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The official Newsletter of District 410E
Making a real difference in our communities



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FROM THE DESK OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR PATRICK



Dear Fellow Lions,

Many thanks to all those clubs who participated in Childhood Cancer Month, raising awareness about childhood cancer and demonstrating their support for children with cancer, the survivors and their families. It was great to see many clubs getting into the spirit of things by wearing flip flops at their meetings and then donating the proceeds to CHOC.



Our 410E “**Making A Real Difference**” service journey continues in March with an Environment month focusing on the Conservation of our Natural Resources in support of:

- World Wildlife Day on 3rd March (Thursday)
- National Water Week on 15th to 22nd March
- World Water Day on 22nd March (Tuesday)
- Earth Hour on 26th March (Saturday)



This cause is very close to my heart, and Bernice and I are often to be found in our local Faerie Glen Nature Reserve removing Lantana Camara, Cat's Claw Creeper and Bugweed, some of South Africa's worst invasive plants.



The theme of World Wildlife Day 2022 is “**Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration**”. According to figures by the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List of Threatened Species, over 8,400 species of wild fauna and flora are critically endangered, while close to 30,000 more are understood to be endangered or vulnerable. Based on these estimates, it is suggested that over a million species are threatened with extinction.



We have the power to change course and restore threatened species and their habitats. As Lions let us help chart a path towards a sustainable future, with the goal of living in harmony with nature.

Warm regards,

Patrick

District Governor 410E
2021/2022



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MESSAGE FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DOUGLAS X ALEXANDER



Dear Lion,

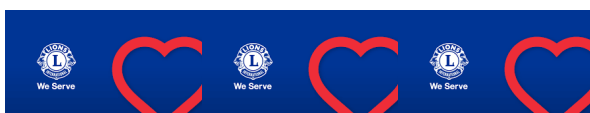
Our Lions family brings together people of all ages, experiences, cultures and character, and we are united by a common passion – service. What makes you special and unique is also what makes you exactly the right person your community depends on to make a difference every day.



By embracing our diversity, we're celebrating how our kindness transcends borders and our service is without exception. And when we give every member the opportunity to lead, grow and pursue their passions, our service will be without limits. Let's never forget to celebrate who we are, what makes each of us so special, and how we can accomplish anything together when we let our passion for service shine through.

Yours in Service,
Douglas X. Alexander
International President

Herewith the hyperlink to the latest Newsletter from IP Douglas X. Alexander
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IF YOU EVER DOUBTED THE IMPORTANCE OF LIONS ALERT IN YOUR CLUB



MAMELODI FLASH FLOOD 5 FEBRUARY 2022
(By Lions Alert Co-ordinator, Lion Theo Nel-Lions Club of Pretoria South)



Please take the time to read this incredible act of Service from the Heart, and the importance of Lions Alert.



During the night of Friday the 4th of February 2022, the Pienaar River came down in flood and destroyed or badly damaged shacks in Mamelodi. Over 700 people were displaced and evacuated to the Mamelodi West and Nellmaphius Halls by the Tshwane Disaster Management Centre. Others were also relocated to the Trans Oranje Hall and in Hammanskraal.



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Lion Owen from the Lions Club of Pretoria South and who lives close to the flooded area, reported the destruction on the Lions Club of Pretoria South WhatsApp group. Lion David reported it as well from what the information he had received on social media. Following these alerts, Lion David put out a request for pledges for funds to assist those in need. Within a short period of time, R9 900 was pledged by Members and Friends of the Lions Club of Pretoria South.



Lion Theo, as the Lions Club of Pretoria South Alert Coordinator, met with Lion Owen in Mamelodi to assess the damage and meet with the residents at the Nellmaphius Hall. They were able to establish who the main individuals were that were managing the Centre together with the local Councillor. Their immediate plea was for food as most people had not eaten since the evening before. The Lions Club of Pretoria South were able to deliver 100 x 500g TRRC Nutrition packs of cereal (500 meals and suitable for children from 6 months), for immediate consumption plus 200 bowls and 100 plastic containers as well as 200 spoons to utilize to serve the meals. Whilst the displaced persons had access to toilets there was no toilet paper which was soon remedied by purchasing a bag of 48 toilet rolls and dropped off at the facility.



Further needs that were identified was for mattresses, blankets, baby formula, clothing, toiletries, sanitary pads. Once again the Lions Club of Pretoria South sprang into action.

A recent visitor to the Club was Cllr Cindy Billson from Centurion who also sits on the Tshwane Disaster Management Team serving on the social responsibility committee and Lions Gizella, David and Cllr Cindy put together a team of volunteers to make sandwiches at the Wierda Park Reformed Church, whilst a pot a veggie soup was on the go.



