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FROM THE DESK OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR PATRICK

Dear Fellow Lions,



The eMonti Multiple District Convention, held in East London from 28-30 April 2022, was truly memorable! It was so wonderful to see Lions from all over our Multiple District coming together for the first time in 3 years, strengthening bonds of fellowship and celebrating the successes of the year. I've received nothing but praise for a well-organized and enjoyable Convention. On behalf of all the delegates who attended, I extend my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to PDG Ivan Piater, his hard-working Convention Committee, and all the Clubs in Zone 12 who made it happen.



There is an old expression "may you live in interesting times". I would venture that Lions actually live for interesting or challenging times. Looking back over the year, this country has encountered the most unbelievable challenges, notably the worst unrest we've ever seen with the July riots, one of worst natural disasters on record with the April flooding, and the devastating after-effects of 2 years of lockdown restrictions. Lions rose to meet these challenges head on, rising above the constraints of COVID to truly embody our motto "We Serve".







The response to the recent flooding and resultant devastation in KZN being one such example, with Clubs across our District contributing funds to a blanket drive, collecting food and emergency relief supplies, and acting as collection points for donations. Lions Clubs in KZN immediately jumped in to provide much needed support to hardest hit homes and families. The Acorn Foundation reinstituted the Ubuntu flight initiative with CemAir, and together with Seaborne Express transported all the collected supplies down to KZN.



We successfully applied for an emergency grant for US\$10,000 from LCIF, which is being used to purchase emergency relief supplies, which are being distributed via the Lions Clubs in the affected areas to those people in need. On behalf of the people of KZN, I would like to record my heartfelt thanks to LCIF, our partners Acorn Foundation and Seaborne Express for their incredible generosity and support, to all the Lions Club all over our Multiple District who donated money and supplies, and to all the Lions in KZN for delivering much needed relief to their communities



Our 410E "Making A Real Difference" service journey continues in May with our Hunger Alleviation month in support of World Hunger Day on 28th May. Although Hunger Alleviation has been the main focus of Clubs throughout the year, let us try to ensure that nobody goes to bed hungry this winter.



The community service done by Clubs this year has been phenomenal and Lions in District 410E have truly embraced our International President's theme of *Service from the heart*. I have no doubt that by the end of the year we will have achieved my overall goal *to make a million smiles* and wish to I thank each and every Lion for their contribution so far. There is however still much to do in the remaining 2 months to ensure we finish the year on a high, and I am counting on the full support of District 410E.

Warm regards, Patrick.

District Governor 410E 2021/2022



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MESSAGE FRO MDC ALERT THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE



Why the need to be knowledgeable on Climate Change:

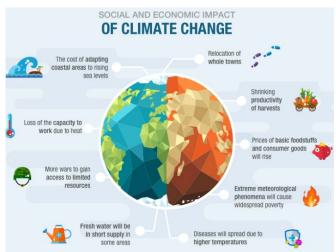
Climate change affects almost every aspect of our lives, from our food sources to our transport infrastructure, clothing worn, where we may choose to go on holiday. It has a huge impact on our livelihoods, our health, and our future. Climate change is the long-term pattern of weather conditions. Climate change and extreme weather events such as heat waves, floods, fires, air pollutants and droughts have a direct impact on 70% of all economic sectors worldwide.



There is reason for concern:

With the increase in temperatures and subsequent heat waves which both the potential to impact adversely on human health. It can also result in damage to crucial infrastructures such as roads, bridges, water systems, electrical grids, dam levels and many more.





What is the effect on individuals and animals?

The impact on human health with worsening air and water quality, increasing the spread of certain diseases. Rising sea levels threaten coastal communities and ecosystems. More frequent and intense drought, storms, heat waves, melting glaciers and warming oceans can directly harm animals, destroy their natural habitat, and wreak havoc on human livelihoods and communities. With the exacerbation of climate change, dangerous weather events are becoming more frequent and severe, as recently observed with the KZN flooding.



How can Lions Clubs mitigate Climate Change? With the increase for humanitarian assistance, this results in our Lions Clubs needing to support local communities with shelter, food, water, blankets, toiletries, etc. It is imperative that Lions Clubs ensure that they play their part in cleaning ups of rivers, tree planting, sustainable vegetable gardens, recycling initiatives, etc.

