



**DISTRICT 410C**  
*District Governor's Newsletter*  
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**DG PAUL BRAUTESETH**  
**2005 - 2006**

What a beautiful privilege it is for me to greet you all this morning? It is incredibly encouraging for me to know I am writing this letter to friends that have carried me some of the way this year – yes, I had to walk some of the way on my own that was great too. What an honour to be awarded the Louis Halse Award, thank you, I don't know what I did, but thank you.

There are some of you wondering, " where is the DG's letter this month?!!" Well, here it is.

Apologies for its lateness, however, a lot has happened since I last wrote to you all. Convention has already become a memory to a lot of us. Since Convention, I have been wrestling with quite a couple of issues, mainly happenings from our District Convention, and am a little concerned!

Membership numbers are on the up and I have been extremely honoured to have been invited to do inductions. NOW, how do we keep our new members as well as keeping our older members?? Friends, I need to ask some questions regarding our attitudes regarding Lionism. How are we as Lions, treating fellow Lions?? Very noticeable was the way we randomly use our tongues without considering the effects or consequences of our "talking". What has been heard by me and more alarmingly, reported to me, are the friends that have been hurt by what has been said about friends in general discussion during socializing. How can we with open and happy hearts carry on serving, as we do without getting any remuneration, other than a handshake or pat on the back for a job well done, when we hear snide remarks regarding our "looking for favouritism"

Let us BEWARE that we don't become "armchair" or "sideline" critics!! Fellow Lions that have and are taking Lionism to new heights, get shot down as they are taking off!!!! Come on, I beg or plead with us ALL, let us get a copy of our Lions Ethics and read it SLOWLY to ourselves. We need to see where and how we are going.

Please remember – Lions are special people, unpaid, yes!, not because they are worthless but because they are priceless!!

Convention –  
Well what can I say?

To those of you who were not there, we did miss you. To those who were there, thank you for your support. The Cabinet meeting and District Convention went smoothly. MD Convention was good and fellowship was great. There were 460 delegates and our International Guest AP Singh gave us food for thought in his address about "let us not only think outside the box! Let us create a new box!! In our attitudes towards service" Fellowship was great, "DJ" MDC Denis Meyer from Sheppie got everyone going on the dance floor as a real "Survivor", thanks Denis.

Our District Convention was marred by the possible loss of Embocraft as a District Project. This could still be a potential project for our District and we will be hearing more about Embocraft. This has been a LCIF project, which is ongoing and Clubs can still become involved with it. Basically, it is training the less advantaged in our community to become self-supporting, and how we desperately need this.

Embocraft can realize incredible coverage for Lions. Please contact IPDG Richard - 083 255 2795; District Treasurer Tricia - 073 572 1688; ZC Rob Behrens - 082 411 5051; MDC Ian Ping - 072 901 4638, feel free to contact them regarding this worthwhile project and see how your Club can get involved.

PBO / NPO registrations - friends, this issue needs to be sorted out. Should your Club fall foul of the SARS regarding this, you will only have yourselves to blame. This issue has come up often enough for us to have got ourselves in order, what, has your Club done about it? Please contact PCC Arnold Clarke on 082 659 9045 and let him know how your Club is doing, share your results, let us all know. There appears to be a great amount of apathy and lack of communication regarding serious issues in Lionism.

Let us as great Lions, reverse this trend, be proud and "SOAR to NEW HEIGHTS" On a more positive note, congratulations to those Clubs and Lions that received recognition for all your hard work this year.

District Treasurer Tricia Smith - Louis Halse Award; Leo Extension Award and International Presidents Appreciation Award.

DC PDG Dave Morley - District Governors Appreciation Award

Lion Hilary Moolman - District Governors Appreciation Award and International Presidents Appreciation Award

MDC Denis Meyer - District Governors Appreciation Award and International Presidents Appreciation Award.

MDC Ian Ping - International Presidents Appreciation Award

DC "Liewe Heksie" Lorraine Scott - International Twinning Award

MDC Norman Chapman - Diabetes Awareness Chairperson and International Presidents Appreciation Award

Durban the Ridge - Ecology and PRO Awards

Port Shepstone - Best Lions branded/marketed project

Scottburgh - Best Lions Project

Westville - Best Cakes Awards and Treasurer

Pinetown - Best Secretarial

Hilton - Best Diabetes Awareness

Estcourt - Cake increase award

North Durban - Best Scrapbook

Ramsgate - Best Club Twinning

Durban South - Best Raiding

Amanzimtoti - Best newsletter

To all my Cabinet, thank you for all you have done for me. Your loyalty, support and dedication have inspired me to greater Heights this year. Thank you. Fellow Lions, you have made me PROUD, to be a Lion and your Servant.

The year is not finished yet, and I appeal to us all, let us pull out ALL the stops and SOAR to where we have never been before.

Lets ignite that PASSION TO SERVE with real EXCELLENCE and make an incredible difference these last two months. Friends, let us hand over a District to DGE Heather that is SOARING!!!!

God willing, it is going to be wonderful to see the friends at Incoming Officers in Ladysmith. Have a beautiful day and let us count our blessings that God gives us so freely

Take care of yourself and those around you.

God bless

Your Servant and Friend.

Paul Brauteseth



## *Are we Lions really getting the message across??*

The Lions Club of Pietermaritzburg (Host) has been an active player in the "Message In A Bottle Project". However, the Club has expressed concern that not enough Clubs are becoming involved. Members of the public are pointing out that should they be unfortunate enough to be involved in a car accident away from their town of residence, would the local emergency services know what the green cross on their car represented? Only if every Lions Club participated throughout Zone 6 and educated their local emergency services can this project be a true success. The only alternative would be to also open the door to Rotary, Moths or the Round Tablers, a course of action that Pietermaritzburg would rather see avoided. Food for thought.

