

Let's do it Now!!



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Special points of interest:

- World Service Day
- Toy Run
- Peace Poster

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Good Morning

This year seems to be ending on a high note. Our membership is up (although we should and can still improve); we are close to selling 12000 Xmas cakes (our goal); interest in taking part in the peace poster competition has soared; club administration has improved substantially; membership fees have been settled (except 1 Club who seems to have lost interest and are currently under financial suspension); and our contribution to LCIF will in all probability surpass our goal of a 20% increase on last year.

But let us not become too complacent as the Lionistic year still has six months to go. Our goals of 3 new clubs, 1 branch club



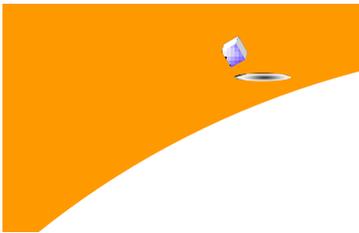
District Governor Joggie Kastner & Lion Bettie

and 3 Leo clubs also still need to be “born”. Our most serious threat, ie the high number of dropped members, still has the upper hand on us and is eroding all our gains. In fact it is winning battle after battle and is firm favourite to win the war. Surely we must put a halt to that

In our efforts to increase membership, we are often directly or indirectly accused of playing the number game. Hopefully the following facts will demonstrate the opposite:

- Lions Clubs International prescribes that a full fledged District shall consist of at least 35 Clubs and 1250 members. Our District is not even close in meeting this requirement. We can only boast with 31 Clubs (one of which is presently under financial suspension) and 420 members. Unless we move fast towards meeting these requirements, we will lose our identity as a District.
- IP Wirfs has informed us that extensive studies have revealed that -# the average size of clubs must be such that it will promote quality meetings and opportunities for fellowship (20

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members) ; and # an increase in the average size of individual clubs is directly linked to the vibrancy in a District and more important to net membership growth.

- By increasing our Districts membership, the per capita costs could come down substantially. It is logical that if you divide the administrative obligation of a District by 1250 Lions, the cost per Lion is a lot lower than if you divide the same by 420 Lions. The opposite is of course also true. The fewer members we have, the more expensive it is going to be to become a Lion. (Dankie dat ek jou "insig" kon leen PCC Hennie)
- There is a correlation between population growth and growth in the number people in need. It follows that just to maintain our present services, increased membership is a must. The sad part is that for the last say ten years our membership has moved in



the opposite direction.

- Council Chairman Wally most probably sums it up best when he says: "Can you imagine what we can achieve with a growth in membership. Each member bringing to Lionism more than just an extra pair of hands, by adding their talents, expertise and personal contacts. It follows that the benefit to a club will grow immeasurably".

Cabinet cannot make growth happen. Growth can only take place at club level. So the choice really is yours.

Without negating on what I have said above, one must be careful not to overlook our achievements in relation to that which Lions is all about, namely **TO SERVE**.

Recently I performed a "a la Plato" exercise by sitting on a stone, reflecting on the community projects which are undertaken by Clubs in our District. I had a list of clubs and office bearers before me, while recalling all I

know of each Club's activities. I was once again pleasantly overwhelmed and proud of you. In the words of Al Brandell, IPIP: You are our everyday heroes performing miracles. Thank you ever so much.

Lastly I wish to remind you that the second half of January 2010 will be devoted to "Sight", ie making Lions more visible in the Community. Lion Vic von Abo, DC: Marketing will contact you in due course. In the meantime you can think of how you can best market Lions in your community.

What remains is for Bettie and me to wish you all a blessed Christmas and a very prosperous 2010 in which your wishes may come true. Use this time to regain renewed strength and energy for the year that lies ahead. God bless all of you.

Carehaven Psychiatric After Care Centre-Elizabeth Lions

On Saturday 5 December at 12 o'clock members of the Elizabeth Lions Club provided the 72 residents of Carehaven Psychiatric After Care Centre with a Christmas Lunch.

Early in the morning the Lions decorated the church hall, the lunch was prepared by the Lions and gifts were wrapped, Christmas crackers and hats were on the tables, and the musicians were ready for the party.

The Residents of the Centre thoroughly enjoyed their cold lunch of cooked gam-

mon, chicken, salads, and pudding was homemade trifle and icecream, as well as drinks of fruit juice. Each resident went home with a gift of a packet of biscuits, slab of chocolate and sweets.

