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MESSAGE FROM DG SYDNEY



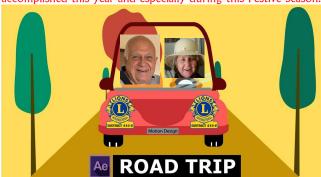
We all know the old saying "Time flies when you're having fun", well the first six months of my term in office as District Governor has literally flown. I have been amazed at the Projects Lions have undertaken these last six months and I applaud the Lions in District 410E for the work they have done and the difference they have made to those in need in their communities.



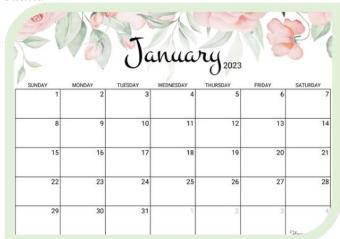
Lions bring Joy to the World and this December, in a time when most people were starting to wind down for the year and take it easy, Lions around our District were busy with their Christmas projects - Ordinary people doing extraordinary things. The love, unselfish acts of kindness and the commitment shown by Lions to share the joy of Christmas with those less fortunate than ourselves is something I will always remember. Love is the True Spirit of Christmas!



I would like to congratulate our Lions Clubs and thank each and every Lion for your contribution and what you have accomplished this year and especially during this Festive Season.



I was fortunate to go on a few road trips this year — we visited the Northern and North Coast Lions Clubs in KZN, Lions Clubs in Zone 6 and some of the "local" Clubs in the Gauteng area and words cannot explain my appreciation to all the Clubs we have had the privilege to visit - for their warm welcome and the wonderful fellowship we enjoyed with them. It has been an absolute pleasure and honour meeting Lions throughout our District. I am Proud to be a Lion!



We hit the road again in January 2023 when we will visit the Clubs in the Eastern Cape - we will spend two weeks in Port Elizabeth, East London and surrounding areas. I am very excited to visit these Clubs and to meet Lions who I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting!



On the 8^{th} of January 2023 we see the start of the "Lions Leadership Journey", which was developed by GLT District Chairperson Lion Delphine. The pilot is already fully subscribed but if you missed enrolling, no sweat, the next workshop is planned for February 2023.



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It's a self-learning course so delegates can work at their own pace. The Lions Leadership Journey course will take approximately 3 months with attendance at four 1-day workshops during the 3 months' period. I am truly excited about this new course and the development it will bring to future leaders in the Clubs and the District.

We are starting to see some momentum on the "Strengthen 410E" initiative and I would like to urge all Clubs to fully embrace this as we have seen positive results in Clubs that are already involved.



One of my favourite motivational speakers was Dr Leo Buscglia, an American born from Italian immigrants. He spent his early childhood in Italy before returning to the USA to study. One of his talks was "Only you can make the Difference" and it made an impression on me, especially when I was inducted as Club President in 1987, in only my second year as a Lion. I used this as my theme for the year as it was very true in those days. Amazingly, it is still true today. I would like to ask you to take the time to watch this video, it's about 20 minutes but after watching this video (or perhaps listening as the video quality is not that good after all the years) it will make you laugh and then bring a tear to your eye. Below is the hyperlink to the video. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vikkafOGuyc

I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Happy New Year, may it be filled with Love, Laughter, Peace, Hope and Happiness! In closing, I thank you all for everything you do, the difference you make and the person you are!

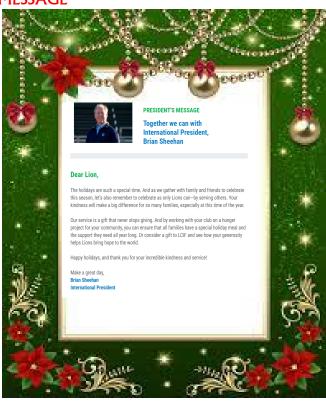


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District Governor 2022/2023

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS LATEST MESSAGE



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NEW MEMBERS MAKE THE TEAM OF DISTRICT 410E STRONGER

(As reflected on the December 2022 WMMRs)

