

Issue 6 (2024-2025) - February 2024

"BETWEEN THE LIONS" (DG PERRY CHETTY)



Dear Lions of District 410E,

As we progress through our Lionistic year, I am continually inspired by the dedication, passion, and commitment demonstrated by our Clubs across the District. Each month brings new stories of impact, growth, and collaboration, reinforcing our motto "We Serve". Witnessing the meaningful difference we create in our communities is truly rewarding.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS



1. SUCCESSFUL SERVICE PROJECTS

Many Clubs have undertaken impactful service projects this past month. A special acknowledgment goes to all who participated in *The Big Walk for Little Warriors*, a remarkable initiative that significantly benefited our communities while raising awareness of Lions' service. Your efforts have been widely appreciated—thank you for your dedication!





2. MEMBERSHIP GROWTH & ENGAGEMENT
Membership growth remains a top priority. It is
encouraging to see Clubs actively welcoming and
engaging new members. Excitingly, District 410E will
be CHARTERING ITS FIRST NEW CLUB IN EIGHT
YEARS—THE LIONS CLUB OF ORKNEY!



Currently as a District, we have achieved a net growth of 29 members, bringing our total to 853 members. Our goal is to reach 1,250 members by 2027—which means adding approximately 14 members per month. *Together, we can achieve this!*



3. UPCOMING EVENTS

To strengthen leadership and membership engagement, we have a series of important training sessions and events scheduled:



25 February – The Membership Orientation was held. I'm excited to learn how many new, prospective and "seasoned" Lions attended.



26 February – Leadership Training: The second module of the Leadership Training programme.

Excellent reports were received from the delegates following Module 1.



29 March - Guiding Lions Training.









- 22 March Earth Hour from 20:30 21:30
- 22 April Earth Day: Keep a look out for the marketing campaign.
- 5 June Environmental Day: Keep a look out for the marketing campaign and participate in the countdown.



24 May & 7 June – Incoming Presidents' Training:
Attendance is essential for both new and returning
Presidents. Please Mark your calendars and ensure
strong participation!

Zone	Date	Time	Venue
Zones 1-5	Saturday	08h30-	Gauteng (Venue tbc)
	24 May	16h00	
Zone 6	Saturday	08h30-	Nelspruit Lions Club
	24 May	16h00	House
Zones 7- 9	Saturday	08h30-	Cowies Hill Lions
	24 May	16h00	Club House
Zones 10 - 11	Saturday	08h30-	Port Alfred Lions
	7 June	16h00	Club House

4. FOCUS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2025



Strengthening Club Collaboration
This month, I encourage Clubs to focus on
collaboration. By joining forces on larger-scale
projects, we can amplify our impact and inspire
greater change. I urge every Club to prioritise Mission
1.5 in their monthly GBM Agendas to drive meaningful
engagement and growth.





Celebrating Our Lions

A heartfelt congratulations to all members reaching significant milestones in their Lionistic journey. Your dedication and service are invaluable to our organization.

If your club has stories to share, please submit them to the District Newsletter Editor, PCC Jacqui Hocking (jacquihocking55@gmail.com) so that they can be featured in upcoming newsletters.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to service. Let's continue to lead with kindness, serve with pride and passion, and grow with purpose.

Yours in Service,

Perry

District Governor
District 410E 2024-2025





INTERNATION PRESIDENT FABRÍCIO OLIVEIRA LETTER TO YOU – FEBRUARY 2025 "TAKE THE LEAD"



Dear Lion,

One of the wonderful aspects of our organisation is that our members come to us with diverse talents and abilities. The knowledge, drive and expertise of our members helps not only your Clubs and communities, but it is also vital in helping our organisation thrive.

By finding ways to put your unique talents and passion to work for your community, you can make a real difference and inspire others to join our mission. And when we encourage our fellow members to share their skills, we can bring out the best in our clubs, our service and each other.



READ THE WHOLE NEWSLETTER VIA THIS HYPERLINK: https://app.e.roar.lionsclubs.org/e/es?s=94443966&e=2178518&elqTrackId=320bc4c47118450db330ff5e51511b5f&elq=66987213992443a18371f9b047c169f9&elqaid=39663&elqat=1&elqak=8AF5B09913B7695D82D689BCDCCB19213311F8A4292443170095E292F1CA7F145114



LCIF NEWS - FEBRUARY 2025



Dear Lions and Leos,

The start of a new year provides an excellent opportunity to take a look at your service and fundraising goals to consider ways Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) can help you achieve them. LCIF grants and programs empower Lions and Leos worldwide to take on bigger projects and impact more people than any single Lion or club could do alone. Within this month's newsletter, you will find an example of a Matching Grant project that is making a difference in Australia, as well as valuable resources that can help you learn more about LCIF grants to see if there is one that's right for your club or district, now or in the future.

