

#### Issue 7 (2024-2025) - March 2025

# "BETWEEN THE LIONS" (DG PERRY CHETTY)



**Dear Lions of District 410E,** 

As we move further into 2025, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the dedication and passion displayed by each of you in serving our communities. Our collective commitment to service continues to make a difference, and I am excited to share some of the key updates and milestones from the past month.

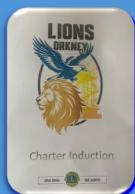


**Chartering of the Lions Club of Orkney** 



One of the most remarkable achievements this month has been the Chartering of the Lions Club of Orkney. This marks a significant milestone for our District, as it is the first new Lions Club to be chartered in eight years. The enthusiasm and energy of these new members inspire hope for the future of Lionism in our District.





Compliments go to our Zone Chairperson Riaan Wilkin and Lion President of Klerksdorp Pieter Du Preez on starting the initiative and following through.

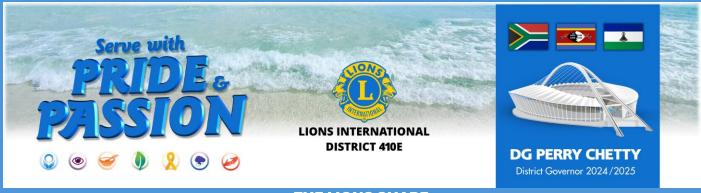
Congratulations to all involved in making this a reality!

Let us support and mentor our newest Lions as they embark on their journey of service.



#### **Membership Growth & Retention**

Membership remains a top priority for our District. We must continue our efforts to attract new members while ensuring our current Lions remain engaged and motivated. Each Club is encouraged to host membership drives, promote our impact via social media, and create meaningful service projects that inspire others to join. Remember, growth starts with us—one conversation, one invitation, and one act of kindness at a time. We are looking forward to Chartering another Club in our District being the Lions Club of Lenasia on 31 May 2025. Heartiest congratulations to the Lions Club Branch of Lenasia on inducting 7 new members this past month. To all the Clubs that have added new members thank you as by having more members we can offer more service. We are certainly moving in the right direction with membership growth. Currently District 410E has 877 members, with a net growth of 52. And we have 35 new members in waiting.





A special thank you goes to our GAT team who are driving membership growth aggressively and with passion with the Region and Zone Chairpersons.



#### **Upcoming Events & Training**



**Cabinet Meeting:** Our next Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for 1st of May 2025 at Goudini.



Leadership Development Workshops: Stay tuned for upcoming training sessions aimed at strengthening our leadership and service effectiveness. Please take note of the dates for Club Officer Training which is contained in this Newsletter and will also be communicated by DC GLT PDC Patrick Mills to all Clubs. It is imperative that ALL future Presidents, Secretaries and Treasures attend, to ensure that we can have uniformity (speaking with one voice) and compliance in our District. Times are changing and we must keep abreast with this change. Training 101 is therefore vitally important for both long serving and new members.



Service Projects: Clubs are encouraged to share their upcoming service activities so we can support and celebrate them together. A SERVICE CHAIRPERSONS FORUM will soon be introduced to share our successors and failures. DC GST Sandy King will be introducing this.



#### **Recognizing Excellence**

A special thank you to our Clubs that have gone above and beyond in their service projects this past month. Whether it's feeding programmes, environmental initiatives, or youth engagement, your efforts are truly making an impact. If your Club has an inspiring story, please share it with us for future Newsletters by email to PCC Jacqui Hocking (Editor) via email: jacquihocking55@gmail.com.



#### **Final Thoughts**

As we look ahead, let's continue to uphold the spirit of Lionism with enthusiasm and dedication. Know your members as membership satisfaction is the key ingredient in having a family orientated Club and District. Together, we are shaping a stronger, more vibrant District 410E. Thank you for your service and commitment—our communities are better because of you.

Yours in Service,



District Governor
District 410E 2024-2025







#### **Incoming Club Officers Training**

(DC GLT, PDG Patrick Mills)



During the month of April Clubs will be electing their Incoming Club Presidents and Club Officers for the 2025-2026 Lionistic Year.

The Global Leadership Team (GLT) is arranging in-person training on a Regional basis for Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership Chairs, and online training for other Club Officer Portfolios (Service, Fundraising, LCIF, Marketing/PRO).

It is <u>ABSOLUTELY VITAL</u> that your Incoming Club Officers attend these sessions, which will cover the roles and responsibilities as well as the non-negotiables, providing a basic <u>step-by-step</u> approach to ensure a successful year.

Please therefore diarise the following dates for your respective Zone:



#### INCOMING CLUB PRESIDENTS IN-PERSON TRAINING:

Zone	Date	Time	Venue
Zones 1 - 5	Saturday	08h30-	Alberton Lions
	24 May	16h00	Club House
Zone 6	Saturday	08h30-	Nelspruit Lions
	24 May	16h00	Club House
Zone 7,8, 9	Saturday 24 May	08h30- 16h00	Cowies Hill Lions Club House
Zone 10,11	Saturday	08h30-	Port Alfred Lions
	7 June	16h00	Club House



#### INCOMING CLUB OFFICERS IN-PERSON TRAINING FOR:

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**Presidents who were unable to attend Club President training** 

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**Secretaries** 



**Treasurers** 



**Membership Chairs** 

Zone	Date	Time	Venue	
Zone 1, 2,	Saturday	08h30-	Parktown	
3, 4, 5	7 June	13h00	(Johannesburg)	
Zone 6	Saturday	08h30-	Nelspruit Lions	
	24 May	13h00	Club House	
Zone 7, 8, 9	Saturday	08h30-	<b>Cowies Hill Lions</b>	
	24 May*	13h00	Club House	
Zones 10,	Saturday	08h30-	Port Alfred Lions	
11	7 June	13h00	Club House	

\* changed from 7<sup>th</sup> June to 24<sup>th</sup> May due to the 2025 Comrades Marathon being held on Sunday June 8.

### INCOMING CLUB OFFICERS VIRTUAL (ONLINE) TRAINING FOR ALL ZONES:

**Service Chairpersons** 

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**Fundraising Chairpersons** 

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**LCIF Chairpersons** 

**Marketing/PRO Chairpersons** 

Zone	Date	Time	Format
All Zones	Saturday	09h00-	Online:
	21 June	13h00	1 hour per Portfolio

If you have any queries, please contact DC GLT, PDG Patrick Mills either via mobile number: 082 45 18759 or email address: <a href="mailto:patrick.mills@za.saabgroup.com">patrick.mills@za.saabgroup.com</a>





## District 410E Club Excellence Rules 2024-2025

(DG Perry Chetty)



#### **URGENT REMINDER:**

Notify DG Perry of your Clubs intention to enter which competitions (formal and informal submissions) by NO LATER THAN 1 APRIL 2025 via email

(<u>perryvns@yahoo.com</u>). Entries must cover the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

All FORMAL entries to be submitted to DG Perry on or before 13 APRIL 2025.