LION BONGI MHLONGO-MASAKO

Sponsor: PDG Patricia van Wyk Lions Club of Pretoria Jakaranda



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LION GINA COXEN

Sponsor: Lion Warren Coxen Lions Club of Shelly Beach

LION STJON MICHAEL PODMORE

Sponsor: Lion Samantha Bentley Lions Club of Shelly Beach

LION ADELE BOSWORTH

Sponsor: Lion Tammy du Plooy Lions Club of Alberton

LION ANGELA MORIARTY

Sponsor: Lion Melinda Strydom Lions Club of Alberton

LION CINDY STENRI

Sponsor: Lion Tammy du Plooy Lions Club of Alberton

RESULTS OF MD410 PEACE POSTER & ESSAY COMPETITION

(DC Peace Poster & Essay, PDG Peggy du Plooy)



It was a very difficult choice for the judges as the entries were really stunning this year. The Lions of Multiple District 410 congratulate the winners, and it is with pride that these entries have been submitted to Lions Clubs International. The grand prize winners will be announced in March 2023 by Lions Clubs International.

For over three decades, Lions Clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF)

(DC LCIF, IPDG Patrick Mills)



Why should Lions support LCIF?

LCIF is our Foundation. Your contributions, big or small, enable Lions to conduct humanitarian projects locally and throughout the world, on a larger scale than would otherwise be possible.



Ways in which LCIF recognize donations?



The Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) is the backbone of our Foundation. Presented to those who donate US\$ 1,000 to LCIF or to people for whom a donation was made by others, it's a tremendous contribution to humanity and to the legacy of our founder, Melvin Jones. Please however remember to order your MJF in good time — delivery time is typically 6 weeks, but can take up to 3 months in busy periods!







The Lions Share program offers recognition for annual gifts at US\$50, US\$100, and US\$200. Lions Share is designed for donors who perhaps cannot envision making an MJF-level contribution at one time, but recognizes their generosity and offers them a roadmap to achieve the MJF over time.



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Donations may be designated to the Empowering Service Fund, or the Disaster Relief Fund. Your District LCIF coordinator will receive a stock of Lions Share pins. If you or members of your club make qualifying contributions online, make sure you request that LCIF sends you the pin.

To all those you have made or are intending to make a donation to LCIF, we thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATE Training for LCIF Club Coordinators will take place via Zoom on Tuesday 28th February 2023



MELVIN JONES BIRTHDAY 13TH JANUARY 2023



As we approach the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones' birthday, a reminder to purchase your Raffle Tickets for the District 410E "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. A true Lions' Collector's item.

Purchase a list of 20 Raffle Tickets for just R400 and stand a chance to win. Please contact DG Sydney to purchase Raffle Tickets and in this way contribute to LCIF.

Banking Details to ensure you receive your Raffle

Sheet/s:

Lions Clubs International ABSA Bank

Account No.: 4057864073

Ref.: Club Name



GIVE A LITTLE, TO MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE.



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THE TEAM WORKS

Once again, the Clubs in District 410E worked to make a difference in the lives of many people.

Whilst many of us are fortunate enough to enjoy the Festive Season with family and friends amidst joyful gatherings, with the exchange of gifts and plentiful food, there are many people within our communities who do not and this is where Lions steps up to make life just that little bit better, be it with a parcel of food, a celebration or perhaps just a hug. WHERE THERE IS A NEED THERE IS A LION.

Herewith some of the many projects that took place during December 2022.

Lions Club of Wilro Park



Santa's helpers on the 3rd of December 2022, from the Lions Club of Wilro Park waiting to surprise the residents of Klein Helderkruin Retirement Home with a "We wish you a Merry Christmas" and Christmas biscuits, sweets and treats.



On the 10th of December 2022, Lions Delphine and Roleen brought joy to the children at Naledi People's Centre for Christmas. Christmas food hampers were also delivered for the families in need.



