

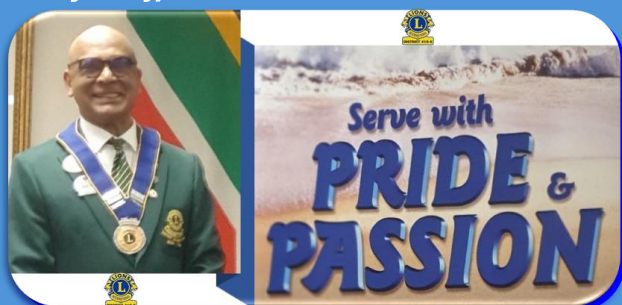


THE LIONS SHARE

Issue 9 (FINAL EDITION 2024-2025) – June 2025

“Together We Served – With Heart, With Purpose, With Pride”

(DG Perry Chetty)



Dear Lions of District 410E,

As I write to you for the final time in my capacity as District Governor, I do so with deep pride, immense gratitude, and heartfelt emotion. This Lionistic year has been an extraordinary journey—one filled with challenges, growth, unity, and remarkable service. Together, we have built a legacy that will resonate well into the future.



A Year of Service, Strength, and Success

Thanks to your collective passion and commitment, we have achieved several major milestones:



Membership Growth: We proudly welcomed new Lions into our family, bringing fresh energy, ideas, and commitment to our clubs. Our net growth at present is close to 40 members.



New Club Development: For the first time in many years, District 410E chartered two new clubs—including the dynamic Orkney Lions Club, which has quickly become a symbol of renewed Lionism and community engagement, and Lenasia Lions Club who kicked off with some dynamic projects.



LCIF Goal Exceeded: Through your generosity and dedication, we surpassed our LCIF fundraising goal, strengthening our impact globally. Our target was \$19,000, and we have attained \$24,400. Thank you to all the clubs that contributed.



A United District: From vibrant Cabinet Meetings to our presence at the MD410 Convention in Cape Town, District 410E demonstrated unity, leadership, and purpose on every platform.



Personal Note of Thanks

On a personal level, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for the outpouring of support I received during my recent time in hospital. Your kind messages, words of encouragement, and the beautiful fruit basket lifted my spirits and reminded me of the incredible warmth and strength of the Lions family. Thank you for standing by me during that time—it meant more than words can express.

Special Acknowledgements

While every Lion has contributed to our success, I would like to extend special thanks to those who walked especially close beside me on this journey:



Cabinet Secretary Lion Melinda Strydom – Thank you for consistently going above and beyond. Your dedication, reliability, and behind-the-scenes leadership were second to none.



Treasurer & Finance Committee: PDG Malcolm Johnston & PDG Sydney van Heerden – I deeply appreciate your tireless hours and continued efforts to rectify our accounts. Your diligence and integrity have been vital to the District's financial health.



My Cabinet & the GAT Team – You are the foundation on which this year's success was built. Your synergy, passion, and dedication have inspired me daily.



PCC Jacquie Hocking – Your mentorship, guidance, and steady presence have been an integral part of my success this year. Thank you for being my sounding board, my pillar of strength, and a true example of Lionistic leadership. Newsletter Editor – par excellence.



PCC Cliff Hocking – When times were tough, you were always there — encouraging me, lifting me up, and, when needed, offering a few hard truths. But you always did so with our District and Multiple District's best interests at heart, and for that, I am deeply grateful.



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WRAP UP OF 2024-2025



Looking Ahead with Confidence

As I prepare to hand over the reins to District Governor Elect Avril, I do so with absolute confidence in the continued strength of District 410E. We are on a trajectory of growth, relevance, and impact. I urge each of you to remain committed, connected, and courageous in your service. The momentum we've built must carry forward into a brighter future.

Our emblem shows two Lions heads, **one looking backwards and one looking forwards**. The Lions head looking backwards denotes the past, that is history, and whilst we learn valuable lessons from our past, our focus now needs to be on the Lions head looking forward, which denotes the future of this Lions Club within District 410E.

Let's reflect on the past fiscal year.

Global Membership Team (GMT)

(DC GMT, PDG Alistair Tuckett)



With Gratitude and Lionistic Pride

Serving as your District Governor has been one of the greatest honours of my life. I will forever treasure the friendships, the lessons, and the opportunity to serve alongside such incredible Lions. Though my term is ending, my service continues—because **once a Lion, always a Lion**.

Thank you for allowing me to lead, to serve, and to grow with you.

With warmest Lionistic regards,

Perry

District Governor
District 410E 2024-2025

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As of 21 June 2025, our District stands at **862 members**, which falls short of the 971 required to be on track for our Strengthen 410E goal of **1,250 members by June 2027**. This shortfall reflects ongoing challenges in both retaining existing members and recruiting new ones.

But there's encouraging news too: for the **first time in three years**, we've seen a net increase in membership. Engagement in the Club Membership Chair Forum has grown, and more clubs now understand the pivotal role our members play in enabling meaningful service. Simply put, **the more hands we have, the greater our impact**—in our service, in our membership, and in our leadership.



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The Global Membership Team (GMT) has been instrumental in this progress. By equipping clubs with practical tools and resources—and facilitating the well-attended Chair Forum—the GMT has created a platform so successful that it's now open to District 410W membership chairs as well. This spirit of collaboration is key as we move forward with the shared aim of making Lions Clubs the **first choice in service**.

I extend heartfelt thanks to the incredible Lions who make up the GMT: RC Karl Bands, RC Theo Nel, SVDGE Patrick Gamedze, RC Sanet Emerick, RC Vanessa Richardson, PDG Jeff Smith, LP Gopika Dass, Lion Kieth Thompson, Lion Johan Els, and, of course, my ever-committed partner in crime, PDG Ian King. The progress we've made would not have been possible without their tireless efforts, dedication, and passion.

Clubs themselves deserve recognition too—for prioritising member engagement and satisfaction. Knowing your members, understanding their needs, and fostering a positive club environment leads to retention and growth. **Happy members stay—and they bring others with them.** Let's stay the course and break the annual membership loss trend that often peaks in June.

