



Lions Clubs International

Multiple District 410

South Africa, Namibia, Eswatini & Lesotho

Council Chairperson 2023—2024

Bernd Gerhard

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Minutes

60th Convention of Lions International Multiple District 410

Wilderness Hotel and Spa at 08h30 on Saturday 4 May 2024

1.0 Call to Order

Council Chairperson Bernd Gerhard

The Convention was called to order by CC Bernd Gerhard at 08:30.

2.0 Introduction of 2024-2025 Presidents Elect

Council Chairperson Elect Bennie Smith

CCE Benny introduced the incoming club presidents for the 2024/2025 year.

3.0 Invocation

DGE Jose Braga Borges

DGE Jose led the convention in the reading of the Lions Invocation.

4.0 National Anthems/Presentation of flags

DGE Perry Chetty

DGE Perry led the convention in recognizing the flags and national anthems of the Republic of South Africa, the United States of America, The Republic of Namibia, and the Kingdom of eSwatini.

5.0 Lions Ethics

District Governor Neville van Rensburg

DG Neville read the Lions Code of Ethics.

6.0 Necrology

District Governor Lindie van Wyk

DG Lindie recognized those Lions who have passed to higher service since the last convention in Durban in April 2023.

District 410E

Maureen Genis – Alberton

John West – Amanzimtoti

Christine Strachan – Benoni



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Sandra Van Jaarsveld – Benoni
 Sheryl Ann Lane – Estcourt
 Derek Vaughan – Estcourt
 Paul Breytenbach – Henley on Klip
 Edward Wenger – Henley on Klip
 Tracey Polkinghorne – Kensington
 Ian Paulson – Kingwilliamstown
 Leana Laubscher – Krugersdorp
 Christa Koekemoer – Letaba Tzaneen
 Dave Bremner – Nelspruit
 Alna Jackson – Pretoria Jakaranda
 Alan Wrigley – Scottburgh
 Denis Whitehead – Stilfontein

District 410W

Muriel Bruce – Bergvliet
 David Smith – Tokai
 Andre Visser – Tygerberg Hills
 Alex Jacobie – Grootfontein
 Frederik Botha – Hentiesbaai
 Helga Nel – Swakopmund
 Lothar Roerkohl – Windhoek Alta Feste

A minute's silence was held.

7.0 Attendance and apologies

CS Rowan Tuckett

The attendance register was passed around the room, and everyone was asked to sign. A copy of the register is attached at the end of the minutes.

PDG Pierre Theron attended via Zoom.

Apologies were received from:

PCC Denis Meyer – Port Shepstone
 PDG Clive Fox – Merryman
 PDG Sue Charles – Tokai



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Pat Fox – Merryman

Gizella McCollough – Pretoria Jakaranda

Gavin Dodd – Table View

8.0 Welcome

Council Chairperson Bernd Gerhard

CC Bernd welcomed all delegates with special mention of Council Chair Elect for District 412 Lion David, and Past District Governor Tony Austin from Texas.

CC Bernd then asked Past International President Chancellor Bob Corlew to open the convention.

9.0 Official Opening of Convention

Past International President Chancellor Bob Corlew

Past International President Chancellor Bob Corlew officially opened the convention and wished all delegates well.

10.0 Additions to the Agenda

CS Rowan Tuckett

CS Rowan asked that any additions to the agenda be handed to him by the end of the tea break and advised that these would be dealt with at the discretion of the council chair.

10.0 Minutes of the 59th MD 410 Convention

CS Rowan Tuckett

The minutes of the previous convention were circulated as part of the convention pack.

10.1 Amendments

There were no amendments to be made to the minutes.

10.2 Adoption

PDG Tillie Nel proposed the adoption of the minutes, and this was seconded by PDG Alistair Tuckett.

The minutes were adopted unanimously by a show of voting cards.



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11.0 Council and District Reports

11.1 Report of the Council Chairperson

CC Bernd Gerhard

Fellow Council members/ fellow Lions

It gives me great pleasure to report back to you of the activities of the Multiple District 410 Council from 1 July 2023 to date:

When I initially took on the position of Council Chairperson, I thought that it would be a relatively quiet relaxed position. Together with our wonderful District Governors I soon realised how involved one needs to get, to achieve positive results in several key areas of our organisation.