By the afternoon of Saturday, the 5th of February, the community had supplied a 4-burner gas cooker and 2 large and 1 smaller 9kg gas bottles to the Nellmaphius Hall. This was invaluable as Lions Gizella and David brought sandwiches and a pot of soup for immediate consumption as well as 350kg of fresh veggies donated by Eat Your Greens to the Nellmaphius Hall, where 250 people had registered for support. Three cooking pots were also "loaned" to help get things going. Through the local Councilor's some of the food donated by other donors and sandwiches were also taken to the Mamelodi West Hall.

On Saturday afternoon, Lion Theo was called to the Tshwane Disaster Management Centre for a quick briefing and to meet the Disaster Management Team. This proved to be incredibly helpful firstly to meet with them and get a clear understanding how they operate. Until then Lion Theo wasn't aware of their existence as until then, the presumption was that Disaster Management was covered by the Fire Department, EMS, TMPD, Health Department, etc. as separate entities. This team took control and despatched the operation utilising the above-mentioned departments to carry out the necessary work within their specialized areas. They had been in action since the evening of the 4th of February during the height of the floods. (More under lessons learnt.) They also explained that mattresses and blankets were being delivered on Saturday the 5th of February during the evening to the 5 centres (sadly, 1 centre was later excluded from operations as they looted the truck delivering supplies). The initial delivery turned out to be very short of supplies, as the numbers in need had swelled from 250 to 700 at the Nellmaphius Hall and 70 to 170 at the Mamelodi West Hall by Sunday, 6th February. As such, more mattresses and blankets were delivered.



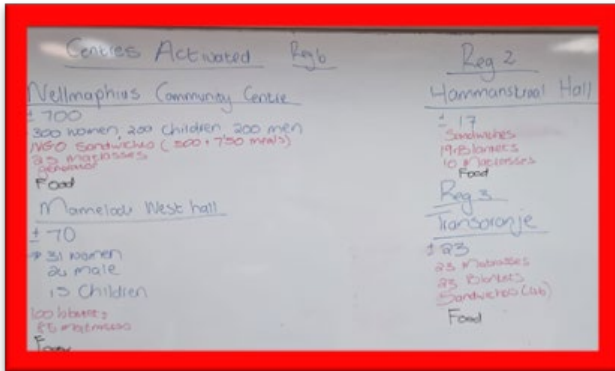
On Saturday, 5th February during the evening Lion Theo received a call from Executive Mayor Randall Williams' assistant advising that the Executive Mayor was about to enter the Nellmaphius Hall and was hoping to thank the Lions Club of Pretoria South for what we had done so far, with special reference to the quick reaction to the needs of the flood victims. Unfortunately, the Lions of Pretoria South had already left the facility and were preparing for the next day. Executive Mayor Randal Williams will be visiting the Club on the 1st of March to personally thank the Lions.





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Lion Lord and the owners of Little Varsity Nursery were hard at work making pots of mash and soya mince. The community at the Mamelodi Hall were very grateful for this loving gesture.



Friends of Anthony (Little Varsity Nursery) also donated 50 Ladies packs and clothes to the Mamelodi hall "residents". The 23 people at the Trans Oranje Hall were supplied with sandwiches and 20 kg mielie meal.

Lion Theo's experience is that all the donations have been used on site, handed out to the people housed at the Halls and stored and controlled by the kitchen staff who are members of those within the community, displaced by the floods, who put their hands up to do what needs doing – feed 100's of fellow community members, clean the toilets and sweep the Halls.

Sunday morning dawned with a meeting at the Tshwane Disaster Management Centre with a recap of where they currently stood with the increased numbers. It was at this point that the Disaster Management Team handed over to the Social Department.

As per the list of needs, "red" was what had been delivered and "black" was what was still needed – food, toiletries, sanitary, baby food and nappies, cleaning materials.



Sunday saw Lion Gerrit and Lions Lady Rita assisting at the Wierda Park Reformed Church together with Lion President Suzette (Lions Club of Centurion) and 2 Friends packing donated clothes and kitchen items (including much needed plates and bowls).

These were delivered to the Nellmaphius Hall on Sunday mid-day. By then Gift of the Givers, Not In My Name, Churches and Shoprite Checkers were delivering much needed supplies as well. Lists of needs were obtained from the Nellmaphius and Mamelodi West Halls. Many of the items were bought on Monday and delivered to the Halls. Gas for the cooking became a new urgent necessity. 9Kg bottles were refilled at both Halls.



Monday evening, the 7th of February, Lions Theo and Owen delivered sanitary pads, Vaseline, toothbrushes and toothpaste, bathing soap and baby's nappies to the two Halls. R9 900 does not go very far when trying to provide for over 700 people but it sure makes a big difference in their lives. The Lions were always well received by the residents at the Halls and recognised – "The Lions are here" was often heard.





