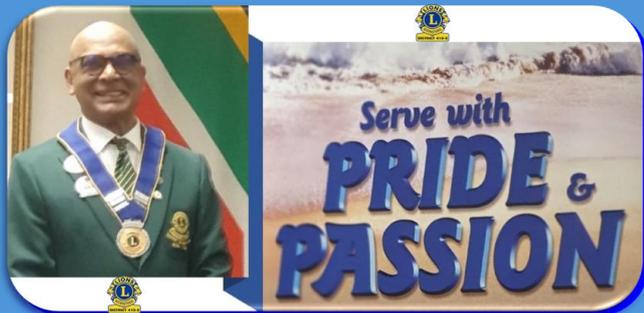


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Issue 8 (2024-2025) – April/May 2025

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



Dear Lions of District 410E,



As we enter the final chapter of this Lionistic year, I write with profound gratitude and pride. It has been a year defined by passion, purpose, and an unwavering commitment to service. Together, we have achieved remarkable milestones that speak volumes about our shared vision and dedication.



Celebrating Growth and New Beginnings

I am delighted to announce the successful chartering of the **Lions Club of Lenasla** on **31 May**. This momentous occasion is a testament to what can be accomplished when we nurture a spirit of collaboration and growth. Our collective efforts toward **membership development** have yielded tangible results: revitalised clubs, emerging leaders, and a consistent upward trajectory in net growth. Through the lens of **Mission 1.5** and **Vision 2024/27**, we have embraced innovation, championed inclusivity, and cultivated meaningful connections in our communities. My sincere thanks to all **Club Presidents, GMT Coordinators, and sponsoring Lions** who have played a pivotal role in this success.

LCIF Target Surpassed—Ahead of Schedule!

Thanks to your generosity and commitment, **District 410E** has not only achieved but exceeded our LCIF fundraising goal, reaching **\$23,391**, or **125%** of our **\$19,000** target—a full two months ahead of schedule. Every dollar raised helps us make a lasting impact where it's needed most. To every club and individual donor who contributed: your dedication has lit the path to sustainable change. Thank you for your outstanding support.



Celebrating Our Lions Family

Our accomplishments this year reflect the collective strength, resilience, and unity of **District 410E**. I am profoundly grateful to our **Cabinet, GAT Team**, and to every Lion across our District. Your energy and optimism have been the driving force behind an exceptional year.

The Final Push: Finishing Strong

As we approach the close of the Lionistic year, I encourage all clubs to:

- Finalise year-end **Online Service Activity Reports**.
- Host impactful **service projects** that leave a lasting legacy.
- Continue to **mentor and empower** emerging leaders.
- Embrace change and foster innovation—because **Lionism flourishes** when we do.

Let us carry our momentum forward and conclude the year with the same passion and purpose with which we began.

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A Personal Note of Thanks

Serving as your District Governor has been one of the greatest honours of my life. As we prepare to transition to the incoming leadership team, I do so with deep confidence in the strong foundation we've built together. Let us remain united in purpose, committed to service, and focused on building a future defined by compassion and impact.

Thank You for a Memorable Convention In Cape Town

A heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to the success of the recent Multiple District Convention in Cape Town. The event was a true celebration of Lionism—seamlessly organised, uplifting, and rich in fellowship. To the Convention Organising Committee, Host Clubs, dedicated volunteers, and leaders from across the Multiple District: your efforts showcased the very best of who we are as Lions. The camaraderie, inspiring speakers, and powerful moments of recognition reminded us why we serve. District 410E participated with pride, unity, and enthusiasm. I am sincerely grateful to every Lion who attended and contributed to making this convention a resounding success.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support, dedication, and service. Let's finish this year strong— together With **PRIDE & PASSION**.



Yours in Service,

Perry

District Governor
District 410E 2024-2025

WHERE ARE WE AT WITH OUR GOALS

QUARTER 3

(DG Perry Chetty)

District Goals	Status as at October 2024 (Figures reflect Year To Date (YTD))	Status Flag
Membership		
Grow Membership by 250.	Added Members: 174	70%
Retention Programme to ensure drops do not exceed 150 members.	Dropped Members: 120	80%
Form 2 x New Clubs.	Progress: 1 x Clubs Chartered (March 2025)-Lions Club of Orkney / 1 x Club to be chartered (April 2025)-Lions Club of Lenasia	100%
Form 2 x New Club Branches.	Progress: No new Club Branches certified to date	0%
Club Branches to become full Clubs.	Progress: Work in progress with Club Branch of Sandton	0%
2 x New LEO Clubs to be certified.	Progress: No new LEO Clubs certified	0%
Organise New Voices Symposium to obtain 30 x new female Lion Members.	Progress: Not implemented	0%
Set up a Mobile Membership Marketing Team	Progress: The MD410 and District 410E Marketing Teams have held a workshop and are available for consultation should Clubs require it	100%
Leadership		
8% of Clubs register on the Lions Learning Centre.	Progress: 47 out of 61 Clubs Registered and did Online Training via the Lions Learning Centre. Exceeded goal by 69%	169%

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100% of Incoming Cabinet Officers (2025-2026) trained by 30 June 2025.	Progress: Date set for Saturday 31 May 2025	100%	Hunger: 750,000 people to be served.	As per LCI: People Served: 193,061 Service Activities: 877	25%
90% of Incoming Club Officers (2025-2026) trained by 30 June 2025.	Progress: Workshop dates set: Club Presidents (in-person) on 24 May 2024 Club Officers on a Regional basis (in person) on 7 & 28 June 2024. Attendance to be advised for Q4 Report.	IN PROGRESS	Vision: 100,000 people to be served.	As per LCI: People Served: 28,146 Service Activities: 339	28%
15 Guiding Lions Trained to be added to support the development of New Clubs or struggling Clubs.	Progress: Workshop took place on 29 March 2025. District 410E has 26 Trained Guiding Lions.	173%	LCIF		
Organise LEO Leadership Forum in December 2024.	Progress: Not implemented.	0%	Raise awareness regarding MJF/PMJF in District 410E.	Progress: Regular write ups by DC LCIF FVDGE Mark van Heerden in District Newsletter	100%
Set Up a LEO Business Resource Centre.	Progress: Not implemented.	0%	Organise a District 410E LCIF Fund Raiser to raise at least \$200.00.	LCIF Donations: To be held at Mid-Year Conference (November 2024) & District 410E Convention (May 2025)	125%
Service			All Clubs will be encouraged and made aware of the different Grants available.	Progress: District 410E Co-Ordinators Appointed to assist Clubs Regular updates in District Newsletter	100%
Serve 1,000,000 people.	As per LCI – 85% of Clubs Reporting: People Served: 466,832 Service Activities Completed: 4,034	46%			
Diabetes: 65,000 people to be served.	As per LCI: People Served: 12,047 Service Activities: 112	18%			
Childhood Cancer: 8,500 children to be served	As per LCI: People Served: 11,365 Service Activities: 165	133%			
Environment: 60,000 people to be served.	As per LCI: People Served: 19,663 Service Activities: 152	32%			

Still a month and a bit to go, so let's push hard!