By the Numbers (as of 21 June 2025):

- **Total Membership: 862**
- **Members Added (FY): 186**
- **Members Dropped (FY): 149**
- **Net Growth: 37**
- **Net Growth Percentage: 4.29%**

Finally, I wish Lion Sanet Emmerick all the best as she steps into the role of District GMT Co-ordinator for the upcoming year. With the continued commitment of our clubs and teams, I have every confidence we'll reach our **GOAL OF 1,250 MEMBERS BY JUNE 2027.**



Global Extension Team (GET)

(DC GET, CCE Ian King)



The Global Extension Team has worked hard this year in trying to achieve the goals set at the beginning of the year. Although we missed the target of inducting 128 New members by 18 (**110 new members inducted**), we did manage to charter 2 new clubs as per the original goal albeit a bit fortuitous, but we will take it any which way it happens. However, when one considers that we closed 3 clubs and ended up on 862 members as opposed to a net number of 971, not the ideal result we were looking for.



Having said that, we end the year on a very positive note compared to the past few years and we will continue the impetus going into the new year to continue building 410E. We have 2 new clubs that will be chartered in the new year namely Ruimsig and Cradock and we have a number of very strong potentials in Jeffreys Bay and Graaf Reinet. There are also a number of clubs that have begun showing excellent signs of growing their own numbers with the number of new prospective Lions being inducted in June and July.



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The most exciting deal to come out of this year was the formation of the Membership Chair Forum implemented by PDG Alistair. It has worked extremely well, and I trust will be carried on into the new year. The cross pollination of ideas was fantastic and now that it has been extended to District 410W, even better chance of sharing ideas and putting into practice what was discussed. I also believe we dispelled the negativity, to a large extent, around Mission 1,5 in the sense that it was not just a numbers game for the sake of just growing the organisation but, in essence, to be in a position to SERVE more effectively.

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work



As with PDG Alistair, very little could have or would have been achieved had it not been for the dedication and hard work put in by the GMT committee comprising of RC Karl Bands, RC Theo Nel, RC Sanet Emerick, RC Vanessa Richardson, SVDGE Patrick Gamedze, PDG Jeff Smith, LP Gopika Dass, Lion Keith Thompson and Lion Johan Els. They put in tremendous effort, and I am sure the results will be evident shortly. To my GMT partner, the GO TO GUY for sure, you have benefited the team in ways that are hard to describe. PDG Alistair, you were rock solid and drove many of the initiatives for which I am grateful. District 410E is on the way up and I know that in RC Sanet Emerick and Lion Heather Hingle, the hard work and dedication to succeed will be carried forward. **1250 MEMBERS BY JUNE 2027 IS NOT A DREAM, IT IS A REALITY AND WE HOLD THE KEY TO ACHIEVING IT. LET'S DO IT**



HOW TO.....

STOP THE DROP!








Keep Our Lions Strong - Keep Our Members Engaged



WHY IT MATTERS:

Every Lion counts. When members leave, we lose passion, hands, and heart for our service. Let's act now to **STOP the DROP!**

* 6 SIMPLE ACTIONS EVERY CLUB CAN TAKE!

-  **Connect Personally**
Reach out to absent members with a call, text, or visit. Show you care beyond the meetings.
-  **Ask & Listen**
Survey your members: What do they love? What needs improving? Listen and act on their feedback.
-  **Make Meetings Meaningful**
Keep meetings fun, inspiring, and efficient. Celebrate service, not just business.
-  **Engage Everyone**
Assign small roles or tasks so every Lion feels needed. Involve members in planning projects they care about.
-  **Recognize and Appreciate**
Celebrate milestones (years of service, birthday, *achievements*). Say "Thank You" often and sincerely.
-  **Have More Fun!**
Plan social nights, service celebrations, and lighthearted competitions. Laugh, bond, and make memories together –
-  **REMEMBER:** Retention isn't just about staying – It's about belonging. Strong Clubs – Strong Service! Together, We Can Stop the Drop!

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?



Everyone likes to feel appreciated and that they are adding value.



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Global Leadership Team (GLT)

(DC GLT, PDG Patrick Mills)



Dear fellow Lions,

As we look forward to the new Lionistic Year, here are some key points for a successful year:



To all outgoing Club Officers, please ensure that you do a proper hand-over with your successors.



To all incoming Club Officers, please ensure that you have the knowledge, tools and resources required to successfully do your job.

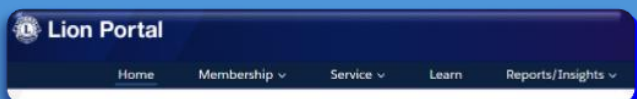


If you've missed out on the in-person Club Officer training, attend the upcoming online Club Officer training.



Encourage your members to do the online courses available in the Lions Learning Centre, which you can locate as follows...

Log onto the Lion Portal and click on the Learn tab...



Click on the Lions Learning Center GO button...

Online Training

- Take free online courses
- Encourage your personal growth
- Access leadership tools and insights

Lions Learning Center

GO



Should you require any support or advice during your term of office, please contact your Zone Chairperson or the DC GLT PDG Patrick Mills to arrange for additional training.



Do not underestimate the impact of good planning on the success of the year!

Failing to plan is planning to fail.

Alan Lakein

Upcoming online training for Incoming Club Officers:



Training for Incoming Service, Fundraising, LCIF and Marketing/PRO Club Officers is scheduled on

Saturday 28th June 2025 via Zoom

Time: 09h00 – 13h00

Zoom meeting link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85272753151?pwd=MDfnrKNMdPrHao4FobmtD41qCC5Wcr.1>

The passcode is: 166407

Programme:

Time	Club Officer
09h00	Service Chair
10h00	Fundraising
11h00	LCIF
12h00	Marketing/PRO



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We will also be providing the following training for Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers who missed the in-person Club Officer Training (or would like a recap):

Club President Essentials via Zoom

- 🚩 Tuesday 1st July 2025
- 🚩 Time: 19h00 – 21h00
- 🚩 Zoom meeting link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81621605911?pwd=axNpTyjWNLka9wcHUBlkvKROwCby9S.1>
 The passcode is: 885989

Club Secretary Essentials via Zoom

- 🚩 Wednesday 2nd July 2025
- 🚩 Time: 19h00 – 21h00
- 🚩 Zoom meeting link is:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85182554626?pwd=HQFN4WVr0b9s7BiOy3Lrri35kN8eEq.1>
 The passcode is: 863301

Club Treasurer Essentials via Zoom

- 🚩 Thursday 3rd July 2025
- 🚩 Time: 19h00 – 21h00
- 🚩 Zoom meeting link is:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81739097556?pwd=3ompjUiynCbXJBQnoQk1wElbr79tTZ.1>
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Your District Global Leadership Team has put together an exciting Leadership Development Programme for 2025-2026. I encourage each and every Lion to grab these opportunities to further develop your Leadership skills – you will not regret it; I can assure you.

