



DISTRICT GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER

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The Governors Ingot



Hi to all my fellow Lions, Lionesses, Lady Lions and spouses,

Only three weeks left to Convention. Hope you all have registered. This Convention is going to be one of the best that 410C has organized. Please Presidents, see that your club enters the District Competitions and give it to the District Chairperson that has been allocated for the Competitions.

PU101 forms need to be sent to Oak Brook and to DC Denis Meyer so that everything is in place before the new Lionistic Year starts. If you have not received a PU101 form please contact DCS Heather as she has a few extra. The closing date for PU101 forms for Head Office is the 31st of May 2004.

International dues: Please, these must be paid before DG Roy completes his year. All the DG's were warned that if their District is not up to date, the DG's will be liable for the amounts outstanding.

District Dues: These must be paid up enable you to vote at Convention. You will never know when that vote is vital to our District.

Bloemfontein Host: Congratulations on securing the Bloemfontein Art Market. DG Roy and DCS Heather visited the market. What a project, they have 450 stalls and a long waiting list . This market only allows for home crafts

Hibberdene: You are stars. Congratulations on the induction of 8 new members on the 15th of April 2004.

Cowies Hill: Congratulations on your Charter Dinner on the 17th of April 2004. 29 years in Service. May you go from strength to strength.

The clubs in Zone 2 and Zone 3, thank you for making us welcome and for the fellowship. Your clubs are doing a lot of tremendous work.

L.C.I.F.: Those clubs that have paid for Melvin Jones, please use it , but award it to someone that is worthy.

A thought to ponder over:

FORM YOUR ATTITUDE TO INFLUENCE RETENTION

1. Add value to your club in whatever role you play.
2. Men and Women go where they are invited and stay where they are looked after.
3. Today's visitors are your future members.
4. Today's members are your club's future.
5. Look after them as if your future depends on it – it does.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Roy and DCS Heather

WE SERVE IN HARMONY

GARDEN CITY - Zone 2

Provision of tea and sandwiches to out-patients at Northdale hospital twice weekly. Provision of tea and biscuits to Bangalore Road geriatric clinic once weekly. Provision of tea, juice and sandwiches at Church Street TB clinic on Monday & Thursday every two weeks. Distribution of foodstuffs and clothing to the destitute and needy. Provision of transport on request for patients from Northdale Hospital to place of residence. Diabetic clinic held at Hassims Pharmacy and at Northdale stadium. 600 people screened and referrals were made to clinics and hospitals. Donation of furniture to a destitute family by PROSPECTIVE Lion Jayshree.

DURBAN the RIDGE - Zone 4

Toys, rattles etc. handed over to "Group 25" (cerebral palsy children who were taken in by Natal Settlers Home). Toys donated by Scottburgh Lions Club and LP Jan and Lion James joined the Ridge in giving out the toys. Any donations of CD players or tape decks would be welcomed as these children can't really watch TV but can listen to music. Food parcels given out. Three hearing aids given out and six received from Queensburgh Lions Club. Cleaning materials etc donated to the Deaf Association. Soft cardboard boxes received from Pinetown Lions are given to three primary schools for their activity programmes. Envelopes received from three primary schools are given to a brain damaged youngster who cuts the postage stamps off the envelopes. These stamps are given to Pinetown Lions.

DURBAN SOUTH - Zone 4

Letters to schools re sponsorship of four book prizes. In discussion with Clairwood Hospital about a project in the children's ward. Discussing donation of trauma bags with a local councillor.

COWIES HILL - Zone 3

Held a Golf Day for Shawn Rasper. Carried out alterations at the Open Door Safe House. Lion Eddie and LL Sharron have organised a dining room suite for them. Peace Poster kit has arrived.

AMANZIMTOTI - Zone 6

Arranged donation to Amanzimtoti Welfare of R1000 per month. Palsy dolls ongoing. Diabetes testing session at Seadoone Mall carried out. Spectacles to Brightsight ongoing.

NORTH DURBAN - Zone 4

Distributed 35 food parcels. Received generous donation to 500 x 1kg packets of sugar from SA Sugar. Collected three corneas. Six birthday presents handed out at Golden Hours school. Three eye tests carried out and 500 pairs of spectacles to Brightsight. On-going support for Sinakekele Children's Home.

