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Issue 7 – January 2023

### MESSAGE FROM DG SYDNEY



Christmas was a time for giving and I thank you for the difference, Lions made and the joy you shared during the Festive Season.



Now is the time for New Year's Resolutions and I trust our Lions Clubs are looking forward to more members, emanating in more Service to others as well as fun, friendships, and fellowships throughout 2023.



Just a note on Christmas Cake sales – Clubs in District 410E ordered 1153 dozen cakes and if all cakes were sold, this would realise a profit of almost half a million rand for Clubs. Year after year sales from Lions Christmas Cakes proves to be an excellent fundraising opportunity! Well done to all Clubs who ordered Christmas Cakes and to all Lions who sold the cakes, which were delicious!



DG Sydney with LP Lionel (Lions Club of Edenvale)



DG Sydney with LP Suzanne (Lions Club of Vereeniging)



DG Sydney with "die manne" (Lions Club of Reitz We began the year with a busy schedule meeting with Clubs, visited Edenvale and Vereeniging Lions and then all the way to Reitz Lions Clubs. The work these clubs are doing is of great benefit to their communities and I wish Reitz every success with their Bielie Mielie Fees fundraiser. Long hours and hard work, but with huge rewards.



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Then began my long awaited 2-week Road Trip to the Eastern Cape starting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January – so interesting and very rewarding! Firstly, on the way down we stayed over in Bathulie, arrived late afternoon, just in time for 4 hours of loadshedding and nowhere to go! We stayed over at the quirky Royal Hotel, owned by Anthony Hocking (no relation to PCC Cliff Hocking). Anthony has a vinyl LP record collection of 170 000 which I'm told is the largest private collection in Africa. In addition, he also has 120 000 books lining the walls from floor to ceiling. Anthony has extensive knowledge of the history of the town and the surrounding area, and it was fascinating listening to his stories at Breakfast. No potential for a Lions Club not even a Branch Club though B. Feel a song coming on "daar sit die manne in die Royal Hotel".



Next up, we travelled to Port Elizabeth to attend meetings with each club in Zone 10, It was encouraging to hear how hard Lion President Sanet is working to grow her membership - 7 Prospective Members, some who have been involved as volunteers but have now committed to join! Congrats to Lion President Mark and the members of Port Elizabeth Host on their new Lions Club House, it's great to have your own venue to meet at but also to enjoy hours of fun and fellowships too. Well done to Uitenhage Lions and Port Alfred, busy, active Clubs, making a big difference in their communities!

Yours in Service, #oneteamonedream

Sydney

District Governor

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### ON THE ROAD AGAIN WITH DG SYDNEY & LION SANDY

In the words of District Governor Sydney



#### 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 Lions Club of Kouga

Visited Kouga Lions Club today. Thanks to LP Gloria and PDG Francis for their hospitality and welcoming us into their home. We look forward to some growth in this club in the future.



DG Sydney, Lion President Gloria and PDG Francis



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#### 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 Lions Club of Port Elizabeth Cape Recife



DG Sydney talking to the members of the Club

### 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 Lions Club of Port Elizabeth Host

As with all Lions – there has to be time for relaxation so spent a wonderful day with PDG Freddie who took Lion Sandy and I on a tour of Port Elizabeth. Thanks for a great lunch and beautiful venue overlooking the sea...!!!!



DG Sydney and PDG Freddie enjoying some refreshments and a gorgeous view of the sea......



#### 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 Lions Club of Port Elizabeth Host

Thank you and Congratulations to Port Elizabeth Host Lions Club. We attended the first meeting in their new club house and the excitement, enthusiasm and commitment to their Lions Club and their Community was great to see! Thank you for the fun, fellowship and hospitality!



DG Sydney with the members of the Lions Club of PE Host

#### 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 Lions Club of Port Elizabeth St. Croix

Visited the Lions Club of Port Elizabeth St. Croix. Thanks to Lion President Sanet for your hospitality and informative meeting. We met with some "friends of the Lions" who regularly help the Club with Projects and I'm very excited to say that 4 of the "friends" will be joining the club and another 3 in the pipeline. LP Sanet, I love your enthusiasm and commitment, St Croix is definitely on the way up..!!!!