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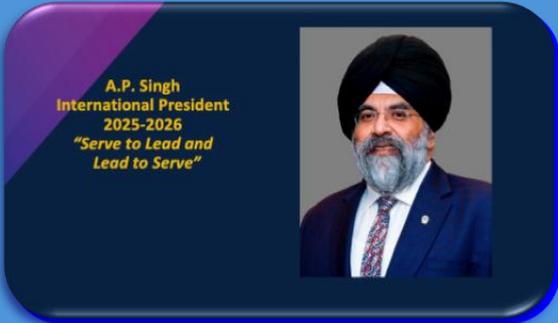
INCOMING PRESIDENTS WORKSHOPS

24 MAY 2024

(DC GLT, PDG Patrick Mills)



The Incoming Presidents Workshops for Zones 1-9 were successfully held on a regional basis on Saturday, 24 May 2025. The day was filled with dynamic learning, meaningful interaction, and a strong spirit of *daring to be different*. A heartfelt well done to all the Facilitators, Incoming Presidents, Vice Presidents and Zone Chairpersons who took part. This is your year to make a difference—embrace the opportunity and lead with purpose!



Zones 1 – 5:

Hosted by the Lions Club of Alberton with 13 Clubs represented (Alberton, Benoni, Centurion, Edenvale, Helderkruijn, Krugersdorp, Midrand, Northcliff, Pretoria Jakaranda, Pretoria South, Rustenburg, Wilro Park, Prospective Ruimsig Club) / 17 Attendees



Zone 6:

Hosted by the Lions Club of Nelspruit with all 3 Clubs in Attendance (Manzini, Letaba Tzaneen, Nelspruit) / 21 Attendees



REMINDER:

There are **THREE** upcoming Incoming Club Officer Workshops.

Incoming Presidents:

Zones 10 & 11	July 2025	08h30-16h00	Port Alfred Lions Club House
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Incoming Presidents unable to attend on 24 May, Secretaries, Treasurers & Membership Chairpersons

Zones 1 – 5	Saturday 7 June	08h30-13h00	Parktown (Johannesburg)
Zones 10 & 11	July 2025	08h30-13h00	Port Alfred Lions Club House

Incoming Service, Fund Raising, LCIF & Marketing Chairpersons (Virtual)

All Zones	Saturday 21 June	09h00-13h00	Online: 1 hour Per portfolio
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Zones 7 - 9

Hosted by the Lions Club of Cowies Hill with all 8 Clubs in Attendance (Amanzimtoti, Cowies Hill, North Durban, Durban Host, Kingsburgh, Scottsburgh, Ramsgate, Hilton) / 20 attendees



SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT FOR EVERY DECISION MAKER IN TODAY'S RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD (PCC Brian von der Decken - a Leadership Bytes Post on Facebook)



A powerful reminder for anyone in leadership or management! This cartoon perfectly illustrates a common failure in many organisations: ignoring warning signs and normalizing dysfunction - all while expecting teams to keep performing at their peak.



Instead of listening to those raising the alarm, we:

- Minimize critical issues like market changes, burnout, or talent gaps.
- Push teams to "do more with less" as cracks widen.
- Say, "It's always been this way," or "Others have it worse," instead of fixing the root problems.

Leadership is not about pretending everything is fine. It's about listening, adapting, and having the courage to fix the hole before the boat sinks.



Let's focus on building resilient teams and sustainable systems - not just surviving but thriving.





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**INTERNATION PRESIDENT
FABRÍCIO OLIVEIRA
LETTER TO YOU – MAY 2025
“LET’S GO ABOVE AND BEYOND”**



Dear Lion,

“We serve” is more than just a motto. It’s a way of life for Lions and reflects our mission to the world. Lions are known for our dedication, service, kindness — for going above and beyond for people in need.

So, let’s continue to do what we do best — serve our communities. And remember, with more members, we can do even more service, so invite others to join your club and the incredible work you do. This is how we will make our mark and keep serving those who need us the most.

At your service,

**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=2317263&elqTrackId=320bc4c47118450db330ff5e51511b5f&elq=d2e895cbb55741148ef4c1967dfa22de&elqaid=41703&elqat=1&elqak=8AF571460D551E968DB3CABB462B21E908D226A5A88C68C6E823DEF78E546D819A22>**

LCIF



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

During 2024-2025, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has focused on several key areas. They awarded over 1,500 grants totaling US\$46.4 million to support various projects globally, and they have exceeded fundraising goals, with a worldwide increase of 108% compared to the target. They also continued to focus on their five pillars of service: Vision, Hunger, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer, and Environment, with 130,000 activities focused on environmental protection, 144,000 on vision, and 269,000 on hunger alleviation.

You are encouraged to explore the different grant types and resources within the online toolkit to find out if there’s a grant that’s right for your Club, District or Multiple District now, or in the future!

Worldwide, LCIF grants and programmes help Lions and Leos turn mission into action. Since LCIF’s founding in 1968, they have awarded more than US\$1.3 billion in grant funding. Here are a few ways that they have made an impact.

