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**Lions International District 410E** 







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District Governor 2023/2024

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### THE FIFTH DISTRICT 410E CONVENTION **AGENDA**

FRIDAY, 3 MAY 2024, AT THE WILDERNESS HOTEL, WILDERNESS

#### PRESIDING OFFICER: DISTRICT GOVERNOR LINDIE VAN WYK

Registrations, Credentials, Issue of Voting Cards, and Ballot Papers

08:55 All Delegates to be seated 09:00 **Call to Order** Tea Break 10:30 - 10:451. Call to Order and Welcome ..... DG Lindie van Wyk 2. **FVDG Perry Chetty** Invocation..... 3. Flag Ceremony..... **SVDG Avril Hobbs** 4. Code of Ethics..... PDG lan King 5. **PCC Cliff Hocking** Necrology..... Opening of District 410E Convention ...... **PCC Holger Sircoulomb** 6. 7. Status of the District..... DG Lindie van Wyk Report of the Credentials Committee ..... IPDG Sydney van Heerden **SECRETARIAL MATTERS** 

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10.1 Attendance and Apologies

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10.3 Call for additional agenda items (during tea break)

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11.2 Nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor (FVDG)

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#### **Lions Clubs International District 410E**

#### District Governor 2022 - 2023 Sydney van Heerden

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# District 410E Convention Pelican Suite 1 – Riverside Hotel and Conference Centre, Durban North Friday 28 April 2023 at 09:00

#### Minutes

#### PRESIDING OFFICER: DISTRICT GOVERNOR SYDNEY VAN HEERDEN

1. Call to Order and Welcome DG Sydney Van Heerden District Governor (DG) Sydney called the convention to order and welcomed those present.

2. Invocation 2VDG Perry Chetty

Second Vice District Governor (2VDG) Perry read the invocation.

3. Flag Ceremony 1VDG Lindie Van Wyk
First Vice District Governor (1VDG) Lindie performed the flag ceremony recognising the countries of the
Republic of South Africa and the Kingdom of eSwatini.

4. Code of Ethics ZC Keith Thompson Zone Chairperson (ZC) Keith read the Lions code of ethics.

5. International Purposes IPDG Patrick Mills Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG) Patrick read the Lions International purposes.

6. Necrology DC Sandy Van Heerden District Chairperson (DC) Sandy read the necrology recognising those Lions and Lions family that have passed on to higher service since the last convention in October 2021.

Marie Ramsy – Lions Club of Alberton Cecily Swart – Lions Club of Alberton Derek Edwards - Lions Club of Bedfordview George Macdonald – Lions Club of Benoni Host Merle Purchase - Lions Club of Benoni Host Ben Bonthuyzen – Lions Club of Centurion Host David Kotze - Lions Club of Centurion Lifestyle Doloris (Del) Wedderburn – Lions Club of Clearwater Cyber Leon Capon – Lions Club of Edenvale Roger Skudder – Lions Club of Henley on Klip Riekie Smit – Lions Club of Letaba Tzaneen Hughues Reniers – Lions Club of Nelspruit Mike Newlands - Lions Club of Port Alfred Ralph Webber – Lions Club of Pretoria South Rob Henry - Lions Club of Ramsgate François Kohler - Lions Club of Reitz



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Malcolm (Mac) Moss – Lions Club of Wilro Park Wentzel Erasmus – Lions Club of Uitenhage Alistair Morrison – Lions Club of Vereeniging Trevor Nienaber – Lions Club of Vereeniging

Opening of District Convention
 Past Council Chairperson (PCC) Viv Grater officially opened the convention.
 During his welcome PCC Viv wished the candidates for the positions of 2VDG, 1VDG and DG the best of luck.

8. Status of the District DG Sydney Van Heerden DG Sydney read his report on the status of the district. The report is in the convention report pack.

Report of the Chairman of the Credential Committee PCC Cliff Hocking
 PCC Cliff reported that out of the 30 clubs that had registered for convention, 29 had collected their voting cards and election ballot forms.
 Out of a possible 50 voting delegates, 49 voting cards and election ballot forms had been issued.

#### **Secretarial Matters**

10. Cabinet Secretary's Report

**CS Rowan Tuckett** 

Cabinet Secretary (CS) Rowan advised the convention that proceedings would be recorded for minute taking purposes only and in compliance with the POPI Act. He also advised the convention that as there was no roaming microphone that anyone that wanted to speak was to raise their hand to be recognised and then to come to the podium and speak from there. All speakers were to state their name and club before continuing with what they had to say.

CS Rowan advised clubs that he had received the merchandise orders and that they would be handed out to the clubs that ordered during the tea break.

- 10.1 Minutes of the Convention Held 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021
- 10.1.1 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

10.1.2 Additions or Amendments

There were no additions or amendments to the minutes.

10.1.3 Acceptance

The minutes were proposed by the previous cabinet secretary Bernice Mills and seconded by CS Rowan Tuckett.

The minutes were unanimously accepted by all voting delegates present.

10.2 Attendance and Apologies

The attendance register is attached at the end of the minutes (Appendix A). Please note that this has been cropped to remove personal contact information in order to comply with the POPI Act.

Apologies were received from:

PDG Pierre Theron

PDG Nick Mare

Lion Beaulieu Mare

PDG Kim Van Wyk

Lion Karen Preston



















PDG Ken Toward PCC Denis Meyer

10.3 Correspondence

All correspondence received by CS Rowan had been sent out to all the club presidents, club secretaries, cabinet officers and past district governors as required.

Good wishes were received from DG Charlie Flanagan of District 410W.

10.4 Call for additional agenda items.

CS Rowan requested that if anyone had any additions to the agenda that they be handed to him by the end of the tea break. These would be handled at the discretion of the Presiding Officer, DG Sydney.

#### **Election Matters**

Report of the Chairman of the Nominations Committee PCC Brian Von Der Decken
 PCC Brian delivered the report of the nominations committee on behalf of PCC Denis Meyer, who could not be present.

The nominees for the position of Second Vice District Governor were: Lion Karl Bands from the Lions Club of Helderkruin DC Avril Hobbs from the Lions Club of North Durban

The nominee for the position of First Vice District Governor was: 2VDG Perry Chetty from the Lions Club of Durban East Coast

The nominee for the position of District Governor was: 1VDG Lindie Van Wyk from the Lions Club of Pretoria Jakaranda

All nominees qualified for the position they were standing for and were in good standing. The clubs of the nominees were also in good standing at the time of the convention.

11.1 Nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor (2VDG)

The candidates were given the opportunity to address the convention or have someone speak on their behalf. Each candidate was given 3 minutes to address the convention.

Lion President Marc Du Plooy (Alberton) spoke on behalf of Lion Karl Bands.

PDG Lyn Botha (Cowies Hill) spoke on behalf of DC Avril Hobbs.

12. Election for the Offices of 2VDG, 1VDG and DG PCC Brian Von Der Decken
The election of the incoming officers took place, and the results were counted during the tea break.
Each candidate was given the opportunity to have one observer present during the counting of the votes.

The election committee was as follows:

PCC Brian Von Der Decken – Lions Club of King Williams Town

PDG Freddie Erasmus – Lions Club of Uitenage

Lion Evelyn Herzfeld – Lions Club of Edenvale



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### 13. Report of the Chairman of the Elections Committee PCC Brian announced the results of the election:

PCC Brian Von Der Decken

Position of District Governor 2023/2024:

Nominee - Lindie Van Wyk

Total Votes - 49

Votes for -47

Votes against - 2

Lindie Van Wyk was elected to the position of District Governor for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year.

Position of First Vice District Governor 2023/2024:

Nominee - Perry Chetty

Total Votes – 49

Votes for – 37

Votes against – 12

Perry Chetty was elected to the position of First Vice District Governor for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year.

Position of Second Vice District Governor 2023/2024:

Total Votes - 49

Votes for Karl Bands - 12

Votes for Avril Hobbs - 32

Avril Hobbs was elected to the position of Second Vice District Governor for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year.

Scanned copies of the vote count are attached at the end of the minutes (Appendix B).

The convention agreed unanimously that the ballot cards could be destroyed.

#### 14. Address by District Governor Elect

District Governor Elect (DGE) Lindie Van Wyk addressed the convention.

DGE Lindie announced her cabinet for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

#### **District Officers:**

Cabinet Secretary - Donovan Henry

Cabinet Treasurer (CT) - Mukesh Dayah

Finance Committee Chairperson – Sydney Van Heerden

Global Membership Team Co-Ordinator - Alistair Tuckett

Global Extension Team Co-Ordinator - Ian King

Global Leadership Team Co-Ordinator – Delphine Ferreira

Global Service Team Co-Ordinator - Avril Hobbs

Long Range Planning Committee Chairperson - Cliff Hocking

Strengthen 410E Initiative – Perry Chetty

#### Zone Chairs:

Zone 1 – Crystal Richardson

Zone 2 – Riaan Wilken

Zone 3 – Gary Murray

Zone 4 – Yolandi Van Der Schyf

Zone 5 - Dianne Townsend

Zone 6 – Patrick Gamedze

Zone 7 – Christopher Stokker

Zone 8 – Vicky Van Wyk



**Avril Hobbs** 















Zone 9 - Sandra Lemmer

Zone 10 – Max Stander

Zone 11 – Rodney Kolbe

**Region Chairs:** 

Region A – Rowan Tuckett

Region B – Melinda Strydom

Region C - Leslie Young

Region D – Vanessa Richardson

Region E – Keith Thomson

Cabinet Chairs:

Health & Hunger - Kantha Chetty

Environment – Alna Jackson

Vision – Pierre Theron

Peace Posters – Patricia Van Wyk

Christmas Cakes and Information Technology – Kim Van Wyk

Constitutions, Resolutions and Protocol – Patrick Mills

LCIF, Disaster Relief and Humanitarian Aid – Mark Van Heerden

Public Relations – Sandy Van Heerden

Leos - Keith Weston

District 410E Newsletter - Jacqui Hocking

15. Address by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Elect

First Vice District Governor Elect (1VDGE) Perry Chetty addressed the convention.

16. Address by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Elect

Second Vice District Governor Elect (2VDGE) Avril Hobbs addressed the convention.

#### **Financial Matters**

17. Finance Committee Report

DC PCC Cliff Hocking

The Finance Committee Report was submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the convention.

The Proposed budget was submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the convention.

PCC Cliff explained the process that was followed to develop the budget:

The incumbent District Governor, Cabinet Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair along with the incoming District Governor and Finance Committee Chair were tasked with generating the budget for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

The incumbent Cabinet Treasurer put together a first draft budget reflecting the 2022/2023 budget, 2022/2023 income and expenditure to 31 March 2023, a forecast of income and expenditure from 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023 and a first draft budget for 2023/2024.

This draft budget recommends that the District Dues be set at R 239.00 for the 2023/2024 year. This indicates a decrease in dues against previous normalised years, bearing in mind that the past few years have not been normalised due to the Covid-19 lockdown.

All inputs and discussion points were considered, and a second draft was then produced, by the team that the district governor put together for this process.

A third draft was then put together and agreement reached between the District Governor, incoming District Governor, Cabinet Treasurer and Finance Committee Chairperson.





















A fourth draft was sent to the finance committee for review and comment. This resulted in a few minor

The fifth draft was circulated to the cabinet and past district governors for review and comment and no comments were received by the cabinet or past district governors hereby indicating unanimous acceptance of the budget.

This is the budget that was included in the convention report pack that was distributed before the

It was noted that the last time that the old district 410B had an increase in district dues was at the 2012 convention held in Kimberly. It was also noted that the proposed district dues of R 239.00 was R 100.00 lower than our neighbouring district 410W. It was also noted that the average Rotarian pays over R 3000.00 a year in dues.

PCC Cliff Hocking proposed that the district dues be set at R 239.00 per year as per the budget that was included in the convention report pack, and this was seconded by DC Sue Smit. Voting on acceptance of the budget and setting the dues was held over to point 19 on the agenda at the request of Lion President Marc Du Plooy (Alberton) and agreed upon by the convention by a show of voting cards (24 for and 18 against – Total 42 with 7 abstentions). The budget was never voted on as the proposal for the dues was not passed and as such the budget needed to be re-worked. It will now be voted on by the cabinet at the first cabinet meeting of the new year.

PCC Cliff thanked the outgoing cabinet treasurer PDG Malcolm Johnston for his work over the past few years.

The convention took a break for International Director Ahmed Salem to address the delegates and hand over the district governor's blazer to DGE Lindie.

#### 18. Cabinet Treasurer's Report

CT PDG Malcolm Johnston

The account statements were submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the convention.

PDG Malcolm thanked PCC Cliff for the kind words.

All three sets of the financial statements for the years 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 were submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the convention. These reports each contained a compilation declaration by the auditors. Lion President Marc du Plooy had queried before the convention that the financial reports should be audited. PDG Malcolm Johnston met with the auditors again the week prior to the convention to submit all requirements to the satisfaction of the auditors, and the auditors re-issued audit letters that were not distributed to Convention attendees. Members of the convention requested that the updated reports be circulated and that the voting be handled later in the day once everyone had reviewed them.

The voting on acceptance of the audited financial statements did not take place at the convention. This will now be handled at the next convention in 2024.

PDG Malcolm discussed the current years financial statements up to the 31 March 2023 and by a show of voting cards these were accepted unanimously.

19. Constitutions, Resolutions & Protocol

DC PCC Brian von der Decken

19.1 Motions for Resolution

C.1 ARTICLE VII - DISTRICT ORGANISATION: Section 6 - District Committees and BY-LAW III - DUTIES: **Section 15 – Long Range Planning Committee** 

**Submitted by the Cabinet of District 410E** 



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WHEREAS the District Constitution can be amended from time to time to improve the overall administration and operation of the District;

#### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Sub-Section 6.3.1 of Article VII which states:

6.3.1 The Committee, which may be appointed by the District Governor, shall including the Chairperson, consist of no less than 4 (four) and not more than 8 (eight) Lions who are members of Clubs in good standing in the District.

#### Be replaced with:

6.3.1 The Committee, which shall be appointed by the District Governor, shall including the Chairperson, consist of no less than 4 (four) and not more than 8 (eight) Lions who are members of Clubs in good standing in the District.

#### and

#### Section 15.1 of By-law III which states:

15.1 The purpose of this committee, if appointed, shall be to assist and advise the District Governor, Cabinet, Clubs, and members of the district on all matters pertaining to present and forward planning, policy, and direction of Lionism in the District.

#### Be replaced with:

15.1 The purpose of this committee shall be to assist and advise the District Governor, Cabinet, Clubs, and members of the district on all matters pertaining to present and forward planning, policy, and direction of Lionism in the District.

#### **MOTIVATION:**

The District Cabinet is of the opinion that since the re-introduction of the Long Range Planning Committee into the structures there has been a noticeable increase in leadership and operational efficiency within the District and seeks to ensure that the appointment of this committee is maintained year on year.

PCC Cliff Hocking Proposed on behalf of the cabinet. DGE Lindie Van Wyk Seconded

35 votes for 14 votes against

The motion was carried, and the adjustment will be made to the district constitution.

