



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 410 – 2024/2025

REPORT TO Convention 3 May 2025

PORTFOLIO – LEOS

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INTRODUCTION

As we near the end of the Lionistic year, I am pleased to present my report on the progress, challenges, and accomplishments of the Leo Clubs in Multiple District 410. This report not only reflects on our original goals and action plans set at the beginning of the Lionistic year but also details our achievements, lessons learned, and strategic opportunities going forward. Our overarching objective for this year was to strengthen the Leo movement within MD410, support Leo-Lion transition, and bolster leadership development amongst youth.

ACHIEVEMENTS TOWARD THE 2024/2025 ACTION PLAN

One of our primary goals this year was to register **30 active Leo Clubs by June 30th, 2025**. As of today, we proudly stand at **19 fully chartered Leo Clubs**, with **3 new clubs** currently in the final stages of the chartering process:

- Rehoboth Alpha Leos
- Windhoek Omega Leos
- Walvis Bay Omega Leos

These clubs are on track to receive their charters by June 30th, helping us reach 22 clubs—an encouraging sign of progress considering the rebuild phase we are navigating.

CLUB UPDATES AND ENGAGEMENT

Regretfully, I must report the dissolution of the **Newlands Leos (410W)** and **Leos of Tukkies (410E)**. Despite my efforts to travel to Gauteng in November to meet with the Tukkies group, unfortunately, they were unavailable, and we could not prevent their closure. This setback highlights the importance of early intervention and regular communication between Leo clubs and District leadership. Lions Club of Centurian are still hopeful that this club can be revived in the new Lionistic year.

Several clubs in both districts have expressed strong interest in chartering Leo Clubs in the coming Lionistic year. Of the 9 Lions Clubs in **District 410E**, 4 currently have active Leo Clubs. Rejuvenating the remaining five clubs will be a key focus in the new year.

Additionally, I am proud to note that the **Lions Clubs of George and Swakopmund** now host active **Cub Clubs**, creating an excellent developmental pipeline from Cubs to Leos.

LEO EXPANSION IN TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

A significant focus has been placed on engaging **tertiary institutions in Namibia** to encourage students to form or join **Omega Leo Clubs**. The momentum from these efforts has been promising, especially following the successful **Young Citizens Green Economy Conference** held in **Walvis Bay in September**

2024. The conference, attended by over **150 youth participants**, spurred heightened interest in Leo membership, resulting in new members for the Leo Clubs of **Swakopmund, Henties Bay, and Walvis Bay.**

TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

In preparation for the upcoming year, we have scheduled another round of **Leo Officer and Advisor Training in June 2025.** Training remains a crucial component in sustaining Leo activity and ensuring effective club operations.

Since January, I have personally completed **five official Constitutional Area Leo training sessions**, enhancing my knowledge and capacity to support Leos across our continent. These learnings will be shared with District Leo Chairs and club officers to cascade knowledge.

NEW DISTRICT STRUCTURES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We achieved a significant milestone with the formal **formation of a Leo District in 410W**, thanks to the exceptional efforts of **District Leo Chair Charles Flanagan.** His commitment to restructuring and energizing the Leo landscape in the West has set a strong foundation for future growth.

Natalie Angelo, District Leo Chair in 410E, has also excelled in building relationships, mentoring clubs, and expanding visibility for the Leo movement.

SERVICE REPORTING AND DATABASE CHALLENGES

A continuing challenge has been the **reporting of service activities on the MyLion portal.** Many clubs struggle to load their members and record activities, which undermines our ability to reflect our service impact.

I, along with the District Chairs, have been actively working with clubs to address this. Training on portal usage is being incorporated into all upcoming Leo Officer and Advisor workshops.

CONCLUSION

While we did not reach the original 30-club target, reaching 22 by June 30th amidst economic and operational challenges is a considerable achievement. With growing interest from new clubs, a robust training agenda, expanded international representation, and committed district leadership, we are poised for exponential growth in the 2025/2026 Lionistic year.

I am grateful to Council Chairperson **Bennie Smith** for his unwavering support and for affording me the opportunity to lead this crucial portfolio. With the upcoming responsibilities on the **CA VIII Leo Advisory Panel**, I pledge to ensure that our Multiple District is kept at the forefront of Leo opportunities, and that we continue developing the youth that will one day lead our communities—and our organization.

Yours in service,

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Incoming Constitutional Area VIII Leo Advisory Panel Member