



# LIONS OPERATION BRIGHTSIGHT

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## NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2012

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The Lions Operation Brightsight committee would like to wish all Lions in Multiple district 410 **“A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 2012”**

Good News – We are pleased to announce that our long awaited L.C.I.F. Grant has finally arrived and we now have R126,750 to spend on equipment for the mobile testing unit that will enable Lions Clubs to reach communities that we have been unable to serve in the past.

It is planned to start the programme with the facility first set up at the Lions Operation Brightsight office in Benoni with our own resident Optometrist that will do screening on a weekly basis.

Lions Clubs in the area will then have the opportunity of bringing patients to the office for their eye tests. Details of this service will be circulated to clubs once the equipment is in place.

After this initial “pilot scheme” has been proven, the equipment will be available to Lions Clubs to enable them to carry out testing in the rural areas and in places where existing testing is difficult to carry out.

With the introduction of the above facility we can expect to generate a marked increase in scripts and thus get nearer the magical figure of 400 scripts per month to make Lions Operation Brightsight a viable project in the multiple district.

At the second MD Council meeting, the council voted a sum of R30,000 to enable Lions Operation Brightsight to continue the day to day operation of supplying spectacles to the less privileged in our communities and we thank them most sincerely for their and the Multiple Districts generosity for this help.

Fund raising remains high on our agenda in order to supplement the funds needed to run Lions Operation Brightsight and with this in mind we would remind you that Candy White Canes are still available for the Multiple District Clubs to raise funds for their sight related projects.

These are available from the Lions Operation Brightsight office for R700 per pack of 200 canes postage and packing paid.

Two more fund raising projects taking place in District 410B are the Boat Race at Zoo Lake on March 10th with the theme of “The Movies”. This always proves to be a fun day out with plenty of fellowship and family involvement.

The second fund raising project is the variety show “Doctor Doctor” to be held at the German Club in Edenvale on March 30<sup>th</sup>, tickets are R120 each and tables of eight are available or members can share tables should it not be possible to fill the eight places.

Contact PDG Lion George MacDonald at the Lions Operation Brightsight office for tickets and table bookings.

Prizes will be given to the best table that enters into the medical theme for the evening.

The Council Secretary, Pam Scheffel, has circulated all clubs with the request that if any club would like to nominate one of their club members to serve on the Lions operation Brightsight management committee, they should contact her with the names.

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This is going to be exciting times at Operation Brightsight with the introduction of the LCIF Grant and the extra coverage we will be able to offer, so we would welcome the new ideas and help that new members of our committee can bring.

The Lions Operation Brightsight committee meet once per month at the Brightsight office in Benoni and the meetings last for a maximum of 90 minutes.

Lions of MD 401 thank you again for your support of lions Operation Brightsight and for allowing us to continue to help those of our communities with impaired sight.

Derek Edwards

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