#### **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

#### **O1) DISTRICT DUES**

#### Submitted by the Cabinet of District 410E

WHEREAS Article VIII – Section 1 of the District 410E Constitution determines that a District Administration Fund tax shall be levied upon each member of each club in the District and that the amount of such tax shall be determined at each District Convention;









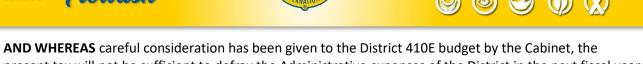












present tax will not be sufficient to defray the Administrative expenses of the District in the next fiscal year;

#### **BE IT RESOLVED that:**

The annual per capita District Administration Fund tax for the 2023 - 2024 fiscal year be increased to R 239,00 per annum, effective from 1st July 2023.

#### **MOTIVATION**

Based on the budget prepared for the 2023-2024 fiscal year the increase is necessary for the effective administration of the District, considering that the District has shown a deficit in dues income over the past two years.

- 1) An amendment was proposed by Lion President Marc Du Plooy (Alberton) to set the district dues to R 106.00 per year.
  - He indicated that the following clubs supported this amendment; Alberton, Helderkruin, Centurion Lifestyle and Letaba Tzaneen who attended the convention. He also indicated that the following clubs that were not in attendance at the convention supported the amendment; Fourways Club Branch (Alberton), Benoni Lakes, Krugersdorp, Vereeniging and Weltevreden. It was further noted that the clubs not in attendance at the District 410E convention held no vote.
  - It was noted that this proposal was distributed by Lion President Marc to the delegates during the tea break in hardcopy format, but CS Rowan noted that not all delegates received it.
- 2) A further amendment was proposed by Lion Trevor Hobbs to set the dues to R 239.00 and use a subsidy from the reserves (R89.00 per member per year) to reduce the amount each member pays to R150.00.

A discussion was held on the merits of each of these amendments and voting was done in the reverse order that they were proposed in as per Roberts Rules of Order.

Amendment 2 was proposed by Lion Trevor Hobbs (North Durban) There were 23 votes for and 23 votes against with 3 abstentions. The motion was defeated.

Amendment 1 was proposed by Lion President Marc Du Plooy (Alberton) There were 24 votes for and 24 votes against with 1 abstention. The motion was defeated.

The initial proposal was proposed by PDG Malcolm Johnston and Seconded by DG Sydney Van Heerden. There were 24 votes for and 24 votes against with 1 abstention. The motion was defeated.

As none of the motions were carried the district dues remain set at the current amount of R 100.00 per member per year.

O2). ANNUAL PER CAPITA CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DISTRICT LCIF FUND AND THE DISTRICT GOVERNORS **EMERGENCY FUND.** 

Submitted by the Cabinet of District 410E.







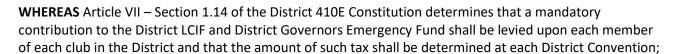












**BE IT RESOLVED** that the annual contribution to the District LCIF Fund continue to be levied at R 18.00 per capita for the fiscal year July 2023 to June 2024.

#### **MOTIVATION**

The fund is considered necessary to provide a means for the District to make contributions to LCIF as deemed necessary from time to time without having to appeal to clubs for funding. The contribution of R 18.00 per capita, which may be paid from Club Projects Accounts or from Club Administration Accounts, is considered to be adequate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the annual contribution to the District Governors Emergency Fund continue to be levied at R 5.00 per capita for the fiscal year July 2023 to June 2024.

#### **MOTIVATION**

The fund is considered necessary to provide first tier relief in the case of an emergency that arises in the District until such time as Club contributions and other means of funding can be sourced. The contribution of R 5.00 per capita, payable from Club Projects Accounts or Club Administration Accounts, is considered to be adequate to maintain the fund at the mandated level.

This proposal was proposed by PDG Malcolm Johnston and seconded by PDG Alistair Tuckett. There were 30 Votes for and 18 against with 1 abstention.

This motion was carried and the annual contribution to LCIF will be set at R 18.00 per member per year and the annual contribution to the district governor's emergency fund will be set at R 5.00 per member per year for 2023/2024.

#### Statement by DG Sydney van Heerden

DG Sydney delivered a statement to the delegates of the District 410E Convention wherein he addressed facts around the way Lion President Marc du Plooy (Alberton) had handled various matters related to the Finances of District 410E and questioned the modus operandi deployed which had caused dissensus within the District.

### District Development Reports Apology by DG Sydney van Heerden

Following the tea break and resumption of the business of the District 410E Convention, DG Sydney apologised to the delegates for them having to be exposed to such unpleasant circumstances and requested that the Convention move forward in the spirit of Lionism with the best interests of District 410E as the driving force for any decisions.

- District GET Co-ordinator Report DC PDG Bernd Gerhard
   PDG Bernd's report was submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the convention.
- 21. District GMT Co-ordinator Report DC PDG Alistair Tuckett PDG Alistair's report was submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the convention.

PDG Alistair added that the region chairs had been asked to start doing exit interviews with those members that have left the organisation in good standing. It was found that the biggest reason that people are leaving is because of we do not know our members or the challenges that they are facing and because of that, there is conflict and people leave due to this conflict.



















If we can cut our loses by half the district will grow without trying.

Figures as of 28/04/2023:

New members - 129

Lost members - 127

This is a net growth of 2 members for the year.

There are tools available from the GAT team for clubs and they just need to ask.

#### 22. District GLT Co-ordinator Report

DC Delphine Ferreira

DC Delphine's report was submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the convention.

Presidents weekend in the Eastern Cape will still be held. DC Delphine is working on finding a date that suits the members in the area.

Zone and Region Chair training will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2023 via Zoom facilitated by DGE Lindie. Incoming Club Officers training will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 via Zoom.

A special thanks was made to PDG Kim for putting up with the constant Zoom requests and amendments/date changes.

DC Delphine also thanked DG Sydney for his support over the past year.

#### 23. District GST Co-ordinator Report

DC PDG Ian King

PDG lan's report was submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the convention.

Year to date figures:

3 819 projects completed, this is 87 per week or 12 per day.

419 017 people served, this is 9 523 per week or 1 360 per day.

78 619 hours served, this is 978 hours per week or 255 hours per day.

PDG Ian thanked DG Sydney for the opportunity to serve on cabinet this year and DC Sandy for her assistance with the GST newsletter.

PDG Ian also thanked the Zone and Region chairs for their hard work making sure that the clubs did their reporting.

#### 24. Strengthen 410E Initiative

DGE Lindie Van Wyk

DGE Lindie's report was submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the convention.

DGE Lindie made a note that 7 of the incoming Zone and Region chairs attended the latest Strengthen 410E meeting at short notice.

All incoming Zone and Region chairs will be attending the meetings going forward so that the current chairs can handover to them.

#### 25. Long Range Planning

DC PCC Cliff Hocking

PCC Cliff's report was submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the convention.

#### **Region and Zone Chairperson's Reports**

26. Region Chairperson Report - Region A

RC Shirley Gerhard

RC Shirley's report was submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the convention.

RC Shirley thanked DG Sydney for allowing her to serve on cabinet this year.



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2<sup>ND</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

**CABINET SECRETARY** 

















26.1 Zone Chairperson Report - Zone 1 No Report was submitted

ZC Juan Mitchell

26.2 Zone Chairperson Report - Zone 2 No Report was submitted

Vacant

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1VDGE Perry thanked the cabinet and stated that the next year would be tough and that he had big shoes

- 29.1 Zone Chairperson Report - Zone 7 **ZC Laurette Schoeman** No report was submitted.
- 29.2 Zone Chairperson Report - Zone 8 **ZC Avril Hobbs** ZC Avril's report was submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the convention.
- 29.3 Zone Chairperson Report - Zone 9 ZC Vanessa Richardson ZC Vanessa's report was submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the convention.
- 30. Region Chairperson Report Region E **RC Sanet Emmerick** RC Sanet's report was submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the convention.









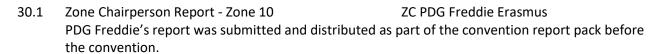












30.2 Zone Chairperson Report – Zone 11 **ZC Keith Thomson** ZC Keith's report was submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the

#### District Chariperson's Reports – Administration

31. Information Technology

DC PDG Kim Van Wyk

PDG Kim's report was submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the

CS Rowan stated that all clubs needed to make sure that each member had an individual e-mail address (not a shared one) registered on MyLCI, all information on MyLCI needs to be up to date. If they did not they would not receive the details on the new Lions Portal that would be going live during July/August of 2023.

32. Public Relations

DC Sandy Van Heerden

DC Sandy's report was submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the

DC Sandy added that the Lions branding is changing to Lions International and not Lions Clubs International.

She also stated that clubs could contact her for marketing material that they may need.

DC Sandy thanked the PR Committee for all their hard work in putting content together for the various projects.

The Happy Earth Lions Awareness project would be extended until the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2023.

#### **District Chariperson's Reports - Projects**

33. Disaster Relief

DC Sphiwe Ngobozana

DC Sphiwe's report was submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the convention.

34. Christmas Cakes

DC Teresa Pantoleon

No Report was submitted.

DG Sydney advised the convention that the proposed recommended retail price that would be put forward to the multiple district convention on 29/04/2023 would be R 160.00.

DG Sydney also let the convention know that the district had received the money for the rebates from the 2022 cake sales and were awaiting the breakdown of which clubs should get what amount. The rebates would be paid back to the clubs once this was received.

35. Environment

DC Alna Jackson

DC Alna's Report was submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the convention.

36. Health

DC Avril Hobbs

DC Avril's report was submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the convention.

















#### 37. LCIF

#### DC IPDG Patrick Mills

IPDG Patrick's report was submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the convention.

IPDG Patrick called for pledges to LCIF from the clubs present.

The clubs present pledged as follows:

Pretoria Jakaranda – R 2,500.00

North Durban – R 2.000.00

Hibberdene – R 100.00

Wilro Park – R 2,000.00

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Durban South – R 1,000.00

Port Alfred - R 5,000.00

Uitenhage – R 5,001.00

Helderkruin - R 3,000.00

King Williams Town – R 3,000.00

The Wilds – R 2,000.00

Centurion - R 2,000.00

Scottburgh - R 2,500.00

Centurion Lifestyle - R 1,000.00

Cowies Hill - R 1,000.00

Clearwater Cyber – R 1,000.00

Durban Host had already donated R 10,000.00 earlier in the week.

Total pledges at the convention – R 33,101.00 plus the donation earlier in the week is a total of R 43,101.00.

The raffle of the Lions memorabilia pins raised a total of R 12,000.00 towards LCIF.

The raffle was drawn and was won by the Lions Club of Port Shepstone.

Edenvale's delegates did not have a mandate to pledge but they would discuss with the club and arrange to make a donation.

PCC Cliff announced that the DG Exco and as agreed by the cabinet had without DG Sydney's knowledge agreed to donate US\$ 1 000.00 to LCIF towards a progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship for DG Sydney. The pin had not arrived yet but it would be presented to DG Sydney once received.

38. Leos DC Sue Smit

DC Sue's report was submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the

DC Sue acknowledged the Lions that had made the Leos program a success over the past year.

Karen Byers - Manzini

Nicolette Bailey – Newcastle

Tuks Leo President – Beverley who single handedly managed to get 160 Leos.

39. Peace Posters

DC PDG Peggy Du Plooy

PDG Peggy's report was submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the convention.

DGE Lindie announced that the Peace Poster Kits for the new year had arrived and that the new theme was "Dare to Dream".

CS Rowan confirmed that the kits would be distributed via the Peace Posters chairperson.



















Sight DC PDG Pierre Theron PDG Pierre's report was submitted and distributed as part of the convention report pack before the convention.

#### **Additions to the Agenda**

41. The Mid-year conference will be held over the weekend of 3 and 4 November 2023 at Stonehenge in Parys. The DG Welcome home will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July at the Pretoria South Clubhouse.

The first Cabinet meeting will be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July at the Midrand Clubhouse.

IPDG Patrick Thanked DG Sydney for a well-run convention.

42. Closure
The convention was closed at 14:15 by DG Sydney.

DG Sydney Van Heerden

#### Appendix A - Attendance Register

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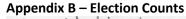


































REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO:	Nominations Committee
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	PDG Patrick Mills
	on behalf of PCC Denis Meyer

REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO:	Elections Committee
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	PDG Patrick Mills

ADDRESS - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
	District Governor Elect

ADDRESS - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Elect

ADDRESS - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Elect







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REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	IPDG Sydney van Heerden
PORTFOLIO:	Finance Committee

District Governor Lindie,

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The District Finance Committee consists of the following members:

PCC Jacqui Hocking: PDG Malcolm Johnston: Lion Prakash Harikishun: Lion Mark Bradley: Lions Mukesh Dayah The ex-officio members are DG Lindie van Wyk, CT Gizella McCullough and FVDG Perry Chetty

The fourth Finance Committee meeting was held on the 17 April 2024, via Zoom.

#### DISTRICT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: 1 July 2023 TO 31 March 2024

The Financial Statements for the period July 2023 to 31 March 2024 were presented at the Finance Committee Meeting. There were items raised by the Finance Committee that needed attending to. Some of these were mainly the cleaning up of the books.

District, International and Projects statements have been updated and need to be sent to all Clubs, however, there remains a lot of Clubs with outstanding monies. This is being addressed by the Cabinet Treasurer. The rebate from the Baker in respect of Christmas Cakes has been made to all qualifying Clubs.

The District Financials are still not 100% correct, however, the Cabinet Treasurer has done a sterling job in getting the books to around 80% / 85% correct. The hours she has put into this portfolio must be commended. Under the circumstances and as the cleaning up of the books is not significant, the Finance Committee recommends that the District Financials as at the 31 March 2024 be accepted.

#### **REVIEWED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The compiled financial statements for the District for the year ended 30 June 2023 together with the Financials for the years ending June 2020, June 2021 and June 2022 will be tabled at the Convention by Cabinet Treasurer Gizella McCullough. These Financials have been reviewed by an independent auditor to ensure full transparency, as they were not approved at the last Convention in KZN.

#### **LOUIS HALSE FUND**

There has been very little movement regarding the Louis Halse Fund. PDG Kim van Wyk has signed the documentation to be appointed as a Trustee, and PCC Brian von der Decken has submitted it to the Master. We are awaiting their feedback. PCC Brian von der Decken is working hard at getting this finalized but unfortunately when working with these institutions, it does take time.

PCC Brian has sent a strongly worded email to the court, as their response to his emails has been nonexistent. Our thanks go to PCC Brian for all his efforts and assistance in getting this resolved.

The proposed budget was discussed with the Finance Committee and with the current and incoming District Governors. The approved budget will be tabled at the Convention by Finance Committee Chairperson Sydney van Heerden.

My sincere thanks to all the members of the Finance Committee for their contribution and input, it's not been an easy year and a huge thanks to CT Gizella for her efforts in assisting to get outstanding items resolved.