**“FOR TOMORROW BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE WHO PREPARE FOR IT TODAY”.
AFRICAN PROVERBS**

Wishing you all the very best for a successful year ahead!

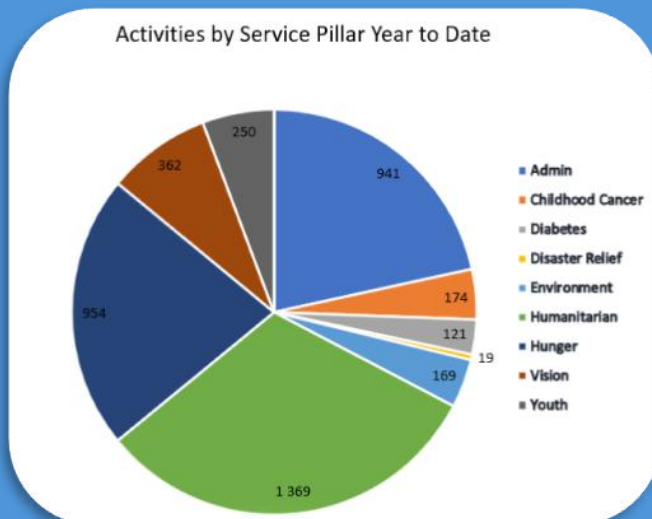
Global Service Team (GST)

(DC GST, Lion Sandy King)



Our District has done some amazing service this year and I'm so proud of all the Clubs – Thank you! At the time of writing this article, we have served **514,711** people with **4,359** service activities. More than half a million people's lives were touched by Lions in District 410E!

The wonderful projects done by the individual Lions Clubs are too many to mention, but looking at the chart below, we can see that all our Service Pillars were well supported.





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DISTRICT PROJECTS

Amazon School Bags



We received a very generous donation of 1,890 school bags containing stationery and shoes which were sponsored by Amazon. These were handed out to the clubs in the District, and they were donated to local schools in the various areas, some special needs schools, some settlement schools and also those in rural areas. They were all very grateful for the donations.

Amazon Childhood Cancer Care Bags

The 864 Childhood Cancer Care bags sponsored by Amazon were also shared amongst the clubs which responded, requesting bags. Region E in the Eastern Cape delivered theirs to the Oncology Department at the local Provincial Hospital. In the Gauteng area, bags were delivered to children suffering with cancer at Nicus Lodge, CHOC House Soweto, Baragwanath Children's Oncology ward, local Hospices and in Eswatini, they were handed out to children with cancer during the Manzini Club's Big Walk for Little Warriors.

Diabetes Awareness – November



DG Perry requested that we undertake Diabetes projects throughout the District during November. Many clubs heeded the call, especially around World Diabetes Awareness Day.



Big Walk for Little Warriors



Undoubtedly our most successful MD410 project: the annual Childhood Cancer Big Walk for Little Warriors took place in February with most clubs' events being on the 15th, Childhood Cancer Day. There were a variety of events: walks in the park, through the suburbs, along the beach, at schools etc. Some were mainly awareness events. Beneficiaries included CHOC, Kids Kicking Cancer, Nicus Lodge, Rainbows and Smiles, CANSA, as well as local Hospices.

Total Clubs from District 410E = 40

Total Events held = 15

Total Participants = 983 (not all recorded)

Total Monies donated

(incl. donations from Clubs = R44,727.00)

Goodwill and interested generated = Enormous trending on both Facebook and Instagram



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DISTRICT 410E LCIF

(DC LCIF, FVDGE Mark van Heerden)



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Hello fellow Lions,

I cannot believe that my second term as District 410E LCIF Co-ordinator is almost coming to an end.

Due to Lions commitments, I am unfortunately not in a position to stand for a third term. I will however be handing over the reins to Lion Theo Nel who I have no doubt will serve our District to the best of his abilities, bringing a wealth of knowledge and insight into LCIF matters.



The role of the LCIF Co-ordinator is not only to raise funds for LCIF from all clubs and members in our District, but also to guide members on the purpose of LCIF and what it stands for. The Co-ordinator is also available to guide clubs on the various grants available to them and to assist with MJF applications as well as to act as a mediator between clubs and LCIF.



This year has been an amazing year in terms of donations received and we have exceeded our target of US\$19,000 set by LCIF. I would like to extend my appreciation to every club and individual member who contributed this year. It is greatly appreciated.

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Remember that these funds are stored as credits to be used for LCIF grants or to acquire MJF's for deserved members.

I am happy to announce that many clubs have this year awarded their members with MJF's and have utilised the available LCIF credits for this purpose. It is good to see that clubs are using these funds and recognising members for their dedication and service. Well done to all clubs that have applied.



It is important to remember that LCIF Grants are not only there to fund Disaster Relief efforts but also to fund projects at a much higher scale than clubs can generally afford. LCIF offers funding for all our service pillars, and I invite clubs to enquire about the various grants that are available to them. Herewith hyperlink to LCIF Grant Toolkit: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-toolkit>



LCIF is the backbone of our wonderful organisation and without funding, Lions would not be able to make such a massive impact by serving our communities around the World.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship Program



The Melvin Jones Fellowship Program is a generous way to show commitment to the humanitarian work of LCIF.

It has been my absolute pleasure being able to serve on cabinet and I thank everyone for their support. I implore all clubs and members to continue donating to LCIF and to help make a difference in our District. I wish you all the very best for the new Lionistic year.



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LIONS CHRISTMAS CAKES

(DC Christmas Cakes, PDG Kim van Wyk)



Can you believe it's already time for Clubs to place their orders for our awesome Lions Christmas Cakes? Where does the time go? Let's spread the festive spirit early and make this another successful (and delicious!) fundraiser.

The baker has indicated his cost price will increase by only 6% for the 2025/26 project. The baker has achieved a remarkable service to the clubs with such a small increase – given inflation and the economic climate the increase could easily have been twice as much or more.

The total cost per cake is broken down as the below:

Bakers Charge per cake (inclusive of R5.00 rebate)	R123,76
MD Levy	R 0,50
District Levy	R 1,00
Lion BrightSight Levy	R 1,00
LI License	R 5,72
TOTAL	R131,98

THE RECOMMENDED SELLING PRICE IS R175.00, which represents a 2.9% increase in the selling price of R170 from 2024/25. The recommended selling price of R175/cake gives a profit of R43.02 per cake, which increases to R48.02 if the rebate is qualified for – payment within 35 days from date of invoice – the payment must reflect in the Bakers Account prior to the 35th day.

