



THE LIONS SHARE

Issue 2 (2024-2025) – September 2024

**“BETWEEN THE LIONS”
(DG PERRY CHETTY)**



Greetings, Fellow Lions

As we continue our journey together this year, I want to take a moment to reflect on our accomplishments and share some exciting updates. Thank you for your dedication and hard work in serving our communities. Starting with embracing and supporting Childhood Cancer Month followed by Arbor week with most Clubs helping the environment continued by alleviating hunger and ending with the Heritage Day projects making the elderly comfortable - well done.



District 410E Mid-Year Conference

Please join us between the 8th and 10th of November 2024 at the Golden Gate Hotel. Registration is now open, and it will be a great opportunity to share ideas and strategies for enhancing our service and have fun, as our PCC Cliff always says “Fun, Fellowship and Service.”



Fundraising Events

Our recent fundraising events were a huge success! Thanks to your efforts, your commitment to our mission is truly inspiring!



Membership Growth

I’m thrilled to report that our District has welcomed 41 new members this month! Let’s keep this momentum going by inviting friends and family to join our cause, However regrettably we lost 17 members giving a net growth of 24.

ATTENTION ALL LIONS CLUB MEMBERS! JOIN 410E GLT FOR THE 2024 LIONS LEADERSHIP TOOLKIT WORKSHOPS

Of course you are – you’re a Lion!

Think about this: Lions leaders can become better leaders if they know how. Interested? Well, District 410E GLT can help you with this and it will cost nothing except your time.

Diversity **Public Speaking** **Group dynamics** and more

You’re a leader, right?

Join us on three absorbing Saturdays and learn more about leadership in the Lions environment.	7 September 5 October 2 November
Online via Zoom	Starting at 09:00, with interesting leadership tips and discussions until 16:00

Read IP Fabricio Oliveira’s “Make your Mark” message and then...
Simply complete the application form and send to District 410E GLT Coordinator PDG Patrick Mills: patrick.mills@lions410e.org.za by 30 August 2024.

LEADERSHIP! Just do it.

You know you want to!

Leadership Training

Mark your calendars for the Leadership Toolkit Training. This is a chance to develop your skills and connect with fellow Lions. Our DC GLT, PDG Patrick Mills and his team have spent dedicated hours putting the leadership toolkit together, the dates have been sent out, this leadership training would under normal circumstances cost thousands of Rands, and to Lion members it is free. This training will not only assist you with your growth within Lionism but in your business and day to day experiences. I encourage you to register and attend.



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Lions Club Awards

Monthly Recognition Awards

From October 2024 I will be initiating an award for Clubs with the most growth, the least drops and 100% reporting, the full criteria will be sent out during the first week of October. The first award will be handed out to the winner at the MD410 Convention.



Let's continue to work together to make a difference. I encourage each Club to report their activities and successes to inspire others in our district. Your stories matter!



Thank you for your passion and dedication. Together, we are making a significant impact. Let's continue to "Serve with Pride & Passion"

Yours in Service,

Perry

District Governor
District 410E 2024-2025

DISTRICT 410E MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

**8 - 10 NOV
MIDYEAR ON
THE RANCH**

ACCOMMODATION COSTS

Hotel room: R640.00 per person per night sharing
 Chalet: R840.00 per person per night – 2 people per chalet
 R920.00 per person per night – 3 people per chalet
 R440.00 per person per night – 4 people per chalet

- Please note that the above prices exclude breakfast which is optional @ R150.00 per breakfast.
- Hotel rooms are slightly different but will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.
- All accommodation bookings must be made through the conference registration secretary. The link will be available by 12 September.
- The closing date for bookings is 8 October 2024.

REGISTRATION FEE

DELEGATES – R280.00 which includes the following:

- Friday evening welcome dinner.
- Saturday morning conference.
- Saturday evening farewell dinner & theme evening.

PARTNER'S IN SERVICE & CHILDREN:
 R750.00
 Excluding conference but including lunch

DUST OFF YOUR COWBOY HATS & PULL ON YOUR DANCING BOOTS!

Conference at Golden Gate Clarens

Don't miss out on a weekend of fun, herewith the hyperlink to do your registration:
<https://midyear.lions410e.org.za/>





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**INTERNATION PRESIDENT
FABRÍCIO OLIVEIRA
MESSAGE – SEPTEMBER 2024**



Dear Lion,

Our service is extraordinary, so let’s promote it with extraordinary marketing. Every Lion is a Club promoter, so you should proudly share with others the life-changing service you and your club are doing.

There are many great resources on the Lion website to help you tailor social media, engage the press and market your service projects in your community.

Let’s all make a commitment to grow our great association through encouraging others to join our service by sharing impactful photos, videos and stories and wearing Lion-branded gear whenever and wherever you serve.