*For more information visit [www.sheppielions.org.za](http://www.sheppielions.org.za)*



# *Zone 1 News*

### **Escourt**

The Club recently held its Business Meeting. For fund raising the Club continues to earn revenue from the leasing of tables, crockery and a sound system to third parties. Outside sponsorship is being received for the Club's planned Golf Day. Assistance has been rendered through an ongoing donation to NCVV, the donation of all top 3 prizes, plus a tiara to the Miss Phutu Festival pageant and the provision of birthday gifts to residents of Shepstone Home. The Club plans to assist the local hospice in dealing with the problem of white ant damage. Consideration is also being given towards obtaining a wheelchair for a disabled person from Wembezi. As part of Bright Sight, the Club is organizing eye checks for some ladies from Weenen.

### **Vryheid**

The Club held its April and May meetings. As part of Diabetes Awareness, the Club organized a Diabetes Walk-by-Testing Day. A future environmental project that the Club is considering is rendering possible assistance to the Ntingonono Centre. A braai was provided for the residents of the Utrecht Old Age Home. For fundraising, after a successful Utrecht Golf Day, the Club's Mayfair continues to be in an advanced planning stage.

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# Zone 2 News

## **Pietermaritzburg (Host)**

The Club held its' meeting on 3 April. The Club's fundraising race day that was held on the 19th March proved very successful. In terms of serving the community, the Club is assisting the VMH fair by selling woks rolls as a fundraiser for the home. The Club is actively involved with the Message In a Bottle Campaign, with information presentations being given to a range of interested bodies and samples have been handed out to Flying Squad and SAP personnel. The Club has received a Louis Halse patch and have affixed this to their banner.



# Zone 3 News

## **Pinetown**

The Club's arrangements in transferring the bowlers participating in the NABB from Durban airport to their accommodation proceeded well – the Club is appreciative of the assistance rendered by Kingsburgh. Nine scripts have been sent to Brightsight. Recyclable items continue to be collected. A major project initiative continues to be the "Wish List" whereby members of the community are assisted where the Club is able. For fundraising the Club is responsible for coordinating all catering at the CMCC Bike Show (28th to 30th July), this is in addition to its monthly Foodstall.

## **Westville**

The Club held its' meeting on 8th May. The Club donated 5 food parcels (from items collected from the public) to WHSC, PC&FWS, the Salvation Army and Cato Crest. In addition R500 is to be given to the local Salvation Army to assist them in the provision of sandwiches to local school children. Assistance is also to be given to the fundraising activities of Cheshire Homes and the organizers of the Fantastic Fun Day. For internal fund raising, a variety of ideas are being considered.



## Zone 4 News

### **Durban The Ridge**

This Club continues to be involved in serving the community through a variety of channels: 2 hearing aids given out, 2 food parcels handed out, distribution of Easter Eggs, pensioners teas, donation of clothing to a children's home, assisting a paraplegic in obtaining a wheelchair and making a regular financial donation to the Deaf Association. Recyclable items that serve as revenue generates continue to be collected on behalf of other Lions Clubs. A planned fundraising initiative was a possible tambola.



## Zone 5 News

### **Eshowe**

As part of its commitment to the environment the Club held an Alien Awareness Evening, however it was a pity that Eshowe residents didn't support this project as attendance levels were low despite prior publicity. R800 in three hours was raised from the public on White Cane Day, this money is destined towards the purchase of a guide dog. Additional fund raising continues with the Club organizing regular trivea evenings that also serve to involve the local community as a pro exercise. Eshowe also won the recent Inter-Service Club Challenge Pigeon Race.



## Zone 6 News

### **Hibberdene**

The Club continues to serve the community through its' weekly Clinic. This Clinic is growing in size with the number of members of the public relying on it for distributing medicines on behalf of Port Shepstone Hospital now being in the region of 600 per month. Twice monthly eye clinics contribute to the Club's important role with Brightsight, whilst weekly sugar testing Clinics contribute to Diabetes Awareness. The Club assists a local crèche. A member of the Club, Lion Koos De Bruyn, was recently called to higher service after losing a long battle against emphysema.



# Zone 6 News

## **Ramsgate**

The Club is organizing a Golf Day at the Margate Country Club to generate funds whilst income continues to be received from Lions Mints Collection boxes. The Club plans to arrange a Diabetes Testing Day at the Shelley Center in July. A Peace Poster Kit has been ordered and local schools will be approached shortly. The Club remains active with child-oriented activities with regular outings for children.

## **Scottburgh**

The Club had a successful fund raising initiative in the form of a Motorcross that raised R2000. Other fundraising projects include the monthly fleamarket and a recently held indoor garden party. The land required for the planned Ekujuleni School of Hope had been purchased by the Club. The Club continues to maintain its' Library Peace Garden, assists St Annes Orphanage and equips the trauma room at the Scottburgh Police Station. The Club is to enquire about swings for the local Safe House. A Peace Poster kit has been purchased

## **Kokstad**

Calling all Polar Bear Wannabees...

# POLAR BEAR PARTY

1 July 2006

Stoneybrook: 17h00 to late

Hi All, we'd love to have as many supporters as possible for this exciting evening of fun and entertainment. The "Polar Bear Plunge" is voluntary, however the more the merrier! Camping is possible. Posters can be emailed – please contact me if interested. The band ("The Hairy Legged Lentil Eaters") is really good. Kind regards,

Stuart K Charlton

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## **Port Shepstone**

Don't miss The Annual 2006 Lions Show : 22-25 June 2006 :

Borough Fields, Port Shepstone

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