It is the support each of you provides our foundation, through your financial gifts and sharing impactful stories of service with others, that we are able to achieve our ambitious goals together. LCIF and our beneficiaries are truly grateful for your continued contributions.

Yours in service, Dr Pattí Híll

LCIF Chairperson

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LCIF NEWS - FEBRUARY 2025

(DC LCIF & Disaster Relief, SVDG Mark van Heerden)



Dear District 410E Lions Family,

LCIF continues to support worthy causes throughout the world. It is so difficult to reach each and every Lion in our District, so to make things easier, I thought I would share various interesting links for your viewing pleasure. This will educate you reading up on the amazing work that LCIF with your contributions do.

Please go through these at your leisure and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

LCIF RESOURCES:

LCIF Leadership Toolkit

Find valuable insights, fundraising guidance and tools for enhancing the role you can play in LCIF.

LCIF: Stories of Pride

Discover and submit your stories of inspiration, impact and kindness behind every LCIF Grant.

LCIF YouTube Playlist

Access the latest inspiring videos from Lions, Leos and leaders around the world.

2023-2024 LCIF Annual Report

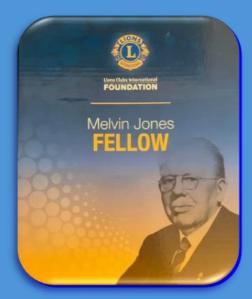
Be inspired by global stories of service and gain an insight into the Lions Clubs International Foundation's financial health.

Lions Learning Centre

Login to access LCIF Courses and learn how our global foundation enhances your service impact.

LCIF History

Explore decades of LCIF humanitarian grant programmes, partnerships and campaign empowering Lions and Leos since 1968.



JUST A REMINDER....for any Clubs wishing to apply for Melvin Jones Foundation's, the process takes approximately 8 – 10 weeks, so please apply as soon as possible if you are planning to present any at your Presidential Induction Functions.



A huge thank you to the Clubs that have contributed to LCIF thus far this fiscal year and I look forward to many more Clubs doing so before 30 June 2025.

Yours in Lionism, Mark van Heerden District 410E LCIF Chairman



CURRENT ISSUE OF LIONS MAGAZINE



To read the current issue of the Lions Magazine, click on the hyperlink:

https://lionmagazine.org/wp-

content/uploads/2025/02/Winter2025_LCIMagazine_WE B.pdf

FVDG/DGE SCHOOL

Tuesday 11th - Thursday 13th February 2025 St. Charles, IL, USA

(As per FVDG Avril Hobbs)



The week of Tuesday 11th to Thursday 13th February held in St. Charles, Illinois, USA was an unforgettable journey for both me and FVDG Bevil Lakay (410W) filled with learning, inspiration, and the energy of 750 future leaders united for a common purpose.







The Incoming International President, AP Singh, has once again ignited our passion for Mission 1.5, our goal to grow Lions Clubs International to 1.5 million members by 2027. More members mean a greater impact in the communities





We are already the world's largest service organisation, and together, we can ensure we continue to be a force for good.









As we head back to South Africa, we are confident that every Lion in the Multiple District 410 is ready to step up, grow our Clubs, and be the change-makers our communities need. Every city, every town, every neighborhood deserves the hope and help of a Lions Club. Let's expand, serve, and change lives.

MD410 CONVENTION OF LIGHT 1 – 4 MAY 2025



COME ON DISTRICT 410E (30 X MEMBERS REGISTERED) – you are one click away – see below hyperlink to register. https://lionsconvention.co.za/



2025 LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Should you wish to attend Lions International Convention in Orlando, Florida, USA herewith the hyperlink to register.

https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/



3RD MD410 COUNCIL MEETING

The 3rd Meeting of the MD410 Council was held on 1st February 2025. A very constructive and decisive meeting amidst much fellowship and belly-aching laughter.











3RD DISTRICT 410E CABINET MEETING





The 3rd Cabinet Meeting of District 410E was held on 8 February 2025 hosted by the Lions Club of Midrand. A huge thank you to those Cabinet Members who attended the meeting in-person some travelling from the Eastern Cape, Kwazulu Natal and Manzini.



Of course what would a Lions Meeting be without fellowship and laughter.



The 2025-2026 PEACE POSTER Contest Theme: Together As One



When we come together, we can do amazing things. This year, Lions International is inviting students around the world to envision what can happen when a diverse group of people unites around a common cause or goal. Imagine a world where we all come together as one!