At your service,
Fabrício Oliveira
International President



Read the whole Newsletter via this hyperlink:
<https://app.e.roar.lionsclubs.org/e/es?s=94443966&e=1966866&elqTrackId=320bc4c47118450db330ff5e51511b5f&elq=cb59c1e73762428b9c5e32e003ecbbad&elqaid=37089&elqat=1&elqak=8AF597AB072962084EFF6315F085005B904DA7FFB85DC9C380F803190FCBB80AE562>

**PRESIDENTIAL LCIF SUPPORTER
PROGRAMME**



Dear Lion,

As your 2024-2025 international president, I’m deeply grateful for your generosity. Donations to LCIF fund grants and programs that expand Lions’ and Leos’ humanitarian service worldwide, bringing possibilities to life for millions in need.

I’m proud to introduce the Presidential LCIF Supporter program, featuring my message, Make Your Mark, to honour those who significantly impact our mission. Don’t miss your chance to be part of this special recognition program.

[Donate now](#)

At your service,
Fabrício Oliveira
International President

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LCIF NEWS – SEPTEMBER 2024



Dear Lions and Leos,

Whenever and wherever, there is a need in our communities, Lions and Leos are among the first to respond. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) grant funding empowers us to implement projects that enhance our service and expand our reach. I am proud to report that during the August 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting, 84 grants were approved, totalling US\$10.7 million.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support LCIF through your donations and by sharing stories of our collective impact. This month’s newsletter highlights some of the service made possible through your generosity.

Yours in service,
Dr Patti Hill, LCIF Chairperson

Don't Miss the October 23 Grants Update Webinar
 LCIF Chairperson Dr. Patti Hill and the Global Grants team will discuss the new Vision Grant program and recent updates to other grant programs. Learn how you can better serve your community with LCIF. Webinar offered in English only.
[Register Now!](#)

In order to register and read the whole Newsletter, please click on this hyperlink:
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VISION MONTH – OCTOBER 2024

(DC Sight, Lion President Graeme Logan)
 (DC Marketing, Lion Barbara Hocking)



To All Lions 410E Clubs, remember that October is “Eye Care Awareness Month” (ECAM) from 21 September – 18 October 2024.

What are your Clubs planning to do in terms of Sight/Vision Service activities during the month? Whatever activities, let us all make these a SUPERHUMAN effort with our Clubs SIGHT/VISION SERVICE activities, especially on the following dates;



WORLD SIGHT DAY on 10 October 2024



WHITE CANE DAY on 15 October 2024



World Sight Day on Thursday 10 October 2024 focuses the World’s attention on the importance of eye care in young people and inspiring children everywhere to love their eyes. This year’s World Sight Day theme, “Love Your Eyes Children” will focus on the unique needs of children’s eye care and championing eye health for all young people. By escalating the risks to their eye health, will hopefully become the foundation for a lifetime of good vision.



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Some facts to think about:

- 👁️ **450 million children have a sight condition the requires treatment, with many unable to access affordable, available eye care.**
- 👁️ **Children in low-and-middle income countries with vision loss are 2 – 5 times less likely to be in school.**
- 👁️ **Every day, young people miss out on learning and social opportunities because of a vision issue that could be treated, corrected and often cured.**
- 👁️ **80% of what a child learns at school is through vision.**

And here are some “cool” fun facts:

OUR EYES ARE COOL
Fun facts

- 1/3 sec**
The average blink takes **1/3 of a second.**
- 50%**
Seeing is so important that it uses up **50% of the brain!**
- 1**
One person can have **different coloured eyes.**
- 2 million**
The eye has over **two million** working parts.
- 15x**
A person blinks **15 times** per minute. That means our eyes are closed for **10% of the day!**
- 100+**
We can see more **shades of green** than any other colour.
- 10%**
No one knows **why we cry** when we are sad.

YOUR EYES | **WORLD SIGHT DAY**

ANIMAL'S EYES ARE COOL TOO!

- 30 000**
Dragonflies' eyes have up to **30 000 lenses** helping them to see all the way around them.
- 2**
Chameleons can move their eyes in **two different directions** at the same time.
- 1**
Dolphins sleep with **one eye open.**
- 0**
A worm has **no eyes** at all!
- 350x**
Geckos can see colours around **350 times** better than a human eye.
- 4**
Owls are the only birds that can see the **colour blue**, and they can see a moving mouse more than **150 feet** away (or 45 metres).
- 12**
Scorpions can have as many as **12 eyes**, but the box jellyfish has **24**.
- 6**
The night vision of a tiger is **six times** better than a human.
- 2**
Dogs can't tell the difference between **green and red.**

YOUR EYES | **WORLD SIGHT DAY**



White Cane Day is observed worldwide on 15 October to recognise the movement of blind people from dependency to full participation in society. The long white cane is used by people who are blind or visually impaired as a tool for safe and reliable navigation.





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ORDER YOUR WHITE CANE BADGES



COST?
R5.00 per badge + courier costs
Recommended donation from the public for your Club Projects Account R10.00

HOW?
Contact Kirsty MacKenzie
Via email: manager@lionsbrightsight.co.za

WHY?