A beautiful tradition of the Lions Club of Wilro Park is the Christmas Tree of lights, which stands tall in the garden at the Lions Community Centre. These were lit on the 9th of December and at a Christmas Cocktail hour held on 16th December Molly's Angels were hung on the tree — this is done annually in memory of Past President Lion Molly Francis (beloved Mother of Lions Sandy and Shirley), who passed away on Christmas Day 12 years ago.



PDG Bernd & Lion Roleen met with Lucky on the 10th of December 2022, to hand over Soccer Kits for Lucky's soccer teams. He is the coach and trains boys and girls from very poor homes and the informal settlement — he was beyond chuffed as were the young team members.!



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Lions Club of Vereeniging



The last Bingo for the year was held on 8th of December and grateful thanks to the members of the community for always supporting the Lions Club of Vereeniging's fundraiser, these ladies had fun dressing up.



The Lions Club of Vereeniging were extremely busy during the weeks of December 2022. Spectacles gratefully received, as were food parcels and Christmas cakes. (unfortunately there are no pictures to preserve privacy of recipients!). Blankets donated to SPCA as well as wet wipes. Their "Heart in a Handbag" project is ongoing, and our collection of bras for Baragwanath. The picture above is of the stationary donated to a needy child who is now able to start the new school year off fully equipped.



On the 19th of December the Lions Club of Vereeniging held a lunch for 80 seniors from Leeuhof: Food was donated by "friends of the Lions" — together we can!!



No parcel too big or too small for the wrappers who busily wrapped Christmas gifts for grateful customers at the Mall from 22^{nd} to 24^{th} December 2022!





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TUKS Leo Club



The TUKS Leos put out the challenge and met their target of 65 loaves of bread which was distributed to the needy in the community.





Lions Club of Johannesburg The Wilds



Herewith a picture of Cheryl the manager of Frida Hartley Shelter which celebrated its 100th anniversary at a fund raising dinner held on Saturday 26th November 2022.



Many years ago, Lion Cliff Hocking asked the then Lions Club of Glenoaks to support the home as it was far from Midrand and closer to their area. The home has been through extremely difficult times but has a good board of directors guiding the affairs of the home.



When the Glenoaks Lions Club closed, the Lions Club of Johannesburg The Wilds took up the baton of support and collects food every weekend and delivers bulk food items every month to the Frida Hartley Shelter. Some of the other projects done for the residents have been to take the residents to the Johannesburg Zoo and they also raised funds with a cycling team entered in the 94.7 cycle challenge.



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The home resettles abandoned and abused women who are trained in various fields of employment and assisted to start life again with support from staff at the home. The Lions logo is proudly positioned on the banner behind Cheryl.

The Lions Club of Johannesburg The Wilds are invited to the AGM and Christmas parties every year. The Siya Kolisi Foundation is also a supporter of the home which has around 15 women and children living there for various lengths of time. Lions Club members assist in many ways to end this cycle of violence against women.



Lions Lady Debby and Lion President Mark Meltzer attended the 100th Gala dinner of Frida Hartley Shelter.

Lions Club of Scottburgh



On the 24^{th} of November the Lions Club of Scottburgh brought Christmas a little early to the children by visiting creches with gifts and treats.



The Lions Club of Scottburgh donated gift buckets to the GJ Crookes Hospital on the 1st of December for their 16 Days of Activism and Annual Crisis Centre Survivors Christmas Party The theme of the day "End Violence against Women now!"



And on 12^{th} of December the members of the Lions Club of Scottburgh got together to celebrate the Festive Season.

Lions Club of Reitz



On the 3rd of December 2022 the Lions Club of Reitz honoured a Founder Member, Lion JJ Buyliefeldt. He was one of the original members who signed the Charter for-the formation of the Lions Club of Reitz on 09 July 1986!





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Lions Club of Pretoria South

Whilst quiet on the social media front, that is the only place the Lions of the Lions Club of Pretoria South were quiet.