- 22,000+ LCIF grants awarded
- US\$160+ million in disaster relief funding
- 20+ million students benefiting from Lions Quest
- 9.7 million cataract surgeries funded

**Yours in service,
Dr Patti Hill
LCIF Chairperson**



Herewith the Online Toolkit referred to above:
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-toolkit>



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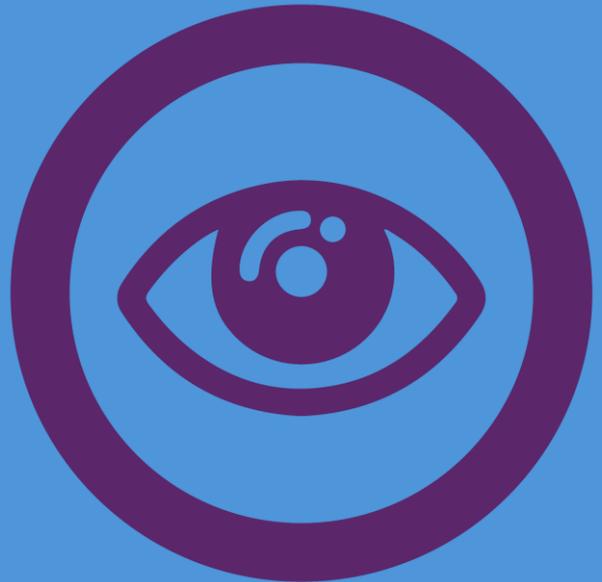
CELEBRATE HELEN KELLER DAY
1 JUNE 2025

100 Years of Unstoppable Spirit

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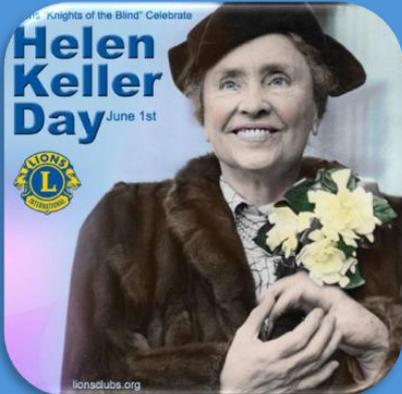
Helen Keller

In 1925, Helen Keller attended the Lions Clubs International Convention and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." The Lions accepted her challenge and our work ever since has included sight programs aimed at preventable blindness.



This year, 2025, we celebrate 100 years of Lions members throughout the world taking up the challenge to be Knights of the Blind.

Lions Clubs International chose 1 June as Helen Keller Day to commemorate Helen Keller's 1925 speech at the Lions Clubs International Convention. In that speech, she challenged Lions to become "Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness," inspiring them to dedicate themselves to vision health and service. In 1971, the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International officially designated 1 June as Helen Keller Day.





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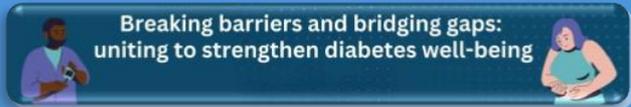
DIABETES AWARENESS WEEK

13 – 19 JUNE 2025

(MDC GST, Sandy King)



DIABETES AWARENESS WEEK is a global initiative which aims to raise awareness about diabetes, its prevention, and management. The main focus is to highlight the importance of early detection, proper care, and the impact of diabetes on individuals and communities. This year's theme, "**Breaking Barriers, Bridging Gaps,**" emphasises the commitment to reducing diabetes risk and ensuring equitable access to treatment and care for all.



Diabetes is a condition that can seriously impact a person's physical and mental health, but because it isn't always a visible condition, there are many myths and misconceptions about what life with diabetes is like.

That's why the aim of this week is to **SPREAD AWARENESS**, educate people about what it's really like to live with diabetes and raise money to support research into diabetes.



Types of Diabetes

- TYPE 1 Diabetes**
Autoimmune condition where the immune system attacks insulin-producing cells.
- TYPE 2 Diabetes**
Insufficient insulin secretion for blood glucose regulation.
- GESTATIONAL Diabetes**
Diabetes that develops during pregnancy due to increased insulin resistance.

WHAT IS DIABETES?

Diabetes mellitus, or simply diabetes, is a group of chronic health conditions that can cause a person's blood sugar levels to become too high. This is often because the pancreas does not produce enough of the hormone insulin to manage blood sugar levels (Type 1 diabetes), or because the body has developed a resistance to insulin which prevents it from working properly (Type 2 diabetes). Pregnant women can also suffer from a form of diabetes called gestational diabetes.

Diabetes can be brought on by genetic, environmental or lifestyle factors, and it is usually a life-long condition that people need to carefully manage.



KEY ASPECTS OF DIABETES AWARENESS WEEK:



Global Initiative:

It's a worldwide campaign spearheaded by the **International Diabetes Federation (IDF)** and the **World Health Organization (WHO)**. In South Africa we have **Diabetes SA** <http://www.diabetessa.co.za>

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Raising Awareness:

The week aims to educate the public about diabetes, its symptoms, risk factors, and the importance of early diagnosis and management.



Focus on Prevention:

It emphasises the role of healthy lifestyles, including regular exercise, a balanced diet, and weight management, in preventing type 2 diabetes.



Support for Individuals with Diabetes:

The week also provides resources and support for people living with diabetes, including information on managing the condition, accessing treatment, and finding support groups.



Global Participation:

It involves various stakeholders, including governments, healthcare professionals, researchers, and individuals with diabetes, who collaborate to raise awareness and promote diabetes prevention and management.



Blue Lighting and "Wear Blue" Campaigns:

Many countries, including South Africa, participate in blue lighting and "Wear Blue" campaigns during Diabetes Awareness Week to show solidarity with those affected by diabetes.



HOW CAN LIONS GET INVOLVED?

There are plenty of amazing ways to get involved this Diabetes Awareness Week.



Here are a few ideas you could try:



Organise a fundraiser – help raise money towards diabetes research.



Share your story – this week is a good opportunity to share your experience with others.



Teach children about diabetes: By teaching your children or pupils about diabetes, you can help to dispel myths and build understanding. Invite a role model with diabetes to a local school to talk about healthy lifestyle choices.



Organise a Zone/Club Diabetes Camp or sponsor a child to attend a diabetes camp and/or supply a camp with needed supplies.



Post monthly notices on your club or district website and social media accounts, sharing available community resources for people with or at risk of diabetes.



Write about healthy lifestyle choices in your community or school newspaper.



