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## WORDS FROM OUR DG

Hamilton Wright Mabie said that "the question for each man to settle is not what he would do if he had means, time, influence and educational advantages; the question is what he will do with the things he has. The moment a young man ceases to dream or to bemoan his lack of opportunities and resolutely looks his conditions in the face, and resolves to change them, he lays the corner-**stone of a solid and honorable success.**" I have been privileged this year to witness what the Lions in our District have achieved with the limited resources that they enjoy and it has made me extremely proud of them and proud to be a Lion. We have had a challenging year with our membership but that has not deterred our Clubs from serving, and serving well. I believe that we will grow stronger in the coming year and thank each Lion and partner in service for contributing to the success of our District this year. I thank my fellow Cabinet officers for their assistance in managing our District, and I thank 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Elect Russell Volker for producing an excellent newsletter each month, keeping our District and beyond informed of all that we have achieved. I wish District Governor Elect Francis Searle and Lion Gloria a wonderful and exciting year as the leaders of District 410D and encourage us all to keep serving with pride. Just believe and we will do it.

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## PA CHARTER & PA & SUNSHINE COAST INDUCTION

What a privilege to be at the birth of a new Lions Club. Port Alfred had their Charter Dinner as well as the induction of their 1st President on 25 June 2011 which was a very auspicious occasion with a record 88 in attendance and a total of 50 guests, including other service clubs from Port Alfred and Kenton. The reply to the guests was done by the president of Rotary who in no uncertain terms indicated that it is time that all the service clubs get together and plan their calendar and maybe joint ventures. Port Alfred Lions have the most members in one service club in Port Alfred and are going to be a driving force in the community.

Without the Sponsor Club Sunshine Coast this new Club would never have happened so it was very special that the induction of their new President took place on the same evening. Well done Sunshine Coast on your achievement.



# PA CHARTER & PA & SUNSHINE COAST INDUCTION

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DG BRIAN EXCHANGING  
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# PA CHARTER & PA & SUNSHINE COAST INDUCTION



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## FINAL WORDS FROM IP SID SCRUGGS

This is my last monthly message to you as international president and I wish to thank you for all you have done to make this year so memorable and satisfying.

Throughout our shared leadership year I have asked you to let your light shine; to shine as a beacon of hope to all who need our help. You have done all this and more. Through the four Global Service Action Campaigns alone, you have helped Lions Clubs International reach new heights of service. These worldwide initiatives spotlighted the needs and potential of young people, blindness prevention, worldwide hunger, and protecting the environment. More importantly, these campaigns resulted in direct service to more than 11.6 million people -- people whose lives have been touched by Lions and who will not forget what we have done for them.

First Vice President Wing-Kun Tam shares our belief that service is paramount in the International Association of Lions Clubs and I am pleased to tell you that the Global Service Action Campaigns we have inaugurated this year will continue under his leadership. In fact, he will be expanding the Protecting our Environment Campaign to challenge Lions to plant one million trees during his year as president. I hope these campaigns will become a yearly tradition shining a light on our association's most important service commitments.

Thank you again for all you have done to serve your communities and for participating in this year of extraordinary achievement.



- International Lions President Sid Scruggs with Stop Hunger Now USA CEO Rod Brooks in support of the Lions Feed Me Campaign.

IP Sid Scruggs **signs a plate**

## Eden Lions turns 2!

When Lion Carl van Blerk approached a group of individuals with the idea of starting a new Lions club in the Eden District in 2009, nobody would have thought that the Eden Lions Club **would so quickly become a recognised Beacon of Hope to the community.** "I was surprised how easy it was to find like-minded people who shared a desire to help others," says Carl. **"We all had one thing in common - a passion for active community service, to actually get out there and serve."**

Their ever-enthusiastic team of yellow-shirted volunteers have been actively involved in:

- Disaster relief and emergency supplies
- Youth activities; like drug awareness, toy and stationery drives, feeding and building related projects, starting 2 junior Lion (LEO) clubs at local schools
- Elderly support activities
- Support to families affected by life-threatening disease
- Providing refreshments, first aid and encouragement at tourism, sport and cultural **events, ... and many more!**

On Saturday 4 June, the Eden Lions Club held their presidential induction at the Down to **Earth restaurant in Herold's Bay.** The newly inducted president is **Barbara Haywood, who** was one of the original charter members of the club in 2009. Ever since, Barbara has lived out her passion for dynamic community service by working tirelessly and selflessly as secretary of the club.

