



## DISTRICT 410C

### *District Governor's Newsletter*

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Dear friends,

The New Year is well and truly with us! It seemed so long ago that we were on holiday?

Hopefully, Clubs are now all back into operation, with the burning "Passion to Excel" as we "Soar to New Heights" busy with activities in your communities. Let us as Lions do the best we can do, to impact on the lives of others, in every way we can.

Dear friends, this newsletter carries with it the incredible responsibility of "What, are we doing for our Youth?". We as Lions have been charged with the awesomeness of this very important portfolio. How we deal with it, is going to realize our commitment to our motto – We Serve!

There are numerous avenues in serving our Youth, namely, through Peace posters, Lions Quest, Leo clubs, Youth exchange, Youth camps, to name a few.

Congratulations to Pinetown Club on their participant receiving a Merit Award in the International Awards for her Peace poster. Friends, is your Club involved at all in the Youth programs? If not, why not? The youth of our communities are our future leaders and hopefully, future Lions. Leos, thanks to DT Tricia are on a roll with Mowat Park Leos happening on Friday, 10th February 2006. This is encouraging, well done Tricia and Durban Central Lions.

Youth Exchange is also a happening item with students leaving our shores and students arriving. Clubs are taking part and thanks to Kloof Lions for hosting. The Diabetes Foundation is holding a camp now in March 2006. Clubs have been approached to send children with Diabetes or, at least, sponsor a child or children. Has your Club got involved yet?

New District Chairperson – Lions services for Children program

Friends, we have had a change on Cabinet. District Chair Gwen Ellis has handed over her chain of office – due to unforeseen circumstances, - to new District Chair Debbie Berry (President of Ramsgate Lions). DC Debbie is very passionate about this portfolio, as is DC Gwen. DC Debbie has requested all Clubs to please inform her of

your plans and programmes regarding Children Services. Does your Club have a Director running with this portfolio?

Now, the time is near!!

Friends, we are now running down hill to the end of my year as your District Governor. It is and has been, such a privilege to serve you all. Please, let us all carry on Soaring to be the best that we can be.

The professional experience you have in your personal capacity in your work place, is this being carried through to avenues in Lionism? What I am asking, is, where can you use your work experience, to help further the aims of our organization?

PBO – are you an Accountant or Tax fundi – can you assist in this area?

Leos – are you a teacher, trainer, motivator – can you assist?

Youth Exchange – have you got a B&B, no more children at home, retired – can you assist?

Friends, I hope you get what I mean. Let us see where and how, we can use our expertise and get involved in your Club.

## Membership

We have been fortunate to have attracted new members and reinstated ex members as well. The months that lie ahead should see quite a few more inductions and for this we are thankful and proud. However, we are also losing members and I am not getting to hear why? Friends, let us go out there and reconcile friendships and bring our numbers back to where they should be. This is so that we as Lions can serve our communities better.

Wishing you all everything of the best for 2006. May God bless and guide us as we strive forward in service to others.

Here for you

Take care

Your servant and friend

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# Zone 1 News

## **Estcourt**

A combined Directors/Business meeting was held on 17th January. Members were welcomed by LP Arend who welcomed all back from the festive season. Income is generated through the sale of Christmas cakes (the Club doubled their sales this year) and donations from institutions that occupy premises owned by the Club. Planned revenue source will be through providing the catering at the DJ Motorcycle Rally in March. In terms of projects, the Club sells Lions Mints, supports the residents of Shepstone Place (members of the Club visited the Home on Christmas Day to spend time with those who had not gone to families for Christmas – Christmas gifts had also been handed out). The Club is to give a needy child a wheel chair and the distribution of Cerebral Palsy Dolls is being examined. A White Cane Day and Golf Day are in the pipeline. As the Club is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2006 it is negotiating with the local newspaper for a possible double page spread.

## **Vryheid**

Vryheid held its meeting on 18th January. LP Laurette welcomed all. The Club is involved with the following projects: Sight, Cerebral Palsy; Hearing: the Club is considering a proposal of distributing a series of collection boxes (marked with the Lions Logo and a picture of a hearing aid thereon) into which potential donors can place their names and contact numbers; Diabetes: a "walk by testing" is planned for 11th March; Environment: the Club is to build 2 picnic spots that will have 2 braai areas (braai grid, tables and chairs) each. For fundraising, the Club is planning a May Fair that will include an associated beauty pageant. A Golf Day is planned for Utrecht and Christmas Cakes. The Club is also collecting memorabilia from the now defunct Utrecht Lions Club that they will display in their Clubhouse.



# Zone 2 News

## **Pietermaritzburg (Host)**

The Club had been invited by ex Lion Rod Radford to take part in the annual Lions in the Air radio link up with clubs around the world. The Club sponsored Jackie Hosey (Higher Ground) for her participation in the Midmar Mile. Fundraising activity is centred on their Race Days (Club is interested in inviting 2006-2007 Cabinet Officers to their 22 November event). Christmas cakes had been sold whilst a Golf Day is planned for 29th April. Projects: for the World Day of Peace (24th January) the Club planned to take 11 foster children of Berni Deyers on a picnic. Teddy bears, care dolls, 5 jerseys and 14 toy motor cars were donated to the ABSA collection – these are to be given to terminally ill children during February. The Message in a Bottle campaign is going very well following press coverage in the Maritzburg Sun. It is intended to order 500 more. A “Pets Shower” is to be arranged in conjunction with Maritzburg SPCA 100th celebrations. The Club is to hold a function to mark Past District Governor’s Month in February.

