



Maisie's Mutters



**Quarterly Newsletter of District Governor Maisie Fisher
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Notes from Maisie

Dear Fellow Lions & Leos,

I am alive and well and living in Milnerton that is when I am not visiting clubs here and everywhere.

To eliminate the amount of emails that are passing through your computer, I have decided to only do a newsletter every quarter. This is the first one and hope you will enjoy my "mutters". The International Convention in Seattle was something that Lion Alan and I will never forget. The highlight of our 25 years of Lionism. The warmth, fellowship and the fact that we are part of an organization that covers the entire world, was truly an experience. 14,000 Lions from countries from the East, West, North and South of the globe makes one realize just how many people are being assisted every day throughout the world by LIONS. The largest contingent came from the East.



IP Wing-Kun
Tam's slogan for
2011-2012
"I Believe"

En Route to Seattle

Well, if you look at this picture showing the screen in the aero plane, one wonders if we are experiencing global warming or an ice age. I read once that global warming normally precedes an ice age!!!

IP Wing-Kun Tam is clearly a support of the environment as is evident in his aim to plant one tree for every member—which translates into 1 million plus trees.

As at the end of September, already there has been more than 150,000 of hours of volunteer service and 2,518,999 trees have been planted. Well done!



MD410 Delegates in Seattle (4-8 July 2011)

The contingent from our Multiple District (from left to right) attending the 94th International Convention:

410A—Lion Alan with yours truly; 410B—Jacqui Hocking with PCC Cliff; Council Chairperson Rob McClarty with PDG Lillian in front; 410C—Stuart Charlton and 410D—Francis Searle with his wife Lion Gloria.

DG Stuart's wife Nicky could not take leave at short notice even though they got married just before his departure to Seattle!!



Our Leos—Leigh McPherson, Janine van Wulven and Deon van Wulven. Thank you for making us proud and never once embarrassing our District.



The Plenary Sessions

These were held in an auditorium big enough to host approximately 14,000+ Lions. Each time Immediate Past Int'l President Sid Scruggs III or International President Wing-Kun Tam stood up to speak, they mentioned the LEOS.

Parade of Nations



A spectacular parade with 10,000 Lions, Leos and Partners-in-Service from 100 countries many in native dress, along with bands and colourful floats. The march stepped off at 9h30 from the intersection of Fifth and Denny Avenues at the Washington Convention Centre. The parade was lead by the Ohio State School for the Blind Marching Band, the only high school band in the nation made up of blind students.

The parade finished around 3pm. As the South African delegation marched past the spectators lining the streets, they all cheered ~ I suspect they were all ex pats.

Peace Poster Contest

The young man who won the "Vision of Peace" International Contest was 11-year old Raj Phairembam from Manipur, India. He is an inspiration to all young people especially after he had received his cheque, he took out an envelope with 2x\$50 and gave it to our IP for the children in Japan affected by the tsunami. What a selfless and caring young man.

He personally signed copies of his stunning poster for \$10 which was then donated to LCIF.



General Mutters

Mid-Year Conference

Because of the economy, accommodation problems and a hall big enough to host Lions attending this year, we have unfortunately had to revert back to Goudini (albeit at the Slanghoek Villas which are completely separate from the usual area we have occupied in the past).

On receiving the results of the MYC survey, it was evident that those who wanted to overnight liked the Goudini venue and those who wanted only a one-day conference were not that concerned about the venue.

Trees

As most of you are already aware, our IP has set a goal for the Lions around the world to plant 1million trees to release more oxygen into the air, beautify the area especially where children live, go to school and play and for our seniors who in their retirement years can enjoy the peace, shade and tranquility that a tree brings and let's not forget the birds, butterflies and insects.

Continue planting to green our planet!!

To End Off

On a personal note, the clubs that Lion Alan and I have visited so far have shown us great fellowship, given us delicious food and were so friendly that we were sorry when we left.

We have attended several projects and a great big THANK YOU to those clubs who invited us to their socials & projects.

Remember that October is Sight Month; December/January is Relieve the Hunger and April is Save our Planet.

Please continue **Building Bridges** and let's make 410A the Pride of Southern Africa.

God Bless