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News Letter of the District Governor of District 410D

From the Pen of the District Governor

Dear District 410D,

Your Cabinet spent an enjoyable and productive weekend in Port Alfred for the third Cabinet Meeting.

Lion Ray Brown has successfully completed his two projects for the year:

1. The Peace Poster Contest was a great success for our District. Club and school participation has increased. The quality of work submitted varies greatly; the important thing to remember is that the objective of the contest is to encourage our youth to think about the concept of Peace on our planet. With this in mind you are encouraged to approach as many schools as possible to participate in the contest. The new theme for next year has been published so you can start work with the schools immediately.

2. The really exciting news from the Peace Poster Contest is that the



winning poster from MD410 came from the Eden Lions in our District and this poster was awarded a "Merit Award" which means that it was in the top 23 posters in the world.

The Christmas cake project has also closed for this year. All but six clubs participated in this fund raiser. Bear in mind that the packaging is going to change next Christmas so you will not be able to sell left over cakes. You will have to make a plan to use your left over cakes before the new stock is made available.

Administration.

District Secretary Vic is seriously happier with the quality of the clubs administration compared to three months ago.

Well Done Club Secretaries!

We have only two clubs whose Monthly Membership Report (MMR) is currently late and we have seventeen out of thirty of our Clubs making use of the Activities Reports.

The Activity Report is worth getting familiar with since this is the best way to let Lions around the world know what your club is doing. Start planning now to attend the Club Officers training to find out how to make use of the Computer based reporting.

We look forward to seeing you in Kimberly

Take Care

Francis

Marketing & Public Relations

Dear Lion,

As we began the year, I asked you to treat the members of your club and the Lions in your district as you would the members of your own family. Reports show there currently is an increase in members around the world due to better member retention. It is because leaders like you are embracing the My Club, My Family concept. By now, most of you have taken positive steps towards this concept, but let me underline its importance to membership retention and the health of our clubs.

One club I know lost a member in a most tragic way. One of its senior members became very ill and could not attend meetings for more than six months. When he recovered, one of his first acts was to deliver a letter of resignation to his club president. During his lengthy illness, not one member of his club had visited him or inquired about his health.

Here is one lifetime of service that could have been preserved with a simple telephone call, a card or any expression of concern. I can't say I would have acted differently than that senior Lion. But I was lucky. When I first joined the Mt. Cameron Lions Club in Hong Kong, the senior members made me feel welcome, let me take meaningful responsibility and listened to my ideas.

That is one reason why I regard club presidents around the world as my own Lions family and developed the President Meets Presidents Program. I have met with more than 7,000 club presidents, have listened to their ideas and been inspired by their enthusiasm for service and respect for their fellow Lions. I was especially pleased to hear President Dennis Sew of the Hampstead Lions Club in Hampstead, Maryland, USA say:

"My Lions rally together to work annual fundraisers, support our causes and celebrate holidays and charter nights as a family would."

President Jalila Harchaoui of the Lions Club Blida la Rose in Algeria put it succinctly:

"One hand, one heart, we serve with a smile for better future. We serve because we believe more than ever!"

And I am confident that the Lions Club of Tumut, New South Wales, Australia, has a bright future because President Phyllis Darragh told me that:

"We are fortunate to have four of our charter members still with us. We do, however, need to attract members who can actively participate in our community activities. I will be making use of those more experienced than me in our Lions organization for guidance and assistance."

I plan to meet with many more club presidents before the end of our leadership year.

In the meantime, I would be grateful if you would share the stories of your clubs service and membership successes by sending them to **Submit Your Story**

As Lions, our main focus is and must always be on service. But let us remember that our fellow Lions are no less our neighbors and no less deserving of our care and concern than those we exist to serve. I believe this is crucial to making a strong finish to our leadership year. Our ultimate success as Lion leaders may well depend on reaching out to them outside the context of meetings and official occasions. They are your Lions family as you are all my Lions family.

Sincerely,

Wing-Kun Tam

Global Service Action Campaigns

This year Lions have directly touched the lives of more than four million people through Global Service Action Campaigns alone. Please take a moment to reflect on these statistics and appreciate how Lions are changing the world one person at a time.