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REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	CT Gizella McCullough
PORTFOLIO:	Cabinet Treasurer

#### PLEASE VIEW IN ADDENDUM FOR ADOPTION OF:

18.1	INTERIM A	<b>ACCOUNTS TO</b>	31 MARCH 2024
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- 18.2 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020
- 18.3 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021
- 18.4 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022
- 18.5 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

















REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	PDG Patrick Mills
PORTFOLIO:	Constitutions, Resolutions & Protocol

#### 1. COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

The Constitution, Resolutions and Protocol Committee, which comprises PDG Patrick Mills, PCC Brian von der Decken, PCC Cliff Hocking and PDG Kim van Wyk, have not met since the last Cabinet meeting. The Committee however did review the resolutions for Convention via email correspondence.

#### 2. PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

Following the call for Clubs to submit motions for resolution for the District 410E Convention, submissions were received and reviewed by the Resolutions Committee. The finalised motions for resolution to be presented at the District 410E Convention (see attachment) were circulated to all Clubs via the Cabinet Secretary on 29 March 2024, in line with the time limit prescribed by the Constitution, being at least 30 days prior to the District Convention.

Following the call for nominations for DG, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG for 2024-2025, nominations were received and reviewed by the Nominations Committee. The names of the Lion Candidates approved by the Nominations Committee were circulated to all Clubs via the Cabinet Secretary on 13 March 2024, in line with the time limit prescribed by the Constitution, being at least 30 days prior to the District Convention.

#### 3. ISSUES REQUIRING CABINET DISCUSSION / DECISIONS

There are no issues at present that require Cabinet discussion or decisions.

In closing, I would like to thank the Committee for their support and valued input over the year and thank DG Lindie for the incredible opportunity to serve in this portfolio.

















**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL - DISTRICT 410E RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE DISTRICT 410E CONVENTION HELD IN THE WILDERNESS ON 3 MAY 2024** MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTION **DISTRICT 410E CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS** 

C.1) ARTICLE VII DISTRICT ORGANISATION, Section 1 Cabinet and Officers

**Submitted by the Cabinet of District 410E** 

WHEREAS there are dates in the District Constitution that assume the District Convention being held in October;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** 

**ARTICLE VII Section 1** be amended as follows (additions in **bold** text, deletions struck through):

1.13 Full reports on the activities of all District projects shall be tabled at each annual District Convention supported by audited Financial Statements drawn up for the preceding full fiscal year and also interim financial statements for a period of three (3) nine (9) months to the 30th September 31st March for the current fiscal year.

and

**ARTICLE VIII Section 6** be amended as follows (additions in **bold** text, deletions struck through): Balance Sheet & Draft to 30th September 31st March

- 6.1 There shall be submitted to each District Convention: -
- 6.1.1 An audited Balance Sheet and Income Statement for the previous twelve (12) months ended 30th June and 6.1.2 A draft Balance Sheet and Income Statement for the three (3) nine (9) months of the current fiscal year, i.e. for the period ended 30th September 31st March.

#### **MOTIVATION:**

We foresee that District Conventions going forward will be held in conjunction with the MD Convention in April/May, and no longer in October.

#### C.2) ARTICLE VIII DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FUND, Section 5 Audit of Books of Account

Submitted by the Cabinet of District 410E

WHEREAS there are clauses in the District Constitution that call for an audit, where the Standard District Constitution calls for an "audit or review";

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** 

**ARTICLE VIII Section 5** be amended as follows (additions in **bold** text):

The Cabinet shall provide for an audit or review of the books and accounts of the Cabinet Treasurer 5.1 annually, or at more frequent intervals if necessary, by registered public accountants. The Cabinet Treasurer shall make available to clubs, on their request, such accounts.

and

BY-LAW II Section 12 be amended as follows (additions in **bold** text):



















12.9 It shall make provision for an audit **or review** at the end of the fiscal year, of the books and accounts of the Cabinet Treasurer, a copy of which shall be mailed to the District Governor, the Region Chairpersons and the office Lions Clubs International.

#### **MOTIVATION**

To bring the District Constitution in line with the Standard District Constitution.

#### C.3) ARTICLE VII DISTRICT ORGANISATION, Section 1 Cabinet and Officers

#### **Submitted by the Cabinet of District 410E**

WHEREAS the District Constitution currently mandates clubs to contribute to the District LCIF and DG Emergency Funds on a per capita basis;

#### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**ARTICLE VII Section 1** be amended as follows (additions in **bold** text, deletions struck through):

1.14 Contributions to and participation in District projects by Clubs shall be on a voluntary basis with the exception of mandatory including the per capita contributions to the District LCIF and District Governors Emergency Funds, such recommended contributions to be determined by resolution at the annual District Convention.

#### **MOTIVATION:**

It is a decision of the Clubs how they disburse funds from their Activities/Projects Account. Currently, should a Club not wish to make such contributions, they would become a debtor and in the extreme situation not be granted the right to vote due to outstanding payment.

### C.4) ARTICLE VII DISTRICT ORGANISATION: Section 3 First and Second Vice District Governors and other Vacancies

#### **Submitted by the Lions Club of North Durban**

**WHEREAS** ARTICLE VII Section 3 sets out the procedure for filling the position of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor should a vacancy occur in either position, the constitution is silent on determining names of suitably qualified candidates wishing to be considered for the vacant position;

#### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**Article VII Section 3** have an additional paragraph added at the end reading:

On sending out the notice of the meeting to select the vice district governor a notice shall be sent to all clubs calling for suitably qualified Lions who wish to be considered for the vacant position to submit their names and CV to the District Governor by a date to be determined by the District Governor. At the meeting such names shall be presented to the meeting for consideration.

#### **MOTIVATION:**

At present the procedure is such that the committee is tasked in selecting a new Vice District Governor but is not in a position to know who wishes to make themselves available. The new wording allows any suitably qualified Lion to put their name forward so that the committee can choose the best candidate from those available. This very closely follows the procedure that is adopted at Multiple District in choosing the MD Council Chairman.

















#### C.5) ARTICLE VII DISTRICT ORGANISATION: Section 6.5 Finance Committee

#### Submitted by the Lions Club of North Durban

**WHEREAS** the District have a finance committee appointed by the District Governor, this committee consists of minimum of 5 members of which a minimum of 3 shall be PDG's, one of these being the IPDG and one the outgoing Cabinet treasurer. The District Governor appoints the Chairman and members of the District Finance Committee;

#### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

#### **Article VII Section 6.5.2** be altered to read:

The Committee shall consist of a minimum of Six (6) members, of whom a minimum of three (3) shall be Past District Governors or former Cabinet Treasurers and one shall be the Immediate Past District Governor. The outgoing Cabinet Treasurer shall serve as a member of this committee for a term of one year following his / her term as Cabinet Treasurer. In addition two members of the committee shall be selected from a list of names submitted by lions clubs within the district.

and

#### Article VII Section 6.5.3 be added as follows:

A notice to all clubs is to be sent out 30 days before District Convention calling on them to submit names of suitable Lions to stand on the committee . The closing date for submission of names to the DG elect shall be by the start of the final District Cabinet meeting of the year. The DG elect will then select two names from the possible candidates for inclusion on the Finance Committee.

Existing Paragraphs 6.5.3, 6.5.4, 6.5.5 and 6.5.6 be renumbered appropriately.

#### **MOTIVATION:**

The Finance Committee is established to oversee the financial affairs of the District on behalf of the dues paying Lions within the District. It is thus appropriate that the clubs within the District are able to appoint two members of the finance committee to act as their representatives.

Just as in business the shareholders of a company appoint independent Directors to the Board of a company, the same principal applies.

#### C.6) ARTICLE VII - DISTRICT ORGANISATION: Section 1 - Cabinet and Officers

#### **Submitted by the Cabinet of District 410E**

**WHEREAS** the District Constitution can be amended from time to time to improve the overall administration and operation of the District;

#### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

#### Sub-Section 1.1 which states:

1.1 The District Shall have a District Cabinet (Cabinet) composed of the following officers: - a District Governor, an Immediate Past District Governor, a First Vice District Governor, a Second Vice District Governor, a Cabinet Secretary, a Cabinet Treasurer, Region Chairpersons, Zone Chairpersons and such other members appointed in terms of sub-section 1.9 hereof



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#### Be replaced with:

1.1 The District shall have a District Cabinet (Cabinet) composed of the following officers: - a District Governor, an Immediate Past District Governor, a First Vice District Governor, a Second Vice District Governor, a Cabinet Secretary, a Cabinet Treasurer, Region Chairpersons (if the position is utilized during the District Governor's term), Zone Chairpersons and such other members appointed in terms of sub-section 1.9 hereof

#### **MOTIVATION:**

The office of Region Chairperson is currently a compulsory appointment to the District Cabinet. It is considered that this provision should be brought in line with the Standard District Constitution and By-Laws and that it become an optional appointment by the District Governor.

C.7) BY-LAW II – DUTIES: Section 1 - District Governor, Section 2 - First Vice District Governor, Section 3 - Second Vice District Governor, Section 6 - Region Chairpersons and Section 7 - Zone Chairpersons

#### **Submitted by the District 410E Constitutions Committee**

**WHEREAS** there was amendment to the International By-Laws updating the duties of the District Officers to align with a focus on membership growth and leadership development moving forward;

#### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Section 1 of By-Law II be amended by deleting the text in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

#### Section 1 District Governor

As an international officer of this association, and under the general supervision of the International Board of Directors, they shall represent the association in their district. In addition, they shall be the chief administrative officer in their district and shall have direct supervision over the district cabinet. Their specific responsibilities shall be to:

- 1.1 Further the purposes of this association resulting in membership growth in the district.
- 1.2 Oversee the Global Action Team at the district level and inspire other district officers to actively support membership growth and new club organization.
- 1.3 Oversee current district action plan focused on and working towards the successful achievement of district goals to
  - 1.3.1 Charter new clubs.
  - 1.3.2 Achieve net membership growth.
  - 1.3.3 Ensure effective club operations.
  - 1.3.4 Provide leadership development and skills training at the club and district levels.
  - 1.3.5 Encourage clubs to conduct and report meaningful humanitarian service.
  - 1.3.6 Support and promote Lions Clubs International Foundation and encourage club and member contributions to Lions Clubs International Foundation.
- 1.4 Oversee the administrative operations of the district as provided in the Standard District By-laws
- 1.5 Guide clubs to operate in accordance with International Constitution and By-Laws, support activities that improve member retention and remain in good standing with the association.
- 1.6 Promote the Lions Clubs International Foundation and all service activities of the association.
- 1.7 Preside, when present, over cabinet, convention and other district meetings. During any period he/she is unable to so preside, the presiding officer at any such meeting shall be the first or second vice district governor, but if he/she is not available, the district officer chosen by the attending members shall preside.
- 1.8 Promote harmony among the chartered Lions clubs.







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- 1.9 Exercise such supervision and authority over cabinet officers and district committee appointees as is provided in this district constitution.
- 1.10 Ensure that each Lions club in the district be visited by district governor or other district officer once every year to facilitate successful administration of the club, and that the visiting officer submit a visitation report to the International Headquarters for each visit.
- 1.11 Submit a current itemized statement of total district receipts and expenditures to his/her district convention or annual meeting of his/her district at a multiple district convention.
- 1.12 Deliver, in a timely manner, at the conclusion of his/her term in office, the general and/or financial accounts, funds and records of the district to his/her successor in office.
- 1.13 Report to Lions Clubs International all known violations of the use of the association's name and emblem.
- 1.14 Perform such other functions as required by the International Board of Directors.

#### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:**

Section 2 of By-Law II be amended by deleting the text in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

#### Section 2 First Vice District Governor

The first vice district governor, subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor, shall be chief administrative assistant to the district governor. Their specific responsibilities shall be to:

- 2.1 Further the purposes of this association resulting in membership growth in the district.
- 2.2 Actively work toward the success of the current district action plan.
- 2.3 With the district governor and second vice district governor, review strengths and weaknesses of the district; refine and further develop a draft of the ongoing district plan focused on and working towards the successful achievement of district goals.
- 2.4 Identify and prepare a highly effective team for the subsequent year to develop and implement action plans to achieve district goals.
- 2.5 Work closely with the club leadership to identify future district leaders.
- 2.6 Perform such duties and other directives as may be assigned by the district governor or the policies established by the International Board of Directors.
- 2.7 At the request of the district governor, supervise appropriate district committees.
- 2.8 Actively participate in all cabinet meetings and conduct all meetings in the absence of the district governor.
- 2.9 Participate in council of governors' meetings as appropriate.
- 2.10 Conduct club visitation as the representative of the district governor when requested by the district governor.
- 2.11 Work with the District Convention Committee and assist the committee to plan and conduct the annual district convention and assist the district governor to organize and promote other events within the district.
- 2.12 Participate in the planning of the next year including the district budget.
- 2.13 Familiarize himself/herself with the duties of the district governor so that, in the event of a vacancy in the office of the district governor, he/she would be better prepared to assume the duties and responsibilities of said office as the acting district governor until the vacancy is filled according to these by-laws and rules of procedure adopted by the International Board of Directors.
- 2.14 Conduct a district quality assessment and collaborate with the district officers, specifically members of the district's Global Action Team, and other committee chairpersons, during his/her term as first vice district governor to develop a plan for membership growth, leadership development, operational improvement and the fulfilment of humanitarian services to be presented and approved by the district cabinet during his/her term as district governor.



2<sup>ND</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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Section 3 of By-Law II be amended by deleting the text in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

Section 3 Second Vice District Governor

The second vice district governor is subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor. Their specific responsibilities shall be to:

- 3.1 Further the purposes of this association resulting in membership growth in the district.
- 3.2 Actively work towards the success of the current district action plan.
- 3.3 Serve as the district liaison to region and zone chairpersons, at the direction of the district governor, working towards successful region and zone operations in support of club health.
- 3.4 Become familiar with resources to support club development
- 3.5 Prepare for the role of district governor.
- 3.6 Perform such duties and other directives as assigned by the district governor or the policies established by the International Board of Directors.
- 3.7 At the request of the district governor, supervise appropriate district committees.
- 3.8 Actively participate in all cabinet meetings and conduct all meetings in the absence of the district governor and the first vice district governor.
- 3.9 Familiarize himself/herself with the health and status of the clubs in the district, review the monthly financial report and assist the district governor and the first vice district governor in identifying and strengthening the existing and potential weak clubs.
- 3.10 Conduct club visitation, as the representative of the district governor, when requested by the district governor.
- 3.11 Assist the district governor and first vice district governor in planning and conducting the annual district convention.
- 3.12 Work with the District LCIF Coordinator and assist the committee to achieve the goals of the year through regular distribution of LCIF information and materials to increase understanding and support of LCIF.
- 3.13 Assist the district governor, first vice district governor, and the cabinet in planning of the next year, including the district budget.
- 3.14 Familiarize himself/herself with the duties of the district governor so that, in the event of a vacancy in the offices of district governor and first vice district governor, he/she would be better prepared to assume the duties and responsibilities of said offices as the acting district governor or acting vice district governor until the vacancies are filled according to these by-laws and rules of procedure adopted by the International Board of Directors.

#### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:**

**Section 6 of By-Law II** be amended by deleting the text in its entirety and replacing it with the following: Section 6 Region Chairpersons

The region chairperson, if the position is utilized during the district governor's term, is subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor and shall be the chief administrative officer in their region. Their specific responsibilities shall be to:

- 6.1 Further the purposes of this association resulting in membership growth in the district.
- 6.2 Actively work towards the success of the current district action plan and encourage club and zone participation.
- 6.3 Supervise the activities of the zone chairpersons in their region and such district committee chairperson(s) as may be assigned by the district governor.
- 6.4 Support club health by identifying club strengths and weaknesses and encouraging growth, leadership excellence and meaningful service.

