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LIONS CLUBS

The Pulse/Heartbeat of our District



February being the month of Childhood Cancer Awareness, here are few initiatives undertaken by the Clubs in District 410E



Lions Club of Pretoria South

Making a difference during national childhood cancer awareness month. Comfort Kits and kiddies "ride-on's" were handed over to CANSA-TLC. CHOC will receive the monies raised through the "Flip Flop" Stock Day sales and donations received.

In the meantime, Lion Theo had made an application to the Multiple District for a R10 000 grant from the Louis Volk Disaster Relief Fund. These monies came through later during the course of the week which was utilized to purchase of cleaning materials, soap for washing clothes and replace the "loaned" pots that we are clearly not going to get back as they are working 24/7.

The Tshwane Council have extended their assistance at the Mamelodi and Nellmaphius Halls until the end February. This then begs the question, "then what?" - The people living in shacks along the Pienaar's River are constantly at risk living within the flood zone. Whilst this is a political hot potato for the Tshwane City Council, it was a humanitarian catastrophe and Lions were able to spring into action and give aid to our fellow Community members because "We Serve"

Lessons Learnt:

1. There is a Disaster Management Centre in Tshwane, and we need to be in contact with them more often. I will be sharing this information at our next Zone meeting.
2. The cleaning materials can go a lot further if we supply 25L containers for the concentrates to be diluted and mixed properly.
3. Who is looking after the Emergency Services personnel? Here is an opportunity to serve in a different way.
4. Lion Theo had not applied for a Louis Volk Disaster Relief grant before, and this could have been done quicker if he was familiar with the process and forms. Is a WhatsApp application acceptable? The application form is in PDF and needs to be printed, signed, scanned and sent. A problem if you don't have a printer at home.
5. The Council is able to provide mattresses and blankets – beyond our budget.
6. Many different organisations provide aid.
7. **The Council is steering a freight liner, Lions are on jet skis and can run around a lot quicker.**
8. **We can and DO make a difference, however small we might think it is.**

Estimated value of assistance and donations	
Total	R55 190
Number of Lions	7
Lions Ladies and Friends	12
Lion hours	71 (still ongoing)
L Ladies and Friends hours	48



Lions Club of Benoni van Rhyn

On the 12th of February, the Lions Club of Benoni van Rhyn celebrated the induction of a new member and in celebration of Childhood Cancer month, all members wore flip-flops and short to the meeting. A really fun and special meeting.





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Lions Club of Benoni Lakes

The Lions Club of Benoni Lakes held their meeting with an extra special cause! In support of CHOC's Flip Flop Day our members grabbed their flip flops and shorts to attend the February General Business Meeting on 8th February. R2350 will be donated to CHOC for this one and only change to our normal dress code – in the words of LP Beaulieu Maré 😊



Lions Club of Alberton Host

The Lions Club of Alberton Host thanks Doc Zolela Ngcwabe - CEO of Department of Health - for the donation of 30 brand new bras towards the Clubs Bra and Knockers project for the Baragwanath Cancer Clinic. This will make such a difference as between 100 - 120 ladies visit the clinic on a monthly basis month.



The CANCER Shavathon held on 26th February supported by the Lions Club of Alberton Host.

Lions Club of Vereeniging

The Lions Club of Vereeniging handed over 18 Lions Care Bags CANSA at the Shavathon held on 26th February.





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Lions Club of Helderkruijn

The Lions of Helderkruijn worked at the Clearwater Mall Shavathon on Saturday 26th February.



Lion Jonquill was a whizz with the clippers and scissors (and even includes the beard if you ask nicely!) 😊



Lions Club of Wilro Park

3 of the Lions Club of Wilro Park prospective young Lions assisting at the CANSA Shavathon at Cradlestone Mall held on 26th February 2022.



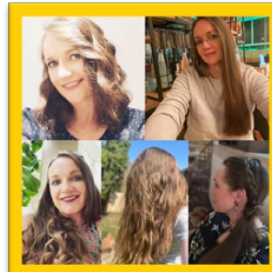
Lions Club of Krugersdorp

A very busy and special day was held by the Lions Club of Krugersdorp on 19th of February. They hosted the Zone meeting in the morning followed by their General Business Meeting in the afternoon. At the Zone Meeting R1790 was collected for CHOCs Flip Flop Day! They inducted two new members at the GBM - welcome to Lions Leana and Dale! The Lions Club of Krugersdorp have over R2000.00 to donate to CHOC.