## **Pietermaritzburg (Garden City)**

This Club held its meeting in early December 2005. The Club had held a successful fund raising event the previous month and were actively selling Christmas cakes. The Club is involved with the following projects: the provision of tea and sandwiches at the TB Clinic at 333 Church Street, Northdale Hospital Outpatients and Gandhi Road Assessment Centre Northdale; the distribution of food prepared by the Divine Life Society of S.A to needy and deserving families and Institutions; the donation of toys and party packs to the Salvation Army Children’s Home and Duduza Children’s Home Havelock Road.



# Zone 3 News

## **Pinetown**

DG Paul was special guest at this Club's meeting on 16th January. Projects that the Club is involved with include: Brightsight – 13 scripts to be faxed and 400 cases and 1015 spectacles and frames to be transported; 2 very large food hampers distributed during December; contribution of recyclable items for their own fundraising effort and those of other Lions Clubs; the hope of funding a prosthesis for a young girl (other clubs are invited to assist); distribution of over 50 soft toys donated through a Toy Run and finally a second helicopter trailer for the AMS has been donated to their Richards Bay base. The Club also runs a "Wish List" to find out the needs and wants of the local community in order to provide the necessary assistance. Fundraising is centred on the running of a monthly fast food stall; Christmas Cakes (Club want's to keep this name); a planned Draw for February and possibly Little Miss Pinetown; a Video Race Evening and a Book and Junk Sale. DG Paul addressed the Club on his themes during his tenure as DG. Club congratulated on all its hard work, despite its small size

## **Westville**

Westville held a combined business and dinner meeting on 18th January. A special welcome was made by LP Mike to Major Frankie and Capt. Johnny Burgoyne from the Salvation Army as well as the Lions Ladies. Fundraising is generated via Christmas Cake sales (110 cases had been ordered for distribution); 100 Club (raffle); a planned baby sitting service for parents on St. Valentine's Day and a possible Bowls Day in April or May. Projects include the ongoing construction of a seating stand at Cato Crest School; the supply of food hampers to indigent families, Pinetown Child and Welfare and Salvation Army. The Salvation Army distributed toys and sweets to child patients at 2 hospitals on Christmas Day thanks to an R2000.00 donation from the Club.



# Zone 4 News

## **Durban Ridge**

This Club held its meeting on the 18th January. Guests included a visitor from Nigeria. The Club's activities during December and early January involved: donating a special watch to a blind person; giving clothes to families in need; giving four destitute families clothing and biscuits; handing out 6 food parcels; supplying sandwiches and styro cups to toddlers and laundry staff at Westville Prison; donating toys to Christmas parties and soft toys to Trauma Rooms; donating books; plastic containers and toys to a crèche; holding a Christmas Lunch for the Deaf self-help group; loaning a wheelchair to an O.A.P and distributing magazines to Old Age Homes. Assistance is also given to other Lions Clubs with their respective demand for recyclable products. Cake sales remain the Club's main fundraising venture: as at 18th January, 48 cases were officially sold. The Club is against the renaming of the cake. The Club has 3 prospective members.

## **North Durban**

The Club held its Business Meeting on the 26th January. The Club's projects for the period pertained to the following: the allocation of 5 Golden Hours Birthday Parcels; 17 Christmas parcels were distributed to the needy; one cornea run and one Operation Bright sight patient due to the closure of the clinic over the Christmas period. The Club has been approached by a Danish Lions Club, Billund-Grinsted that is offering to supply second bicycles to Africa. Durban North is investigating the logistics involved. The Club is to participate in the Disabled Bowls Day on the 26th February. The Club has given a donation to assist Higher Ground with their Midmar Mile Sponsorship. Fundraising: Golden Hours Market, Lions Mints, Christmas Gift Wrapping service and Lions Christmas Cakes: a record 75 cartons sold (the Club wishes to retain this name as a marketing tool).



## Zone 5 News

### **Eshowe**

The Club had a good response with their Organ Donor Day in December and several members of the public signed up. A major fundraising event was a Christmas Trivia Charity Evening that was well supported with the money raised (to which an additional Club donation was made) being spent on toys and sweets for the Children's Ward at Eshowe Hospital. These were distributed by Club members on Christmas morning. The normal fundraising Trivia evenings resume on each second Tuesday from February. The Club has several community projects lined up for the coming months.



## Zone 6 News

### **Hibberdene**

The Club held its Business Meeting on the 12th of January. The major community project remains the weekly Clinic and during the month of December, Club members volunteered a total of 92 hours. Statistics for December (a quiet month): Blood pressures taken: 68; cholesterol checks: 1 and injections 9. The Club is to approach the local municipality in the hope of acquiring an unused spare room with which to expand the reception area due to overcrowding. The Club continues to undertake restoration work at a local crèche in a deprived area outside Hibberdene. Fund raising was centred on the Christmas cake, public raffle and a beach kiosk during the holiday season.

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.

### **Port Shepstone**

At its Club meeting held on 26th January, the members approved a donation of R20 000-00 towards the District Diabetes Bus project.