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#### 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 Lions Club of Uitenhage

Had a great visit to the Lions Club of Uitenhage and really enjoyed the Meeting. This Club is doing some awesome and interesting projects. The Members have buckets of enthusiasm and I'm confident the Club will go from strength to strength under LP Donze's leadership. I had the honour of presenting a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to Lion Grant Ranger for his hard work, commitment, and dedication. Our thanks to PDG Freddie for hosting us and to all the members for the fun, friendship, and fellowship after the meeting. The legendary steak braai was fantastic!



Lions Club of Uitenhage with DG Sydney and Lion Sandy



Congratulations Lion Grant – a well deserved



#### 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2023 Lions Club of Port Alfred

We had an awesome day with Port Alfred Lions! We first visited a retirement home where President Max handed over R10,000 towards the purchase of an inverter to assist with loadshedding. Next, we went to the Mall where Lion Paula with her team were doing an excellent job of Diabetes Awareness and Free Testing.



In the afternoon we attended their Club meeting where I had the pleasure of handing over a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship to PCC Mike Newlands.



Congratulations PCC Mike Newlands on receiving your PMJF – so very well deserved – Rest in Peace

We ended the day with a delicious potjie meal and lots of fun and fellowship at the Club House. Congratulations to Port Alfred Lions for the wonderful work they do serving their community where they are well known. Our thanks to LP Max and all the members for the kindness and hospitality and wonderful fellowship.

With great shock we received the news that PCC Mike Newlands had passed away to Higher Service on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Suffice to say he was a man of high integrity who served well and laughed often and will be sorely missed by all the Lions who had the privilege of knowing him. Rest in Peace until we meet again.



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#### 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2023 Lions Club of Port Alfred

And time for relaxation - Enjoyed a wonderful day with Port Alfred Lions today - our Captain Lion Cunny took us on his barge down the Cowies River - such a beautiful place! We then went to Bathurst for lunch with LP Max, Paula, Ian and Mike at the Pig and Whistle, the oldest licensed pub in SA. and a guided tour with PCC Mike - our thanks to everyone for an awesome day.



DG Sydney on board the barge

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2023 Lions Club of Komga

Visited Komga Lions Club last night, a small community and a Club of just 5 Lions but changing the face of their town by being actively involved with the cleaning of the streets and pavements, educating and encouraging the rest of the residents to do the same and they are making a difference led by a young President with a positive attitude – thank you Lion President Heinrich and your members!



DG Sydney with Lion President Heinrich

#### 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 Lions Club of King Williams Town

We visited King Williams Town Lions Club. Where there's a Need, there's a Lion and it's good to see how active you are and how busy your Hunger Pillar of Service projects are, and we love your Urban Farming plan to grow potatoes in "Feed Bags" to help feed those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you, Lion President Amanda and fellow Lions, for the difference each one of you makes!



DG Sydney and Lion Sandy with the members of the Lions Club of King Williams Town

### 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 Lions Club of East London Beacon Bay

This may not be a big Club, but Beacon Bay Lions certainly tackle some big projects - their "Survive the Race" sounds amazing with loads of fun and funds! They involve many sponsors and members of their community who support them! There's another Golf Day in the planning too and along with projects like these and their new Club House and branding I am sure we are going to see them grow from strength to strength!







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#### 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 Lions Club of Gonubie

Enjoyed our time with Gonubie Lions - a busy Club with a full, well-planned schedule for the year and we hear they are the "pancake champions" of Lions in the District, selling heaps of pancakes at their monthly pancake sales! Congratulations to Lion Jeanette Le Roux who received her 30 year Long Service Chevron. Our thanks to Lion President Rodney and your members for hosting us.



DG Sydney & LP Rodney exchanging friendship banners



Lion Jeanette and DG Sydney



Lions Club of Gonubie "Pancake" Champions of District 410E

#### 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 Lions Club of East London Port Rex

We visited the Lions Club of East London Port Rex on Friday evening at their beautiful Club House and it was wonderful to see how they have proudly preserved, displayed and celebrated their history over the years. It was my honour to induct, at a candle ceremony, 3 new members and we welcome Lions Errol and Brenda Peterson and Meta Keshaw to the Lions family. I also presented a 15 year Long Service Chevron to Lion Sharn Piater. Unfortunately, Eskom had a hand in the proceedings of the evening with loadshedding, but the Club was well prepared and that did not spoil the evening at all. Thanks to all the members of the Lions Club of East London Port Rex for the friendship and fellowship we received.