REVISED DATE & EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ENTRIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO COMPETITION to be submitted to DC Environment, PDG Jeff Smith by NO LATER THAN 15 APRIL 2025. Email address: jeffbsmith65@gmail.com

# Formal Entries

Awards requiring FORMAL submission by the relevant Lions Club:

- International Relations
- Social Media Award
- Lions Service Project of the Year
- Lions Fundraising Project of the Year
- Club Scrapbook of the Year Hardcopy Scrapbook
- Electronic Scrapbook
- We Serve Award
- Diabetes Awareness
- Knights of the Blind Award
- Childhood Cancer Award
- Protecting our Environment Award
- Hunger Alleviation Award
- Environmental Photo Contest

# No FoRMal

Awards that DO NOT REQUIRE FORMAL SUBMISSION by a Lions Club:

- Club Efficiency
- Club Secretary of the Year
- Promotion of Growth of Lionism
- Lions Club of the Year
- Lions Leader of the Year
- Membership Growth
- Lions Clubs International Foundation Award
- Christmas Cake Awards Greatest Cake Sales
- Improved Cake Sales
- Greatest Pro-rata to Membership Cake Sales

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# **CONTESTS**

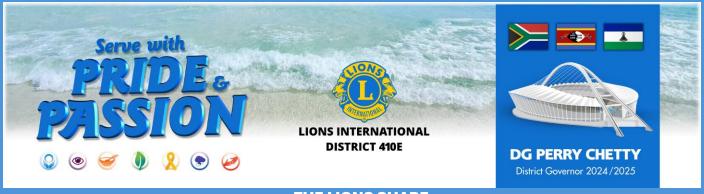
## **GRAND WINNERS 2024-2025** "PEACE WITHOUT LIMITS"

Congratulations to the 2024-25 LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST Grand Prize Winner Shuwen Wang, aged 13 and sponsored by Dalian Delong Lions Club, China





"Peace allows people from different countries and cultures to better communicate and understand each other, making the world more diverse and wonderful!"



Congratulations to the 2024-25 LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE ESSAY CONTEST Grand Prize Winner Robert Hunt, aged 11 and sponsored by Lower Hutt Host Lions Club, New Zealand



To read this incredible essay, click on the hyperlink: https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md\_wSosDFm2hMi32ULf.jp g.pdf?v=1

#### MERIT WINNER 2024-2025 DISTRICT 410E

Huge congratulations to the 2024-25 LIONS
INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST MERIT AWARD
WINNER Annette Higgs, aged 13 and sponsored by
Roodepoort Wilro Park Lions Club, District 410E, South
Africa.



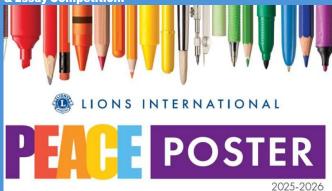


SO PROUD OF THIS YOUNG ARTIST

PEACE POSTER & ESSAY CONTEST 2025-2026 "TOGETHER AS ONE"



A reminder to Clubs to order your kits online and to advise DC Peace Poster & Essay Natalie Engelo via email: natalieangelo@gmail.com and Cabinet Treasurer PDG Malcolm Johnston via email: johnston25@telkomsa.net in order for them to keep records of Clubs within District 410E who are participating in the 2025-2026 Peace Poster & Essay Competition.



Together As One

Inspire young people to showcase their talent
Create memories that will last a lifetime

Imagine more than 600,000 children sharing their visions of peace





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PEACE POSTER CONTEST Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules



# **VERY IMPORTANT-NON NEGOTIABLE Uploading of Club Officers 2025-2026**

(DC GMT, PDG Alistair Tuckett)



Please ensure that the Incoming Officers for your Club are registered for the new fiscal year no later than 15 May 2025 on the Lions Portal. This deadline is essential, as it allows International and District officials to compile the necessary directories and contact details for Club Officer positions. Proper registration (with correct contact details) ensures that, starting 1 July 2025, all communications reach the appropriate individuals efficiently.



Missing this deadline creates challenges for outgoing Club Officers, as making corrections after this date becomes significantly more difficult.

Herewith the "how to" to assist you:



Log onto Lions Portal / My Club

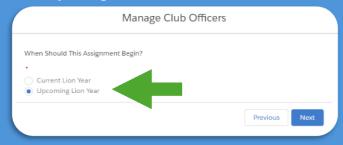
Select "Manage Club Officers" under "Member Actions" on the righthand side.



Select "Create New Assignment" and then select "Next"



Select "Upcoming Lion Year" and then select "Next"





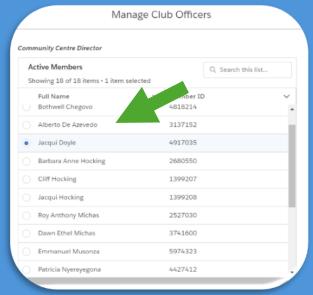
Click and select under Officer Type drop down menu (either Officer or Administrator) / Title Type.

VERY IMPORTANT - For Club President, Secretary, etc., please use the OFFICIAl Title Type, only use Local for Club specific positions, e.g. Community Centre Director. Select "Next"



Select the relevant member as per the list that comes up for your Club Membership.

Select "Next" to upload each Club Officer.



Once all your Club Officers are loaded for the 2025-2026 year, then select "Finish".

Continue until all your officers are loaded and when all are loaded and complete, you will get a "green bar" at the top of your screen.



Check within 24 hours to see if it has pulled through – you can view by selecting "View Officers" / "Future Year".





Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a smooth transition for the upcoming year.

### WHAT IS WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY (DC GMT, PDG Alistair Tuckett)

Welcome, new Lions!
#WorldwideInductionDay
April 26, 2025

Lions Worldwide Induction Day (WWID) is a global event dedicated to welcoming new members while inspiring membership growth and increasing public awareness of Lions Clubs International. Held annually on the last Saturday of April, this year's event falls on **Saturday, 26** April 2025.

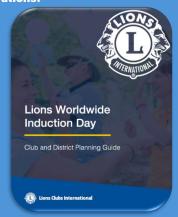




Since 1917, Lions have served their local communities, reaching out to those in need. As the demand for Lions' service grows, so does the need for quality members to embody the association's motto, "We Serve." WWID serves as a symbolic event to demonstrate Lions Clubs International's commitment to recruiting dedicated members and addressing community needs. Participating in this event not only helps stimulate membership growth but also raises awareness about your Club's activities and impact.

#### **Celebrating Worldwide Induction Day**

Lions Clubs across the globe celebrate WWID by sharing their experiences on social media using the hashtag #WorldwideInductionDay. A social media kit is also available from Lions Clubs International (LCI) to help promote the event effectively. In addition, a comprehensive guide with event planning tips, recruitment ideas, and public relations strategies ensures that clubs can host successful and meaningful WWID celebrations.



