

Let's do it Now!!



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From the Desk of District Governor Joggie Kastner

Dear Lions

Bettie and I trust that you all had a wonderful festive season; dusted off the fatigue; and that you are raring to face the challenges that lie ahead.



District Governor Joggie Kastner & Lion Bettie

We believe it is going to be a great year. Let's look at but some of the expected highlights:

From the second half of this month, it is the "Lions in Sight Campaign". This Campaign has as purpose to make Lions and the work they do more visible and known to the public at large and in particular to the community we serve. Let us make a special effort not only to be seen (don't forget to wear your pins and other forms of identification) and heard, but also to make the community aware of the great things we as an organisation do. Your ZC will also supply you with visual material after our Cabinet meeting on 30 Jan. Please make it avail-

able as widely as possible.

Those of you who attended the Spring Conference and our Zone meetings, will recall that we committed ourselves to one additional community project per Club this year in which members of the community are drawn in as partners. Don't you think it is now the opportune time to launch such projects? Let's do it. My further request to you is not to view this campaign as a once off, but to make it part of our daily lives. We have so much to be proud of, so why deprive the community from knowing who we are and what we do. We are still jubilant about winning the MD Peace Poster Competition, but let's not sit on our laurels. It is time to

get started with this years competition. More info is contained in a letter from our DC PDG Bob Dudley which has been sent to Clubs and also appears elsewhere in this Newsletter. Last year

only some six Clubs in our District participated which, to say the least, is "vrot". Why can't we make it 30 Clubs and by so doing enhance our chances of winning again. The purchase price per kit is only some R 120 which can be defrayed from your project account. Should you require more info, please do not hesitate to contact either your Zone Chairman or DC PDG Bob.

In the October edition of our newsletter, we set aside 14 February annually as the date on which we as a District will pay tribute to the great contributions our Partners in Service make towards Lions – often unnoticed and unseen but always there.

So please don't forget to make this date a special one. I would dearly like you to give

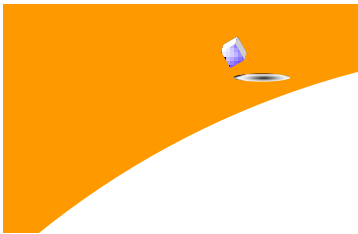
Special points of interest:

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- Peace Poster
- Lions in Sight

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WE SERVE



me feedback on how it was experienced by all.

I intend visiting all Clubs during March and April as a follow up to the Zone Workshops we had last year. It is my intention that we evaluate our progress towards meeting our agreed upon targets and, where necessary, to adjust them. I would also like to hear more about your Club's "heart beat" and the exciting services you render to those less fortunate than us. Hoping that you will be able to arrange your agenda in such a way so as to promote meaningful discussions (say plus minus one and a half hours). I will forward the proposed dates of our visits towards the end of this month. Bettie and I just



cannot wait!!!!

The 2010 District and Multiple District Conventions will take place from 6 to 8 May at Goudini Spa near Worcester. By this time you have most probably been informed and have taken note of the Registration procedure and costs. This is an important once a year event which every Lion should try to attend. It is also such a learning curve and one always returns enriched and motivated. Yes, I agree one can say a lot about the costs attached to attending the Convention, But then one can drastically cut costs by travelling together and sharing accommodation. I really hope to see many 410D Lions in Goudini.

These are but a few of

the exiting and most probable rewarding moments which lie ahead of us. Then I have not even touched on all the rewarding Club activities and the fellowships.

We are sure that we can count on your continued support just as you can count on ours. Let us make it a year to remember with plenty of new faces joining Lions; by retaining our most precious asset, ie members; through rendering community driven service; and by taking part in joyful fellowships.

Warm groetnis, ook van Bettie

Joggie

Lions in Sight

At the last Council meeting there was agreement with a proposal that Lions need to find a national event beyond Christmas Cakes and the now defunct White Cane which will place us in the public eye on an annual basis.

It needs to be an event with mass appeal, original, entertaining, in the public eye and something which each district can do at the same time throughout the country.

Now I know there are clubs everywhere who have very special events that really catch the interest of sponsors, public and the media and that's what we need to hear about.

So please investigate what's happening out there, supply a narrative on how the event works etc.

These suggestions will be forwarded to PDG Clive Fox for further processing.

Cabinet will also be distributing pamphlets and brochures to clubs via the Zone Chairpersons that can be used to market your club and Lions as a whole. Please be proud to be a Lion and place us on the map.

