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MESSAGE FROM DG LINDIE

Dear District 410E Lions,



I am so sorry that all Lions in our District can't attend Mid-Year Conferences and MD410 Conventions. We really miss those who aren't there. This was the case at our recent Mid-Year Conference at Stonehenge, Parys on 3-5 November 2023.



The weekend started with a very productive Cabinet Meeting attended in person by CC Bernd, 21 Cabinet Members with 9 joining via Zoom and only 3 apologies. Thank you to all cabinet members for the work you've done so far this year and for your commitment to your portfolios. Let's tackle the rest of the Lionistic year with the same passion and love.



My deepest gratitude goes to each Lion who attended for your enthusiastic participation in the Mid-Year Conference. Your presence made the Conference the huge success that it was. I was truly inspired by the energy and dedication displayed by the members of District 410E.



It is the collective strength of each Lion that strengthens our District and our organisation. Your involvement, your ideas and your commitment are the driving forces behind the success of our shared vision.



I would like to thank PDG Patricia for convening the event and her dream committee team who made sure that we all had a wonderful time. The Conference Committee led by PDG Patricia were Lion Gizella McCullough, DC Sandy van Heerden, Lion Shirley Gerhard, Lion Alna Jackson, Lions Lady Louise Bruce, Lions Lady Shelley Cousins, PDG Patrick Mills, PDG Kim van Wyk and CS Donovan Henri. They did an excellent job!

Thank you once again for your attendance, and I look forward to seeing even more District 410E Lions attending the Convention at Wilderness 2-6 May 2023.

Let's continue to change the world while we strengthen and flourish in our District.



Wishing you well,

Lindie

District Governor
District 410E 2023-2024



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DISTRICT 410E MID-YEAR PROGRAMME

ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION 3 NOVEMBER 2023

Lions District 410E 2023 Midyear Conference Program

The Lions District 410E 2023 Midyear Conference will be held on Friday 3 November and Saturday 4 November 2023 at the Stonehenge Lodge in Parys.

Friday 03 November 2023		
Time	Event (click on event for further details)	Venue
12:00-17:00	Registration Desk Open (/events/friday_registration)	Reception
14:00-	Accommodation Checkin Open (/events/friday_checkin)	Reception
18:00-	Welcome Evening (/events/friday_welcome_eve)	Main Lodge

Saturday 04 November 2023		
Time	Event (click on event for further details)	Venue
06:30-09:00	Breakfast (/events/sat_breakfast)	Main Lodge
07:00-09:00	Registration Desk Open (/events/sat_registration)	Reception
09:00-13:00	Midyear Conference (/events/sat_conf)	Function Room
13:00-	Lunch (/events/sat_lunch)	River
18:00-	Theme Evening (/events/sat_theme_evening)	Main Lodge



From now on....not too many words, as pictures will tell the story.

THE VENUE



The Registration Team





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Lions Club of Klerksdorp



Lions Club of Pretoria South



Lions Club of Johannesburg The Wilds



Lions Club of Krugersdorp

DISTRICT 410E CABINET MEETING 3 NOVEMBER 2023

Amidst the normal business of the day, two initiatives were proposed and approved which has an impact on all Lions Clubs.



Mission 1.5 Initiative:

District 410E will pay the international joining fee of \$35.00 for every new member inducted into a Lions Club during the fiscal year 2023-2024 (1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024). The proviso is that the new member needs to remain a member of the respective Lions Club for a period of six months. Should this not be the case, the relevant Club will be invoiced for the \$35.00 of said member.



Retention Initiative:

District 410E will reimburse all Clubs at the end of the fiscal year for their District Dues at R100.00 per member for the fiscal year 2023-2024 (1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024). The proviso is that a Lions Club needs to retain or grow its membership as at the start of the fiscal year. For example: Membership Numbers reported on the WMMR as of July 2023 is 18 and closing Membership Numbers reported on the WMMR as of June 2024 is 20, the Club will be reimbursed R1,800.00 (18 x R100.00). However, should the Club start in July 2023 with 18 members and close in June 2024 on 16, they will receive no reimbursement from District 410E.