To place your online order, herewith the hyperlink:
<https://cakes.lionsclubs.co.za/order/410e/>

INTERNATION PRESIDENT

FABRÍCIO OLIVEIRA

LETTER TO YOU – JUNE 2025

“THANK YOU FOR MAKING YOUR MARK”



Dear Lion,

As I come to the end of my presidential year, I want to thank you all for making your mark through your dedicated service. Every time you served your community and invited a new member to join our mission, you helped us continue our legacy as the world's greatest service organisation.

While you celebrate your incredible accomplishments, now is also the perfect time to prepare your new officers for their roles and your clubs for the new year.

Congratulations once again on your achievements! I look forward to seeing how you continue making your mark as a Lion, every day, with every act of service.

At your service,
 Fabrício Oliveira
 International President



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



LION CAROL DOROTHY BOTHA
Sponsor: Lion Margaret Hanvey
Lions Club of Benoni



LION CYNTHIA DAYE
Sponsor: Lion Karen Hyde
Lions Club of Cowies Hill



LION GRAHAM CLAYDON
Sponsor: Lion Marie Volgenau
Lions Club of East London Port Rex



LION JURIANNE CLAYDON
Sponsor: Lion Marie Volgenau
Lions Club of East London Port Rex



LION JOHANNES EDWIN STEP
Sponsor: Lion Robert de Lange
Lions Club of East London Port Rex



LION MARIETJIE MEYER
Sponsor: Lion Riana Pape
Lions Club of Klerksdorp



LION LINDIE WRENSCH
Sponsor: Lion Meena van Biljon
Lions Club of Klerksdorp



LION BELINDA SAUER
Sponsor: Lion Nikita van der Westhuizen
Lions Club of Pretoria Jakaranda



LION TYLO SAUER
Sponsor: Lion Nikita van der Westhuizen
Lions Club of Pretoria Jakaranda



LION NOLAN BURNARD
Sponsor: Lion Neil Burnard
Lions Club of Pretoria South



LION PIETER FRANKAN
Sponsor: Lion Graeme Logan
Lions Club of Pretoria South

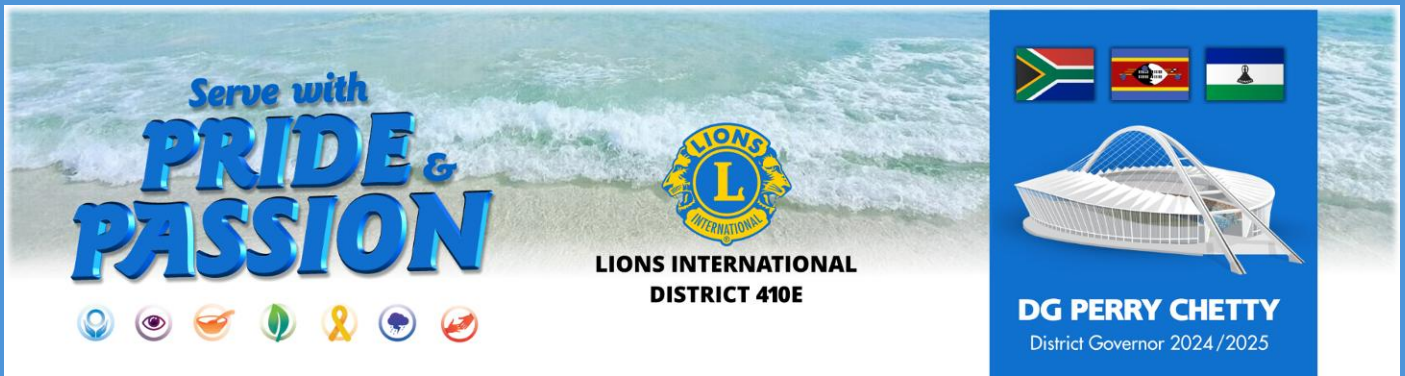


LION ILNE LOGAN
Sponsor: Lion Graeme Logan
Lions Club of Pretoria South



LION RITA MOEKEN
Sponsor: Lion Gerrit Moeken
Lions Club of Pretoria South





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“MAKING OUR MARK”

(District 410E Club Stories as submitted)



Lions Club of Vereeniging



The Club hosted an exciting and fun Music Quiz fundraising evening on 31 May 2025. Enjoyed by all in attendance.



On 8 June, Lion Mervyn dropped off a “bakkie load” of items plus 50 meals in a bag to a local church in Sasolburg.



The Lions Club of Vereeniging held a very successful Book Sale at a local market on 14 June.



On 17 June, Lion President MJ and family prepared and distributed 50 delicious macaroni meals to a local schools feeding scheme.



The Club donated loads of knitted goodies on the 22 June to a Church in Vaal Marina for their winter warmer drive for children.



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Lion President MJ and Lion Monique and family were really busy this month filling hungry tummies and giving warmth by assisted at a local church handing out soup and clothing on 22 June.

Lions Club of Johannesburg The Wilds



On the occasion of the Lions Club of Johannesburg The Wilds, Lion Lucky Phale was presented with a Louis Volks Award honouring his invaluable contribution to the hunger relief programme of the Club. Come rain, hail or shine, Lion Lucky is present at the food collection every week.

Lions Club of Uitenhage



The Lions spoil the residents of Granny Slipper with cupcakes and goody bags on the 14th of June.



On the 21st of June Uitenhage Lions Club had a meeting and fellowship with MCC Clubs to get input on the rally we have as a fundraiser at the end of each year. The response was phenomenal.

Lions Club of Pretoria Jakaranda



Pretoria Jakaranda Lions clothing handout to the homeless people of Sunnyside took place at Sunnyside Methodist Church on Saturday 21 June.

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District Governor 2024 /2025

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Each person was given tokens which could be used as “payment” for the clothing items that they chose. It was heartwarming to be able to provide the people with a few extra layers of clothing and shoes during the cold Winter that we are currently experiencing.

Lions Club of East London Port Rex



Port Rex Lions Club recently hosted its Annual Music Eisteddfod, a celebration of young musical talent across East London and surrounding towns. The event brought together learners from a range of schools and music studios, providing a platform for vocalists and instrumentalists to showcase their skills across various categories.