- 6.6 Endeavour to have every Club in his/her Region operating under a duly adopted Club Constitution and By-laws.
- 6.7 Promote representation at International and District Conventions by at least the full quota of delegates to which Clubs in the Region are entitled.
- 6.8 Carry out such official visitations to Club meetings and Charter nights as shall be assigned to him/her by the District Governor.
- 6.9 Perform such additional assignments as shall be given to him/her from time to time by the District Governor.
- 6.10 Become familiar with district operation and enhance leadership skills as needed for advancement.
- 6.11 Perform such duties and directives as may be required by the district officers or policies established by the International Board of Directors

#### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

Section 7 of By-Law II be amended by deleting the text in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

Section 7 Zone Chairpersons

The zone chairperson, subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor and/or region chairperson, shall be the chief administrative officer in their zone. Their specific responsibilities shall be to:

- 7.1 Further the purposes of this association resulting in membership growth in the district.
- 7.2 Actively work towards the success of the current district action plan and encourage club participation.
- 7.3 Serve as chairperson of the district governor's advisory committee in their zone and as such chairperson to call regular meetings of said committee.
- 7.4 Make a report of each District Governor's Advisory Committee meeting and send copies within five (5) days thereafter to Lions International and to the District Governor and Region Chairperson.
- 7.5 Visit a regular business/general meeting of each Club in his/her Zone once or more during his/her term of office, reporting his/her findings to the Region Chairperson, particularly with respect to weaknesses he/she may have discovered (copy to District Governor).
- 7.6 Ensure club health by identifying club strengths and weaknesses and encouraging growth, leadership excellence and meaningful service.
- 7.7 Play an active role in organising new Clubs and keep informed on the activities and wellbeing of all Clubs in his/her Zone.
- 7.8 Represent each Club in his/her Zone in any problems with District, Multiple District or Lions International.
- 7.9 Supervise the progress of District, Multiple District and Lions Clubs International projects in his/her Zone.
- 7.10 Endeavour to have every Club within his/her Zone operating under a duly adopted Club Constitution and Bylaws.
- 7.11 Promote representation at International and District Conventions by at least the full quota of delegates to which Clubs in his/her Zone are entitled.
- 7.12 Become familiar with district operations and enhance leadership skills as needed for advancement.
- 7.13 Perform such other functions and acts as may be required by the International Board of Directors through the district officer's manual and other directives.

#### **MOTIVATION**

To bring the District Constitution in line with the amended International By-Laws.







## DG LINDIE VAN WYK











#### **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

#### O.1) DISTRICT DUES

#### **Submitted by the Cabinet of District 410E**

WHEREAS Article VIII - Section 1 of the District 410E Constitution determines that a District Administration Fund tax shall be levied upon each member of each club in the District and that the amount of such tax shall be determined at each District Convention;

AND WHEREAS careful consideration has been given to the District 410E budget by the Cabinet, the present tax will not be sufficient to defray the Administrative expenses of the District in the next fiscal year;

#### **BE IT RESOLVED that:**

The annual per capita District Administration Fund tax for the 2024 - 2025 fiscal year be increased to R200,00 per annum, effective from 1st July 2024.

#### **MOTIVATION**

Based on the budget prepared for the 2024-2025 fiscal year the increase is necessary for the effective administration of the District, considering that the District has shown a deficit in dues income over the past several years.

#### O.2) ANNUAL PER CAPITA CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DISTRICT LCIF FUND AND THE DISTRICT **GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY FUND**

#### **Submitted by the Cabinet of District 410E**

WHEREAS Article VII - Section 1.14 of the District 410E Constitution determines that a contribution to the District LCIF and District Governors Emergency Fund shall be levied upon each member of each club in the District and that the amount of such contribution shall be determined at each District Convention;

BE IT RESOLVED that the annual contribution to the District LCIF Fund continue to be levied at R 18.00 per capita for the fiscal year July 2024 to June 2025.

#### **MOTIVATION**

The fund is considered necessary to provide a means for the District to make contributions to LCIF as deemed necessary from time to time without having to appeal to clubs for finding. The contribution of R 18.00 per capita, which may be paid from Club Projects Accounts or from Club Administration Accounts, is considered to be adequate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual contribution to the District Governors Emergency Fund continue to be levied at R 5.00 per capita for the fiscal year July 2024 to June 2025.

#### **MOTIVATION**

The fund is considered necessary to provide first tier relief in the case of an emergency that arises in the District until such time as Club contributions and other means of funding can be sourced. The contribution of R 5.00 per capita, payable from Club Projects Accounts or Club Administration Accounts, is considered to be adequate to maintain the fund at the mandated level.



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REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	PDG Alistair Tuckett
PORTFOLIO:	GMT (Global Membership Team)

DG Lindie, please find my report below.

Firstly, I need to give a big thank you to the members of the Global Membership Team (GMT), they are PDG Jeff Smith, Lions Sanet Emmerick, Hansia Moodley, and Mark van Heerden. This team are working alongside PDG Ian and the Global Extension Team to do our best to help you meet your goals. Membership however remains a challenge and the GMT are looking into finding different ideas to stress this to Clubs. Clubs remain the drivers of retaining and expanding the membership in this organisation. although the GMT does feel that slow progress is being seen with the Strengthen 410E initiative, especially where the programme has been embraced by the Clubs.

One way to achieve your goals DG Lindie is to encourage Clubs that are 5 members or below to set a goal of having 10 members (6 Clubs), and then the Clubs below 10 to set a goal of 15 members (19 Clubs). If all 38 Clubs below 15 members could all get up to 15 members, this would result in an increase of 234 members. Some of the Clubs in these categories do not wish to grow, in which case it is recommended that effort is not wasted on these Clubs and only concentrate on those willing to put in the effort to grow. Just to put things into a little perspective, if we could get all Clubs to a minimum of 20 members, we would have a total of 1,329 members in the District and this would meet our District goal of Vision 2024-2027 to be a full district by 2027 and would fit in perfectly with Mission 1.5.

Based on feedback received from people that have resigned in good standing, 28% left Lions because of conflict, 18% due to the running of the Club, and 8% due to ill Health, surprisingly only 1% left because of costs. This follows a similar pattern found by Lions Clubs International.

The GMT and GET meets monthly to brainstorm membership issues and how assistance can be provided to Clubs. A couple of resources have been provided to clubs.

#### **GMT GOALS:**

Goals are tracked each month and are adjusted as further action plans are put into place and plans change.

- 1. Support DG Lindie's Membership Goals.
  - o Grow Membership in District 410E by a minimum of 100 members by end of June 2023.
  - o By the end of March 2024 28 clubs have inducted **65** New Members.
  - Implement a Retention Programme to ensure that the membership drops in District 410E do not exceed 100 members. – Net Loss of 59 as at the end of March.
  - As of the end of March we have lost 149 members, if however, you take off the transferred members we have lost 125 members.
- 2. Quarterly "Membership Matters" Newsletters, along with Global Extension Team.
  - o Newsletters planned for August, November, February, and May.
  - o Newsletter to cover retention tips and how to attract new members.
  - Newsletter was sent out in September February; April, with the next one planned for May.
- 3. Two "Zoom Membership Workshops"
  - o This goal was changed to hosting two Club Membership Chair Forums.
  - o First forum was held 4 April 2024.
  - o Next forum is scheduled for 6 June 2024 with incoming and outgoing club membership chairs invited to attend.
- 4. Meeting monthly with Region & Zone Chairs under the Strengthen 410E portfolio. Ongoing and on track.









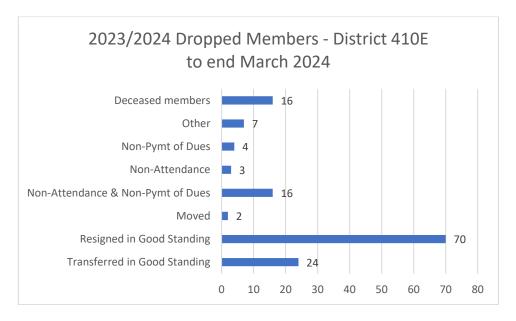








- Update generic orientation guide. Completed.
  - Sent out to all Clubs. Completed.
- Set up a Global Membership Team that can assist Clubs in putting plans in place.
  - o Team meeting monthly and working on and identifying various initiatives.
  - o Club Membership Chairperson WhatsApp group created.
  - o Adapted a generic membership brochure for Clubs along with MD Marketing team, that can be used across
  - Looking into putting a step-by-step plan together for Clubs to assist them in recruiting and retaining members.



#### **CLUB PROMOTION / INVOLVEMENT:**

Tools put together by the GMT to assist Clubs, so far:

- The Conflict Recognition and Resolution Action Plan
- Club marketing brochure (a temporary one, as discussed with the marketing team)
- Benefits of being a Lion Cheat sheet.
- Recommend that clubs use Club Satisfaction and Exceeding Expectation documents from LCI.

#### Club Membership Chairperson Forum:

- 35 Participants from 22 Clubs.
- Identified solutions:
  - o Proper training of club membership chairs essential.
  - o Membership chairs need to encourage all members to participate in recruiting, it is not just their responsibility.
  - O Clubs need to:
    - Form membership committees,
    - Set membership goals, and
    - Put action plans in place to achieve these goals.
  - o These goals need to be shared with the Zone Chairperson so that there is a Zone goal and then with the Region Chairperson so that there is a Region goal. This then can be put together for the District goal.



















#### **GMT Membership Development:**

- Club branches were identified for extension and budgets and action plans provided to the driving Lions. The areas targeted are:
  - Steytlerville Uitenhage PDG Freddie and L Sanet.
  - o Rebuilding Durban Host FVDG Perry and SVDG Avril
  - o Developing Sandton Club Branch RC Melinda
  - Developing Fourways Club Branch RC Melinda
- GET is looking into the rebuilding of Kimberly and the GMT will assist where it can. Some of the grant funds have been set aside for this.

The GMT has also indicated that they are willing to assist Zone Chairpersons to come through to Zone meetings to discuss Membership with those in attendance. As the team is spread out throughout the District they can cover pretty much all regions.

#### ISSUES REQUIRING CABINET DISCUSSION / DECISIONS:-

The GMT has requested that Zone and Region Chairpersons please encourage Clubs to make use of the wonderful marking materials coming from the marketing team. By posting and using these resources, this will aid Clubs in making the public and their communities more aware of what the Clubs are doing and, in that way, attract interest in people joining Lions. They are also asked to please encourage them to use the resources provided by all other Cabinet Officers.

DG Lindie that concludes my report for the 4<sup>th</sup> cabinet meeting and Convention. I wish to thank you for your great leadership this year and for allowing me to be part of your team.





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### **DG LINDIE VAN WYK District Governor 2023/2024**









#### **CURRENT MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS PER CLUB IN EACH REGION TO END MARCH 2024.**

	CURRENT MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS PER CLUB IN EACH REGION TO END MARCH 2024.  Jun   Jul- Aug Sep- Oct- Nov Dec- Jan- Feb Mar   YTD											
		23	23	-23	23	23	-23	23	24	24	24	Growth
Region A	13 Clubs	187	183	179	177	178	179	178	173	165	167	-20
Zone 1	8 Clubs											
27738	JOHANNESBURG NORTHCLIFF	14	14	14	14	16	16	15	15	15	15	1
27747	KRUGERSDORP	31	31	31	25	25	24	24	24	23	25	-6
109971	ROODEPOORT CLEARWATER CYBER	13	10	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	-2
104884	ROODEPOORT HELDERKRUIN	23	22	20	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	1
27759	ROODEPOORT HOST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
46134	ROODEPOORT WILRO PARK	34	37	34	34	32	32	32	27	27	27	-7
27760	RUSTENBURG	14	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	12	12	-2
44342	WELTEVREDEN	11	11	11	11	12	14	14	14	14	14	3
		140	140	136	134	135	136	135	130	126	128	-12
Zone 2	5 Clubs											
27770	BLOEMFONTEIN	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	0
27790	KIMBERLEY	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	0
27745	KLERKSDORP	15	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	10	10	-5
97579	POTCHEFSTROOM	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	0
27764	STILFONTEIN	12	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	-3
		47	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	39	39	-8
Region B	11 Clubs	255	258	258	259	258	257	250	249	246	242	-19
Zone 3	5 Clubs											
27721	ALBERTON	66	67	67	67	68	67	65	65	63	63	-3
27742	JOHANNESBURG THE WILDS	12	12	12	12	12	13	12	13	13	12	0
27746	HENLEY ON KLIP	11	13	13	13	13	13	11	11	11	10	-1
46497	REITZ	14	13	13	13	13	13	13	12	12	12	-2
27766	VEREENIGING	27	27	27	27	26	26	26	26	26	26	-1
		130	132	132	132	132	132	127	127	125	123	-13
Zone 4	6 Clubs											
61204	CENTURION	18	18	18	18	18	18	17	17	17	16	-2
117928	CENTURION LIFESTYLE	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	15	-1
48149	MIDRAND	17	18	18	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	2
105249	PRETORIA CITY	23	23	23	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	-1
52963	PRETORIA JAKARANDA	15	15	15	15	14	14	13	12	14	14	-1
27757	PRETORIA SOUTH	36	36	36	37	37	36	36	36	33	33	-3
		125	126	126	127	126	125	123	122	121	119	-6
Region C	9 Clubs	108	111	108	108	105	102	100	97	96	96	-12
Zone 5	5 Clubs											
27724	BENONI	15	15	13	13	13	12	12	12	12	12	-3
115092	BENONI LAKES	11	14	14	14	13	13	13	13	13	13	2
27730	EDENVALE	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	19	19	1
122767	KENSINGTON	5	5	4	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	-3
29241	STANDERTON	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	-1
		56	59	56	56	54	53	53	52	52	52	-4





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### **DG LINDIE VAN WYK District Governor 2023/2024**