August - Engaging our Youth

* Activities: 9,829 -Lions Hours: 825,534 -People Served: 1,746,302

October - Sharing the Vision

* Activities:7,439 -Lions Hours: 588,329 - People Served: 4,425,142

December/January- Relieving the Hunger

* Activities: 7,161 - Lions Hours: 624,978 - People Fed: 7,523,880

Now get ready for an even greater impact on our world by preparing your club and district for the April Global Service Action Campaign, Protecting Our Environment

You can build on the momentum of our Million Tree Planting Campaign by planting even more trees or by engaging your club and local Leos on projects such as:

- * Helping to build a safe drinking water system
- * Organizing a battery or electronics recycling campaign
- * Cleaning-up a beach or park
- * Raising awareness about "going green"

See Protecting Our Environment Project Ideas

Worldwide Induction Day

Worldwide Induction Day on April 21, 2012 is the perfect time for a membership campaign Start your planning now by downloading the Worldwide Induction Day Planning Guide

The Lions Operation Brightsight committee would like to wish all Lions in Multiple district 410 **"A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 2012"**

Good News – We are pleased to announce that our long awaited L.C.I.F. Grant has finally arrived and we now have R126,750 to spend on equipment for the mobile testing unit that will enable Lions Clubs to reach communities that we have been unable to serve in the past.

It is planned to start the programme with the facility first set up at the Lions Operation Brightsight office in Benoni with our own resident Optometrist that will do screening on a weekly basis.

Lions Clubs in the area will then have the opportunity of bringing patients to the office for their eye tests.

Details of this service will be circulated to clubs once the equipment is in place.

After this initial "pilot scheme" has been proven, the equipment will be available to Lions Clubs to enable them to carry out testing in the rural areas and in places where existing testing is difficult to carry out.

With the introduction of the above facility we can expect to generate a marked increase in scripts and thus get nearer the magical figure of 400 scripts per month to make Lions Operation Brightsight a viable project in the multiple district.

At the second MD Council meeting, the council voted a sum of R30,000 to enable Lions Operation Brightsight to continue the day to day operation of supplying spectacles to the less privileged in our communities and we thank them most sincerely for their and the Multiple Districts generosity for this help.

Fund raising remains high on our agenda in order to supplement the funds needed to run Lions Operation Brightsight and with this in mind we would remind you that Candy White Canes are still available for the Multiple District Clubs to raise funds for their sight related projects.

These are available from the Lions Operation Brightsight office for R700 per pack of 200 canes postage and packing paid.

Two more fund raising projects taking place in District 410B are the Boat Race at Zoo Lake on March 10th

with the theme of "The Movies". This always proves to be a fun day out with plenty of fellowship and family involvement.



The second fund raising project is the variety show "Doctor Doctor" to be held at the German Club in Edenvale on March 30th, tickets are R120 each and tables of eight are available or members can share tables should it not be possible to fill the eight places.

Contact PDG Lion George MacDonald at the Lions Operation Brightsight office for tickets and table bookings.

Prizes will be given to the best table that enters into the medical theme for the evening.

The Council Secretary, Pam Scheffel, has circulated all clubs with the request that if any club would like to nominate one of their club members to serve on the Lions operation Brightsight management committee, they should contact her with the names.

This is going to be exciting times at Operation Brightsight with the introduction of the LCIF Grant and the extra coverage we will be able to offer, so we would welcome the new ideas and help that new members of our committee can bring.

The Lions Operation Brightsight committee meet once per month at the Brightsight office in Benoni and the meetings last for a maximum of 90 minutes.

Lions of MD 401 thank you again for your support of lions Operation Brightsight and for allowing us to continue to help those of our communities with impaired sight.

Derek Edwards

Lions Operation Brightsight

Management Committee 2011 - 2012

PDG Derek Edwards (Chairperson) (Bedfordview); Lion Shaun Carter (Treasurer) (Northcliff);
Lion Janis van der Heiden (Secretary) (Benoni van Rhyn); LP Mark Meltzer (Glenoaks); LP Charles Groves (Benoni);
Lion Betty Chard (Benoni van Rhyn)

A happy child holding a delicious hot dog when they provided hotdogs and cooldrinks for 500 children at the Bikers Toy run held at the Gonubie Showgrounds in December.



Lion Wendy with some of the residents at a very poor home for the aged called Silver Crown, they were treated to cold drink floats and each received a bag of biscuits that were baked by the handicapped at the McClelland home.



Picture of hampers that Cambridge Lions distributed to some needy families during December, they did this in conjunction with Motor Mecca who helped with sponsorship.



Lion President Harry with Lions Theresa and Charlie, have handed out all the hampers and are very content after yet another successful

Here is a very content little boy, his belly is full after enjoying juice and hot dogs provided by Cambridge Lions and receiving lovely gifts from the Bikers. This Toy Run is an annual event that Cambridge Lions do in conjunction with the bikers every December.



