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### MESSAGE FROM DG SYDNEY

Wow....how time flies when you're having fun — only five more Fridays before Christmas at the time of writing this!



November was full of excitement with a road trip to visit the Clubs in Zone 8 in KZN. We were so warmly welcomed and hosted by all the Clubs and loved meeting club members - the fun and fellowship was great.



We had the pleasure of attending the launch of a Food Garden project run by the Lions Clubs of Durban Host and East Coast, initiated by Lion Pat Reddy from the Lions Club of Durban Host, where a beautiful vegetable garden was established at Vesamafa Primary School. Not only will this enable them to supplement the school feeding scheme but also teach the children the importance of growing your own vegetables and taking care of the environment by planting trees and recycling. A very worthwhile project and investment in the future.



The Projects our Clubs are doing, whether big or small, are really commendable. From Food Pantries to Education Programmes and Happy Feet! Lions at work, making a real difference — One Team One Dream!



We bid farewell to PDG Ken and Lion Helen as they move to the UK to be closer to their family - We wish them all the best!



But, as they say in the classics, that's not all! We were invited to the Lions Club of Newcastle's new member Induction Dinner, and I had the privilege and honour of Inducting 9 new members into the club. Welcome to our new Lions and congratulations to their Sponsors. But there's more, they are looking at Chartering a new Leo Club in the new year with 30 members! These girls are on fire!



This got me thinking that if a small town like Newcastle can induct 9 new members, what is stopping Clubs in big cities from growing their membership. A club must have the desire to grow their membership, and I'm not playing the numbers game, I'm playing the Service Game. Imagine how many more people we could serve as our numbers increase.



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On the 19 November 2022, Lion Sandy and I also attended the Special Olympics Summer Games held at the Peter Mokaba Stadium in Polokwane. Lions Clubs International is a major sponsor of the Special Olympics around the world and it was great to see Lions from Letaba Tzaneen and Centurion assisting with Registration. There were approximately 550 participants from all over South Africa participating in the various sporting disciplines and at the end of the games they were selecting and announcing the teams that would be participating at the Special Olympic Games in Berlin next year.



In closing, Sandy and I would like to wish all our Fellow Lions a blessed and happy Christmas! Enjoy the Festive Season and let's start the New Year ready to Serve.

My thanks to each one for your commitment, dedication, friendship and fellowship.

Yours in Service, #oneteamonedream

Sydney
District Governor

### OUT AND ABOUT WITH DG SYDNEY & LION SANDY





Lions Club of Ballito - 2 November 2022



Lions Club of Amanzimtoti – 3 November 2022



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Lions Club of East Coast — 4 November 2022



Lions Club of Kingsburgh - 8 November 2022



Lions Club of North Durban — 5 November 2022



Lions Club of Durban South — 10 November 2022



Lions Club of Cowies Hill - 6 November 2022



Lions Club of Newcastle - 11 November 2022



Lions Club of Durban Host — 7 November 2022

"TRAVEL GIVES YOU A NEW PERSPECTIVE...AND LETS YOU MEET SOME GREAT PEOPLE ALONG THE WAY!"



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## INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS LATEST MESSAGE – 18 NOVEMBER 2022



Dear Lion,

It takes a great team to bring big ideas to life. That's what makes your club so special. Because the greatest team you could ever ask for is always right by your side. And by working together, you bring out the very best in every Lion and make even greater things possible in your community.

Teamwork will always be one of our greatest strengths. It helps us take on bigger challenges and achieve bigger goals like expanding our service and growing our clubs. So, let's embrace what makes our team so special and be open to new ideas, new members, and new ways of doing things. Because none of us can do more than all of us. And together we can do so much more.

Make a great day, **Brian Sheehan** 



#### Together We Are More

One of the best parts of being a Lion is knowing that you've always got a great team on your side. Watch a <u>special video</u> <u>message</u> from President Sheehan about how our clubs, foundation and association are all working together to help every Lion serve at their very best.

And if you're looking to grow your team by inviting friends and family to join your club, all you need to do is <u>lust Ask!</u> Every new member brings new skills and new ideas that help us better serve our communities. So, grow your club and find out how much farther your team can go.



