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WORDS FROM OUR DG

Dear fellow Lions

International President Syd Scruggs has recognised 209 District Governors (this should read Districts because the effort is from the Lions in the District and not the District Governor) whose Districts showed strong membership results during the first three months of this Lionistic year. I am proud to tell you that our District was one of those 209 listed (we qualify for a First Light Award), and congratulate you on your efforts at making membership of our Organisation available and attractive to others. Sadly, however, the worryingly large number of members that we are still losing somewhat spoils the joy of our encouraging growth and the hard work that you are putting into growing our workforce. IPDG Joggie is naturally keen that we maintain the good results that we achieved last year, results that were brought about through the efforts of him and the District Governors before him, and which, we hope, signalled a turn in the tide of decreasing membership that we have experienced for far too long.

The main (and in my opinion, only) reason that we need more members is to enable us to serve more and to be more effective in our service. IP Syd says that "A club program of service activities that are enjoyable, visible and effective, is the most potent membership growth tool a Lions Club can have. The formula is pretty simple: more and better service activities equal more and more satisfied **Lions who are proud to be a Lion.**" His second Global Service Action Campaign was scheduled to support Lions participation in World Sight Day, but he has asked Lions around the world to focus on sight -- one of our oldest and most important service areas - for the entire month of October. If your club or district has not yet participated there is still time to collect eyeglasses, organize a vision screening or help visually impaired individuals participate in community activities. The next opportunity for our clubs to participate in a highly visible and highly effective worldwide service project will come in December. IP Syd urges you to learn all you can about the third Global Service Action Campaign: Relieving the Hunger. Please help meet that most fundamental human need and keep our Beacon of Hope burning bright for all to see!

My Club visits has started off slowly but, although four months of this year have almost passed, I believe that I will be able to visit all of the Clubs in our District. I am hoping to visit the Clubs further away over a weekend, preferably co-inciding with a service project and have asked those Clubs to inform me of projects that they have planned for the next few months. Thank you to those Clubs that have responded to my request. I look forward to joining in on your projects.

Keep on serving and keep on having fun.

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Thank You

This is a result of your enthusiasm in selling Christmas Cakes. The share that goes to District is put into a fund and then is available to help our community. Clubs came put through motivations for deserving cases.

BELOW A LETTER OF THANKS

Cabinet of the Lions Club International District 410D

Dear Lions and Lions Ladies

We would like to express our appreciation for your generous contribution towards Mcayla Burns. Your support was incredibly helpful and allowed us to reach our goal. Donations from generous people like you help us in continuing our mission to help Mcayla in achieving the best in our hearing society.

Mcayla received her Nucleus Speech Processor on the 13th August 2010, the Audiologist programmed **and mapped her and she was then switched on, Mcayla's first reaction was "I can hear much better, mom."** The Technology today is absolutely wonderful. Below is a picture of the new Processor that Mcayla received.

We thank you once again for the support and compassion we have received. We will forever be grateful to you all. God Bless You All.

Yours sincerely,

Louis and Lidia (Mcayla's Parents and Family)

The benefits she has now is the following- Incredibly Slim and Powerful- Best Hearing Performance Rechargeable Batteries



Eden Lions Club200 adopts Enrico

The Eden Lions Club is just over a year old and has already established itself as a force in the George community in providing much needed assistance to those who are sick, hungry and in dire need.

Carl van Blerk chartered the Eden Lions Club and immediately established a signature project which aims to help families who are battling the financial burden of having a child who suffers from a life threatening disease.

Over the past 15 months, the club has supported the families of Rachel Thomas (8) who is currently recovering very well from a bone marrow transplant after having Aplastic Anaemia; Llewadlin Biehl who passed away last year from Cancer, Gabby Hartnick (9) who is currently battling brain cancer and Wanita Baptista (16) who passed away this month after a long battle with Methochromatic Leukodystrophy. The latest young member to be adopted into the Eden Lions family support system, is Enrico "Slangetjie" Theron, 15 years old. After experiencing odd symptoms which included extreme swelling of his limbs, it was discovered last month that Enrico was born with only one kidney - and now his remaining, under-sized kidney is failing.

Enrico's parents, Ursula and Mario, were informed that he would need a transplant urgently and would need to be placed on an "experimental" course of medication to raise his blood count, otherwise he may not survive for more than a month.