The fiscal year 2023-2024 will go down in our Lions history as a period of immense teamwork and togetherness. The geographic vastness of our Multiple District holds no boundaries, and everything at the end of the day is dependent on you, the individual Lion at club level, to support our District and Multiple District initiatives.

Our focused membership growth journey started some 5 years ago and during the past ten months, this Multiple District has experienced a focus of intensity, never experienced before. Together with the District Governors, we believe that we will show a turn around by 30 June 2024, even if it is not at the magnitude that we have hoped for.

Our Mission 1.5 has a new direction, with two well balanced workshops held in August 2023 and January 2024. Three pilot clubs were identified, and we look forward to the positive feedback from the District Governors.

I am pleased to report back on the following achievements:

1. District Governors: I am looking forward to hearing their summaries of their year in office. Included in this was an innovative way of direct communication with each individual member via the Mail Chimp emailing facility.
2. Finances: Strict fiscal controls remain in place.
3. Lions Brightsight: This Multiple District signature project has moved from strength to strength, delivering untold service to the optical needs of so many.
4. GMT, GST and GLT (GAT): These three important components of this council have worked tirelessly, remaining membership focused, hosting a RLLI before this Convention, and tracking our service delivery statistics.
5. Marketing: This newly created portfolio was insanely busy throughout the year and so many innovative developments have been created and several key deliverables had to be met. I look forward to the detailed feedback during this Convention.
6. LCIF: Well, done on an above average collection and contributions by individual clubs.
7. Information technology: Keeping ahead of the information game has been so important, especially with the implementation of the new Lions International technology tools.



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8. Disaster Relief: This has been a period of information sharing and reaction to some critical needs during recent times of disasters.
9. Christmas Cakes: This Multiple District signature fundraising project took on a new meaning with little complaints, having implemented a much-improved distribution model. The package redesign was well received, and plans are afoot to offer other related products in the future.
10. Leos: The large growth in Leo clubs, especially in District 410 W is most commendable. The establishment of a renewed Leo District Council for District 410 W and for me to be allowed to address the Leos at this occasion, was wonderful. The number of Leos in attendance at this Convention, have never been higher. So well done.

My other highlights for the year have been:

1. To have been able to attend both Mid-Year Conferences, which has not been achieved for many years. This was due to excellent planning on behalf of the District Governors. At both Conferences both Shirley and I were made to feel exceptionally welcome.
2. Attending the first Multiple District 410 “Big Walk for Little Warriors”, in aid of CHOC, where some 50% of all Lions clubs participated throughout South Africa, Namibia and eSwatini.
3. Attending the Namibia Lions Indaba in Windhoek. What an impressive group of knowledgeable and committed Lions. Thank you for your wonderful hospitality where I could emphasise our continued commitment to the Lions of Namibia, and where they accepted my challenge to host the 2026/2027 Multiple District Convention.
4. The re-establishment of two Lions clubs in the Kingdom of Lesotho is becoming a reality. Lions International dropped the country of Lesotho as a Lions country after the closure of the last club in the early 2000’s. My promise to this Convention is, at this time next year, that the flag of Lesotho will be recognised as a new Lions country in Multiple District 410.
5. Our recent interaction with Amazon, who have chosen the Lions of Multiple District 410 as their corporate social responsibility partner. Attending the first pilot project of the packing of disaster relief bags with fellow Lions, was an enormous privilege for me. You will be hearing more detail of our future collaboration during this Convention.

To our District Governors Lindie and Neville. What can I say. Thank you for your continued dedication and drive right to the end, with two months to go.

To my wonderful Council secretary Rowan, thank you for always being one step ahead of me and for often achieving the impossible. To Sydney our Council Treasurer, your financial insight and keeping a tight finger on the finances of this Multiple District, a great thank you from the bottom of my heart.

To Tillie and your team, thank you for all your hard work and dedication and we look forward to a wonderful Convention of learning and fun.

In conclusion I wish to thank my dear wife Shirley for standing by me not only through these past few months, but for having walked the journey of Lionism together with me, since 1977.



