



Dear friends,

It's great to be able to give good news and we really have something to shout about. We have to date inducted more lions into our district in the past six months than we did the whole of last year. If we can just keep this batting average up for the next five months we will have had a 100% increase in inductions in one year. We could end up with a 9 to 10 % increase in membership by the end of this year. Now, that would be something to squeal about. I want to remind you once again of what we set out to do at the beginning of this year...**"MAKE IT HAPPEN."** Would you take a look at the last six months leading up to Christmas and ask if you

made a difference at all in that time. What did the club do which has made a meaningful difference in your community. I know that some clubs have really taken the bull by the horns and done just that. Can I ask you to take a look again and determine to do something of importance and see it through. This organisation of ours has made a realistic difference in thousands of people's lives, for example through the Sight First Campaign. The effects of river blindness, once one of the leading causes of blindness in Africa, has almost been eradicated. There is simply nothing too big for us to handle.

All it takes is a champion of the cause. Are you that champion? What is it that you want to see happen in your area? Are you prepared to drive that project? If that is you then start at club level and gain the support of your club. If that's not enough involve the zone and gain their support. If that is not enough, take it to Cabinet. Don't let anything get in the way of success. If doors close in front of you all you need to do is find the right key to get them open. We have one of the most powerful organisation available to make a difference, all we need to do is get in and drive. As host DG I welcomed the delegates to the International Sight First workshop held at the Karradine just prior to the All Africa Conference. Seeing the representation of all those countries sitting there made me realise just how effective we can be. We truly can make a difference in the world. We certainly can make a difference in our town. Please would you contact your District Chairman of the different portfolios to assist you, and if needs be myself. **But let's "MAKE IT HAPPEN" in the next few months.**

Yours in Lionism

Richard and Sally-Ann Duncan





MAKE IT HAPPEN

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Robin Giles of the Hilton Club is holding a camp for **diabetic** children of 6-16 years of age over the weekend of 1-3 of April 2005, at Forest Lake Adventure Centre, Albert Falls.

The Lions Clubs of KZN sponsors this camp.

If you know of any **diabetic** children who qualify to come to this camp for a weekend of fun, making friends, participating in team building and learning how to cope with their condition, please contact Lion Robin Giles of the Hilton Lions Club at 033-3472307 or phone Diabetes South Africa answer phone/fax 033-3460934 or email sadapmb@sai.co.za.

CaMp LeRaTo

Multiple District Chairman, Yvonne Richter, is co-ordinating the International Diabetic Camp... CaMp LeRaTo and is calling on us to provide diabetic children to attend this camp.

The camp will held over the period of 28th March to April 2005 in the Pilansberg National Park some 200kms Northwest of Johannesburg. The programme will assist the attendees to manage their condition so that their quality of life becomes, essentially, the same as the next person. This is the first International Camp that

Lions has hosted and is built on the experience of **diabetic** camps held locally. For further information please contact Yvonne Richter on (014) 533 2864 (h), (014) 569 7743 (bus), 082 681 0250 or email yvonne.richter@implats.co.za

**Please challenge your club to identify and send 5 children to
the Camp and allow us to MAKE THE DIFFERENCE for them.**





THE LOUIS HALSE AWARD

This is a very important Trust that has been established for the long-term benefit of all Clubs in our District. Your support of this Trust is vital.

Awards can be purchased to give to Lions, and civilians as well as corporations. The award itself is of a very high standard and will be appreciated by the recipients for many years and I'm sure displayed in a place of prominence. The funds raised will be of benefit to the public for generations to come.

PUBLIC BENEFIT ORGANISATIONS

To date very few clubs have advised the Cabinet treasurer that they have registered as a PBO. It is Vital that we are given that information. If your club has registered and received its PBO number please forward a copy of the documentation to Arnold Clarke. Once registered you have in fact made a declaration to the department that you already complied with the requirements of the act at the point of registration and will continue to

do so. I strongly suggest that the club make itself aware of the Act. A short PowerPoint tutorial for the treasurer is available off the 410C website, which I have prepared. Please download this and go through it. To date I have not seen one set of Financials from any clubs which comply with the requirements as I understand them.

DG Richard Duncan

Twinning

There is a number of clubs who have successfully twinned with clubs overseas. This is a fantastic opportunity to expose what you are doing with clubs overseas. Not only can you learn from this exchange but also in some cases overseas clubs have got behind local clubs with funding to support their projects. This also goes along way towards improving relationships between members of different countries and cultures.

This cross-cultural and Cross-National understanding will play a part in bringing about peace within the world.





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PUBLIC RELATIONS

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World Service Day was on the 30th January 2005. I would like to thank all the clubs who attended and so kindly gave donations:

- Queensburgh Lionesses (donated)
- Queensburgh Lions (donated)
- Durban South (donated)
- Durban the Ridge
- Amanzimtoti
- Pinetown (donated)
- Cowies Hill

Many thanks

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REMINDERS

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Lion's Environmental Photo contest **"SHARING OUR WORLD."** Your **winning photo must be in by 31st march 2005.** An entry form was in the November newsletter. If you can't find the form, please contact the District Governor.

Clubs wishing to compete in the following competitions:

- Sight, Hearing, Service Projects, ecology and Scrapbooks,

must submit their material to the relevant District Chairman by the 1st week in April. Competitions run between 1st April – 30th March each year. You should ensure that your competition material reaches the relevant District Chairman by no later than the 1st week of April to ensure that it be judged for the Swakopmund Convention.

NEW MEMBERS

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ESHOWE CLUB

Member

Dean Pillay
Nicolaas Olivier
Helen van Rooyen

Sponsor

M. Armitage
A. van der Westhuizen
A. van der Westhuizen

DURBAN SOUTH

Member

Gladys De Beer
Karin Matthee

Sponsor

Patricia Smith
Patricia Smith

CLUB OFFICERS

It's time you set up your nominations committee and begin thinking about nominating next year's club officers.





youth exchange

The YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME remains a very active programme on inward exchange but particularly inactive on an outward exchange. Are we not denying the youth of South Africa a golden opportunity? Contact the youth exchange chairman urgently to discuss how you can involve the youth from your area in this important and magnificent programme.



tsunami Disaster fund

I am very happy to announce that to date that over R70000.00 has been raised towards this disaster and will be handed over to the Foundation on yours and the public's behalf. LCIF will pay out over \$5 Million US Dollars in relief to Tsunami Victims, as well as further amounts to rebuilding programmes.

Many of our clubs including Lioness clubs have met the challenge and donated R1000.00 or more towards the fund.

MEMBERSHIP

Area Chairman Dave Morley, has set up an awareness evening in Zone 3 for the 23rd February 2005. Members of the public have been invited to attend and District Chairman and club members have been tasked to man stalls on all aspects of Lionism to inform the public of what we are about. Interested citizens will invited to club meetings.

Can this be done in your area? Better still could our club do it in a neighbouring town where there is no Lions Club. Yes, we can start new clubs.

LET'S GET INNOVATIVE!