# Key Elements of a Successful WWID Celebration Contained in the Comprehensive Guide as mentioned above (click on the hyperlink)

- 1. Strong Membership Campaign.
- 2. Meaningful Ceremony.
- 3. Effective Public Relations Plan.



#### Launch a Strong Membership Campaign

The primary goal of WWID is to recruit quality members in a positive and newsworthy manner. Resources such as the **Just Ask! New Member Recruiting Guide** are available to support your membership drive. Below are five proven recruitment techniques:

- 1. **Challenges:** Introduce friendly competition by challenging Clubs, Zones, or Regions to recruit the highest number of new members.
- 2. Recruitment Night: Encourage members to invite potential Lions to a special meeting that highlights the Club's projects, accomplishments, and fellowship.
- 3. **Project Volunteers:** Invite the public to participate in a Club project, fostering mutual understanding.
- 4. Member-Get-A-Member Campaign: Ask members to submit names of potential candidates to the membership committee. Consider colleagues, neighbours, community leaders, educators, professionals, or youth activity participants.
- 5. Advertising and Promotion: Use techniques like setting up community event booths, publicising club activities in newspapers, conducting direct mail campaigns, or creating a club website to highlight your impact.



Once your campaign is complete, provide DG Perry with the estimated number of new inductees so that special certificates—signed by the International President can be prepared. The Clubs/Zones/Regions Induction Ceremony Coordinator will assist in organising the event. Clubs are responsible for inviting and registering new members for the induction ceremony, ensuring everyone feels warmly welcomed into the Lions family.



# INTERNATION PRESIDENT FABRÍCIO OLIVEIRA LETTER TO YOU – MARCH 2025 "IT'S TIME TO BUILD OUR FUTURE"



#### **Dear Lion,**

To ensure a thriving organization, we must continue to innovate and involve even more people in our service. One of the best ways to achieve both is by increasing the number of young Lions and Leos. This will help us reach our "MISSION 1.5" goal and set us up for a bright future.

So, collaborate with your Club to ensure it's a welcoming, inclusive and energizing place that will attract young people—and all people who want to serve. The next generation of Lions starts now.

**At your service,** Fabrício Oliveira

**International President** 



READ THE ENTIRE NEWSLETTER VIA THIS HYPERLINK: https://app.e.roar.lionsclubs.org/e/es?s=94443966&e=2230694&elqTrackid=320bc4c47118450db330ff5e51511b5f&elq=230bb61929a143449009a0ed021ec756&elqaid=40068&elqat=1&elqak=8AF5BF84994AD4EA42D9E06B35FA684FBF40528EB3DA48AD0AA8092B44C2BAAD19CE

#### **LCIF NEWS - MARCH 2025**



#### **Dear Lions and Leos,**

I am continually impressed by the innovative ways that Lions and Leos worldwide create positive change in your local communities and across the globe. LCIF is proud to offer grants and programs that enable us to serve more people and respond to the world's changing needs.

This month's newsletter highlights how Lions in Japan used an LCIF grant to meet the needs of people impacted by a devastating earthquake. We also feature a video that shows how the LCIF Lions Quest program is making a big difference for school children in El Salvador. I encourage you to make a donation to LCIF if you are inspired by these examples of Lions and Leos changing lives. Your gifts are what make LCIF's support possible.

Yours in service,

Dr Patti Hill

LCIF Chairperson



#### READ THE ENTIRE NEWSLETTER VIA THIS HYPERLINK:

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#### **STRENTHEN 410E**

(FVDG Avril Hobbs)

The definition of **STRONG and STRENGTHENING**:

Strong: Having the power to move heavy weights or perform other physically demanding tasks.

Similar words: powerful; muscular; sturdy; fit; vigorous; mighty

And Strengthening: able to withstand force, pressure or wear.

Similar words: secure, indestructible.

As a District we need to be all of the above.

This initiative has been flourishing for 3 years, and with every Lion on board we will move towards again, being a **STRONG full District.** So how do we do this....



**REJUVANATE** our Clubs to be the service organisation of choice in our communities. Ensuring all the reporting is done monthly and on time, our admin is completed professionally. By keeping all Club members informed of what is happening in the District, if you not getting communications check your email at LCI, District and Club level are correct!



By **REBRANDING:** When did your Club last get apparel that all Lions wear to projects? Did you stand out as a cohesive group, a together team? Do we look like a FUN group or "family" to belong to? When at projects do you look like a professional outfit with up to date and eye catching signage with the correct logo (it is not new anymore!) 10 | P a g e



birthdays on the correct date, maybe give a small gift from the Club; have regular get togethers, maybe after every Club meeting. Share the expense of meals/snacks by taking turns to supply them. This is a great opportunity to bring friends and potential Lions to see we are more than service, we are family. Ensure conflict is dealt with quickly by doing so quickly. A small issue then can't grow to a full blown challenge. Keep all Lions feeling as if they are appreciated, this is the task of not only the president but all Lions. Sponsors fulfill your role and take care of new members.



Be INCLUSIVE on ALL levels. Check on Lions you suddenly don't see; listen to all ideas for projects and don't be quick (this is aimed at seasoned Lions) to say this hasn't worked before, who knows an injection of enthusiasm may be all this project needs. Allow everyone's passion to shine. Remember you are not obliged to attend every project, but if you say YES, then follow through, don't bail if something better comes up.!

Once we've strengthened our Club from within, we start looking at **GROWING** your Club. This is the RESPONSIBILITY of EVERY LION. Remember if you pop off/leave/get ill who is going to take your place!!! Brutal but the fact: replace yourself and then add at least one more member to grow your Club.





#### MORE hands = MORE Service.

Do this by wearing YOUR PIN every day, by sharing stories of the service you have done, the fun you have, even the tears you have shed when seeing how much need there is in our country. Share on all platforms print, social media, your bookclub, wine club golf mates, etc.



The Stronger your Club, the stronger our District. Together as a community we certainly can do more.

#### **MD410 CONVENTION OF LIGHT** 1-4 MAY 2025



**Multiple District Convention 2025** CONVENTION OF LIGHT

#### YOUR GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND

THURSDAY I MAY

Council/Cabinet Meetings (inc lunch)
Welcome Evening (inc meal - Host: Worcester LC)

FRIDAY 2 MAY PDG Breakfast

District Conventions plus lunch
Afternoon Workshop (2pm)

Multiple District Convention
MUF Lunch/Lunch for all

SATURDAY 3 MAY

President Elect Meet & Greet Banquet Evening (Host: Paarl LC) Theme Dinner Evening (Host: Tulbagh LC)

#### What is included in full registration:

Evening Meals - Thurs/Fri/Sat Lunch - Friday/Sat

All accommodation is self-catering
- breakfast is not included.
Every type of unit has kitchen/braai facilities
There is also a licensed restaurant on-site.