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What would DG Lindie do if she had to sit on hands?

DISTRICT 410E MID-YEAR CONFERENCE WELCOME EVENING - 3 NOVEMBER 2023



Meeting new friends, renewing long-standing friendships all accompanied by beautiful décor, good drinks (whatever your preference was), excellent food, superb background music and loads of laughs and fun.



Serious stuff under way – got to be Finances!



CC Bernd sitting on his perch and observing.



The Décor Team – Lions Lady Louise & Lion Gizella from the Lions Club of Pretoria South





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*The "Goodie Bag" Lady
Lions Lady Shelley
Lions Club of Pretoria South*



*The "Music Man"
PDG Patrick Mills
Lions Club of Centurion*



Lions Club of Klerksdorp



Lions Club of Letaba Tzaneen



*The thorn amongst the roses
DC LCIF Mark van Heerden with DG Lindie & Lion Gizella*



*Lions Club of Helderkruijn
(as they will tell "orange is the new black")*



*Lions from the
Lions Club of Newcastle, Alberton, Scottburgh*



Lions Club of Newcastle



Lions Club of Port Alfred





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Lions Club of Manzini



Lion Theo from the Lions Club of Pretoria South
Do you think he is reliving his youth?



Lions Club of East Coast



Lions Club Branch of Sandton, Lions Club of Pretoria
Jakaranda and Lions Club of Midrand



Lions Club of North Durban

DISTRICT 410E MID-YEAR CONFERENCE 4 NOVEMBER 2023



Lions Clubs of Johannesburg The Wilds and Krugersdorp



Lions Club of Rustenburg



DG Lindie welcoming all to the District 410E Mid-Year Conference



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The venue filled with Lions for the Mid-Year Conference



Thank you from DG Lindie to Prof. Graeme Addison



Guest speaker – Prof Graeme Addison

Professor Graeme Addison is an author of many books on popular science, business, whitewater rafting and the African philosophy of Ubuntu. He was Professor of Communication at the University of the Northwest and Senior Lecturer in Media at Rhodes University. He is currently writing two new books: one his autobiography, *The Riverman*, and the other about the Crater of Catastrophe, the Vredefort Dome. He is married to Karen, and they have brought up four sons. They live at Otters Haunt Eco Retreat just down the road from Stonehenge and do activities including hiking, rafting and Dome Tours. Graeme shared the story where about two billion years ago, an asteroid measuring at least 10 kilometres across hurtled toward Earth. The impact occurred southwest of what is now Johannesburg, South Africa, and temporarily made a 40-kilometer-deep and 100-kilometer-wide dent in the surface. The Vredefort impact structure is one of the largest verified impact structures on Earth. The crater, which has since been eroded away, has been estimated at 170 kilometres to 300 km across when it was formed. His presentation was very interesting and spoke of experiments where we currently redirect asteroids in an attempt to avoid destruction of our earth by a similar impact.



Guest speaker – Willemien Kleijn

Willemien works at the South African Guide-Dogs Association for the Blind: College of Orientation and Mobility. Orientation and Mobility is one of four departments of South African Guide-Dogs Association for the Blind and was established in 1974 to provide people with visual impairments with an alternative to a Guide Dog, namely the long cane. The long cane is an extremely useful mobility aid that can become an extension of a person's sense of touch. Willemien called Lion President Anton and 2nd VDG Avril to join her on stage where she had Lion President Anton blindfolded and demonstrated the mobility tools available to assist sight impaired people to be more independent and maintain their dignity. Her interactive demonstration was very interesting and educational. DG Lindie urges Lions Clubs to support this department of the South African Guide-Dogs association. For more information click on the following link:

