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## Buddy Day - another huge Lions success!



**T**hirteen Lions Clubs participated in this years "Buddy Day" held on the 10th March at the Kloofendal Amphitheater in Roodepoort.

This service project started from humble beginnings four years ago and the vision of Lions facilitating a function at which the disabled and handicapped could meet as friends with their buddies and help bridge the divide of ignorance and misunderstanding has come a long way.

Wonderful sponsors have come forward with their material and financial support to help make this event a success.

This year there were 150 friends and an equal number of buddies having fun and being entertained at the various "activity" stalls put together and manned by the participating Lions Clubs. It was a hot and hectic morning but every Lion present and every participating friend and their buddy - together with their helpers, left Kloofendal after lunch feeling that they had again experienced the joy of Lionism and the comfort of knowing that the friendships made and experiences gained would touch the heart of everyone that was there.

A special thank-you to the following sponsors for their wonderful support:

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The following Lions Clubs participated:

**Fourways - Glenoaks - The Wilds - Northcliff - Florida - Horizon New Century - Roodepoort Host - Rustenburg - Weltevreden - Wilropark - Krugersdorp - Magaliesburg & Johannesburg South. Well done Tony, Peggy, Dee & Lions!**



## Edenvale Lionesses crow at chicken braai!



The **Edenvale Lioness Club** were clucking much better on the Human Rights Day afternoon after having won the "Chicken Braai" competition at the Zone 9 (Leon Capon) social held at the Edenvale Lions Club.

This is the second consecutive time that the Lionesses have won. Last year the club sported 3 members. This year there were 6 Lionesses showing their culinary skills with a very tasty stir fry all decked out in a Chinese gazebos complete with bow-ties and fortune cookies.

The judges (PDG George and Rob) were hard pressed and their final decision was not an easy one. Stiff competition from **Bedfordview** (sumptuous samp & beans and baked pears and cream). Host Club, **Edenvale** were not to be out-done with their delicious fare based on an ancient English recipe (recently found by Lion Malcolm Caine) involving the stuffing of a chicken onto a beer can over hot coals in a Weber!.

At the end it was a combination of elements that tipped the crowing Rooster trophy in favour of the Lionesses! Congratulations to ZC Leon and all the participants. Next year will certainly be even more exciting as the Lionesses prepare to defend their title for the third time!

The Lioness "Pagoda" Room

Bedfordview "Chicks" Sandy & Patty



## Florida bowls for Sight

Story by ZC Dee Easton

The proceeds from the annual Florida Lions Charity Bowls Day on Saturday 17th March at the Discovery Bowling Club will go towards their own sight related projects and also to the **Blind Bowler's Association**.

It was a very successful fund-raiser due to the generosity of the 18 participating teams of bowlers.

A good time was had by all. <Well done Florida Lions!!>



Above: The winning Team from the Witpoortjie Bowling Club with Florida's Del Wedderburn and PDG Rob McClarty.

Right: A of the blind bowler playing her shot with the assistance of her caller.



Lion Malcolm Caine showing off his interesting variation of "canned chicken" with LP Marilyn and her mom lending a helping stick



# Upcoming Events

Please diarise the following Lions events:

**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, Sri Lanka

## BEWARE of "Phishing"

Based on an article by Standard Bank

**Phishing** is the act by a fraudster of sending email or a fax that claims to be from a well-known organisation, e.g. your bank or Telkom, for example, to trick the recipient into revealing information for use in identity theft. The recipient is told to visit a web site or respond in a particular manner and asked to enter information such as passwords, credit card details or bank account numbers. The correspondence / web site usually looks like it belongs to the organisation in question and, after collecting your information, may silently redirect the recipient to the real organisation's web site after collecting their data.

You need to remain extremely vigilant to ensure your privacy and assets are protected.

You are urged to adopt the following security features and practices:

- **\* Treat ALL unsolicited mail with suspicion;**
- **\* Companies do not request you to divulge sensitive information by email. If you receive an email that appears to be from anyone asking you for this information, do not provide your details. Notify your real contact at the institution concerned immediately.**

We have, as Lions, in the recent past received a number of fraudulent letters from Solicitors in England and elsewhere offering the benefits of a deceased estate. These are all from criminals wanting to steal your money. Do not respond to them.

If a deal (any deal) sounds too good to be true - then it probably is. Be alert and do not be scammed by false promises of easy money or unsolicited requests to divulge any of your personal details.

## EGOLI 2007 Convention



In just over a month our own District 410B will be host to our Multiple District Convention at the Birchwood Hotel and Conference Centre.

It will be a great time to meet old friends and new Lions from all over our Multiple District. This year we will be celebrating our 50th year of Lions service and looking back at our illustrious past but also looking forward with renewed vigour to build up and grow our voluntary community service efforts.

Our International Guests will be 2nd VP **Al Brandel** and his wife Lion **Maureen Murphy** together with PID Lion **Asoka Gunasekera**.

The guest speaker at the Convention on Saturday 28th April will be **Victor Vermeulen**. His personal insights into leadership and beating the odds will be of value to every Lion delegate at Convention.



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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

**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 [rob@iafrica.com](mailto:rob@iafrica.com) and we'll do our best to get them circulated in future editions.