### MELVIN JONES - THE ORIGINAL LION

(DC Public Relations & Marketing, Sandy van Heerden)



"One hundred and five years ago — long before there were over 1.4. million Lions around the world, there was one man with a vision." He was an Insurance salesman from Chicago, Illinois, USA, named Melvin Jones and he was born on January 13, 1879. In 1917 he was officially designated the Founder of Lions Clubs International and on the 7<sup>th of</sup> June 1917 Lions Clubs International was born!

We read that Melvin Jones was a dreamer and a doer as he provided the leadership, organisational skills, determination, commitment, and the muscle necessary to establish the Foundation for Lions Clubs International to become what it is today!

Driven by a dynamic personality and a heart filled with kindness, he helped create the greatest service organisation in the world!





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It's time to celebrate Melvin Jones' Birthday!

In honour of Melvin Jones and to raise funds for Lions Clubs International Foundation District 410E launched the "LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PIN COLLECTION" Raffle — it consists of around 220 Pins from all over the world, some newer pins, and some older pins —which would otherwise possibly be lost forever. The pins have all been displayed and the Frame measures 1200cm x 800cm, perfect to hang in a Lions Club House, Office, or Home.



### Looking for a way to celebrate Melvin Jones' birthday?

DG Sydney is inviting the District 410E Lions to not only celebrate his birthday but also to support LCIF. Purchase a list of 20 Raffle Tickets for just R400 and stand a chance to win this Lions' Collector's item.

The more lists you take the better your chance of winning BUT at the same time the bigger the difference you make!

Please let DG Sydney know if you would like to purchase Raffle Tickets and contribute to LCIF. He in turn will let you have the list numbers. The money you spend will be credited to your own Club for you to use when you present a Melvin Jones Fellowship to a worthy recipient.

Banking Details:

Lions Clubs International ABSA Bank Account No.: 4057864073

Ref.: Club Name

Together we can all make a bigger contribution and a bigger difference! This gives all Clubs the opportunity to donate to LCIF without it costing a huge amount of US Dollars...GIVE A LITTLE, TO MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE.





WHAT'S YOUR CLUB DOING TO CELEBRATE MELVIN JONES' BIRTHDAY on the 13<sup>th of</sup> January?

- Will you be hosting a Melvin Jones' birthday party or serving a meal at a Home for the Elderly? or maybe at a Children's Home?
- or will you maybe be donating birthday Cup Cakes to a Children's Ward at a Hospital?
- Or maybe little Party Packs or healthy Snack Packs to a School or Daycare Centre?
- Will you be delivering Food Parcels to those in need?
   Baby Love Parcels for new Moms?

Please share your MELVIN JONES BIRTHDAY PROJECT on Social Media in January!





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# NEW MEMBERS MAKE THE TEAM OF DISTRICT 410E STRONGER

(As reflected on the November WMMRs)

#### LION AMALIA GUNTER

Sponsor: Lion Rebecca Bullough Lions Club of Cowies Hill

#### LION LINDA COYLE-DOWLING

Sponsor: Lion Roxanne Clements Lions Club of Krugersdorp

#### LION NORMA CURRIN

Sponsor: Lion Peggy du Plooy Lions Club of Krugersdorp

#### LION ESME HUGHES

Sponsor: Lion Tim Cochrane Lions Club of Standerton

#### LION MARION ROBERTSON

Sponsor: Lion Tim Cochrane Lions Club of Standerton

# AS THE TEAMS GROW THE SERVICE INCREASES – SOME OF THE TEAM WORKS

Lions Club of Alberton



On 5<sup>th</sup> November, Lion Jim delivered pet food to the Alberton SPCA, courtesy of the members of community who supported the Lions Club of Alberton at the food collection held at Bracken City



In support of International Preemie Day on 18<sup>th</sup> November, the Lions Club of Alberton and the Lions Branch Club of Fourways visited and presented the new Moms and tiny babies with hampers and much needed cream to sooth those tiny bodies at the Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital. <u>Statistic:</u> One in ten babies around the world are born prematurely.



Wow... Lion Chris collected 42,000 bottle tops from Nova Pioneer School in Ormonde and delivered them to Queenshaven Retirement Village. This collection will go a long way to getting wheelchairs for the residents as well as keeping the environment.



On  $9^{th}$  and  $25^{th}$  November - Mommy care bags were packed and delivered to the moms and their babies at the South Rand Hospital.