- By offering these badges to the public for a donation, you raise the profile of your Club within the community as well as promoting the Vision pillar of Lions.
- The funds generated assist in your Club providing essential Vision Care (Knights of the Blind) as well as providing funds to Lions BrightSight - MD410 Flagship Project.
- When doing Vision Screening at Schools, the children love receiving these badges and displaying them with pride.





Suggested Activities include but are not limited to the following:

- Vision Screening Days for Children.
- Foster collaborations with local Eye Health Care organisation(s) in your areas for assistance with eye examinations / activities e.g. South African Optometric Association (SAOA) and South African Ophthalmological Society of South Africa (OSSA).
- Participate / begin Eye Care Awareness activities where these do not currently exist e.g. Dine in the Dark, Bowls for Sight, Blind Navigators Rally, Braille Chess.
- Partner with organisations who provide services for the blind e.g. South African Guide Dogs Association, and Clubs for the Blind in your areas.
- Spectacle Donation Drive.
- Eye Care Awareness Workshops.
- Children's Eye Health Art Competition.
- Vision Care Education Kits for Schools.
- School-Based Fundraisers.
- Show your support for our MD410 Flagship Project – Lions BrightSight and purchase White Cane badges which you can utilise to raise awareness and raise funds for your Vision Projects.
- **FOR GAUTENG BASED CLUBS** – enter a team in the Retina SA Bowls for Sight Event on 6 October 2024. <https://retinasa.org.za/events/bowls-for-sight/>

It is a symbol of the user's skills and talents, mobility and independence. It also allows the sighted person to recognise that the user is visually impaired.



Please share all your Clubs Sight /Vision activities on your social media platforms and other forms of media through the month. Please use one or more of the following hashtag(s) for tracking your social media posts.

- #LionsLoveYourEyesKidsSA
- #LoveYourEyes
- #WhiteCaneDay
- #EyeCareAwareness
- #LionsClub
- #SAOA
- #ECAM2024
- #WeServe
- #KidsEyeHealth
- #OSSA



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MISSION 1.5 SUMMIT – AREA 8



PCC Cliff Hocking (Area Leader 8C), CC Bennie Smith (MD410), PCC Bernd Gerhard (MDC GMT), DG Perry Chetty (410E), José Braga Borges (410W), PCC Paula Lang (DC GET 410W), PDG Jimmy Lang (DC GMT 410W) and PDG Alistair Tuckett (DC GMT 410E) attended the Mission 1.5 Summit held in Lusaka, Zambia on 21 – 22 September 2024.



Hard at work!



NEW MEMBER

(AS PER MEMBERSHIP REPORT SEPTEMBER 2024)



LION RICHARD HAKIZIMANA
Sponsor: Lion Evelyn Herzfeld
Lions Club of Edenvale

**PEACE POSTER & ESSAY COMPETITION
THEME – PEACE WITHOUT LIMITS**

(DC Peace Poster & Essay, Lion Natalie Angelo)



For peace to be anything more than a possibility, we need to make it a priority. This year, we’re asking our young students, between the ages of 11 to 13, to create a poster or write an essay that speaks to our world’s infinite potential for kindness once we commit to pursuing the idea of peace without limits.

Peace isn’t just the absence of conflict; it is the presence of harmony. And while we might not be able to immediately achieve peace without limits, every small effort counts





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To help the contestants get started, below are some ideas on how to get closer to that boundless peace:



INNER HARMONY: At times, peace begins within. By sitting somewhere calm and quiet, take a deep breath and as you exhale, let go of your inner turmoil.



NATURE'S SERENITY: Mother nature comes with her own language of peace. Take some time to sit and watch the ocean, or go for a hike in the mountains, or sit quietly and watch the birds, and soak in her limitless calm.



ACTS OF KINDNESS: Small gestures ripple outward. Open the door for someone, greet a stranger, or be there for someone in their time of need. These little acts weave threads of peace into the fabric of our lives.



MUSIC & ART: the universal language we all understand. Let us sing a song, paint that masterpiece, write that story, or take a pottery class, and celebrate the artistry of being human.



BRIDGE BUILDING: let's build bridges and not walls. Reach out to a person who is different to you – culturally, politically, or personally. By sharing our stories, we discover our common ground. It's like knitting a global quilt of understanding.

The initial judging of the Peace Posters and Essays will be done at Club Level during the month of October. The winners from the respective Clubs will be taken to the District 410E Mid-Year Conference, in Clarens, for the next round of judging on 8 – 10 November 2024.

For any uncertainty regarding the contest rules and conditions, please do not hesitate to contact DC Natalie.

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“MAKING OUR MARK”

(District 410E Club Stories as submitted)



Garden & Home! The Wilro Team at Emichle Children’s Home on 7 September - hanging the new curtains & preparing the tyres & vegetable garden!

LIONS CLUB OF WILRO PARK



Month of September

For the month our September Wilro Lions Gardening Angels & Green Fingers were hard at work at Thandanani Children’s Home tackling the garden!



