



Hi there friends,

# happy new year

We trust this year will bring prosperity, health and happiness to you and your family.

The good news is that membership figures to date show we have inducted more than we have lost. We have inducted 52 members so far and lost 22. I guess we may still lose a few through this month however I am positive we have the right attitude to finish this year ahead of the game.

All news of course was overpowered by the Asian Earthquake and related Tsunami, which has killed many thousands of victims, rendered many homeless and in many cases they have lost everything they ever had including their places of work and means of income. We immediately opened a Disaster account at District level to allow you to donate funds to assist these victims. (Account details later in this newsletter)

We partnered with Highway Radio in the Durban area to raise funds for the victims as well as assisting them in exposing the situation to their listeners. Clubs have challenged others to donate towards the disaster as well. In spite of the many millions of Dollars pledged to this disaster by Governments to date, little has reached the ground in some areas. We have Clubs on the ground in the effected areas that are best placed to provide meaningful assistance. They need every bit of help we can offer. Unfortunately there will never be enough money to resolve their hurt. Let

us get down now and make a real difference.

The need for Lions Clubs International is never more apparent than at times like these. We must focus and ensure we do everything we can to ensure our growth and effectiveness for the future. Friends, you have done well this first half of the Lionistic year, please let's not lose momentum now, double your efforts to ensure we grow both in numbers and effectiveness. We need to "Make it happen" more now than ever before.

It has been made so apparent to me that we are completely resistant to change. I'm so sorry to be the one to inform you that that is a sign of old age. Oh! and also, the definition of insanity is someone who does the same thing every day and expects a different result. Friends we must embrace change albeit without losing what are the most important fundamentals of the organisation, such as how we handle money.

Change is what we will allow us to grow within this constantly changing society.

Best regards

DG. Richard & Sally Ann Duncan





# tsunami disaster

The tsunami disaster in South Asia has prompted a tremendous outpouring of support from Lions around the world, and Lions in the affected countries are working day and night to bring life-saving supplies to victims. Thanks to Lions, lives are being saved and communities will be rebuilt.

LCIF has awarded US\$470 000 in grants to Lions in India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Malaysia. This includes US\$220 000 in emergency grants for Lions to secure and deliver food, water and blankets and a US\$250 000 major catastrophe grant for longer term relief.

You will be proud to learn of how important Lions have been and perhaps be even more motivated to offer your support. On behalf of Lions South Asia, I humbly thank you for your interest and compassion.