As per the decision of the Cabinet Meeting, Lions Clubs of District 410E must please order their Peace Poster Kits (digital version or physical kit) via Lions International Website – see hyperlink)

https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-ourapproach/youth/peace-poster

Process for Clubs to place their orders:

1. Club places order via above hyperlink.







- 2. Once the order has been placed, the amount owing will reflect on the relevant Clubs International Statement.
- 3. Club to send an email to DC Peace Posters Natalie Angelo (email: natalieangelo@gmail.com) and Cabinet Treasurer Malcolm Johnston (johnston25@telkomsa.net) for their consolidated report/records of Clubs within District 410E who are participating in the Peace Poster Competition.
- 4. Cabinet Treasurer Malcolm Johnston will as with Club International Dues send the Club Treasurer a Statement reflecting the Rand amount according to that month's exchange rate.
- 5. The Club will pay to District 410E as per the statement and CT Malcolm Johnston will do the transfer to Lions International monthly as with International Dues against that Clubs Account with International.
- 6. Only once the payment is received by Lions
 International will the Club be able to download the
 Digital Kit and / or have the physical kit couriered by
 Lions International.



7. PLEASE NOTE: NO CLUBS must attempt to make payments direct to Lions International.



WORLD AUTISM DAY - 2 APRIL 2025 (DC GST Sandy King)



What is Autism? Also referred to as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), it is a neurodevelopmental condition that affects how a person thinks, behaves, interacts with others, and experiences the world. It is called a "spectrum" because individuals with autism can have a wide range of strengths, challenges, and needs. The exact cause of autism isn't fully understood, but it is believed to involve a combination of genetic and environmental factors.



World Autism Day is on 2nd April and there are many ways Lions Clubs can raise awareness for autism. Here are a few ideas:









- 1. Host Community Events
 - Autism Awareness Walks or Runs: Organise a walk or fun run to raise funds and awareness about autism, promoting inclusion and support for families affected by autism.
 - Information Booths: Set up booths at local events or festivals to distribute informational pamphlets and engage the community in conversations about autism.
 - Specialised Workshops: Offer workshops or training sessions for local teachers, caregivers, and healthcare providers to understand autism better.



2. Collaborate with Autism Organisations
Lions Clubs can partner with established autism
organisations, like The Ernie Els Centre for Autism
South Africa (EEC) or the Star Academy, to
strengthen their outreach. Together, they can host
educational events, awareness campaigns, or
fundraising efforts to support research and services
for people with autism.



3. Social Media Campaigns

- #LightItUpBlue: During Autism Awareness Month (April), Lions Clubs can participate in the Light It Up Blue campaign, where members and local businesses wear blue to raise awareness.
- Share Personal Stories: Share stories from local families, individuals with autism, and experts.
 Highlight positive stories of inclusion and success.



4. Educational Programmes in Schools

- Autism Awareness in Schools: Lions Clubs can partner with local schools to provide Autism Awareness Programmes. Educating children from a young age promotes understanding, empathy, and acceptance.
- Teacher Training: Offer training for teachers on how to identify early signs of autism and how to create a supportive environment for students on the spectrum.













5. Host a Fundraising Event

- Charity Auctions: Organise an auction with proceeds benefiting autism research, local autism programmes, or specialised schools.
- Concerts or Talent Shows: Host a community concert or talent show with a portion of the proceeds going to autism-related causes.



6. Provide Local Support

- Support Groups: Lions Clubs can organise or sponsor local support groups for parents and families of children with autism, providing them with a safe space to share resources, tips, and experiences.
- Respite Care: Lions can work with local businesses or healthcare providers to create opportunities for respite care for families, offering them short-term breaks.





7. Public Awareness Campaigns

 Storytelling through Video: Create short films or videos to spread awareness about autism. These can be shared on social media or shown in local theatres or community spaces.



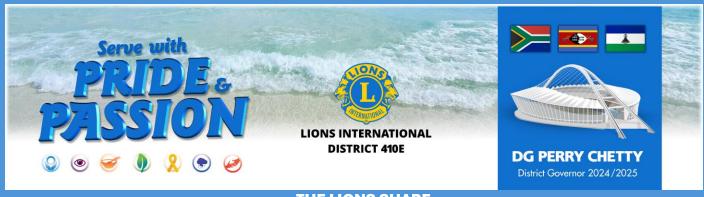
These efforts can be tailored to meet the specific needs of the local community, and by leveraging Lions Clubs' global network and service-driven mission, the impact can be widespread. By integrating these actions, Lions Clubs International can significantly improve the quality of life for individuals with autism and their families, as well as raise awareness in the broader community.











WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

(AS PER LCI MEMBERSHIP REPORTS FEBRUARY 2025)





LION ANTHONY FUTTER Sponsor: Lion Vanessa Richardson

Lions Club of Ramsgate



LION RESHMA MAHARAJH

Sponsor: Lion Anusha Sukha **Lions Club of Roodepoort Wilro Park**



LION SALOSHNI PILLAY

Sponsor: Lion Anusha Sukha



Lions Club of Roodepoort Wilro Park



LION ZAAHID ENVER UNWARSA

Sponsor: Lion Anusha Suka Lions Club of Roodepoort Wilro Park



Sponsor: Lion Jan Jonker



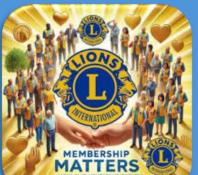
LION BRIAN E WILSON

Lions Club of Stilfontein











LION NIRMALA AMMASAI

Sponsor: Lion Mano Pillay Lions Club of North Durban



LION LINDA PILLAY

Sponsor: Lion Mano Pillay Lions Club of North Durban



LION DEBBIE JOUBERT

Sponsor: Lion Brian Porteous Lions Club of Hibberdene



LION JOEL NICHOLAS JOUBERT

Sponsor: Lion Brian Porteous Lions Club of Hibberdene



LION CAROL THOMPSON

Sponsor: Lion Marion Chapman Lions Club of Howick Umngeni



LION SHARON JAMIESON

Sponsor: Lion Sanet Emmerick Lions Club of PE St. Croix



"MAKING OUR MARK"

(District 410E Club Stories as submitted)









LIONS CLUB OF COWIES HILL



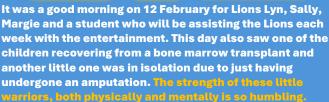


Lions Sally and Margie visited Albert Luthuli Hospital Pediatric Oncology Ward on 29 January 2025. There were 8 children who had loads of fun with the Lions.













Wednesday 19 February dawned, and Lions Margie, Sally and Kassie visited Albert Luthuli Hospital Pediatric Oncology Ward where there were 15 children in the ward. They thoroughly enjoyed playing with the dolls, colouring in and Lego. Little baby of 5 months was just too precious.



On 10 February 2025, 6 Members of the Lions Club of Cowies Hill "raided" Kingsburgh Lions Club. Thank you Kingsburgh Lions for the warm welcome and delicious refreshments.



Lion President Bronwyn was out and about on 13 February 2025, delivering treats to the Reception Staff at Kloof and Highway SPCA to thank them for their dedication to our furry friends.

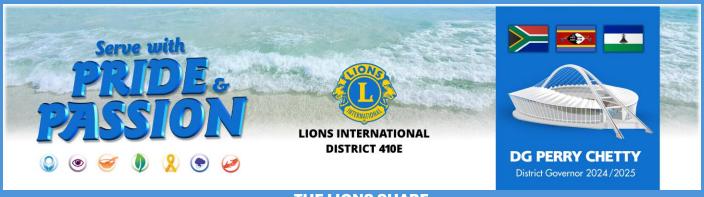














Cowies Hill Lions celebrated Valentine's Day (14 February 2025) entertaining the residents of Pinehaven Retirement Home with their monthly 200 Club Draw amidst lots of fun and laughter.



Lion Margie Hill joined Howick Lions Club for their Big Walk for Little Warriors held on 16 February 2025.



A bumper food collection was held on 22 February 2025 by the Lions Club of Cowies Hill at Westville Superspar. The recipients designated for this collection were CHOC, Siyajabula Orphanage and Pinetown Child and Family Welfare.





Lion Carol took her "Awesome Dolls" and a selection of clothes to Grace Cottage on Saturday 22 February 2025. As usual the dolls were a great hit, with a lot of time spent giving them new hair styles, and many changes of outfits. Some got a talking to, in the style of their teachers, "Now you are trying my patience!" Another doll shared information with her new friend, that chocolate ice cream is her favourite. These visits are a great time to interact with these children and give them some different adults to interact with.

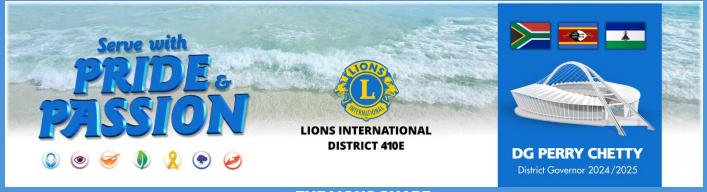
LIONS CLUB OF SCOTTBURGH



Scottburgh Lions handed out the 3rd Peace Poster Winner Prize on 29 January. The delay was due to the school not being able to accommodate this at the end of the 2024.