Organise a Strides: Lions for Diabetes Awareness event in your community.



Develop a list of patient resources and services and distribute them to Lions and the public.



Partner with healthcare professionals to organise a screening for diabetes, diabetic retinopathy and diabetic foot.



Promote diabetes prevention through social media campaigns or radio announcements.

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Volunteer for a day at a diabetes camp.



Sponsor a healthy cooking demonstration for people with diabetes and pre-diabetes.



Organise a weekly walking club at your place of work and share a healthy snack afterwards.



Bring fresh fruits or vegetables to a primary school classroom to encourage children to try a variety of healthy foods.



Collaborate with a healthcare professional to organise a physical activity and promote exercise.



Organise a community support group for people diagnosed with diabetes and their families.



Work with a healthcare professional to organise a mentorship program, pairing a younger person with diabetes with an older mentor.



Organise a school or community vegetable garden to encourage healthy eating.



Establish a fitness room or ongoing fitness classes at a community centre or school.



Sponsor a training programme for community healthcare workers to learn about screening, community support programs and prevention of diabetes complications.



15 April 2025

DISTRICT 410 E GUIDELINES ON MEDICAL SCREENING

These guidelines apply to all forms of public medical screening conducted by any Lions Club or Lions members in the District.

Please note that **ONLY MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS** who are currently registered with a professional medical body or association are permitted to conduct any medical screening.

This includes invasive testing, such as testing of blood glucose levels (diabetes screening through finger pricking) as well as non-invasive testing such as blood pressure monitoring and oxygen level testing.

When non-medical people use an eye screening machine, they must have been trained on how to read the recommendations - ie refer patients for a full test by a professional if necessary. However, they may not diagnose any problem or prescribe any glasses (including readers - they can put them in a box and let the patient choose what works for them). They may not perform any tasks that require formal health-care qualifications. When Lions members (non-medical practitioners) use the eye screening machine, it should be referred to as pre-screening.

Registered Medical Practitioners are licensed to perform screening, diagnose and manage any conditions as well as properly attend to and manage any incidents that may occur should something go wrong while a member of the public is undergoing screening or as a result thereof, e.g. septic finger after pricking.

Furthermore, these Medical Practitioners, by virtue of being registered and licensed, also have the required **medical liability insurance** in place should any incident occur, protecting themselves and by extension, the relevant Lions Club against any liability.

For clarity, Medical Practitioners include:

- Medical Doctors registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa
- Nurses registered with the South African Nursing Council or enrolled nurses operating under supervision
- Pharmacists registered with the South African Pharmacy Council
- Community Health Workers who are registered to operate under Department of Health Programmes or Primary Health Care Clinics.

Should a Club or Club Member choose to ignore these guidelines, the Club or individual will be liable for any consequential damage in their personal capacity and not under the banner of Lions.

Issued on 15 April 2025

Implementation - Immediate

Yours in Service,

Sandy

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Global Service Team

Developing Leaders
Empowering Service

Please remember to follow the District's Medical Screening Guidelines when conducting Diabetes Screening for the public.

To contact Diabetes SA National Office:

Telephone No.: 021-4254440

Email: national@diabetessa.org.za

Website: <http://www.diabetessa.co.za>





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**NEW SERVICE INITIATIVES 2025-2026
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT ELECT
AP SINGH**

As we prepare for the upcoming year, Clubs are encouraged to begin planning their activities around the following key dates.

- 4 – 12 October 2025: Mental Health & Wellbeing
- 3 – 11 January 2026: Hunger
- 18 – 26 April 2026: Environment

These events offer meaningful opportunities to align your efforts with three pillars of service.

Please use this advance notice to strategise impactful projects and initiatives that reflect our shared mission and values.

**WELCOME – NEW MEMBERS
(AS PER LCI MEMBERSHIP REPORTS APRIL & MAY 2025)**



SAVE THE DATE

NEW SERVICE INITIATIVES FOR 2025-2026
FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT A. P. SINGH

<p>MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING OCTOBER 4-12, 2025</p> <p>OCTOBER 4-12, 20</p>	<p>HUNGER</p> <p>JANUAR' 3-11 2026</p>	<p>ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>APRIL 18-26, 2026</p>
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Please have clubs/districts plan accordingly.



LION TABITA DORCAS KAMWANDE
Sponsor: Lion Penny Enslin
Lions Club of Alberton



LION VARISHA HARICHAND
Sponsor: Lion Gillian Saunders
Lions Club of Alberton



LION GAIL LORRETTE DANSIE
Sponsor: Lion Pat Bezuidenhout
Lions Club of Benoni



LION RENEE MICHELLE WILLIAMS
Sponsor: Lion Lionel Chazen
Lions Club of Edenvale



LION KAREN JOUBERT
Sponsor: Lion Heather Hingle
Lions Club of Northcliff



LION MELVYN RAY TROLLOPE
Sponsor: Lion Smurf van der Merwe
Lions Club of Reitz

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LION SUDISHNI BRIJMOHAN
Sponsor: Lion Deneera Singh
Lions Club of Wilro Park to be transferred to Lions Club of Lenasia



LION JENNIFER MAY LAMBRECHTS
Sponsor: Lion Selvanathan Govender
Lions Club of Ballito



LION PETER JAMES ENSLIN
Sponsor: Lion Sandy van Heerden
Lions Club of Wilro Park



LION RITA XULU
Sponsor: Lion Mano Pillay
Lions Club of Durban Host



LION GLEN PULA MABUNDA
Sponsor: Lion Anusha Sukha
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LION UGAN CHETTY
Sponsor: Lion Christopher Stokker
Lions Club of Estcourt



LION SAMANTHA PHILLIPS
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LION AVANASH LAKHAN
Sponsor: Lion Christopher Stokker
Lions Club of Estcourt



LION DEVIKA RAMPERSAD
Sponsor: Lion Anusha Sukha
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LION DEBBIE CLAY
Sponsor: Lion Grant Neve
Lions Club of Henley on Klip



LION ASHLEY DIXON
Sponsor: Lion Janice Selkon
Lions Club of Shelly Beach



LION TARIRO DZAPATA
Sponsor: Lion Faniso Khoza
Lions Club of Johannesburg The Wilds



LION LLEWELLYN OWEN
Sponsor: Lion Janice Selkon
Lions Club of Shelly Beach



LION SUGANDREN GOVENDER
Sponsor: Lion Ralf Driftmeier
Lions Club of Ballito





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“MAKING OUR MARK”

(District 410E Club Stories as submitted)



Lions Club of Alberton



Fruit & Veg deliveries to five local crèches that the Lions Club of Alberton proudly supports with love and care. A heartfelt thank you to Lions Sandy, Helen, Lorraine, Grace, Christle, and Melinda for their unwavering dedication to serving healthy snacks to the little ones. Your kindness nourishes both body and soul.



