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Newsletter from District Governor Rob Fowler to the Lions, Lionesses and Leos of District 410B, Southern Africa

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Meet our newest Melvin Jones Fellows!



The Lions of Pretoria Arcadia have recognised the great service contribution over many years by **Lion Jeanette Rens** seen here with fiancé Dirk, IPDG George and Club President Moekie Grobbelaar. Lion Jeanette will soon be moving to East London.

A Melvin Jones Fellowship is the highest honour that a Lions Club can bestow on an individual in recognition of the recipient's commitment to voluntary service in their community. MJF's that are allocated towards Campaign SightFirst II (CSFII) also help raise funds for this great Lions service effort.

Congratulations to **Lions Jeanette Rens, Eddie De Atouguia and Johnny Delpont** - We are all very proud of your great commitment to service!



Lion Club President Owen van Rensburg of Alberton Host presented **Lion Edward De Atouguia** with a well deserved Melvin Jones Fellowship in recognition of his and his family's many years of great and selfless voluntary service in Alberton.



Edenvale Charter member **Lion Johnny Delpont** was recognised for his many years of voluntary service by Club President Marilyn McTaggart. Looking on is fellow Edenvale Lion ZC Leon Capon.

Lions Clubs International Foundation is Lions helping Lions serve the world. Donations provide funding in the form of grants to financially assist Lions districts with large-scale humanitarian projects that are too extensive for Lions to finance on their own. The Foundation aids Lions in making a greater impact in their local communities, as well as around the world. Through LCIF, Lions ease pain and suffering and bring healing and hope to people worldwide.

Grants provide both immediate assistance following natural disasters and long-term disaster relief for reconstruction efforts. Grants help preserve sight, combat disability, promote health or serve youth.

Every dollar donated to LCIF goes toward a grant. Lions support is crucial as donations from Lions provide the majority of LCIF's revenue. LCIF receives a small amount of funding from foundations and corporations. It receives no club dues. LCIF is truly Lions helping Lions.

Since LCIF began in 1968, it has awarded nearly 8,000 grants totaling **US\$578 million**.



Upcoming Events

Please diarise the following Lions events:

17 March - "Shackleton Adventure" IMAX show at Menlyn starting at 16h00

24 March - Lions Operation BrightSight Boat Race at Zoo Lake

21 April - Worldwide Induction Day

25 - 30 April - MD410 EGOLI 2007 CONVENTION at BIRCHWOOD CONFERENCE CENTRE - Boksburg

20 May - proposed **Cabinet and Club Officers** Training

3 June - proposed **Club President's Instruction Weekend**

July 2007 -90th **International Convention** in Chicago

November 2007 - 35th **ISAAME Forum** - Colombo,

BETWEEN THE LINES!! In an earlier newsletter the impression might have been gained that the **Melvin Jones Birthday bash** held in January might have been an all LC Centurion affair.

It was in fact a Zone 9 (ZC Keith Weston) event that was convened by the Lions Club of Centurion on behalf of Zone 9.

New international faces in Midrand!



from L to R> Meredith Wilter, LP Cliff Hocking, Rupal Shah, Lion transferee Jimmy Fombe and Anil Shah.

Midrand inducted three new members at their February meeting. The new members are **Meredith Wilter** and **Rupal** and **Anil Shah**. The Shah's come from a long line of Lions in India. Jimmy Fombe (in blue Lions jacket) will also be joining the club as soon as the transfer papers from his present Lions Club in Malawi are finalised. They will all certainly bring a new kind of enthusiasm to this busy club!

Three more helping hands at LC Warmbad



Warmbad Lions will be able to better share their service load with the help of 3 new Lion Members (Zylma Campbell, Tiekie Jooste and Marthie Kleynhans) seen here with their sponsors and a proud ZC Keith Weston at their February meeting. It was also great to see Lion Mari looking so good and recovering so well. "Mooi So Warmbad - hou so aan - ons sien uit na verdere goeie gemeenskapsdiens in Bela Bela!!"

LIONS WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY April 21, 2007

Bringing new Lions into a Club should be done with thought and care. To make planning easy and the event memorable, Lions Clubs International will provide a

Lions Worldwide Induction Day Planning Guide and **Certificates and Press Releases** to honour new members and publicize the event.

Start to work now on your membership growth plans to hopefully coincide with Lions Worldwide Induction Day.

Zone Chairmen will be contacting each club soon so that we can effectively plan for this event. We can either have a special function on the 21st April or plan a special event for this purpose during the Egoli 2007 Convention.

Please contact your Zone Chairman with your thoughts and/or suggestions so that we can make this a really successful event in District 410B!

LCI EXCHANGE RATE = 7,03 March 2007

We hope that your District 410B newsletter will continue to stimulate your service activities and encourage a flow of interesting information of relevance to Lions.

Kindly forward any articles and best quality .jpg or .tif images for publication to DG Rob Fowler at robfi@iafrica.com and we'll do our best to get them circulated in future editions.