Let us not be the best kept secret any longer.

Shout it out—ROAR like the true Lion you are

Peace Poster

VISION OF PEACE

Season Greetings to all fellow Lions and families hope that you all have a very happy Festive Season and a very prosperous New Year. Congratulations to Port Rex on their entry being forwarded to international as the M.D.winner. The time has come for you to start planning for the coming years Peace Poster Contest so that all can be in place before the start of the 2010 school year. As this is one project that produces great PRO for your club I would like to see 100% participation. For approximately R120.00 there should be no excuse about price and I am sure all clubs have at least one Primary School in their town. If your club does not take part do not use those age old words "WHY IS IT ALWAYS THOSE CLUBSTHAT WIN." Cabinet is looking into purchasing a quantity of kits which can be purchased on a first come first served basis. If this does happen I will let you know A.S.A.P. Judging will take place at Spring Conference; please all entries (one per kit) must comply with the rules of the contest. Please do not forget the sticker to be attached to the back of the poster.

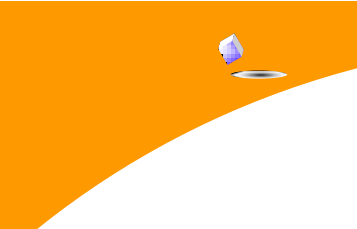
LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST RULES

A kit must be purchased for each contest sponsored. Each kit includes a sticker to be placed on the back of the winning poster prior to forwarding it to the next level of judging. Entries not featuring an official sticker on the back or meeting the rules listed below will be disqualified. Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school(s) or organized, sponsored youth group(s), such as YMCA programs, Boys & Girls Clubs, Scouts, etc. *A Lioness club can sponsor the contest through its sponsoring Lions club.* Note: The contest cannot be held in youth groups that a Lions club sponsors, such as a Leo club or Scout unit. However, individual members of those groups (such as Leos or Scouts) may participate if the contest is held at their school or other organized youth group. Contest is open to students who will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15. Eligible birthdates can be found under the Contest Rules & Conditions found in the Peace Poster kit. Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches (33 centimeters by 50 centimeters) and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches (50 centimeters by 60 centimeters). Do not mat or frame artwork. Only one entry per student, and each entry must be the work of only one student. All artwork must be the individual student's original creation. Duplications are not accepted. All media are accepted. Note: Chalk, charcoal and pastel entries should be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing. Do not laminate entries. Three-dimensional entries will not be accepted. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way. The use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster, in any language, is not allowed. All artist signatures or initials should be written on the back of the poster. Artwork should be done on a flexible material, so it can be rolled for shipping in a mailing tube. Do not fold poster. Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries. Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for entries damaged, destroyed or lost during the judging process. Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned; they become property of Lions Clubs International upon receipt. Peace Poster Contest images cannot be used

Peace
Poster

without written permission from Lions Clubs International. In consideration for the opportunity to enter the Peace Poster Contest, participants agree to allow Lions Clubs International to use their names and photographs for promotional and publicity purposes. In addition, the international grand prize winner, two family members (one being a parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring club president or a club member (as designated by the sponsoring club president) are required to attend the award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations in New York City, New York, USA (subject to change). An international grand-prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Peace Poster contests sponsored by Lions Clubs International. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lions Clubs International. Lions Clubs International may cancel the contest without notice at any time. The contest is void where prohibited, taxed or restricted by la





Christmas in Knysna

Some photos taken on Xmas morning when the Knysna Lions did their yearly trip to the

Knysna Provincial Hospital to hand

out gifts to the children and to the staff. They also visited and gave presents to the Ambulance Services, Police and Fire Station.



100% Presidents Award

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Letter from PDG Rob Fowler

I note that a few of you have already commented on the low number of 100% club presidents from the previous Lionistic year.

I'm sure that you will agree with me that this is really very sad as it sits at the very heart of our drive to have vibrant and well organized clubs that are lead by similarly excited and well organized Lion leaders.

There are possibly two aspects to this. The first is ensuring that Club Presidents know and understand how they will be rated for this recognition.

The second is to ensure that the supporting structures are in place to assist club presidents to meet their commitments. The Zone

Chairman can play a very important role in this. Maybe they should receive special recognition if all their club presidents are recognised as 100% Presidents at the end of their year.