Lions Club of Pretoria City

In February 2019, Lion Nuala Gage (Lion Secretary for 2021-2020) was challenged to grow her hair in order to donate 30cm for a wig for a cancer patient in 2022. Three years later, on the 18th of February, she did just that – what an awesome gesture.



Lions Club of Midrand

Lion Melanie from the Lions Club of Midrand and her sister Claire took themselves off on the 26th February and each donated 30cm for a wig for a cancer patient. Well done girls! And by the way you look stunning.





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Lions Club of Roodepoort Clearwater Cyber

The Roodepoort Clearwater Cyber Lions Club were also out and about supporting the CANSA Shavathon on 26th February. Zone Chairman Rowan you are rocking those colours!



Lions Club of Gonubie

DG Patrick and CS Bernice were out and about and visited the Lions Club of Gonubie who were hard at work at the CANSA Shavathon at the Vincent Park Shopping Centre in East London. Great fun was had for a worthy cause.



Lions Club of Kensington

On 17th of February, Lion Albert from the Lions Club of Kensington delivered peanut butter sachets to Kids Haven which will make huge difference in a lot of children's lives. No child should go to bed hungry.



Lions Club of Port Alfred

The Lions Club of Port Alfred received a donation of 168 packets of sanitary towels when DG Patrick and CS Bernice visited their club in December. These were donated by the Acorn Foundation in Centurion. Newly inducted Lion Paula Stander, a Registered Nurse, visited the Kuyasa School in Namanto Township and presented the sanitary towels to 38 Matric learners.



This school was chosen in recognition of their fine record of Matric results over the past three years. Lion Paula discussed the importance of looking after their health from a young age and the challenges of matric with the girls. The learners, principal and teachers were enthused by Lion Paula's knowledge and have invited her to return.





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Lions Branch Club of Fourways

A huge donation was received by the Lions Branch Club of Fourways from Christine & Alistair Kennedy that went towards making a difference in so many lives. Lion Janine Phillipson-Turner from Indocom Cleaning Services arranged the donation as well as the transport and delivery to the various recipients. A special delivery of beds & other preloved furniture was made to Hearts of Hope, which provides a safe home for vulnerable children.



Lions Club of Port Alfred



Port Alfred Lions provided free sugar diabetes screening to patrons at the Rosehill Mall on Saturday 12th February. 87 people requested testing under the supervision of trained nurses. Those who's reading is considered to be over the recommended limits, were advised to consult their doctors or attend a clinic. The Lions will be carrying out more screenings in the future.



Lions Club of Shelley Beach



On Sunday 20th February, a member of the Lions Club of Shelly Beach received a call from a young man called Lwande, asking if he could donate some food to the Shelly Beach Lions as he read online of what they do for the community. He was told that he was most welcome and he then phoned again to ask as to whether a member could pick the package up from him in Manaba.



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Off went the Lions member and met with the Lwande and he told them that it was his 22nd birthday and he had received some money for his birthday and decided that he would rather give this to people who need it more than him. As such, he took his birthday money and bought some groceries to donate to the Lions Club of Shelly Beach. Lwande said that he would rather give than receive and hoped that this donation would make a difference in someone life. The Lions Club of Shelly Beach salute you Lwande for you kindness and yes everything (big or small) makes a difference to people who are in need.

This young man is a genuine hero in this world.



Lions Club of Johannesburg The Wilds

On the 7th of February, Lion Richard Marchant of the Lions Club of Johannesburg The Wilds delivered much needed food to CHOC Home in Saxonwold/



Approximately one month ago, Lion Matshepo Mahlangu visited the Ephraim Zulu Aged Care Centre in Soweto and the staff at the Centre appealed for a 3 tier tea trolley to assist with meal deliveries to the aged residents of the home. Lion Matshepo proceeded to raise this request at The Lions Club of Johannesburg The Wilds General Business Meeting held early in February. The Club unaimously supported the project and a suitable trolley was ordered and handed over on Wednesday 23rd February to the senior staff of the home.



On this occasion, Lion Matshepo and Lion President Mark were given a tour around the accommodation, dining and kitchen facilities. It is their hope that more Lions Clubs members will visit Ephraim Zulu Aged Care Home in the future as they run an incredible facility and their needs are ongoing.



Depicted above is one of the accommodation blocks at Ephraim Zulu Aged Care Home in Soweto. There are 4 residents per bedroom.

Lions Club of Midrand

Lion Alberto, Community Services Chairman of the Lions Club of Midrand visited Margaret, owner of Prince & Princess Creché in Ivory Park following an appeal from her for assistance in getting much needed items. On his initial assessment visit, the Lions Club of Midrand donated 30 kilograms of mealie meal for which they were most grateful.