When the Eden Lions heard of the family's burden, they stepped in without hesitation and have offered their services to help by any means possible. Enrico's medication alone amounts to over R1000 per month, and this does not include hospital bills for regular Dialysis treatments and the drainage required at the hospital every second day. Enrico has also been placed on a strict diet by the hospital dietician in order to

Strengthen his body. Immediate requirements which are sought are financial, fruit and vegetable supplies for his diet and a TV for his bedroom as he spends every day either in bed or at the hospital undergoing a 3 hour Dialysis treatment.

The funding of Eden Lions projects is completely reliant on donations from members of the community. The Eden Lions are putting out an appeal for people to join CLUB200 and to pledge a small donation of only R50 per month in order to fund the expenses incurred by children such as Enrico and other life changing projects undertaken in the George area. The aim is to have 200 people making this donation on a monthly basis via a debit order. Debit Order forms have been conveniently arranged and can be

downloaded from: www.edenlions.org.za/club200.pdf



Enrico (right) & his younger brother Reagon.

At times Enrico's eyes swell up that he can't see out of them.

Eden Lions Sponsor Glenwood House Leo Club

At a function held in the Glenwood House School Hall, a very special group of pupils were inducted as Leo members of the World's Largest Service Organization. The Glenwood House Leo Club was initiated and sponsored by the Eden Lions Club. Being very active in the community since the Charter of the Eden Lions Club last year instigated this group of youngsters to get involved and do the same. They have already been very involved in the community since the beginning of the year in various projects, but can now proudly wear the badge of the organization they chose to represent.

In his address to the group of pupils, parents, teachers and members of the Eden Lions Club, Lion President Carl van Blerk highlighted a few important points as to what the kids learn and benefit from volunteering:

- *A sense of responsibility. By volunteering, kids and teens learn what it means to make and keep a commitment. They learn how to be on time for a job, do their best, and be proud of the results. But they also learn that, ultimately, we're all responsible for the well-being of our communities.*
- *That one person can make a difference. A wonderful, empowering message for kids is that they're important enough to have an impact on someone or something else.*
- *The benefit of sacrifice. By giving up a toy to a less fortunate child, a child learns that sometimes it's good to sacrifice. Cutting back on recreation time to help clean up a beach tells kids that there are important things besides ourselves and our immediate needs.*
- *Tolerance. Working in community service can bring kids and teens in touch with people of different backgrounds, abilities, ethnicities, ages, and education and income levels. They'll learn that even the most diverse individuals can be united by common values.*
- *Job skills. Community service can help young people decide on their future careers. Are they interested in the medical field? Hospitals and clinics often have teenage volunteer programs. Learning to work as a team member, taking on leadership roles, setting project goals — these are all skills that can be gained by volunteering and will serve kids well in any future career.*
- *How to fill idle time wisely. If kids aren't involved in traditional after-school activities, community service can be a wonderful alternative.*

In addition to these perks, volunteer work builds character in the young. Children learn in practice that it is better to give than to receive. And they observe those less fortunate than themselves, perhaps leading to more gratitude and appreciation for parents and their own circumstances in life. They may develop ideas about social equality and future jobs that can address problems they witness in childhood.

Mr Smit, Deputy Head of Glenwood House thanked the Eden Lions Club for their interest in the pupils and assured all that the school was very proud to host a Leo Club and would fully support their efforts.

Glenwood House Leo's Club



The Eden Lions Club is growing.

THE Eden Lions Club in George was delighted to induct two new members during its September meeting.

Club president Carl van Blerk said he was pleased to induct Daniel Maritz and Rob Haywood into the Eden Lions club.

Rob was previously a member of Lions International, while for Daniel, who recently became speaker in the George council, Lions is a new initiative for him, one that he was eager to join after seeing Eden Lions members in action raising funds last year.

“It is very exciting for our club when people from the community see the work we are doing and approach us to join Eden Lions. In fact Lions is for everybody who has a passion to help those around them in the community,” Carl said.



EAGER new Eden Lions...

Club president Carl van Blerk left was pleased to induct and introduce two new Lions members into the club recently. They are Daniel Maritz, centre with his sponsor, Lion Cathy Dippnall (2nd left) and Rob Haywood (2nd right) with his sponsor and wife, Lion Barbara.