The Alberton Lions recently hosted a successful Awareness Day filled with joy and community spirit. To bring smiles to young faces, they handed out Easter Eggs to the little ones and offered a fun photo opportunity where kids could pose as mermaids! These magical moments were captured and shared on their Facebook page to help increase awareness and engagement within the community.



A big thank you to Lion Lana for creating ecobricks and to Lion Melinda for delivering them to the ADVA Youth Skills Development Centre. These ecobricks are more than just building blocks — they help construct classrooms and empower young people with valuable skills for the future.



Learning through play at Bright Future Kids Academy! The little learners explored shapes and colors — building a strong foundation for future learning while having fun every step of the way.



Weekly food chopping with LOTS! The Alberton Lions prepare and cook hearty meals with LOTS who feed 100 people every week — a true labor of love and service. Thank you to Lions Keith, Lorraine, Grace, Christle, Leslie, Hanneljie, and Virasha for their unwavering dedication and teamwork. Your efforts make a real difference in the community.

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Mommy Care Bags packed with love and delivered to new mums at South Rand Hospital every two weeks. These thoughtful gifts offer comfort and hope as they begin their motherhood journey.



What a wonderful day it was! Alberton Lions received an incredible variety of home-baked, beautifully decorated cupcakes — all lovingly donated for a great cause. The community came together to support the initiative, and the response was heartwarming. They extend their thanks to everyone who stopped by to buy a sweet treat in support of CANSA's vital work and also joined in on the Shavathon fun — showing solidarity with cancer survivors and raising even more awareness.



The Edenvale Lions Club Annual Chicken Braai — always a fantastic day of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition! The Lions Club of Alberton enjoyed socialising and connecting with fellow clubs, and they are proud to celebrate being the overall winners once again!



Thank you to Lion Jim for organising an incredible Golf Day Fundraiser in support of the fight against hunger. The Lions Club of Alberton extend their gratitude to all the Lions who assisted and supported the event. Highlights of the day included an exciting auction featuring a beautiful painting and several bottles of fine wine.



At the recent General Business Meeting of the Lions Club of Alberton, they proudly celebrated 55 years of serving their community with dedication and heart. Congratulations to Alberton Lions, for being a true pillar of strength, compassion, and commitment. Their continued efforts have made a lasting impact.

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New members

Proud to induct 2 members into our Lions family. Lion Tabita and Virasha



A big thank you to Lions Gillian and Sandy for their incredible efforts in arranging spectacles through Lions BrightSight for a young boy with squint eyes. These spectacles will not only improve his vision but also help correct his condition over the next few years — a life-changing gift at such a young age. This is the essence of what it means to be a Lion: making a meaningful difference, one act of kindness at a time.



This Easter, Alberton Lions had the joy of handing out Easter eggs to the elderly, children, and dedicated members of our community — including those at police stations, fire departments, and various service organisations to say thank you and bring a smile to those who serve and those who are often forgotten.



The Alberton Lions Club proudly packed 100 food parcels for Tutela to distribute to those in need within the community. Together, working to ensure that no one goes hungry.



The Lions Club of Alberton members took part in a recent food collection drive to support those in need — not forgetting the furry friends!



The Alberton team has been hard at work sorting through tons of preloved clothing generously donated by the community for the upcoming Annual StreetStore. Whilst it's a tedious task, it's one filled with heart — helping those in need stay warm this winter.

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Thanks to Lions Nisha, Sandra, Ian, Sandy, and Jim for effort in feeding 100 people in need in Alberton North. A warm meal does more than nourish — it warms the heart and brings a sense of hope to those living on the streets.



What a heartwarming day filled with love, blessings, and fellowship! The Alberton Lions had the joy of spending Buddy Day with their special friends, sharing laughter and creating memories through games of Putt-Putt and fun temporary tattoos. A privilege to bring smiles, build connections, and celebrate the beauty of every individual.



The Lions Club of Alberton's quarterly Knitting Social was a cozy and creative afternoon where they taught the attendees how to make adorable bunnies from a simple knitted square — a special touch for their Mommy Care Bags.

Lions Club of Benoni

The Lions Club of Benoni has had a busy and impactful two months! Their dedicated members have delivered food parcels, hygiene products, Easter eggs, baby clothes and essentials, groceries, and toys to those in need. They also conducted diabetes screenings, brought joy to seniors with lively bingo sessions, held a Bric-A-Brac Sale at the Bunny Park and took on the eco-challenge to help protect the environment.



Delivered clothing to San Michelle.



Easter Egg delivery to residents and staff of Mother Hostia's Haven, Brakpan.



Knitted garments for Doulla Tracy created by pensioners at Fairleads Retirement Home.

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Lion Kathy delivering hygiene items to Benoni Child Welfare.



Lion Athol delivered the monthly milk supply to Mother Hostia's Haven.



Beautifully crocheted Knee Blankets for the Elderly and Blankets for the under privileged



Lion Gail Dansie's care packs for children in domestic abuse cases delivered to Lifeline.



A Bric-A-Brac Stall at the Bunny Park – creating awareness and raising funds.



Child Welfare Benoni receiving their Groceries.



Lion Sally Battersby delivered blankets, beanies, and scarves to Emseni Church for those requiring warmth this Winter.

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Mealie meal delivered to Oliver's village to assist them with their daily meals provided.



Lion Kathy arranged delivery of baby clothes blankets and toiletries to Doula Tracey.



Maggie Infante, CEO of Infinite Industries promoting her plastic recycled products. Incredible what can be done by upcycling.



Diabetes Awareness Campaign held in May 2025.



Lion Leslie leading Bingo at Fairleads Retirement Village.



