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WORDS FROM OUR DG

Fellow Lions and partners in service, we are half way through another Lionistic year and all of our Clubs continue to perform outstanding service in their communities and many are gaining more members through their service activities. We are also managing to retain our members better and there are signs of possible growth areas through club branches and Leo Clubs, and all of this is very pleasing. We are, however, at the start of a new calendar year, and my wish for all of us is that 2011 will be a year of happiness in our homes and in our Clubs, good health, success in our businesses and work situations, and a greater concentration on serving those for whom we have increasingly become Beacons of Hope.

We sometimes miss the great opportunities of life because we get sidetracked. I once heard the tale of a talented and gifted bloodhound in England that started a hunt by chasing a full-grown male deer. During the chase a fox crossed his path, so he began now to chase the fox. A rabbit crossed his hunting path, so he began to chase the rabbit. After chasing the rabbit for a while, a tiny field mouse crossed his path, and he chased the mouse to the corner of a farmer's barn. The bloodhound had begun the hunt chasing a prized male deer for his master and wound up barking at a tiny mouse. It is a rare human being who can do three or four different things at a time--moving in different directions.

Let us remember that we are Lions and WE SERVE. Our family and work commitments do take precedence over our other pursuits in life, but when we are involved in the work of Lionism, let service be our goal.



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DG Brian receiving the Malaysian Youth Exchange banner from group leader Tey Kwang Hawe.

PORT REX HELPING OUT

RISING TO THE CHALLENGE: The GO! recently highlighted a plea by Manor House for donations toward spreading some Christmas cheer among the residents (*Give a little festive cheer, GO! & Express, November 4*). The Port Rex Lions were the first to respond, donating 12 Christmas cakes the next day for the residents' Christmas meal. Pictured here (from left) are Tony de Barros, Elizabeth Avoni, Edith Goldhill (Lions' members) and Manor House manager Christine King, with some of the residents. The Port Rex Lions are also appealing to East London residents to donate small gifts and toiletries for the children at Frere Hospital. A toy collection will be held outside Sparg's SuperSpar this Saturday (November 20) and at Ashmel Spar and Southernwood Spar on November 27.

Picture: Supplied



LET'S SUPPORT LCIF
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 GIVE RECOGNITION TO DE-
 SERVING LIONS OR PEOPLE IN
 YOUR COMMUNITY

As we come together with friends and family this holiday season to celebrate, let us not forget those who are not so fortunate. By [giving to LCIF](#), you offer people in need the chance for a better life and hope moving forward. Give the [gift of hope](#) this holiday season.

ELIZABETH CLUB SELLING CAKES

CHARITY CAKE SALE...

Volunteers (from left) Gay Darney, Barbie Fowler and Virginia Wasserman, of the Lion's Club, will sell Christmas cakes in aid of various charities.



Christmas cakes for sale for good cause

THE Elizabeth Lions Club is selling Lions Christmas cakes to raise funds for various charities.

The Christmas cakes are selling at R55 a kg and are now available from the following outlets:

- Aurora Charity Shop, 68 Worraker Street, Newton Park.
- Linton Grange Library, Cape Road.
- Newton Park Library, Fourth Avenue, Newton Park.
- Walmer Library, Main Road, Walmer.
- Hairwise, Seagate Complex, Summerstrand.
- Ian Robertson Pharmacy, Main Road, Walmer.
- Split Ends, 284 Circular Drive, Lorraine.

These festively boxed cakes also make excellent corporate gifts.

Another Christmas cake sale is being run by Junior Chef of the Year 2008 Kevin Bonus. He is baking Christmas cakes and donating 10% of the proceeds to the Missionvale Care Centre.

THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE:

1. You believe in Santa Claus.
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus.
3. You are Santa Claus.
4. You look like Santa Claus.



Eden Lions SPUD Premiere a Roaring Success

Wednesday 1 December was a special evening for the Eden Lions Club and Mount Hope Hospice in George. It was the evening of the much anticipated movie premiere for SPUD, hosted in the company of Julie Summers, a familiar face on SA television and who plays the role of SPUD's mom in the movie which is based on the novel by John van der Ruit.

The combination of red carpets, good food, and lucky draws, turned the evening into a glamorous affair that attracted SPUD enthusiasts and other supporters from all over the Garden Route. The story of Spud is based on the fictional memoirs of a schoolboy, John Milton, who starts his high school career at an elite boarding school in Kwazulu-Natal. The author, John van der Ruit, was a pupil at Michaelhouse school in Kwazulu-Natal, three past house-masters of the school, Bill Ashmole, Hugo Leggatt and Allen Duff, also attended the premiere in support of the fundraiser.

The Eden Lions would like to thank all the sponsors who so generously supported the event, with special mention of Harvey World Travel and the Town Lodge who catered to the needs of celebrity guest Julie Summers. Without the help of these special people and their businesses, the Lions would not have been able to hand over an amount of over R14 000 to the Mount Hope Hospice.



Julie Summers with George's own "Crazy 8"

The Eden Lions with actress Julie Summers.