<https://guidedog.org.za/orientation-and-mobility/>





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PDG Ian King (DC GET) giving a talk to the attendees and the importance of growing their membership (Strengthen & Flourish)



Some of the delegates ready to place their puzzle pieces



LCIF, Lion Mark van Heerden addressing the attendees on the work that LCIF does

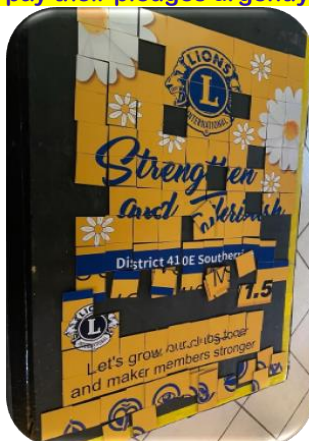


Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

LCIF pledges made by the Clubs at the Mid-Year Conference raised R107,000.00. DG Lindie appeals to those Clubs to pay their pledges urgently.



The puzzle is complete showing the commitment of District 410E to Mission 1.5



The Mission 1.5 Puzzle where delegates were each given a "piece of the puzzle" and had to place their piece to complete the puzzle and show their commitment to this mission.



1st VDG Perry & Lion Kantha, DG Lindie, CC Bernd & Lion Shirley, 2nd VDG Avril & Lion Trevor



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Lion President Karen (Lions Club of Cowies Hill) and Lion Sandra Human (Lions Club of Alberton) received an International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation and a Global Action Team Pin for completing the Lions Leadership Journey Course. This is a huge accomplishment, and they can be justifiably proud. DG Lindie presented them at the District 410E Mid-Year Conference.

Lions Club of Alberton:



The Lions Club of Alberton received the Social Media, Electronic Scrapbook, We Serve, Knights of the Blind, and Runner Up Club of the Year Awards.

CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2022-2023



IPDG Sydney van Heerden presented the Club Excellence Awards to the winning Clubs at the District 410E Mid-Year Conference on 4 November 2023.

Lions Club of Benoni Lakes:



The Lions Club of Benoni Lakes received Greatest Cake Sales, Improved Cakes Sales Pro-Rata to Membership, Diabetes Awareness, Lions Service Project of the Year, Hardcopy Scrapbook, and Protecting Our Environment Awards.

Lions Club of Cowies Hill:



The Lions Club of Cowies Hill received the Club Efficiency, Growth of Lionism, Club of Year, and Childhood Cancer Awards.

Lions Club of Krugersdorp:



The Lions Club of Krugersdorp received Most Improved Cakes Sales Award.



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Lions Club of Midrand:



The Lions Club of Midrand received Club Secretary of the Year, Hunger Alleviation, and Lion Leader of the Year (PCC Cliff Hocking) Awards.

Lions Club of Howick:



The Lions of Howick received Runner Up-Electronic Scrapbook Award. *Sadly, there was no picture.*

Lions Club of Centurion:



The Lions Club of Centurion received Lions Clubs International Foundation Award. *This is the only picture submitted for the Club.*

Lions Club of Newcastle:



The Lions Club of Newcastle received the Membership Growth Award.

Lions Club of East Coast:



The Lions Club of East Coast received the Runner-Up Lions Club of the Year Award.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE CLUBS ON THEIR WELL-DESERVED CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARDS.

AND THEN THERE IS ALWAYS THAT ONE PERSON!





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PEACE POSTER WINNERS

Judged and announced at the District 410E Mid-Year Conference - 4 November 2023



Dare to Dream

“To a young person, a dream isn’t just a wish, hope or desire — it’s a path, a goal, an ambition. But achieving that dream takes hard work. So, this year, we’re asking young people to show how they’ll turn their dream of a peaceful world into reality.”



2nd PRIZE – Sponsored by the Lions Club of Kingsburgh



1st PRIZE – Sponsored by the Lions Club of East Coast



3rd PRIZE – Sponsored by the Lions Club of East Coast

To all the entrants, thank you for your beautiful artwork and though provoking stories behind each picture.