A very enjoyable and worthwhile project to end the year.

May we take this opportunity to wish our Fellow Lions and their Partners in Service a very enjoyable and safe Festive Season and our best wishes for 2010.

Service
With
A
Smile



Lion Joan with 2 of the Residents



Lion Virginia serving lunch



Lions Barbie & Virginia

Elizabeth Stuurman Old Age Home in Schauderville – Elizabeth Lions

On Saturday 24 October, Elizabeth Lions served lunch of hamburgers, fruit juice, fruit, cupcakes and muffins to the residents for Elizabeth Stuurman Old Age Home in Schauderville. The residents really enjoy our visits and really tuck into

their lunch, as well as there is always something for them to take home for supper in the evening. We were fortunate enough to get some press coverage in Die Son newspaper, and from our visit and article in the newspaper, the Afrikaans News-

paper Die Burger who prints Die Son have advised that they will be going to the home to see what they can do for the residents.

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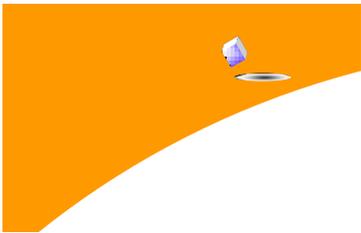
BRYAN GOLIATH
DIE Elizabeth Stuurman-tehuis vir senior burgers in Schauderville het die naweek 'n besoek van twee instansies gehad.
'n Groep vroue, die Elizabeth Li-

ons-klub, het kos aan die oues kom gee. Die klub bestaan uit 14 vroue.
Volgens Mally Boyle, president van die klub, is dit nou al 'n paar jaar dat hulle kos aan die inwoners van die tehuis gee.
"Dis vir ons 'n plesier om die oues te bedien. Ons doen ook gemeenskapswerk in die plaaslike gemeenskap."
Een van die inwoners, Shirley Jordan (65), sê hulle sien verskillend daarna uit elke keer dat die klub hulle besoek.
"Die mense bring altyd lekker kos en ons geniet dit terdeë."
Lorna Saunders (72) sê sy is baie dankbaar teenoor die klublede.

Verder het Ronnie Naidee en sy familie en vriende ook kos by die oustehuis uitgedeel.
Naidee is onlangs benoem as citizen of the year. Hy se hy is baie lief vir mense – veral die oues van daas.
"Oes is maar net hier om ges te vul daar waar hulle nog 'n tekort het," se hy.
Die inwoners van die oustehuis sê mense moet hulle nie "ou mense" noem nie, maar erare jong mense.
"Oes sal daarvan hou as mense ons kom besoek. Partykeer is dit maar erg stil en eensaam hier," het een ouma gesê.

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KLUBLEDE: Lede van die Elizabeth Lions-klub, berei die kos voor.



George Lions on the Prowl

On Saturday 28th November, members of the George Lions Club visited the JJ Watson Old Aged Home and treated the residents to tea and cake.



Some children that were with Lions members presented each resident with a small Christmas gift. The old folk really enjoyed the visit, especially the children.



Service with a smile

Carpe Diem – George

Carpe Diem is a school in George for handicapped children.

said that this would probably be the only food that these families would get over the Christmas period.

On Wednesday 26th November, members of the George Lions Club delivered Christmas food parcels to the value of R10000.00 for 23 needy children and their families. The school principal



That Time of Year Again



Yes it's that time of year again, when the fortunate go on holiday and the not so fortunate stay at home and work. It is also the time of year when we as Lions are most needed in our communities, when we can be truly be visible in service. This can also be the most fulfilling time of year for you as a Lion by bringing just a little bit of cheer into the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves. It is not for me to pre-scribe to you in this re-

gard as I know there are many brilliant ideas out there. All we are asking is that you be Proud to be a Lion and get out there. I am truly looking forward to the various Christmas Activities from around the district for the January Newsletter.



Kouga Lions Club

A group of Kouga Lions with Mycala Burns the young girl who needs an upgrade to her Cochlear implant.

Bernie. This group recently attended a motorcycle rally in Jeffrey's Bay and managed to raffle a hamper valued R 800

towards Mycala's medical costs and raised the sum of R26,000.00 (twenty six thousand rand) Unfortunately the

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World Service Day – Port Rex

World Service Day in East London took place on Sunday afternoon, 11 October 2009 with a show at the Guild Theatre where Senior Citizens are invited to attend.