Lion Mandy hanging the bright & beautiful curtains made by their Sewing Circle.



The Lions of Wilro Park supported the Krugersdorp Lions LeeuwLoop in aid of Cancer - Well done to their walkers! Wilro Lions Walkers, Winners and cheerleaders were all there on the 1 September.



Lion Johan preparing the tyres and planting the vegetable garden.



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Grocery shopping and delivery with Lunch served on 10 September at Emichle Children's Home.

LIONS CLUB OF UITENHAGE



Uitenhage Lions Club donated living balls to the Kwazakhele Soccer Club.



On 7 September the Lions Club of Uitenhage assisted at the Ons Tuiste Bazaar held in Humansdorp making and selling a variety of food and enjoying the coffee.



What fun for the children as the Club held a braai and spent time with the players on 1 September 2024.



The Uitenhage Lions manned the gates at the Enduro Event held in Port Elizabeth on 14 and 15 of September. Hard work but so much fun.



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The Lions Club of Uitenhage ensured the safety of participants whilst marshalling at the Spar Women's Challenge held in Port Elizabeth on 21 September.



Where there is a need, there is a Lion – a member of the Lions Club of Scottburgh ensured that fused light bulbs were purchased and installed at Anchor Village, Umzinto on 29 August 2024 – let there be light!



The Lions Club of Scottburgh members with the able assistance of the LEOs of the Scottburgh LEO Club busy with the set up for their Peace Poster Competition on 31 August.

LIONS CLUB OF SCOTTBURGH



The Lions Club of Scottburgh hosted the Zone Meeting at TC Robinson Nature Reserve on 24 August. FVDG Avril Hobbs inducted a new member, Anna into the Lions Club of Scottburgh. On the same occasion, trees were planted by the various Clubs in attendance in celebration of Arbor Month. A day of fellowship and learning ending with an informal braai for lunch.



Another day of Diabetes Screening providing a valuable service to the community on 3 September at the Scottburgh Mall. 103 Diabetes Screenings done with 28 people referred to their Doctors. The Lions of Scottburgh also tested 64 people for blood pressure with 23 people found to be suffering from Hypertension.





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Scottburgh Lions went to Anchor Village in Umzinto on 5 September to drop off 2 knitted throws and a sleeveless knitted jersey for the elderly residents.



Where there is a need there is a Lion - Scottburgh Lions responded to an appeal for help when 12 “shacks” at Hull Valley informal settlement were destroyed by fire. They supplied new blankets, dropping them off at the collection point for donations being Councilor Jane Naidoo's offices in Craigeburn on 18 September.



Saturday 7 September, saw the Scottburgh Lions working at the Flea Market. Despite the miserable weather, they had good sales, and fun was had by all.



On 19 September, Scottburgh Lions donated R1800 worth of groceries to Anchor Village in Umzinto as part of their hunger project. The 9 elderly ladies living at the refuge have all been abandoned by their families. Some have dementia. This is an ongoing service project for the Club.



On 14 September, the Lions Club of Scottburgh held a book sale at the Scottburgh Mall, where they donated R3000 for the SAVE Rhino and Wildlife Project. The photo shows the Environmental Portfolio Chairperson, Lion Madeline van Heerden with Ranger Paul Madness from the Rhino project.





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A young lady was in dire need of groceries on 19 September. The Lions Club of Scottburgh purchased and gave her groceries to assist her as well as a hot soup on a cold miserable day – Kindness Matters!



On 26 September, the Lions of Scottburgh responded to a lady who asked for food by supplying her with fresh veggies, chicken, boerewors, and some staple groceries.



The monthly supply of groceries was delivered to Johan on 23 September. Whilst Johan lives in extreme poverty he stays cheerful and is always grateful to the Lions of Scottburgh for taking care of him each month and spending a bit of time with him – time is priceless.



The Lions of Scottburgh participated in National Cupcakes for Hope on 28 September. They sold 358 cupcakes and would have sold many more but were sold out by 11:00. The public were very supportive with donations and the Club had great fun the culmination of which was them paying R8,010.00 into Cupcakes of Hope Bank Account.





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LIONS CLUB OF PORT SHEPSTONE



On 7 – 8 September, the Port Shepstone Lions hosted their annual National Association of Blind Bowlers (KZN Region) Tournament at the Riverside Sports Club in Uvongo. A number of blind bowlers travelled to the South Coast to participate in this annual tournament and compete against a team of bowlers from the Riverside Bowling Club. Port Shepstone Lions have been involved with the running of this project since 1981. The weekend tournament is a firm favourite with the blind bowlers. Apart from the games, the weekend included accommodation and meals. Hibiscus Rotary provided the Saturday lunch, and the Port Shepstone Lions and Lion Ladies provided and served dinner on the Saturday evening.



The official prize giving ceremony took place on the Saturday evening with Lion President Denis Meyer presenting the Port Shepstone Lions' Blind Bowlers Floating Trophy to the winning team representatives, Dillon Schoeman, Phillip Pretorius and Marylin Francis of the Riverside Bowling Club.