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Thank you to Fyreworx for the delicious donation of lunch served on 25<sup>th</sup> November to the children at the nursery school in Alberton North. Pasta mince, cooldrink and cupcakes making for happy faces and full tummies.



Furthermore, porridge, peanut butter sachets and nutrigo was delivered to the nursery schools in La Rochelle who were extremely appreciative for the food.



On 26<sup>th</sup> November, the Lions Club of Alberton's regular food collection took place as well as conducting Diabetes Screening.



The Lions Club of Alberton brought Christmas cheer to 370 children in Katlehong on  $26^{\text{th}}$  November. Each child received a hotdog, cold drink and gift bag which contained a toothbrush, toothpaste, cream, chips, colouring-in book, pencils, a blow-up ball, beanie and peans.



This project was made possible in partnership with Alberton High School and Kidsville AMC.



In order to continue serving, funds are required, and the Lions Club of Alberton held their 9 Hole Golf Day on 24<sup>th</sup> November the proceeds of which are to be dedicated to their Vision Projects. Three seasons were experienced in one day, but this did not deter the members, sponsors, or players.





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#### Lions Club of Ballito



The Lions Club of Ballito donated 6 wheelchairs in partnership with Tongaat Sai Centre to the Malangeni Development Association for quadriplegics and paraplegics.



They also came to the rescue with a donation to repair the borehole pump which got struck by lightning leaving the home without a water supply for 7 days.

### Ballito Lions to the rescue

Glendale Heights resident Anne

The Malangeni Development Association is a non-profit organisation for quadriplegics and paraplegics

Our borehole was recently struck by lightning and the motor burnt out. This left us without water for over seven days and the repairs were very costly, but necessary.
We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ballito Lions for their generous donation and help in getting our pump back up and running, and our water

up and running, and our water restored.

All of us at Malangeni are very grateful for this.

#### Lions Club of Cowies Hill



The Lions Club of Cowies Hill were pleased to help someone with a severe vision problem during the month of October, traditionally "Sight Month".



The club conducted fundraising for this project area through the distribution of "White Cane" badges for a monetary donation. Thembisani Ndlovu with need for specialist vision support was made known to the Lions. His eyes were tested, and the prescription was prepared by optometrist Jennifer Radford. This was sent to Lions BrightSight, and the glasses were made up. The donations given by the public for the White Cane badges paid for the prescribed spectacles.

### Lions Club of Durban South



The season to be jolly has arrive with the Lions Club of Durban South set up and ready to sell Lions Christmas Cakes at the Toy Run at Fynnlands Sports Club on the Bluff.





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Lions Club of East Coast



The Lions Club of East Coast in partnership with Diabetes SA conducted Blood sugar testing at the Mangrove Spar in Durban on  $12^{th}$  November 2022.



Diabetes SA donated testing strips, testing machine as well as educational material on Diabetes Awareness. They also provided 50 testing kits to members of the public courtesy free of charge.



The Lions Club of East Coast partnered with the Lions Club of Durban Host and delivered Hippo Rollers to the Vesamafa Primary School in Clermont.



On the day, they were accompanied by  $\overline{\text{DG}}$  Sydney and Lion Sandy.



The Clubs ongoing hunger alleviation projects were far reaching during the month of November. They were able to fill many empty tummies with nutritious food.





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#### Lions Club of Gonubie



On Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> November had the Club visiting Sunnymead which consists of 20 houses catering specifically for SASSA pensioners. They arranged a garden tea party with entertainment but unfortunately due to extreme weather conditions this did not materialise however the rain kindly gave us a gap to deliver snack packs to all 26 residents who were very grateful.



Sunday afternoon 20 November we visited Gonuble Frail Care was visited on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November and the members spent some time interacting with the residents. Interesting magazines were taken along for those residents who enjoy reading as well as a snack pack for the 33 residents and staff. The dear folk so enjoyed a little attention from the Club Members and loved their gift boxes.

#### Lions Club of Helderkruin



On 3<sup>rd</sup> November, the Lions Club of Helderkruin at the Red Shirts Golf Day, the last for the calendar year. This was held in conjunction with the Lions Clubs of Alberton and Krugersdorp. On this occasion there was only one watering hold run by the Lions Club of Helderkruin. Loads of fun and interaction with golfers was had and they were extremely busy. The picture shows one of the teams entered by the Lions Club of Helderkruin enjoying the "watering hole".



