



Mid Year Conference!

This one will be special. The dates are now confirmed at 29-30-31 October. Port Shepstone club will be hosting us at Kapenta bay once again. The theme is "The Great Gatsby" and I know we are going to have a party. We're going to get some work done as well, and I've asked the District Chairmen to set up interesting speakers for their portfolios once again. We will also have some interesting workshops you can attend as well these will run from 9 – 11 on Sunday. One will be on PBO's and the other, "What you need to know about Lions." It certainly will be a full weekend and Sally Ann and I can't wait to meet up with you all once again. DC. Denis Meyer has created a website for the conference which you can access off the 410C website, the registration form is available online so please register as soon as possible. Yes I know its 15% or so more expensive than last year but I promise we will make it worth your while. They are going to be working on sponsorship possibilities for the conference and if they are successful we will reduce the costs.

Our membership figures for the District are down at 555 members a situation, which is somewhat serious. We need to increase our membership as a matter of priority. The Merlo team with your area chairmen have been tasked to revive or start new clubs. If our efforts in any way crosses over with any plans you may have had for an area please forgive us and work with us or allow us to work with you to get the club set up. Please be assured we have the organisations best interest at heart and once we have grown the membership you will see the benefits.

I have been requested to do my annual club visits at zone level by international where possible to reduce costs, however should a club want us to attend a meeting please contact us and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Clubs have been working on their PBO registrations but some of you are lagging behind. If you need help please contact **DT.Arnold Clarke** or **DC.Charles Reece** for assistance. All clubs must have completed the process by December. Clubs must also please forward their financials to DT Arnold on a monthly basis for comment and assistance. This will go a long way in reducing your costs annually and the



possibility of falling foul of the receiver. Please see this as the assistance that it is meant to be. Should a club not require the assistance and is fully satisfied it will be able to prepare suitable financials that will satisfy the PBO requirements of the act then well and good.

Finally please ensure that all District Chairmen are being sent reports of the clubs activities in those portfolios on a monthly basis and request their input

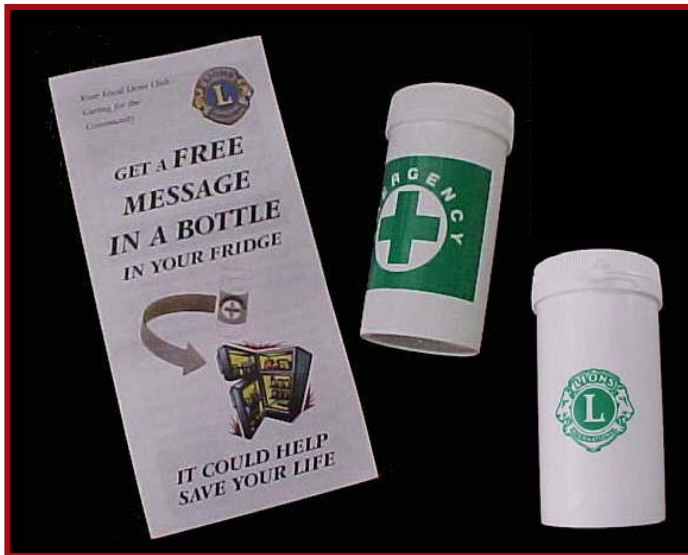
where required. You can also request a DC visit your club if you require.

Best regards

Richard and Sally Ann Duncan

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

Port Shepstone club have once again come up with a fantastic project, which will not only be of benefit to the public at large but also have Lionism, exposed into every home.



The "**Message in a Bottle**" is an excellent project, which will be free to the user and beneficial for any family. Medical and contact details as well as any instructions in the event of an incident are placed in the bottle which is stored in the fridge and stickers advising the authorities are placed on the front door and entrance to the home or on the vehicle windscreen, where used in a vehicle. The bottle would then be found in the cubbyhole. Lions will

expose the project to all authorities in each town where the project is rolled out. This project will require major ongoing sponsorship and any club member who is able to assist with contacts should do so. This sort of exposure to **Lionism** will be of great benefit to the organisation and the project will in no way hinder the work of any other scheme such as Medic Alert or similar projects.





Classifieds

New Members

Vryheid:
Louis Botes

Hibberdene:
Susan Smuts-Steyn

Durban – the Ridge:
Gillian Clancy

Westville:
Norma Withey

Kokstad:
Sybalandt Mostert

Ramsgate:
Malcolm Mackintosh

Obituary

Pinetown Club:

It is with great sadness we advise the passing of the Late Lion *Colin Jenkins*.

Public Relations

Thanks to Vryheid club for the photos of your roadside club signs. Perhaps the rest of you are all renewing yours before you send them in??? All members please advise of any past lions or

Lioness contact numbers in your area. Club PRO's please forward anything, which you feel, is noteworthy from your club. These may not be placed in the newsletter but we do still need as much info as possible. This will allow us the

opportunity to assist with exposure of Lionism at District level and alert us to what is happening in your area.