Port Shepstone Lions' 36th Annual Leadership Retreat was held over the weekend of 13-15 September at Camp Anerley. 46 Grade 11 pupils, recently selected from the Port Shepstone High School 2025 Executive Council of Leaders, attended the camp. The full weekend programme commenced shortly after they arrived at the camp on.



Following the various opening addresses, the group was thereafter divided into 6 colour coded teams who would take part in various team-building exercises (Amazing Race, Innovative Engineering), as well as lectures on culture, leadership skills, attitude, code of conduct, conflict management, expectations, duties, responsibilities and privileges, planning, strategizing and blueprinting and goal setting.



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This was the inaugural Mpumalanga Marathon held on 14 September and featured prize money of R1 million each for the men's and ladies' winners! Unfortunately, the Lions Club of Nelspruit members weren't taking part in the marathon, however they did have a stall selling yummy hamburgers, and sold all 50 before the prizegiving finished.



The Grade 11's arrived at the Lions' Formal Dinner, held at Port Shepstone Country Club on the Saturday night, wearing glittering make-up, elegant evening wear, and smart suits. The Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Lions Floating trophy to the "Lime Green" team who won the afternoon's Amazing Race challenge. Once the formalities were over, they took to the dance floor until it was time to board the bus and return to the campsite.



A few months ago, Nelspruit Lions held a "Bring and Braai" evening at their Clubhouse where members were invited to bring along someone who would like to find out more about our organisation. This resulted in some new members, so it was decided to repeat the event on 19 September. A meal was provided, and informative videos on Lions International. It was a very sociable and pleasant evening, and we hope to have at least one new member as a result.

LIONS CLUB OF NELSPRUIT



Nelspruit Lions tested 17 members of the public at Casterbridge Market, White River on 8 September, whereas Sonpark market one week later was much more successful with 41 people coming to the Lions stall to be screened!





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LIONS CLUB OF MIDRAND



The Hunger Relief Programme of the Lions Club of Midrand continued through the months of August and September serving 116 people per day with an average cost per day of R2000.00 worth of sandwiches, ready meals (meat, fish, chicken), bread, bread rolls, cakes, etc. During the course of a week worked on a rotation basis, 9 x Creches in Ivory Park, 1 x Orphanage in Noordwyk, 1 x Home for the Mentally Challenged in Kyalami and 1 x Early Childhood Development Centre are served.



A very busy Saturday morning held on 31 August with the Monthly Eye Clinic, Thrift Sale and Diabetes Screening. 16 x Patients Vision Screened which included 4 x children of which 7 x adult patients and 2 x children patients were tested by our awesome Optometrist and the relevant prescriptions sent through to Lions BrightSight for processing. Sister Louise in her usual compassionate and chatty manner put patients at ease whilst she tested blood sugar levels and blood pressure of 14 x people. Thankfully all were “normal”. However, best safe than sorry when dealing with the “silent killer”.



The Thrift Sale lent itself to some retail therapy and raised funds for the projects account to be utilised to serve the community.



If you tuned in to Lions Roar on Mix 93.8 you would have heard PCC Cliff and IPDG Lindie interviewing Dollars Boloka of the SA Optometric Association and DC Sight, Lion Graeme Logan as they discussed Eye Care Awareness Month (October) and the fight against avoidable blindness.



The Zone 4 Meeting was hosted by the Lions Club of Midrand on Saturday 14 September with all Clubs barring one present. A very constructive, informative and fun meeting with the sharing of ideas, collaboration on projects amidst delicious eats provided by our very own Zone Chairperson Yolandi. Guess who forgot to take pictures – only one of a very serious ZC – this is her “game face”! 😊



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On a freezing day, our General Business Meeting went ahead on 21 September with members wrapped up for the north pole therefore unrecognizable, but none-the-less cheerful. Loads of laughs as always with awesome eats provided by Lions Roy and Dawn. 📷 Yip the camera froze as well.



The months fly past and once again the Club was on duty providing the gift of sight at the Monthly Eye Clinic on 28 September 2024. It was a very quiet month in Midrand; however, 8 patients were attended to with 7 prescriptions on route to Lions BrightSight to be fulfilled.



Well done to the amazing bakers of Lions Club of Midrand! They pledged to donate 6 dozen (72 cupcakes) for Cupcakes of Hope, and thanks to the incredible support of our members, we exceeded our goal by delivering 11 dozen (132 cupcakes)! Together, we're making a sweet impact in the fight against childhood cancer. Every cupcake counts!



In conjunction with the Monthly Eye Clinic, Sister Ingrid provided Diabetes Screening and Blood Pressure testing both of which have a huge impact on healthy eyesight. A huge thank you to Sister Ingrid who gave of her time to perform this vital service.



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




And for those patients who needed some retail therapy as well as the public the Monthly Thrift Sale was held where good quality pre-loved clothing was sold at minimal prices. Fashion on a budget.