Carl van Blerk and incoming president Barbara Haywood with CC Rashmi Koo-verjee



## Eden Lions turns 2!

The induction was attended by more than 60 guests, consisting of Lions, their friends and families, Past District Governors, Lions Cabinet Members and representatives of various service clubs.

The guest of honour for the evening was Lion Council Chairman Rashmi Koooverjee, who made a surprise award to Lion President Carl van Blerk, the Charter President of the Eden Lions Club for the past two years. Carl received the prestigious Melvin Jones Award, for the work that he has done as President of the club and building the club into one of the top clubs in the country in just 2 years!

In citing the reasons for the award, CC Rashmi applauded Carl for working tirelessly for **the benefit of those less fortunate. Carl's latest project, the 'Feed Me' Campaign, is** aimed at providing nutritional support to thousands, if not millions, of hungry people across the world. This project has received the support of all the District Governors, the outgoing and incoming Council Chairmen of Lions South Africa and a host of celebrities across South Africa. Possibly the highest level of support was recently received all the way from America, from the International President of Lions Clubs, Sid Scruggs who signed one of the prestigious Gold Feed Me Plates, endorsing the project for Lions world-wide.

Incoming President Barbara Haywood pledged her **support to the community of George, saying, "It is an absolute privilege to take the reigns in leading such a dynamic team. We are already hard at work on various community projects for the near future."**

In closing, Barbara reminded all the guests that **"There is no "I" in "TEAM" - but rather 31 very enthusiastic and capable "WE's" to get us there."**

For further information on how clubs across South Africa can be a part of the Feed Me Campaign, raising funds for their own feeding projects, please visit the website: [www.edenlions.org.za](http://www.edenlions.org.za) or the Facebook Group "Lions Feed Me Campaign" for more details

Carl and Debby van Blerk with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.



## Eberhard J. Wirfs Chairperson, LCIF

To reach even more people, we established four main priorities for our Foundation this year. And I'm so happy to say we have achieved each of these.

To help with developing goals, one of the priorities was the creation of a [Steering Committee](#). The committee is comprised of Lions leaders and Constitutional Area is represented.



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Our first goal was improving our communications flow. Just last month we launched our [new Web site](#) in English, and it will launch in languages at our International Convention.

I am convinced you will agree this is a huge advance toward meeting this goal. This new site gives you more tools and resources to promote the good work we Lions are doing. It also offers you many opportunities to contact us at anytime. Your thoughts are important and help us to move forward. Please visit [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org), if you haven't already.

[Lions Quest](#) is a program that is particularly near and dear to my heart. More than 12 million children have benefited from this life skills program. And that's why reaching even more children was another priority. We held trainings and created a How-to-Kit to help Lions' expansion efforts. Just last month Indonesia began this program. I'm happy to say it's now in six new countries, for a total of 66 countries. At this time, there are more than 20 countries ready to start this program-the only world program focused on social and emotional education.

Another priority was activating our volunteer coordinator structure. To strengthen Lions' engagement with LCIF, new fundraising goals were set, with district and multiple district coordinators helping lead these efforts. We created several [new resources](#) for our coordinators. I enjoyed hosting several Webinars to provide updates to our coordinators and to encourage them to work closely and effectively with our DG Teams. **Most exciting is the fact that our efforts are paying off. Donations for this year are up by US\$10.5 million, or 33 percent! Thank you for your continued support and dedication to helping LCIF continue to be the #1 NGO worldwide.**

We have set a solid platform with international structures to build upon next year! I can assure you I will remain committed to our Foundation for years to come, and I hope I can count on you to do the same.

## PORT REX

Lion Lady Yvonne Bissell presenting the awards and trophies at the Showcase evening held at the Clarendon Primary School Hall



### SING OUT LOUD



**GOLDEN NOTE:** Members of the Sulberris Primary School Choir do their rendition of *Exultate Cantamus Festive* at the opening night of the Port Rex Lions Eisteddfod held at the Nutsun Park Centenary Hall. The Eisteddfod runs from May 9 to 20.