Added to all the service projects, the Lions Club of Benoni was delighted to have DG Perry and ZC Diane visit the Club and celebrated the induction of Lion Gail Dansie.

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Lions Club of Benoni Lakes



The Benoni Lakes Lions proudly visited the Lambano Centre to deliver 19 Lion/Amazon Cancer Care Bags, bringing smiles and comfort to young patients. In addition to the care bags, the club donated R7,000 worth of essential items, including nappies, formula, gloves, and aprons—critical supplies that will directly support the centre’s ongoing care efforts. These contributions were made possible through the generous support raised during our Cupcakes for Cancer project held in September 2024. During the visit, we had the opportunity to engage with the dedicated staff and personally hand over care bags to four courageous children at the centre.

The Benoni Lakes Lions Club was proud to spread some Easter joy among the essential service personnel this season. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Lions Nick, Beaulieu, Julie, and Patricia, as well as the Clubs amazing guests—Kelly, Kim, Emily, Hanna, Kristen, Nico, Sean, and Stacy—who joined them in handing out Easter eggs and brightening the day for local heroes. Together, they brought smiles to the staff at the Fire Station, Police Station, and especially the dedicated workers at Glynnwood Hospital.



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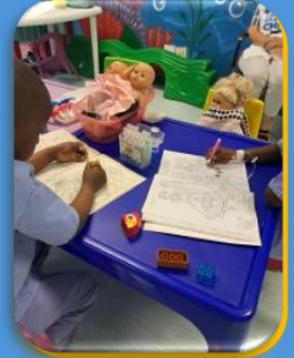
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The Benoni Lakes Lions Club had the pleasure of partnering with Benoni Junior School to conduct Vision Screenings for their young learners. With the dedicated support of the school's teachers, they successfully screened 220 children from Grade R, Grade 1, and selected learners from Grade 2 and Grade 3. It was a rewarding day filled with smiles, teamwork, and community spirit. Thank you to the school staff and the volunteers for helping ensure the well-being and development of these young learners. Together, building a healthier future—one child at a time!



Lions Club of Cowies Hill



The Lions Club of Cowies Hill has continued its heartwarming weekly visits to the Albert Luthuli Hospital Paediatric Oncology Ward throughout April and May (2, 9, 16, 23, 30 April & 7, 14, 21, 28 May). These visits have brought immense joy and comfort to the young patients, thanks to the dedication of Lions Sally, Margie, and volunteers Shaz and Ajuree. On several occasions, the ward buzzed with excitement as children enjoyed new toys generously donated by ex-Lion Shannon Oberholzer's daughter to CHOC.

Activities ranged from playing with Lego and dolls to colouring in and playing doctor. Special Easter bunnies with chocolate eggs, lovingly handmade by Lyn, added a festive touch during one of the visits. The number of children varied week to week — from as many as 16 to as few as 2 in the playroom — but each visit was filled with laughter and meaningful engagement. Whether they were building, imagining, or simply enjoying the company, the children's spirits were lifted by the presence and care of the visiting team.

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Cowies Hill Lions Club conducted diabetes screenings at Woza Moya on 10 April. With the support of dedicated nurses from the Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust Respite Unit, 50 of the crafters were screened. As a result, two individuals with elevated blood sugar levels were referred to their clinics for further care. They are also grateful to Ma-Cwengi Myeni, who took the time to engage with the crafters, offering encouragement and advice on making healthier eating choices. Her warm presence and practical tips were truly appreciated.



Lions Rebecca, Pat, and Carol visited the Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust on 24 April to conduct diabetes screenings with another group of talented crafters. In collaboration with a Registered Nurse from the Respite Unit, 45 individuals were tested, with 4 showing high blood sugar levels. These individuals received immediate counselling from a retired nurse and were given referral letters for their local clinics, including details of their sugar readings for follow-up care.



Blood donations are vital, as a single donation can save up to three lives. Lion Peter Hyde does his bit.



Queensburgh Cheshire Homes received a brand-new advertising banner, kindly donated by the Cowies Hill Lions Club. As Queensburgh Cheshire relies heavily on their markets and fetes to raise much-needed funds, they hope this eye-catching banner will help attract more visitors and support for their cause. On 3 May, Lions Sally, Margie, and Shanneen were hard at work selling egg and bacon rolls at Queensburgh Cheshire Homes.



Another fun-filled 200 Club evening was held at Pinehaven Retirement Home on 11 April. The event brought smiles and laughter, as always, and was enjoyed by residents and volunteers alike. On 16 May 2025 - a wonderful evening with residents having a fantastic time enjoying savoury mince rolls, delicious biscuits, and homemade fudge. The atmosphere was warm and joyful — a true highlight for everyone involved.

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While on holiday in Australia, LP Bronwyn Paijmans took the opportunity to visit the Frenchs Forest Lions Club by attending their April meeting. This club has always warmly welcomed Bronwyn during her visits to see family, and this occasion was no exception.



"We were honoured to have Bronwyn, President of the Lions Club of Cowies Hill, as our guest speaker for the evening. Her talk offered an enlightening perspective on the challenges and successes experienced by Lions Clubs in different parts of the world. It was especially inspiring to hear about the remarkable resilience shown by Bronwyn and her team in South Africa, where circumstances and community needs can be vastly different from those in Australia. Her insights served as a powerful reminder of the impact Lions Clubs can make globally, even in the face of adversity. Bronwyn, your continued support, annual visits, and dedication to service are deeply appreciated. You are a credit to your club and a valued friend of the Frenchs Forest Lions Club."



On 22 April, the Kingsburgh and Cowles Hill Lions Clubs proudly teamed up to deliver care bags to the Albert Luthull Hospital outpatient clinic, where children receive cancer treatment. This heartwarming initiative brought smiles and comfort to young patients and their families.



On 24 April, Lions Sally and Elaine delivered lovingly knitted jerseys to Phakamisa, bringing warmth and comfort to those in need.



On 26 April, the Lions Club of Cowies Hill hosted a food collection at Westville Superspar. The initiative aimed to support local organisations making a difference in the community. The collected goods were donated to three deserving recipients: Enhanhleni Isibani Sezwe, Kusaselihle Community Development Organization, and Mariannridge Methodist Church.



