

# Let's do it Now!!



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### From the Desk of District Governor Joggie Kastner

What an exciting month we have had since our first newsletter. Please join Bettie and me as we take the journey.

It started with the Council meeting on 22 August in Port Shepstone where, unfortunately, the misappropriation of Council funds put a damper on proceedings. Fortunately all was recovered. Points of interest which I would like to highlight are the following:

- Membership growth was stressed yet again as there is an increasing number of people in need for help and our present number place strains on our members. I detect voices accusing us of number chasing which is not true. It is merely to try and satisfy growing needs.

- Marketing remains a very important issue, not only to unlock the secrecy of Lions, but also for its contribution to growth in general. It is for this reason that a planning session was held to develop a 3 year marketing strategy. But let us not forget the important role we should play in promoting lionism, not only through the media but also by being visible and the way we present ourselves to public

- The FOODBANK project is growing in importance and has necessitated co-ordination at Multi District level. As you probably know, this project is run on a tri- partite basis ,ie government, business and NGO's, with as aim to feed some 14 million people in need in SA. On 21 August our District held a meeting with the Board of Directors of the Robin Good Organisation. DC Ray Brown has subsequently been appointed on the Board to represent Lions. In the near future the

FOODBANK of PE will "open" satellite stations in EL and George. In order to assist us in meeting our obligations, a position of DC: FOODBANK has been created on Cabinet to which Greg Binge has been appointed.

Let there be no doubt that this



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project has all the ingredients to SERVE

Our Spring Conference was held from 11- 13 September in Graaff Reinet. What a success it has been. But what else can one expect when the organisation is great; the presentations of a high standard and the fellowship spontaneous and "merry". 91 Delegates attended the Conference which started off with a parade through parts of the town. Bearing in mind that we are still in an economic recession, this is great. I am sure that next year we will clip the 100 mark again. John, Pam and your Lions team of GR, thank you once again for your splendid organisation, the more than tasty food you served and last, but not least, your hospitality. You make us proud to be Lions.

Bettie and I visited Zones 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 during the period 8 to 18 September. The purpose of

these visits was to personally workshop THAT which we hope to achieve during this lionistic year. In total 58 Presidents, Secretaries/Treasurers and members of Cabinet attended these workshops. Only 2 Clubs were not represented. We committed ourselves to various areas of growth, such as membership (+40), Branches (5) and Leo Clubs (4); increased attendance of training sessions, participation in peace poster competitions and contributions to LCIF; as well as an improvement in our admin.

To term this "outing" a success would be modest – it was awesome . One is stunned by the number of projects which are in progress or which are in the pipeline. Thank you also for your enthusiasm, hospitality and fellowship.

To our ZC's who arranged the workshops, thank you very much. I might just add that these workshops do not replace the traditional DG visits to Clubs. These will be undertaken from March next year.

On our way back from Komga, we attended the Karoo to Coast Cycle Rally, an annual joint venture of Uniondale and Knysna Lions Clubs. From a modest 240 cyclists some years back, it had a record 2500 cyclists this year, amongst them top SA mountain cyclists. The proceeds of this project are utilized for sight services. By the way, did you know that to date + 1450 cataract operations have been performed in Knysna and, hold still, 8 guide dogs acquired out of the proceeds from this event. Isn't it just amazing. LP's Jimmy and Jessica, you and your Lions can be very proud - and so are we. O ja, I wonder how many of you watched the broadcast of this event on SABC 2 ( Peddle

### Special points of interest:

- Spring Conference '09

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**WE SERVE**



Power) on 27 September?  
 The following Friday we attended the Charter Banquet of our new born baby, the Eden Lions Club. What an eye opener to see the pride on the faces of the 23 individuals which were inducted as well as the glamour which accompanied the occasion. Its been many a year since last a new club was chartered in our District. Congratulations LP Carl to you and your 22 fellow Lions. May your Club go from strength to strength. We heard from a reliable source that more potential members are in the pipeline – wow!

On the same week-end, our last port of entry was Oudtshoorn , where we tried to help

Noll Lions Club in rendering a bar service for the some 800 people (bikers and families) at the Springbok Rally. Their ( bikers and not Noll's) consumption was unbelievable and their endurance even better. Lynette and I were nearly irrigated by a sprinkler technician who no longer could contain the pressure of his built in dam. It turned out to a very enjoyable week –end.



**HODGE - PODGE**

- At the end of August 2009, MD410 had a net increase of 47 members, to which our District contributed 19 new members –the most. But in CC Wally's words, we must not become complacent as losses again took a large chunk off our gains. Together we must do everything possible to harm our enemy no 1 – lets do it.
- What is important is not what you are, but what you have done to become what you are
- Dreams, if left as such, lead to nothing. Dreams put into action, on the other hand, lead to movement and growth. So lets move to grow.



Pictures From Spring



It seems we had an unidentified "Crack" in the hall on Saturday Morning

Seems Some photographer wasn't LISTENING!

Spring  
Conference 2009

# Knysna Lions

Knysna Lions Club are well known for there continued efforts for the sight challenged in the form of Cataract Operations. The figures boggle the mind. At the last outing 60+ patients received the gift of sight.



Knysna were also fortunate to receive a donation from the Syndicate Motorcycle Club.



Jeanette Mani



The people waiting for ops in front are: Sara Willemse, June Arendse, Jan Aucamp, Freek Fortuin

Knysna Lions Club Cataract Ops



A group of "DONE" People



Bureau Staff Joseph, Jona and Japie

# Move to Grow—Way to Go, Sedgefield

PDG Bob Dudley inducted Debbie Olivier into Sedgefield Lions Club on the 9th September. They used a local restaurant and enjoyed some really nice German food.