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11.2 District Governor 410W

DG Neville van Rensburg

DG Neville's report was included in the convention report pack distributed via Dropbox.

DG Neville thanked his district for believing in him and supporting him through the year.

DG Neville went through a few highlights of his year and thanked his club, the Lions club of Moreesburg, for supporting him through the year.

DG Neville showed a short video of his club visits and highlights for the year.

DG Neville presented Leo Jonathan Harris with a leadership medal.

11.3 District Governor 410E

DG Lindie van Wyk

DG Lindie's Report was included with the Convention pack that was distributed via Dropbox.

DG Lindie was proud of the district having served over 420 000 people for the year.

DG Lindie thanked the Lions in the district and particularly her club, Lions Club of Pretoria Jakaranda, for their support.

DG Lindie showed a short video of her highlights of the year.

12.0 Financial Reports

12.1 Council Treasurer

PDG Sydney van Heerden

PDG Sydney's report was included as part of the convention pack distributed via Dropbox.

PDG Sydney had no additions to the report and quickly went through the financial reports.

12.2 Audited Accounts - 2023 Convention

The audited accounts were distributed as part of the convention report pack and are available from the council treasurer should anyone wish to view them.

The audited accounts were proposed by Lion Peter Daniel, seconded by PDG Charlie Flanagan, and accepted unanimously by the voting delegate via a show of their voting cards.

12.3 Audited Accounts - year ended 30 June 2023

The audited accounts were distributed as part of the convention report pack and are available from the council treasurer should anyone wish to view them.

The audited accounts were proposed by DGE Perry Chetty, seconded by PCC Viv Grater and accepted unanimously by the voting delegate via a show of their voting cards.



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12.4 Interim Accounts - 9 months ended 31 March 2024

The interim accounts were distributed as part of the convention report pack and are available from the council treasurer should anyone wish to view them.

The interim accounts were proposed by PCC Cliff Hocking, seconded by PDG Malcolm Johnston, and accepted unanimously by the voting delegate via a show of their voting cards.

12.5 Budget - 2024/2025

The budget was distributed as part of the convention report pack and is available from the council treasurer should anyone wish to view it.

12.6 Louis Volks Disaster Relief Fund

This fund has moved from being a District 410W fund to a MD 410 fund and currently the fund as of March 2024 is sitting at R 40 654.00.

13.0 Lions Brightsight Management Committee PDG Pierre Theron

PDG Pierre’s Report was included with the Convention pack that was distributed via Dropbox. PDG Pierre thanked the clubs for making use of Lions Brightsight and was proud of the growth of the project. PDG Pierre played two videos, on was a short tour of the Lions Brightsight offices in Benoni and the other video showed the importance of identifying sight related issues as young as possible.

13.1 Audited Accounts - year ended 30 June 2023 PDG Malcolm Johnston





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The accounts were proposed by Lion Peter Daniel and seconded by PDG Alistair Tuckett and were accepted unanimously by the voting delegates via a show of voting cards.

13.2 Interim Accounts – 9 months ended 31 March 2024 PDG Malcolm Johnston

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Tea Break was taken from 10:15 to 10:45

				
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14.0 Constitutions Committee Report

PCC Cliff Hocking

The report of the constitutions committee is attached to the convention report pack distributed via Dropbox.

Motions for Resolution:

The motions for resolution are included in the convention pack that was distributed via Dropbox.

There was a total of eighty-three voting delegates present.

Constitutional Resolutions

C1 – Proposed: DG Lindie Van Wyk

Seconded: DG Neville Van Rensburg

Motion was unanimously accepted by the voting delegates via a show of their voting cards.

C2 - Proposed: DG Neville Van Rensburg

Seconded: DG Lindie Van Wyk

Motion was unanimously accepted by the voting delegates via a show of their voting cards.

C3 - Proposed: DG Lindie Van Wyk

Seconded: DG Neville Van Rensburg

Motion was unanimously accepted by the voting delegates via a show of their voting cards.

Ordinary Resolutions

O1 - Proposed: DG Neville Van Rensburg

Seconded: DG Lindie Van Wyk

Motion was unanimously accepted by the voting delegates via a show of their voting cards.