I heard recently of a Zone Chair sending out invitations to presidents like a week before the event. One of the President's couldn't make the meeting at short notice and is immediately at a disadvantage. Another Zone Chair organized the Zone Meeting on the same night as a regular club meeting night and the Club President - whose responsibility is to his club members - could not rearrange the whole club's affairs to make the zone meeting and was therefore also penalised as attendance at Zone (DGA) Meetings is an important element of the evaluation process. This kind of silliness very quickly breaks the spirit of hitherto enthusiastic presidents.

Let's all try to help our Club Presidents be "right" instead of "wrong". To be positive instead of negative and to see that to be recognised within a great team of 100% Club Presidents (and Zone Chairpersons) is a real distinction.

This is certainly not difficult but will possibly need a bit more forethought to encourage and assist all our presidents.

I hope that at the end of your year you will be able to recognise every one of your own very special club presidents as 100% contributors to the continued growth and development of our great organization.

Food for thought! My best regards and hopes for continued leadership success to you all.

Yours in Lionism,
PDG Rob Fowler



Santa Service in King William's Town

Christmas Eve is when the King William's Town Lions hit the streets and really make a difference.

Money collected from the Toy Run is used to make up food parcels that are distributed to needy families during the afternoon. This year Zone Chairman Ashley and Lions Lady Antonia officiated. It has to be noted that 3 of these families had NOTHING, yes folks ZERO, in

their cupboards on Christmas Eve.

In the evening Santa jumps on his sleigh and visits the Child & Youth Care Centre as well Grey Monument Clinic and Grey Hospital childrens ward where toys, sweets and cold drinks are distributed to the children.

Very few dry eyes were to be seen and **even some "Manne"** were seen to surreptitiously dab a

tear.

This project originally started off as a fundraiser where gifts were delivered at a fee. But then a greater need was discovered.

This is truly what being a Lion is all about and makes us all realize how blessed we are.

On the way back to the den Santa also surprised some children out for a

stroll with Mom and handed over some toys and sweets to them as well.



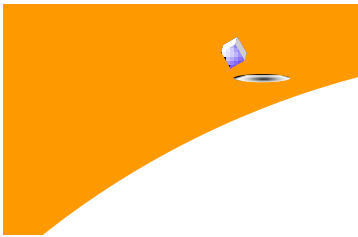
Who says a child needs to be destitute to be given some LOVE from a stranger.!!



Food Parcels being distributed



Each of these photo's has its own story and we are not able to discuss that here. Suffice to say that the KWT Lions felt truly blessed after this experience



Know your Cabinet
Part 4

Zone Chairperson
Zone 3
Gail Brown



Zone Chairperson
Zone 6
Ashley Styles

Regional MERL
Chairperson
Elaine Dudley

Zone Chairperson
Zone 4
Barry Jones



Zone Chairperson Zone 7
& Regional MERL Chair-
man
John Ross



Regional MERL
Chairman
Bokkie Oberholzer



Zone Chairperson
Zone 5
Ivan Piater



Regional MERL
Chairman
Bertie Roux



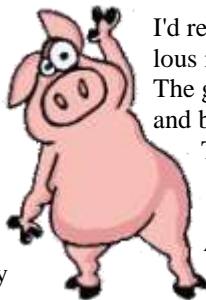
Regional MERL
Chairman
Russell Volker

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

The Month After Christmas

'Twas the month after
Christmas,
and all through the house,
Nothing would fit me,
not even a
blouse.

The cookies
I'd nibbled,
the chocolate
I'd taste
At the holi-
day parties
had gone to my
waist.



When I walked to the
store
(less a walk than a lum-
ber),

I'd remember the marvel-
lous meals I'd prepared;
The gravies and sauces
and beef nicely rared,
The wine and the rum
balls, the bread and
the cheese
And the way I'd never
said, "No thank you,
please."

As I dressed myself in my
husband's old shirt
And prepared once again

When I got on the scales
there arose such a num-
ber!

to do battle with dirt...
I said to myself, as I only
can,
"You can't spend a winter,
disguised as a man!"

So, away with the last
of the sour cream
dip.
Get rid of the fruit
cake, every
cracker and
chip.
Every last bit of
food that I like
must be banished
Till all the additional
ounces have vanished.

I won't have a cookie, not
even a lick.
I'll want only to chew on a

long celery stick.
I won't have hot biscuits,
or corn bread, or pie.
I'll munch on a carrot and
quietly cry.

I'm hungry, I'm lone-
some, and life is a
bore...
But isn't that what
January is for?
Unable to gig-
gle, no longer
a riot.
Happy New
Year to all, and to all
a good diet.