Medal winners were invited to perform at a special Showcase Concert, where their talents were celebrated with pride. The event was a joyful expression of the arts and reaffirmed the Clubs commitment to nurturing youth through culture and music.



In alignment with Lions’ global service pillars, the Lions Club of East London Port Rex made a meaningful contribution to the Friends of East London Zoo (FELZoo) by sponsoring the revamp of the Zoo’s Education Centre. This refreshed facility will be utilised for school tours and educational talks, supporting environmental learning for children and the broader community.



The official opening was marked by a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by Lion President Ivan Piater and Zoo Manager Ms Alison Roux.





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Port Rex Lions Club recently celebrated a special occasion with the induction of their 58th Club President, Lion Owen Taylor, for the 2025–2026 Lionistic Year. Warmest congratulations to Lion President Owen and the newly appointed leadership team as they take up the baton of service and guide the club into another impactful year.

Lions Club of Port Alfred



On 29 May 2025, the Port Alfred Lions delivered Jars of Hope to Loaves and Fishes, continuing their ongoing partnership to support the vital work done by the organisation.



The evening also marked the induction of two new members and the re-induction of a returning Lion, reaffirming their commitment to growing their pride and strengthening their reach in the community.



Spreading Joy, One Doll at a Time – 4 June 2025!
The Club was overjoyed to share a heartwarming moments of kindness in their community when they received a generous donation of another batch of adorable, hand-knitted dolls from Louise Klackers. They extend a huge thank you to Louise for spreading love and kindness wherever she goes!



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Massive thanks to Roche Vorster and Lesley Theunissen from Rosehill Spar and Nolene, Grant and Garry Botha from Kowie Toyota for spearheading the amazing blanket drive! The community rallied behind it, donating 200 blankets, with 100 going to Port Alfred Lions and 100 to Round Table 177 on 10 June 2025.



On 12 June 2025, the Port Alfred Lions delivered essential winter items to the Port Alfred Soup Kitchen, including Knitted dolls from Mrs. Louise Klackers, baby items from Kowie Wool Warriors, blankets from the Rosehill Spar and Kowie Toyota Blanket Drive making them super proud in support of their community.



The Lions Club of Port Alfred hosted a gathering to hand over donations (knitted dolls, blankets, Jars of Hope which were lovingly packed by the members) to Loaves and Fishes on 13 June 2025.

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On 14 June 2025 Lion President Lorenda, on behalf of the Club, handed blankets, baby clothing, beanies, knitted dolls to Jehovah Jireh Children's Home in Alexandria.



Members of the Club had the privilege of meeting the extremely kind and compassionate Thanduxolo Paul Faltein on 19 June! They were thrilled to donate blankets and handmade knitted items, including adorable dolls, cozy beanies, and warm clothing, to support his mission. Thanduxolo and his team do incredible work with vulnerable populations, including the homeless, elderly, and those with disabilities, and the Club is honored to be a part of it.



The Lions Club of Port Alfred sold hamburgers at Rosehill Mall on 21 June – what a success and the Lions members had so much fun! Thanks to all the supporters for swelling the Projects Fund to enable the Club to in turn serve those vulnerable members of the community.

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Lions Club of Wilro Park



Great fun was had at the Absolut Charity Golf Day on 12 June at Ruimsig Golf Club by members of the Lions Club of Wilro Park. A wonderful opportunity for lots of marketing and networking.



June Party time at Tandanani! Fun and Games with the Wilro Park Lions students and the children at Tandanani on 14 June.



Thank you to PCC Bernd, the Club's "Winter Warrior", for his generous donation of blankets from his birthday celebration - as a gift, he requested his family, and friends buy a blanket for either a Rescue Dog at CLAW or a person in need. This pile of beautiful soft and warm blankets will be donated to homeless folk who need a helping hand. Happy Birthday Bernd and many more!





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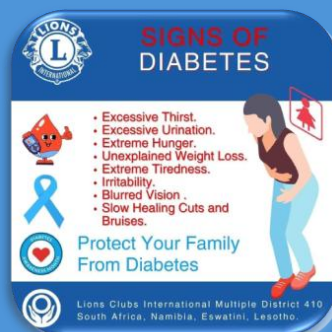


On 21 June, the Wilro Park Lions visited CLAW to deliver blankets, dog beds, towels & food! Their 3 Students doing community service with the club also joined! CLAW were so grateful for the gifts!



In addition they donated Jars of Hope for families in need in the informal settlements where CLAW works - they take care of not only animals but people too!

Lions Club of Nelspruit



During May and June, the Lions Club of Nelspruit tested 63 people for Diabetes at two local markets, ably assisted by a Hospice Nursing Sister.



Lions Danny, Val, Mike and Lions Lady Marion set up a stall at the Valencia Health and Wellness project at the Orchards Shopping Centre on Sunday, 18 May. Reading glasses which had been purchased by the Club were given out to 38 local people.



Prospective Lion Esmarie brought to the Club's attention that the residents of Wenakker Home in Lydenburg were in need of new footballs and netballs. The Club sprang into action and purchased 3 of each which were delivered to the home during the third week of June.

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A group of ladies, from Hazyview, have regular get-togethers where they get busy knitting squares. These are then made up by another group into blankets for the needy – including orphaned baby rhinos! As the ladies are not well off, the Lions Club of Nelspruit donated R1,500.00 for the wool, which was then matched by the shop where the wool was purchased.

Lions Club of Midrand



A very special Presidential Induction was held on the 15th of June 2025, with PCC Cliff proud to induct his daughter, Lion President Barbara, as the 37th President of the Lions Club of Midrand. The event was made even more meaningful by the presence of Lions who are dear friends of the Club, alongside prospective members who will soon become a part of our family. The food thanks to Lion Yolandi and her sister-in-law Mareyke was par excellence.



The Lion of Year was awarded to a most deserving member, Lion Patricia Nyereyegona the Community Services Chairperson.



Congratulations to our newest member Lion Cheryl who was inducted – so happy to have her join the Midrand Lions “family”.



The final General Business Meeting under the chairmanship of Lion President Willie was a memorable one. In a heartfelt moment, Lion President Willie presented PCC Cliff with a special gift, acknowledging him as the backbone and “go-to person” of the Lions Club of Midrand. Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Lion Malehu (Secretary) and Lion Melanie (for her outstanding work in convening numerous projects throughout the year), as they were unable to attend the Presidential Induction on 15 June.

