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DG JEFF SMITH.

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*District Governor Jeff*  
*From your entire Lions Family,*

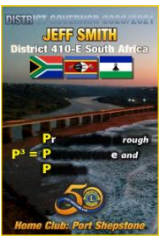
*We would really like to say thank you Jeff,  
For all the hard work that you've done,  
Yes, there was much serious work accomplished  
But often with an element of fun!*

*Covid-19 has certainly proved a problem  
For our Lions Clubs everywhere -  
But we all soldiered on as best we could  
Getting by on a wing and a prayer.*

*Your awesome Leadership made us all aware  
Of how dedicated you have been -  
A difficult year you have endured  
But your work has not gone unseen!*

*We wish you well with your future endeavours -  
So thank you so much once again.  
You'll certainly go down in history  
Knowing none of your work was in vain!*





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## *.....From the Desk of DG Jeff*

“Hi Fellow Lions of 410E

We are rapidly approaching the end of the current Lionistic Year and the District has been really busy. This we saw being evident in the month of April, Lions Awareness Month. It was really heartwarming to see how the Clubs have persevered, through the conditions brought upon us by this pandemic, and have gone out and done our brand proud. Well done to the winning Club of the awareness month, Lions Club of Midrand. They were followed closely by Wilro Park and then Alberton. To DC Sandy van Heerden and your team that worked on this project for months, thank you so much for a great month of April.

The training programme is well under way and the Districts trainers, led by DC Lindie van Wyk, are very busy each weekend with training. I might sound like a stuck record, but the Districts Training is of a high standard and please take every opportunity to attend. The Courses are very interactive albeit via Zoom. I would like to congratulate the incoming Club Presidents for being elected into the CEO position of your Club. To the Presidents that are doing this for the first time, enjoy the ride as it is an incredible journey. The Incoming Presidents were fortunate to hear Past International Director Salim Moussan from Lebanon, in his opening address for the course reflect that he is a strong believer of moving our Organisation from Good to Better and then from Better to Best and at all times ensuring that our members remain valuable to their Clubs. Each One of us are an integral part of our Club and are there to ensure the smooth running thereof whilst serving our communities.

It has been a difficult past two months for me from a personal and business perspective and I would like to thank my family and also my Lions family for the support that has been given to us during this time. Whilst the conditions have tested us all to the limit, one can always count on the support from an incredible bunch of people that each day proudly wear the Lions pin.

I am really looking forward to the upcoming Convention in October, COVID permitting, so that we can get together and celebrate the fact that we can meet once again and share success stories.

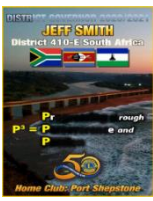
I was talking to a fellow Lion in Gauteng a few days ago and he was saying how cold it was getting up there, and I realized how lucky I was in Margate as we are also getting cold at 15 degrees Celsius tonight!

Remember to work hard in Silence and let our Success make the noise.

Keep safe and take care

Yours in Lionism

Jeff”



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### Krugersdorp Lions

We delivered beautiful hand-made teddies to the Teddy Bear Clinic for abused children. We then delivered more teddies, soft toys and wall hangings to House Jade for abandoned babies.

We then



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### WILRO LIONS HEALTH DAY AT PRINCESS HIGH SCHOOL

**The Lions Club of Wilro Park** spent last Saturday morning at **Princess High School** with 118 Students as well as some of their Teachers and Parents. We did Diabetes Screening, Blood pressure checks and Vision Screening using the Spot Machine. The students each received a Goody bag filled with Fruits and water and other information to encourage healthy life styles..

Our **Guest Speaker was Doctor Mpho Phalatse** who addressed the students regarding healthy living and safety during Covid and encouraged them to look after themselves and our health care specialists and the **Auxillary nurses from Princess Clinic** were able to answer questions and assist the students.

**Wilro Park Lions** are working with **Principal Barbara**, headmistress of the school. regarding appointments at the **Eye Clinic** for those who need spectacles.

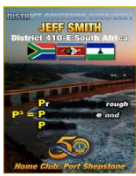
**Joshua Saal**, a former student at **Princess High** also addressed the students about cyber bullying/ opening the door for students to speak out.



**This was such a worthwhile Project!**



**(Photos, left to right :)** **Joshua Saal**, past student of Princess High addressing the students / Our Guest Speaker **Doctor Mpho Phalatse** / **Lion Lorraine Scheepers** Convenor of this Project with **Dorothy Chisare** our **HealthCommittee Chairman** / **Lion Susan Labuschagne** and assisted with Blood Pressure readings : **Lions Sydney van Heerden and Roleen Hunter** did the Vision Screening using **Tony** the Spot Machine.