Past Michaelhouse House-Masters Bill and Marion Ashmole; Hugo and Helen Leggatt; Allen and Arleen Duff



The Challenge to Africa

The opportunity for Africa to be recognized as an independent entity within Lions Clubs International is a new and exciting one for all our members. The task placed before us is to grow and develop our existing Lions Clubs and establish vibrant new Lions Clubs in unserved areas so that Lions, with our passion for humanitarian service, can be a force for good in every part of our great continent.

The challenge to every Lion in Africa is to grow the membership of our organization to a target of 30,000 as quickly as possible, perhaps in as few as two or three years. When this goal is achieved, the Constitution and By-laws Committee of the International Board of Directors will draft a resolution granting Africa status as its own constitutional area.

Until then, the LCI board has pledged to support our endeavors as if Africa had already gained independent status. While this in no way guarantees the end result, it is an encouraging signal and will have an immediate impact on our ability to serve those in need.

How will it work and how will it affect you?

- The Public Relations Division will reserve three Multiple District Public Relations Grants of US\$10,000 for Africa alone and will help develop a public relations plan tailored exclusively for Africa.
- The Membership Grant Program will be updated to support the country-based membership development plan and the Membership Division will continue to provide administrative support, data tracking and other development tools to African leadership.
- A Faculty Development Institute and senior leadership training program to meet the specific needs of Africa will be created.
- District Governor-elect training for Africa will be supported.
- Support materials will address the needs of both French- and English-speaking Lions in Africa.
- District 413 has received approval for up to US\$2,000 expense assistance for a Lions Services for Children Symposium to be held fiscal year 2010-2011.
- One new seat for Africa will be created on the Global Membership Team.

These are the initial steps that Lions Clubs International will take to support our advancement. Additional support depends on tangible progress being made and the responsibility shown by African leadership to manage these initiatives.

The future is in our hands. Our neighbors and friends in need are counting on us. The time for Africa is NOW!

Knysna Lions hand over Melvin Jones

On the 2nd December 2010 the Knysna Lions had their Xmas dinner at Pembrey's Restaurant in Knysna. We also presented Dr. Johannes Meyer with a Melvin Jones Award for all the Cataract operations he has done for us. It was a huge surprise for him. As you will see a good time was had by all.



KNYSNA LIONS HAND OUT PRESENTS

As usual the Knysna Lions were up very early on Xmas morning to visit all the hospitals etc in order for Father Xmas to hand out all the gifts. Father Xmas got very hot this year in his new outfit but it was all worth it when you saw the smiles on so many faces.



Words from our International President

At this time of year Lions around the world are preparing to celebrate a variety of holidays. These observances are as diverse as Lions themselves but like Lions, their holiday spirit has much in common. It is a spirit of love and joy.

For Lions, the opportunities for service are year-round, but somehow these opportunities come into sharper focus during this season of the year. As we celebrate with family and friends we need to be reminded of our responsibility to those less fortunate and be willing to share the joys of the holidays with others. We need to greet the New Year with enthusiasm and optimism to make our beacon of hope shine brighter.



Please refer to the information in this message on the Global Service Action Campaigns and the new **Light Keeper Award** for ways to keep the Lions beacon shining.

Meanwhile, I wish you and your family joy and peace in this holiday season and hope that, in the coming year, you and your family will continue to enjoy the satisfaction that comes from making a difference in the lives of those in need.

Best wishes,

Sid L. Scruggs III
International President

Set Your Sights High

The lamp was lit in Sydney last July. Now, almost halfway through the year, the beacon of Lions Clubs International is shining even more brightly. Worldwide membership has increased and now stands at 1,346,725 Lion members-- an increase of nearly 7,000 since July 2010.

Women now make up a larger part of the Lions family than ever before. Today there are more than 300,000 women Lions around the globe. In addition to the growth in Lions members, there is an increase in the number of Leos. This year alone, more than 100 new Leo Clubs have been established.

Clearly, "success through service" is succeeding as Lions Clubs International extends its reach into unserved communities and increases its capacity to provide more and better service to those in need.

MALAYSIAN STUDENTS



Thanks to members of the KWT Lions Club for hosting 6 Malaysian Exchange students over this festive season. They were taken on the santa service on Christmas eve. As you can see they had some fun on the beach. They spent a traditional Christmas day opening some presents and pegging out on lunch. They were introduced to a potjie and a braai was held at the Lions Den just to mention a few items on the itinerary

SAD PASSING OF PATRICK

The club mourned the sudden passing away of one of our members, Patrick Owen Beckett, on 12 November 2010.

Pat was inducted as a Lion into the Uitenhage Club in May 2000.

He immediately made an impact in the club by getting involved with projects and fund raisers.

Whenever there was braaing that needed to be done Pat would willingly offer his services as cooking was something he really enjoyed.

Pat was a jovial, well liked, fun loving character with a very dry sense of humour. One was at times unsure whether Pat was joking or being serious.