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On 17 May, Lions Sally and Shanneen spent a heartwarming morning with the girls from Grace Cottage at Ethelbert Child and Youth Centre. The session was filled with creativity and joy as they made handmade cards, bracelets, and rings together.



The “Get Lit” programme at Pemary Primary School is progressing slowly, as many Grade 3 learners continue to face difficulties in recognising the alphabet, sounding out phonics, and developing basic reading skills. Despite these challenges, Lions Rochelle, Premie, Daya, Saroj, and Sherrel for Durban East Coast remain committed and continue to persevere, offering their time and support to help the learners build a strong foundation in literacy.

Lions Club of Durban East Coast



The Paediatric Oncology Ward at Albert Luthuli Nkosi Hospital was filled with laughter, song, and dance during the weekly Thursday visits by the Lions Club of Durban East Coast. The young warriors delighted in spending time with learners from Maris Stella High School, who were completing their community service hours while bringing joy, learning, and hope to the children. In addition, the patients received thoughtful care packages sponsored by Lions/Amazon, which included beanies, socks, colouring books, crayons, cream, blankets, and wipes.



Members of the Durban East Coast Lions Club volunteered at the entrance of Pick n Pay Hyper by the Sea in Durban North, encouraging shoppers to purchase 5L bottles of water for communities still facing water shortages for over a year. Thanks to the generosity of the shoppers, 78 bottles were donated. Lions Savy, Ashu, Sherrel, and Rajan stepped up to the task, delivering:

- 37 bottles to Verulam Hospice
- 20 bottles to 10 homes in Rushbrook Gardens, Brookdale, Phoenix
- 10 bottles to 5 homes in Unit 3, Chatsworth
- 10 bottles to 5 homes in Drakensburg Street, Shallcross

The recipients gratefully welcomed the donations, and the initiative brought much-needed relief to those in need.

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The Brown's School, a special needs institution catering to children with cerebral palsy, learning disabilities, and autism, recently reached out to the East Coast Lions for assistance with essential consumables required for their daily operations. In response, the Lions purchased and delivered the requested items, supporting the school's efforts to provide a nurturing and supportive learning environment for its learners.



The learners were incredibly grateful to receive a new pair of school shoes, which will support their comfort and dignity in the classroom. The remaining shoes will be distributed to other schools and families as needs arise.



Over 2,000 pairs of school shoes were generously donated by a local shoe company and distributed to various schools across Durban and surrounding areas. Lions Club members coordinated the distribution by reaching out to schools to identify where the need was greatest. What they found was deeply concerning—many children are still attending school with torn shoes or none at all. 150 pairs went to Shakaskraal Primary School, 50 pairs to R.A. Padyachee Primary School in Umhlali, 70 pairs to Parsi Rustomjee Primary School in Merebank, 100 pairs to St Martin's Children's Homes in Berea, 20 pairs to indigent families in KwaMashu.



In May, approximately 240 learners received Mathematics and Physical Science tuition at Palmview Secondary School, as part of a programme run by the Lions Club of Durban East Coast. The learners, who come from various schools in the area, are showing great commitment—arriving on time and in full school uniform. The programme has gained strong momentum this year, with administrators ensuring that discipline and rules are consistently upheld. Additionally, 130 learners attended Mathematics tuition sessions at Wingen Heights Secondary School in Shallcross. This branch of the programme is efficiently managed by the school secretary, and learner attendance is consistent, with classrooms filled to capacity.

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Lions Club of Helderkruin



Zone 1 recently held an exciting **Trivial Pursuit Competition**, hosted by the Lions Club of **Clearwater Cyber** at the **Wilro Park Lions Clubhouse** on 4 April. A big **thank you** to **Clearwater Cyber** for organising such a fun and enjoyable evening, and to **Wilro Park Lions** for generously providing the venue. Participating clubs included **Wilro Park, Weltevreden, Northcliff, Helderkruin**, and of course, the host club **Clearwater Cyber Lions**. And the winners of the night? None other than the **Helderkruin Lions!**



The Lions Clubs of **Zone 1 and Zone 2, District 410E**, hosted their annual **"Buddy Day"** on 17 May 2025, with the following clubs participating: **Wilro Park Lions Club, Northcliff Lions Club, Alberton Lions Club, Weltevreden Lions Club, Helderkruin Lions Club, Krugersdorp Lions Club, and The Wilds Lions Club.**



A heartfelt thank you to **La Salle College** for providing their beautiful venue, to all the **sponsors** for their generous contributions, and to our **guests and students** for joining us on this special day. A special word of thanks goes to our **District Governor, Perry Chetty**, whose presence was greatly appreciated.

Lions Club of Ladysmith



The Lions Club of Ladysmith held their **Big Walk for Little Warriors** on 29 March 2025, demonstrating the community's ongoing commitment to this cause. It featured a **5 km walk/run**, with safety measures provided by local protection services and medical teams

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Local businesses supported the event by offering refreshments and other assistance.

Lions Club of Lenasia



The Lenasia Lions Club brought joy to 220 children on Easter Sunday by distributing sweet and fruit hampers. This initiative is part of their ongoing commitment to community service, aiming to make festive occasions special for underprivileged children.



Our young Lion, Deeta Daya, age 10, is making a meaningful impact by promoting the importance of mental health among children. Over the past two years, Deeta has gifted 70 children with handmade “Worry Worms” — a thoughtful tool designed to help young minds manage their emotions. This initiative supports children aged 6 to 9 in identifying and expressing their feelings in a healthy way, encouraging emotional intelligence from an early age.





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The Lenasia Lions have made a powerful contribution to the fight against period poverty by donating 100 packs of sanitary products to a local school. In South Africa, it is estimated that over 7 million women and girls are unable to afford these essential items, often leading to school absenteeism and health risks.

Lions Club of Midrand



The Lions Club of Midrand had the pleasure of bringing joy to the residents of Highveld Gardens Retirement Lodge with a delightful morning of tea, cake, and beautiful live music by a very talented pianist, Kiara. It was a heartwarming experience filled with smiles and sweet moments.



