



DISTRICT GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER

District 410C, South Africa.



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The Governors Ingot



Dear Lions, Lions Ladies, Lionesses and Spouses,

Congratulations to Lion Charles and the Convention Committee for the most fantastic Convention. Those that did not register, you do not know what you missed.

The closing date for PU101 forms is on the 31st May 2004. Please treasurers, your International Dues must be paid in full before DG Roy's term finishes, otherwise he will be responsible for payment.

Congratulations to all incoming officers, hope you all have a wonderful year. To all Clubs that won patches, congratulations. The Scrapbook judging did not take place due to lack of participation. Please PRO's, present your Presidents Year in a Scrapbook.

Bloemfontein Lions Club received a cheque from Nedbank of R10,000.00. Part of this money has been donated to the Guide Dog Association to purchase a dog and the rest to help with aftercare for a cerebral palsy child. They will also be inducting 10 new members.

Congratulations to Kloof on nominating Bevan Radcliff who is our Citizen of the Year. Also congratulations to Lion Charles and DG Roy on receiving a Melvin Jones.

There will be a District Dues increase of R20.00. Christmas Cakes prices will be unchanged.

Congratulation to Lion Paul Brauteseth of Port Shepstone as our new Vice District Governor for 2004-2005.

It is unbelievable that this will be my last issues of the Newsletter. The time has flown and we feel very sad that our year has come to an end.

District 410C, I thank you for the wonderful year, the visits and fellowship. To my Cabinet members, thanks for the well informed meetings and reports. We had a very successful year due to you all .

Please support DGE Richard and continue with new members and the spirit you served in during my year. DGE Richard and Lion Sallyanne will be leaving from Durban on the 29th of June 2004 at 14.40pm. They arrive home on the 13th July at 13.10pm. Please make an effort to support them on their way to International Convention .

The new Website for membership returns at International (WMMR). This was activated on the 23rd of April. When a Club officer accesses the current membership web site, they will see a message explaining its use as well as the new web membership management reporting (WMMR) site. Club secretaries will have a choice of which site they would like to use.

To all the incoming Officers and Cabinet, may you have a very successful year.

DGE Richard and Lion Sallyanne hope you have a wonderful Convention and may you enjoy your year as much as DCS Heather and myself . Good Luck, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Roy and DCS Heather

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SHAKA CONVENTION REPORT



The Convention Convenor, MDC Charles Reece, being presented with his Melvin Jones Award by Immediate Past International President Kay K. Fukushima.

The Shaka Convention 2004, held in Illovo Beach was a roaring success.

The Convention started on the Tuesday evening with the Council of Governors' Dinner, which is traditionally held on the night before the Council of Governors' meeting. Thereafter, it was party, party, party every night. The Past District Governors held their dinner on Wednesday evening, The Welcome evening was held on Thursday evening, followed by the banquet on Friday and the Theme Evening on Saturday.

The marquee for the Welcome Evening and the Theme evening was erected in the beautiful gardens of the Amanzimtoti Civic Centre, alongside the Amanzimtoti River. For the Welcome Evening, the tent was decorated in the Lions colours of purple and gold, while it was decorated in vibrant African colours for the Theme evening. Fairy lights, candles and other appropriate effects turned an otherwise drab tent into a fantastic fantasyland. A brilliant choice of music by D J Denis Meyer on both evenings turned them into wonderful evenings of fellowship and friendship. Zulu dancers and African Fire dancers added to the general entertainment.

The Banquet hall was absolutely brilliantly decorated, the theme being an African Night, with the hall draped in black and the sky and artificial trees lit up with a blaze of fairy lights. The speakers were entertaining and the music, once again, selectively appropriate. African drums were used to draw the attention of the delegates at appropriate times and the grand finale was the six fountains of fireworks on the stage after the main speaker, followed by eight explosions of confetti and the waiters dancing in with sparklers. A truly memorable evening.

The guest of honour, Immediate Past International President, Kay Fukushima and his beautiful wife, Denise, added even more glamour to all the evening functions while Kay's entertaining addresses to the various meetings helped to keep everyone wide awake and alert during the daytime.

Although it seems likely this convention will be one of the last to be held in this format, it is certainly one that will be remembered for a long time to come.

The convenor, Charles Reece received many accolades and no complaints about the convention, but as he constantly reminded everyone, he had a wonderful team supporting him. He says that no convenor could ever hope for a better team and that any accolades are due to his team, not to him.

