



DISTRICT 410C

District Governor's Newsletter

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Dearest friends,

Can you believe it? The end of the year is here!!

Thank you to all of you for a challenging yet encouraging year so far. You have made it such a pleasure to serve you.

Mid-Year Conference was a wonderful experience for me, your attendance and input was special. The "starry" fellowship enjoyed at the Welcome evening and banquet had me quite overwhelmed. Thank you. Conference itself was successful and our speakers were of a high calibre, especially our guest speaker, Dr Bill Nortje (Ophthalmologist) - "Diabetes and its effects on Eyesight" - what an enlightening "workshop"! Thanks and well done MDC Norman Chapman.

Accepted now as our District Project, and needing to be ratified at Convention in Port Elizabeth is the Diabetes Project of "mobile clinics". These clinics will move from area to area testing the public for Diabetes and those testing positive (through eye diseases) will be advised to attend an eye clinic for further treatment. This appeal for mobile clinics was so well accepted that to date Clubs have pledged nearly R40 000 towards the purchase of a fitted clinic. Congratulations to all the Clubs that have pledged.

Saturday night's STAR fellowship, décor and good vibes made for a lovely party, thanks to all involved and to our resident DJ - MDC Denis Meyer. Well done to Scottburgh for taking the "Best Dressed Club", Amanzimtoti for the "Best Represented Club, Ramsgate President Debbie Berry for "Best Dressed Female Delegate" and Kingsburgh's DC PDG Dave Morley for "Best Dressed Male Delegate". Thank you to all of you for your enthusiasm.

Sunday's workshop on "How to legally fundraise for your Club's Administration Account!" presented by DC IPDG Richard Duncan was brilliantly set out clearing many "grey areas", thank you Richard. Thank you all for the wonderful hospitality.

Friends encouraging too is the growth in membership. With around 519 members at the end of July 2005 to now around 531, we are on the up with a positive mood in most Clubs to reach new heights. Let us all concentrate or focus on being attractive as Lions

so as to attract new Lions. There have been very few drops and mostly due to transfers and deaths. With the "Passion to Serve" and the "Passion to Excel" as we labour, we can "Soar to New Heights".

Growth is also moving upward with Clubs asking for training in Leadership. Let us all go out there in the New Year with the Passion to Learn how we can Serve better or more Excellently – our training team led by PDG Dave Morley is waiting for more Clubs to book training sessions. Communication and reporting are two areas we need to sharpen up on and its already getting a lot better, thank you. We are battling to a little in getting new Clubs or Branch Clubs started – who of us is cheeky or brave enough to say, - "Watch me/us, get a Club started!" It will be a turning point in our District. Those whom can I challenge you. Friends, have you been challenged this year regarding your performance as a Lion? What are you doing about it?

Dear friends we have now reached that time of the year that irrespective of your beliefs, we acknowledge the birth of a person who changed and still changes our World, Jesus Christ. At this time of the year – His birth either means something to us or it doesn't. My prayer this year is that the Baby of Bethlehem will become real to us and we will be thankful for what He has done for us, as it was He who Served and Serves us Excellently! Friends, just this last weekend my dear Mother and I were mugged at knifepoint in Swaziland and I believe that it was my Lord's protection over us that stopped us being stabbed. I understand now, how it feels and just thank God for his presence.

This time of year also brings with it immense sadness and loneliness – let us be aware of those amongst us in these predicaments and surround them with our love and blessings. Let's make this world a better place for those close to us – surely this is where it all starts? Let us also be aware of those unknown to us who may be hurting and see what we can do for them. Dear Friends, my best wishes go out to you all and your dear families for a precious, blessed, peaceful and relaxing Christmas with a Happy New Year. Please take care, travel safely. God bless you.

Your servant and friend
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Never to late to teach an old Lion (or a young one for that matter) new tricks?

After having visited a large amount of our Clubs, there is one need noticed, and asked for by many Clubs - "Where can we get training?" With this in mind, DC PDG Dave Morley wants to set up "**Training**"

Seminars" Friends, please understand, this is very important to the strength and future of the Lions. Seminars can be held in Clubs - individually, or in central areas easily accessed by groups of Clubs. Why not include it as part of a Zone meeting? Your LILCOM Training team is waiting for your requests.

Clubs have already asked for training sessions, and this is exciting - to see Lions wanting to be trained properly in Lionism. Training groups need to be 15-20 members in size to make it feasible so get other Clubs to join you and, let's get Soaring!

Training sessions can be customized to suit you or, they can be set up for a full day on a Saturday by having a morning session and then an afternoon session. The topics covered will mainly be Orientation and Protocol, however, what you would like to learn more about - just ask. We all need to be moving forward and learning more about serving our communities more excellently with the Passion to Excel.