Dee Love

Women's Development

DC Lyn Botha

Please forward copies of all MMRS to me as well, simply add lynb@worldonline.co.za to the mailing list and advise me of how many women are in your club.





Is a training trust in Bothas Hill, which was set up to provide skills training for rural woman in the area of craft and sewing. The project was funded by L.C.I.F. The trustees of the trust were recently changed and all the new trustees are now Lions members. This trust is a very worthwhile project, which is making a difference in the lives of many South Africans. This is Lionism at its greatest making a difference at ground level.

The trust has managed to raise a large grant from different sources to provide training, however has great difficulty raising admin funding. The trust currently has a shortfall of some R300000.00 and any donation towards the project would assist in securing this very worthwhile service.

Your support would not be wasted but would have a direct impact on the most needy in KZN.

▲ **DG Richard** ▼

The Senior Lions Leadership Institute for Lions of India, South Asia Africa and the Middle East will be offered in Ahmedabad, Gujarat India from 12-16 Dec 2004. This institute is targeted to Lions in good standing who have completed a successful term as club president, but have not yet attained the position of VDG. Please contact the DG if you are interested in attending for full details. The **deadline** date is **September 24th 2004**

**32nd India, South Asia, Africa and Middle East forum
ISSAME forum 2004
Ahmedbad – India
16-19 Dec. 2004**





MAKE IT HAPPEN

Shine a **light** on our membership efforts



Attention Club Presidents!

We're looking for the **best and brightest** recruitments from Lions clubs worldwide. Have you pioneered a reliable recruiting method? Is there a time-honoured strategy that you've perfected? If so, we want to hear from you!

These brilliant ideas will be shared with Lion from around the Globe – motivating them to enhance their recruitment efforts and further strengthen our great association.

Prizes:

In addition to participating in a project that is bringing together Lions worldwide, prizes will be awarded to 50 Lions clubs in each constitutional area:

Note: District governors of the winning clubs will also be recognised with a duplicate prize as listed above. Only one prize per category will be awarded to each district governor. A distinguished panel of Lions clubs members will choose the winners.



- 1 - First Place Prize:
An International Flag Set**
- 10 - Second Place Prizes
A 3'x5' Lions Clubs
International Flag**
- 39 - Third Place Prizes
A Deluxe
"We Serve" Banner**

DEADLINE:

Entries must be received by October 1, 2004, 4:00 p.m. CST
Winners will be notified in January 2005

Official Rules:

- ▼ No purchase necessary.
- ▼ Only one entry per club.
- ▼ Only one recruiting idea allowed per entry.
- ▼ If additional space is needed, one extra sheet of paper may be attached to describe the best recruiting method.
- ▼ No other materials may be attached to the entry.
- ▼ All entries become the property of Lions Clubs International and will not be returned to participants.
- ▼ Entries received after the deadline – October 1, 2004, 4:00 p.m. CST – will be disqualified.
- ▼ By entering this contest, participants agree that Lions Clubs International may share participant's ideas with other clubs worldwide and agree that LCI may use their names in conjunction with contest publicity and other materials generated from this contest, except where prohibited.
- ▼ The decision of the judge is final.
- ▼ Winners will be notified by January 2005.
- ▼ Contest is void where prohibited and subjected to federal, state, and local laws.
- ▼ Clubs must be in good standing at the time the award is announced.
- ▼ Award rules subject to change.
- ▼ LCI shall not be liable for loss, late, or misdirected mail, email or faxes.





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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM 2004-2005
BEST MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING IDEAS
(Please Print)

Name _____ Club Name/Number _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____

Country _____ District # _____

Club # _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Number of Club members: _____

Have you ever served as club president before this year? _____ If so, when did you previously serve? _____

What is your best method for recruiting new members?

Limitation on Liability:

LCI, its officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents shall have no liability and shall not be held harmless by winners for any damage, loss or liability to person or property due in whole or part, directly or indirectly, by reason of the acceptance, possession, use or misuse of prize or participation in this Contest. Any and all disputes, claims and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Contest, or any prizes awarded, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, and exclusively by Lions Clubs International Dispute Resolution Processes. Any and all claims and judgements and awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, including cost association with entering this Contest, but in no event attorney's fees. LCI reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel or suspend part or all of this Contest should causes beyond the control of LCI corrupt or impair the administration, security, fairness, or proper play of the Contest. LCI may prohibit a participant from entering in the Contest or winning a prize if, in its sole discretion, it determines that said participant is attempting to undermine the legitimate operation of the Contest by cheating, deception, or other unfair playing practices (including the use of automated quick entry programs) or intending to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other entrants or LCI representatives.





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Theme: TREES

Encourage urban **greening**.

Plant trees as individuals, groups and municipalities.

A tree provides oxygen for 30 people.
Trees provide food for future nations e.g. fruit, shade etc...

Plant a tree in honour of the winner.

DC Lion Dave Cowie



Did you know

Americans discard 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour...that's enough to reach all the way to the moon every three weeks

Sponsor an Arbor Day Art or Writing Contest.