GMC Line Dancers (as you can see in the pic) proving Lions can do Line Dancing just as well!

The Show is hosted by Port Rex Lions Club and the other Clubs in the Zone are invited to bring Senior Citizens.

Cambridge, Berlin and Gonubie Lions Clubs supported this event bringing Senior Citizens

At interval they are given a Coldrink and some biscuits.

This year 600 Senior citizens attended. The Theatre was packed to capacity.

Even Port Rex Lions Club members joined in on the stage with the





East London Air Show -

The East London Air Show took place on Saturday, 31 October 2009

The Beer tent was manned by the Clubs in Zone 5.

Port Rex, Cambridge, Berlin, Gonubie supported this project.

The Show was very successful and was

voted the Best Airshow in South Africa this year. A record crowd

attended and were very thirsty as it was a

scorching day!

Pics by Lion Sharon



Air Show
Collect-a-can

Collect-a-Can-Kouga

Collect a can is an ongoing project for the next couple of months collecting cans of food at various supermarkets in Jeffrey's Bay and St Francis Bay and then distributing them to needy families in time for Christmas. In the picture is Lion Mercia and Lions Lady Bernie.



King William's Town Toy Run – 2009

This year saw the 10th running of the annual King William's Town Toy Run.

We woke to what looked like absolutely perfect weather and the scene was set for a wonderful day.

A total of 80 bikes and riders entered which made this year's run the best ever.

We were also privileged to have riders from Pine Town enter as well.

Boxes and boxes of toys were collected as well as just over R5000 in donations. The toys will be distributed on Christmas Eve as well as Food Parcels made up with the cash that was raised. (More on this next issue.)

A special word of thanks must go to Lion Larry who started this project 10 years ago and is still going from strength to strength.



Lions Cooking Up a Storm



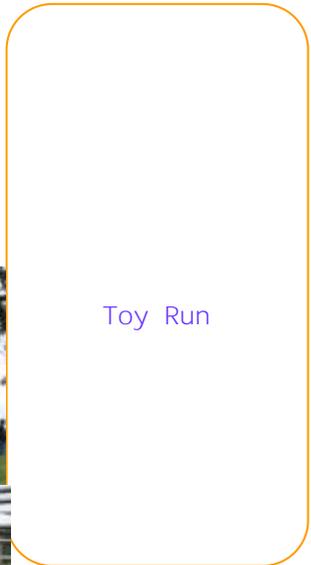
Local Law Enforcement joins in



All the way from Pinetown



Lion 2 B P.J rides again



Toy Run

Peace Poster – 2009

The Multiple District awards evening was held on Saturday 21 November 2009, in Port Elizabeth in conjunction with the Second Council meeting.

It was a wonderful evening and we were very pleased to have the District D winner, Tyler Viviers there in person to receive his cheque.

The winners of the Multiple District competition are:

FIRST PLACE: Tyler Viviers (District 410D) Lions Club of Port Rex

SECOND PLACE: Kinson Xiao Jian Li (District 410B) Lions Club of Pretoria City

THIRD PLACE: Marcelle Eksteen (District 410A) Lions Club of Moorreesburg

FOURTH PLACE: Riccardo Taverno (District 410C) Lions Club of Scottburgh

Thanks to all the clubs that supported this project and most of all to the children for their participation.

Thank you to all for taking the time to think about The Power of Peace.

Tyler Viviers with PDG Ivan Piater and Tyler's art teacher, Mandy Korte.

The photos were taken at his school, Cambridge Primary with a copy of the winning Poster which the school has kept.





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Part 3



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District Chairperson
Foodbank
Greg Binge



Zone Chairperson
Zone 1
Herman Smit



Zone Chairperson
Zone 2
Lynette Reinecke

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

GOOD MORNING

MAIN RULES OF LIFE
Drink, Steal, Swear, & Lie.

1. "**Drink**" from the "everlasting cup" every day.
2. "**Steal**" a moment to help someone who is in worse shape than you are.
3. "**Swear**" that you will be a better person today than yesterday.
4. And last, but not least, when you "**lie**" down at night thank God you live in a country which has freedom.

I am not as good as I should be,
I am not as good as I could be
but THANK GOD

I am better than I used to be !!!

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Have a Beautiful Day!

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