LIONS CLUB BRANCH OF LENASIA



On 26 September the handover of the 31 x balls took place to the following beneficiaries.

-  BlindSA - 22 balls
-  Goal Ball Federation & PH Stars Club - 1 ball
-  Vision Expressed Development & Action for blind and Disabled children - 1 ball
-  Gauteng Tigers Club - 1 ball
-  Maleehah Layla school for special needs children - 2 Balls
-  JISWA - 2 Balls
-  TIBA - 2 Balls
-  Lenasia Lions club - 1 ball used for awareness



What an incredible joint project between the Milton Keynes Lions Club in the UK and the Club Branch of Lenasia, SA. The Ball for All are balls that are specially made and have bells in them so that people who are visually challenged can participate in sports.





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LIONS CLUB OF KOUGA



On 7 September, the local retirement and care home, Ons Tuiste held their annual bazaar. The Lions Club of Kouga were asked to assist with breakfast rolls and as Lions do, they jumped at the chance to serve their local community. They invited Cape Recife to assist and requested Region Chairperson Sanette to advertise amongst the Port Elizabeth Clubs and friends. This led to Lions from the Lions Clubs of PE St. Croix and Uitenhage joining the Lions Club of Kouga and assisting on the various stalls. The fund raiser was to upgrade their security systems.

LIONS CLUB OF JOHANNESBURG THE WILDS



The Wilds Lions Club supported Cupcakes for Hope at the Neighbourhood Square Shopping Centre on 28 September.

LIONS CLUB OF DURBAN EAST COAST



Lions Danesh, Gopika, Hansia and Jyothi took part in the 5km fun walk in support of the KZN Blind and Deaf Society on 14 September. The walk provided an opportunity for Lions to bond and create public awareness.



The East Coast Lions Identified low costing housing areas in Tongaat to plant trees including spekboom. Lion Pat joined Durban Host with tree planting. As part of the Arbor week initiative, Avoca Primary School was visited together with lecturers from DUT, officials from the Parks Board and Lion Pat who offered valuable information on trees and plants to the learners at the school.



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The East Coast Lions Club held their 6th “Market Day” at the Golden Hours Market in Uitsig Road, Durban North. Members were clearly visible in their yellow Lions jackets creating awareness and raising much needed funds for the Club’s projects account. Pre-loved household goods and other items were sold at the stall. Creating Lions awareness, camaraderie and raising funds were successfully achieved on the day.



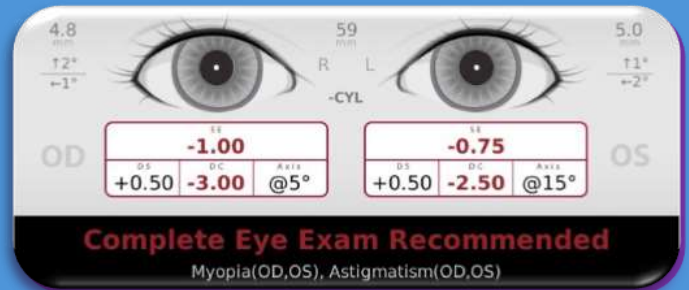
Food hampers together with toys and clothing were delivered to the low-cost housing areas in Tongaat which was severely affected by the tornado a few months ago. East Coast Lions interacted with the community and were pleased to note that they are coping under the very trying circumstances.



Lion Dr Jyothi Ramlal (ENT Surgeon) a member of the Lions Club of Durban East Coast and 2 of her ENT Specialist colleagues offered hearing screening at the Medical Wellness Camp at Brookdale Primary School in Phoenix. Approx 50 children were examined and had impacted earwax removed.



They were then referred for audiometry screening. Six (6) children had perforated tympanic membrane (hole in the eardrum). They were referred to a tertiary institution for surgery. Ten children had severe wax impaction - causing impaired hearing. Their ears were suctioned which resolved the hearing loss. Each child received a service costing +/- R3000 in a private institution (ENT consult and audiometry). This service was priceless to this very poor community. This is also an example of how early diagnosis and management can have a life changing impact on children’s lives.



Seventy-four people ranging from ages 5 to 86 years old were screened for vision issues at the Community Wellness Medical Camp at Brookdale Primary School, Phoenix. Sixty-nine of them had vision problems to some degree. Six of them were severely myopic (more than -2.50). The Lions from Durban East Coast Club dispensed 6 pairs of reading glasses, and eleven priority cases were referred to the Sai Eye Clinic at River Range Ranch.



THE LIONS SHARE



In partnership with the Lions Clubs of Durban East Coast and Cowies Hill provided much needed dog food to an animal shelter in Tongaat. When the Lions visited the shelter, the situation was heartbreaking to see the how the dogs were suffering from malnutrition and poor health.



Eighty-five (85) drums which hold 250 liters of water were donated to East Coast Lions Club. The drums were in turn distributed to the much-needed homesteads in Phoenix, a soup kitchen in Wentworth, homesteads in Malagazi and Verulam. The drums will be used to store water for drinking, cooking and bathing. The recipients were grateful and welcomed the gesture and the difference it will make to their lives.