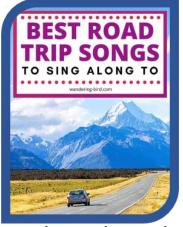


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#### 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 On Route Home

No Road Trip is complete without a compilation of songs for the car and Lion Sandy kept the Editor entertained every step of the long journey home, via WhatsApp with pictures and the song titles! (2) Just too good not to share!



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"Another Brick in the Wall"



"Bridge Over Troubled Waters"



"Get Me To The Church On Time"



"Splish Splashing Around"



"Picking Up Pebbles & Throwing Them into the Sea"  $\mathcal{M}$ 

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"Unforgettable That's What You Are" 🍄



"My Sarie Marais is so ver van my Hart"



"Take Me Home Country Road"





"Hello Darkness My Old Friend"



"The Green Grass of Home" 🔊





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### INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS LATEST MESSAGE – 12 JANUARY 2023



Dear Lion,

When you love what you do with a team that you love, you can make every day a great day. That's what's so awesome about being a Lion. Because no matter how hard the work may be, we always have a great time getting it done.

There's really nothing that compares to the fun and fellowship of being a Lion except for inviting more people to be a part of it. So give your community the opportunity to join our team and discover what we've found. And let's keep working together to make the projects we love even bigger, better and more fun for everyone.

Make a great day, Brian Sheehan

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Contained in the publication is the **Membership Satisfaction** Guide and in the words of our International President:



Being a Lion is all about having a good time. From the friendships we form to the plans we make.

We're always working together to make sure that our clubs are fun and welcoming places for all. Watch this <u>special video</u> <u>message</u> from President Sheehan that celebrates how we make serving fun.

Please click on the "special video message" to watch.

#### SHOW YOUR PRIDE



This is an extract from the International President Newsletter to the District Governors. *DG Sydney asks that you please watch the special Video Message by clicking on "special video message" contained in the paragraph below.* 

Your Lions follow your lead so let them know how you show your pride. Watch a <u>special video message</u> from President Sheehan about how your clubs can share their stories and connect with their communities to attract new members, grow service and help you achieve your goals.

### JANUARY NEWSLETTER FROM LCIF CHAIRPERSON – JANUARY 2023



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### **REMINDER:** Buy your Raffle Sheets



Contact DG Sydney to purchase your raffle sheet/s.



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#### DISTRICT 410E GOALS WHERE ARE WE AFTER QUARTER 2 (As at 31 December 2023)

Status as at 31 December 2022 Start of year: 982 members Already made a start with chartering of the Lions Branch Club of Lenasia on Sunday 31 uly. We have not come up with any structured programme on	Status 976 -6 I Branch Club
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Unfortunately, there are still Clubs that are not reporting regularly each month. The Zone and Region Chairpersons will have to make a concerted effort to contact the defaulting Clubs as whilst we are getting better, non- reporting is not acceptable.	82% average reporting (WMMR) for the first 6 months
Unfortunately, December was a poor month for reporting and there were numerous Clubs that did not report at all in December. Dverall reporting is on the up and we hope to reach the 100% of Clubs reporting by the end of the Jonistic year.	88% Average reporting (MyLion) for first 6 months of the year
Only 213,555 people served this year. Still a long way to go to reach our goal. We have to finalise our reporting template, so that all Clubs are report correctly from next month (February 2023).	213,555
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TRAINING		
A long-term strategic initiative to empower and strengthen clubs in District 41OE ("Strengthen 41OE") will be further developed and implemented on a regional basis.	Meetings have been held with all Region and Zone Chairpersons who will start rolling out the "Strengthen 410E" to all Clubs.	Roll out to Clubs
10 Guiding Lions to be trained this year and used to build old clubs in need of assistance and start new clubs	21 Trained and Certified so far this year.	Double the goal. District now have 41 Trained Guiding Lions
LCIF		
40% of Clubs to support LCIF	Only 5 Clubs donated funds to LCIF this year.	22% of Clubs have supported LCIF
Clubs to contribute USD 18,000 to LCIF.	Still a long way to go to achieve goals. Clubs to consider donations to LCIF.	\$3,148 has been donated by Clubs



NEW MEMBERS MAKE THE TEAM OF DISTRICT 410E STRONGER (As reflected on the January 2023 WMMRs)

> LION CHRIS STANGE Sponsor: Lion Martyn Clark Lions Club of Amanzimtoti

LION JUDY USHER Sponsor: Lion Colleen Lansdown Lions Club of Howick Umngeni

LION RENE MATTHEWS Sponsor: Lion Esmé Nel Lions Club of Kingsburgh



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LION JENNIFER BEESLAAR Sponsor: Lion Courtney Smith Lions Club of Newcastle