And Christmas is almost upon us with 2022 seeming to have sped past. The Lions Club of Helderkruin started training the Students for their Christmas Wrapping project. A tough training course was held on 20<sup>th</sup> November with the students having to wrap some weird shapes, but they aced it...well done.





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### Lions Club of Henley on Klip



On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November the Lions Club of Henley on Klip provided a wonderful Christmas Lunch for the Seniors with a few games of bingo thrown into the mix.

#### Lions Club of Hibberdene



The Lions club of Hibberdene responded on Saturday  $26^{th}$  November to the victims of the family that had lost their home in Fairview Mission earlier this week. Two large bags of clothes, a box of dishes, cups, and a container to carry water were handed over to the family.

#### Lions Club of Howick



The Lions of Howick hosted a Christmas party for "Early Education" children in Howick on 10<sup>th</sup> November. They were ttreated to a beautiful navity scene given by children.



Lions River Preschool Christmas party held by Lions of Howick on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Bean bag games were played and enjoyed by all, both adults and children!

### Lions Club of King Williams Town



On 6<sup>th</sup> November the Lions Club of King Williams Town held their "Roll-A-Can" Bowls Day. Plenty of fun and excitement was had by all.





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#### Lions Club of Krugersdorp





Lion Phumzile Nxumalo from the Lions Club of Krugersdorp has been very busy again! On 4<sup>th</sup> November, squeezed into a very busy work schedule, she donated school shoes and sanitary towels to those in need.





As with many Clubs at this time of the year, the Lions Club of Krugersdorp was hard at work selling Lions Christmas cakes, collecting food, and generally just having a good time amidst the hard work!

#### Lions Club of Ladysmith



The Lions Club of Ladysmith held their fun Bowls Day on  $5^{\rm th}$  November.

#### Lions Club of Letaba Tzaneen



The animals in the care of the Letaba SPCA say a special thank you to the Lions Club of Letaba Tzaneen as well as the community who generously donate food to support the fur children.



On 19<sup>th</sup> November, members from the Lions Club of Letaba Tzaneen assisted with the registration and screening of athletes prior to the participation in the tryouts for next year's Special Olympics in Germany. Blood pressure, fitness and eyesight were some of the tests conducted on the participating athletes at the Peter Makgoba Stadium in Polokwane. Food was also served.





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On 12<sup>th</sup> November, a Diabetes Day awareness initiative took place at the Lifestyle Mall. This was a collaboration between Dr's Spies & Partners, The Lions of Letaba Tzaneen and Tropical and van Heerden's Pharmacy. Many clients including children were tested. The children were rewarded with a nice goody bag after their glucose test. 281 people were tested with 45 of them being children. 3 people were referred to doctors for further consultation.

#### Lions Club of Midrand

The  $12^{\text{th}}$  of November was an extremely busy Saturday for the Lions Club of Midrand as three projects were run simultaneously.



Rays of Hope Leadership is Action Workshop Session 7 was held at the Lions Club of Midrand Community Centre and covered the topic "Conflict Resolution". A very interactive session whilst sometimes serious loads of laughs were shared as well. The group of 12 young adults (aged between 21-26) decided that that they will form an Omega Leo Club in Alexandra during 2023.



Christmas Cake sales at the Midrand Community Market is held each Saturday in November and into December.



Diabetes Screening was held on World Diabetes Awareness Day at the The Boulders Shopping Centre — screened 108, and very scary was that 40 clients were referred to their doctor / clinic for further treatment. Very special was that the Club was joined by ZC Mbuyu Moyo from Wankie, District 412A and Nigel Mulemga a former 412 LEO who will soon to be a prospective member of the Club.





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The Lions Club of Midrand had so much fun at the Annual Toy Run at Benoni Northerns Sports Club again. Set up for the cold drink stand.



Our own member bikers. 😂

### Lions Club of North Durban



The Lions Club of North Durban held a Diabetes Screening at Golden Hours Market on 13<sup>th</sup> November. As a result of such a good turnout for Diabetes screening, Durban North Pharmacy will continue with free diabetes screening for the entire month of November.



On the 17<sup>th of</sup> November, the members of the Lions Club of North Durban packed their monthly food parcels for Tafta. 80 boxes were packed for the residents of Tafta.