Soon after the initial visit, Adventures For Love donated a number of items that appeared on their wish list to the Lions Club of Midrand for Prince and Princess Creché. These were received with grateful thanks.




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On 26th February, the **Lions Club of Midrand Eye Clinic** was in full swing again in partnership with the students from the University of Johannesburg. Approximately 36 patients were seen with 18 prescriptions going to Lions Brightsight.





1925



Lions become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness"

Lions Club of Port Rex

On 26th February, DG Patrick and CS Bernice joined Zone Chairperson Jeanette and members of the Lions Club of Port Rex on a visit to Pet Pals, an animal rescue centre outside East London which take care of approximately 200 dogs and 89 cats. The Lions Club of Port Rex donated a prefab house and also support them with pet food on a monthly basis. In the words of PDG Geila Wills (District 410W), that is pawsome!



This was followed by a visit to Masithethe (previously Lifeline) in East London, who provide free counseling services to over 800 people per month, mostly gender-based violence and depression cases. The Lions Club of Port Rex support the with monthly contributions for their soup kitchen. Lion Morgan heads the Hudson Park Lions Cubs, a group of school children doing community work. On Saturday 26th February, the cubs were at Masithethe to learn about the centre and work in the garden. Masithethe in isiXhosa means "let's talk".





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What does it mean to sponsor a LEO Club?

(By DC LEOs, Lion President Ashley Stander)

When you sponsor a LEO Club, you can bring new energy to your Lions Club while providing leadership and service opportunities for young people in your community. A LEO Club can increase your Lions Club's visibility within the community with exposure to new audiences, including young professionals, students, parents and families.

LEO Club sponsorship gives Lions an opportunity to mentor potential community leaders and recruit future Lions Club members. The sponsoring Lions Club should guide and motivate the LEOs involved in the programme. By working closely with LEOs, Lions ensure that their sponsored LEO Club operates within and benefits from the policies of Lions Clubs International.

NEWSFLASH – NEW LEO CLUB

Herewith an extract from the letter received from Lions Clubs International:

“Dear Centurion Lions Club,

I am pleased to inform you that Tuks a LEO Club was officially chartered on February 23, 2022.”



And these young and enthusiastic LEOs jumped right in and did the first project on Saturday 26th February in conjunction with the Lions Club of Centurion, doing a garden and general clean up at CHOC House in Lyttleton, Pretoria. **A huge welcome to TUKS LEOs.**



There are a lot of ways young adults can give back to their community. Being a Leo is much more than just service. Choosing to become a Leo will help you grow as an individual and as a leader as you join a global family of Lions making the world a better place.



#proudtobealion #lionsawarenessday

Before starting a LEO Club, it is important for the Lions Club to have the following:

- Support from all members of the Lions Club.
- Willingness and time to commit to the programme long term.
- A current Lions member to serve as the LEO Club Advisor.
- Good financial standing to support the annual LEO Club levy.
- An understanding of and willingness to follow relevant child safety regulations.
- Openness to new ideas and different approaches to service.





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It is also important to **choose the right LEO Club Advisor** as this will ensure the success of your LEO Club. When selecting your LEO Club Advisor, consider appointing someone who:

- Enjoys and is interested in working with young people.
- Is flexible and open to new ideas.
- Has the time and ability to attend all LEO Club meetings and training when needed.
- Is able to establish a positive, cooperative relationship with young people.

**Lions and Leos,
A Great Partnership!!!**




Continue the journey from LEO to Lion

It is also the LEO Club Advisor's job to encourage a relationship between the LEOs and the Lions Club as the liaison between Clubs. LEOs are a great source for potential members of a Lions Club, and Advisors are responsible for presenting LEOs with Lions membership opportunities once they are ready for their next step on the journey of community service.

FUN FACT October is LEO Membership Growth Month. Any LEO who invites three or more new members to their LEO Club during October is eligible to receive the LEO October Membership Growth Award. For more information, visit the LEOs section of the Lions Clubs International website.

IMPORTANT DATES

International LEO Day: This annual celebration on December 5th commemorates the organisation of the first LEO Club on that date in 1957. It also provides an opportunity to applaud LEOs for their dedicated service in the community and recognise their commitment to the LEO Club Programme.

LEO Club Awareness Month: April marks the annual observance of LEO Club Awareness Month. Together, Lions and LEOs raise awareness of LEO clubs and share information about this important youth development programme.

If you have any questions, suggestions or ideas on how to promote Leos in our district, please email Ashley on ashstan73@gmail.com.



**LIONS
BRIGHTSIGHT**
A Multiple District 410 Project



A MESSAGE FROM LCIF TO LIONS BRIGHTSIGHT



Greetings PDG Theron,

I hope you are well!