Look at sustainable projects to assist communities in terms of hunger alleviation, clean environments, purification of water supplies, etc.





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ANNUAL MD410 LIONS AWARENESS DAY – 23 APRIL 2022

(DC Public Relations, LP Sandy van Heerden)

What a success story and it just goes to show that social media really has an impact.



Thanks to the Lions Club of Beacon Bay who timeously sent a write up and photos about their Gonubie Beach Clean-up. Being awarded the coveted blue flag status means a beach meets high environmental and international standards of sustainably. This status does wonders for the local environment and tourism. Each beach is measured according to its performance in the following categories: Environmental Education and Awareness, Water Quality, Environmental Management, and Safety Services. The Lions Club Beacon Bay, East London working in conjunction with the Gonubie Ratepayers Association hosted a beach clean-up on Saturday April 9 at the Gonubie Beach starting at 7:30 featuring "Louis the Lion Fish". Louis has been built by the Lions Club over the past few months and loves to eat beach litter.



R180.00 was budgeted to boost the post to the public living within 40 km of East London who identified in their Facebook profiles that they have an interest in the environment, community issues and volunteering. The response was overwhelming. Over 26000 members of the public saw this advert and over 1800 engaged, meaning they either clicked on the post, read it, commented, or shared it with an engagement rate of approximately 7%.



This level of engagement is usually reserved for international celebrities with a huge social media following, not a Lions Club in South Africa. We hope that this project goes from strength to strength and that the Lions Club of Beacon Bay and Louis the litter eating Lion Fish is able to reach the goal of Blue Flag Status for Gonubie Beach.

April 2022 is Lions Awareness Month in District 410E culminating in

Lions Awareness Day on Saturday 23 April 2022

This year, the focus is all about



This is a perfect opportunity to showcase one of your club's projects to the general public. So start planning your project now.

Please join in by supporting the social media campaign that the district will be running for three weeks prior to 23 April. We need your project success stories to share and boost right across South Africa on social media.



We encourage all Clubs to use social media to its full effect by targeting the public with a story and relevant images rather than just posting on your club's news feed.

Please contact DC Sandy van Heerden if you need any assistance via email at sandyvheerden@gmail.com in this regard.

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A FEW OF THE LIONS AWARENESS PROJECTS DONE BY THE CLUBS OF DISTRICT 410E

Lions Club of Pretoria Jakaranda



The Tree Trail in the Pretoria National Botanical Garden is a self-guided route that starts at the Garden entrance and introduces the visitor to 50 of South Africa's beautiful indigenous trees. It is complimented by a descriptive booklet with information and photos of the trees which are clearly marked. This route is easy to follow for young and old and is approximately one kilometre in distance and can be done in less than 2 hours at a leisurely pace.





What makes this route even more special is that it is now accessible for visually impaired visitors. With the generous assistance and sponsorship of the Lions Club of Pretoria Jakaranda, visually impaired visitors can experience this Tree Route with the aid of either large print or Braille booklets containing information about every tree along the route.



The booklets are available at the Main Entrance, on loan against a refundable deposit of R20. Tree labels are also equipped with a Braille number that corresponds to information in the booklet.

Lions Club of Krugersdorp



The Lions Club of Krugersdorp held their Annual Awareness Day on 24 April 2022 where they set up information tables and a very innovative and unique "photo shoot" – where the winner stood to win an awesome hamper of goodies.





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As they say a picture speaks a thousand words.....some of the pics taken. (3)









The winners of the photoshoot were announced on 1 May which were two of the Lions Club of Krugersdorp's prospective members.



Fabulous gees - well done on a great initiative.

Lions Club of Midrand



The Lions Club of Midrand held at Diabetes Screening at the Kyalami Corner Shopping Centre on 23 April and spoke to shoppers and handed out their Information pamphlets.



And guess where they were positioned – anyone that really knows The Editor will not find it hard to believe!



LIONS CLUBS

The Pulse/Heartbeat of our District



The focus of the month of April was creating awareness amongst the public of what our wonderful and extremely active Lions Clubs do and that is "We Serve".

Service has no geographical boundaries, which was proven by the immediate response to the KZN Floods by many of the Clubs throughout District 410E.