Picture: MARK ANDREWS

## SWELLENDAM

Ina Ogilvie het op 10 Junie 2011 geskiedenis gemaak deurdat sy die eerste vrou is wat as Lions President van Swellendam Lions ingehuldig is. In die ander klubs is dit geen uitsondering dat 'n vrou aan die roer van sake is nie. Die spoggeleentheid het by Wildebraam plaasgevind en Ina was bevoorreg om al 4 haar kinders by haar te gehad het.



voor van links na regs: Joki, Marilda, Aletia, Ina en Ineke. Agter is Herman Smit wat die inhuldiging waargeneem het en 'n skoonseun, Henk Tiggelman.

# KING INDUCTION

LION PRESIDENT ASHLEY

DG BRIAN

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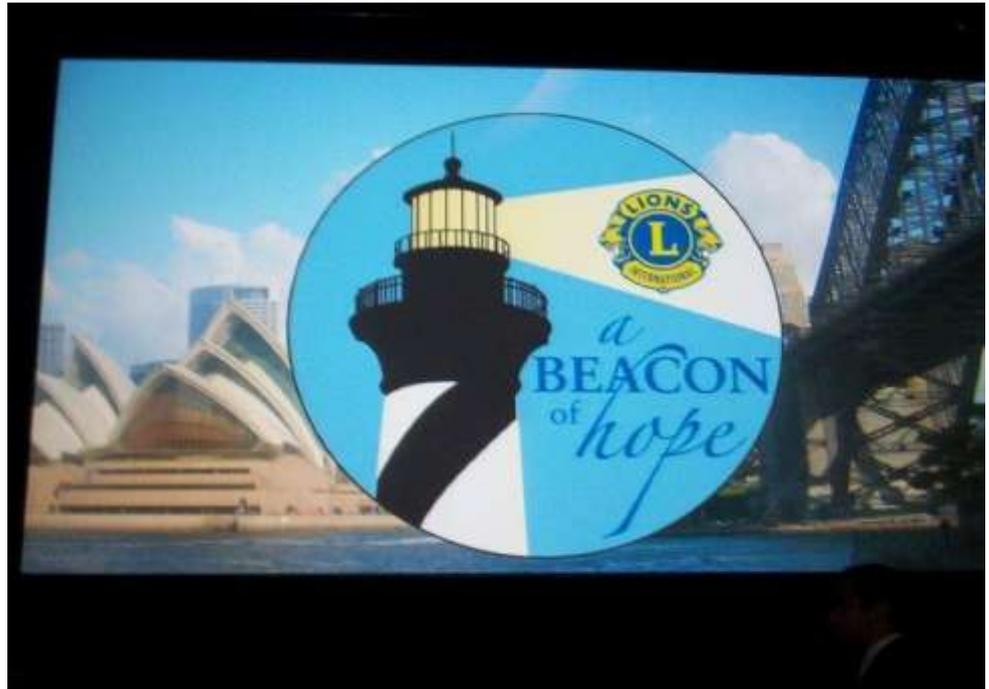
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Lord make me instrumental of thy peace;  
Where there is hatred,  
let me sow love;  
Where there is dis-  
pair, hope;  
Where there is dark-  
ness, light;  
And where there is  
sadness, joy.

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



## BEACON OF HOPE HIGHLIGHTS

You have shown the way for your neighbors. During the past 11 months Lions light has shone as a beacon for people seeking effective ways to serve their communities and the world. Lions Clubs International membership has increased by 24,131 over last year. More than 1,400 new Lions Clubs have been chartered in 92 countries. I see this as a clear indication that, when people know who Lions are and have the opportunity to see what we do, they will wish to join us. Important and successful service projects bring new and effective members to our clubs and districts. More members and more clubs in more places mean more and better service to our communities and the world. We must do all we can to keep this cycle turning and the momentum moving forward! With more Lions in more clubs in more communities, Lions Clubs International will be able to change the lives of more people in more places than ever before.



**We Serve**

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR WONDERFULL SUPPORT  
OF THE DG'S NEWSLETTER