The bi-weekly visit to the Oncology ward at the Albert Luthuli Hospital was welcomed by the “little warriors”. The team from East Coast Lions kept the patients entertained with colouring-in and building jigsaw puzzles.

LIONS CLUB OF COWIES HILL



Core Maths & Physical Science tuition was provided to learners in Grades 10, 11 and 12 at Palmview Secondary School in Phoenix and Grade 12 take tuition at Wingen Heights Secondary in Shallcross. An average of 321 learners benefit from the tuition which they attend every Saturday morning. Extra tuition will be offered to the learners as they near their trial and upcoming final exams.



On 27 August, Lion Elaine de Jager handed over an Appreciation Certificate to Don's Deliveries for their help with the transportation of items for the various Club Projects.



THE LIONS SHARE



The Lions of Cowles Hill worked at a number of markets during the month.



On 31 August they assisted at Cheshire Homes Craft Market, selling egg & bacon rolls as well as craft items raising R2,260.00 for the home.



The weekly visits to the Pediatric Oncology Ward at Albert Luthili Hospital takes place every Wednesday. The favourite toys over the last few weeks have been the dolls. On 27 August, there were 11 children with most of them being younger than 8.



Lions Stephen and Karen Hyde worked at 1000Hills Market on 7 September where they raffled 2 x ceramic trivets, great fun and also making new friends.



As always on 18 September, it was a joy having the children interact with the Lions. There were screams of laughter resonating throughout the ward – making the members so proud to be Lions and provide this service to the “little warriors”.



Then on 24 September, Lions Pat, Karen, Jenny, Stephen and Peter worked at a Flea market, where they chatted to loads of people regarding Lions and as a result have one prospective member!



THE LIONS SHARE



A very successful food collection was held at Kloof Fields Centre PnP on 31 August, with 4 trolleys of food collected, the recipients were Baby Hope House, Pinetown Street Ministry and Shap Shap Cinemas in Hammarsdale.



Lion President Bronwyn seen in the picture with Lyle Steele, grandson of Doug Steele who was a Charter Member of the Lions Club of Cowies Hill and Wendy Battrick, daughter of Ron Brenner, the Charter President of the Lions Club of Cowies Hill. There were many trips down memory lane at the GBM of the Lions Club of Cowies Hill on 14 September.



The monthly 200 Club Draw was hosted by the Lions Club of Cowies Hill at Pinehaven Retirement Home on 13 September. The residents always look forward to this event and have as much fun as the Lions do.



Cowies Hill Lions were asked by the British Cultural and Heritage Association (BCHA) to run the tuck shop at their annual Music en Mass Concert on 15 September. Whilst loads of hard work, the upside and benefit was enjoying a day of orchestral music and singing while the musicians were practicing and then finishing up with being able to attend the concert later in the afternoon.



THE LIONS SHARE



The Lions Club of Cowies Hill donated 186 cupcakes for Cupcakes for Hope as well as a cash donation. Lion President Bronwyn and Lion Lyn Botha delivered the cakes to Lettie at the Pavilion Shopping Centre on 28 September.

LIONS CLUB OF BENONI LAKES



Benoni Lakes Lions Club attended the Lions Club Krugersdorp Leeuloop in aid of Cancer on 1 September where they had a wonderful day with members participating in the 8km fun walk culminating in everyone enjoying the braai and fellowship with other Lions Clubs. The Club was extremely proud to win the award for the most members in attendance.



The GBM of the Lions Club of Benoni Lakes was held on 10 September and they had the honour of hosting DG Perry and his lovely wife, Lion Kantha.



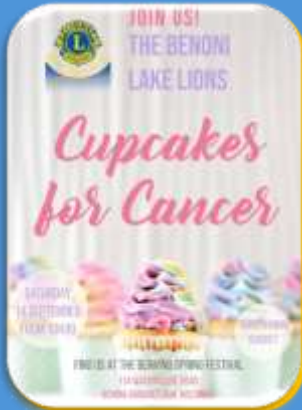
On this occasion they also donated and handed over a new wheelchair to the Van Der Walt family.



Furthermore, amidst loads of fun all the members wore crazy hats for cancer and raised R280 for Lambino Palliative Care Centre.



THE LIONS SHARE



Lions, family and friends assisted Val Di Terra to work at their Benvino Wine Festival. The Lions Club of Benoni Lakes had a stand at the festival to promote Lions, sell Christmas cakes, sell Cupcakes for Hope fundraiser - Benoni Lakes Lions together with members of the public, collected 700 x cupcakes and sold them raising R7,000.00 to be donated to the Cupcakes for Hope Project.



The Club also sold some Rhino pins, as well as promoting and obtaining information on people interested in Organ donation, where 6 x people's will be sent to the Organ Donor Foundation to sign them up. A great day was had by all.

LIONS CLUB OF BENONI

A very busy month for the Lions Club of Benoni.