ELIZABETH

Elizabeth Lions monthly donate towards the feeding programme of Morewag Primary School, and on Wednesday 13 October, 45 children who are in the programme enjoyed a lunchtime Christmas party. With the assistance of our sponsor for the day, the children enjoyed Kentucky burgers and chips, cooldrinks, ice cream cones and cup cakes, as well as each child received a goody bag with sweets to take home, as well as a gift of stationery which will assist the parents by not having to purchase these expensive items for the next year.

We have been assisting the School Feeding Programme at Morewag Primary School for many years, and to see the joy on these children faces is so worthwhile.

We have been lucky to get a sponsor to assist with this project, and on their own they have also assisted the school with painting of classrooms, supplying books for the library and computer equipment.



Commit to Service

Thank you to the thousands of Lions from all parts of the world who have already signed the Service Commitment Pledge on the Lions Clubs International Web site! Please encourage all Lions to answer my call to reflect on all we have accomplished and commit ourselves to doing even more service to help meet the increasing needs in our communities by [signing the pledge](#).

CANSTRUCTION

Architect and engineers compete to see whose team can build the most spectacular structure using little more than cans of food at 'Canstruction,' the 13th annual NYC Design and Build competition in New York ..

All these cans will go to the food bank afterwards.

This could be a good idea for a club environment project.



Thanks Knysa for this info

World Service Day Port Rex

On Sunday, 10 th October 2010 Port Rex Lions Club held a Concert for Senior Citizens

About 600 Senior Citizens attended the concert at the Guild Theatre.

Other Clubs in the Zone were invited to bring Senior Citizens as well.

District Governor Brian, Janet and Ann attended the concert

At interval Biscuits and Cold drinks were served by the Lions Members

The last item at the concert the Lions members were called up on stage and sang old songs with the audience.

The afternoon was enjoyed by all.



A Student from one of the EL schools - Club paid for his hostel fees and he came to give a talk and to say thanks and his teacher said how well he is doing at school

A Bursary recipient and her deaf son. She came to say thanks for allowing her to continue her studies so she will be able to help teach at the school her son attends.



Sid L. Scruggs III International President

It was a great pleasure to be with Kunio Hiramatsu, the mayor of Osaka and a Lion, for [World Sight Day](#). It was the 12th World Sight Day in which Lions have played a leading role. In Osaka I was proud to help the mayor dedicate a new feature of the city zoo for the visually impaired and to participate in outreach activities at the Nippon Lighthouse for the Blind.

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October has always been an active month for Lions Clubs International. It is traditionally the month in which we focus on [membership growth](#), and it is appropriate that we do so this month as well. In fact, it goes hand-in-hand with our October service initiative. A club program of service activities that are enjoyable, visible and [effective](#), is the most potent membership growth tool a Lions Club can have. The formula is pretty simple: more and better service activities equal more and more satisfied Lions who are proud to be a Lion.

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Relieving the Hunger

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations as many as a billion in the world, almost one-sixth of the world's population, do not have enough to eat. The problem is not confined to any one nation or continent. No place is exempt. Even if they are not visible, there are hungry people in your own community. Lions Clubs can do something to help. In fact, there are many things a Lions Club can do:

- Sponsor a community food drive to replenish a local food pantry.
- Volunteer to deliver prepared meals to elderly citizens.
- Prepare and deliver food baskets to families in need.
- Serve meals at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.
- Help plant a community garden.