### Lions Club of Port Alfred



The Lions of Port Alfred Lions supported World Diabetes Day on 12<sup>th</sup> November by providing free screening and advice.

### Lions Club of Port Shepstone



The Lions Club of Port Shepstone hosted their monthly Lions Market Day on Sunday 13th November at the main parking area, Port Shepstone Country Club. Even though the weather wasn't great it was still an awesome day.



On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, Lion Ladies Anna Compion and Estelle O'Neill visited the Port Shepstone Hospital maternity ward and handed out 40 gift parcels to the expectant mothers.



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Once again, the Lion Ladies of the Lions Club of Port Shepstone were hard at work organising, wrapping, and providing Christmas gifts for underprivileged children at Suid Natal Primary School. A special Christmas party was held for them at the school on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November.



### Lions Club of Pretoria South

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November dawned for the Lions Club of Pretoria South bringing with it several projects, both service and fund raising....



They started the morning bright and early at the Pretoria Boeremark, selling Lions Christmas Cakes and Bee Hotels.



The Lions Club of Pretoria South's Cyclists and Academy Youth development Kids got ready to participate in the 947 MBT cycle race at Steyn City.



Simultaneously, set up at the Silver Lakes Golf Club at their Christmas Market, selling Lions Christmas Cakes and Bee Hotels as well as promoting Lions to the community of Silver Lakes.



The Lions Club of Pretoria South's Cycling Academy boys, members and friends of the Club pushed through the night of 25<sup>th</sup> November to keep the wheels turning at their 49 Hour Cyclathon taking place at Trikes Sports Bar in Pretoria East which finishes on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> at 13:00.





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On 5<sup>th</sup> November the Lions Club of Pretoria South held their annual Lions Rock Party, the theme being "Barbie & Ken".





As you can imagine, much fun was had and loads of laughs and fun.

### Lions Club of Ramsgate



On the 19<sup>th of</sup> November, the Lions Club of Ramsgate held their Diabetes Screening and Awareness Event at Hibisbus Mall.



Every year, tens of thousands of motorcycle riders, and the public, rally together to give joy to the needy children of South Africa country wide. This was held in Ramsgate with the Lions Club of Ramsgate working at the event on 20<sup>th</sup> November.





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### Lions Club of Roodepoort Clearwater Cyber



On 12<sup>th</sup> November, as part of Diabetes Awareness Month, the Lions Club of Roodepoort Clearwater Cyber joined forces with the prospective LEOs and the Lions Club of Helderkruin in conducting Diabetes Screening and Awareness. As part of the service offering, the conducted blood pressure tests. 141 people were tested with 4 people referred to their doctors for further assessment.

### Lions Club of Scottburgh



The Lions Club of Scottburgh started their Diabetes Awareness month with a bang on 1st November.



The Lions Club of Scottburgh have a dedicated team of members who give up their Saturday mornings twice a month to man tables at the local Flea market situated in Williamson Street behind the Bowling Club.



They trade on the first and third Saturday of each month in bric-a-brac, donated clothing and household goods which are sold to the public at affordable prices. The picture above was taken at their market held on  $5^{th}$  November.

### Lions Club of Uitenhage



The members of the Lions Club of Uitenhage recently embarked on a project to beautify and repair the playground at the Langa Community Pre-primary School in Kariega.





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In addition to the painting and repairing of play equipment, several educational books and toys were also donated to the school. All the painting and repair work was done by members with some of the paint donated by The Color Centre in Queberha. The joy of the children when they saw the playground brought tears to teachers and Lions eyes. The Langa Community Pre-school caters for around 128 children from the surrounding community and provides tuition in Xhosa, English and Afrikaans. Meals are also provided to pupils.



On the 5<sup>th of</sup> November, the Lions Club of Uitenhage supported the Big Walk for Cancer in Port Elizabeth. They were part of some 11,000 people who walked 5km in aid of Childhood Cancer. Great visibility for the Lions as they were acknowledged via the public address system....well done.

### Lions Club of Vereeniging



The Lions Club of Vereeniging held their Diabetes Awareness Day and Screening at Vaal Mall on  $12^{th}$  November.



Their annual bowls day that was held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and congratulations to all who made it a "roaring" success.