LION CHANTELLE GOOSEN DU TOIT Sponsor: Lion Lize Smith Lions Club of Newcastle

LION CAROL-ANN HATTINGH Sponsor: Lion Zarina Luck Lions Club of Newcastle

> LION WILMA LINDEQUE Sponsor: Lion Lize Smith Lions Club of Newcastle

LION CASSANDRA NIEMANN Sponsor: Lion Courtney Smith Lions Club of Newcastle

LION SAMANTHA SHAW Sponsor: Lion Courtney Smith Lions Club of Newcastle

LION MAGDALENA ELIZABETH VAN DER BERG Sponsor: Lion Zarina Luck Lions Club of Newcastle

> LION LILLY GOVENDER Sponsor: Lion Lindie van Wyk Lions Club of Pretoria Jakaranda

> LION KARABO RASEBOPYE Sponsor: Lion Bernd Gerhard Lions Club of Pretoria Jakaranda

LION KAREN KAPP Sponsor: Lion Donze Landman Lions Club of Uitenhage

LION GAVIN SMIT Sponsor: Lion Shaun Wagner Lions Club of Uitenhage

LION JESSICA SMIT Sponsor: Lion Bianca Marais Lions Club of Uitenhage



#### CHILDHOOD CANCER DAY 15 FEBRUARY 2023

(DC Health, Lion Avril Hobbs)



How to create HOPE! This is what we as Lions can do. We may not be able to cure the child, but we can give support in the way of resources, either directly to a family or via the various organisations and hospices.

CHILDHOOD CANCER: one of our 5 pillars.



February hosts Childhood Cancer Day on 15 February. The ribbon worn to support this day is gold.

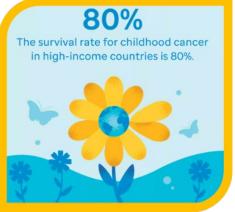
Why we as Lions should support this pillar: "Around 300,000 children all around the globe are diagnosed with cancer each year. This adds up to a significant amount in every country per month. Therefore, the need for Childhood Cancer Awareness is still high. Some of the cancer cases that could have been avoided are those that, if diagnosed earlier, would have had a different outcome. This is why a Childhood Cancer Awareness Campaign is ongoing worldwide.





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"Thanks to awareness and the advancements we see today, the average global survival rate of kids with cancer has increased from a mere 10% to a whopping 80-90%. That is why everyone must take part in assisting children that have been living with critical illnesses." *From Make a Wish International* 

#### WHAT CAN LIONS DO AND HOW:

**Obstribute Cancer Early warning signs:** These are available in all 11 languages + 5 international languages from: <u>https://cupcakesofhope.org/cancer-early-warning-signs/</u>

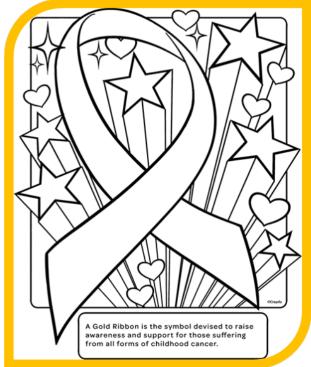


Create Awareness: Hold a FUNdraising Face Painting event at a Shopping Centre; hand out gold ribbons to adults; paint faces and hand out early warning sign brochures.



**Educate:** At schools and libraries by having colouring pages. Supply printed sheets and crayons and talk to kids so they can be aware if they have kids in their class with cancer. Especially as these kids may be away from school and may lose hair. Many suitable pics available at:

https://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/childhoodcancer-ribbon-coloring-page/





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**Wheroes Walk:** hold a walk where the public pay and walk while wearing a cape. This is to bring awareness to the families, health workers and palliative care staff. Lions can donate monies raised to an organisation of their choice. By doing this you also promote awareness of this organisation.



Bake for CUPCAKES OF HOPE: Hold a tea party or baking sale to raise funds for the families supported by Cupcakes 4 Hope. You can create awareness for Childhood cancer at the same time, and the work Lions are doing.



https://cupcakesofhope.org

**W**Hats: collect hats for kids that may lose their hair. Join with local Oncology Departments (both private and state) to reach the kids.