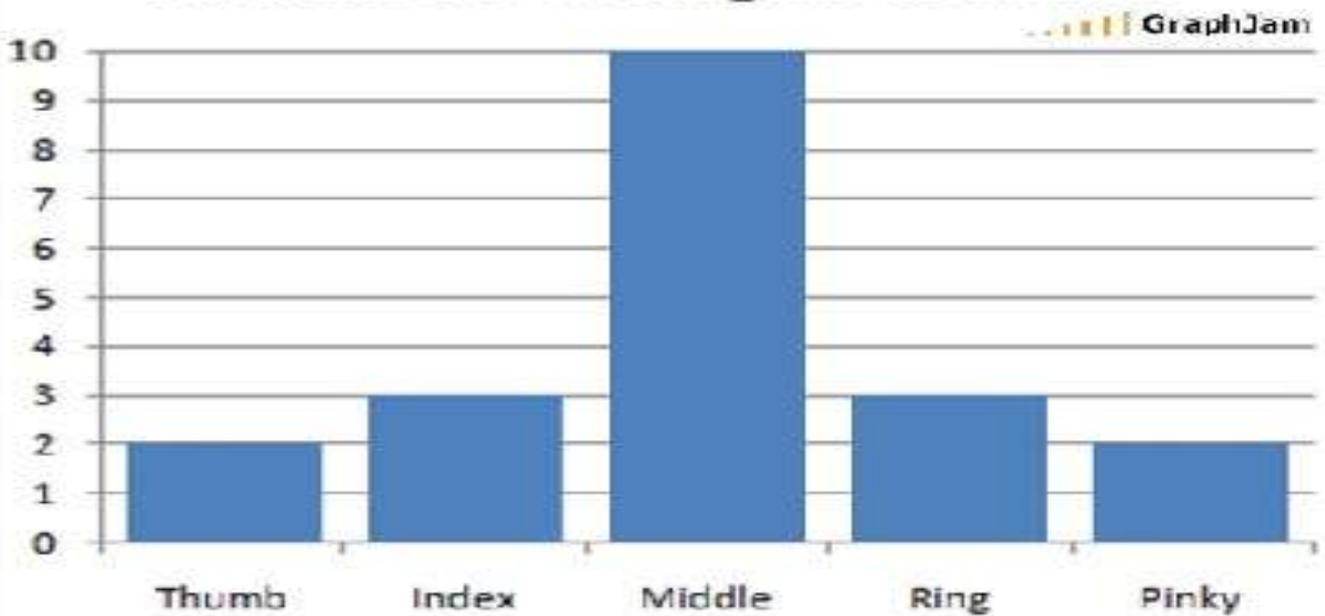
I am asking all Lions Clubs around the globe to shine a light on the worldwide problem of hunger and throughout December and January to be a Beacon of Hope for all who do not have adequate access to healthy food. Read the [Relieving the Hunger Web page](#) for more information about how your club or district can take part in this vital global initiative.

Be sure your club secretary uses the newly redesigned Service Activities Report to report your club's service activities, especially projects related to the service action campaigns. Clubs that submit projects related to the Global Service Action Campaigns through the online Service Activities Report are automatically nominated for the [Beacon Awards](#).

Reducing the carbon footprint



Usefulness of fingers in traffic



LCIF NEWS

Just one year ago, seven-year-old Amber Farlow was unable to walk and confined to a wheelchair. Today, Amber is experiencing the joy of walking. Her mobility would not have been possible without Lions. A new playground was constructed at Amber's school, supported by LCIF and Lions from Multiple District 201, Australia. Now, Amber is enjoying the playground, just like all her classmates.



HIGH 5 DAY MULTIPLE DISTRICT 410 LIONS AWARENESS DRIVE

In pursuit of the marketing objectives of the Multiple District 410, I have proposed that all Lions Clubs in the MD participate in a project which should take place on the same date, at approximately the same time, across our entire Multiple District.

My proposal :

Project name : Lions High-5 Day
 Date : **January 15, 2011 (Saturday closest to Melvin Jones' birthday)**
 Time : Between 09:00 and 14:00
 Venue : At a local shopping mall or something similar
 Objective : To create visibility of Lions having fun
 Outcome : Awareness

Synopsis :

The primary objective is to engage the public in a fun exercise, causing them to pause for a moment, asking question as to who we are and complimenting our efforts.

Secondary objectives could be numerous and may differ from Club to Club. These could be, but not limited to :

- Recruiting new members
- Raising/collecting tins of dog food/bottles of water/exercise books, etc. for distribution to needy
- Collecting funds
- Driving this simultaneously for awareness of hunger, cancer, gender issues, etc.

In order to ensure success, one key ingredient is that the public should not be expected to "pay" for their participation

Should this project prove to be successful and repeated on annual basis, we could, in future on MD level decide what we want to link this to with possible national sponsorship – but one step at a time

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Lord make me instrumental of thy peace;
Where there is hatred,
let me sow love;
Where there is despair,
hope;
Where there is darkness,
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;



We Serve



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