#### **DISTRICT 410E ATTENDEES AS OF CLOSING DATE 31 MARCH 2025** 57 Registrations | 50 x Lions | 7 x Partners in Service

#### **Clubs represented:**

Lions Club Durban East Coast (2 x members)

Lions Club North Durban (3 x members)

Lions Club Roodepoort Clearwater (1 x member)

**Lions Club Centurion (6 x members)** 

Lions Club Midrand (3 x members)

Lions Club Wilro Park (4 x members)

Lions Club Manzini (3 x members)

Lions Club Pretoria Jakaranda (4 x members)

**Lions Club Alberton (4 x members)** 

Lions Club Pretoria South (3 x members/4 x Partners)

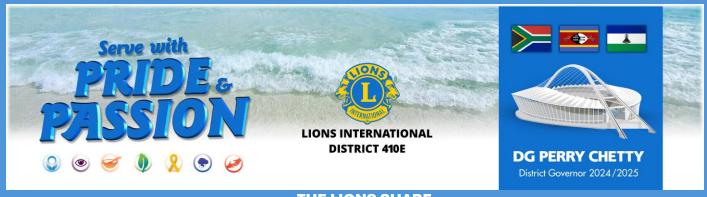
Lions Club King Williams Town (3 x members/1 x Partner)

Lions Club Uitenhage (9 x members/2 x Partners)

Lions Club Rustenburg (2 x members)

Lions Club PE St. Croix (3 x members)





### WELCOME – NEW MEMBERS (AS PER LCI MEMBERSHIP REPORTS MARCH 2025)





#### LION HENRIETTE VOLSCHENK Sponsor: Lion Johann Bentley Lions Club of Shelly Beach

#### CHARTER MEMBERS OF LIONS CLUB OF ORKNEY



LION LLEWELLENE ACKERMAN **LION DEON BOTES LION HERMAN BOTES LION MICHAEL BOTHA LION VERONIQUE BREMNER LION CATHERINE DU PLESSIS LION MARLI DU PREEZ LION CHERICE GROBLER LION FANIE GROBLER LION BRAAM HENNING** LION DWAYNE HENNING **LION ELSJE HENNING LION CASPER LABUSCHAGNE LION JOANITA LABUSCHAGNE LION JURIE MATTHEE LION MARINDA MATTHEE LION ANSIE PANTHER LION RAYMOND PANTHER LION ISAK SMITH LION MICHELLE SMITH LION LEONIE VAN ROOYEN LION GARY WILSON** 



#### LION JIRI COENRAAD UCHYTIL





#### **LION GREGORY CHALLIS**

**Sponsor: Lion Chris Stange Lions Club of Amanzimtoti** 



#### **LION HENDRIK GROENEWALD**

Sponsor: Lion Shandra Vermaak Lions Club of Amanzimtoti



#### **LION MATILDA GROENEWALD**

Sponsor: Lion Christa Human Lions Club of Amanzimtoti



#### **LION CHANTEL DU TOIT**

Sponsor: Lion Jeff Smith Lions Club of Shelly Beach



#### **LION DESIREE DU TOIT**

Sponsor: Lion Jeff Smith Lions Club of Shelly Beach





#### "MAKING OUR MARK"

(District 410E Club Stories as submitted)









**Lions Club of Wilro Park** 





On 7 March 2025, the Wilro Park Lions delivered their Baby Bags to the local Helderkruin Clinic to the Clinic and Ward Manager and Sister Guglethu.

They were very grateful for the gifts and Sister Gugulethu will make sure that they are given to the Moms most in need! Their Bags contain the basics mostly for newborn babies unless the Club receives a special request. This is an ongoing project and only deliver a few bags at a time as the Clinic keeps a Register and lets them know when they have a need.



Wilro Lions are all MAD - Making A Difference at Tandanani! On 8 March 2025, they had a fabulous MAD party and loads of fun - lots of food, fancy dress, fun and games.

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The morning ended by doing a quick clean up, picking up papers and learning that "It Starts with ME", colouring in poster and button badge to complete the activities – environmental education.



The Wilro Park Lions visited the children and families at the two CHOC Houses in Soweto and Children's Cancer Ward at Baragwanath Hospital on 22 March 2025. It was special Saturday meeting the brave Little Warriors fighting cancer and each of them received a Care Bag as well as Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Buns. Their motto is "Keeping Hope Alive!" It was quiet at the houses because of the long weekend, some children and their Carers had gone home for the weekend! From the House Zodwa took the Lions to the children's Oncology Wards where they handed out more Children's Care Bags - caring & sharing - a gift, a chat, a hug, and a prayer.







#### **Lions Club of Vereeniging**



On 1 March, Vereeniging Lions Club screened 84 patients and 4 x Staff Members at Tabita Care Home. This is a home for mentally challenged people with various disabilities – as one of the Vereeniging Lions said, we tend to forget just how fortunate we are.



On 15 March 2025, the Lions Club of Vereeniging held an Eye Clinic at their Clubhouse, where 35 x people were Vision Screened and tested. They were so grateful for the services of Carolee Hopkins (Optometrist) for conducting all the testing.

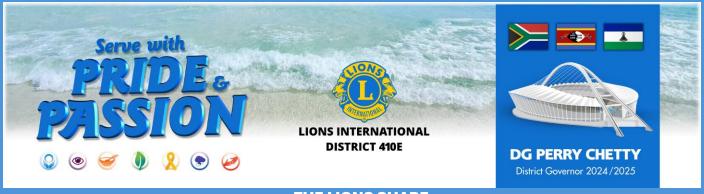


The Vereeniging Lions joined in the fight against Cancer on 22 March 2025.



In addition to supporting those fighting and surviving cancer the Lions donated blood on the day to do their part.







The Vereeniging Lions Club do a special Diabetes
Screening every SASSA Grant Day. During March, Lions
Max, Rochelle and Zelda assisted at River Square Mall
conducting 116 Diabetes Screenings and Blood Pressure
Testing.



On 30 March, the Lions Club of Vereeniging participated at Rocking the Vaal festivities in collaboration with the entire community – businesses, Vaal Mall and Emerald Casino to name a few with the aim of breaking the Guinness World Records for:

- The Largest Pot of PAP ever made
- The Longest KEBAB in history What a fun and enjoyable event!

**Lions Club of Uitenhage** 



The Uitenhage Lions marshalled at a marathon for the Muir Striders on 15 March 2025.



Trash to treasure is the brainchild of Lion Rene, who held a talk at an underprivileged school in Despatch on 17 March. She will be holding an event where all the Trash in the street will be brought to the school and exchanged for clothing, food or school supplies. All part of the environmental programme "It Starts with Me".



The Lions Club of Uitenhage assisted Lake Farm, a home for the mentally challenged, with fundraising by manning the pancake and coffee table on 22 March 2025.





Loads of fun was had by Lions and attendees where the Uitenhage Lions assisted Bersig High School by manning the bar for the concert featuring Rick's Nel as a fundraiser for the school.