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Lions Club of Lenasia



To help combat the chilly winter nights, members of the Lions Club of Midrand brought warmth and comfort to the children of Yenzani by gifting each child a snuggly blanket, a cosy beanie, and warm pyjamas. They are also weekly recipients of food donations – part of the Lions Club of Midrand's Hunger Relief Programme.



The Lions Club of Midrand is proud of its ongoing **Hunger Relief Programme**, a cornerstone of its service initiatives. Through this programme, **9 crèches, 1 ECD centre, 1 orphanage, and 1 home for the mentally challenged** receive nutritious food on a **rotational basis — 7 days a week, 365 days a year**. As the saying goes, *“the proof of the pudding is in the eating.”* Pictured here are the joyful children of **Sedi la Thuto Pre-School**, enjoying a meal delivered on **24 June 2025**.



The Lions Club of Lenasia was officially chartered on **31 May 2025**. A very auspicious occasion celebrated with many Lions from District 410E. Congratulations to Charter President **Anusha Sukha** and all the members.

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Lions Club of Krugersdorp



The Krugersdorp Lions Club recently hosted a Boogie-themed evening, and it turned out to be one of the highlights of their year. Lions, friends, family, and members of the local community came dressed to impress in their best retro outfits and enjoyed a night filled with great music, lots of dancing, and wonderful company.



While the event was full of fun and laughter, it also served a meaningful purpose. Funds raised on the night will go directly toward the various community service projects of the Club.



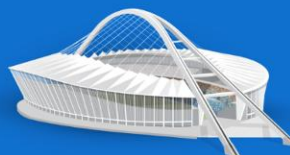
The Lions Club of Krugersdorp recently hosted their annual Dog Show, and it was a tail-wagging success! Held on a sunny Saturday, the event brought together pet lovers from across the community for a day of fun, friendly competition, and support for a great cause. With categories ranging from “Best Dressed” to “Shortest Legs”, the day was filled with smiles, laughter, and plenty of proud pets showing off their unique personalities. It was heartwarming to see how enthusiastic the community was, not just about their dogs, but also about supporting the Club’s mission as Lions. All proceeds from the day are going towards helping local animal shelters continue their important work. The Lions are especially grateful to their main sponsor, Bob Martin, for their generous contributions, and to Spur Key West, Ana Paula’s Coffee Shop, Scrubby Medical Wear, and Aranda for their support.

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Lions Club of Howick



Lion Colleen personally made 60 beanies for underprivileged children and donated them to Umgeni hospital and a pre preschool at a Church in Howick.

Lions Club of Helderkrui



As part of the Lions Club of Howick's ongoing fund raising activities they on a monthly basis provide delectable lunches to the public at Midmar Gardens. During May there was a pancake lunch for sale and on 22 June soup (very appropriate in the Winter chilly weather – as you can see the members were soaking up the sun in-between serving) as well as desserts. All the funds raised are utilised to boost the coffers of the project account to enable the Lions to do what they do best – WE SERVE!



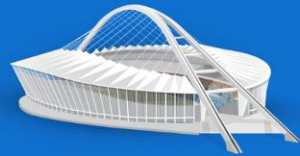
Helderkrui Lions Club , supports the “Sweet Heart Foundation “ Depicted here is LionsBev and Gail who handed over bottle tops and bread tags at their collection point at Parkrun. For every 450kg the Sweet Heart Foundation donates a wheelchair to worthy recipient.



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Lions Club of Estcourt



The Estcourt Lions Club welcomed two new members Ugan and Avanash to the Club on the occasion of the Presidential Induction. Congratulations and may to create many happy memories as you add to the initiatives of the Lions Club of Estcourt.



The Presidential Induction of Lion Patrizia Louw was done by DGE Avril Hobbs. A very special and enjoyable function.



The Lions Club of Estcourt held a very successful golf day (fund raiser) at the Estcourt Golf Club.



From the youngest to the oldest having lots of fun!

Lions Club of Edenvale



The Edenvale Lions Club hosted food collections and parcel packing drives to assist the local old age home. With the support of the community, generous food donations were collected, carefully packed, and delivered to the elderly residents.

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Fun Day, May 2025



Quiz Night
June 2025



Quiz Night, June 2025



Quiz Night, June 2025

The Quiz Night Fund Raiser was a resounding success, bringing community members together for a fun-filled evening of trivia and friendly competition. Funds raised on the night will go towards supporting the local old age home, ensuring the residents continue to receive the care and assistance they need.



Fun Day, May 2025



The Lions Club of Edenvale brought smiles and laughter to underprivileged children during a special “Kids Fun Day”. The event was filled with games, treats, and fun activities, creating a memorable day for the children and members. The day was all about brightening the lives of the little ones.



2025
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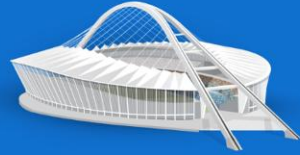
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The handing over of the baton of leadership of the Lions Club of Edenvale took place on 14 June.

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The club looks to the past with grateful thanks to Lion President Evelyn and to the future under the leadership of Lion President Elect Lara de Wet.

Lions Club of Durban East Coast



A partnership was forged by the Lions Club of Durban East Coast with Tongaat Primary School. The objective of the project was to educate the learners on protecting and sustaining the environment. Earth Day Kits were sourced from District 410E. One hundred learners participated in the project which took place during school hours from 25 May to 3 June. The learners who participated were presented with a certificate and a lunch pack.



A tree planting ceremony was a wonderful way to end the learning experience.

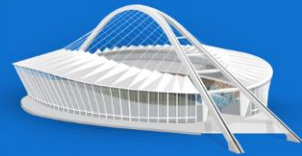


Steady progress on the “Get Lit” programme of the Lions Club of Durban East Coast is being achieved with the Grade 3 learners at Pemary Primary School in Reservoir Hills. The sessions take place weekly on a Wednesday morning. Phonic enunciation and reading are the concerns for the learners and this is what the dedicated members of the Club concentrate on.

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10 Amazon/Lions Cancer kit bags were handed to Dr Julia who works at the Albert Luthuli Hospital by the Club. Dr Julia personally ensured the handing over of the kits to the “little warriors” at her consultations with them at their homes. She reported that the children were overjoyed when they opened the kits and felt really blessed.



The children at Albert Luthuli Pediatric Oncology Ward are full of smiles and laughter when the team from the Lions Club of Durban East Coast arrive. As the country has moved into the “flu season”, only a few of the children were present in the playroom. They engaged in figuring out puzzles, sang, colored in pictures - they also laughed and played much to the joy of both the little warriors and the volunteers.