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LION JOHN WHITELEY MULTIPLE DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAIRMAN 2004 - 2005

May we introduce Council Chairman Elect Lion John Whiteley with Lions Lady Lorraine. He is a Lion well known throughout Southern Africa for his dedication, sense of humour and personality. A much respected and loved Lion. Congratulations, Lion John, we are proud of you, from District 410C.



LION RICHARD DUNCAN DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2004 - 2005

Richard Michael Duncan was born on the 21st May. He is married to Sally Ann Susan, who is PDG Stan Foley's daughter. They have three children, Bradley, Justin and Lisa.

Richard is a member of the Pinetown Lions Club which he joined in December 1989. He has served in all portfolios and was President in 1992-1993.



His Lionistic career is as follows:-

Zone Chairman	1993-1994
Region Chairman	1994-1995
Cabinet Secretary	1995-1996
District Chairman (Projects)	2000-2001
Zone Chairman	2001-2002
Zone Chairman	2002-2003
District Chairman (Membership)	2003-2004

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PINETOWN - Zone 3

Operation Brightsight - 23 scripts awaiting processing; 5 batches of used spectacles have been brought from various collection points. Blind Bowlers - on-going transport every Sunday. St Mary's Hospital - cataract operations now able to be performed for pensioners at no charge; on-going financial support to Burns Unit. YMCA Gymnasts - on-going support for transport costs for two gymnasts. Environment - on-going recycling of carton, egg boxes, stamps, cards, wool, material and medicine bottles. Food parcels - three monthly parcels distributed. Embo Kraft project - Lions have now formed a Board of Trustees and DGE Lion Richard Duncan a Trustee. Mrs Mdladla - taking care of orphans and abandoned children, Club to assist with E-pap. Abused children - 21 jerseys have been supplied, blankets needed. Ashley House - snacks donated on Sunday mornings. Stamps - thanks to all at Durban the Ridge and North Durban Lions Clubs for their continual supply of used stamps.

PIETERMARITZBURG HOST - Zone 2

Congratulations Lion Wendy on being Zone Chairman, we have missed you. Twenty dictionaries were donated to Newton School. Hosted a Golf Day on the 17th April. Club have been asked to host another next year. Corneas delivered to the Hospital. Lion Dave donated pumpkins which have been given to Emma Barter and VMH.

VRYHEID - Zone 1

Held a very successful Mayfair on the 14/15 May with 5400 people through the gate. Inducted two new members on 28th May. Lions Teresa Seegers and Theunis Webb (who was a Charter member of Vryheid).

COWIES HILL - Zone 3

Inducted one new member, Lion Sharon Swart. Lion President Dave Shone is collecting books and magazines which will be sent to Old Age Homes in Zimbabwe. All work now completed at the Open Door Crisis Centre.

HOWICK - Zone 2

Wheelchair repairs on-going with 8 chairs repaired. Problems getting spares now. Lion Ross gave a very good report on the Shaka Convention to the Club. Had a very successful day at the Sunfield Fair and made a good profit. Also made a profit at the Karkloof Classic.

DURBAN the RIDGE - Zone 4

Five hearing aids supplied. Cleaning material to Deaf Association. New born baby outfit to abandoned babies project. Clothing to a needy family. Soft cardboard to three pre-primary schools. Seventy-five kg of newspapers and 850 used envelopes for recycling program. Received 8 hearing aids and 1 for repair at Convention - many thanks to Free State Clubs for them.

DURBAN CENTRAL - Zone 4

Together with North Durban and Durban Host Lions Clubs, participated in a Wine Festival at La Lucia Mall. The funds raised are to sponsor a Guide Dog. Assisted at the KZN Wildlife Durban Bay cleanup.

DURBAN SOUTH - Zone 4

Donated pill bottles and other items to CROW and SPCA. Used spectacles to be sent to Operation Brightsight. Ten hearing amplifiers given to ex Lion Bush Cuthbert for the elderly. Thirty tickets booked for Rocky Horror show.

GARDEN CITY - Zone 2

Donations to PAFTA and Aryan Benefit Home for the Aged. Financial assistance given to a student with impaired vision. Tea and snacks provided at Northdale Hospital, Bangalore Road Geriatric Clinic and TB Clinic. Distributed food to the needy.