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LIONS CLUB

Lion Miriam Basson

LIONS MAAK HART OOP VIR HUIS ADALIAH

Die afgelope kersgety het almal in die dorp die geleentheid gehad om 'n hart te versier en aan die kersboom te hang. Die fondse het vir Huis Adaliah gegaan en kon jy jou vergaap aan wat alles aan die boom was.

Ja nee, hier is sommer 'n klomp kreatiewe mense op Swellendam. Dankie Lions President Ina Ogilvie vir die pragtige hart wat jy namens die Lions gaan ophang het - dit het menige leeuheart sommer warm laat klop!



LIONS VOORSIEN COKE VIR DIE BRANDSLANERS IN DIE BLOEDIGE HITTE

Ons op Swellendam het nou wel nie die grootste verskeidenheid van winkels nie, ons het nie ysskaatsbane nie, ons het nie 'n openbare swembad nie, so kan ek vele opnoem, maar wanneer dit by grootmoedigheid en oop harte in tye van nood kom, daag ek enige dorp/stad uit om ons te ewenaar. Tydens die brande wat steeds woed, het ons net besef iets moet gedoen word. Die vorige aand het ons reeds 30 brode se toebroodjies vir die brandslaners gemaak maar het ons besef die mense moet ongelooflik dors wees. Dit was net 'n enkele versoek aan Johnny Cardoso van Coke op Worcester en binne 'n kwartier kon Theo Augustyn die 6 kiste Coke aan Dr Clayton Williams oorhandig. Ons moes dit doodeenvoudig net by Swellendam Groentemark gaan haal het en sou hulle dit iewers in die week net weer vervang het. Baie dankie Coke, julle is ware staatmakers!

So ook kan ons dieselfde van Leon Ras by Sasko sê. Toe dit by ons opkom om iets te ete vir die moeë mense in die berg te maak, was broodjies natuurlik die vinnigste om aan te dink. In 'n japtrap het Leon 30 brode vir ons gebring wat woerts warts gesmeer en verpak en afgelewer is. Sasko het dit geskenk en die feit dat dit na-ure was, maak dit soveel meer merkwaardig.

Mense, sonder julle hulp KAN ons NIE!

Duisend dankies vir julle ruimhartigheid.



BROODJIES VIR BRANDSLANERS

Almal het sonder aarseling net eenvoudig begin smeer en broodjies gemaak.

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LIONS CLUB

Lion Elaine Dudley

On the 20th January President Sue from Knysna Lions attended the opening of the Eden Lions new clubhouse at the George Railway Museum. She is seen in the photo handing over the Knysna Lions Banner to Eden Lions President Barbara Haywood.



Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all. – Dale Carnegie

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LIONS CLUB

Lion Bettie
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STILBAAI LIONS WOEKER

Hi van Stilbaai wat geensins stil was nie omdat ons 'n baie besige en produktiewe tyd beleef het

Ten eerste is die “ STILBAAI LIONS RUIK- EN- RAAKROETE” (Braille Trail”) op 28 November 2011 amptelik deur die Wes-Kaape Minister van Gesondheid op 'n feesryke geleentheid geopen. Hierdie roete maak deel uit van 'n park met inheemse plantegroei wat tans ontwikkel word

Die skool vir Blindes was betrek met die uitleg van die roete terwyl die gestremdes van Huis Wallace Anderson op Riversdale die “padwaardigheid” van die oppervlakte getoets het. Oral op die roete is daar geurige inheemse plante asook 'n waterval wat die blindes baie geniet en waar die mense in rolstoele veilig heen en weer kan beweeg

Ons betrokkenheid dien vier doelwitte van Lions Internasionaal, nl diens aan blindes en gestremdes, bewaring van die omgewing asook bemarking van Lions. 'n Bekroonde skryfster het opgemerk “ Now you have become “Knights for the Blind”



Ten tweede is daar weer die tradisionele Voedsel- en Wynfees gehou. Sowat 2000 mense het die fees gedurende die aande van 19 en 20 Desember 2011 besoek, waarvan minstens 1700 “geproe het. Dit was weereens 'n reuse sukses en dien as die hoof fondsinsamelingsprojek waauit talle gemeenskapsprojekte gefinansier word, soos bv die Ruik-en- Raakroete.



Ten derde is die jaarlikse Lions Gholf borgdag op 21 Desember gehou. Die feit dat ons 'n vol baan kon lok (125 spelers) getuig van die goeie ondersteuning wat ons van die plaaslike gemeenskap en vakansiegangers kry.