O2 - Proposed: DG Lindie Van Wyk

Seconded: DG Neville Van Rensburg

Motion was unanimously accepted by the voting delegates via a show of their voting cards.

O3 - Proposed: DG Neville Van Rensburg

Seconded: DG Lindie Van Wyk

Motion was unanimously accepted by the voting delegates via a show of their voting cards.



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O4 - Proposed: DG Lindie Van Wyk
Seconded: DG Neville Van Rensburg
Motion was unanimously accepted by the voting delegates via a show of their voting cards.

O5 - Proposed: DG Neville Van Rensburg
Seconded: DG Lindie Van Wyk
Motion was unanimously accepted by the voting delegates via a show of their voting cards.

O6 - Proposed: DG Lindie Van Wyk
Seconded: DG Neville Van Rensburg
Motion was accepted by the voting delegate via a show of their voting cards.
There were five votes against and seventy-eight for.

15.0 Multiple District Co-Ordinators

15.1 Global Service Team

2nd VDG Avril Hobbs

2ndVDG Avril's report was included with the Convention pack that was distributed via Dropbox.

2ndVDG Avril highlighted some of the projects that had been done during the year, with a focus on the Big Walk for Little Warriors. Avril thanked the two district chairs for the work they have done during the year. It was recommended to repeat the walk again in the new year, due to the exposure and success of the project this year. The proposed date is the 15th of February 2025 as this is Childhood Cancer Day and it is a Saturday. DGE Perry has already sent a save the date out to District 410E and Avril requested that DGE Jose do the same for 410W.

Avril reminded everyone that everything we do to help another person or organization is important and re-iterated the Lions moto "We Serve."

15.2 Marketing

Sandy van Heerden

MDC Sandy's report was included with the Convention pack that was distributed via Dropbox.

MDC Sandy thanked the new marketing team that had been set up for their work for the year. The marketing in the MD had been a success over the year. Sandy showed a video that had been put together by the team highlighting some of the campaigns that they had been involved with during the year.



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There is a membership video in development that will be released shortly, this is being produced professionally. The marketing grant received from international is being used for this purpose. The grant used to develop a corporate e-brochure that clubs can use to marketing themselves to companies. The e-brochure was shown to the delegates.

The MD and districts have started LinkedIn pages and clubs are asked to submit content to the marketing team and they will then post it.

Sandy asked Lion Brent Proctor to present the Amazon project to the delegates. Brent discussed the project and explained what had already been done and that to date Amazon had already sponsored over R 700 00.00 in the last few months towards Lions projects and there is more to come. Amazon has confirmed that that Lions in the MD are now their CSI partner. The pilot projects were highlighted, and clubs were advised that they are now allowed to start posting about projects done with Amazon on their social media. Clubs were also reminded that the branding of these projects were to state "Lions Project sponsored by Amazon."

Brent asked clubs to submit photos for the MD digital library that could be used as stock footage by all clubs and the marketing team.

The marketing teams focus is marketing of Lions in the multiple district, they will not be marketing for individual clubs, this is for the clubs to arrange.

15.3 Global Leadership Team

PCC Cliff Hocking

PCC Cliff's report was included with the Convention pack that was distributed via Dropbox.

Leadership makes the world goes round in terms of Lionism. PCC Cliff thanked the two MDCs for their work in leadership development in their districts. Focus should be placed on succession planning, and this should not just be based on the club president but on all positions in the clubs.

15.4 Global Membership Team

2nd VDG Bevil Lakay

2ndVDG Bevil's report was included with the Convention pack that was distributed via Dropbox.

2ndVDG Bevil thanked CC Bernd for including him on his council. Member ship in the MD currently stands at 1 796 members. Bevil re-iterated that in order to do service we need members. It is every member's duty to find new members. Our communities are growing and as such so is the service required by the communities.

The MD goal is to reach 2 500 members by the end of 2027, as a part Mission 1,5.



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All delegates accepted the challenge to grow the MD.

Bevil ended off by thanking the team he worked with during the year.