#### **Lions Club of Scottburgh**



Service Servic

**Darrel & Family** 

Needy Family





**Anchor Village** 

Johan

The Lions Club of Scottburgh continued with their hunger relief programme of monthly grocery shopping and deliveries on 20 March 2025 (Darrel & family – they included 4 x new towels as the family of 4 were sharing one towel between them); a needy family also on 20 March 2025 were supplied with groceries with a special prayer that their situation will change shortly; the monthly food supplies to Anchor Village (19 residents and 2 x Carers who are always extremely grateful to the Lions); and 24 March saw the monthly delivery to Johan who just loves interacting with the Lions and is so grateful for the assistance.



The 20<sup>th</sup> of March was a heartwarming day of filled with happiness for the children and parents at the selected school who received school shoes from Lions/Amazon as well as a further 119 pairs purchased by the Lions Club of Scottburgh to ensure that all the children requiring them received a pair of shoes.



The Lions Club of Scottburgh delivered Care Packs to the Crisis Centre for abused children on 28 March 2025. Making these children's lives a little more comfortable and happier.



Also on 28 March 2025, the Lions delivered baby bonnets and jerseys to the labour ward at GJ Crooks hospital, much to the delight of the new Mommies.



#### **Lions Club of Pretoria South**



24 February 2025, saw the Lions Club of Pretoria South teaming up with Johannesburg Article Clerks Association to host an unforgettable day at Tshepang Care Centre in Thembisa! Not only did they conduct over 100 Vision Screenings to ensure the young ones have perfect vision, but they also created a fun-filled experience that they will cherish forever!



Making a Difference, One Meal at a Time! Pretoria South Lions delivered 7 boxes of Rise Against Hunger Africa Granules to the Louis Botha Children Home Feeding Scheme on 27 February 2025! This contribution will provide an astonishing 1700 meals!

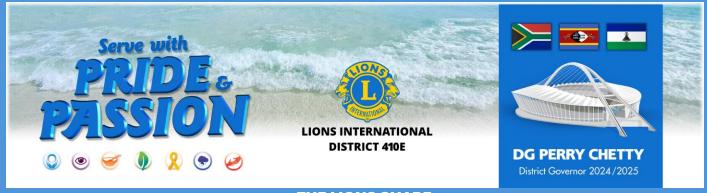






Lions Club Members of Pretoria South shone at Trailseeker MTBM Series #2 on 1 March, with their dedicated members and friends lending a helping hand at the Ford Trailseeker in Cradle of Humankind! Technical sweeping and marshalling were just the beginning – the Lions team tackled everything from technical repairs and broken arms to numerous tube replacements!







Morning Market Success at Pretoria Boermark on 1 March with the Lions Club of Pretoria South's stall buzzing with activity, but the real stars of the show were the talented Braille Chess players! They drew in a crowd, with many youngsters eager to challenge them to a game. All in all, a wonderful morning of connection, community, and service



Lions from Pretoria South and friends of the Lions participated in the 2025 Cape Town Cycle Tour, which took place on 9 March. The event featured a scenic 109km route around the Cape Peninsula, showcasing some of South Africa's most breathtaking views The Cape Town Cycle Tour is South Africa's premier cycling event, attracting riders from all over the world both professional and enthusiastic amateurs.



Meet Team Ithuba Africa for the Cape Epic 2025: Lions Pressmore Musundi and Phillimon Sebona.





Lion Pressmore Musundi, a 32-year-old Zimbabwean national cycling champion, and Phillimon Sebona, a 33-year-old experienced cyclist from Mpumalanga, tackled the Cape Epic 2025 as Team Ithuba Africa on 16 – 23 March 2025.



Pretoria South Lions Club has made a fantastic contribution to the community on 13 March 2025 by handing over a heavy-duty motorized lawnmower to the Tugela Park. This park, located just 500 metres from their Clubhouse in Umgazi street, has been undergoing significant transformation over the past two years. The trustees have worked tirelessly to clean up and secure the area, which was previously left in ruins by local authorities. The new lawnmower will be a game-changer for the park's maintenance, saving volunteer time and allowing the focus to shift to other areas that require attention.





Spreading kindness and empowering education on 16 March! Dedicated Lions members recently visited an informal settlement on the old Bronkhorstspruit Road, bringing joy and essential school supplies to 9 deserving children. These small acts of kindness can make a BIG difference in the lives of these young learners!



Making a difference, one meal at a time on 22 March 2025. Pretoria South Lions made a donation to the Thandanani Drop-inn Centre in Mamelodi, providing 432 meals to those in need.





Supporting a noble cause! The Lions Club of Pretoria South is proud to have partnered with the Thandanani Drop Inn Centre in Mamelodi, a non-profit organisation dedicated to addressing substance abuse, homelessness, and supporting vulnerable children.



Spinning wheels and spreading joy! The Lions of Pretoria South had a fantastic morning on 23 March 2025 with the Mamelodi Cycling Academy at Rosemary Hill. Keep pedaling, Mamelodi Cycling Academy.

#### **Lions Club of Port Alfred**



Spreading Joy, One Doll at a Time! The Lions Club of Port Alfred received a massive bag of adorable hand-knitted dolls donated by Louise Klackers.





On 12 March, LP Lorenda delivered a bundle of these lovable dolls to Tiny Tots Pre-Primary School. More of the dolls will be handed out to selected beneficiaries in the near future.

#### **Lions Club of Nelspruit**



During March, the Lions Club of Nelspruit screened 37 people for Diabetes at two local markets. Alerting people to this "silent killer".



Lion President Gery, along with Lions Danny, Veronica and Val, tried out the new PlusOptix Vision Screener at **Kamagugu inclusive School**, a school for special needs children. 15 children were tested on 20 March 2025.



CANSA's Relay for Life took place at Hoerskool Bergvlam from 18h00 on 14 March to 06h00 on 15 March. Nelspruit Lions entered a team to walk, and they also made burgers, egg and bacon rolls to sustain the participants and raise funds.



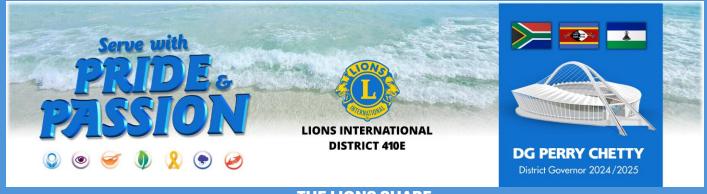
A number of our Lions and Lions ladies are cancer survivors and carers, and they took part in the special laps to honour them, as well as those no longer with us.















Childline Mpumalanga has been adversely affected by the sudden withdrawal of funding by USAID, so when they reached out to Nelspruit Lions for help with food for a desperate family, they provided a parcel of basic foodstuffs to cover them for a month. The orphans that Nelspruit Lions supply foodstuffs to every school holiday received their usual parcels at the end of March.

