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"EGOLI 2007" - ONE OF THE BEST MD CONVENTIONS EVER!!

The 2007 "EGOLI" convention lived up to its name and showcased the wonderful service that our MD has achieved over this past Lionistic year. It was also a wonderful opportunity to meet new Lions and renew old acquaintances.

Credit must go to Convenor Wendy van der Schaaff and to her willing group of helpers from the Lions Club of Northcliff together with registration secretary Pam Scheffel and Lions from Krugersdorp that manned the convention shop.

The Birchwood Hotel and Convention centre was a wonderful venue for our Lions gatherings and it was great to have everyone together at the same venue for the duration of the convention.

This was a celebration of our 50th year of Lionism in Southern Africa and it certainly was celebrated in style.

We were very privileged as Lions in MD 410 to have 2nd Vice President Al Brandel and his wife Lion Dr. Maureen Murphy as our International guests.

Our International guest couple soon gained the respect and friendship of every delegate through their willingness to meet with and engage with everyone.

Al's presentation on his and Maureen's personal involvement together with many Lions from the New York area following the events on 911 to the Multiple District Convention will long be remembered as one of the most inspiring presentations ever.

The motivational address to the Convention delegates by Victor Vermeulen was also stunning. We have so much to be thankful for when we consider how this young man who became a quadriplegic just when he was on the brink of a brilliant cricketing career. He has subsequently turned adversity in opportunity, so that he is, despite the enormous mental and physical obstacles that he has to face each day, a really wonderful inspiration of courage and determination - despite the odds - to so many people in South Africa and around the world.

I would like to thank every 410B Lion for making the effort to attend our Convention. I hope that you enjoyed your participation as much as I enjoyed having you all there to share what was really a wonderful occasion both at the district and multiple district level.

Keep up the great Lionism! Never stop Serving!!



Al Brandel greets members of the convention committee at the registration desk on arrival at the Birchwood Convention centre.

It was a pleasure to be able to present International President Jimmy Ross Certificates of Appreciation to CS Pam Scheffel, RC Peggy du Plooy, ZC Martin Froise, ZC Keith Weston and Lion President Lida Watermeyer for their outstanding commitment to Lionism this year.

It was also the time to recognise the wonderful achievements of Lions Clubs in District 410B. That was not an easy task as there have been so many highlights in terms of community service and administrative excellence. The Lions Club of Krugersdorp was nominated "Club of the Year" and the "Project of the Year Award" was presented to the Lions Club of Pietersburg for their work with the "Akademie Reforma" special school. Secretary of the Year was shared between Mark Meltzer and Rad Handfield-Jones of LC Glenoaks and LC Midrand respectively. Our Lion Leader of the year is LP Pam Smit!
Well done!





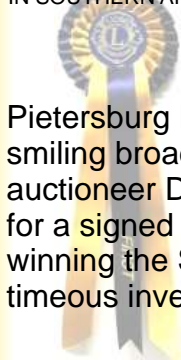
MD Council Secretary Clive John, Al Brandel and PID Julian Musikanth about to cut the MD's 50th Year birthday cake! The cake was sponsored by Albany Bakery - the manufacturers of our fine Lions Christmas Cakes. Thank you Albany and thank you Lions for helping us celebrate 50 YEARS OF LIONISM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA!



Lion Maureen Murphy joins Nelspruit Club President Mick Henry and his special band of pirates at the highly successful "Pirates of the Caribbean" social evening on the Friday evening. Great fun was had by all!



The four DG's (Heather Hardman, Paul de Wet and Bertie Roux) presented Council Chairman Hennie van der Westhuizen with a framed print of two Elephants entitled "Problems are rarely solved by Fighting" which was a fitting and most appropriate representation of the CC's role within our MD.



Pietersburg Lion President Willem Fourie seen here smiling broadly and shaking hands with the auctioneer DG Paul de Wet after his successful bid for a signed "Blue Bulls" rugby jersey. With the Bulls winning the Super 14 maybe that was a very timeous investment in some rugby memorabilia!!



Lion President Lida Watermeyer of Kriel receiving the International President's Certificate of Appreciation from Al Brandel.

Well done Lions Lida and your fellow Kriel Lions!