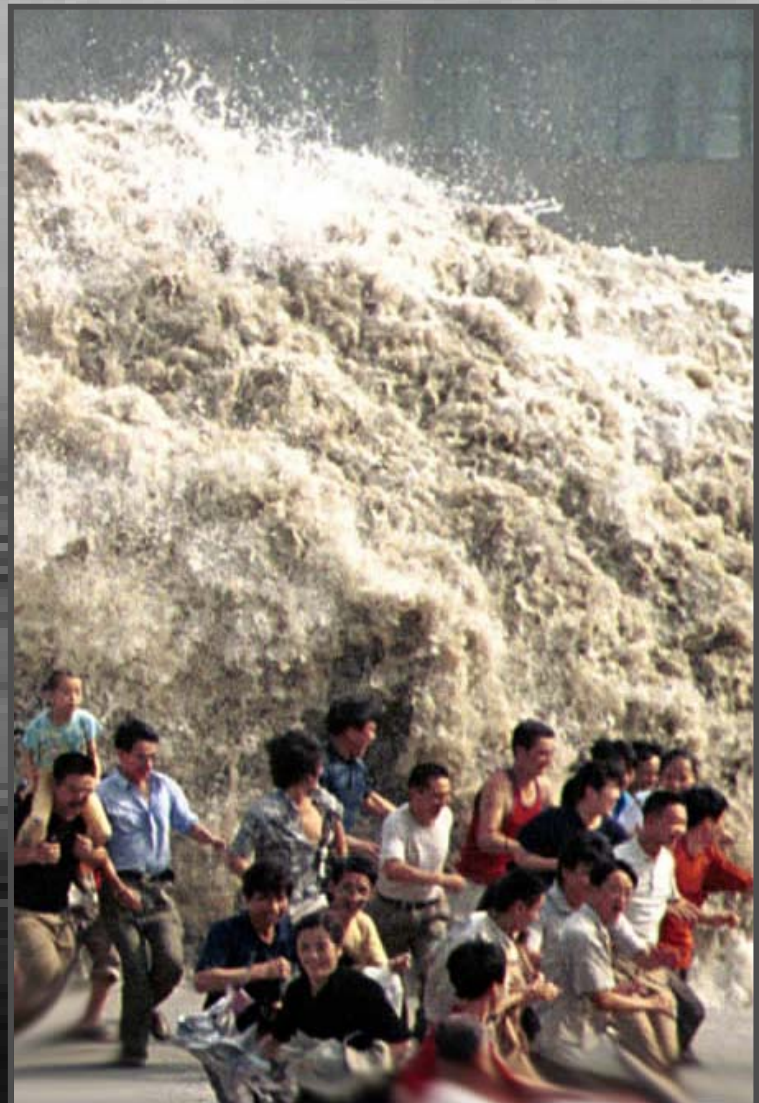
Sincerely,

Dr Tae-Sup Lee  
LCIF Chairperson

## Tsunami exposure on highway radio



District Governor Richard set up a partnership with Highway Radio 101.5 which ran for a week to expose the Tsunami disaster to the Public. Each morning a telephone interview with the Governor was held. This partnership resulted in over R30000.00 being raised towards the relief effort. This was transferred into the Lions account at the end of the week. The exposure from this effort was not only good for the Tsunami relief effort but exposed Lionism in the greater Durban area. The incredible response from the public not only speaks of their desire to respond to this disaster but also to their trust in the Lions to handle their money.





MAKE IT HAPPEN



**Triple challenge  
for**



**the Hilton Lions**



In Nov 2002, the organisers of the triple challenge from Pietermaritzburg to Durban, approached us to man a water table at Camperdown. This we did with pleasure (great fun)

We were approached again in Nov 2003 to do the same, which we did. We were approached this year to do the same, which we did, but with a difference. Besides manning a table we entered 3 of our members in as participants in the race itself. All 3 members wore t-shirts with the Lions Logo on them, thus advertising Lions.

**WE WOULD NOW LIKE TO CHALLENGE ALL OTHER CLUBS TO DO THE SAME AND ENTER TEAMS NEXT YEAR (THUS ADVERTISING LIONS).**

Our club banner was flying high on all 3 occasions at the water point. The event itself entails the following



Pietermaritzburg to Camperdown (Running 21.8km)



Camperdown to Inanda Dam (Cycling 51.2km)



at Inanda Dam you do a few laps around the dam in a canoe (36km)

the total kilometers covered is 109.





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## New Members

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### Pietermaritzburg Garden City

#### Member

Ronnie Naidoo  
Tommy Naidoo  
Jayshree Chetty  
Arnachacam Chetty  
Narine Sewpersad  
Ganase Reddy  
Ravina Naiken  
Poobathy Ruby

#### Sponsor

J Rajoo  
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## DIABETES AWARENESS DRIVE



Durban South & Pinetown with Netcare conducted a successful diabetes drive

## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS



Exchange students from Malaysia

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## Condolences

To Lions Lady Margaret  
on the passing of  
PDG Dave Callow

**Lions Club**  
**Disaster Fund**  
**account details**

**Lions Club International Disaster Fund**  
**1<sup>st</sup> National Bank Empangeni.**  
**Branch Code 220130**

**Account number: 62075391096**





# Enough with the street signs already

It has taken half our Lionistic year to get clubs SOME clubs to respond with the photos of your Clubs street sign. Stop already, forgedaboutit! The object of the exercise was a PRO one. Our Club sign is the first indicator of our club it reflects your club. I had hoped to get pictures of all the club signs and create a collage of them to have at Midyear that we could take a look at to promote some discussion. Too few clubs responded. Thanks to those who did.

What have we learned from this exercise. Well its not something we didn't already know. We are very slow to respond as an organisation. And if we intend to introduce any change we must expect that it will take some time to go through the ranks. Therefore we should not have too many changes year to year rather lets follow through with what we set about doing.

## Communication

Another thing, which has become very obvious this year is our reluctance to communicate. We complain bitterly because International has not responded or done something correctly or Cabinet hasn't noticed or done something. Over the last one an a half years trying to obtain membership information from clubs and rectifying the dues situation with International has shown me just how clubs fail to communicate.

If you're not hearing from Cabinet or International or they are not fixing your problem they have not heard you. I don't care what you have done to date they have not heard you. (perhaps they should have but they haven't) Get on the phone! E mail, post do something to get it sorted out. Besides one department at International we have found them to be ultra efficient. ( there are always exceptions!)

I have seen this year how club members can allow themselves to get to a position of actually disliking someone because of what they haven't done ( failed to do what we expect them to) when perhaps that person is completely innocent and unaware of what they are in need of doing. When they do find out what is required they rectify it in minutes.

Let's start talking! Friends make allowances for each other

DG Richard Duncan