On 29 January 2025 amidst much excited the Lions Club of Scottburgh handed out the Back to School bags courtesy of Amazon to Injobulo School.





On the same day (29 January 2025) and 26 February 2025 saw members of the Lions Club of Scottburgh doing the monthly grocery delivery to Anchor Village, a home for abandoned and destitute people.



Scottburgh Lions distributed the shoes from the Lions/Amazon Back to School Packs to the Amhlongwa Junior Primary on 6 February to the great delight of the children who for some was the first pair of new school shoes they had ever had.



On 2 February, the Lions Club of Scottburgh held the monthly Diabetes Screening.





Whilst the weather was rainy and overcast, this did not deter the Lions Club of Scottburgh setting up for The Big Walk for Little Warriors on Saturday 15 February 2025.



It was pleasing to note that Darrell's legs were a little bit better when the Scottburgh Lions delivered the monthly groceries to him and his family on 20 February 2025.



The Lions Club of Scottburgh delivered Care Packs to the Crisis Centre at GJ Crooks which caters for abused children.





The monthly shopping and delivery of food supplies took place on 24 February to Johan, a wheelchair bound gentleman that the Lions Club of Scottburgh take care of. As usual he was extremely grateful and enjoyed the interaction and chat during the visit.

LIONS CLUB OF MIDRAND



On 7 February 2025, our lovely cleaning lady brought her little adopted daughter aged 8 years along to the Lions Club of Midrand Community Centre as she had no school on that day and didn't want to leave at home whilst she prepped the Community Centre for the District 410E Cabinet Meeting the next day. On hearing that she could now buy the little one a pair of school shoes, the Lions Club of Midrand presented her with a Lions/Amazon Back to School Pack containing a brand new pair of shoes – the smile says it all.





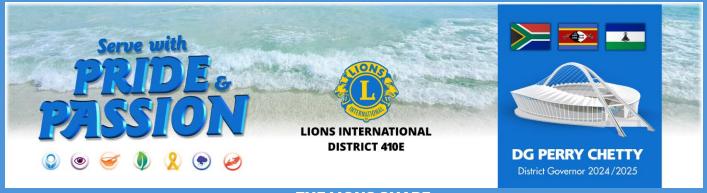


The Zone 4 Big Walk for Little Warriors held at the Irene Oval on Saturday 15 February 2025 was well supported by members from the Lions Club of Midrand. There were 150 participants in total raising R10,610.00 for Nicus Lodge TLC.





Thanks to a donation from the Lions Club of Pretoria Jakaranda of samp and mielie meal received by them from the Toy Run, we delivered to Sefikeng Primary School situated on the grounds of Leeukop Prison (21 February 2025) and Kgadi Youth Centre in Ivory Park (23 February 2025) to assist them with the feeding schemes for the children.







The Lions Club of Midrand held their Monthly Eye Clinic on Saturday 22 February 2025. Whilst quieter than most months, they nonetheless vision screened, tested by their awesome Optometrist and sent off 9 scripts to Lions BrightSight.





Each patient and some of the Lions had their sugar levels and blood pressure tested by Sister Louise Pywell who is always on hand to offer sound advice to patients at each of the Monthly Eye Clinics of the Lions Club of Midrand.



Simultaneously retail therapy took place with a fairly substantial amount of money raised for our Projects Account. The purpose of the Thrift Sale is provide quality clothing at affordable prices to the clients.

LIONS CLUB OF KLERKSDORP



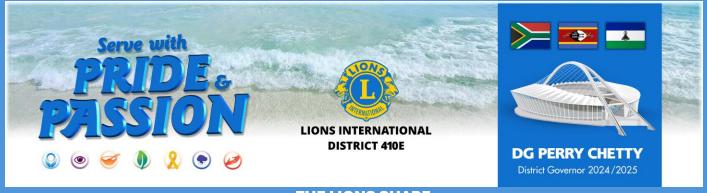
The Lions Club of Klerksdorp in keeping with their Hunger Relief projects delivered fresh vegetables to the Klerksdorp Old Age Home on 11 February 2025 to aid them in preparing healthy meals for the residents.

LIONS CLUB OF HELDERKRUIN





The Lions Club of Helderkruin participated in the Zone 1 Big Walk for Little Warriors held on 15 February 2025. It was an 8km walk through the suburbs of Wilro Park and Helderkruin. The purpose was to create public awareness of Lions Clubs as well as supporting CHOC and Diabetes both integral Lions pillars of service. The weather on the day was conducive, shared amidst great comradery and thanks to the marshals on the road for their tireless input ensuring the safety of the participants. Delicious burgers and drinks were on sale with all proceeds going to CHOC. Fun was had by all!