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There were many "on the ground, hands on" projects done by the Lions Clubs of KZN, far too many to cover in the Newsletter, however, here are a few of the activities. To each and every Lions member who got involved, in assisting the plight of those affected by the floods – we salute you.

Lions Club of Cowies Hill



On 17 April, members went shopping for food and a 3-plate gas stove that is on load to the Mariannridge Community Hall to enable them to do their own cooking, as well as 2 large pots. Donations were received of nappies and baby clothes from Baby Hope house, blankets for the babies from our knitting project as well as some underwear, mittens etc.





They delivered 100 loaves of bread, margarine, instant coffee and long-life milk to Mariannridge on 26 April where they are feeding approximately 250 people displaced people.

Lions Club of Krugersdorp

Thanks to the generosity of the Krugersdorp community, the Lions Club of Krugersdorp collected food, clothes, and blankets for KZN flood victims.





Lions Club of Kingsburgh



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The members distributed food on 22 April to the people affected by the floods in eZimangweni thanks to a grant from Lions International.



Lions Club of Nelspruit



Thank you to the Nelspruit Primary School Leaners and parents for their wonderful donations of blankets, clothes, food for the KZN flood victims.



In addition, 1000 x 5 litre bottles of water were loaded and transported down to KZN on 24 April.



Lions Club of North Durban

One of the KZN Clubs, who coordinated the supplies delivered from the various Clubs around the country and who were hands on and at the forefront of disaster management during the devasting floods was the Lions Club of North Durban. Herewith just a few of the projects that they were involved in during this time of crisis.



On 23 April, members made their way down to Molweni Community to deliver food to Chef Khumalo and his team for them to supply much needed meals to those in need.





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Along with various Clubs from Zones 8 and 9, the Lions of North Durban were busy sorting the donations on 27 April. These donations went a long away at helping rebuild the various communities.





Once again on 30 April, the Lions Club of North Durban's "trusty stead" took a few members down to the Molweni Valley to do a food delivery to Chef Khumalo and his team to enable them to continue doing their amazing work of feeding as many members as possible of the community that they can.





Zone 1 (Lions Clubs of Wilro Park, Helderkruin, Weltevreden, Clearwater Cyber, Northcliff and Krugersdorp and Prospective Club of Lenasia) An appeal to the Clubs in Zone 1, Lions, Friends, Family and Community Members was sent out to assist with the donation of non-perishable foods, water, blankets, clothes, baby hampers and toiletries and they were overwhelmed by the amount of goods that were dropped off at such short notice at the Lions Club of Wilro Park Community Centre.



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In addition to the truckload of goods which was sent down, Clubs also donated money to assist with emergency aid and earmarked special items to fill specific needs – they had heard stories of the crèches and schools which had been badly damaged and washed away, the children only had the clothes on their backs, their homes were gone as well as with with all they owned – no problem for Zone 1, as the Lions Club of Helderkruin went shopping for clothes and blankets for the little ones & the Lions Club of Weltevreden packed baby hampers. Obviously, there was an enormous need for food the Lions Club of Krugersdorp Lions hosted a Food Drive and arrived with boxes and boxes of food (see article earlier in the Newsletter).

The Lions Club of Wilro Park Lions packed cases of cans of food, brand new warm blankets, clothes, scarves, and jackets joined by the Prospective Lions of Lenasia who also packed parcels of food, water, and clothes for families. In addition, the Lions Clubs of Clearwater Cyber and Northcliff delivered more boxes of food, water, and clothes.



Well done to Zone 1 in a great collaborative project – many hands make light work!

Lions Clubs of Centurion and Fourways



The 19th of April was a busy day for the Lions Club of Centurion ably assisted by the Acorn Foundation and the Lions Club of Fourways as they loaded goods such as blankets, clothes, and food for the KZN flood victims to be transported to the various shipping destinations.



A car full of clothes and blankets and pillows from the Lions Club of Fourways that was donated by members of the community were added.





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And all service continued to the communities, with various projects not related to the KZN Floods.

Lions Club of Alberton



Hot dogs and Easter Eggs were delivered on 8 April to the nursery school that is one of the Lions Club of Alberton's beneficiaries. Many happy smiles and full tummies for lunch.