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### THE 2021 WILRO LIONS AMAZING RACE

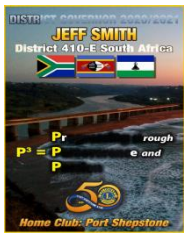
The day started at 11am with Registration at the **PASSPORT CONTROL** office at the **Lions Club of Wilro Park**, once booked in they got ready for their first task *SHALL WE DANCE?* Each couple had to perform a waltz with our professional dancers, here they would also each receive a free Dance Lesson Voucher and once completed move on the *WHO HAS GREENFINGERS* at the local nursery where they had to collect their complimentary plant, from their the route took them to the PRINCIPALS OFFICE at **PATHWAYS** where children can reach their highest potential, here there was also an Easter Egg Hunt for the children and the team had to bring a **LIONS COMFORT KIT** or **DIGNITY HANDBAG** back with them, they could then move on to **ABSOLUTE SECURITY** to **CRACK THE CODE**. In the box they would find their next clue with a packet of sanitary products to keep a girl in school, these had to be delivered to **ALICE ART GALLERY**, take a selfie & collect their free coffee voucher, before they would get their next clue but not before completing the *SHOT OF THE DAY* and *LONGEST DRIVE Challenge* at the Driving Range. From there it was on to *BE OUR GUEST* at the **BE OUR GUEST SPA** at Ramkiki where they would enter a lucky draw for a Spa Voucher... the route then continued on to their first *PITSTOP* at the **Pitstop Diner**, then on to the farmyard at **GARDEN WORLD, NGWENYA LODGE, ZEST FOR LIFE** where they had to find our **WILRO LIONS GRAVEL CYCLE RACE** poster and take a pic, from there the route took them to **EYE SPY WITH MY LITTLE EYE** at the graffiti wall covered in eyes, they then had to search for gold at the **old KROMDRAAI GOLD MINE** and once they had found their gold nugget had to carry on to the Cradle of Humankind, then to **Cherry Ranch** for photographs with their favourite Western actor, they then headed for the **FINAL DESTINATION** at **HERITAGE LODGE** where their final task was to make a **SNUGGLER SLEEPING BAG** from plastic newspaper and duct tape, complete the **MADE ESPECIALLY FOR YOU LIONS SNUGGLER LABEL** for a homeless person and end on the mat to hand in their **PASSPORT** with all the relevant stamps and their Itineraries plus items which had to be collected along the way.

All in all it was a great **Lions Awareness Day Project** as 38 Teams made their way from the Lions Club of Wilro Park in Roodekrans through Muldersdrift to the Heritage Lodge where prize giving took place all displaying the Lions logo, Gazebo and banners.

The Route was marked with **LIONS AMAZING RACE** posters and all photographs had to display the **PROUD TO BE A LION** logo and the #proudtobealion and #lionsawarenessday. These appeared in all the photographs on facebook as well as on our website. Everyone was a Winner – they had enjoyed fun and fellowship, free coffee vouchers, a complimentary plant as well as their Goody Bags and because Kindness Matters, they did some Random Acts of Kindness, made a Snuggler for a homeless person and raised awareness for Lions Clubs International and the very worthwhile projects which we do...

Prizes included an Overnight stay at the Lodge for the Overall Winners along with a Boot organizer and other goodies, Runner's up received a Meal Voucher for two in their Boot organiser and **TEAM OF THE DAY** also received an Overnight B & B Stay at the Lodge. **MASK OF THE DAY** received a voucher for a PHOTOSHOOT at a studio and a lovely ladies purse and mask. **SHOT OF THE DAY** & **LONGEST DRIVE** were also winners. Much fun was had by all!

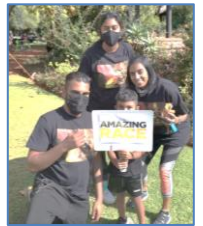
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Photos from Wilro Park Lions' AMAZING RACE. (Report on Page 4)



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## LIONS AWARENESS PROJECT;

### HELDERKRUIJN, WILRO PARK AND CLEARWATER CYBER LIONS CLUBS.

It was a great morning even though there were only 3 Clubs able to participate. They were

\***Helderkruijn Lions** who showed their enthusiasm for the Guide Dog Association. They support this wonderful project when they donate R10 000 annually towards the training of a guide dog for a deserving recipient.

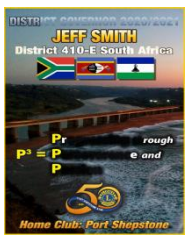
\***Clearwater Cyber Lions** displayed *Spekbome* which play an important role in protecting our environment. They also provided a *Diabetes Screening and Blood Pressure* station where the Public could ascertain whether they are a possible candidate for this disease which is controllable if caught in the early stages.