Thousands of packets of soup were collected at Pick n’ Pay Hyper by the Sea. East Coast Lions members persuaded members of the public to buy a packet of soup at a cost of R5 per packet and donate it resulting in five trailers were filled with soup packets. A great incentive was that the public who purchased the soup had a chance of winning a trailer. The soup will be handed to the needy and soup kitchens in and around Durban.

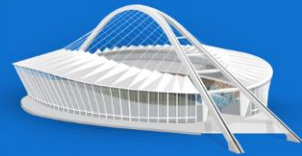


Not to waste, the Lions Club of East Coast utilised their surplus Christmas (Lions) cakes cutting them up and serving 50 senior citizens at the Gateway Church in Mount Edgecomb. They meet every Thursday and look forward to talks on health matters, engage in prayer, singing and light exercises. The day always ends with a meal, and they raved about the delicious cake served with custard by the members.

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The weekly Maths tuition began at Wingen Heights Secondary School in Shallcross and Maths and Physical Science Tuitions at Palmview Secondary in Phoenix, which is a passion and ongoing project of the Lions Club of Durban East Coast. 212 and 422 Learners respectively, in Ggrades 11 and 12 attend the tuition sessions on a Saturday morning. This programme is well received by both the learners and the parents.

Lions Club of Cowies Hill



Bobbi Bear Rape Kit Care Bags – these are made up by the Lions Club of Cowies Hill and in May 27 bags for girls, boys, and babies were delivered, including 52 pairs of girls panties, 42 pairs of boys underwear, 18 packets of sanitary pads. Added to this were a few bags of baby clothes, toys, baby blankets and baby bath towels.

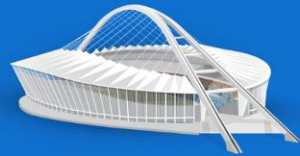


Thirty-five (35) grocery hampers were handed to needy members of the public in Newtown (informal settlement), Bufflesdale and Belvedere in Tongaat. The little town is still reeling from the effects of the tornado and ongoing water cuts. The value of each hamper is R300, consisting of rice, pasta, flour, mealie meal, samp, oil, dried sugar beans, teabags, biscuits, sugar, oats, Cremora creamer, jam and soup.

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The monthly food collection of the Lions Club of Cowies Hill was held at Westville Superspar on 31 May, with the recipients being Waterfall Pantry, CHOC and Pinetown Child and Family Welfare.



Lions Margie and Sally and other members so enjoy bringing fun and games to the little warriors whilst they are in hospital bravely enduring their treatment.



Lion Elaine de Jager a member of the Lions Club of Cowies Hill was delighted to receive twenty beautifully knitted jerseys for children aged 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 years from Mary McGill of Don's Deliveries for Phakamisa who personally supplied the wool as well as making them. These will be utilised and distributed to the many children who do not have the luxury of a nice warm jersey.



At the Lions Club of Cowies Hill's 50th Charter Anniversary and Presidential Induction held on 15 June, they were delighted to have a new member join the "family" and her sponsor ZC Karen Hyde was equally proud - welcome Lion Cynthia Daye.



The weekly visits from the team members of the Lions Club of Cowies Hill to the Albert Luthuli Hospital Paediatric Oncology Ward continued on the 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th of June.



DGE Avril Hobbs performed the induction of both Lion Cynthia and Lion President Elect Peter Hyde who is the 50th President of the Lions Club of Cowies Hill.



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Another fun evening at Pinehaven Retirement Home was held on 20 June by members of the Lions Club of Cowies Hill. Residents and Lions enjoyed live music (some even got the groove on), great food, loads of fun and of course prizes.

Lions Club of Centurion Lifestyle



The Centurion Lifestyle Lions Club, after receiving the initial artwork and the invitation to participate in this project in celebration of the environment and World Earth Day. A nursery school in Randjesfontein, Happy Hedgehogs with a class of 35 youngsters enthusiastically responded to the club when approached. The Educators at the school were amazing and took the ideas and the artwork that was provided for the learners and turned it into a full-on Earth Day Awareness Programme. The children loved the Lions artwork and the interaction and additional information provided by the teachers. Each learner received an Earth Day button pin, and the class received a certificate of participation and appreciation from the Club President of Centurion Lifestyle.



The picture above shows what the school did to encourage these young minds to have a better awareness of the planet that we all call home.

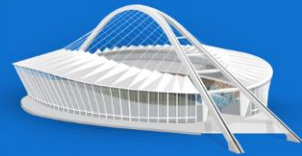


The Lions Club of Centurion Lifestyle hosted their first fun Dog Walk at Zwartkop Country Club on the 7th & 18th of June with all contribution made donated to Centurion SPCA.

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Lions Club of Benoni



Table & Chairs-recycled plastic



Artwork -recycled plastic



School Desk-recycled plastic



Bench-recycled plastic

Benoni Lions Club toured Infinite Industries to celebrate Environmental Day with a view to working with them to encourage others to recycle. They are a company that recycles plastic and produces amazing goods.



As the Winter hits with vengeance, the Club took care of the fur babies and delivered blankets, cat and kitten food to the Benoni SPCA.



Benoni Lions members delivered bread, clothes and toys to Oliver's Village situated in Putfontein, Benoni. This is a non-profit organisation focusing on education, early childhood development, food security and enterprise development. They run a soup kitchen as well.



The Gauteng Scouts appealed for clothing for delivery to the Eastern Cape to assist people who lost everything in the recent floods – where there's a need there is a Lion and Benoni Lions sprang into action with a donation of clothing and beanies.



Many of the residents at Warmbaths Retirement Home were battling to read, hence the Lions Club of Benoni donating 100 readers.

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Lion President Elect Verity van Zyl attended the Presidents Training and Lions Lesley Young and Sally Battersby attended the Secretary Training hosted by District 410E. One is never to old or wise to learn!

Benoni Lions Club members were hard at work preparing the Jars of Hope, which were donated to St. Peters in Brakpan for use for distribution to families in need.



The Diepsloot Environmental Project focuses on improving environmental conditions and promoting sustainability in the Diepsloot township, Johannesburg. This includes initiatives like the eco-brick project, which uses plastic bottles to build classrooms and other structures. As part of the Clubs Environmental Projects, they donated eco bricks to assist this initiative and attended their official opening.