#### **Lions Club of Midrand**





Whilst a fairly quiet day at Polofields Shopping Centre for the CANSA Shavathon held on 1 March 2025 by the Lions Club of Midrand, they were so grateful to the public who opened their hearts and wallets for this worthy cause. The Social Media Company were also on site and their support was awesome. They also received a visits from District 410W RC Frank Schatz from Windhoek, Namibia who got into the spirt of things and had his hair shaved and coloured!



The Lions even got to meet Paddington Bear!



On 8 March, International Women's Day, Lion Patricia delivered the Lions Club of Midrand food collection to the female jobseekers at Sandridge Square, who were so thankful at being able to provide food for their families for the weekend.

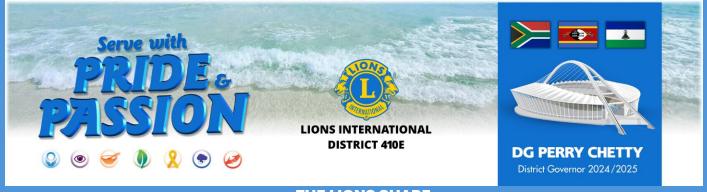


Following the Lions Club of Midrand's GBM, the members spent a few hours sorting all the donations they had received, and Lion Melanie delivered loads of DVDs, CDs, a play station with games, a CD player and CD rack to Novalis House. The residents were overjoyed as they just love movies and music.





In celebration of Human Rights Day, Lion Cosmas handed over 26 x Lions/Amazon School Bags and 13 x pairs of shoes.







On the same occasion the Sports Equipment kindly donated by SVDG Mark van Heerden, were handed over to the identified children at Rifthouse Academy. The smiles say it all.





Wow, an extremely hectic Lions Club of Midrand Monthly Eye Clinic was held on 29 March. The Clinic only concluded at 16:00 with our amazing Optometrist seeing 35 Patients with 33 scripts to Lions BrightSight. A huge thank you to the amazing Midrand Team who were either run off their feet and suffered from numb bum.



The Thrift Sale raised a record amount for the Projects Account – thanks to our decerning shoppers.



Sister Louise was awesome attending to 24 patients doing Diabetes Screening and Blood Pressure Testing.

**Lions Club Branch of Lenasia** 



The Club Branch of Lenasia's "Back to School Project" concluded with the donation of 250 pairs school shoes.







On the same occasion, Lions/Amazon School Bags and hampers of Hairdressing and Nail products were delivered to schools catering for children with severe learning disablities and hearing impairment.



On 8 March, 7 new members were inducted by DG Perry into the Lions Club Branch of Lenasia – watch this space!

BREAKING NEWS – CHARTER OF THE LIONS CLUB OF LENASIA 31 MAY 2025

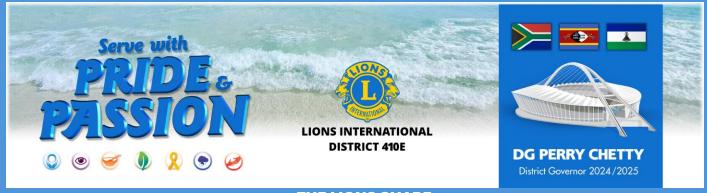


We said watch this space – well here you go! The second Club to be chartered in District 410E in 2024-2025.

#### **Lions Club of Klerksdorp**



The Lions Club of Klerksdorp handed over 30 x Lions/Amazon School Bags to Meiringspark Primary School Grade R learners. They were so excited to recieve their new bags.



#### **Lions Club of Estcourt**





On an annual basis, the Lions Club of Estcourt holds a Rededication Ceremony where they renew their dedication to Lions. This is an important ceremony whereby they are reminded of what is expected of them as Lions such as commitment, enthusiasm, perseverance, respect and loyalty.





Nelson the one eyed Lion, was hosted by Lion Lynell who is pictured above preparing salads and pudding while the rest of the Club members enjoyed braaing.







Lion members and friends of the Lions Club of Estcourt worked hard preparing lunch for the participants of the DJ Classic Bike Rally. Every year in March the Club has the priviledge of hosing these amazing riders and their classic machines!

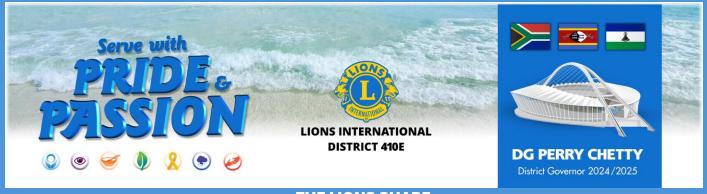
#### **Lions Club of Edenvale**



On Saturday, 22 March 2025, the Lions Club of Edenvale held their Annual Chicken Braai. There was delicious food and fun company. They extend thanks to the Lions Club of Alberton and Benoni for joining them. The competition was judged by DG Perry.



On the same occasion, DG Perry inducted a new member, Lion Renee into the Lions Club of Edenvale.



#### **Lions Club of Durban East Coast**



Two visits to the Pediatric Oncology Ward were made by the team of East Coast Lions during the month of March 2025. The little warriors were engaged with learning the alphabet and playing on the turning wheel ride. They also enjoyed singing along and dancing whilst the guitar was played. Eight of the children were in the playroom, 4 in the ward as they had drips attached and 18 of them were in isolation. The Ward Sisters said that the children look forward to the visits from the Lions.





Vision screening, headed by Lion President Gopika was held at Brookdale Primary School where 65 Adults and 26 children were screened. 8 x pairs of Reading glasses were dispensed and 15 x referrals to an Optometrist were identified. The Lions of East Coast will be financing spectacle distribution to 4 very vulnerable persons of a Granny-headed Household, an unemployed lady with a reading of -5.75 (vision impairment) and a deaf couple.



As part of the Clubs Humanitarian Outreach Programme, Lions Savy and Ashu distributed clothing and toys to a low-cost housing area in Tongaat. The toys will be kept in the Homework Centre for the children to enjoy.





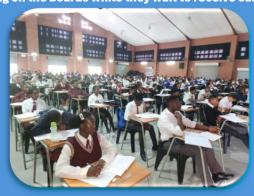
The Lions Club of East Coast's "Let Lit" initiative is achieving slow breakthrough's with the weekly reading and phonic teaching at Pemary Ridge Primary School. The Grade 3 learners are beginning to grasp phonic recognition and enunciation. Whilst the process is a slow one, it is so encouraging and rewarding working with the children who are so keen and enthusiastic to learn – baby steps lead to great things!





East Coast Lions in partnership with SA Harvest donated mini chalk boards and chalk to the Pediatric Ward at Albert Luthuli Hospital and the Kwadabeka Clinic.

Because the wait to receive medical care is extremely long in many instances, the children can enjoy writing and drawing on the boards while they wait to receive care.