Zone 6	3 Clubs											
27748	LETABA TZANEEN	22	22	22	22	21	19	19	17	17	17	-5
39796	MANZINI	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	0
27753	NELSPRUIT	14	14	14	14	14	14	13	13	12	12	-2
		52	52	52	52	51	49	47	45	44	44	-8
Region D	19 Clubs	255	267	265	267	266	265	260	259	259	260	5
<b>Zone 7</b> 27781	6 Clubs ESTCOURT											
29349	HILTON	10	10	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	-2
		9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	1
29192	HOWICK UMNGENI	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	2
27796	LADYSMITH	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	0
116362	NEWCASTLE	13	13	13	13	14	14	13	13	13	13	0
27816	VRYHEID	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	0
70	O Clinks	56	56	54	55	56	56	56	56	57	57	1
<b>Zone 8</b> 27767	8 Clubs AMANZIMTOTI											
45041	BALLITO	10	15	15	15	15	15	11	11	11	11	1
30754	COWIES HILL	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	0
110924	DURBAN EAST COAST	23	23	23	24	24	24	23	23	22	21	-2
	DURBAN HOST	38	39	39	39	39	38	38	38	38	38	0
27774		14	14	14	14	14	14	14	11	11	11	-3
27814	DURBAN NORTH DURBAN	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	19	19	19	3
27775	DURBAN SOUTH DURBAN	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	0
30913	KINGSBURGH	11	14	14	14	14	14	13	13	13	14	3
Zone 9	5 Clubs	123	132	132	133	133	132	126	126	125	125	2
57333	HIBBERDENE	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	1
27807	PORT SHEPSTONE	35	35	35	35	33	32	33	33	33	34	-1
45984	RAMSGATE	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	8	8	8	4
29586	SCOTTBURGH	19	22	22	22	22	23	23	19	19	19	0
102613	SHELLY BEACH											
102010	0.122.722.101.1	12 <b>76</b>	12 <b>79</b>	12 <b>79</b>	12 <b>79</b>	12 <b>77</b>	12 <b>77</b>	12 <b>78</b>	10 <b>77</b>	10 <b>77</b>	10 <b>78</b>	-2 2
Region E	11 Clubs	112	112	109	107	111	110	109	110	109	110	-7
Zone 10	6 Clubs											
27788	KOUGA	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0
111197	PORT ALFRED	16	16	14	13	16	15	15	15	15	15	-1
29439	PORT ELIZABETH CAPE RECIFE	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0
27804	PORT ELIZABETH HOST	6	6	6	6	5	5	4	4	4	4	-2
27805	PORT ELIZABETH ST CROIX	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	0
27812	UITENHAGE	19	19	16	15	17	17	17	19	19	20	1
		53	53	48	46	50	49	48	50	50	51	-2
Zone 11	5 Clubs											
130226	EAST LONDON BEACON BAY	5	4	4	4	4	4	2	0	0	0	-5
27779	EAST LONDON PORT REX	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	0
27783	GONUBIE	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	0
27791	KINGWILLAMSTOWN	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	21	20	20	-2
29725	KOMGA	5	5	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	2
		64	63	65	65	65	65	63	60	59	59	-5







## DG LINDIE VAN WYK











REPORT – DISTRICT CONVENTION	Friday 3 MAY, 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	PDG lan King
PORTFOLIO:	GET (Global Extension Team)

DG Lindie,

As we still have 2,5 months left to go, I am optimistic that we will grow our Membership, as per the goal, of 100 new members by the end of the fiscal year. As can be seen from the table below, we have inducted 90 new members. Unfortunately, we will not achieve our target of chartering 2 new Clubs with an additional 40 members, but we will continue to look for opportunities to do so.

	MEMBERSHIP			
	OPENINNG BALANCE	ADDED MEMBERS	DROPPED MEMBERS	CLOSING BALANCE
TOTAL ZONE 1	146	21	39	128
TOTAL ZONE 2	47	1	9	39
TOTAL REGION A	193	22	48	167
TOTAL ZONE 3	130	9	16	123
TOTAL ZONE 4	125	9	15	<b>,</b>
TOTAL REGION B	255	18	31	
TOTAL ZONE 5	62	7	17	52
TOTAL ZONE 6	52	1	9	44
TOTAL REGION C	114	8	26	96
TOTAL 70NE 7	50			
TOTAL ZONE 7	56	4	3	
TOTAL ZONE 8	123	14	12	125
TOTAL ZONE 9	76	14	12	
TOTAL REGION D	255	32	27	260
TOTAL ZONE 10	53	8	10	51
TOTAL ZONE 11	64	2	7	59
TOTAL REGION E	117	10	17	110
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TOTAL DISTRICT 410	DE 934	90	149	875

As far as the areas initially identified as growth areas, work continues. The Clubs/areas already in process are:-

#### **Fourways**

Will be reported on in more detail by RC Melinda, but they are struggling. No one is prepared to take on the Club Officer roles and we have some hard work ahead of us to not only grow the Club but to keep it alive. I will continue to work with RC Melinda to do what we can to ensure success.

#### Sandton

Working well under the guidance of Jakaranda and work being done to grow the numbers.

Wilro Park continue to work hard on the growth aspect of Lenasia. There are 3 current members and several prospective Lions.

#### Clarens

Sadly, there are no prospective Lions left in Clarens and I believe that the hard work done by CC Bernd and IPDG Syd has come to an end. I will keep it on the radar but for now, not a go for us.

















#### Lesotho

We have a new lease on life with Lesotho with CC Bernd assisting us. Will update at Cabinet.

### Kimberley

I am happy to report that the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April. I will expand on the meeting at Cabinet.

Along with GMT Retention under the guidance of PDG Alistair, we have circulated several Newsletters to highlight ways to assist Clubs in growing membership. We are going to continue to concentrate on offering assistance to Clubs with membership below 10 to get to 10, below 15 to get to 15 and below 20 to get to 20. Clubs over 20 members are encouraged to grow by at least 10%.

Strengthen 410E remains our strongest focus to keep working with Zone and Region Chairs to assist clubs in every aspect of Membership Retention and Growth.

### **GMT GOALS:**

Goals are tracked each month and are adjusted as further action plans are put into place and change. Support DG Lindie's Membership Goals:

- Grow Membership in District 410E by a minimum of 100 members by end of June 2023.
  - By the time of this report, Clubs have inducted 90 New Members.
- Charter 2 new clubs by the end of June 2024
  - Sadly, this target will be missed as we struggle to find suitable areas that we can expand quickly. Work will
    continue in this area
- Quarterly "Membership Matters" Newsletters, along with Global Retention Team. Newsletters planned for August, November, February, and May.
  - Newsletter was sent out in September February; April, with the next one planned for May
- Meeting monthly with Region & Zone Chairs under the Strengthen 410E portfolio.
  - Ongoing and will continue to focus on maximizing opportunities to grow our membership.

The challenge remains one of finding the right people who are keen to become part of our Organisation. The Extension team will continue to work alongside the Retention team to continuously promote the reasons for growth and provide ideas on how to do it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Region Chairpersons who willingly formed part of the Extension team. They put in a huge effort to do whatever they could to help us achieve the goals and your efforts are sincerely appreciated. A huge thank you to PDG Alistair for his hard work and efforts and his team for all the assistance.

DG Lindie, it has been a privilege to have served on your Cabinet.

Yours in Lionism,

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REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Avril Hobbs
PORTFOLIO:	GLT (Global Leadership Team)

DG L indie and Team,

Fulfilling the goals and aspirations of this portfolio have way exceeded my ability.

**Leadership Planned Schedule:** The planned schedule was sent to the Clubs several times over the year. Lions 101 (or new member orientation sessions); Presidents Fireside Chats, Speed Learning (various topics); MAP or Marketing and Planning workshops were held during the year.

**Fireside Chats:** Informal online discussions with the Club presidents were held. These appear to have been valuable and enable questions to be answered in a group of peers. Much was shared and as one president remarked "I have learned so much more from these sessions".

**Lions 101** was held with a few of the individually invited newly inducted Lions. While this needs to be conducted online, it also gave the new Lions an opportunity to ask questions knowing that the other participants would probably benefit. (No question is a dumb one). This was said to be beneficial to those in attendance, one of who came from a club that never attends any training!

**Presidents and Zone Chairs Training** is planned for 24-26 May. This will entail a cost to the Clubs. This should be considered to be an investment in the Club, and perhaps encourage members to see the value in taking leadership roles. This training event is for all Presidents Elect and the Zone Chairpersons for 2024/25. The ZC's need to know what is being expected of the Presidents. It is also a good opportunity to get to know one another and to share goals and aspirations. Finding suitable cost-effective venues has proven to be difficult. Expect Confirmation of venues and final costs shortly.

**Club Officers Training** will be held on Saturday 1 June. This will be online. The officers to be covered will be Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair (GMT); Service Chair (GST) and PR & Marketing Chair.

**Leadership Development Grant:** We were privileged to have been awarded a training and development grant of \$500 for the training of our Zone Chairpersons.. This will be used for material to ensure our Zone Chairpersons are well equipped for their role as the direct link from Clubs to the District Governor.

**Regional Lions Leadership Institute:** The LCIF grant applied for by the Multiple District GLT Coordinator and approved will be utilised from 29 April to 1 May in the Wilderness. The MD GLT Coordinator organises the Institute together with 3 facilitators from both District E and W.

26 applicants were approved, 15 from District E. These include seasoned and experienced Lions, but also very new Lions. The cost of R1535.00 per delegate excluding travel and personal expenses was paid by each delegate. This can be considered an investment in their future as a Lions leader.

Those Lions attending will be asked to make a written commitment to serve their fellow Lions in leadership capacity over the next 3 years.

RLLI is an investment in the delegates and their newly acquired skills and knowledge needs to be utilised to mentor and assist fellow Lions. The privilege to serve your fellow Lions needs to be seen, we serve our communities willingly, but leadership positions are almost taken to be a chore.

















Lions Leadership Journey: The Lions Leadership Journey has not yet been initiated, but discussion with the MD GLT would suggest shorter online/zoom sessions allowing candidates to pace themselves. Lions who have shown an interest in undertaking this Leadership Journey will be invited to do so.

Communication with Clubs: could have been more extensive.

Clubs are finally asking for training, but this needs to be specific. Clubs and members should be accessing the online training provided in the Lions Learning Centre. This can be supplemented where Clubs require more personal and in-depth training.

Monthly meetings with the MD GLT, the Strengthen 410E and District Long Range planning teams continued to take place. Input and information from these groups tells me we should be growing.

More emphasis should be on training/sharing knowledge purposefully rather than just telling Clubs and expecting them to run with the ideas. This was very evident with the Big Walk for Little Warriors. Initially Clubs were asked to participate on a specific date and hold a walk of sorts to promote childhood cancer awareness. Simple enough! But what really ignited Clubs, was when an outline of what to do (a blueprint of sorts) and plenty of marketing was presented, together with a short online discussion where questions were fielded, and suddenly many Clubs were on board. This led to a successful event for Clubs and their members, and a good branding exercise for Lions.

Succession Planning is essential. Even if that is a current President returning to the chair, the subsequent years need to be secured with a 1st and 2nd vice who actually intend taking up the challenge. These Lions need to shadow the current President and to attend training that is offered. Unfortunately, it is more a case of filling the gaps in many cases. How do we make being the Club President a role to pursue?

Lions Portal: The long-awaited portal combining all the administrative and reporting functions was launched on 15 April. While many Lions have logged in, with mixed reactions (positive and negative), Lions need to at the least log in and see what works for them.

An online discussion should be held after the end of May to see how Clubs, in particular the Officers are faring with reporting and accessing training and information. More than one session may be necessary.

A feature which appears to be missing is the ability to download e.g all Club Membership Chairpersons. These are done on a Club-by-Club basis.

DG Lindie, I may have not fulfilled all your goals (and dreams) to Strengthen (improve our Lions knowledge, reach of service) and Flourish (grow our numbers, our service capacity, and our sheer enjoyment of being a Lion), but I thank you for the opportunity of learning and leading under your guidance.

My thanks to DG Lindie, DGE Perry and fellow Lions for their support. I am sure my successor will do an amazing job and get more Lions trained to fulfill their goals.

District GLT: Avril Hobbs





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REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	DC Sandy King
PORTFOLIO HELD:	GST (Global Service Team)

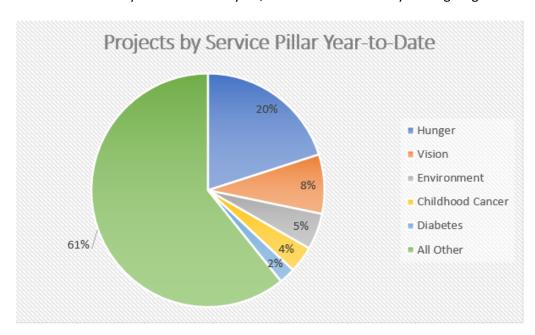
Dear DG Lindie and fellow Cabinet Officers,

Our Clubs have really lived our motto this quarter and some very innovative projects have been shared amongst the Clubs through our WhatsApp groups. 3,327 Service Projects were reported, serving 410,073 people. Unfortunately to date we haven't been able to get more than 89% of Clubs reporting – I'm hoping to improve that by the end of the year. The highlight for me was the Big Walk for Little Warriors in which 32 of our clubs participated in one way or another. I am convinced that this project will just keep on growing every year.

The chart indicating the spread of projects over our 5 Pillars of Service shows a slight increase in Paediatric Cancer which is largely due to the Big Walk.

At the 3rd Cabinet meeting we received a District Project Proposal from Ramsgate Lions Club called the **Hearing Right Programme**. A committee has been formed and we've had our first meeting. This was very productive, and we hope to get the project off the ground in the near future. We will also consult with some Clubs in the MD which are running hearing projects on a smaller scale. The Hearing Right Programme will hopefully give hearing impaired members of the public who would ordinarily not be able to afford help, to be assisted through this programme. The plan is to start a pilot project in Zone 9 and roll out from there. We are very grateful to the 2 new Lions from Ramsgate for their project proposal and who are passionate about helping people with hearing difficulties.

It has been an honour to serve on your Cabinet this year, DG Lindie and I thank you for giving me the opportunity.



Yours in Lionism,

Sandy

















REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	1 <sup>st</sup> VDG Perry Chetty
PORTFOLIO:	Strengthen 410E

### **Strengthen 410E**

The last Strengthen 410E Meeting was held on the 25th of March much better response from the Zone Chairpersons.

It is encouraging to see a lot more interaction between the Region and Zone Chairpersons.

"Mission 1.5" seems to be gaining momentum.

### Marketing and Medea.

The Facebook and WhatsApp groups are being used extensively, this creates Lion's awareness within our communities, local organisations, companies, and membership.

Members are beginning to interact with other Clubs in their Zone, doing projects together.

### Membership

Mission 1.5 on membership is still high on the agenda, with a huge focus on membership retention. I have been in contact with Region and Zone Chairpersons regarding continuously reminding the Clubs to act on the Mission 1.5 commitment we made.

For example: The Lions Club of Amanzimtoti promised to be at 20 by end of June 2024 and have moved from 11 to 16 already.

Contracts are being drawn up for Region and Zone Chairpersons.

### **Leadership**

Leadership has started to seriously accept that mediocrity is not acceptable. Zone Chairpersons must communicate to the Region Chairpersons, the Vice District Governors and the District Governor so that everyone is kept in the loop. Basic respect must always be adhered to. Thanks to our leadership for all hands are on deck, with workable initiatives such as getting the Membership Chairpersons involved.

### Conclusion

I feel that if the Region and Zone Chairpersons can filter the excitement through to the Presidents the Membership Chairpersons and Clubs, "Mission 1.5" will be within our reach. Thank you DG Lindie for affording me the pleasure of running with Strengthen 410E and for all your assistance, not forgetting a GREAT Team- thank you.