Wheadbands: make heads bands for the same reason. 13 | P a g e Shavathon: Find your local CANSA branch and get on board. It is great fun!



**W**Fulfill a Wish: Keep your eyes on local media or ask in the Oncology Department for any special wish made by a child with cancer that you can fulfill. Ensure you use social media to assist you here as the child is in their community and it gives everyone a chance to support the family.

Bags of Hope: Fill bags with goodies for youngsters in hospital. Please check what is allowed and suitable. This is especially important for children who do not get visitors as they are far from home.

Support Palliative Care Organisations: Research CHOC; PATCHSA; Umduduzi, Butterfly Palliative Care to see what they might need help with. While this may be financial support e.g. food for families when the child goes home; money for transport for family to visit. Visit children in hospital on a regular basis to play with and educate them, especially important for kids missing school.

**Family Photo Shoot for the Future:** Many families may not have many memories of the child who is ill, and may not have finances to do anything about it. If this young person passes on, no photos is a tragedy. Link up with local photographers to do a mini photoshoot for a family. Get a good photo and get it framed for the family.

Flip Flop Friday: This year is on 17 February. Wear your Flip flops, takes pics and post using the #flipflopday. Post on social media and make a donation to CHOC. Perhaps Club Members can all go out to coffee in their Lions shirts and flip flops, post to show support of CHOC. Get your company to sponsor Flipflopday and make a donation to CHOC. If permitted, distribute/share the flyer depicted on Page 14.



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Lions there is just so much that can be done to raise awareness and funds – JUST DO IT!

### LIONS BRIGHTSIGHT SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL VISION SCREENING PROJECT



This project was launched in 2021, due to the generous donation received from the Lions Club of Harrow and Pinner in the UK with the assistance of the Global Grants Department of Lions Clubs International Foundation.

The goals set for this project were:

To provide vision screening and refraction services to an estimated 3,350 underprivileged children for early identification and intervention, for sight problems, in selected schools in the Tshwane District of the Gauteng Province.

To treat learners minor eye ailments in the early stages and to dispense spectacles to those in need.

To refer those learners with other eye conditions for further medical treatment.

To monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the project.

Lions BrightSight is pleased to announce that the goals of this much needed project were exceeded.



Lions BrightSight Committee Chairman, PDG Pierre assisting a learner with the fitting of her new spectacles

- 3,976 learners were screened.
  - **9**663 learners were examined by Optometrists.
- 373 learners supplied with prescription spectacles.
- $^{oldsymbol{\otimes}}$  25 learners referred for further medical treatment.



A few of the happy recipients of their new spectacles supplied by Lions BrightSight

The Lions of District 410E gratefully acknowledge receipt of the legacy from the late Mrs Arlette Pettersen, in whose memory this sight project was dedicated.



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#### CHRISTMAS CAKE SALES AT A GLANCE (DC Christmas Cakes, Lion Teresa Pantoleon)



2022-2023 Sales = 2021-2022 Sales =

1156 cases of cakes (44 clubs) 1259 cases of cakes (47 clubs)

Year on year a decrease of approximately 9.19%

### **TEAM WORKS FOR JANUARY 2023**

The work of our Lions Clubs continued in January, here a few of the many projects that kick-started the new calendar year.

### Lions Club of East Coast



The Lions Club of East Coast's outreach team were busy at work throughout the Festive Season. They were able to bring many smiles to the children of the Tongaat and Reservoir Hills as well as donating to the Phoenix Child and Family Welfare Society



East Coast Lions are just as passionate about their furry friends as they are about the community at large. They recently donated cat and dog food to the Kloof SPCA which was distributed the abandoned pets.



Their hunger alleviation projects were ongoing for the months of December 2022 and January 2023.



With the start of the new school year, the children at the Seatides Informal Settlement were thrilled when they were presented with more than 600 rolls of brown paper, plastic, and gift wrap for their new schoolbooks.





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Lions Club of Pretoria Jakaranda



On the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023 in celebration of Melvin Jones' Birthday the Lions Club of Pretoria Jakaranda visited the Phyllis Robertson Home for Disabled Adults and delivered 24 Christmas Cakes and 10 boxes of custard for the 62 residents to enjoy as a dessert in addition to two boxes of popcorn received at the Toy Run. Lion Karabo reported on his experience with this special home, and what an eye opener it had been to experience the value added to these people's lives by simply being there and caring.