The First Prize Winner will be submitted as District 410E’s entry to the Multiple District 410 for judging and whomever wins the Multiple District 410 Peace Poster Competition, this entry will be sent to Lions International for the International Peace Poster Competition.





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GREENING THE ENVIRONMENT TREE PLANTING AT STONEHENGE 4 NOVEMBER 2023



In support of International President Dr. Patti's Hill's passion for the environment, District 410E delegates planted 10 trees at the venue of the Mid-Year Conference, Stonehenge in Parys.



Why only the women planting? 😊



Finally, some men jump in! 😊

LET THE GAMES BEGIN! 4 NOVEMBER 2023



One of the fun activities during the Mid-Year Conference was "Speed Dating a Lions Superhero". Lion President Karen (Lions Club of Cowies Hill) was Wonder Woman and during the activity she had to share with other Lions about The Lions Leadership Journey. Lion Sandra Human (Lions Club of Alberton) was Spiderman, and they did the talk together. What a great team they were.



Then the attendees moved on to having fun playing minute to win games. Loads of laughs, some skill, some not but a barrel load of fun.





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MYSTERY & MISCHIEF AT THE MUSEUM 4 NOVEMBER 2023



The pictures tell the story....no words needed.
Oh, what a night! 🎵

Best dressed Club



Lions Club of North Durban – Dinosaur Skeletons and walked to the tune of “Barney”



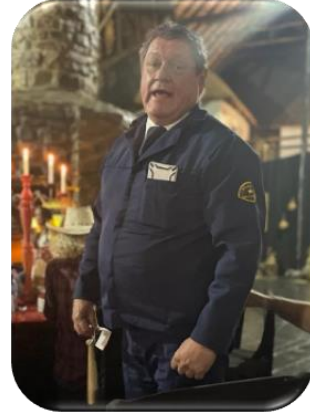
Best dressed couple



Lions Nicole and Darren Hendry (Lions Club of Benoni Lakes) – Mummies



Best dressed Male



Lion Anton de Bruin (Lions Club of Henley-on-Klip) – Museum Security Guard and walked to the tune of “I’m so Lonely”



Best dressed Female



Lion Mary Stokker dressed in an outfit from the past that she made herself.



Best Spirit / GEES (Additional prize sponsored by Stonehenge)



Lions Club of Centurion





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Winner of the Liquor Hamper



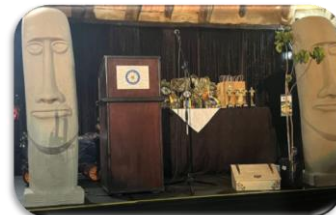
Lion President Tiger from the Lions Club of Manzini won the liquor hamper worth R6,000.00 which was donated by the Lions Club of Pretoria South. The raffle raised R13,000.00 in cash and pledges for LCIF.

Winner of the Lucky Draw



Lion Gizella from the Lions Club of Pretoria South won the mid-week stay in Mabilingwe.

The Décor was mind-blowing (Thanks to DC Sandy van Heerden and her team.





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Let's get this party started.....🎵



NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM



Mystery....Indeed / Mischief...what happens in Parys stays in Parys!





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Without the incredible team working so hard behind the scenes – none of this would have been possible.



For those that were there, may this bring back memories and for those that weren't able to be there, we hope that this tells the story!

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN AT THE UBUNTU MULTIPLE DISTRICT 410 CONVENTION AT THE WILDERNESS HOTEL



REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN:

Below is the link to the Website for **Registration** and to book your Accommodation at The Wilderness Hotel.

<http://www.lionsconvention.co.za>

DG Lindie thanked the 141 registered attendees (Lions & Partners in Service) for their participation in making District 410E Mid-Year Conference for 2023 such a memorable and fun event. Now let's carry on with what we do best in all our Clubs – Strengthen & Flourish. **WE SERVE!**