Avocado Trees donated by the Lions Club of Benoni saw Father Arun and Colin (the gardener) planting the Avo trees at Carmelite Church, Benoni in celebration of Arbor Day on 7 September.



Then the Lions went on to the Benoni Central Methodist Church to do more planting for Arbor Day.



THE LIONS SHARE



12 Bags of Mielie Meal were donated to Olivers Home, which is a non-profit organization focused on assisting disadvantaged communities in the Daveyton and surrounding area.



Soup and Rolls were served by the Lions of Benoni at Beetle Drive Fund Raiser at the Old Peoples Home, Benoni.



Heritage Day on 24 September saw the members of the Lions Club of Benoni making up Jars of Hope for distribution.



In response to a please from the Benoni SPCA, the Lions Club of Benoni jumped into action and donated dog and cat food.



And delivery by Lion Atholl of the monthly donation of milk (30 litres) to Mother Hostia's Haven which is a home for elderly residents with dementia. The Club also contributes R750 each month for their electricity.



THE LIONS SHARE

LIONS CLUB OF ALBERTON



Alberton Lions hosted a fun day with sixteen four balls at the Reading Country Club on 29 August for their 9 Holes for Hunger Golf Fundraising Day. The primary objective of the event was to enjoy the game while raising awareness for their continued efforts to provide meals and food for those in need.



On 28 August and 19 September, the Lions Club of Alberton delivered 25 Mommy Care Bags to the South Rand Hospital. The Lions hard work and dedication provides essential support to new moms as they care for their precious bundles of joy.



On 29 August and 26 September, smart meals were delivered to Northan and Karin and as always the residents were incredibly grateful and happy to see the Alberton Lions.



THE LIONS SHARE



The Alberton Lions team had the pleasure of handing out smart meals to the residents of Corrie Oberholser on 30 August. Their gratitude and warm smiles remind the Lions of why we do what we do!



What an Exciting Day held at Corrie Oberholser on 31 August. It was a day filled with joy and laughter as the Lions Club of Alberton gathered for a fantastic time of games and delightful refreshments! A huge thank you to Lion Nisha for her generous donation of Blessing Blankets.



Also on 30 August, Alberton Lion Eddie delivered the food items collected during their food drive to "Keindorpie" in Turfontein. The donation was received with open arms, and Pastor Collin Jafta expressed heartfelt gratitude for the contribution.



On 1 September 2024, Alberton Lions Club was proud to support the Lions Club of Krugersdorp at the Leeuloop Cancer Walk. A day of unity, strength, and blessings as Lions walked together for a cause that touches so many lives.



Nothing deters an Alberton Lion as they braved the cold weather on 31 August doing the food collection.



Thank you to Alberton Lions Nisha, Sandra, Gillian Hanneltjie, and Helen, as well as friends of the Lions, Glenn and Rukkaya Badat, who served with Fish and Bread ministry to the homeless on the streets on 3 September and 14 September.



THE LIONS SHARE



The 13 September saw Lion Melinda delivering a wonderful donation of toiletries to Tannie A. These essential items will provide much-needed support to several elderly residents in the area, ensuring that they feel cared for and valued.



The month of September saw numerous deliveries of fresh fruit and vegetable to Lovies (3 September), Kleindorpie (5 September), 3 x Nursery Schools in Johannesburg South (9 September), 1 x Nursery School in Alberton (13 September) and 3 x Creches in the community of Alberton (19 September). As Lions they are nourishing both hearts and tummies.



Alberton Lions Club had the pleasure of hosting DG Perry and Lion Kantha at their GBM on 16 September.





THE LIONS SHARE



A big thank you to the Alberton Lions knitting team for the amazing items all made with love and patience for the Mommy Care Bags. The items were handed over at a tea and cake social on 20 September.



Thanks to Alberton Lions Jim, Sandy, Lana, as well as Rajesh and his team from SALICT! On 12 September the team completed an eye screening project that screened 685 learners, with 80 students identified as needing further professional consultations.



A huge round of applause for Lions Sandy, Keith, and Teresa for their fantastic work! They hosted an eye screening session at Eden Ridge Primary and screened an incredible 754 learners. Out of those children screened, 77 students will need further optometric consultation to ensure their vision health is on track.



The Lions Club of Alberton's "Chopping Team" had a blast preparing veggies for LOTS every Thursday, proving that you can mix fun with service! From laughter-filled prep sessions to seeing the fruits of their labour making a difference!



THE LIONS SHARE



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

10 things that require zero talent:

1. **Being** on time
2. **Making** an effort
3. **Being** high energy
4. **Having** a positive attitude
5. **Being** passionate
6. **Using** good body language
7. **Being** teachable
8. **Doing** a little extra
9. **Being** prepared
10. **Having** a strong work ethic

What an Incredible Day the Lions Club of Alberton had on 28 September. A day filled with fun, laughter, and a whole lot of love for a worthy cause, their amazing Lions members and Friends of the Lions came together to donate 830 cupcakes that were sold at four different venues in Alberton!