LIONS CLUB OF CENTURION LIFESTYLE





The Lions Club of Centurion Lifestyle had a "flipping" good time and thanks all the participants at the Zone 4 Big Walk for Little Warriors for their support of the "Pancake Team".

LIONS CLUB OF JOHANNESBURG THE WILDS



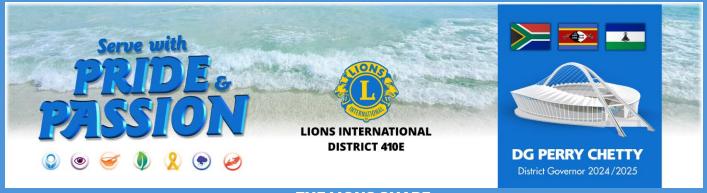
With fine weather prevailing, the Club held their Monthly GBM on the afternoon of 8 February 2025 at Old Ed's so the meeting was held outdoors.



Following the meeting, the Lions Club of Johannesburg The Wilds was visited by the SA Guide Dog Assocation where they delivered a presentation on the various aids utilised by the blind allowing them to be more independent. Wilhelmina demonstrated the "white cane", a 3-stage buzzer utilised when pouring liquids, a bank note checker which measures R10, R20, R50 and R100 bank notes. A package of all three of these products costs R1,260.00. The Club was thanked for their donation of R12,000.00 which will be put towards the training of a Guide Dog as well over the years donating funds that have enabled the SA Guide Dog Association to train 37 guide dogs.



On the morning of 8 February 2025, Lion Mark Meltzer and Fanisa, the 14 year old daughter of Lion Faniso Khoza participated in the Jackal Dash Mountain Bike Race held at Northern Farms, near Lanseria with the participation of hundreds of bikers.



LIONS CLUB OF VEREENIGING





The Vereeniging Lions Club partnered with Vaal Mall and students from the University of Johannesburg for their annual community drive called the EYES OF LOVE Campaign held on Saturday 15 February 2025. 98 people were screened with the PlusOptix Vision Screener with 90 referred for full eye tests conducted by the UJ students on the same day. 85 people will be receiving spectacles via Lions BrightSight. Diabetes and Blood Pressure testing was also done serving 71 people.

LIONS CLUB OF PORT ALFRED



The Lions Club of Port Alfred catered at their food stall raising funds at the Night Bowls Event on 14 February and thanks to all who supported them.





Port Alfred Lions Members took action raising awareness for Childhood Cancer in support of District 410E's "Big Walk for Little Warriors" initiative on Saturday 15 February 2025. Some of the brave Port Alfred Lions members laced up their running shoes and participated in the Park Run! This effort was aimed at raising awareness and funds for childhood cancer research, treatment, and support. We're proud of our members for taking a step towards making a difference in the lives of young warriors battling cancer!



LIONS CLUB OF UITENHAGE





The Lions Club of Uitenhage participated in the Big Walk for Little Warriors on Saturday 15 February 2025 hosted by the Lions Club of PE St. Croix.





On 16 February 2025 the Uitenhage Lions marshalled the Herald Cycle Tour in Port Elizabeth as a fundraiser.



The Lions Club of Uitenhage hosted the Zone 10 Meeting at their Club House on 22 February 2025. Feedback from the members was that it was an amazing experience to share ideas with the various Clubs in Zone.

LIONS CLUB OF ALBERTON

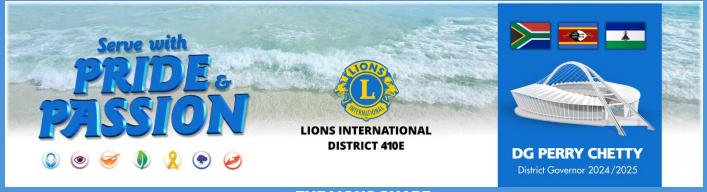






The Lions Club of Alberton's "Chopping Team" were hard at work amidst smiles and joy assisting LOTS on a weekly basis in the preparation of meals for 200 people as part of their feeding scheme on 23 January, 30 January, 6 February, and 13 February 2025. Many hands make light work!



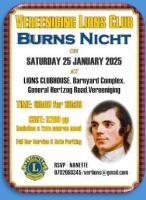




Alberton Lions Grace and Christle, dropped off much needed fresh fruit and vegetables on 20 January 2025 at two of the Crèches the Club supports in the south.



Members of the Lions Club of Alberton travelled to Vereeniging Lions Club on 25 January, to support their Burns Nicht Fundraiser partaking in the Scottish cuisine and great fellowship.











On 27 January and 10 February, Alberton Lions Christle, Lorraine, Helen, and Grace delivered mommy care bags to new moms at the South Rand Hospital. They had the privilege of meeting a dedicated doctor who was so happy to see them bringing comfort and care to the maternity ward.



