



2 April 2024

## REPORT TO THE SECOND COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING TO BE HELD ON 2 MAY 2024

Dear CC Bernd and fellow Council Members,

Firstly, I would like to thank my cabinet members for their hard work in making the 9 months of this fiscal year one of great achievement and lots of success in the various challenges we have faced as a District.

### ADMINISTRATION

We are currently 57 clubs in our District. 100% of clubs are reporting their membership MMRs on MyLCI. 97% of clubs are reporting their activities on MyLion. Assistance has been offered by our GST with a wonderful improvement with only 1 club not reporting. Well, done to DC Linda for her hard work. The district funding is in good standing and continues to ensure that the finances are monitored and maintained in a good working standard. Guiding Lions have been put in place for those clubs that need assistance.

### 2022 and beyond

To strengthen the membership in the district is one of the major goals of 2022 and beyond. All the 2022 and Beyond goals are incorporated into the District Governors goals. These goals are addressed in the various portfolios and categories and will be part of the portfolio planning. The GAT team and region chairpersons meet every month to discuss our set plan. Two training sessions for beyond 2024-2027 was done. One in Namibia at their indaba and one in Paarl. Thanks for PCC Cliff who travel to Namibia and Paarl to do this training sessions.

### MEMBERSHIP

***(GMT PDG Jimmy Lang, DC Retention 2VDG Bevil Lakay, GET IPCC Paula Lang)***

The membership stats as of January 2024 is 877 now currently we on 882– with a gain /loss -21. When inducting new members. The Club Excellence Award Application process is following the benchmark of an excellent club is A Road map to success. A Working graph is keep of the movements of lions clubs in the District

### Retention (2VDG Bevil Lakay)

A Retention committee with the aim to support our clubs in crating a culture of retaining our membership. The question is what as lions' clubs are we doing or not doing that allows our members to leave our clubs. Need to do more research on and see what the challenge in clubs is to the retention of our members.

Action steps to implement a Retention programme to ensure that the membership drops in District 410W do not exceed 100 members.

- Ensure that proper orientation is done for all new members.
- Organise membership growth events at Zone level in identified areas and
- Develop a culture in the district that ensures member satisfaction.

## **GET (IPCC Paula Lang)**

The GAT STRATEGY FOR THE NEXT YEAR WAS PRESENTED AND WORKSHOPPED AT THE TRAINING OF REGION AND ZONE CHAIRPERSONS

68% OF OUR CLUBS HAVE LESS THAN 20 MEMBERS

As per District Governors goal we agree to charter two new clubs in this fiscal year.

- GOAL is to charter two new clubs during fiscal year 2023-2024.
- To introduce Club branch concept as a way of increasing club membership and future new clubs
- 72% of our clubs have less than 20 members. The GAT strategy for the next three years has been table at the cabinet meeting. We need to charter at least 1 club and we need to induct at least 76 members to qualify for reimbursement. Encourage clubs to see the value of club Branches and to identify opportunity areas.

## **GMA**

The GMA has been a key focus and. The GET will looking at various areas where clubs can be formed and will be looking at Information evenings to see the interest. The focus will be also on the clubs with lesser than 15 members to assist and increase their membership.

## **LEADERSHIP (GLT PDG Tillie Nel)**

Club training requirements poll was done do they need more practical training session on their portfolios. This gives us a clear indication what needs to be done for the incoming officer training. All training will be done at the end of June. A positive aspect for lions' leadership journey been experience positive and good future leaders has been identified. We need to re-visit our plan and make sure that regularly follow up with clubs.

To date 417 participants attended local training offered by the district.

Club Presidents – 66%

Club secretary – 85%.

Club treasure – 51%!

Vision 2022 and beyond unfortunaly we have not seen the desired results in our district.

Zone chairmen to follow the checklist and documents available in our Dropbox to keep track of our goals.

## **SERVICE (DC GST Linda Anderson)**

Service training. Activities are going well in most clubs. The big walk for little warriors takes place on the 24 February 2024 and were a big success.

Current statistics for 410W

People serve 521164.

Service activities completed 3089.

Volunteer hours 48 538

Funds donated (USD) \$ 173 861

Fund raised (USD) 268 907

## **DISASTER RELIEF AND HUMANITARIAN AID (DC PDG Pieter Nel)**

The word Alert must be change to Disaster Relief on all agendas and documents.