Ninety-Four biscuit and Easter egg parcels were delivered to 3 homes for the elderly on 14 April. Making Easter special.



One of the signature projects of the Lions Club of Alberton is their "Mommy Care Bags" and on 21 April 20 mommy care bags were packed and ready to go to the new moms at the South Rand Hospital.



On 30 April an Easter lunch for 300 children at the feeding project in Katlehong was held. As you can imagine there was much excitement and happiness when the Easter Bunny arrived not only with hot dogs and juice but also Easter eggs for all the children.



Lions Clubs of Roodepoort Clearwater Cyber Easter "produce and goodies" were delivered on 26 April to Lekkerrus Home – bringing a bit of cheer into their lives.





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Lions Club of Fourways



40 Bowls 4 Hope were delivered on 14 April to BeaniesforBeings, just in time for Easter. These bowls had been packed with love and each serves 4 people with a healthy meal. This particular organisation is continuously doing good work in the community and the lovely ladies running their charity shop and donations drop off are super friendly and so grateful.



On Monday morning, the 18th of April, the Lions Club of Fourways did an Easter cleanup in Fourways on William Nicol Drive at the Fourways Crossing BP garage. They unfortunately didn't find any Easter eggs but managed to find a few empty wrappers amongst the many pieces of rubbish. Black bags were handed out to the local vendors encouraging them to assist in keeping the area clean. At the end of our path was a Lion Yellow Taxi which fitted perfectly for a great pic and reminding them of the bright sunny day ahead.





A beach cleanup was held on 25 April at Nahoon Beach, with fellow Lions Clubs Centurion and Tzaneen. They also handed out Easter eggs and children's pilot sunglasses to the children in the area. Service has no geographical boundaries!

Lions Club of Gonubie



On 27th April 2022, with grateful thanks to the Acorn Foundation, the Lions Club of Gonubie received a personal delivery of wool all the way from Gauteng which was allocated to a very special group of knitters at Hands On who have undertaken that all the items they knit will be donated to Choc and patients at the Frere Cancer ward.





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Lions Club of Howick

A donation of sanitary towels was made by the Lions Club of Howick to Angel Care in Howick. The Acorn Foundation donated 100 packets and the Lions of Howick matched this donation by adding a further 120 packets.



Lunch was served to 30 children at Angel Care and a short hygiene talk was given to assist in educating the young ladies.

Lions Club of Kensington



On the 16th of April, the Lions Club of Kensington went out on their annual "bunny run" distributing marshmallow Easter eggs to Enthembeni Children's Home, Fire Stations and Police Stations – a small thank you for the service they deliver to the community.



Lions Club of Krugersdorp

On 9 April the residents and children of the upliftment centre of Grace House were treated to hot dogs and Easter eggs as well as the delivery of an almost new gurney.



Lions Club of Midrand



On 30 April, the Lions Club of Midrand held the Monthly Eye Clinic as well as Diabetes screening which is often a cause of bad eyesight. These patients are then referred to their doctor for treatment of this silent killer. All scripts are sent to Lions BrightSight to be filled and then distributed to the patient.







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Lions Club of Port Shepstone

The Lions Club of Port Shepstone hosted an afternoon of fun and games for Seniors at the Sheppie Lions' Den on Saturday 30th April. The Lions Ladies provide the guests with delicious snacks and cakes and the Lions serve the guests their refreshments.





Lions Club of Scottburgh



The Lions of Scottburgh serving and having loads of fun at the last stop 35 kilometre from the finish of the JHB2C Race.



Lions Club of Johannesburg The Wilds



On the 12th of April a few milestones were celebrated by the Lions Club of Johannesburg The Wilds. The first being their 60th Charter Anniversary.

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The second a new member induction.



And the third - a wonderful address given by Charter Member; Lion Dr Les Cooper who is 100 years old.



Congratulations to all for making this such a special occasion.

Lions Club of Vereeniging

The Lions Club of Vereeniging is so excited about their flourishing vegetable garden. With some muscle and hard work from the members of the Lions Club of Vereeniging, a productive and sustainable vegetable garden has been created in an unused area of the River Square Shopping Centre. Shade netting and irrigation have been installed and tomatoes, chilies, butternut, cabbage, carrots, and more are ready for harvesting. The vegetables along with 30 loaves of bread are delivered weekly to Kissington, outside Sharpeville where the Club supports a soup kitchen. What a difference this will make to the local community in Winter.