You can contact either PDG Dave on 083-265-3948 or me on 082-553-4745



Diabetes Mobile Clinics

To Fellow cabinet Officers, Zone Chairs and ALL fellow Lions, LEOS and Lionesses,

I have had requests to clarify some points regarding the Mobile clinic for Diabetes. Lions are not purchasing the vehicles or their equipment. Lions are only donating them. We are, in terms of our motto, 'We Serve', only raising the funds by various means. Perhaps by substantial sponsorships from interested organisations, our own fundraising efforts, LCIF grants, etc. Certainly this is more than most clubs or Zones can finance. It is a District project. For this reason we need the support of ALL.

At this stage the President of Diabetes SA has suggested once up and running a committee of interested parties oversee the control of the Clinics. Lions will NOT be trained as a matter of course. For a change Lions are so motivated, that some Lions have asked that when a vehicle is in their area they would like, if possible, to assist. I have an assurance that this will be the case. Those who will man the equipment, i.e. members of Dr Nortje's staff, can be taught the procedure in about 7 days. What takes 15 minutes is for Dr Nortje to assess up to 200 screens. John Andersen is the National President of Diabetes SA.

I have the assurance of John Andersen that he and Dr Nortje will ensure that these mobile clinics will go WHEREVER it is needed.

So long as I have ANY say in the matter, even if only as an ordinary Lion, the vehicles WILL go throughout the district and very importantly that WILL include the Free State, Northern Cape and Lesotho. For this reason I have said let us go for two clinics

For the above reasons I addressed a letter sent out 10 November to ALL Zone Chairs, Clubs and Members of District C appealing for their support of this wonderful opportunity to get Lions back to the fore again. It is attached below This is such a great opportunity for us. I hope that I can rely on your financial support. Remember Diabetes Awareness is OUR project. It has not come from some outside source. As a group we can do so much more than as individuals.

Yours sincerely in Lionism,

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Peace Poster

MD410C SECURES PEACE POSTER HONOURS

The Peace Poster Competition for MD410C was held at the Mid Year Conference, congratulations to the prizewinners and the Clubs concerned for making an effort in participating in this.

Winner:

Alicia Haripersad (R1000) Sarnia Primary School (R1000) sponsor club Pinetown

Runner Up:

Safiya Essop (R500) Umkomaas Primary School (R500) sponsor Club Scottburgh

Third Place:

Isabelle Myburgh (R250) Durban North College (R250) - sponsor Club North Durban

For MD410, the overall winners were:

Winner:

Alcia Haripershad - R3000 - Sarnia Primary School - Lions Club of Pinetown Runner up:

Robert Kieser - R2000 - Lyttleton Primary School - Lions Club Pretoria(MD410B)

Third:

Amy Preston - R1000 - Clarendon Primary School - Lions Club Port Rex (MD 410D)

Fourth:

Alexa Heekes - R500 - Milnerton High School - Lions Club Tableview (MD410A)



Zone 1 News

Escourt

The Lions Club of Estcourt is very active with Operation Bright Sight. Seen here is Lion Patrick Louw (Project Chairman) with optometrist Angela Plows and four happy recipients with their spectacles.



Zone 2 News

Azalea Lionesses

The Club raises revenue by providing catering services to other organisations, for example tea at Hilton and a Masonic lunch, raffles and a concert to be held at the end of February 2006. Christmas cakes are also sold. Pledges of financial assistance have been made to CHOC at end of this Lions Year and to the Mobile Eye testing vehicle for MD410C (R1000). In terms of projects, this Club collects and dispatches spectacles for Bright Sight and makes contributions towards recycling campaigns

Howick

At the Club's November meeting, two guests spoke about their recent trip to Zimbabwe. The Club has two prospective members in the pipeline. Funds are being generated through Christmas cake sales and the provision of catering services for events such as the Midmar Mile, Parks Board Auction and the Nottingham Polo Club. A major fund raising drive is planned for the first half of 2006. The Club is involved with the repair and distribution of wheel chairs and with Message in the Bottle.

The Club is supporting the Mobile Eye Clinic initiative. Environmentally, the Club is involved in upgrading the recycle area at WESSA (and enjoys good PR exposure through this), LL Anne, maintenance of the garden outside the post office and Lion Mick who arranged the planting of aloes along Karkloof road. The Club lends support as and when needed to Anzalea Lionesses.



Pietermaritzburg Host

Financial donations to: Newton High School prize giving; for the purchase of meat for the VMH braai. Fundraising is being achieved via the sale of Christmas Cakes, the Gold Circle Racing Day on Nov 23rd and there is a proposed wine tasting evening to be held at the Lizard's Rock Restaurant in early 2006. In terms of projects, the Club is discussion to hold a pet shower in collaboration with the SPCA. The Club has reported a good response to its participation with Message in a Bottle (more containers have been ordered). The Club helped with the VMH braai and salads were to be given to CHOC (provides support for children with cancer) for their children's braai on 6th November. Knitted dolls (58) and teddies (12) were given to the physiotherapy department at the hospital, deaf infants and AIDS orphans. Discarded hearing aids were to be given to DC Lorraine Scott (Hearing).