16.0 Panel Discussion:

GAT / MISSION 1.5 / VISION 2024 – 2027

Area Leader PCC Cliff Hocking

PCC Cliff led the convention in a panel discussion on Why we are Lions and Why do we do what we do. This discussion was centred around Membership, Service and Leadership in the organization.

The panel consisted of members from clubs as well as senior Lions.

Members of the panel first discussed their own experiences with regards to membership and then questions were taken from the floor.

ZC Mark Rossouw (Tokai 410W) asked the question why is membership important for our organization. Answers received answers from the floor that focused on how we cannot serve if we do not have members.

He re-iterated that all clubs should have a membership chair but that all members are responsible for growing the clubs. Retention is also as important as recruitment and clubs should look after their members.

ZC Patrick Gamedze (Manzini 410E) spoke about service and how important it is for the clubs. This is for visibility as well as what we do. He stated that clubs should have project plans in place to better serve our communities.

ZC Yolandi Van Der Schyff (Midrand 410E) spoke about leadership. Leadership is not management, it is about leading the club and not micromanaging them. Yolandi spoke about the importance of clubs building their president up and not breaking them down. It is also important for all members to attend the training that is on offer from the districts.

PDG Alistair Tuckett (Clearwater Cyber 410E) discussed membership and asked the question “Do our communities need Lions Clubs?” The answer received was yes. This led to the question “Do we need Lions?” Without Lions we do not have Lions Clubs and without Lions Clubs our communities are worse off, everyone agreed with this statement. Delegates were reminded that there are teams in position to assist them and all they need to do is ask.

MDC Sandy Van Heerden (Wilro Park 410E) discussed service and how the various teams have been working together to do projects and how this increased the exposure of Lions Clubs in our multiple district. Projects should be fun as well, as this increases the enthusiasm for the projects.



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Sandy ended off with a quote on what Lions are. “Lions are just ordinary people, with extraordinary hearts. They offer the gift of their time, to teach, to listen, to help, to inspire, to build, to grow, to learn and to serve. They expect no pay, yet the value of their work knows no limits. They know the unexpected joy of a simple hug. They have planted the seeds of love in countless lives. Lions are just ordinary people who reach out and take a hand and together make a difference that lasts a lifetime.”

Lion Delphine Ferreira (Wilro Park 410E) spoke about leadership.

All Lions are leaders, just by being involved with the projects we are doing, shows our innate leadership.

What is the Global Leadership Team (GLT)? It is a working forum that can only work effectively if Lions come to the party and ask for assistance. It is made up of the MDC, DCs, club leadership and a team of training facilitator’s that the clubs can use to develop.

What is the purpose of the GLT? To promote leadership in the organization. To provide capacitation and guidance to ensure we become better leaders. Apply for grants that enhance the capacitation and guidance provided. To act as a role model for other Lions to see how to grow. They look for leadership success and motivate the development of the future leadership of the organization.

Delphine asked delegates of the RLLI which was held in the week before the convention to recite the Lions Pledge. The delegates of the RLLI also presented a video of the experience at the RLLI.

Delphine encouraged delegates to make use to the Lions Learn portal and the GLT.

PIP Bob Corlew joined the panel. The panel then answered questions from the floor.

Lunch was taken from 13:00 to 14:00

17.0 Administration

17.1 Archives

PCC Rob Fowler

PCC Rob’s report was included with the Convention pack that was distributed via Dropbox.

There were no additions to the report.



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17.2 Information Technology

PDG Kim van Wyk

PDG Kim's report was included with the Convention pack that was distributed via Dropbox.

PDG Kim reminded the convention that if the district and multiple district directories are not a hassle to update. Should any information on them be incorrect, no matter how small, the clubs should contact him to correct. The information used is taken directly off MyLCI, or now the Lions Portal.

With the move from MyLCI to the Lions Portal PDG Kim no longer has the same access to modify information on the portal that he had on MyLCI. While he will still try to help clubs where possible to adjust member details, he might not be able to do so going forward.

18.0 Projects

18.1 LCIF

Area Leader PDG Geila Wills

PDG Geila's report was included with the Convention pack that was distributed via Dropbox.

PDG Geila had two videos to show regarding how LCIF funds are used.