Lions Club of Wilro Park

World Autism Awareness Day was on 2 April 2022 and what a better way to raise awareness about children living with this condition, other than by highlighting this amazing project conducted with love and care by the Lions Club of Wilro Park.



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Children with autism communicate, interact, behave, and learn in ways different from most other children. Fidget boards and sensory cushions have been found to help autistic children stimulate their intellectual and emotional intelligence.



The Lions Club of Wilro Park, with the input of an Occupational Therapist, have made 10 cushions and 30 fidget boards of varying sizes.



These boards and cushions were presented to 10 schools on the West Rand on 9 April 2022 for use in their classrooms and some of these beautiful creations are going to a brandnew school for autistic children in Kathu in the Northern Cape.





On the Easter Weekend, the members of the Lions Club of Wilro Park distributed Easter eggs to various members of the community.



DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THE LEO LION PROGRAMME?

(DC LEOs, LP Ashley Stander)



Not many people do! The Leo-Lion membership programme offers Leos an opportunity to continue their service journey as Lions members.

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It gives our Leo Advisers a way to keep our youth within our organisation without losing them because of age. It is a *bridging* opportunity from being a Leo to becoming a fully-fledged Lion.



Who can become a Leo-Lion?

Current or former Leos who:

- Have served for at least one year plus one day
- Are the age of legal majority through the age of 35



Becoming a Leo-Lion has great benefits

- 50% discount on international dues
- Entrance or charter fee waiver
- Exclusive Leo-Lion membership pin
- Years of Leo service credited to the Lion record
- LinkedIn Leo-Lion professional networking group exclusively for Leo-Lion members
- Continued connection to the Leo identity under the name "Leo-Lion"

Some quick FAQs

Q: Where can I find out more about the Leo-Lion Programme and all the benefits?

A: Search "Leo-Lion program" at <u>www.lionsclubs.org</u>, or email <u>membership@lionsclubs.org</u>



Q: Can a former Leo still be a Leo-Lion even if they left the organisation for a period of time?

A: Yes, Leos are always welcome to serve as Leo-Lion members, if they still meet the criteria for eligibility.



Q: Can Leo-Lions serve on Committees, Cabinets, Councils, and more?

A: Yes! Leo-Lions are professional, skilled leaders who are passionate about serving their communities. LCI encourages Multiple Districts and Districts to include Leo-lions on their Councils and Cabinets.

Leos have been serving communities for over 60 years and gaining valuable leadership experience in the process. Do your part in raising awareness about Leos by discussing this in your meetings. It is important to attract younger members to build sustainability of Lions in our District and across the world.



For more in-depth information:

https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/leo-lion-program



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MD410 RLLI (25 - 28 APRIL 2022)



A successful Multiple District 410 Regional Lions Leadership Institute was held in East London prior to the MD410 Convention. Thank you to the Facilitators, CCE Paula Lang, 1st VDGE Lindie van Wyk and PDG Alistair Tuckett.





Long hours, hard work, lack of sleep, new friends and loads of fun and laughs.









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Congratulations to the 20 Lions who attended and excelled, passing with flying colours – we look forward to seeing you all in leadership roles - some already are.

MD410 CONVENTION







As the saying goes, all work and no play make for a very dull life.....and how do we understand Lions.....they work hard and play hard as well!

There was not one person in attendance who did not enjoy our first MD410 **in-person** Convention in 3 years. Huge thanks from District 410E to PDG Ivan Piater and his team for the hard work that went into making this a hugely successful Convention.



The food supplied by the Buffalo Club (affectionately known as The Buff Club) was par excellence and no one, I can assure you, went hungry. Give a Lion good food, beverages of any description and fellowship and they are happy.

Past District Governor's Function-28 April



Kicked off with the Past District Governor's Function on 28 April where Past District Governors Alistair Tuckett (410E 2019-2020), Bennie Smith (410W 2019-2020), Pieter Nel (410W 2020-2021), Patrick Mills (410E 2021-2022) and Aiden Ewers (410W 2021-2022) were presented with their PDG collarettes. Unfortunately, PDG Jeff Smith (410E 2020-2021) was unable to join us.