Zone 3 News

Pinetown

Following the delivery of a helicopter-landing trailer, the Club is in the processing of arranging the construction of a second one for the AMS. In terms of the Club's activities pertaining to projects,

Sight: Lion Sally-Anne continues to transport these bowlers and a Christmas Party was held for them on the 11th December. In support of Operation Brightsight, the Club has 2 scripts outstanding and has a box of 400 glass cases and 1015 spectacles and frames ready for transportation to Johannesburg. Three food hampers were distributed last month and the Club continues to be heavily involved in collecting and delivering recyclable products to other Clubs/organizations for their fundraising requirements. Peace Poster: Lions Nora and Stan presented the prizes to the learners At Pinetown Senior Primary School on Friday 2nd December. and were given the opportunity of addressing the learners at assembly. They will be on board again next year. For Christmas related activities: "Father Christmas" Lion Stan and helpers Lions Dee and Nora were handed out gifts to 104 children together with sweets at St Vincent's. The children ranged in age from 2 to 18 years old. A successful Toy Run (over 50 soft toys being donated by bikers) meant that soft toys were handed out to 2 orphanages, a Play Centre/Crèche at Malvern and 12 street children. Fund raising is through selling fast food, Christmas Cakes and selling jumble.

Westville

Funds are being raised via Christmas Cakes, the 100 Club whilst future ideas for 2006 include providing baby-sitting services for Valentines Day and a bowls day at Chiltern Park. The Club collected 5 trolley loads of food in November. 5 hampers went to indigent families, one went to a school guard and the rest were split between the Association for the Disabled, Pinetown Child and Family Welfare and the Salvation Army. R2000 was given to the Salvation Army to purchase and distribute toys and sweets to be handed out to child patients in two hospitals on Christmas day. The work on the terraces at Cato Crest School continues. Four packed boxes of spectacles have been sent to Bright Sight. Six members of the Club received 100% Attendance Awards and Key Awards have been given to I.P.P Terry and L.P Mike. The Clubs' December Business Meeting was attended by DG Paul who handed his personal badge to LP Mike as well as his Friendship Banner. LP Mike reciprocated by handing over the Club's banner.



Zone 4 News

North Durban

The Club distributed 38 food parcels, 8 Birthday parcels and 49 presents, and collected a Cornea for transplant. The Club also collects funds for the SA Guide Dog Association. The Club treated 30 pensioners to tea and scones at a local hotel and handed out 18 Christmas parcels at the end of November. The Club has decided to consider getting involved in the New Year with a project being run by Lion Jimmy Young at a squatter camp in the Springfield Park area. Called The Tin Man Artist in Metal, the project encourages street children to make angels from tin cans to sell. There is also a crèche run being from a donated container that feeds these children. The Club's initial assistance was in the form of a food donation. Fundraising is achieved through The Golden Hours Market and Christmas Cakes, towards the end of November 79 had been sold. Other initiatives include Carols by Candlelight and the provision of a Christmas Present Wrapping service.



Zone 5 News

Eshowe

On the 6th November the Club helped the Evil Eagles Bikers give a tea party and cakes at the Zululand Home for the Aged and all who attended enjoyed this. These Bikers truly have hearts of gold and have raised a large sum of money at an auction to be used for the benefit of the residents of the home that the Club will be looking into this for them. The Club ran an Xmas Bingo at the Zululand Home for the Aged. They also held an Organ Donors Awareness day, in conjunction with Blood Donor Day on the 21st December 2005, and Club members were urged to consider being donor card carriers. Fund raising is through Christmas Cakes that are selling fast.



Zone 6 News

Amanzimtoti

The Club continues to be strongly involved with diabetes testing, palsy dolls, spectacles, wheelchair loans, and Old Folks Luncheons. Bursaries for 2006 have been granted to Amanzimtoti and Kuswag high schools. A fundraising initiative is a planned "Hobo Party" to be pitched at the 'Toti community. Not to be overlooked either is the hard work put in by the Club's Lions Ladies. They presented Jona Vaughn with a music centre and towels and also provided catering at this venue. They provided the catering for the "Old Folks Lunch" in November and provided a Christmas Lunch for the residents of Sunset Lodge.

Hibberdene

For Christmas the Club held Christmas trees at the following crèches in disadvantaged areas around Hibberdene. Milwood Creche: 15/11; Colombo:17/11; Sibonga Musa: 23/11. Toys were handed out together with sweets and snacks. The Clinic continues to be the main focus of the Club's activities allowing participation in diabetes awareness, and operation brightsight. For the Club's efforts in this regard, they were awarded third place in the Hibiscus Coast Municipality's Mayoral Community Service Award for 2005. The Club is raising funds through selling Christmas Cakes and manning the beachfront kiosk at Hibberdene's Main Beach during the December season.

Port Shepstone

Club recently hosted their annual Senior Citizen's Christmas Luncheon at the Port Shepstone High School Hostel dining hall. Approximately 100 senior citizens from the various homes in the area were treated to a delicious lunch prepared by the Lion Ladies and thereafter entertained and showered with gifts by the Lions.

Club is also currently involved with the Christmas Cakes project.



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL LIONS