To Jo-Ann, Stephen, Nicole and Matthew, on behalf of the Uitenhage Lions Club, we offer our sincerest condolences on your loss. May the good Lord comfort you in your time of need

“He never failed to do his best

His heart was true and tender.

He toiled so hard for those he loved

And left us to remember.”

Go well old friend and fellow Lion.



The LION Rally – Cradock Dec 2010

Ride with the Pride



It is a family rally



Maria at work at the gate

BIKE RALLY CRADOCK

On 01 December the Uitenhage Lions Club embarked on the great exodus to Cradock to start setting up what is the biggest fund raising event for our club "The Lion Rally".

Once again the rally went off fantastically and smoothly with great weather, cold beers, great music from the band, biggest turn out of bikers at the Lion rally "1040" and most importantly a jovial and fun loving bunch of bikers who are beginning to regularly support our rally. The rally officially started on Friday with much entertainment and dancing had on the Friday evening – some carrying on all night.

On Saturday the mass ride through Cradock took place with the Traffic Department and Cradock Municipality really assisting us in this regard. The "Drags", "Wheelies" and "Donuts" were once again a crowd pleaser. The "Concourse de Elegance" was also very well support with some amazing bikes and three wheelers on display. The festivities for the bikers came to an end on Saturday evening with the distribution of lucky gifts, prizes and finally the main prize, a lucky draw for 4 days at the Beacon Isle Hotel for two people including meal vouchers and spending money for a total of R20000.00.

There was some late partying till the early hours on Sunday morning by the bikers.

As the rally came to an end on Sunday with the bikers departing early in the morning, the weary Uitenhage Lions had to begin with the arduous task of having to pack up and begin the trek back to Uitenhage via of course, the Middleton Hotels as a halfway stop.

As we laid our weary, battle scarred bodies to rest that night we can glow in the complements received by the biking fraternity and on a job well done at the Lion Rally.

To all members, family and friends who assisted and especially Bokkie our convener of the rally - Well done Uitenhage Lions – You made us proud. - **"Ride with the Pride"**.



**They Ride with the
Pride**

Concourse de Elegance

RETENTION

Hi dear Club Presidents

As a follow up to our recent telephonic conversation I wish to report as follows:

Your feedback would suggest that some 50% of our losses to date were unavoidable, ie deaths and personal circumstances where as the other cases could theoretically have been avoided. (Total losses to the end of Sept were 15)

The projected number of losses for the year ending 30 June 2011 is 45. This is 5 more than our Districts goal

According to your opinion fellowship (fun), involvement, meaningful participation in community projects and involvement of spouses/partners in club activities and recognition seem to be the main factors in keeping members. These factors will be discussed more fully in future news letters from the DG's desk

Thank you very much for your inputs and the friendly manner in which our discussions were held. If your projections materialize, our District will be able to record the least number of losses in years. SO, LETS GO FOR IT

Groetnis and all the very best

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Mobilizing Communities to Eradicate Measles

LCIF has joined with the Measles Initiative to launch the [Lions-Measles Initiative](#) pilot program in four African countries. LCIF and local Lions are supporting a worldwide effort to protect children from measles and strengthen routine immunization services. [View a video of the vaccination campaign in Madagascar](#) and view photos from [Madagascar](#) and [Ethiopia](#). Vaccination campaigns in Nigeria and Mali will take place in January and February, and help even more children. The program is jointly funded by LCIF and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Launched in 2001, the Measles Initiative is a partnership - led by the American Red Cross, United Nations Foundation, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF and World Health Organization - committed to reducing measles deaths worldwide. The Initiative is currently focused on supporting the United Nations' goal of reducing global measles mortality by 90 percent (2000-2010).

KWT LIONS CLUB TOY RUN

On Sunday the 12 dec the KWT Lions Club hosted their annual toy run to collect toys to distribute on Christmas eve.

The weather was not to kind however the event still attracted a fare amount of bikers.

They collected over 130 toys and some cash which was put towards food parcels which were also distributed.

This officer never misses the run and always brings a toy



KWT lions at the Santa Service



A Christmas wish to You from me...



May you and your family have a Magical Festive season filled with Loving Wishes and Beautiful Thoughts. May the coming year of 2011 also mark the beginning of a Tidal Wave of Love, Happiness, Bright Futures and Warmest Wishes.



Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year .

*From
Council Chairman Rashmi Kooverjee and Family
&
District Governor Brian & Family*

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Lord make me instrumental of thy peace;
Where there is hatred,
let me sow love;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant
that I may not so
much seek to be consoled,
as to console,
to
be understood, as to
understand;
To be loved, as to
love;



We Serve



A little boy was waiting for his mother
to come out of the grocery store.
As he waited, he was approached by a man
who asked, "Son, can you tell me
where the Post Office is?"
The little boy replied, "Sure!
Just go straight down this street a coupla
blocks and turn to your right."
The man thanked the boy kindly and said,
"I'm the new pastor in town.
I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday.
I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle.
"Awww, come on... you don't even know
the way to the Post Office."

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