In advance of your meeting with the Lions Brightsight Management Committee, and your MD410 Council meeting, I wanted to share a short video which expresses LCIF's – and my own – thanks and excitement for the continued collaboration between LCIF and the Lions Brightsight programme in South Africa. We are thrilled to continue to support your programme and look forward to seeing the impact it creates. Please feel free to share this during your meetings.

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I hope you enjoy the video and am excited to hear back from you after your discussions.

Best,

Sam

Sam Mason

Specialist, Global Partnerships // Development Division
Lions Clubs International Foundation





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MARCH – CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

(By DC Environment, Lion Alna Jackson)



05 March - World Wildlife Day



Start by spreading the word of this year's theme, **"Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration"**: Help raise awareness of the status of the world's endangered and critically endangered species, the key role they play for their ecosystems and for the well-being of communities who live near them and beyond, and of the need to continue all efforts to conserve them and their habitats.



Get to know the species that face the most urgent threats in your area and how and you and your community can help conserve them or support ongoing initiatives to do so. You can also familiarise yourself with the efforts of conservationists and of communities who work every day to build a future where our relationship to these species and ecosystems is more balanced and sustainable.

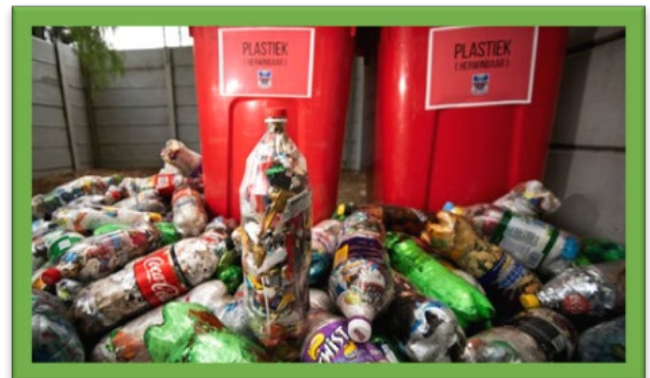
Raise your voice and spread the word on all your social media platforms. Call on people and institutions around you to step up all efforts to conserve vulnerable species near you and around the world.

Read one wonderful success story on this link: [Warriors Of Wildlife](#)

18 March – Global Recycling Day



Global Recycling Day falls on March 18th each year and aims to promote the vitality of recycling across the globe. It is a day for action, for the world to come together to put the planet first, and to change the mind-set of governments, businesses, communities and individuals around the world, to see recyclables as a resource.



Ecobricks

Ecobricking is what is known as "plastic sequestering". Unlike straightforward recycling, ecobricking is hands-on. It can't be outsourced.



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If as an individual you are worried about the amount of thin plastic film or cellophane coming into your home that you know will end up degrading in a landfill, then start shoving the wicked little scraps through a bottleneck with a stick yourself. It's a tedious enough process to make anyone want to stop bringing home anything wrapped in plastic that should be available without the plastic, making ecobricking a way to monitor your own progress towards waste reduction.



However, what to do with the ecobricks can become a problem. The Good Things Guy provides a handy list of organisations to contact on their website : [These are the drop-off points across South Africa for your EcoBricks \(goodthingsguy.com\)](#)

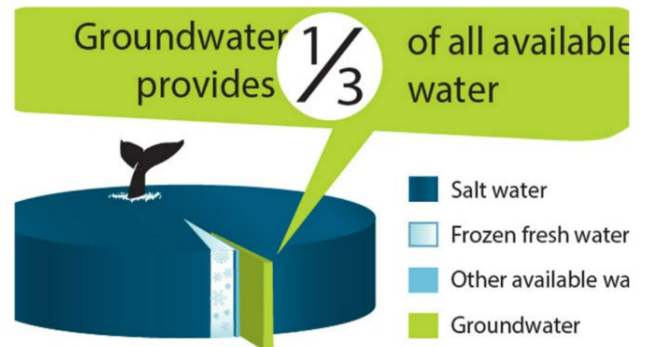


There is also a marvellous [school recycling programme](#) in the Eastern Cape: [School Recycling | DNF WASTE SERVICES](#)

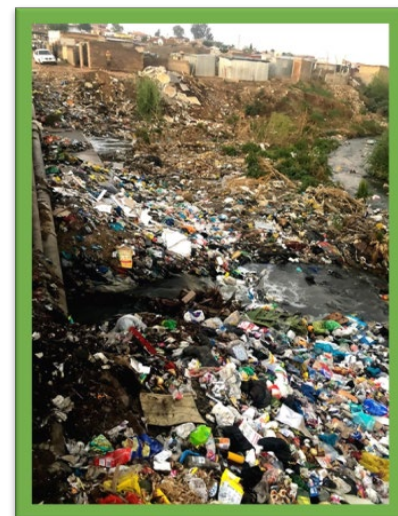
22 March – World Water Day



The purpose of **World Water Day and National Water Week** is to celebrate water and raise awareness of the 2.2 billion people living without access to safe water. Without it, we cannot survive. The international theme for this year is **Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible**.