Lions Branch Club of Lenasia



Christmas is coming and the Lions Branch Club of Lenasia were at the Mall on 19<sup>th</sup> November selling Lions Christmas Cakes and raising awareness with the public regarding Lions. Networking to increase their membership....well done!





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Lions Club of Wilro Park



Lion President Johan handed over boxes of educational books to kickstart the library at Durban Deep Primary School on  $21^{\rm st}$  November.



Also, on 21st November the Lions Club of Wilro Park gifted Men's and Ladies Dignity Bags to the Naledi Crisis Centre in Roodepoort.





Reduce ReUse Recycle Project; learners from Helderkruin Laerskool added to the Lions Club of Wilro Park's pile of recycled plastic bottle tops which are given to the Owl Centre for the manufacture of Owl Houses.





What a busy day for the Lions Club of Wilro Park on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November when they held their Lions Christmas Market. It included a variety of 40 odd stalls offering great food, gifts, and crafts, even eats and treats for fur babies too.



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Their stalls also included Lions free Diabetes Screening, Lions Christmas Cakes on sale and a sensory lane.









In addition, they presented their proud Peace Poster winners with their prizes and teachers with a Lions Christmas Cake each to say thank you.



Winner — (judged 2<sup>nd</sup> at Midyear Conference), Rachel-Anne Wiltshire from Helderkruin Laerskool



Runner Up - Reynard Keyter from Helderkruin Laerskool



Lion President Johan with Teacher Derachelle from Riverbank receiving certificates of achievement for Otlotleng Nkala and Melusi Qwabe



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The Queen Butterfly Fun Run is becoming a regular event hosted at the market as a fundraiser for their Care Centre. This is an NGO, whose focus is on making a difference in the lives of children with profound mental and physical disabilities.



Woolworths approached the Lions Club of Wilro Park and set up a stall signing up a whole bunch of new Woolworths MySchool cards for Lions District 410E.





Two of the fur babies that were at the market and up for adoption were gifted their new Christmas outfits by a kind vendor.

Thankfully the weather held with sunny, blue skies. A great day promoting Lions within the community.



### A LESSON IN LEADERSHIP

(DC GLT, Delphine Ferreira)



Let's focus on the time of the year.

Call him St. Nick, Santa Claus or Father Christmas, the old man is wise beyond his years. He must have been a Lion! His leadership is fully on display on Christmas Eve, but we hear it functions quite well during the year too. How does he do it?



At a recent interview, he was asked about his leadership philosophy. This is what he had to say: "It's no secret that I lead a great team of elves and reindeer — and that's the whole year! But I can't lead properly without asking questions. So let me share my leadership secrets with you and you will understand why I am able to grant so many wishes over Christmas time."

1. Do I have a plan for getting those gifts to the children? Of course! Without a plan and goals, I'll probably get somewhere but nowhere I intended to go.



 Do both my elves and reindeer understand my vision for the next Christmas Eve?

Everyone needs to feel part of my vision and be inspired by the mission or purpose of being part of the North Pole. We talk about this in January already.



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- 3. What qualities should my reindeer have to ensure that I achieve my vision and make all the children happy? If the reindeer don't have the right attitudes and believe in my mission, then they shouldn't be part of my team. I visit with all the reindeer to learn what may need to change at the North Pole and I listen to their suggestions.
- 4. If there is a reindeer that isn't fitting into the team, what are my plans for that reindeer?

It may be that they need some development to reach their full potential. All reindeer need a development plan.



5. Once I have suitable reindeer, are they in the right place on the harness to be effective?

Not all reindeer have the skills of Rudolph and can't be at the front of the harness, but I make them all feel part of the team.



6. Am I listening to my elves and asking them the right questions so that each one of them can be successful? As a leader, I understand each elf's personality and preferences because these elements will influence elf potential. I spend a good deal of the year just finding out about my team of little workers.



7. Do the elves have all the resources necessary to be

If they don't have the right tools and supplies, they may get unhappy and leave the workshop and I am at risk of letting down many children. So, I consistently walk the workshop and make sure that every elf has what he needs and knows that he can ask when the need for a special something arises.



8. Do the elves understand what they need to be doing to be successful?

Elves need to clearly understand what is expected of them in the workshop so they know how they will be measured for their Christmas bonus. Yes, they get a bonus! But just knowing that the beautiful toys they have made are appreciated is better than a bonus (so they tell me...)