They started off their Christmas run with the Toy Run where they assisted with traffic control, and in return received a boat load of toys. They then moved onto several service and social engagements.



Father Christmas paid a few visits to some children where the toys put a smile on the faces of not only the children but the Lions as well.



The Lions of Pretoria South also treated the patients and staff at Weskoppies to a year end Christmas party.



Now it was time out to enjoy much needed "down time" with their families.

Lions Club of Port Shepstone

On Saturday, the 10th of December 2022, the Lions Club of Port Shepstone hosted their 31st Annual Christmas Luncheon for Senior Citizens at the Port Shepstone Country Club main Hall. Approximately 100 senior folk from the Flower Foundation, Mbango Valley and other residences in the area attended the event.



They were treated to superb live musical entertainment and serenaded with Christmas Carols and other songs of yesteryear. An additional treat for the guests was the Margate Pipe Band who gave a superb performance. Lion Pete Stoppel also filled in as DJ and had the guests dancing away to some lively tunes. Amidst the entertainment, the attendees were served a delicious 3 course Christmas lunch prepared by the Lions Ladies of the Lions Club of Port Shepstone.

Santa Claus (Lion Clayton Curnow) and Mervin the Lion (Lion Denis Meyer) presented each guest with a sponsored Christmas gift bag filled with wonderful goodies.



The Lions Club of Port Shepstone hosted a very successful Christmas Night Market at Port Shepstone Country Club on Friday 16th December. The event was a huge success and well supported by locals and holiday makers alike.



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Lions Club of Port Alfred



Lions Mike Newlands, Norman Elliott and Alf Willers selling the delicious Lions Christmas cakes. The sales took place starting on the 1st of November through to 5th of December 2022 with a "all sold out" sign from then on.

The Lions Club of Port Alfred held a Fish Evening on the 2^{nd} of December for the residents of Ravenswood.



The three stooges, Lions Cunny Van Blommestein, Max Stander and Mike Newlands from the Lions Club of Port Alfred were the "chefs" ensuring that the frying of the fish was par excellence.



Chippies ,Lions Alec McKerrow and Ian Macrae look after the chips



Lions John Dell and Alf Willers provide the backup.



Lion Norman Elliott and grandson Alister Purdon provide a delivery service to residents at Ravenswood

The Lions of Port Alfred joined the Lions Club of Uitenhage to assist them with the Bike Rally held in Bathhurst on the $3^{\rm rd}$ of December 2022.





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The Lions Club of Port Alfred Lions supports the Loaves and Fishes Group who feed needy families, by providing a Christmas Cake for each family as well as parcel consisting of toys and clothing for the children. These were handed over on the $12^{\rm th}$ of December 2022.



The 12th of December 2022 saw the members of the Lions Club of Port Alfred distributing Lions Christmas Cakes to many of the Retirement Homes in and around Port Alfred as well as those well deserving folk to brighten the Christmas.



These cakes are allocated and sponsored prior to the start of selling them to raise funds for ongoing community service projects.



Molly Bam Mission School - Alexandria





Lions Justin Du Plooy (the Grahamstown member) visited the Crossroads Rehabilitation Center just outside Grahahmstown and handed over a case of Christmas cakes on Christmas Day. These people arrive at the centre as alcholics or drug addics and are rehabilitated. They take part in a project growing produce to provide for the Centre for selling to raise funds.





Lion President Max and Lions Norman, Francois presented Lions Christmas Cakes to those manning essential services on Christmas Day, to say thank you as they were not able to spend the time with their families. The recipients were SAPS, Fire Station, Multi Security, Skye Alarms and Port Alfred Hospital.



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Lions Club of Newcastle



The Lions Club of Newcastle thanks Newcastle Ladies Crowns for their Donation towards their Christmas Wishlist for La Gratitude, as well as Ncandu 86 Round table and Rotary handed over on the 8th of December 2022. The donations will be used to spoil the La Gratitude residents with gifts, music and company as part of their effort to work together to make life for those less privileged a little happier.