Groundwater is the water that is in the soil beneath our feet. When it rains, some of the water runs into rivers, but most of the water sinks into the soil. From here, it journeys through the soil and around the rocks. Groundwater is a very important source of water - **it provides almost half of all drinking water worldwide.**



Whilst not every Club is in the position to provide boreholes to the communities we serve, we can do our bit to preserve the water sources at our disposal, i.e. streams, rivers, lakes, lagoons & estuaries. Every year 11 billion kgs of trash enter the oceans via rivers. **The time to clean rivers is now.** Together we can make rivers plastic free again.



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Plan a cleanup near you to change this dire situation, involving the communities who make use of the water. Contact your local Town or City council to assist with the removal of the rubbish collected.

26 March – Earth Hour



Every year millions of people worldwide participate in a global event to raise awareness about climate change and saving energy. The event is known as Earth hour day. All who participate switch off lights in their homes and workplaces for one hour. Now, the Earth Hour 2022 event is here.



We live on a beautiful and unique planet. It's the only planet in the universe that supports life. But human activities are now putting our planet in danger.



Earth Hour was first proposed by WWF in Sydney in 2007. The event involved the simple act of turning off lights for one hour. Around 2.2 million people and 2000 businesses participated in the first Earth Hour event.



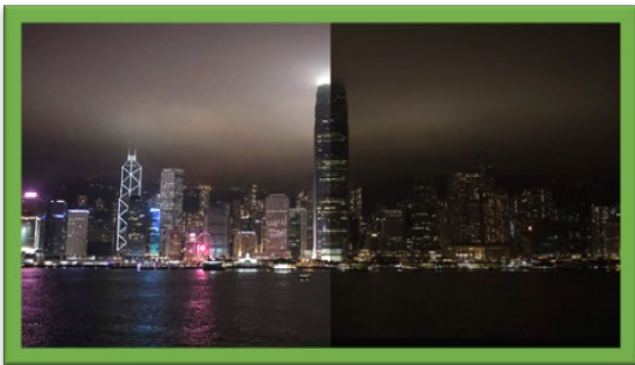
In 2008, Earth hour was celebrated in 35 countries spanning 400 cities around the world. Important world monuments like Empire State (New York, USA), Golden Gate Bridge (San Francisco, USA), Sydney Opera House (Sydney, Australia), Roman Coliseum (Rome, Italy) also joined the campaign.





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By 2018, a decade after the first Earth hour celebration, 187 different countries began participating in the campaign. More than 12,000 monuments turned off their lights showing support for Earth hour.



Join in the celebrations again this year on 26th March at 20:30, saving electricity for an hour - plan & showcase your event!



DISTRICT 410E FINANCE COMMITTEE

(By PCC Mike Newlands, District 410E Finance Committee Chairman)



Why?

The Finance Committee was first introduced in 1992 with the purpose of assisting and advising the District Governor and the Cabinet in matters financial. Whilst not a decision-making Committee, it makes recommendations to the District Governor and Cabinet Members.



Compilation of the Committee?

The District Governor Elect appoints a Chairperson, and they (District Governor and Finance Committee Chairperson) jointly appoint the rest of the Committee, which consists of a minimum of 5 members, 3 all of whom must be Past District Governors and/or Past Cabinet Treasurers. The immediate Past District Treasurer automatically serves for 1 year after leaving office. The District Governor and the Cabinet Secretary serve as executive non-voting members.





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WHY SUCCESSION PLANNING IS IMPORTANT

Duties?

The Committee is charged with reviewing the Cabinet Treasurers Quarterly and Annual Financials, the Budget, and reports with the view of streamlining the financials before making recommendations to the Cabinet.



As we as Lions Clubs approach the time when we will be electing new Club Officers to lead our Clubs, some thoughts around the importance of succession planning.



Succession Planning Is a GRIND – If we do it the old way

The Rules of Audit fall within the duties of this Committee, who once again make recommendations to the Cabinet.



Try shifting from Succession Planning to Talent Development, because that is exactly what it is!

It's not about putting together a state, it's about pulling together people into a Club Community – this strategy has been known to revitalize organisations.

- Change the vernacular – Shift from “Nominations Committee” to “Talent Council”.
- Change from “Nominating Committee Chairperson” to “Chief Talent Scout”.
- Recruit a Team of Scouts who connect people with all the different ways, big and small to get involved.
- Everyone involved in Club Leadership should be Scouts.