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LION RAY BROWN

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL “URGENT NEWS FLASH”

Fellow Lions please join me in congratulating Mauritz Zonnestein (13 years old) of the Outnique Primary School, his PPC Poster was awarded a Merit Awards, in Lions Clubs International 2010-2011 Peace Poster Contest “Children Know Peace”.

I would also like to congratulate The Eden Lions Clubs who sponsored the Outenique Primary school.

Lion Ray Brown

DC Peace Poster Contest

District 410D



A little girl and her father were crossing a bridge.

The father was kind of scared so he asked his little daughter:
"Sweetheart, please hold my hand so that you don't fall into the river."

The little girl said: "No, Daddy, you hold my hand."

The puzzled Father asked, "What's the difference sweetheart?"

"There's a big difference Daddy," replied the little girl. "If I hold your hand and something happens to me, chances are that I may let your hand go. But if you hold my hand, I know for sure that no matter what happens, you will never let my hand go."

In any relationship, the essence of trust is not in its bind, but in its bond. So hold the hand of the person whom you love rather than expecting them to hold yours...



Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian youth's ritual to becoming a man?

His father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone.



Once he survives the night, he is a MAN

He cannot tell the other boys of this experience, because each lad must come into manhood on his own.

The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm. The wind blew the grass and earth, and shook his stump, but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man! Finally, after a horrific night the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold.

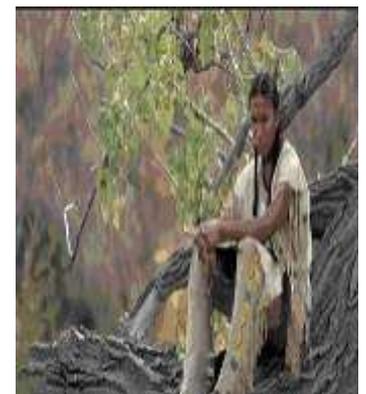
It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him. He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

We, too, are never alone. Even when we don't know it, God is watching over us, Sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him.

If you liked this story, pass it on. If not, you took off your blindfold before dawn.

Moral of the story:
Just because you can't see God,
Doesn't mean He is not there.

"For we walk by faith, not by sight."



Cola Chicken

8 chicken thighs or 6 breasts

1 large onion cut into rings

250g brown mushrooms sliced

340ml can of cola (or appletizer)

1 packet cream of mushroom soup

30ml chutney

30ml tomato sauce

1 tsp crushed garlic

3 bay leaves

aromat (to taste)



Brown the chicken pieces in a bit of oil or butter.

Add onion and mushrooms and sauté for 2 minutes.

Remove from heat and place in a casserole dish

For the sauce :- Add cola & soup powder to a pan and stir on low heat until smooth
Add chutney, tomato sauce, garlic and bay leaves and stir frequently until sauce thickens.

Pour sauce over the chicken and season with aromat.

Bake at 180°C for 1 hour.

Serve with nutty brown rice.

Lions Lady Antonia

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Laws To Remember.....

1. Law of Mechanical Repair - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.
2. Law of Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.
3. Law of Probability - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.
4. Law of Random Numbers- If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.
6. Variation Law- If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).
7. Law of the Bath- When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.
8. Law of Close Encounters - The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.
9. Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.
10. Law of Biomechanics - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.
11. Law of the Theater & Stadium - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.
12. The Coffee Law - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.
13. Murphy's Law of Lockers - If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.
14. Law of Physical Surfaces - The chances of an open-faced jam sandwich landing face down on a floor, are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.
15. Law of Logical Argument - Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.
16. Brown's Law of Physical Appearance - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.
17. Oliver's Law of Public Speaking - A closed mouth gathers no feet.
18. Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.
19. Doctors' Law - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better.. But don't make an appointment, and you'll stay sick.

DISTRICT 410D



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THE LIONS CREED

A person who achieves success, who lives well, laughs often and loves much; who gains the respect of intelligent people and the love of little children.

Who fills a niche and accomplishes his or her task, who leaves the world better than he or she found it whether by a brighter flower, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul.

Who always sees the best in others and gives the best he or she has; whose life is an inspiration, whose memory is a benediction.

That person is a LION.

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.

G i g g l e & G a g

Paddy and Murphy are working on a building site.

Paddy says to Murphy "I'm gonna have the day off, I'm gonna pretend I'm mad!"

He climbs up the rafters, hangs upside down and shouts "I'M A LIGHTBULB! I'M A LIGHTBULB!"

Murphy watches in amazement!

The Foreman shouts "Paddy you're mad, go home"

So he leaves the site.

Murphy starts packing his kit up to leave as well.

"Where the hell are you going?" asks the Foreman.

"I can't work in the friggin' dark!" says Murphy.