Lions Club of Midrand



On Saturday, the 17th of December, members of the Lions Club of Midrand spread Christmas joy to the 140 children and young adults by delivering the toys and 300 packets of popcorn all courtesy of the Toy Run to New Jerusalem Children's Home. They provide holistic and integrated quality care to abandoned, abused, traumatized, orphans, HIV positive and vulnerable children from 0 to 18 years of age.



On the 3rd of December 2022 members of the Lions Club of Midrand purchased and provided all the groceries and goodies in order for the Hope Early Childhood Development School to hold their graduation and Christmas Party. Members were privileged to attend and rejoice with them as 4 children graduated out of a total of 23.



The highlight was the graduation of Sithembiso who is mentally challenged. He was able to recite the months of the year, the alphabet and Psalm 23. His parents thanked Rose the wonderful lady who runs the little school and really appreciated what she has done for their very special little boy.



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Lions Club of Letaba Tzaneen



The SPCA received the generous donation of treats, food and toys collected in the container which is looked after by the Lions Club of Tzaneen and situated in the Lifestyle Centre. As such the animals will also have a lovely Christmas.

Lions Club of Krugersdorp



Saturday the 10th of December, the Lions Club of Krugersdorp celebrated the end of a very successful year.





On the 18th of December the Lions Club of Krugersdorp virtually sold all their Christmas Cakes, thanks to the generosity of the community of Krugersdorp. To encourage more sales, they even took to the stage and provided some entertainment! Lions do what they have to do!

Lions Club of Klerksdorp



Lion President Riaan Wilken handed over the Lions Club of Klerksdorp plaque of appreciation to Mr Johnny de Abrue from Flimida Spar to recognize the generous donation of a wheelbarrow filled with items which was utilized as a raffle prize at the Lions Club of Klerksdorp Golf Day held recently. Much needed funds were raised in order to fund their various service projects undertaken in the community. He was so appreciative and assured the members that he will offer support wherever he is able to. Partnerships are so very important.





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Lions Club of Kingsburgh

On the 20th of December 2022, the Lions Club of Kingsburgh delivered sweets for 350 packs as well as 350 soft drinks to Usizo Lomndeni for their children's Christmas Party.



Watch the video of the beautiful children's party via the hyperlink below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTqulRTnwYw

Lions Club of King Williams Town



This press article says it all — Please use your magnifying glass to read and yes it is small print! \odot



Lions Club of Kensington



On Thursday night, the $15^{\rm th}$ of December 2022 the Lions Club of Kensington held a fund raising event for the Kenscare feeding scheme in association with Kensington Social Centre. The community of Kensington were extremely generous with the donations and support.

Lions Club of Howick



Nothing gets a Lion down and despite the overcast weather, the Lions Club of Howick went ahead with the last event of the calendar year on $27^{\rm th}$ November 2022 selling pancakes and as we know pancakes are for rainy weather so they did well.





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Lions Club of Helderkruin



That's a wrap - Lion Jonquille and Lion Dee of the Lions Club of Helderkruin pictured with their fantastic group of students. On 24th of December, they had just finished their annual fundraiser, Christmas Wrapping, at Clearwater Mall and believe it not as weary as they were, they could still raise a cheerful smile. Whilst tiring, they had a tremendous amount of fun and met the most incredibly generous people who collectively donated enough money to support their Community Projects throughout the year.



Some of the bigger items wrapped included umpteen bicycles, a couple of gazebo's, and a few trampolines - some of the boxes were bigger than their tables! The saying "where there's a need, there's a Lion" was certainly applicable here!



Lions Club of Edenvale



On the 17th of December 2022, the members of the Lions Club of Edenvale went to deliver their spoils from the Toy Run. They met many very brave Mommies, caring nurses and special people who are doing what they can to make a difference. Amongst the places they visited were Edenvale Hospital, Edenvale Sizwe Hospital, Impilo Bethany Home. They were joined by members from the Lions Clubos of Bedfordview and Kensington for this heartwarming project.