New Member for Sedgefield



## Uitenhage Almost to be Leo's

These photo's were taken on Saturday 15.08.2009. Our about to be LEO's decided to take 25 children from a disadvantaged farm school to the Addo Elephant Park. Our president Alan Kretschmer and myself accompanied the LEO's and had a wonderful outing. Apart from the elephants we treated the children to soccer, volley ball, boerewors rolls, cooldrinks, sweets and chips. As can be seen on the childrens faces they had a great time.

Regards Bokkie Oberholzer  
Uitenhage Lions



## Despatch Diens Sentrum

The Despatch "Dienssentrum" is a facility in Despatch and caters for the elderly and underprivileged in the community. They serve daily meals to approx 80 people per day for a nominal fee of R7. They also deliver meals to 12 people who are unable to come to the centre due to infirmities. Over and above this they transport the aged to clinics and doctors as well as supermarkets when the need arises.

They survive on donations from the CMR and various churches, as well as catering at functions and holding morning teas for the general public. They do qualify for a Lotto grant (with very strict conditions). All this enables

them to carry out their daily services but leaves very little in reserve to enable them to maintain their building.

As our club plays bingo at the centre on a monthly basis we got to see for ourselves how the water just poured through the roof on rainy days.

On further discussions with the Dienssentrum's personnel and an investigation of their finances our club decided to assist them with repairs to the tune of R20,000. The initial quote received from the contractor, Messrs. Scotts Roofing, was for an amount of R47,012 and after further discussion with them they agreed to reduce this amount by 15%.

Thus the final cost of the repairs amounted to R40,880. It was then decided to approach Cabinet with the view to making use of funds in the Activity Fund account. Cabinet agreed to our request and the go ahead for the repairs was given. Needless to say the personnel at the Dienssentrum were over the moon and were visibly grateful when this was communicated to them. These repairs were subsequently carried out and a very grateful group from the Dienssentrum paid us a club visit and presented us with a delicious home baked cake. We the Uitenhage Lions Club would like to take this opportunity to thank the Cabinet of Dist 410D for assisting us in making these very worthy repairs possible.

Uitenhage





# Karoo to Coast–Knysna Lions

Knysna Lions held the annual Karoo to Coast Cycle Race. As always it was a huge success due to the hard work of the Lions members and partners in service



(and DG Joggie and co)



Karoo to Coast



The winning cyclist Kevin Evans



The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd winners with Lion Sue Fitzpatrick, Colin Vermeulen from our sponsors Talisman and Jacques from Knysna Cycle Works



The winning lady and man with Sponsors and Sue



THE REAL HARD PULL

## Tiaan Louis Nel

During the King William's Town Clubs annual golf day during 2008, an amount of R5000.00 was contributed to a trust fund for young Tiaan Nel (or Tienks as he is known). 1st Vice District Governor Brian von der Decken is one of the Trustees of this fund.

Tiaan was born with Spastic Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy and will spend the rest of his life in a wheel chair.

According to Doctors he will remain "Child Like" for the rest of his life.

The Main purpose of the fund

is to provide for Tiaan's future but also to provide for immediate necessities and items that he has outgrown.

André & Lynn, Tiaan's parents, recently took delivery of a brand new motorized wheel chair and invited all current contributors to witness his first drive.



*Oh yes, don't forget, Tiaan also has his very own Driver's License.*

**Tiaan Gets His Chair**



Out with the old



In with the New

## King Roolz!!

My apologies for blatantly adding frivolity on behalf of my club but I needed to fill this page so I'm gonna bounce King William's Town a little.

Yes King was at Spring—one of the bigger contingents although, unfortunately, percentage-wise not enough of us. That's the penalty you pay for being (at present) the biggest club in the District. King William's Town had a really good year last year as can be seen by the booty we brought home.

Trophies for :

- Membership & Extension
- Best Newsletter
- Best Admin



- Top Club

International patch for "Outstanding Club—International Understanding & Co-operation"

VDG Brian v d Decken

& DC Vic von Abo received Everyday Heroes awards as well as Commendations from Past International President Al Brandel. Immediate Past President Nicholene von Abo, who was the club's first lady as well as youngest ever president, summed it all up as follows:



We don't do service to get awards, but it feels so good to be recognized for the hard work and long hours all Lions put into their Service.



## Know your Cabinet Part 1



District Governor  
Joggie Kastner



1st Vice  
District Governor  
Brian von der  
Decken



2nd Vice  
District Governor  
Francis  
Searle



Immediate Past  
District Governor  
Otto Reinecke



Cabinet Secretary  
Bets van Schalkwyk



Cabinet Treasurer  
PDG Dudley Godfrey

In 1917, a young Chicago insurance salesman, Melvin Jones, had a dream of uniting the several service clubs in existence into one strong organization for service to humankind. Out of this dream, the International Association of Lions Clubs was born. Today, Lions Clubs International exists in most countries in the world and provides humanitarian aid on small and large scales, from acts of service to individuals in a community to assistance in times of floods and hurricanes. Lions have a passion for sight related projects but are also involved in other health projects as well as caring for the young and the elderly. Please help us to help others.

## Final Analysis

*People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered;  
Forgive them anyway.*

*If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;  
Be kind anyway.*

*If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true  
friends; succeed anyway.*

*If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;  
Be honest and frank anyway.*

*What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;  
Build anyway.*

*If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;  
Be happy anyway.*

*The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;  
Do good anyway.*

*Give the world your best anyway.*

***You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;  
It was never between you and them anyway.***