### THE BIGGER THE DREAM ,THE MORE IMPORTANT THE TEAM



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REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	PCC Cliff Hocking
PORTFOLIO:	Long Range Planning

#### **OBJECTIVE AND FUNCTIONS**

The objective and functioning of the committee is contained in Article 6 of the District 410E Constitution which

- "6.3 Long Range Planning Committee
- 6.3.1 The Committee, which shall be appointed by the District Governor, shall including the Chairperson, consist of no less than 4 (four) and not more than 8 (eight) Lions who are members of Clubs in good standing in the District.
- 6.3.2 The Chairperson shall be a Past District Governor appointed by the District Governor.
- 6.3.3 Half the membership shall be Past District Governors.
- 6.3.4 The First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor shall be appointed members of the Committee.
- 6.3.5 Each member of the Committee shall have one vote. The Chairperson shall have a deliberative and a casting vote.
- 6.3.6 The Committee may call upon the expertise of other members as required, and form sub Committees where needed.
- These members shall have no voting rights in Committee meetings. 6.3.6.1
- 6.3.7 The Committee shall meet at least once per quarter and in addition shall meet at the specific request of the District Governor to discuss matters referred to it by him/her.
- 6.3.8 The Chairperson shall advise the District Governor of the outcome of all deliberations of the Committee presenting fully all views and opinions.
- It shall be a function of this Committee to appoint a minimum of 3 (three) Past District Governors 6.3.9 advise all candidates for District Governor and Vice District Governors on matters of to the requirements of their office. practice and
- 6.3.10 A quorum at any meeting of the Committee shall be a majority."

### 2. PURPOSE: 2023-2024

"To build on the groundwork completed during 2021 – 2022 and 2022 - 2023 in terms of the 5-year strategic plan for the District."

### STRATEGY: 2023-2024

### (i) Goal:

To further develop and enhance the strategic initiative to empower and strengthen clubs in District 410E through the **Strengthen 410E** philosophy.

### (ii) Vision:

Clubs in 410E to be the service club organisations of choice within communities for the communities

### (iii) Strategic Imperatives:

### ✓ Service:

Meaningful and sustainable activities; collaboration and partnering with community organisations; flagship programmes.

#### ✓ Marketing:

Useful and professional social media platforms; regular interaction with print and other media; continuous internal and external brand building; utilisation of activities as marketing tools.



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### ✓ Membership:

Member satisfaction; growth in clubs; new clubs and club branches.

Emphasis on Leadership, Experience, Opportunity; development of service culture within the youth; creation of nurseries for future Lions membership.

### ✓ Administration:

Proper financial disciplines, controls, and reporting; activities reporting accurately and on time; efficient secretarial performance for all stakeholders.

### ✓ Leadership:

Succession planning; club officer development; cabinet officer development; leadership skills development.

#### FOCUS: 2023-2024

- Strengthen 410E: Support and guidance provided to 1st VDG Perry and his team in terms of S410E with inputs around strategy, tactics, and operational efficiencies. The operational implementation of the tactical approaches remains in the hands of the District GAT, Region and Zone Chairs with more ownership needing to come from Club leaders.
- Mission 1.5: The International programme where the goals to achieve 1.5 Million members by July 2027 continues to receive a high priority in terms of committee effort. The MD goal has been established at 2 500 members by 2027 which equates to a District goal of 1 250. This has been unpacked to region and zone goals which will lead to goals for each club.
- District 410E ten and fifteen years from now: Scenario planning on what our District should look like in the future continues to receive attention and still in its infancy of development. A Cabinet Workshop was held in January to get District leadership structures involved and committed.
- Succession Planning / Leadership / Mentorship Interaction: A structured succession plan for VDG's and Cabinet Officers going forward also continues to gain momentum and there is still much work to be done in terms of the linking of leadership development and mentorship into the overall thinking.
- Leo Clubs: Emphasis on Leadership, Experience, Opportunity; development of service culture within the youth; creation of nurseries for future Lions membership continues to be a focal point. This aspect needs plenty of TLC going forward if we are to get anywhere close to where the Leo project could and should be.
- Administration: Effective and efficient financial disciplines, controls, and reporting; activities reporting accurately and on time with efficient overall performance by and for stakeholders. The District needs to set the example to our Clubs as we cannot expect efficiency and effectiveness if our performance is not up to scratch. The tardiness around financial management as occurred during this year should simply not be allowed to be tolerated.
- MD 410 Vision 2024 2027: Active participation in the MD initiative coupled with Mission 1.5 receives the attention that it deserves but needs to be at the forefront of strategic, tactical, and operational thinking if we are to succeed in growing the District.

### 5. CONCLUSION

After 32 years and 4 respectively as a member of the 410B and 410E Cabinets in a variety of capacities, the time has come to move on. I wish to place on record my thanks to the District leadership structures and importantly the Club members that I have had the pleasure and privilege of working with over the years.

**Cliff Hocking** Long Range Planning Chairman

















REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	RC Rowan Tuckett
PORTFOLIO:	Region Chairperson – Region A

Report on the activities of Region A for the period since the last Cabinet Meeting.

I would like to thank District Governor Lindie for the opportunity to serve on her Cabinet in the position of Region A Chairperson. I would also like to apologize to DG Lindie for not doing a very good job this year. When I accepted the position, I had every intention to do my very best to serve the Region, but my workload started increasing from around September and as a result I was not able to get to everything that I had planned.

I would like to also thank Lion Karl Bands for stepping in to assist over the last few months and wish him all the best for the coming year where he will take over as Region Chairperson from me.

The region is stable at the moment but there are some Clubs, including my own, that I have concerns about. The concerns are listed below.

- Zone 1 Clearwater low membership in the core area is causing burnout of the members as well as conflicts
  with work schedules. We have held a membership brainstorming session where some plans have been put in
  place to address this.
- Zone 1 Rustenburg Very active but I am worried about the number of members and the possibility of the members burning out. The Club has become quiet over the year and have not been involved in the Zone activities as they normally are.
- Zone 2 Kimberley Low number of members and the possibility of rebuilding the Club. There are plans to assist the Club to rebuild.
- Zone 2 Bloemfontein Low number of members and lack of interest from current members, possibly a lost cause trying to revive this club.
- Zone 2 Potchefstroom Low number of members and lack of interest from current members. This Club may
  be a lost cause, which would be a pity as they used to be very active.

### **Zone Projects:**

#### Zone 1:

Sensory Trail at the Walter Sisulu National Botanical Gardens Roodepoort Eye Clinic (Brightsight West Rand) Buddy Day – 27 April 2024

### Zone 2:

Tree Planting
Vision screening at schools
Bowls of Hope

Rowan Tuckett

















REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	ZC Crystal Richardson
PORTFOLIO:	Zone Chairperson – Zone 1

General Club Reports

Club Name	Report Submitted	General Comments
Clearwater Cyber	Yes	<ul> <li>Has had a 3-member loss YTD.</li> <li>With 1 member gain YTD.</li> <li>Main reason for member loss is members priorities have changed.</li> <li>Their biggest project from the last three months was the Lekkerus Easter project.</li> <li>Clearwater finds that interacting with people and talking to them about what projects Lions does works well for them in member drives.</li> <li>Would love to be provided with more marketing materials to help them with member drives.</li> <li>The biggest issue they are facing at the moment is finding the right fit of members who will be committed to being actively involved with running the Club.</li> </ul>
Rustenburg	Yes	<ul> <li>Rustenburg has experienced 1 member loss with no members gained YTD.</li> <li>Member loss was due to the members being dropped from the Club.</li> <li>Have had many very successful projects over the last three months with a Senior Citizen bingo day, Successful feeding schemes. Mommy and newborn gifts and generally these projects are well attended with at least 75% of members attending all projects.</li> <li>Does require help from District to get in more members.</li> <li>Rustenburg finds that the Club works well together as a group, and this is working well for them now.</li> <li>Would gladly welcome more marketing material.</li> <li>Membership is the biggest issue the Club is facing now.</li> </ul>
Krugersdorp	Yes	<ul> <li>Krugersdorp has had a loss of 6 members YTD, with only 2 members gained over the same period.</li> <li>Main reason for member loss was one death, a member being transferred out of the area, and other members leaving due to personal reasons.</li> <li>Krugersdorp most successful project over the last three months was the Valentines for the aged project, the happiness on their faces made the projects a success.</li> <li>Having a social braai after the general business meeting is working well for Krugersdorp and will boost club morale.</li> <li>They would appreciate another class on photographic computer flyers.</li> <li>They also feel advertising on social media would be beneficial.</li> <li>The biggest issue facing Krugersdorp at the moment is loaded fees, and members having time as most members are working full time.</li> <li>They are struggling with members not wanting to take on any positions with responsibility, and just want to remain normal members.</li> </ul>



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Wilro Park	Yes	Wilro Park has experienced a 4-member loss YTD, and no gained
		members.
		<ul> <li>Main reason for the member loss was members moving out of the area and moving to another Club.</li> </ul>
		Tandana House of Refuge has been a successful project for Wilro Park in
		the last 3 months, and this is a ongoing project.
		They are actively working on plans to increase membership and also work
		on retaining current members.
		Wilro park has changed the format of their service meeting where they
		now have project meetings with the whole Club to get better
		participation and this is working well for them at the moment.
		<ul> <li>They are happy with the marketing support they are receiving.</li> <li>Motivation was the biggest issue they were facing, however since</li> </ul>
		changing the service meeting format this has improved.
Weltevreden	Yes	Weltevreden has experienced no member loss YTD and has managed to
		gain 3 new members.
		Over the last 3 months the project that has been a highlight for them is
		the blankets they make for new mothers and their babies.
		<ul> <li>Inviting new prospects to meetings to get to know the Club and see the</li> </ul>
		Club culture has worked well for Weltavreden, as well as having them
		join in at projects and get the Lions experience.
		Fund raising is the biggest issue the Club is experiencing at the moment.  The Club as a value is income and the experiencing at the moment.  The Club as a value is income and the experiencing at the moment.
		The Club as a whole is very creative and has a lot of support from
		sponsors, contacts and friends who help the Club with donations towards projects.
Lenasia Club	Yes	Lenasia has had 1 member loss due to the members' time constraints
Branch	1.00	and priorities. Unfortunately, have has no members gained YTD.
		A highlight project for Lenasia is the library for the poor community kids,
		and the vegetable garden for the school, this has allowed the Club to be
		consistently connected to the children.
		Need help with a member drive to help boost the Club numbers, as it is a
		small Club and active members experience burnout.
		They need support with marketing and would like to have a meeting to
		establish how the Club is functioning and come up with a way forward for the club.
Helderkruin	Yes	Helderkruin has had no member losses YTD and has gained 5 new
c.dc.iii diii	1.00	members (Transfers).
		<ul> <li>In the last three months projects that worked well for Helderkruin were</li> </ul>
		an Easter egg drive for 2 schools, and the Big walk for Little Warriors.
		Buddy Day is an upcoming project in the Zone.
		Helderkruin Club culture works well for them, and they actively do Club
		fellowships with their members.
		One of the biggest issues is coming up with new project ideas from
Northaliff	Voc	members but the board is looking at ways to combat this.
Northcliff	Yes	Northcliff has had 0 member lost YTD but is likely going to lose one by the end of the liquidity year due to a family cricis in another province.
		<ul> <li>the end of the lionistic year due to a family crisis in another province.</li> <li>They have managed to gain 2 new members so far during the year.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>They have managed to gain 2 new members so far during the year.</li> <li>What works well for Northcliff is the book sale fundraising they do as well</li> </ul>
		as Facebook advertising.
		<ul> <li>Succession planning is a big issue for the club at the moment.</li> </ul>

















### Possible concerns:

Club Name	General Comments

- Currently the biggest concern I have picked up is membership across most of the Clubs in the Zone.
- I am also worried about Lenasia Club Branch and think we might need to look at intervention with them.

### **Club observations:**

Club Name	General Comments
Clearwater Cyber	Very active Club given how small they are. Membership is a worry.
Rustenburg	Great attendance from active members at projects with some great projects on the go which is encouraging.
Krugersdorp	Again, membership is an area of concern. The fact the Club has successful fellowships is good and encouraging.
Wilro Park	• Very active Club, and great to see how proactive they are in coming up with solutions to possible issues before they become a hindrance in club performance.
Weltevreden	Also, a small but active Club, they have some great projects on the go.
Lenasia Club Branch	Very worried about Lenasia and think we need to look at how we can help.
Helderkruin	Concern for Helderkruin is the lack of new ideas for projects – but Club is actively trying to resolve this.
Northcliff	Membership and succession planning is also a concern for this Club, but Zone and Region Chairpersons are working with the Club to help them.

### **Conclusion:**

### **General Comments**

I feel Zone 1 is running pretty smoothly with very little issues. Membership is obviously a concern as is throughout the whole District and together with the Region Chairperson I hope to actively help towards addressing this.

















REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	ZC Riaan Wilken
PORTFOLIO:	Zone Chairperson – Zone 2

### 1. Stilfontein

I visited the club during March 2024 and the club are healthy. They do support me, and their reporting is up to date. Their projects are running smoothly, and they have completed their nominations and elections of officers for the 2024/2025 year.

### 2. Klerksdorp

The club took part in the Big Walk for Little Warriors on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February and we had a very good fundraiser on the 25<sup>th</sup> February at Klerksdorp Bowling Club supported by the Nomads. In April we had a food project for the people in need in Orkney and Klerksdorp where we delivered bowls of hope with fresh veggies. We have lost four members due to the difficult economic climate, but I am fortunate to report that we have four new prospects which are interested in the Lions. The election of new officers has been done for the 2024/ 2025 year.

#### 3. Potchefstroom

The situation in the club is still the same and there is nothing new to report.

#### 4. Bloemfontein

In Bloemfontein the situation is still the same and there is nothing new to report.

### 5. Kimberley

I had a discussion with PDG Ian King. There are a few prospects who are interested in becoming Lions. There is an informal meeting scheduled for Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 to discuss the way forward.

### 6. Action Plan

6.1 Lion awareness days in Klerksdorp

6.1.1 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2024

6.1.2 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2024

6.2 Visiting clubs

6.2.1 Stilfontein on 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2024

6.3 Zone meeting

6.3.1 Plan to have a Zoom meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2024

6.4 Zone 2 Induction Dinner on 8th of June 2024

















REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	RC Melinda Strydom
PORTFOLIO:	Region Chairperson – Region B

### **LIONS CLUBS**

### **Alberton**

Issues in Alberton have been sorted out.

Warrior Walk huge success - 182 walkers - Supported CHOC and Kids Kicking Cancer.

4000 Easter eggs received from JHB Mini Council – handed out at various charity organizations, police stations, clinics, creches, old age homes, fire stations.

We look forward to our POP UP StreetStore in May 2024 where we clothe and feed 1400 needy people.

Lost 3 members, Inducted 5 and potentials in line for induction in new fiscal year.

### The Wilds

No report.

### **Henley on Klip**

Over R18k donated to CHOC.

2 Members deceased, 1 resignation. 3 potential recruits.

Requesting zoom training for Social Media as Marketing Chair cannot attend a Saturday.

#### Reitz

Does not always complete WMMRs. I am working with them to get it done monthly.

Bielie mielie show - primary fund raising event for the year.

Outreach to the old age homes and food assistance for underprivileged families.

Lost 1 member, 2 potentials in line for induction in new fiscal year.

Facebook has removed their page – appeal has been logged to reinstate.

Local network in town used to communicate in the form of a newsletter.

### Vereeniging

40 care bags (children and ladies) to Lifeline.

Eyes of love project at Vaal mall - 125 people screened, 82 people provided with spectacles through Brightsight.

1 member lost due to personal reasons; she remains a Friend of the Lions.

1 prospective member.