Lions Patricia and Marge visited the Pure Hope School on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (an educational institution for underprivileged children) to deliver 2 boxes of popcorn and 65 soft toys to the teachers. In addition, the school was donated 7 children's jerseys and 44 beanies knitted by Lion Marge.



The Via Nova School was visited on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and gifted two boxes of popcorn and two bags of educational toys. Via Nova School is a school for Learners with Special Educational Needs specialising in Learners with severe intellectual disabilities (SID) and Autism.

### Lions Club of Klerksdorp



The Lions of Klerksdorp jumped into action to assist a private member of the public, Engela Fourie, in helping Primary School children in the area with obtaining the necessary stationery to begin their first school year.





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These children's parents unfortunately do not have the means to buy all the necessary items on a very long list of requirements. This project was started by Engela Fourie with helping 5 children which has grown to where presently around 200 Primary and High School children receive stationary parcels from her. She liaises directly with the teachers at each school and the Lions Club of Klerksdorp have adopted this meaningful project in partnership with Engela Fourie.

### Lions Branch Club of Lenasia



A new year for some is new beginnings, and for others, it's new hope. The Lions Branch Club of Lenasia and New Rising Sun Newspaper collaborated and are appealing to the community of Lenasia to support their learner assistance initiative. The aim is to provide used (in good condition) and/or new stationery, schoolbooks, school bags and study aids to in turn assist less fortunate children.

The ethos behind this request is that the lack of these essential educational items is a contributing factor to these children's performance in their academic lives.

Every Learner wants to start the academic year with pride and joy and what a better way to assist them with these necessary items. There are various drop off points allocated and the Lions Branch Club of Lenasia will be collecting and collating these stationery items into the required packs for distribution to the identified children.

### Lions Club of Midrand



The Lions Club of Midrand collected and received donations of a huge amount of clothing and books and these in turn were donated to Charity Begins With Me which is an organization that provides meals for needy children in informal settlements. The books are utilized to raise funds for the feeding scheme and the clothing and shoes are given to those who have nothing.





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Lions Club of Scottburgh



The Lions Club of Scottburgh celebrated Melvin Jones' Birthday on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January by cooking and serving a nutritious hot meal to the elderly folk at the Elder's Voice Home in Pennington.



A cake was also served depicting Lions Clubs International, and the members mingled and chatted to the elderly folk.



Lions Club of Wilro Park



On 9<sup>th</sup> January, with dawning of the new school year, the Lions Club of Wilro Park delivered their Care Bears and WorryWorms for all the new Learners starting "big" school for the first time. These lovely soft toys give comfort to the little ones who find "big school" just a little intimidating.





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Lions Club of Alberton



What a great start to the new year. Two members from the Lions Club of Alberton delivered Mommy Care Bags to the Moms at the South Rand Hospital. Such Joy - 3 special bags for the first three babies born on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2023 and 25 care bags for the new Moms. The care bags have toiletries, knitted goodies and a toy in them.

The Lions Club of Alberton received a donation of 400 packets of chips on  $11^{th}$  of January which were collected and delivered to 4 of their beneficiaries. Some very happy little children!



Food supplies were delivered on  $13^{\text{th}}$  of January 2023 to a Nursery School in Alberton North.





Lion Sandy who takes care of the Vision Portfolio in the Lions Club of Alberton took 5 residents from the retirement village on  $17^{th}$  January 2023 to have their eyes tested.



On the 26<sup>th</sup> of January arrangements were made for members of community to have their eyes tested at Osmans who support and assist the Lions Club of Alberton on a regularly basis.



Every Friday luncheon is prepared and served to the children at the Nursery School in Alberton North. Often the lunch is sponsored by Fyreworx and on 27<sup>th</sup> of January instead the normal meal, they were treated to meatballs, mash potatoes, a packet of chips, juice and ice lollies. Very happy children with full tummies.



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What makes these lunches even better is the interaction with the children and the joy in playing with them.

### Lions Club of Ballito



The Lions Club of Ballito brought much needed relief on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 to Vulumehlo Hospice in Melville with a food hamper donation.

#### Lions Club of Benoni Lakes



The Lions Club of Benoni Lakes is grateful to all those people who diligently collects tops and pass them onto the Club as not only are they assisting Tops & Tags for Wheelchairs, they are making an impact on the environment – every little bit helps. On  $16^{\text{th}}$  of January 2023 the handover of a huge amount of tops was done.