PDG Geila thanked the two district co-ordinators for their hard work on this portfolio.

As of the day of the convention donations from clubs to LCIF is as follows:

US\$ 27 509,00 (+R 520 000,00) this is 77% of the goal.

As a part of Campaign 100 PDG Jeff Smith received a commemorative coin, the only person in the MD to receive this.

18.2 Christmas Cakes

PDG Kim van Wyk

PDG Kim's report was included with the Convention pack that was distributed via Dropbox.

The Christmas cake project for 2022/2023 has been completed and all rebates have been paid. The online ordering platform is working well and will continue to be used. A large number of compliments have been received for both the quality of the cake and the new packaging design. PDG Kim thanked Lion Donovan Henri for the design of the box. Some clubs received old boxes last year, this was due to that being the last of the stock of the old boxes and using them up. This year only the new boxes will be used.



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For this year's project the price proposed by the council of governors is R 170,00. PDG Kim reminded clubs that this is the recommended retail price, and clubs may offer discounts. The only ask if a club offers a discount is that they make the customer aware that the lower price is a discounted price.

There is an option of a smaller 500g cake, it is the same cake but will not be packaged in a box, but rather a cellophane wrap. The cake would be Lions branded and would be available as twelve in a box, the same as the larger cake. The ordering and shipping processes would be the same as with the larger cake. The cost is currently R 90,00, this is subject to final discussions with the baker. It is recommended to sell the cake at R 130,00. This is 75% the cost of the 1Kg cake and the same rules would apply. Currently there is no rebate on the 500g cake.

The baker also has biscuits available that can also be Lions branded for clubs to sell as an ongoing project. The ordering would be open quarterly and the same logistic arrangements for the cakes would apply. The final packaging will be designed if the convention adopts this as a fund raiser. The boxes would be available as sixteen skillets in a box. Cost is around R 20,00 and is subject to final discussions with the baker. The biscuits have a 6-month shelf life. The available flavours are crunchies and short bread. As this is a new project the payment terms on the biscuits would not be the same 60-day payment that we have with the cakes, it would be 16 days. This is the same as the baker's normal commercial payment terms with his retail clients. Should this project be a success we can revisit the terms with the baker.

Voting on the pricing:

1KG Christmas Cake

PDG Kim proposed that the 1KG Christmas cake sell at R 170,00, this was seconded by PDG Geila Wills.

The price was accepted unanimously (total votes cast was 45).

The recommended selling price will be R 170,00.

500g Christmas Cake

PDG Kim asked the convention if the MD should proceed with the 500g offering, a show of voting cards had thirty-nine for and six against (total votes cast was 45).

PDG Kim proposed a price of R 130, 00 and this was seconded by PDG Pieter Nel.

With a show of voting cards there were sixteen votes for and twenty-nine against for this price (total votes cast was 45).



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A counter proposal was received by Lion Brent Proctor (Fish Hoek) for R 110,00 and this was seconded by DGE Perry Chetty.

With a show of voting cards there were twenty-four for and five against (total votes cast was 29).

The recommended selling price will be R 110,00.

Biscuits

PDG Kim proposed the adoption of the biscuits as a fundraising project, this was seconded by PDG Alistair Tuckett.

A show of voting cards was forty-four for and one against (total votes cast was 45) so the project was adopted by the MD.

PDG Kim proposed a price of R 30,00, this was seconded by PDG Geila Wills.

A show of voting cards was unanimous (total votes cast was 45).

The recommended selling price will be R 30,00.

18.3 Disaster Relief

PDG Pieter Nel

PDG Pieter's report was included with the Convention pack that was distributed via Dropbox.

Clubs are starting to understand the importance of this portfolio.

PDG Pieter had a video to show on the Louis Volks fund and asked clubs to promote the fund and the award that is available.

18.4 Peace Poster / Essay

CS Rowan Tuckett

CS Rowan's report was included with the Convention pack that was distributed via Dropbox.

CS Rowan congratulated the winner of the MD contest Lezé Calitz and the sponsoring club, the Lions Club of Durbanville, for receiving one of the 23 Merit awards at the international contest.