Saturday morning classes for Math's and Physics continue in the Shallcross and Phoenix area by the Lions Club of East Coast members. Tuition for Grades 10, 11, and 12 learners at Palmview Secondary is conducted with an average of 400 learners attending in two sittings. Math's tuition is also provided to Learners at Wingen Heights Secondary School with an average of 200 Learners attending each session. It is so gratifying and encouraging to note that the programme is appreciated and taken seriously with positive results in tests and examinations being recorded.







#### **Lions Club of Cowies Hill**



On 1 March saw Cowies Hill Lions Pat, Rebecca, Jenny, Bronwyn and Sally providing hamburgers to the 48 x blood donors at Hillcrest Blood Donor Clinic.

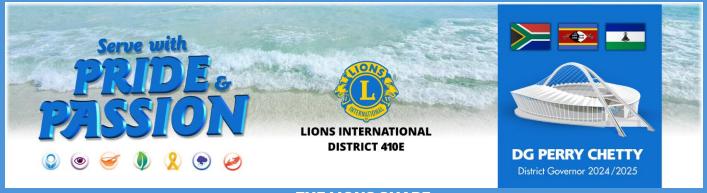


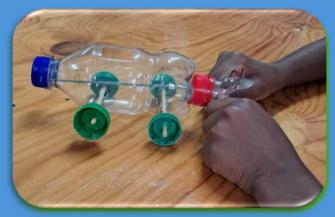


The bi-monthly food collections on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of March were extremely successful with loads of food donated by the public. These were held at Kloof Fields Centre PNP and Westville SuperSpar respectively by the Lions Club of Cowies Hill. Food from the collection on 1 March was divided with the recipients being Shap Shap Cinemas in Hammarsdale, Osindisweni Orphanage and Pinehaven residents food parcels. The recipients of the collection on 29 March were Baby Hope House, Pinetown Methodist Church, Pinetown Street Ministry and Dawncliffe Retirement Home residence.









During homework session at Ethelbert Child and Youth Centre on 4 March, Lion Sally taught and assisted the children to make cars out of plastic bottles. Upcycling for the Environment and as well as education.









The weekly visits to the Albert Luthuli Hospital Pediatric Oncology Ward were done by the dedicated team of the Lions Club of Cowies Hill on 5, 12, 18 and 26 March 2025. The children love playing with lego, dolls and colouring in. The older children enjoy doing puzzles. On 26 March the wards were quite empty with 6 children in isolation and 4 in the ward.

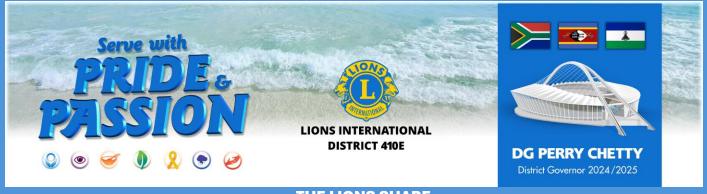




The Monthly 200 Club Draw took place on 21 March 2025 at Pinehaven Retirement Home. As always the residents and Lions thoroughly enjoyed the music, hot dogs amidst lots of fun and laughter.



Lions Rebecca and Carol visited Grace Cottage on 21 March 2025, spending an enjoyable morning with the girls, making wall hangings using the technique called Embroidery on Paper. They left another activity behind to enable the girls to make Easter Cards using this technique. On the photograph were two of senior girls with Lions Carol and Rebecca, mindful of the fact that the girls cannot show their faces on camera so a tilted hat and Momo (the Lions Club of Cowies Hill mascot) provided a face cover, amidst much laughter. Trying to get them to show off their artwork was difficult in this moment of laughter.





Following the devastating floods on 13 March 2025, the Kloof and Highway SPCA's offices were flooded, and they were left without electricity. As a result of the power outage, all the refrigerated medication in the Clinic had to be discarded. Cowies Hill Lions Club sprang into action and donated R3,000.00 assisting them to replenish some of the medication.



Thankfully all the animals were safe.



Lions Carol and Rebecca did Blood Sugar Screening at Hillcrest Aids Trust in Hillcrest on 28 March where 45 people were tested for blood sugar levels. The Nursing Sister on hand conducted individual and group counseling.

#### **Lions Club of Benoni**

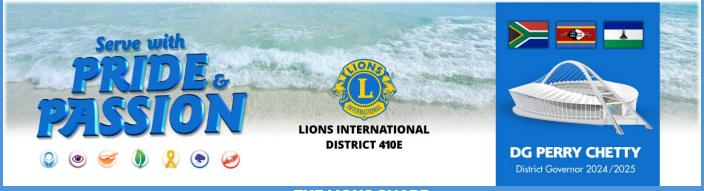


On 13 March, the Lions of Benoni handed out clothing to the residents of Pauline Davis Court (Council Flats for the under-privileged), which was sincerely appreciated by the lads and ladies living there.





The Lions Club of Benoni held a Diabetes Awareness Drive at the Handy Hardward Blood Drive in Northmead on 15 March 2025. 32 people were screened by Sister Maureen, with 8 found to have high readings and were counselled regarding diet. However, with all the yummy cakes and pancakes on sale at the market, it was not surprising that some had high blood sugar levels. Lion Leslie donated blood potentially saving 3 lives.





The members of the Lions Club of Benoni were divided into two teams on Saturday 22 March 2025 with the one team visiting Shady Pines, a home for residents suffering from dementia and Alzheimers where they played Bingo with the residents and treated them to tea and cake.





Benoni Lions Team 2 were off to the Zone Chicken Braai Competition hosted by the Lions Club of Edenvale and did the Club proud by winning the Rooster Floating Trophy for the best food.













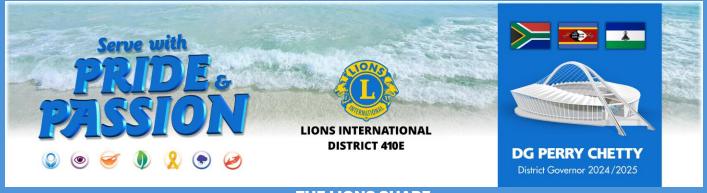
The Lions Club of Aberton hosted an Elivis "We Remember You Tour" Fund Raiser on 2 March 2025 in aid of Childhood Cancer Awareness.



On 4 March 2025, the Alberton Lions were privileged to meet 2 special Little Warriors residing at the Martelise Meaker Children's Paaliative Care Unit. Karabo greeted the Lions with a huge smile and little Lulu showed the Lions how she rolls around happily on the lay mat. Each child received a Lions/Amazon Childhood Cancer Care Bag.



Lions Gillian and Sandy took a little boy from one of the creches that they support to the Eye Specialist as it come to their attention that he had a bad squint. With the assistance of Lions BrightSight, he will be receiving spectacles to correct his vision.





At the Alberton Lions Eye Clinic held on 15 March, a record 95 people from the Community were tested with 86 people screened for Diabetes.