Would like help with social media.

### Centurion

No report.

### **Centurion Lifestyle**

Choc walk, Jumble sales and monthly Eye testing. Bag painting fundraiser for CHOC in May 2024 1 Member lost ,2 x possible inductions by end June. Social Media going well.



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Vegetable garden planted in Thembisa. Thrift Sale fundraiser in May 2024.

No loss or gains in members, 2 potential members. Planning an informal membership brainstorming meeting around the bar in May 2024.

Very active on social media.

### **Pretoria City**

No Report – Does not always complete WMMRs.

#### Pretoria Jakaranda

Revamp of Club is going well and positive.

Easter eggs delivered to patients in hospital and Lions Mints to staff.

2 members transferred into Club, 6 prospectives accepted into club and will be inducted at their Induction dinner.

Social Media – Facebook has received a revamp and going well.

#### **Pretoria South**

Focused mostly on Hunger alleviation Projects.

Upcoming projects - eye screening, special ice-skating project, Cycle2Serve.

Lost 3 members 1 x expulsion, 1 x transfer & 1 x resignation.

Active on Social Media

### **CLUB BRANCHES**

### **Fourways**

Jars of Hope feeding a lot of people.

Support to and from Beanies for Beings.

12 Members, 1 has resigned end June 2024. 1 Potential member ready for induction.

\* One member has been running the Club and filling all portfolios, she is "Lioned Out". There are no members stepping into portfolios next year. Alberton Lions is assisting in guiding the Club for the next fiscal year.

### Sandton

Visit to Bokomosa Day care and delivered toys.

Visit to new Hospice in Alex.

6 potential Lions who are keen to join the club once they qualify.

1 potential Lion being inducted next GBM.

Social Media active

• I am planning a Region Social in May 2024.

Thank you, DG Lindie, for this opportunity of being Region Chair. I learnt a lot, met many Lions, had fun, and enjoyed the experience.

Yours in Lionism, Region Chair

Melinda



















REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024	
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	ZC Gary Murray	
PORTFOLIO:	Zone Chairperson – Zone 3	

### NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

















REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024	
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	ZC Yolandi van der Schyf	
PORTFOLIO:	Zone Chairperson – Zone 4	

DG Lindie & Cabinet Members,

I am very excited to report our Zone 4/District project, the "Big walk for Little Warriors", took place on 24 February at Zwartkop's Country Club. We raised R12,300 that was donated to Nicus Lodge in Pretoria. All clubs in the Zone participated including Leo's as well as the Santon Club Branch.

Herewith feedback on the Clubs in Zone 4:

#### Midrand

- Very good with reporting.
- Had successful projects and fundraisers. Great social media presence.
- Membership drive meeting planned to brainstorm ideas to attract new members.
- Plan to have a mentor for each board member that is taking on a new portfolio.

#### **Centurion Host**

- Good communication and reporting.
- Meeting attendance is a problem for them.
- They have good involvement with the Leo's, this will be one of my goals next year to get more involved with the Leo Club.
- My visit to the Club has still to take place, however telephonic communication is ongoing.

### Centurion Lifestyle

- Good communication and reporting.
- Changed meetings from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday to 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month to accommodate their members.
- Good projects on the horizon.

#### Pretoria South

- Good reporting.
- Extremely busy with projects and fundraisers and they have good planning in place, regarding upcoming activities.
- Great social media presence.
- The Club has had to make changes to its board for important positions, they are handling it and I hope that the Club can find their balance.

#### Pretoria City

- Communication and reporting are lacking despite numerous consultations.
- I will be doing an induction for two new members in May.
- Must make sure that the new board members attend the training, because their nonexistent reporting was due to lack of knowledge.

### Pretoria Jakaranda (including Sandton Club Branch)

- Good communication and reporting from Pretoria Jakaranda.
- The president of the Club Branch of Sandton has been replaced due to him not fulfilling his duties.
- They have gained some strong members that will help this Club to grow, new energy in Club.

We need to express the importance of training to Incoming Club Officers. I found that portfolio chairpersons did not know what was expected of them and that the President or other more experienced members had to step in and do the job. I really enjoyed my year as Zone Chairperson. Thank you very much for trusting me with this responsibility. Wishing all a decisive Cabinet Meeting held in the spirit of Lionism.

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**CABINET SECRETARY** 

PCC Jacqui Hocking















REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024	
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	RC Leslie Young	
PORTFOLIO:	Region Chairperson – Region C	

Lionistic greetings to DG Lindie and all District and Cabinet members,

- 1. My Zone Chairpersons, ZC Diane Townsend and ZC Patrick Gamede are commended for their commitment to the District and to their Clubs.
- 2. I attended an online Zone meeting for Zone 6 Chair Patrick on 2 March.
- 3. I also attended a Zone meeting for Zone 5 held at the Edenvale Lions Clubhouse on 3 February.
- 4. Both meetings were very productive.
- 5. Following the Cabinet Meeting on 18 February, myself and Zone Chairpersons Diane and Patrick identified Benoni (Host) and Nelspruit respectively as Clubs to drive membership and grow by three members by the end of this lionistic year.
- 6. Online meetings were arranged with LP Jane (Benoni) and LP Gery (Nelspruit) where we brainstormed some ideas for membership.
- 7. Happily, the Lions Club of Nelspruit will be inducting 2 new members on 20<sup>th</sup> April and there are another three members set to be inducted at the Clubs next induction for the 2024/25 Lionistic Year.
- 8. I am arranging a Quiz evening as a Region Social and have proposed dates of 21<sup>st</sup> June or 29<sup>th</sup> June. The evening will be held at the Benoni Clubhouse, and we will have a zoom link for those Clubs that cannot make it physically. Entrance will be a donation of choice to LCI. This promises to be an interactive and fun evening.

Thank you for your time.

Yours in Lionism, Leslie Young 0832608282

















REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	ZC Diane Townsend
PORTFOLIO:	Zone Chairperson – Zone 5

It gives me pleasure to submit my report for Zone 5. This report details activities and communications which have taken place for the period Feb – May 2024

1. Zone meetings - Completed

Date	Venue	Attendance & Comments
5 Aug 2023	Benoni Lions Community Centre	Standerton; Benoni; Benoni Lakes; Kensington Lions Clubs
	111 Howard Avenue, Benoni	
12 Nov 2023	The Tasting Room, Morehill, Benoni	Benoni; Benoni Lakes, Kensington; Edenvale
3 Feb 2024	Edenvale Lions Club House Edenvale	Benoni; Benoni Lakes; Edenvale; Alberton

2. Zone Meetings - Upcoming

Date	Venue	Comments
18 May	Benoni Lions Community Centre	ТВА
	111 Howard Ave, Benoni	

3. Upcoming events

Date	Event Name & Venue	Attendance & Comments
25 Nov 2023	Regional Quiz Evening	Benoni Lions Community Centre hosted by RC Leslie Young
June 2024	Strides for Diabetes Walk	Ebotse Golf and Country Estate

### 4. Club Visits

Date	Venue	Comments
11 May 2024	Edenvale Lions Club	
	152 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Edenvale	
10 June 2024	Benoni Lions Club	TBC
	111 Howard Ave, Benoni	
1 June 2024	Standerton Lions Club	TBC

### 5. Observations and challenges

The Clubs are generally performing well although there have been some challenges.

Club	Observations	Challenges	Opportunity
<b>Benoni Lions</b>	Benoni Lions Club remains financially	District Governor has	Increase membership
Club	stable. An election has been held for	challenged Club to get	to support additional
	incoming 2024/2025 Club Officers. The	3 more members by	service.
	incoming board will remain as is with the	the end of this Lionistic	
	addition of a Membership Chair. Club is	year.	
	active in-service projects supporting the		
	elderly, children's welfare, and other needs		
	in the community.		



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Benoni Lakes Lions Club	Club is financially stable. 2 new members were inducted in April bringing the total to 5 new members during this Lionistic year with 1 additional prospective member. The Club has outlined some great upcoming projects and continues to support the community in service. New incoming board has been elected and there will be a change in President.	Difficulty with some of the newer members not wanting to fit in with standard Lion practices. This might be because of onboarding not being adequate.	Onboarding and training of new members needs focus from Membership Chair.
Edenvale Lions Club	Club is financially stable.  1 new member was inducted in March 2024 & 2 members are transferring from Kensington. TheClub continues to support community through service projects. Club is still to conclude their elections in May however it is anticipated that the board will remain similar to the current board.	Insufficient members wanting to take on leadership roles	Succession planning and training of members to encourage new ideas and more younger members.
Kensington Lions Club	Club will be closing and remaining 2 members transferring to Edenvale Lions Club	Currently working on transferring Club assets to Edenvale Lions Club	
Standerton Lions Club	Standerton Lions Club have been trying to survive, however in a town that is slowly deteriorating this is proving to be extremely difficult.	Club is struggling with 2 members that have resigned and 2 others being dropped leaving 3 remaining members. Current President might also be relocating.	This Club could benefit from assistance from District if it is to survive. One of the solutions might be to include more diversity and change current practices to encourage a new set of members.

### 6. Regional Lions Leadership Institute & MD410 Ubuntu Convention

ZC Diane Townsend will be attending both of these events.

#### 7. Zone Social

Zone 5 members attended the Annual Chicken braai competition at Edenvale Lions in April. 4 clubs participated in this event which was a great success and encouraged interaction and team building. The overall winner for best theme and presentation was Alberton Lions Club. Benoni Lakes Lions club were awarded the trophy for best food. A most enjoyable day for all who attended. All other Clubs in Gauteng are encouraged to take part in next year's challenge.

### 8. Conclusion

The Zone is still in a state of flux with the recent closure of Bedfordview and the upcoming closure of Kensington which although sad will strengthen Edenvale Lions and the Zone. There is a concern about the state of Standerton and discussions need to be had regarding the future direction of this Club. The 3 prevailing Clubs are performing well although there are areas of focus that need to be addressed to strengthen and grow these Clubs. Clubs will be encouraged to form part of the bigger picture by participating in Zone/District projects which will increase visibility within the community and grow membership and the possibility of new Club formation.



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REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	ZC Patrick Gamedze
PORTFOLIO:	Zone Chairperson – Zone 6

### Introduction

Thank you to DG Lindie for your leadership and guidance during this period. The balance of the period will see us closing off a lot of the projected initiatives.

As part of our mandate, my **key focus areas** have been:

- 1. To assist Clubs that have lost the spark to reignite the spark.
- 2. Focus on Clubs assisting each other through collaborations.
- 3. Introduce Club participation in inter zone or inter clubs' projects.
- 4. Clubs' full participation in the Strengthen 410E initiative.
- 5. Encourage Clubs to participate in the LCIF initiative.

### My Goals include:

- 1. Supporting the Strengthening 410E Programme.
- 2. Motivate Clubs to set the goal of 99% membership retention.
- 3. Membership growth for 2023/2024 year.
- 4. Increase service activities / sharing of stories / service reporting.
- 5. Leadership development.
- 6. Service Goals.
- 7. LCIF Participation.

### **Membership Status:**

Membership in the Zone stood as follows of today:

We've seen several new members being inducted even though we have had losses in the same period. However, we anticipate a positive growth at the end of the period. We shall continue to be more engaging with the Club Presidents to ensure they strive to meet their annual goals. Sadly, our efforts to sustain Polokwane could not yield results hence the Club was closed.

In furthering our goals for the period, the following are critical areas that exists through the SWORT analysis.

- (a) Strengths The Clubs under the Zone have highly dedicated Lions who are eager to participate in the Strengthen 410E initiative.
- (b) Weaknesses The Club with only one member needs serious attention.
- (c) Opportunities The stabilization of our economies will be an added advantage as this will allow our members to have more disposable income thus clear off their membership dues and be able to attend our Conventions.
- (d) Threats Being mistaken for being Rotary continues to be a threat to our existence. This means we must improve our brand promotion and be seen as the stand-alone international organization. The mushrooming of numerous so called NPO organisations has also influenced the slow rate of donations.

#### Reports:

All the Clubs in the Zone continue to submit report timeously. Meetings are being held and minutes attached on the WMMR reports which is commendable.



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### **Club Health Assessment:**

Based on the current membership statistics and financial position, there are no threats on the existence of these Clubs. They all have members, and their financials are up to date. We will continue to assist and track the Polokwane Club to find ways of reviving a membership drive initiative.

### **Zone Meetings:**

We have managed to hold our quarterly meetings as per our schedule and much appreciation goes to the Club Presidents for ensuring attendance.

Quarter	Date	Venue
1	02 <sup>nd</sup> September 2023	Nelspruit
2	25 <sup>th</sup> November 20233	Nelspruit
3	02 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024	Zoom
4	01 <sup>st</sup> June 2024	Nelspruit

### **Multiple District Convention:**

We have advocated for maximum attendance to the Multiple District 410 Convention as this is an important meeting in the Lions calendar. However, due to continued economic challenges, we have seen a decline in attendance from the Zone. We shall endeavour to continue to encourage Clubs to support its members to ensure increased attendance.

We have regrettably noted that no members have applied for the RLLI training. This is an important training that helps to further capacitate future leaders who shall also train others. Clubs should be encouraged to engage its members to take interest in this kind of training.

### **Conclusion:**

There is still a lot of ground that could be covered in the remaining months. We need to ensure that new members are inducted in line with the Zones goals for the year. We have been assured by Clubs that they have a number of prospective members who will be inducted in the period. Our aim it to have a positive growth for the fiscal year.

Submitted by: Patrick Gamedze **Zone 6 Chairman** 

















REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	RC Vanessa Richardson
PORTFOLIO:	Region Chairperson – Region D

Thank you DG Lindie for a good year, for the support, and interactions. Unfortunately, I will not be attending the meeting online or in person, as it's a full work day for me.

Club members have created a few downers, but I hope the information and advice provided have allowed them to move beyond and gain success and community support in the future.

Very much aware this year of how some clubs are willing to interact with other clubs and ZC/RC, with others that have taken a stance - we are not interested in being in a zone / region. Work will need to be done to change the perception, because we are all learning and adapting every day, either to the expectations of being a Cabinet Officer, Club Officer, our environment, our community, or even ourselves. Lions are changing to keep up-to-date and relevant in current times and conditions. We need the support of everyone to make strides into the future.

The follow-through from the ZCs has been sporadic and greater commitment is required of the incoming chairs. Theirs is a great responsibility to the Region and District. More intense informational and feedback sessions are required.

The international and district dues statements and invoices this year have caused a few problems. I had raised the query about the Cabinet's payment of new members' registration fees. Still awaiting final feedback on Region D's status. Even for my club, this has been an issue.

From a survey of the clubs in the Region, (7/19 responded), the conclusion was that there was a need for marketing training and basic knowledge of how to use the different social media platforms. Marketing material templates. Under membership, it appears that the generic orientation guide was not shared with membership chairs when distributed by PDG DC Alistair. Not enough membership information is reaching the club members.

I have tried to follow through on sending links, to the Zone Chairs, regarding membership and other relevant Lions Club information. Information links to the new Lions portal have been shared.

With the recent urgent messages regarding the Lions portal, having club membership information accurate, and the message from CT Gizella regarding club statements, received a poor response from Zone 7.