SCOTTBURGH - Zone 6

Used spectacles sent to Operation Brightsight. The swings at St Anne's are broken already through too much use, Club to investigate a better way to attach swings. Club received an accolade from Convention 2004 Convenor Lion Charles Reece for the Partners-in-Service programme. To sponsor 4 wall hanging murals for the Town Hall to act as acoustic panels and improve the sound. More knitted booties and hats for the premature baby unit at the hospital. The Club would like to congratulate PDG Lion John Whiteley of this Club on his election as MD410 Council Chairman for 2004 - 2005.

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NORTH DURBAN - Zone 4

Distributed 40 large food parcels. Delivered 2 corneas. Gave out one birthday present at Golden Hours school. Gave donation towards travel costs to help boy play cricket against Limpopo. Five eye tests carried out, of which four will have spectacles sponsored by the Club. On-going support for Sinakekele Children's Home. Subscription to Sea Rescue renewed.

AZALEA LIONESSES - Zone 2

Donated items to TREE. Donated a bag of clothing. Financial assistance to Pam Boakes toward a tube of special imported cream needed for a 9 month baby with eczema plus a bag of clothing also. 18 knee blankets completed and ready to be donated. NCVV sent 10 people for eye testing. Had a very successful White Cane Day. Birthday gifts to Mental Health. Held a Race Day at Scottsville racecourse with race 4 named the Azalea Lioness Maiden Plate - good advertising.



ESTCOURT - Zone 1

First we had the bacon, now we have the eggs - eggs for CANSA. Congratulations son, on becoming Zone Chairman.



PORT SHEPSTONE - Zone 6

The Club is gearing up for their annual Lions Show in Port Shepstone. The show is on from Thursday the 15th to Sunday the 18th July. It is the biggest show of its kind on the South Coast and there is something for everyone, from arena acts and trade stands to flea market and food stalls. There is also the beer tent where they will be selling beer by the jug this year. Come along and support them, help make this their best year yet.

Port Shepstone have started a new project which, if successful, could be extended to the Zone, the District and eventually to the Multiple District. It is called "Message in a Bottle" and is designed to be a lifesaver in emergency medical situations in the home or car. This is accomplished by providing distinctive green and white plastic bottles for people to keep their relevant medical details in. These are then stored in their refrigerator or cubby hole of the car. Green and white stickers are also supplied which are affixed to the back of the front door of the house or the dashboard and rear window of the car. This alerts the emergency services to the fact that these medical details are at hand so they can give the correct treatment.

The bottles can be obtained free from the local Lions Club and costs are covered by the Club and their sponsors. The "Message in a Bottle" is not intended to replace the wearing of any other medical tokens such as Medic Alert bracelets etc..

When the sun rises over Africa, the antelope knows it must run faster than the fastest lion if it is to survive.

And when the sun rises over Africa, the lion knows that it must run faster than the fastest antelope if it is to eat.

So - the bottom line, baby, is whoever you are, when the sun rises over Africa, you'd better start running.

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District Governor Roy, it was a pleasure to serve on your Cabinet.

DCPR DIARY

I attended a presentation in Bloemfontein of a cheque for R10,000 from Nedcor to the Lions Club. Part of this will be used to sponsor a Guide Dog and the rest will be used to sponsor extra classes for a mentally handicapped young girl.

I also attended a Tamil Women's Association Dance Evening. This Association is interested in becoming a part of Lionism. Well done Lion President Lorraine.

The media have been absolutely fantastic this year. I think every Club's scrapbook must be full.

This is my last District Governors Newsletter and I will be going to the UK for approximately 8 months. Lion James is staying here to keep everything going well. I will be giving motivational talks over there to churches, clubs and Lions Clubs.

So, my very good friends, I will miss you all. Look after yourselves, be proud to be Lions.

To have joy, one must share it; happiness was born a twin. Happiness isn't something you experience; it's something you remember. People are just about as happy as they make up their minds to be. There can be no happiness if the things we believe in are different from the things we do.

I received gifts from special members of my Club with this saying: *We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. 100 years from now, it will not matter what kind of car you drove, what kind of house you lived in, how much you had in your bank account, nor what your clothes looked like. But the world may be a little better because you were important in the life of Lionism.*

OUR CONVENTION 2004

"Awesome.", "Fantastic.", "The best ever." These were some of the comments received from Lions around Southern Africa when describing the Shaka Convention.

The Welcome Evening - fabulous, meeting old friends, the marquee resounded with laughter and fellowship.

The Banquet - a fairy tale palace, gasps of wonder - magic.

The Theme Evening - so many Lions, dressed the part, joined in the fun. A great end to a fantastic Convention.