#### Lions Club of Centurion



On the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2023, Lion Bernice and IPDG Patrick from the Lions Club of Centurion, delivered around 80 toys to the Alphonso Place of Safety Orphanage in Bronkhorstspruit. The Zambian Nuns look after around 70 children in this home and also run a school on the premises from Grade R to Matric -St Johns Catholic School. They also donated two full sets of preloved encyclopedias in excellent condition for use in the school library.

### Lions Club of Cowies Hill



The Lions Club of Cowies Hill for the first time on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 visited Inkosi Albert Luthuli hospital with CHOC entertaining the children in the wards. What a rewarding project.





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Lions Club of Durban South



Finally, after lots of red tape, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2023, the Lions Club of Durban South joined forces with the Mothers Hope Outreach to bless the new mothers at Wentworth Hospital with a baby care bag.

#### Lions Club of Edenvale



On Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2023, the members of the Lions Club of Edenvale went to Elandsvallei Home for the Aged to play Bingo. Fun was had by everyone!



### Lions Clubs of Port Elizabeth St. Croix, Port Elizabeth Host, Kouga, Uitenhage, Cape Recife and Port Alfred

On the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023, The Bona Ubuntu Programme partnered with the Lions Clubs mentioned above to help upgrade the playground at the Early Childhood Development Centre and make it more accessible to the children who attend Miss Muffet Pre-primary School. The ECD was so grateful for the donations and labout that made this project possible.

#### Hard at Work:









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The Result:







Lions Club of Krugersdorp



Members of the Lions Club of Krugersdorp delivered food supplies on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2023 to Grace House. This upliftment centre assists so many people with food each day.

Lions Club of Ladysmith



A man by the name of Dale van Blerk has been walking for two weeks and the fight and passion inside the man remains fierce. He is walking from Sandton to Durban in order to raise both awareness and funds for the rebuilding of two schools in KwaZulu-Natal which were destroyed in last year's floods. Dale reached Ladysmith on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January in the afternoon in scorching temperatures north of 36 degrees. Whilst his body was tired and the spirit was taking a beating, the people of Ladysmith proved themselves and looked after this brave man offering assistance and support in huge doses.



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Dale conveyed his **thanks to the Lions Club of Ladysmith** and businesses who ensured that he was fed and had accommodation. He has a further 220 kilometres to go to complete his Marathon Walk.

As mentioned, the main aim of this quest is to rebuild damaged schools in KZN in partnership with Moladi, an innovative South African company who can build schools and classrooms in a fraction of the normal time (see <u>www.moladi.co.za</u>).

#### Lions Club of Pretoria South



The members of the Lions Club of Pretoria South paid a visit on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 to Kungwini Welfare Organisation and donated various items which will be sorted and distributed to the residents of the home and/or be made available for sale at the home's charity shop for fundraising purposes.

Lions Club of Vereeniging



Bed linen, pillows, crockery and glasses received from a supporter was passed on to needy members of the community during the course of the week starting 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023.



Our members and friends are all ready to marshal for the Midvaal Fast One cycle race on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2023!





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### REMINDER – WMMRs & ONLINE ACTIVITY REPORTS BY 24 FEBRUARY 2023





### **MyLion**

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Please remember to submit your WMMRs and OnLine Activity Reports by the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2023. These are nonnegotiable administrative requirements for ALL CLUBS.

### SUBMISSIONS FOR DISTRICT 410E ISSUE 8



Please let The Editor have your submissions by the deadline date of 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 for ISSUE 8.

PLEASE NOTE: The email address has changed and is: jacquihocking55@gmail.com

Issue 8 will be circulated on 5 March 2023

THANK YOU TO THE CLUBS WHO REGULARLY SEND THEIR INPUT TO THE EDITOR



This month those Clubs that submitted were:

Lions Club of East Coast Lions Club of Pretoria Jakaranda Lions Club of Klerksdorp Lions Branch Club of Lenasia Lions Club of Midrand Lions Club of Scottburgh Lions Club of Wilro Park 24 | P a g e

# CEANS OF OPPORTUNITY MD 410 Convention 2023

Herewith the hyperlink to the website where you will find all the information required as well as the online registration form.

### https://lionsconvention.co.za/

**REMEMBER TO REGISTER:** 



A time for our Multiple District to get together, make decisions and most of all have fun. Renewing old friendships and making new friends.

"WE NEED OLD FRIENDS TO HELP US GROW OLD AND NEW FRIENDS TO HELP US STAY YOUNG."