecting 50 new pairs of glasses from **Lydia Pieterse Optician**.



**Alberton Lions** in partnership with **Amcare** (a registered shelter in Alberton for abused woman and children) held a virtual event for awareness of domestic violence on the 8th March for Woman's day as well as raising funds for the shelter. The amount of likes and shares on Facebook went up tremendously. The awareness for Amcare as well as the Alberton Lions was well worth the project and members of the community had fun while being part of a bigger picture.

**"Together we can make a difference."**

**Fourways Lions** partnered with **Sean Williams and Live Life Always** as well as 150 volunteers, tackled the **Jukskei River** from Gracepoint church - Helderfontein and bagged 167 bags - 1,336kg.

**"THANK YOU** to **Lion President Natalie and your members** you were amazing - as well as support from **Alberton Lions**."

It was a fun day for all those that participated, there was a music and a puppet show on the environment for the children.

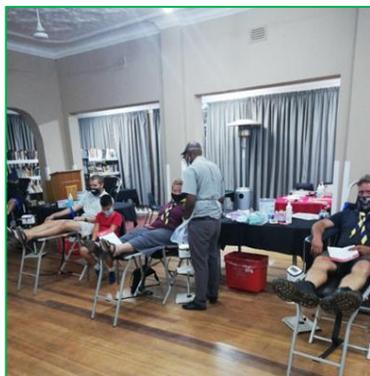
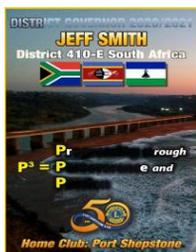
**"Together we can change the world"**

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Blood Drive in full swing  
at the **Lions O'Connor  
Hall.**



**SANBS Staff** ready to  
receive generous donors

### HENLEY LIONS CLUB

Another successful blood drive in association with the **SANBS** was held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 collecting 44 pints of blood (up from 33 in January). SANBS and the Lions offer their sincere thanks to all the generous donors. Well done Henley. Next Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.



(*Left*) Yet another very successful **book sale** was held at the O'Connor Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March with much needed funds raised for the Lions community services – thank you Henley book lovers. Mention is also made, and gratitude expressed to Debbie Allorto and the About Time Coffee Shop patrons for their continued support during the month in the sale and purchase of books for Lions funds. All Covid protocols are observed.

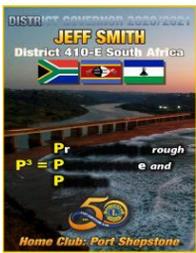


**HENLEY  
LIONS CLUB**



Thirty one patients were screened at the Lions Eye Clinic held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021. The monthly **Eye Clinic** has resumed at the premises of **Meyerton Child and Family Welfare Hall** in Meyerton where free eye screening is held, in conjunction with the **University of Johannesburg**, to benefit the less advantaged in the community who are not able to afford professional optometrists. In the event of a prescription being required to be filled, the club uses the services of **Lions Brightsight** to supply spectacles at a nominal cost.

Strict Covid protocol provisions are observed and where referrals are needed to specialists those referrals are given to the applicable patients to attend clinics where such free or low-cost services are supplied. Eye clinics are normally held on the first Saturday of each month from March to October but due to the Easter break the next eye Clinic will be held Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021.



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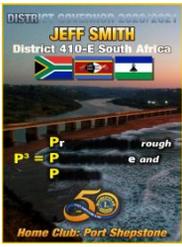


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*“ Well, that’s all for now, Folks ”*



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