\* **Wilro Park Lions** play an important role in the lives of little ones who have been diagnosed with Paediatric Cancer. They provide comfort packs for the little ones that are packed with useful items like face cloth, soap, toothpaste and also colouring books and crayons etc to keep them busy while undergoing their chemotherapy treatment. They also invited the Cancer Association and CHOC who were very happy to share their knowledge with the Public regarding this prevalent disease.

The Lions in our area are extremely grateful to *Clearwater Mall Marketing Department* for their incredible generosity every year. They allow us the use of the Piazza where we are able to meet up with many members of the Public to help them understand what our organization is about and how we assist our Communities in living up to our motto - "We Serve" This year, they even donated a Gift Card of R500 which we used in a very subtle way. We got the Public to go to each stall to retrieve the answer to a "Lionistic" question; this way, we had a lot more interaction with the Public!

Of course, we had Wally the Rhino there for the children to leave their handprints on his hide. Grateful thanks to Lion Rusty from Mafikeng Lions for driving him all that way!!

(Editors Note; there were just too many photos to give captions so its more of a collage. The Photos are on the next pagr.)



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### ANNUAL MEET AND GREET – LIONS AWARENESS PROJECT. HELDERKRUIJN, WILRO PARK AND CLEARWATER CYBER LIONS CLUBS.

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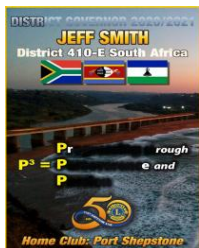
Glyn Easton handing over the prize to Kamilla Smith. Photo: Supplied.

#### Lions Clubs host meet and greet

**Strabens Valley** — The trendy faces of the community humiliated to tip the food coast of Clearwater Mall, 15 May. Lions Club Wilro Park, Helderkruijn Lions Club and Clearwater Cyber Lions set up shop at the mall in the hope of mingling with the community to spread their important message of goodwill. The morning event was also an opportunity to strengthen their partnerships and acknowledge several of their beneficiaries. Guests on the day included Centre Association of South Africa, CHOC and South African Guide-dogs Association. Additionally, the Lions collective presented awareness campaigns for diabetes, blood pressure and pancreatic cancer. Clearwater Mall members also pitched in, giving away a R200 mall voucher to one lucky young shopper. "It is important that all the clubs work together as it is not just about one club, but giving back to the community as a team," said Lions Club Wilro Park President, Sandy van Heerden. — jayjay@jeffsa.co.za



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### WELTEVREDEN LIONS CLUB

The club together with the **Chicken Runners Vespa Club** assisted with the repairs of the electric wheelchair.

#### **Photo 1 & Photo 2**

**Lion James, LP Danny with Pieter Pretorius from the Chicken Runners** and **Jacqdell van Staden** with her repaired chair.

#### **Photo 3**

**Weltevreden Lions** donated 20 blankets, 200 pairs of booties and 200 beanies to **Beanies Booties and Blankets** for distribution to rural hospitals.



### **SOME MORE NEWS FROM PORT SHEPSTONE LIONS.**



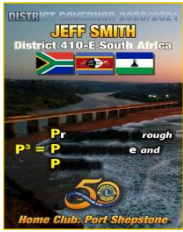
The presentation of Binoculars and other items on their "wish list" to NSRI. Pictured are Lions Neville and Anske.

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### PORT SHEPSTONE ANNUAL GOLF DAY.

The 2021 Annual **Port Shepstone Lions/Trellidor Charity Golf Day**, held on Saturday 22nd May was a great success with a full field of players. Members of the Club manned the Lions/Curnow KZN stand at the 17th hole where they treated players to "light" refreshments and plenty of encouragement for the challenging hole that lay ahead of them. During the official prize giving ceremony, **Club President Mike Heathcote** expressed gratitude on behalf of the club to main sponsor, **Roll A Fold/Trellidor**, the many other sponsors and individuals who contributed so generously and to all the golfers who supported the event. He also thanked project **convener, Lion Jean Masson** and his team for organising the event and sponsorships, all Lions and Lion Ladies who participated and the Port Shepstone Country Club for hosting the event.

**Approximately R75 000-00 was raised for the charity!**

The prize giving ceremony was followed by a very enjoyable gathering at the Port Shepstone Lions Den with live music courtesy of Ian Jones and Eoin Welsh (**Flat Tyre Groove**) and Ian Stewart, Peter Barker, Stanley Payne and Dave Freese (**Pisd**)



#### Official Results :

- 1st: - Hans & Marietjie Stols - 47 pts
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- 2nd: - Cecelia Verster & Yzelle Greyling - 46 pts o.c.o
- 3rd: - Justin Hinchliff & Robbie Coutts - 46 pts o.c.o



1. **Eoin Welsh & Ian Jones** of **Flat Tyre Groove**.
2. **Jesse Verster & John Beekman** enjoying a beer or 2 in the Lions Den.
3. **Sandy Danckwerts & Roger Ireland** Enjoying the festivities in the Lions Den.