19 March saw 9 residents from the Alberton Service Centre have their eyes tested at Osmans Optical and while they were waiting the Alberton Lions treated them to coffee and Lions fruitcake.





March saw Alberton Lions Grace, Christle, Melinda, Angela, an Adele as well as friend of the Lions Virasha delivering 70 Mommy Care Bags to new Mums at the South Rand Hospital.



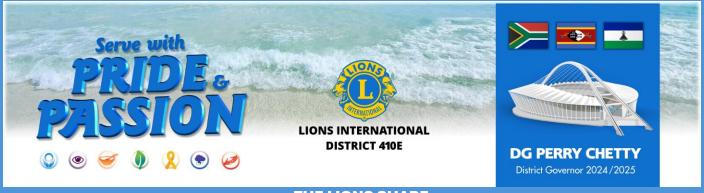
A really busy day on 1 March for Alberton Lions as they collected cupcakes and sold them for their Childhood Cancer pillar of service in aid of Cupcakes for Hope. Included on the day was a food collection to assist the hungry furbabies at the SPCA.



Also on 1 March, Alberton Lions participated in the CANSA Shavathon with a few of their Lions having their hair colour sprayed and one Lions having her hair completely shaved off!



Lions Sandy and Ian assisted the Lions Club of Stilfontein with Eye Screening Residents in their community.





Lion Melinda from Alberton Lions Club collected used and new frames from Vision Worx in Vicotry Park for utilisation at the Alberton Eye Clinic.



The Lions Club of Alberton received 4000 Easter Eggs from Jhb Mini Council. A worthy way to make the less fortunate feel loved and enjoy an egg they probably have never enjoyed before.



The Alberton Lions Eye Screening Team had a very busy March with 751 Learners and Staff screened at Thabotona Primary School in Palm Ridge, with 59 referrals. This school serves a squatter camp and the families are struggling tremendously. 1078 Learners and Staff were screened at the Khayelihle Primary School in Vosloorus where 146 people required further professional consultations. A huge vote of thanks to the Alberton Lions Team for their hard work.





Thank you to Lighthouse for the donation of cabages supplimenting the fresh vegetable supply which the Lions Club of Alberton does on an ongoing basis to the creches in their community ensuring that the little ones are fed and happy with full tummies.



The first Bowls Social Evening was held on 7 March at the Reading Bowling Club. Great Fun and fellowship with some members playing and other socialising.





On 13 March the "Education Team" were at Railways Creche teaching the little one's shapes, colours, shape matching and glue work to make pictures. So much fun whilst learning and so proud of their pictures!



Thank you to the Lions Club of Edenvale for sharing their wheelchair to a lady whose husband suffered a stroke and was in desperate need of one to assist in moving him around. Lion Jiri from the Lions Club of Alberton delivered the chair to a very grateful wife.



The Monthly "Smart Meals" were delivered to the elderly at 3 x Government Old Age Homes to ensure that they have food before their next SASSA Grant is paid.

#### **LIONS CLUB OF ORKNEY**

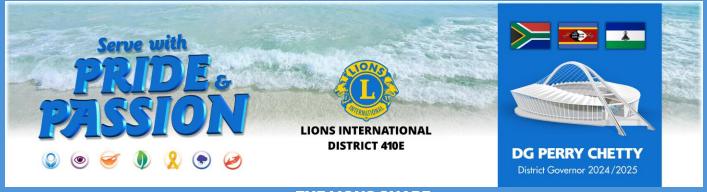
For those of us that were unable to attend this auspicious occasion of the Chatering of the Lions Club of Orkney on 15 March 2025, herewith an brief overview written by DC Sandy King and some photographs.



The happy occasion was attended by several distinguished Lions and guests and members from the Klerksdorp and Stilfontein Lions Clubs. The excitement could be felt as the guests arrived and Guiding Lions CCE Ian and IPDG Lindie as well as PDG Alistair helped put up banners and made sure all the membership kits were in place ready for the ceremony. The live band was setting up on the stage for the party afterwards.



MC CCE Ian started proceedings by welcoming all and introducing the speakers to follow. He also read messages of congratulations and well wishes from Lions in the District who weren't able to attend the function. Following the Lions Creed which was read by ZC Riaan, DG Perry, Lion Kantha, CCE Ian and PDGs Patricia, Alistair, Lindie, MDC Sandy, CS Melinda, ZC Riaan, LPs Willie, Mukesh, Mina, Pieter and the members from Klerksdorp and Stilfontein Lions Clubs were warmly welcomed and toasted by Prospective Lion Elsjé.





PDG Patricia replied on behalf of the guests with an inspiring speech, encouraging the Orkney Lions to serve their community. Prospective Lion Catherine proposed a toast to the Republic of South Africa and Prospective Lion Casper said grace, after which the starters were served, and the band played some background music.



The main purpose of the evening then followed with DG Perry presenting the Charter after which IPDG Lindie performed a very special induction ceremony in Afrikaans. 15 Orkney Lions members were inducted on the evening with the other 7 members to be inducted at their GBM. A special touch was that PDG Alistair had asked the guest Lions to pin the Charter Member pins onto the lapels of the newly inducted Lions. Much hugging and handshaking took place.





DG Perry inducted Charter President Joanita who then gave an excellent address as the first President of the newly chartered Lions Club of Orkney. Visiting Lions were given the opportunity to present LP Joanita and the Orkney Lions with gifts and friendship banners. A special gift of engraved glasses came from Lions Gordon and Margaret who were members of the original Lions Club of Orkney.



After LP Mukesh proposed a toast to Lions International, DG Perry replied with an inspiring message for all, especially the newly chartered Orkney Lions Club. Thereafter a delicious meal was served and enjoyed by all and then the party started! Lions cupcakes and coffee were served as dessert. An memorable evening for the history books of District 410E.



#### **REMINDER: ENVIRONMENT**

(DC Environment, PDG Jeff Smith)



There are two really important events on the Environment Calendar that are approaching us in the next six weeks and we would like all Clubs, and Zones, to organise some form of Environmental Project.



**World Earth Day on 22 April 2025** 

**World Environment Day on 5 June 2025** 



The Happy Earth Kits that were originally put together by Lion Donovan, is an awesome idea to get into the schools and encourage the young children to start at an early age to respect and take care of the Environment.

Just a quick reminder that Clubs still have two weeks to send in their photos for the **Environmental Photo Competition 2025.** Thanks to the Clubs that have already submitted photos.

The categories are as follows:

- Animal Life
- Bird Life
- Endangered Species
- Landscape
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon

They are to be emailed to the DC Environment on jeffbsmith65@gmail.com Closing date is the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Show your appreciation!

### DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR MEMBERS





Members are what keeps our organisation alive! Appreciation no matter how big or how small can go a long way. Have you thanked a fellow lion for their contribution lately? Everybody loves that feel good feeling!

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