Lions Club of Durban South



On the 18th of December 2022, the Lions Club of Durban South donated 45 soaps and 100 packets of popcorn to the soup kitchen at Montclair Methodist Church.



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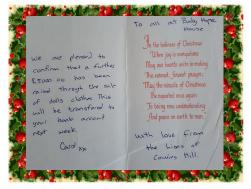
Lions Club of Cowies Hill



On the 9th of December 2022, some of the members of the Lions Club of Cowies Hill entertained the residents from Pinehaven Retirement Home. They enjoyed salad rolls and mince pies.



Baby Hope House hosted a tea party on the 11th of December 2022 for volunteers, donors and sponsors to thank them for their contribution to the success of the home. The occasion also celebrated the adoption of two of the babies from the home. Lion Carol Browne used the opportunity to advise Baby Hope House that the Lions Club of Cowies Hill have a further R5000 to donate to the home. This money is raised through the sales of clothes for Our Generation dolls (and other 18 inch dolls). The clothes are hand crafted and are sold on-line and at craft markets.





During this time of giving the customers of Westville Superspar definitely showed their Christmas spirit on the 17th of December 2022, with their generous donation of food. 6 Trolleys of food donated to various beneficiaries for the Festive Season.

Lions Club of Benoni van Rhyn



The Lions Club of Benoni van Rhyn purchased and delivered groceries to Sizuzile Primary School in Tsakane on the 1st of December 2022. They were extremely grateful.



The next batch of teddies for the Lifeline Children's Care-Packs were delivered on 5th December. These are Lovingly created by Lions Sandra, Kathleen and Beverley.



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A Christmas visit to Mother Hostia's Haven was undertaken on the 23rd of December 2022 by the Lions Club of Benoni van Rhyn. Some sing-song caroling; tea and cake, amidst laughter and lots of hugs and some baby bunny love made for a lovely afternoon. The gift of a pack of toiletries for each resident and staff member was gratefully and happily accepted.

Lions Club of Alberton



On the 2nd of December 2022, 66 very happy children, dressed in their best for the Christmas party in La Rochelle for two of the nursery schools that the Lions Club of Alberton supports.



The Lions Club of Alberton were supported by Watermans Auditors who provided the lunch, party packs and a fluffy toy as well as candy floss which many of the children had never had before. Face painting was provided as well as lots of games and as with any child, the jumping castle was top of the pops!



Lions Melinda and Lorraine purchased and packed the 30 Court Care Bags for Tutela Alberton on the 8th of December 2022. The social workers take the care bags to court when they have to take children and moms with them and where more often than not it can take whole day in court. The care bags contain a cold drink, snack and a toy.



The Lions Club of Alberton sponsored some of the stationery that was donated to the children at President Steyn and General Alberts school. The cherry on the top was an amount of R10,000 which was donated by a prospective Lion. On the 12th of December, Lions Jim and Tinus delivered 176 stationery packs to two schools.



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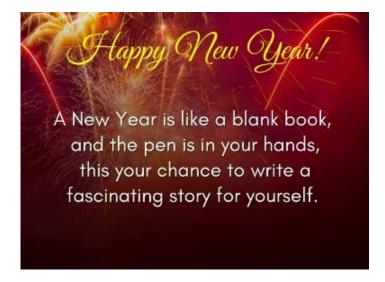




Lion Sandy from the Lions Club of Alberton delivered glasses to the children and staff members at Resthaven and Christway on the 15th of December 2022. This is a partnership project with the Rotary Club of Johannesburg South.



On the 14th and 26th of December 2022, Lion Pat delivered Mom Care Bags to the new Moms at the South Rand Hospital.



Wishing all Lions of District 410E a wonderful 2023



SUBMISSIONS FOR DISTRICT 410E ISSUE 7



Please let "The Editor" have your submissions by the deadline date of 25 January 2022 for ISSUE 7 VIA EMAIL: jacqui.hocking@bmw.co.za