### PORT ALFRED LIONS CLUB



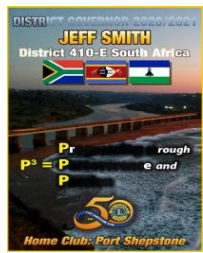
Crowd 1 and Crowd 2; The Crowd of participants at the final stop enjoying fellowship with the PA Lions.

**TRIVIA.** We are back with our Trivia evenings. This is part of the clever people.



**Car run** - Braai master **Lion Max** braaiing the burgers and boerie.





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### EAST COAST LIONS CLUB

**East Coast Lions** collaborated with **We Care Mother Africa** on a huge Manhattan Sweet distribution. The donation came from **Premier Foods FMCG**. The consignment constituted of almost a ton. The sweets were sent to impoverished areas for distribution. Children & adults welcomed the treats. Thank you to **Lions Krishnie and Danesh** for serving over 2000 people



### Valley of a Thousand Hills Towel distribution

50 towels donated to **Thomas More College** who donates food clothing to the children of **The Valley of a Thousand Hills**. Thank you to **Lions Saroj and Krishnie** for driving the distribution.



### Lions Awareness

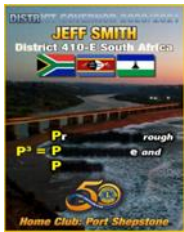
**(Right)** The East Coast Lions family met (whilst observing COVID-19 protocols) during the month to create awareness of Lions and the great work performed



### PORT SHEPSTONE LIONS

**River Clean up:** Collecting on the river banks where most of the rubble is found.





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### HIBBERDENE LIONS CLUB

After nearly 18 months of being unable to deliver eye clinic services to the community, **Hibberdene Lions** have entered into an agreement with **SOS Optometrists** to test patients' eyes and issue scripts for us to send to **Brightsight**. By retaining a stock of used frames (complete with lenses) we are able to offer bi-focal and multi-focal spectacles in addition to single vision. Patients choose frames from our stock and they are sent by courier to Benoni, along with the script.



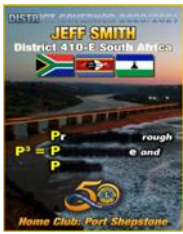
**Maria Meyer** of Hibberdene checks out her new multi-focals from Brightsight, with **LP Brian Porteous**.



### ALBERTON LIONS CLUB

#### FOOD DONATION





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## ALBERTON LIONS CLUB

Awesome **Alberton Lions** golf day 9 holes for hunger. Thank you to everyone who supported us. **Reading Golf Club** a big thank you the venue was great. To all the players thank you!. A big thank you to the **sponsors** that donated prizes. To **the Alberton Lions** members for all your hard work and commitment especially **Lion Jim** for the coordinating. Together we can continue helping those less privileged with daily meals. Our food projects have filled many tummies over the past year and with your help we can continue to do so.



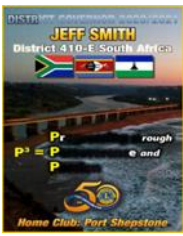
**Blood Donation**

**Alberton Lions** blood donation is an ongoing project. 2 members also donated platelets. Doing what we can when we can to make a difference.



**3300 Instant Porridge Meals Delivered**

Alberton Lions supports 4 nursery schools in the JHB South area, purchased and delivered the bulk supplies as well as **3300 instant porridge** meals this is done on a regular basis.



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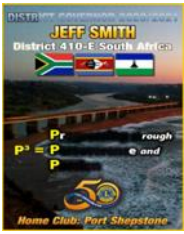
### HELDERKRUIN LIONS CLUB:

On Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> May, **Helderkrui Lions** descended on the under-privileged at numerous robots around many of the areas in Roodepoort. They had gathered on the Saturday to pack 50 food parcels to distribute to these unfortunate individuals who were braving the cold to ask the drivers/passengers of passing cars for assistance but were not being very successful. **LIONS to the rescue!!** They were all so grateful to receive the food parcels and their smiles said it all.



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### ALBERTON LIONS CLUB.

On 30 April, Alberton Lions did 42 eye tests were conducted by our Lions Brightsight Optometrist at Corrie Oberholzer and Kinross retirements residences in Germiston this week. 39 pensioners received glasses. Thank you to our optometrist Hajra, Kirsty from Lions Brightsight, Lion Tiaan Kotze, Marie Greyvenstein and Jean Ingram from the Ward 37 committee as well as all the Lions members and prospective Lions who assisted.



*“Well, that’s all*



*for now, Folks”*