A great turnout of Past District Governors from MD410 – not sure why some decided to hide in the back row!

And so, the Emonti 2022 MD410 Convention East London begins - Welcome evening – 28 April 2022





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District 410E Cabinet Meeting - 29 April



Congratulations to District Governor Patrick on a slick and constructive meeting.



We were honoured to have our Guest Past International Director Manoj Shah and Council Chairman Brian von der Decken visit.



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District Governor Elect Sydney van Heerden was presented with his DG Blazer by PID Manoj.

Multiple District 410 Banquet - 29 April

The MD410 Banquet is always a very special and elegant function and has been sorely missed for 3 years.







The "class" of 2019-2020!



Part of the very elegant "top table" featuring from left to right: CS Bernice Mills, DG Patrick (410E), Lion Jayna Shah, PID Manoj Shah, CC Brian, and Lions Lady Janet.



One of the highlights of the Banquet was when Past International Director Dr Manoj Shah handed out several very special awards, including Citizen of the Year (Paula Clare Kumm), presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship by ZC Jeanette. All well deserving recipients.



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Herewith the recipients from District 410E on the International Presidents Certificate



DC GST, Lion Steven Lauterbach



DC GLT, PDG Alistair Tuckett





CS Lion Bernice Mills



DC GMT Extension & Retention, PDG Bernd Gerhard



Lion Sue Smit was presented with the International Presidents Medal.



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And then as always, not a dry eye in the house, a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship presented to District Treasurer PDG Malcolm Johnson.



And then.....a Louis Volks Humanitarian Award presented to District Governor 410E, Patrick Mills.





Presidents Elect Breakfast - 30 April

Who ever formulated the saying...the early bird catches the worm...seriously!



However, in true stalwart Lions style, the Presidents Elect attending the MD410 Convention were hosted by CC Brian von der Decken and PID Manoj Shah bright and early.



Admittedly some of our Incoming Presidents certainly didn't look to bright eyed and bushy tailed....

Multiple District 410 Convention - 30 April

All delegates took their seats in the marquee for the business of the Multiple District to be conducted by shareholders – Lions Clubs.



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As is customary, the MD410 Convention welcomed the Presidents Elect with resounding applause.





Then the singing of the National Anthems of the Republic of South Africa, Eswatini, Namibia and Kenya





PID Manoj Shah officially opening the MD410 Convention.



Once the business of the day, the voting on resolutions, finances, etc. was done, some really special moments took place.



A very emotional Lion President Martin Froise acknowledged and honoured a member of the Lions Club of Letaba Tzaneen for the work that he does as a part of the SA Police Services search and rescue. He had just returned from KZN, exhausted. However, grabbed a few hours of sleep and headed to MD410 Convention – our very own Hero.



DG Patrick inducted a new member into the Lions Club of King William's Town. Congratulations.

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PID Manoj Shah then presented his book "One in a Million" to some of the PCCs/PDGs.



Council Chairman Brian was presented with an International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation for leading the MD410 Council of Governors during the fiscal year 2021-2022.



Then the weight of the "red collar" was transferred to our very capable CCE Paula Lang who was introduced by none other than her husband, PDG Jimmy Lang.



The Multiple District 410 Team for 2022-2023 – Congratulations.



The Council Chairman Elect for the fiscal year 2023-2024 is PDG Bernd Gerhard of the Lions Club of Wilro Park.



And that concludes the business of the Multiple District 410 Convention of 2022. Well done to our Council of Governors, DG Patrick (410E), DG Aiden Ewers (410W) and CC Brian von der Decken (410E).

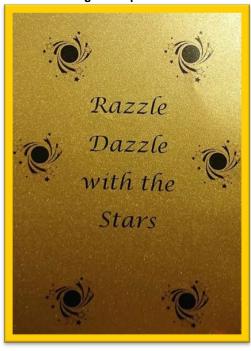




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Razzle Dazzle Evening - 30 April



Hang on folks it's not over yet.....the "farewell" evening and party time!





And boy did the Lions razzle and dazzle.....











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Wake up CC Brian, it's almost bedtime!



Well folks that's a wrap of the MD410 2022 Convention....see you next year in Durban (as per Lion Avril Hobbs – watch this space!)