What am I doing to recognise the good work of all the elves?

Elves want to hear what they are doing right and how their work leads to the success of the workshop. I come back on Christmas Day, and we have a good chat about the gifts we delivered and the joy of the children when they are received. (I take a peek into the homes where no gifts were expected, and gifts are delivered. Those smiles!!)



10. And when Christmas Eve is over and all the toys are delivered, how do we celebrate such a huge accomplishment?

There is nothing better than a good celebration to recognise a successful Christmas Eve. It is a time when the elves can take off their hats and let their hair down. We celebrate! And have Lions Christmas cake!

With acknowledgements to Beth Armknecht Miller from Executive Velocity, a top talent and leadership development advisory firm in the USA.



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### A MESSAGE FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON – LIONS DISASTER RELIEF

(DC Disaster Relief, Sphiwe Ngobozana)

Dear fellow Lions,

We are drawing close to end of the calendar year and entering the summer holiday season. I am sure we are all looking forward to spending valuable time with family. However, we should all be aware during this period, it is the rainy season for most parts of our District.



Disasters can strike at any moment with little or no forewarning at all. Below are some tips of how to prepare ourselves.



- Identify what types of disasters are most likely to happen in your area.
- Learn how to deal with such types of disasters.
- Identify local organisations that perform emergency management in your area (e.g., Municipal Disaster Management, Local Fire Department, NGO's etc..). Get their contact details and have them saved on your phone and displayed in your home. Please gather the same info for your holiday destination.
- Locate safe places in your home for different types of disasters
- Determine best evacuation routes from your home
- Have at least 2 family members trained as first aiders.
- Make sure the first aid kit is always fully stocked up.
   Check the contents at least once a week.





- Assemble a disaster kit.
  - A disaster survival kit includes supplies your family might need to survive in the event of a disaster. It should be easy to carry and can be used at home or taken with you in case you must evacuate during an emergency.
  - You can purchase a pre-assembled emergency kit or create your own. Be sure your kit is prepared well before a disaster strikes and check your supplies every three months.
- Communicate the above with your family and make sure everybody knows where the safety areas are at your home.



- Practice the evacuation drill with everybody in your family regularly (at least every 6 months).
- Show each family member how and where to shut off utilities (water, gas, electricity).
- Teach each family member how to use a fire extinguisher and where to find one.





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# WINNING ENTRIES – DISTRICT 410E ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

Animal Life: Lion Jim Wilson Lions Club of Alberton



Bird Life: Lion Meredith Wilter-Sturges Lions Club of Midrand



Endangered Species: Lion Meredith Wilter-Sturges Lions Club of Midrand



Joint Winners Landscape: 1st VDG Lindie van Wyk (Lions Club of Pretoria Jakaranda) and Lion Meredith Wilter-Sturges (Lions Club of Midrand)







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Pollution: Lion Christine van Zyl Lions Club of Roodepoort Clearwater Cyber



Joint Winners Plant Life: Lion Elindi van den Heever (Lions Branch Club of Fourways) and Lion Meredith Wilter-Sturges (Lions Club of Midrand)





Joint Winners Weather Phenomenon: Lion Diane Townsend (Lions Club of Benoni Lakes) and PDG Alistair Tuckett (Lions Club of Roodepoort Clearwater Cyber)





CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS and to all the entrants.



The caliber of entries was incredible this year and we have some amazing and talented photographers within District 410E.



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### IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING LIONS BRIGHTSIGHT



### IT'S ALL ABOUT ATTITUDE



### REMINDER - WMMRs & ONLINE ACTIVITY REPORTS BY 24 DECEMBER 2022





### MyLion

### MyLC

Whilst many Lions members will be taking a well-deserved vacation over the Festive Season, please remember to submit your WMMRs and OnLine Activity Reports prior to shutting down that computer or phone for the holidays.

### SUBMISSIONS FOR DISTRICT 410E ISSUE 6



Please let "The Editor" have your submissions by the deadline date of 21st of DECEMBER 2022 for ISSUE 6 VIA EMAIL: jacqui.hocking@bmw.co.za

Issue 6 will be circulated on 30 December 2022



For those Lions who celebrate Christmas and for those who don't may your holidays be peaceful and safe.