Alberton Lions Club was abundantly blessed on 27 January 2025 with a huge donation of beautifully knitted booties, jerseys, and knitted blankets. All of these will be included in the Mommy Care Bags, which are special bags, filled with blankets, knitted clothing, teddies, and essential toiletries, delivered regularly to new moms and babies at South Rand Hospital, bringing them comfort and care during this precious time.





The Lions Club of Alberton's Service Chairperson, Lion Melinda dropped off much needed toiletries with Tannie A on 30 January. These will go a long way in supporting the elderly community. Many Lions will remember Tannie A as being awarded Lions Citizen of the Year and she is still going strong and supporting those less fortunate.



Thanks to the generosity of their amazing supporters, Alberton Lions was able to donate much-needed baby items to a children's home in their community on 30 January 2025. These essentials will go a long way in cherishing the little ones in need.



On 26 January, Alberton Lions Hannetjie, Helen, and Keith delivered Smart Meals to 45 SASSA pensioners at Corrie Oberholzer Home, thereby ensuring that the elderly community members receive nutritious meals.

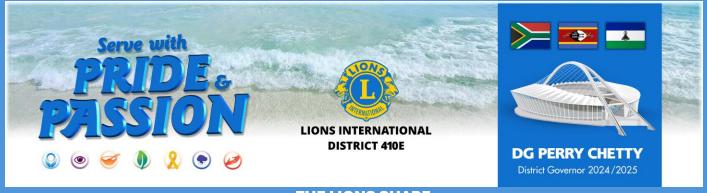




Alberton Lion helped Dewald and the members of Fish and Bread Ministry feed approximately 100 hungry people on the streets on 28 January 2025.



Thank you to Lion Keith for donating blood on 10 February 2025 - making a difference and saving lives! Every donation has the power to help those in need.





2 February saw Lion Eddie delivering non-perishable food items from the Clubs December food collection to Kleindorpie and Tannie A.



Alberton Lions blessed the little ones at JOL Children's home with nappies on 6 February 2025.



The Lions Club of Alberton delivered nappies, fresh fruit and vegetables to the Nursery Schools on 6 February.





Midrand and Friends pictured above
What a fantastic turnout at the Lions Club of Alberton's
Big Walk for Little Warriors held at Rietvlei Zoo Farm on
15 February 2025. 160 Walkers registered and braved the
weather for the 5km walk. Members from the Lions Clubs
of The Wilds, Benoni Lakes, Edenvale and Midrand joined
the walk, raising R8,600.00. A portion of the money will go
to Stepping Stones and Kids Kicking Cancer.

LIONS CLUB OF DURBAN EAST COAST



East Coast Lions assisted the Chatsworth Community in Roads 913, 914, 915 and other nearby streets with the supply of water. The community were without water for five days and the Lions sprang into action engaging with a private tanker service, and the tanker service kindly heeded the call for a further 2 days (3 days' supply in total). Collectively 48 000 liters of water was dispatched.







The weekly visits by the Lions Club of East Coast to Pemary Primary School in Reservoir Hills commenced in February 2025. Grade 3 learners are assisted with phonic recognition, enunciation and reading. As English is not the 1st language for the learners they struggle in every aspect. However, the East Coast Lions are met with huge smiles and the children are so enthusiastic to learn and await praise and "high fives" when they're able to recognise the alphabet. "Get Lit Project" – Knowledge is power.





In collaboration with SA Harvest, the Lions of East Coast distributed 150 food hamper buckets including 150 x 10kg mealie meal bags to the main clinic in Kwadabeka. This Clinic serves between 15 000 and 16 000 people per month. This is to assist families with children in need of care for pediatric cancer, liver cancer, TB, HIV, diabetes and malnutrition.





East Coast Lions Maythree, Rekha, and Vee commenced the bi-weekly visits in February 2025, to the Pediatric Oncology Ward at Inkosi Albert Luthuli Hospital. The children enjoyed colouring in posters for Valentines Day and were further stimulated with singing and playing with building blocks.







The Clubs "Happy Feet 2025" was an astounding success with planning starting in 2024 where schools, organisations, individuals, and relevant social workers assisted with finding the needlest children to receive the shoes. There was an electric buzz of joy when the children received their new pair of shoes at the beginning of the school term. A total of 1,799 pairs of shoes were distributed to 37 schools.





Weekly Math's tuition began at Wingen Heights
Secondary School in Shallcross and Math's and Physical
Science Tuitions at Palmview Secondary in Phoenix. 220
and 438 Learners respectively, in grades 11 and 12 attend
the tuition sessions on a Saturday morning hosted and
run by the Lions Club of Durban East Coast.