The Lions Club of Midrand responded to the Midrand SPCA's heartfelt appeal for blankets as the cold weather sets in. Lion Melanie went above and beyond—delivering not only warm blankets for the furry residents, but also a generous assortment of items including a DVD player, trays, and a radio. These items will be sold in the SPCA shop to help raise much-needed funds to support and care for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Lions Club of Port Alfred



On 20 April, Lion Norman Elliott and his grandson, Alastair Purdon, paid a special visit to 100-year-old Doc Louw (seated) to deliver some Easter eggs and share in the holiday spirit.

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Lion President Lorenda and Lion Francois visited Kuyasa High School to distribute essential items to students participating in the Holiday School programme. The Club donated items including eggs, toilet rolls, and buns — small gestures with a big impact. Kuyasa High School proudly hosts 119 matric students this year, and the Lions Club of Port Alfred is honored to support their academic journey and commitment to success.



The Port Alfred Lions bringing Easter eggs, clothes, and shoes brightening the day for the people at Jehovah Jireh in Alexandria.



The Lions Club of Port Alfred had a fantastic time running the tuckshop at the GRG Gymnastics Competition on Saturday, 3 May 2025, at PAHS Hall. Huge thanks to everyone who supported them and kudos to the event organisers for putting together such a fantastic competition. Congratulations to all the talented gymnasts who participated.



On 12 May, the Port Alfred Lions held a successful General Business Meeting with two prospective members present. After the meeting they packed Jars of Hope for their ongoing community service project with Loaves and Fishes. These Jars of Hope are part of their regular efforts to support the feeding programme.

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Lions Club of Pretoria Jakaranda



On Saturday April 12th, 2025 the Diabetes SA Pretoria Branch participated in a community outreach project at Ring Pharmacy in Eersterust. In collaboration with the Lions Club of Pretoria Jakaranda and Aquelle, the event successfully created awareness, educated, and supported the community. A total of 85 individuals received free glucose testing and blood pressure monitoring courtesy of Sr Louise Pywell, the DSA Pretoria and Lions Club teams. Some of the community had to be referred to clinics and doctors for further consultation due to raised levels. Aquelle water was given to each participant. Health information was also given out in the form of pamphlets.

A wonderful Easter Egg handout was held on Good Friday, 18 April. The Lions Club of Pretoria Jakaranda honoured all the frontline workers at the Kloof hospital, Erasmuskloof Fire Station, Sungardens Hospice, Garsfontein Police Station and a heartwarming visit to the Glen Haven frail care centre.



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On Saturday 17 May Pretoria Jakaranda Lions Club hosted a "Pick a Box" project at Phyllis Robertson Home for mentally challenged adults.



Each person picked themselves a number out of a hat. Once everyone had a number the corresponding numbers were called out in random order as everyone sat excitedly waiting for their number to be called so that they could choose themselves a gift from the table.



Each member spent time with the residents, listening to their animated stories and occasionally shedding a tear along with the residents. Phyllis Robertson then treated the members to a thank you song from the resident choir and a yummy lunch along with the residents and staff.

Lions Club of Pretoria South



The Lions Club of Pretoria South was honoured to Host DG Perry and his wife, Lion Kantha to the April General Business Meeting! A big thank you to Lion President Graeme for sponsoring the delicious Pizza and Drinks Evening, enjoyed by all our members and guests.

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The Club was overwhelmed with gratitude for the generosity shown by Gary Wolf, a friend of the Lions! Gary's donation of a bike to one of their young riders, who was facing financial struggles, is a testament to his kindness and compassion!



Empowering Young Cyclists! A beautiful morning was spent at Rosemary Hill Trails where the Lions Club of Pretoria South celebrated a milestone moment with their 18 Academy Riders, presenting them with the 2025 LIONS Cycling kit. The excitement was palpable with parents, family, and Friends of the Club in attendance.



The Club is thrilled to announce the formation of their new Girls Cycling sub-committee, led by Lion Tebogo, Elsabe, and Nicole, focusing on supporting and growing the girls' cycling programme. Our "old boys" from Exxarro joined us, along with the entire Cycling Committee, to wish the kids well for the upcoming Cycle Lab Schools MTB Series and Trailseeker MTB Series.



Following a driver damaging the palisade fencing at the Clubs Tugela Park Project, Wolff Logistics came to the rescue donating a crane truck and technical staff to assist with the repairs. The Club is thankful for their commitment to the community and their role in helping the Club SERVE!



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Pretoria South Lions had an awesome turnout at their Pretoria Boeremark Stall, with around 50 people stopping by - maybe their three dashing stall attendants had something to do with it? It was a productive day with the Bee Hotels flying off the shelf and women expressing interest in the Knitted Knockers. Several pairs of donated spectacles were collected and two backpacks full of clothing were donated, bringing joy to those in need.



Lions Club of Uitenhage



On the 10th of May the lady members of the Lions Club of Uitenhage visited Rosa Much to spoil the residents for Mother's Day. Each resident received a goodie bag and a cupcake served with their tea.



The Lions Club of Uitenhage held their Trash to Treasure Project on 18 May, a project that was initiated by Lion Rene Van Zyl. The learners of the Despatch Primary School brought in the Trash they had collected and were given tokens that they could use to purchase toiletries, homeware, clothing and stationary items.



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Lions Club of Vereeniging



On Saturday 17 May 2025, the Lions Club of Vereeniging held their inaugural Eye clinic at their Club House. A huge success with 49 patients screened, 43 required further testing and 36 identified as requiring spectacles.



On a very chilly 20th of May evening, Lion President MJ and the members of the Lions Club of Vereeniging handed out 40 blankets to the homeless in the area making their lives a little more comfortable and giving much needed warmth.



Members of the Club collaborated with an organisation called Showers of Blessings on 21 May where 50 "Meals in a Bag", Beanies and Blankets were handed out.

Lions Club of Wilro Park



The Wilro Park Lions members joined in the Annual Buddy Day on 17 May having so much fun with the participants and making a difference.

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On 29 May, Lion Sandy delivered the May batch of the Lions Club of Wilro Park's "Moms & Babes Bags" to Sister Gugulethu at the clinic. These care packages are part of the Clubs ongoing effort to support new mothers and their little ones in the community.

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World Environment Day on 5 June 2025



The Happy Earth Kits that were originally put together by Lion Donovan, are 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.

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