During the course of a fiscal year, matters concerning the disbursement of District Funds are referred to the Finance Committee by the District Governor and Cabinet for investigation and recommendation.





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THREE WAYS TO INFLUENCE

<p>LOGICAL APPEALS</p> <p>Tap into people's rational and intellectual positions</p>	<p>EMOTIONAL APPEALS</p> <p>Connect your message, goal, or project to individual goals and values</p>	<p>COOPERATIVE APPEALS</p> <p>Involve collaboration, consultation, and alliances</p>
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How can Leadership help their Clubs?

- Be an active partner in recruiting members to serve on Club Boards. When you are welcoming or onboarding a new member, or when you are talking to a member at a Club or Conference, say to them: "Have you looked at your local Club? Have you looked at the Leadership? Do you know the President? If not, can I facilitate an introduction?"
- Ask District Leaders to recruit colleagues or employees in their companies to join Clubs and to sit on the Boards. They could make it part of their professional development plan.
- Make a personal introduction of a potential leader to a current Club leader. Be a matchmaker!
- Make volunteering more compelling and attractive. Don't talk about the titles that need filling, instead talk about the opportunity for them to be part of a really vibrant community.
- Assist Club leaders to think about the excitement that a volunteer role produces in their lives – something they can share with others?
- Help Club leaders' practice "the ask". Teach members how to frame the conversation about volunteering, how to invite someone to volunteer and how to follow up on that conversation.

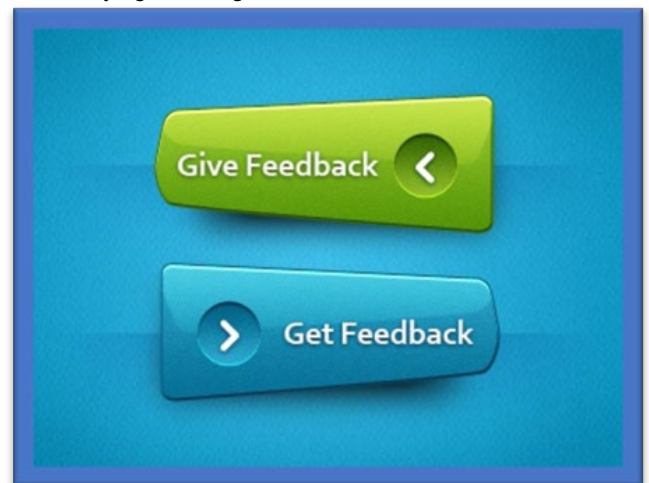


The blossoming of a new Club volunteer

- Engage the new member and bring them into the Club community.
- Connect them to a person, resource or activity.
- Orientate them to what they need to know to be successful in their new role. Assist them in setting goals. Establish expectations and metrics for success.



- Monitor their work. Check in regularly with them, give them gentle reminders if necessary and always keep them in the loop.
- Mentor and coach volunteers in their new roles.
- Recognise and reward them appropriately.
- Always give and get feedback.



REMINDER: Reporting of Club Officers for the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year are due for uploading on MyLCI by no later than 15 May 2022



MyLCI

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MIDRAND (48149) - District 410 E - REP OF SOUTH AFRICA

Officers

Select Term Officer Type

Next Year - Lions Club Officers - 10 title(s) found

Look out for the District 410E Club Officers Training Schedule and make sure you attend this training, even if you are performing in a particular portfolio for a second or third time – things change year on year and you need to ensure that you are "up to speed".

Herewith a hyperlink to the various training presentations:
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/6zmmwpbiysoi852n/AACpwfy6VHEKbmhT5ifAEtrh?dl=0>



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eMONTI MD410 CONVENTION

This is the Xhosa word for East London



ON A LIGHTER NOTE

If you think you're having a bad day, remember the woman standing behind 3 mannequins. 😂😂



2022 MD410 Emonti Convention - East London

Registration is open for the 2022 MD "Emonti" Convention, to be held in East London from 28-30 April.

REGISTER HERE

VISIT THE CONVENTION WEBSITE

Log onto the Lions Multiple District Website and register for the much-awaited IN-PERSON MD410 Convention. Or click on the below hyperlink:

<https://lionsconvention.co.za/>

Registration statistics for District 410E - 27th February are:

Lions Club Name	No. of Registered Lions
Centurion	6
Port Alfred	4
Wilro Park	4
Uitenhage	4
Letaba Tzaneen	3
Rustenburg	3
East London Port Rex	2
Midrand	2
Pretoria Jakaranda	1
Durban South	1
Cowies Hill	1
Roodepoort Clearwater Cyber	1
TOTAL NO.	32

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