Preloved clothing and toys were distributed by the Lions Club of Durban East Coast to the low cost housing in the Tongaat area. Families welcomed the items with great appreciation and the joy of seeing the children's faces light up when they received the toys was incredibly heartwarming.



The Lions of East Coast collaborated with the Ramakrishna Ashram Medical Camp in Kwa Dakuza on the North Coast. 40 pairs of school shoes and 40 Lions/Amazon stationery backpacks were distributed to the children who receive medical treatment at the camp.

LIONS CLUB OF BENONI





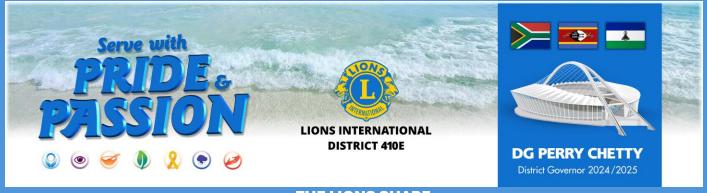
The Lions Club of Benoni had a very busy month of February 2025 with lots of preparation underway for the winter months, as besides their ongoing knitted goodies for the local hospitals for newborns and prem babies, they are also collecting for those in need for distribution prior to the onslaught of Winter.







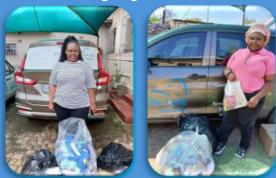
The Clubs regular food donations continued to Oliver's Village, Mother Hostia's Haven and Benoni Child Welfare, as well as the ad hoc donations when necessary.







Lions James van Heerden and Jean Paine, members of the Lions Club of Benoni serve on the Lions BrightSight Management Committee and are actively involved, as are the rest of the Club with distributing readers and references to Lions BrightSight.



Benoni Lion Kathy organises regular care packs for children who are accompanied to court by Lifeline for domestic abuse and other cases.



During February, the Lions Club of Benoni visited the site in Diepsloot this month where the Khensanyi Foundation and others are funding and building a nursery school using eco bricks. They were also shown a completed classroom site with eco toilets, no electricity, only solar and grey water is used. As such the Club Members are collecting eco bricks for a local veggie garden at a nearby church that they will assist in building.



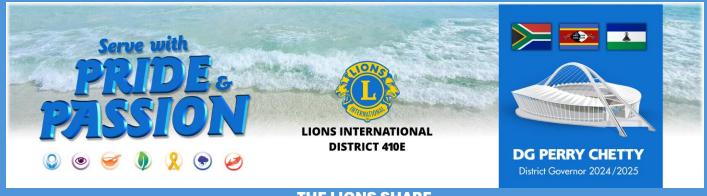
LIONS CLUB OF HOWICK



The Lions Club of Howick were delighted to induct Lion Carol Thompson on 12 February 2025, pictured with her sponsor, Lion Marion Chapman.



The Big Walk for Little Warriors held in conjunction with the Lions Club of Hilton on 16 February 2025 was a great success with 100 participants on the day raising funds for CHOC.





The Lions Club of Howick donated the Lions/Amazon Back to School Bags and shoes to Khazimula Children's Home, Lions River School and St. Joseph's School in Howick. The children were delighted with their bags and new school shoes.

LIONS CLUB OF WILRO PARK



What a great day the Lions Club of Wilro Park and the Clubs from Zone 1 had... Lions at work but having fun together and for a good cause. Some Lions worked and some walked – 8 kms! All Clubs from Zone 1 were invited to join the Big Walk for Little Warriors on Saturday 15 February to raise awareness for Childhood Cancer, Choc and also to support Nico, grandson of Lion Susan. The route took the walkers to Ridgeview Shopping Centre where Woolworths sponsored the Rehydration Station and the Info Table. The Roodekrans Neighbourhood Watch Marshalls ensured the safety of all walkers.









The Lions/Amazon School Bags, Shoes and stationery were donated to Cyril Turton for the Readers R Leaders project by the Lions Club of Wilro Park.



Members of the Lions Club of Wilro Park hard at work at the Lions Roodepoort Eye Clinic sorting, cleaning and organising frames.







Wilro Park Lions Mandy, Shirley and Vera taking a break after a hard day's work at Tandanani getting the Homework Centre back into ship shape readiness!





Wilro Park Lions Bingo – an evening of fun and bingo games at West Rand Cripple Care on 12 February and all with a Valentines Day theme.



CELEBRATE THE CHARTERING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF ORKNEY

Breaking News on 27 February 2025

Approval from Lions International for the chartering of the Lions Club of Orkney with their Club ID allocated.



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