Rowan also thanked the two DCs for the work they did to promote the Peace Poster and Essay contests within their districts.



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18.5 Leos

Lion Sue Smit

Lion Sue’s report was included with the Convention pack that was distributed via Dropbox.

Lion Sue was very proud of the work done to build Leos across the MD.

The year started with 185 Leos (13 clubs) and ended with 350 Leos and twenty clubs.

Lion Sue thanked the Lions and Leos who helped to make this project a success.

Leo Advisor Alice (Swellendam), Lion Jonathan Wilsnacht and Leo President (410W) Jonathan Harris.

19.0 Conventions

19.1 MD410 Convention 2024 Status

PDG Tillie Nel

PDG Tillie’s report was included with the Convention pack that was distributed via Dropbox.

PDG Tillie asked that delegates please stick to the given registration and payment deadlines for all future conventions. It makes it hard for the convening committee to meet the deadlines from the venues should this not happen.

PDG Tillie thanked and acknowledged her committee and the team that had been busy behind the scenes to make the convention a success.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to the representatives of the Wilderness Hotel.

19.2 MD410 Convention 2025 Status

PDG Liz Houston

The convention will be called “Convention of Light” to celebrate one hundred years of Helen Keller’s challenge to Lions to become “Knights of the Blind” and will be held from the 1st to the 4th of May 2025 at the ATKV Goudini Spa. There is a venue limit of 250 people.

19.3 MD410 Convention 2026 Proposal

ZC Yolandi van der Schyf

ZC Yolandi gave a short presentation on the proposal to host the 2026 MD410 Convention by Zone 4 district 410E (Midrand, Centurion, Centurion Lifestyle, Pretoria South, Pretoria City and Pretoria Jakaranda) in the Pretoria area.



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20.0 Additional Agenda Items

Council Secretary Rowan Tuckett

20.1 Amazon Project Governance

PCC Cliff Hocking

A new section is to be set up in the MD constitution to accommodate a project of this nature. This will recommend that a governing body and management committee be set up to run the project and ensure that all governance is in place.

PCC Cliff asked the convention for permission to proceed with drawing up this change and to bring it as a constitutional amendment to the 2025 convention. A how of voting cards was unanimous in accepting this.

20.2 Presentation by CCE District 412 David Saunyama

CC Bernd asked CCE 412 David Saunyama to address the convention.

20.3 Presentation by District 410 W Leos President Jonathan Harris

CC Bernd ask 410W district Leos President Jonathan Harris to address the convention.

21.0 Presentations

Council Chairperson Bernd Gerhard

CC Bernd presented PDG Jimmy and PCC Paula Lang an award to thank the Lions club of Gordon's Bay for hosting the first council meeting of the 2023/2024 year.

22.0 Introduction of Council Chairperson Elect

Council Chairperson Bernd Gerhard

CC Bernd announced that PDG Ian King had been elected by the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors as the Council Chair for the 2025/2026 year.

CC Bernd asked PDG Charlie Flanagan to Introduce the incoming council chairperson for 2024/2025 PDG Benny Smith.

23.0 Address by Council Chairperson Elect

Council Chairperson Elect Bennie Smith

CCE Benny Addressed the convention and announced his new council for 2024/2025.



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Council Treasurer – PDG Sydney Van Heerden

GMT/GET – CC Bernd Gerhard

GLT – DG Lindie Van Wyk

GST – Lion Sandy King

Marketing – Lion Sandy Van Heerden

LCIF / Disaster Relief / Louis Volks Fund – DG Neville Van Rensburg

Constitution – PCC Cliff Hocking

Christmas Cakes – PDG Kim Van Wyk

Leos – Leo Jonathan Harris

Information Technology / Archive – PDG Kim Van Wyk

Conventions – Lion Shirley Gerhard

Lions Brightsight – PDG Pierre Theron

24.0 Presentation by Past International President Chancellor Bob Corlew

CC Bernd asked PIP Bob Corlew to address the convention.

24.0 Closure

Council Chairperson Bernd Gerhard

CC Bernd closed the convention at 15:53.



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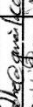

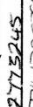
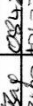
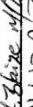





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