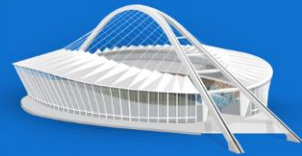
The Benoni Lions Club were on hand to collect the books donated by Amazon from their warehouse on 24 June 2025.



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Lions Club of Alberton



Lions Virasha, Grace and Christle from Alberton Lions delivered fruit and veg to creches to ensure healthy little ones with full tummies.



Smart Meals delivered to the SASSA pensioners to ensure that they have food for the rest of the month.



The knitting social with the Lions Club of Alberton Knitting Club alongside tea and cake, chatting amongst the clicking of needles culminating in beautiful handmade items made with love for the Mommy Care Bags.



The voting for the Board Members who will lead the Club during the 2025-2026 fiscal year took place at the June Alberton Lions Monthly GBM.

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Alberton Lions Monthly Feeding project of 100 homeless people. A huge shout out to the team for taking the time on these incredibly cold nights to ensure that these people can sleep without the additional suffering of hunger pains.

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Lion Sandy conducted Vision Screening at Tshwaraggano Primary School of 695 learners of which 57 were found to require further testing by an Optometrist.



So much love goes into a Mommy Care Bag. Thank you to Lions Grace, Tabitha and Christle for spreading love and joy to the new Mommies at South Rand Hospital.



The Alberton Street Store - Together with various churches and other caring organisations the Lions Club of Alberton served 1485 vulnerable members of the community on 31 May. They were treated to some clothes and shoe shopping, toiletries, toys for the children and some food for the spirit, souls and tummies.

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The 7th of June saw Alberton Lions Club and Alberton Retirement Village hosting Bingo for the residents. Awesome prizes and loads of fun for both the Lions and the residents.



Each Thursday sees the “Chopping Team” of the Lions Club of Alberton, vegetable chopping and food preparation for 200 hungry people in collaboration with LOTS Feeding Scheme. Looking at the picture surrounded by steam – at least they are keeping warm!



The Music Bingo Fund Raisers are always fun. Thank you to all the Lions that make this evening so great.



Fruit and vegetable deliveries to various creches took place courtesy of Lions Lorraine, Sandy, Melinda and Lions Lady Suzanne. Donation from the LightHouse of vegetables were most welcome.



Together with Kids Kicking Cancer, Lions Sandy, Melinda, Pat and Lions Lady Suzanne delivered Easter Eggs and Amazon Care Bags to the cancer patients at Rahima Moosa Mother and Child Hospital.



A huge thank you to FOCUS Group from the Lions Club of Alberton for the donation of 2000 nappies which Lion Melinda delivered to the various creches that the Club supports.

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A further donation of frozen sweet potato fries (40 x 2.5kg's) from FOCUS Group which the Alberton Lions delivered to Pastor Colin and the Sharing Kindness Foundation.



At the Lions Club of Alberton's Presidential Induction lunch, CCE Ian King inducted LP Mukesh Dayah. The Club looks forward to another wonderful year of service.



On the same occasion, Lion Melinda and Lions Lady Teresa Magalhaes were awarded the Louis Volks Humanitarian Service Award. Lion Melinda was also the recipient of the Lion of the Year – congratulations!

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As the Lionistic Year 2024–2025 draws to a close, the baton of leadership is officially handed over. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the outgoing team for their dedication, service, and tireless commitment throughout the year. Now, with pride and anticipation, we introduce the team that will lead District 410E into the new Lionistic Year 2025–2026:



District Governor Avril Hobbs




First Vice District Governor & Strengthen 410E Co-Ordinator Mark van Heerden




Second Vice District Governor Patrick Gamdeze

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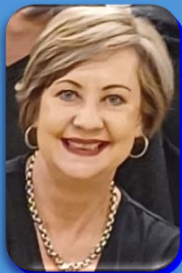
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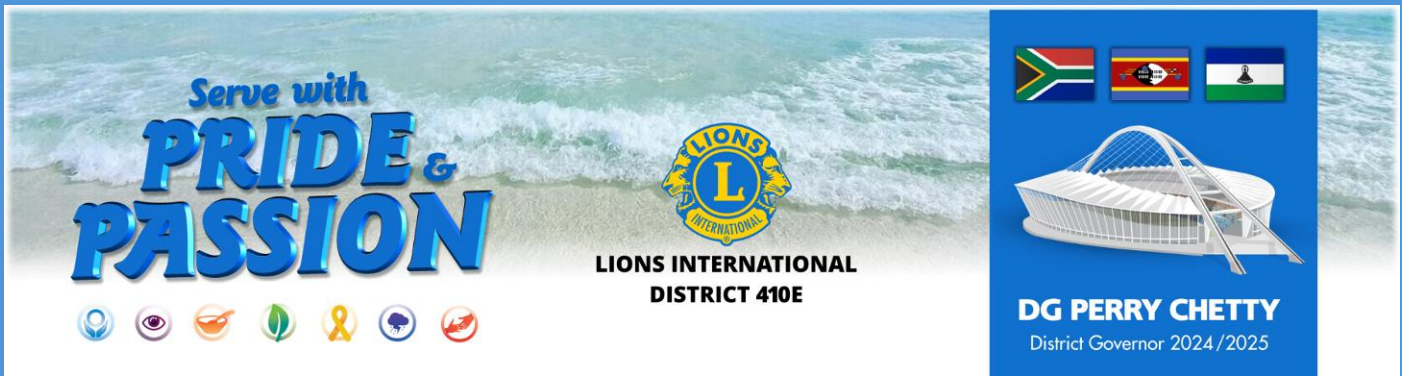
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DC Hunger Relief Lion Vanessa Richardson



DC Diabetes Lion Saroj Nathoo

Together, let us continue to Serve with Pride, Lead with Purpose, and DARE TO BE DIFFERENT in our communities.

Wishing the incoming leadership team a successful and impactful year ahead!

A Time to Come, A Time to Go

As we publish this final edition of the District 410E Newsletter, I take a moment to reflect with deep gratitude.

Over the past four years, it has been an honour and a privilege to serve as your Newsletter Editor. Thank you to all the Clubs who have consistently shared your stories — stories of service, compassion, and community spirit. Each submission helped paint a vibrant picture of the heart of Lionism in our District. I have had the pleasure of serving alongside dedicated leaders: PDG Patrick Mills, PDG Sydney van Heerden, PDG Lindie van Wyk, and DG Perry Chetty. To each of you — thank you for your support and inspiration.



Jacqui Hocking