DURBAN HOST - Zone 4

Thank you Dave, you are a treasure: Carried out renovations to the John Palmer Hostel of the Natal Society for the Blind. Replaced taps in bathrooms at Bill Buchanan Home with telephone type showers so residents could wash their hair. Installing security fencing at the 56th Air Scout hall in Montclair.

MORNING POEM

I woke early one morning
The earth lay cool and still
When suddenly a tiny bird
Perched on my window sill
He sang a song so lovely
So carefree and so gay
That slowly all my troubles
Began to slip away
He sang of far off places
Of laughter and of fun
It seemed his very trilling
Brought up the morning sun
I stirred beneath the covers
Crept slowly out of bed
Then gently shut the window
And crushed his ruddy head
I'm not a morning person.

SHAKA CONVENTION 2004

As I write this report, only three weeks before Convention starts, only 34 (yes, my fellow Lions, only thirty four) delegates from District 410C have registered for Convention. I know that the C in District 410C stands for “Class”, and that there will be many more than that who still have to register, but when you see that grey-haired, fifty two years of age but very old looking man walking around at Convention, it will be me and you will know why I look so old. All in all, two hundred and two delegates have registered. We need more than three hundred to break even financially.

I don't want this to sound like a cliché, but it has really been a privilege for me to be the convenor of this Convention. The quality of work that has been put into the planning of the Convention has been, without question, the best I have ever seen in Lionism. While the delegates will only see the fruits of the intensive planning that has gone into the Convention, I can assure you that you can be proud of your fellow Lions on the Convention Committee. There will of course be some fluckies, but not as a result of a lack of planning and effort on the part of the committee. One can never foresee every eventuality, nor can you always satisfy everybody, but this committee has really tried hard. I congratulate them in advance because I know the Convention is going to be a great one.

The highlight of the Convention will be the banquet. I remember a banquet, about twenty years ago, at Sun City. It was a magnificent banquet and still stands out as one of the best ever. The banquet sub-committee has promised me another of those “Once in twenty years” banquets. We will see! The banquet will be held in the ATKV hall, which will be decorated in an African theme. There will be a steel band and African drummers to support the theme.

The fun evenings, being the Welcome evening and the Theme evening, will be held under a marquee on the grass surrounding the Amanzimtoti Civic Centre. The tent will be decorated in Lions colours for the Welcome evening and in vibrant colours to compliment the African theme for the theme evening.

The meeting of the Council of Governors, District 410C's cabinet meeting and its Convention will all be held at Lords and Legends Sports restaurant in Amanzimtoti, about ten kilometers from the Holiday resorts where most delegates are staying. This is a very nice venue, overlooking the cricket pitch, across the Amanzimtoti River to a cliff overgrown with natural vegetation. Spectacular! There will be a map in your satchels if you do not know where venue is.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Shaka Convention 2004. And please – **GET THOSE REGISTRATIONS MOVING NOW!**

CHARLES REECE
Convenor

WE SERVE IN HARMONY

**Hibberdene Lions Club have done District 410C proud
Eight new members inducted in one night.**



Back row (L to R) - New Lions, Carl Friedenthal, Jean Flint, Kenneth McKenzie, Alan Sacks, Tony Leite, Karen Leite, Liz Coulson, Hester Clifton and DC Jan Hampton.
Front row (L to R) - PP Lion Peter van Rooyen, LP Sylvia Rautenbach, IPDG Paul Adendorf, ZC Paul Brauteseth.
Also present but not on the photograph was AMC Eddie Donaldson.



During a recent Charter Dinner of the Port Shepstone Lions Club, Lion Denis Meyer was awarded the highest honour that can be bestowed on a Lion; the Melvin Jones Award. Lion Denis (right) received his award from Lion President Martin Rundle. Lion Denis is currently the Secretary of Port Shepstone Lions Club as well as Multiple District Chairman of Information Technology.

Report from the South Coast Herald.

AND ALL THIS BACON FROM ESTCOURT