Definition of the following were share with cabinet.

Definition of a Disaster

Definition of Humanitarian aid

The louis Volks award will be motivated to all clubs in the MD, to increase the funds available.

## **MID-YEAR INDABA CONFERENCE IN WINDHOEK**

The midyear conference was held on 16 March 2024 in Windhoek and was a big success and well attended 76 members. The following members also attending the Indaba ia as follows.

CC Bernd Gerhard

Area GLT leader Cliff Hocking

LCIF Bennie Smith

1VDG Jose Borges

2VDG Bevil Lakay

DC David Jacobs Leos

### **ENVIRONMENT (DC Angela Niehaus)**

Newsletters went out monthly. Fairmount Secondary school food garden, with the help of the SA Entrepreneurial institute 30 grade 10 learners are coached weekly how to prepare the veggie beds, sow seeds, plant seedlings, water and weed beds.

### **LEOS (DC Dawid Jacobs)**

#### **The following places are we busy to establish Leos clubs.**

UCT University, 8 April 2024 meeting will take place to select a committee.

Busy with Mossel bay St Blaze club Lions club

Busy with Swellendam Lions club

### **SIGHT (DC Peter Daniel)**

There has been a marked improvement in the number of scripts received from our district 410 W by the lion's Bright sight office in Benoni. So, for Jan 2024, 215 scripts have been issue. There are many more clubs however that could become involved in Bright sight. 3 newsletters also been send out to all Lions clubs.

### **PEACE POSTER (DC Yolanda de Jager)**

- 35 Peace Posters that were ordered by 19 clubs are to be collected from District Office.
- Judging of the Peace Poster and Essay Contests I has taken place on 28 October at the Mid-year Conference.
- Clubs will be encouraged to take more part in this Peace poste contents.

### **LCIF (PDG Bennie Smith)**

- Goals is to raise more than \$8000, currently on \$8.772.04, working on more fund raising till the end of June 2024
- Individual participation in our District increases by 5% and club participation in our District increase by 15 %. Target reached now is 63.16%.
- At the Indaba in Windhoek USD \$ 1600 were donated to LCIF.

We have 21 clubs with enough contributions, we need to push these clubs to use those MJF.

Communication will be sent to those clubs.

LCIF Training was done at the Namibia Indaba

### **XMAS CAKES (PDG Jeannie van Wulven)**

Continue busy with the planning of the next round of Christmas cakes.

### **CHILDHOOD CANCER (DC Gail Darling)**

Two flyers were developed and distributed to club (Breast cancer awareness) and World cancer day.

The childhood Cancer Pillar has serves 6 238 people so far, this fiscal year with 77 completed services in 1215 volunteer hours. The big walk for little warriors was well attend and received by the clubs, and there were good participants in the different regions. Was a huge success. The following service activities from clubs take place.

- 1.High tea for choc
- 2.Cansa rely
- 3.Cup sale
- 4.Pink drive

### **DIABETES**

#### **Goals is as follows.**

Engaging with GSH Diabetic unit for the supply of healthy lifestyle and nutrition pamphlets

To encourage clubs to assts with funding for the Children diabetes camps.

To assist clubs wishing screening and Awareness, supply of pamphlets and possibly testing equipment.

All clubs are taking part in diabetes awareness and testing programs.

### **HUNGER**

District hunger survey was circulated to all clubs in March. 3 clubs have started their own food pantries. A food pantry document will be developed to assist clubs with setting these up and making sure they are stocked and managed.

**Marketing**

Several campaign flyers as well as advertisement videos have been produced and shared with all clubs. Assistance to the Multiple District Marketing Team has brought the vision of Lions to a new level of public awareness of lion's club.

**YOUTH (IPDG Charles Flanagan)**

Be in contact with various YEC chairs in Europe. The greatest challenge we face is the cost of the flights and camp cost which is quite expensive for South Africans. Were also in conversation with the YEC chair from Belgium, Stijn Renier.

The first lions B2m weekend was held on 11 February 2024 to the 11 February 2024. 15 Boys were signed up. The second Lions B2M will be from May 3- 5 May at Bloublommetjiekloof in Wellington

**PRO NAMIBIA (DC Frank Schatz)**

An important portfolio between Namibia and South Africa is to help keep good and excellent relationships between the two countries. Regular busy with 3 radio stations that announce our activities.

Thank you!