



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 410 – 2023/2024

REPORT TO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING – 2 May 2024

PORTFOLIO – LEO

BY – Sue Smit

Dear Council Chair Berndt and fellow council members,

District 410W, under the direction of DC David Jacobs, has had a remarkably successful year. Multiple new clubs chartered, membership growth, and they are not done yet for the year and already have plans to charter Tsumeb, Windhoek, Stellenbosch, and Table View by December 2024.

A Leo gathering in Wilderness is planned to coincide with the Ubuntu convention and they anticipate an attendance of twenty to thirty Leo members from District 410W. Unfortunately, nobody from 410E can attend.

District 410E has so much potential and with the right person appointed as District Chair, we can revive and grow the Leo portfolio. Equally important, are the Leo Advisors. Clubs need to appoint someone who will engage with the Leos, include them in projects, offer their assistance to other Lions Clubs, etc. Tuks Leos are a very strong club and they will grow, but, they have expressed their concerns about feeling a bit abandoned and unsupported. I will engage with the new DC Leos for next year after convention.

Thanks to MD410 PR & Marketing Chair, Sandy van Heerden, we will soon be marketing the Leo portfolio to clubs.

MD410 Active Leo Clubs

As of 18 April 2024, there are 18 Active Leo Clubs. 410W submitted a Leo Club Organization Report for Leo Club of Hentiesbay II on 5 March 2023, which has not yet been registered and has 18 Charter members. There are five clubs with zero (0) members.

- Edenvale
- Krugersdorp
- Lowveld (Nelspruit)
- Uitenhage
- Swellendam

Swellendam Leo Advisor Alice has revived the club and soon they will have 30 members registered.

MD410 Active Leo Members

Current membership is 286, which will increase to 304 once Henties Bay II is registered and then by another thirty, when the Swellendam Leos have been registered, totaling 334.

I did not receive any new membership applications or information for the Tuks Leos. Their President, Saskia, indicated that I should be getting them by 19 April 2024. I will consult with DG Lindie once it is in hand. If the information at hand is correct, the Tuks Leos membership should grow by approximately ninety, thanks to yet another successful marketing and membership drive earlier this year. This will bring their total membership to 186.

MD410 Prospective Leo Clubs

410W has three prospective Leo clubs.

- UCT – Cape of Good Hope Lions will manage the Omega Leo Club Organization Report, hopefully by 7 May 2024
- Mosselbay – they are currently doing a Leo membership drive.
- Walvisbay – I am waiting on confirmation from DC chair David if this is still on the cards.

410E has no current prospective Leo Clubs.

Tracking against my own goals:

- **4 New Leo Clubs**
3 New Leo Clubs chartered.
- **Revival of the four active clubs in 410 E with no members**
There has been no progress.
- **Grow Leo membership to 350**
There are currently 304 Leo members, including Hentiesbay which will be registered soon, and if the Tuks numbers are correct, we will end the year on over 400. I do not have numbers yet for UCT and Mosselbay has only just started their membership drive.
- **To support the Leo District Chairs and encourage comprehensive reporting quarterly on membership, service projects, fundraisers, and socials.**
I have supported the District Chairs. Reporting is still a challenge. Although the new Lion portal provides information about clubs and membership, I still do not get service activity reports and LCI informed me that there are no such reports for Leos on LCI. I would have to access each club, check if they reported any activities and download the information.
- **Training of Leo District Chairs Advisors and Leo Leaders**
Besides providing information to the DC's about training modules available on the Lions Portal, no further progress has been made. For this to be successful, we need support from the DC's and Leo Advisors, who best know what training is required, or will be beneficial.
- **Encourage Lions and Leo Clubs to use social (and any other) media proactively to promote the good their Leos are doing.**
No progress
- **Identify what grants are available for the LEO Program and apply for a marketing grant.**
No progress
- **Enforce the importance of updated or missing information on the MyLCI portal.**
Ongoing

Please see the summary of the Leo Clubs and Prospective Clubs on the next page.

District 410E					
Leo Club Name	Leo Club Track (Alpha or Omega)	Leo Club Type (School or Community Based)	Number of Leo Club Members	Leo Club Advisor Last Reported	Leo Club President Last Reported
Edenvale	Omega Leo Club	not specified	0	-	-
Krugersdorp	Alpha Leo Club	School-based	0	2023-2024	2018-2018
Low veld	Alpha Leo Club	School-based	0	2022-2023	2018-2019
New castle	Alpha Leo Club	Community-based	17	2023-2024	2023-2024
Scottburgh	Alpha Leo Club	School-based	32	2024-2024	2023-2024
Tuks	Omega Leo Club	School-based	96	2024-2024	2023-2024
Uitenhage / Despatch Junior Council	Alpha Leo Club	School-based	0	2020-2020	2016-2017
Waterford	Omega Leo Club	School-based	11	2022-2023	2022-2023
Waterford II	Alpha Leo Club	School-based	23	2022-2023	2022-2023

410E Leo members

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District 410W					
Leo Club Name	Leo Club Track (Alpha or Omega)	Leo Club Type (School or Community Based)	Number of Leo Club Members	Leo Club Advisor Last Reported	Leo Club President Last Reported
Brackenfell	Alpha Leo Club	Community-based	15	2023-2024	2023-2024
Durbanville II	Omega Leo Club	Community-based	2	2021-2022	2022-2023
Fish Hoek II	Alpha Leo Club	Community-based	17	2023-2024	2024-2024
New lands	Alpha Leo Club	School-based	28	2022-2023	2022-2023
Sedgefield	Alpha Leo Club	Community-based	11	2023-2024	2023-2024
Sw akopmund II	Alpha Leo Club	Community-based	25	2023-2024	2023-2024
Sw akopmund III	Omega Leo Club	Community-based	9	2023-2024	2023-2024
Sw ellendam Senior Secondary	Alpha Leo Club	School-based	0	2023-2024	2019-2020

410W Leo Members

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Prospective Leo Clubs - all 410W					
UCT	Omega	School-based			
Mosselbay					
Alpha Leo Club Hentiesbay II	Alpha	School-based	18		
Walvisbay+K8AA1:K28					
Tsumeb					
Windhoek					
Stellenbosch					
Table View					