Durban Host club is in a bit of a quandary, the team of 1VDG Perry, ZC Belinda, and the members that have recently resigned will be working together to have the Club in good order soon.

Happy to report that there were quite a few new club members inducted since our last meeting, with 8 being inducted during March and April. Dropped members for the period were 2. Region D, shows a small net growth.

Clubs celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> year of Charter are Hilton on the 17/5/2024 and Scottburgh on the 25/6/2024.

Regards Vanessa

















REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	ZC Chris Stokker
PORTFOLIO:	Zone Chairperson – Zone 7

20/08/2023 Cancelled due to lack of interest

Zone Meetings: 1.

Hopefully 19/11/2023 waiting for Ladysmith's answer

2.

11/02/2024 Estcourt

3.

19/05/2024 Estcourt

4.

### General

Club Name	Club Number	NPO Number	PBO Number	Planned Visit
ESTCOURT	27781	Yes	Yes	
HOWICK-UMNGENI	29192	No	No	18/02/2024
HILTON	29349	No	No	09/04/2024
LADYSMITH	27796	No	No	TBA
NEWCASTLE	116362	No	No	ТВА
VRYHEID	27816	No	No	11/11/2023

### Membership

Club Name	Current Membership	Prospective Members	New Inducted Members	Dropped Members	Reasons for Dropped Members
ESTCOURT	8			2	Passed On
HOWICK-UMNGENI	10	1			
HILTON	10	2			
LADYSMITH	9				
NEWCASTLE	14	4			
VRYHEID	7				

Club Admin	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No

Club	PU101	WMMR	Activities (MyLCI)	Activities (MyLION)
ESTCOURT	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
HOWICK-UMNGENI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
HILTON	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
LADYSMITH				
NEWCASTLE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
VRYHEID	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



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Yes/No







Yes/No



Good, Ok, Good, Ok, Poor Poor

Club	Project Funds	Admin Funds	District Dues Paid	MD dues Paid	International Dues Paid
ESTCOURT	ОК	ОК	PAID	PAID	PAID
HOWICK-UMNGENI	ОК	ОК	PAID	PAID	PAID
HILTON	ОК	ОК	PAID	PAID	PAID
LADYSMITH					
NEWCASTLE	ОК	Poor	PAID	PAID	PAID
VRYHEID	ОК	ОК	PAID	PAID	PAID

Yes/No

	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No
Club	2023/2024 Books "Audited"	Social Welfare Reports	SARS Reports	LCIF 100% Contributing Club	LCIF Campaign 100 Contribution
ESTCOURT	YES		YES	YES	
HOWICK-UMNGENI					
HILTON					
LADYSMITH					
NEWCASTLE				YES	
VRYHEID					

### **Fund Raising**

Club	List any major activity that should be shared with the district
ESTCOURT	SHEPSTONE HOME; CHILDHOOD CANCER; DJ BIKE RALLY; MINTS;
HOWICK-UMNGENI	WALK FOR LITTLE WARRIORS, SELLING PANCAKES @ BIG WALK
HILTON	SEVENTH HEAVEN OLD AGE HOME; 1000 PAWS; WELLNESS CHECKS
LADYSMITH	
NEWCASTLE	FOOD SOCKS; GOLF DAY;
VRYHEID	SAVF LIGGIES FEES; PADDADAM MARKET; MAYFAIR

### **Service Activities**

Club	List any major activity that should be shared with the district
ESTCOURT	BRIGHT SIGHT; SPRINKLE PROJECT; DIABETES TESTING; HUNGER ALLEVIATION;
HOWICK-UMNGENI	LIONS RIVER CRECHE BUILDING; GREENDALE TROLLEY TREATS FOR THE AGED; EASTER EGGS FOR AGED HOME.
HILTON	CAT FOOD TO FERAL RESCUE; OLD AGE HOME; HALL HIRE.
LADYSMITH	
NEWCASTLE	FOOD PARCELS; SUPPORT CRISIS CENTRE; SPECS; KNITTING FOR MOTHER & BABY HOSPITAL; CLOTHING FOR THE NEEDY.
VRYHEID	SAVF BAZAAR; SPECS;















### Anything to be raised with Cabinet

Club	Anything that clubs feel needs the attention of Cabinet
ESTCOURT	
HOWICK-UMNGENI	
HILTON	
LADYSMITH	HAVE HAD NO RESPONSE FROM LADYSMITH DISPITE MY EMAILS & WHATSAPPS.
NEWCASTLE	
VRYHEID	

















REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	ZC Belinda Blakeman
PORTFOLIO:	Zone Chairperson – Zone 8

It has been an honour to serve on the Cabinet for DG Lindie over the past few months. While all Clubs within Zone 8 face challenges, they continue to work diligently in their communities and strive to expand their membership base. However, there are concerns regarding communication and membership issues within certain Clubs, which require attention and support from the District.

This report provides an overview of the current status of Zone 8 Lions Clubs, highlighting both the commendable efforts and areas requiring improvement.

#### **Zone Overview:**

Zone 8 comprises several Lions Clubs, each dedicated to serving their local communities. Despite facing challenges, these clubs remain committed to Lions Clubs International's mission of humanitarian service.

### **Key Concerns:**

Several clubs within Zone 8 require special attention due to communication and membership issues:

### 1. Ballito Lions Club:

- Despite efforts to establish communication, the club has been unresponsive and difficult to engage with.
- Requested visits and attempts to establish contact have not yielded any response, hindering effective collaboration and support.

#### **Durban Host Lions Club:**

- Despite close collaboration with 1st Vice DG Perry, the Club is facing challenges with dues payment and communication.
- Not returning calls and experiencing a decline in membership, including the loss of strong, long-standing members.

### **Durban South Lions Club:**

- The Club currently has only five members, indicating a need for immediate attention to membership growth.
- Despite their small size, the Club is actively engaged in impactful community projects.

### **Recommendations:**

To address the challenges faced by the aforementioned Clubs, the following recommendations are proposed:

### Membership Growth Support:

- Provide targeted support and resources to clubs struggling with membership retention and recruitment.
- Encourage mentorship programs and collaborative efforts between clubs to foster growth and sustainability.
- Engagement and Accountability:
  - Regularly monitor club performance and provide guidance and support where needed to ensure compliance with Lions Clubs International standards.

#### **Conclusion:**

While Zone 8 Lions Clubs continue to demonstrate dedication and commitment to community service, it is imperative to address the identified challenges to ensure their continued success and impact. By implementing proactive measures and providing targeted support, we can empower these clubs to overcome obstacles and thrive in their mission of humanitarian service.

















PORTFOLIO:	Acting Zone Chairperson-Zone 9
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	RC Vanessa Richardson
REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024

Good day DG Lindie and Cabinet Officers

Zone 9, has shown a fair amount of membership growth over the last quarter.

With the information provided to clubs, hoping they are gaining the skills to keep members informed and good membership satisfaction is obtained.

The LP of Shelly Beach is fairly slack in responding to calls to action, always needing a reminder or two. The Club has taken the stance of club presidents being in office for two years, and no proper nominations were done to confirm the acceptance of the continued board of directors.

Port Shepstone Club has advised they don't need the support of Cabinet as they are a well-run and functioning Club. It won't be necessary for any training etc.

Scottburgh Club has settled down, new club members are willing to do the work and have created excellent community participation. The new Lions are showing their metal too, in moving beyond the conflict and doing the work. The new board of directors coming into effect in the new Lionistic year is a good mix of old/new members.

Hibberdene is a club with consistency now and slowly making progress in the community again.

Ramsgate is doing well, a good number of projects and events have been undertaken over the last year, and the new members are fitting in and taking on portfolios for the new Lionistic year.

Regards Vanessa



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REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	RC Keith Thomson
PORTFOLIO:	Region Chairperson – Region E

Dear DG Lindie and Cabinet Officers,

Herewith the report for Region E

#### **REGION CHAIR INTERACTIONS:**

I keep in contact with the Zone Chairpersons via text messages and phone calls. ZC Rodney is doing well and has "grown" in experience as a Lion in his position as Zone Chairperson. Distance is still a challenge when it comes to traveling and meeting up with the different Clubs. They do their best to get to them as often as they can.

Due to logistical reasons, we have not been able to get together as a Region but will endeavour to get together as soon as we can. I will stay in touch with the Zone Chairpersons to finalise a date. If we are not able to meet in person then we will arrange a meeting via virtual means.

Clubs keep me up to date with fundraising and service projects in Zones 10 and 11. Uitenhage will be hosting a steak evening during the month of May and a local artist in August as fundraisers. ZC Rodney has held 3 successful Zone Meetings so far with the last one held at the Port Rex Clubhouse on 16 March 2024 with all the Clubs in the Zone in attendance. When it comes to service and membership reporting I follow up with Clubs when necessary to do so.

On 2 March 2024 I had the privilege of visiting with the Lions from Uitenhage and Port Elizabeth St Croix at the Uitenhage Clubhouse as part of the Zone function which formed part of DG Lindie's visit to the Eastern Cape. It was well attended with productive interaction between members and a social was held after the meeting. DG Lindie was accompanied by the DC for LCIF, Mark van Heerden and his wife Colleen. Zone Projects: Zone 10: Still to be confirmed Zone 11: The Cancer Relay was held at Hamilton's Sports Club on 9 March 2024 was a great success. All the Clubs from Zone 11 took part and even Port Alfred from Zone 10 was there to support.

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT IDENTIFIED AND PLANNED

Training offered online by Lions International is still emphasized and encouraged at Zone and Club meetings. The training offered is vital to ensure succession and prevent the recycling of previous Club Presidents which is still a challenge in the Region. Once the new Lions Portal is up and running, we once again we will look at course content and encourage participation for Club Officers in particular.

### **MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE REPORTING**

Zone 10 Kouga, Uitenhage, PE St Croix, PE Host and Port Alfred are reporting service and membership regularly and consistently. Cape Recife have not reported service so far, this Lionistic year. Zone 11 Gonubie, Port Rex and King William's Town are reporting service on an ongoing basis. It's frustrating to note that Komga is still not reporting service. Lack of online connectivity and network are the reasons been cited for this. ZC Rodney is in regular contact with the President in this regard and continues to encourage them to report. Regular reporting is still a challenge with certain clubs. ZC's are in contact with clubs to resolve this matter.

















#### **MEMBERSHIP GROWTH**

Our Region's membership is stable at this point without any major losses. A new member was inducted by DG Lindie at the Uitenhage Club on her visit to the Eastern Cape. This Club has inducted new members from Steytlerville and is working on them being a fully-fledged club branch. In Zone 11 we are still working on getting the Beacon Bay Club up and running again. I have been in contact and in discussion with ZC Rodney and GMT Chair Alistair with this in mind.

### **NEW CLUB EXTENSION**

There are currently no Club Branches in the pipeline for the Region. ZC Freddie is still working on growing the Club Branch in Steytlerville. As the charter for the Beacon Bay Club is still open, we are looking at ways of reviving it with some past members who would like to get it off the ground again. The last 2 remaining members resigned and there was no one left in the Club to do a rebuild. Members are encouraged to bring a friend or a work colleague along to Club socials.

### **MEMBERSHIP RETENSION**

At present, there have been no major challenges that have arisen between members regarding tension and conflict. The most recent problem that occurred was at the Komga Club which has ultimately been resolved. At Zone Meeting and Club socials I make a concerted effort to keep in touch with senior Lions. This is important as they are a major source of knowledge and wisdom and are best positioned to provide guidance in many aspects of protocol and procedures. When members feel that they are valued and appreciated they are less likely to resign over minor incidents and disagreements. In the near future, I do foresee a situation whereby it will be more challenging to retain senior members if there is a substantial increase in dues.

### **CHALLENGES FACING THE REGION**

Traveling and time constraints still pose a challenge in reaching many of the Clubs. ZC's do their best to get to Clubs as often as they can. Mission 1.5 is at the forefront of our interactions with Clubs to increase membership.

Communication between myself and Zone Chairs needs to be improved. An online meeting once a month on one of the social media platforms will greatly improve contact with each other and give us an opportunity to resolve local problems and challenges as they arise and affect the Region.

**Keith Thomson** Region Chair E





















REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	PDG Freddie Erasmus
PORTFOLIO:	Zone Chairperson – Zone 10

DG Lindie and Cabinet Officers,

Herewith the report per Club for Zone10.

A Zone Meeting is planned for end of May.

No change in the status quo. The Club submits activity and membership reports, but no prospect for growth at the moment.

### **Port Alfred**

The Club is active and going strong under the leadership of LP Lorenda. The upheaval experienced in June has not had any impact on the attitude of Club members or service delivery.

### **Port Elizabeth Cape Recife**

The Club is still active, but there are no plans for growth.

### **Port Elizabeth Host**

The Club is full of ideas and still enthusiastic. They moved into their first Clubhouse recently and this should help them to truly establish a sense of belonging. One new member to be inducted on 17 April.

### Port Elizabeth St. Croix

The Club is very active and regularly conducts projects. Several prospective members regularly attend projects and functions. A decline in membership might be experienced with two members moving abroad.

### **Uitenhage**

The Club is still extremely active. Two members who resigned re-joined and one new member was inducted. Two very strong prospectives are currently part of Club activities.

I wish everyone a pleasant Cabinet meeting.

Freddie Erasmus

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REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	ZC Rodney Kolbé
PORTFOLIO:	Zone Chairperson – Zone 11

Herewith the Zone 11 Report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2024.

I have visited all the Clubs in my Zone and plan to visit each Club again before the end of June.

Our Zone hosted District Governor Lindie in March where she visited all the Clubs in our Zone and attended the CANSA Relay for Life held at the Hamilton's Club on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March. This was a great event with all Clubs represented. The event this year was dedicated to the memory of an ex Gonubie Lion member who worked for CANSA for many years and was a long serving member of Gonubie Lions Club.

Our Zone meeting was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March at the Port Rex Lions Clubhouse and was hosted by Gonubie Lions Club. It was a very successful meeting with all four Clubs in our Zone represented. Twenty-one Lions were present.

The feeling in our Zone is that we can possibly do the "Big Walk for Little Warriors" later in the year as it would be difficult to arrange two Cancer functions within two weeks of each other.

### The Clubs in our Zone are busy with ongoing projects as below:

### **King Williams Town Lions Club**

- Busy planning a Big Walk for little Warriors to be held at a Sports Club in KWT.
- A successful Steak Evening was held.
- They are continuing with food collections and the distribution of food parcels.
- They assisted a family whose house burnt down with food and clothing.
- They are busy planning a Cuppa-for Cansa event and diabetic screening.
- The Club is finding it very difficult raising funds in KWT as the towns demographic has changed.

### **Port Rex Lions Club**

- Ongoing Soup & sarmies.
- Ongoing Wings & Wishes project.
- Ongoing Bingo at various retirement centres.
- Distribution of food parcels.
- They have completed the renovation of the dormitory at the Hobbiton Centre in Hoggsback.
- Donated R 50,000 to Choc.
- Donated a hospital bed to Fairlands.
- Ongoing support and projects together with the Lions cubs at Hudson Park Primary school.
- Port Rex Cubs are very active with many ongoing projects.

### **Komga Lions Club**

- Cabbage Patch annual run/walk cancelled for this year.
- Planned Sponsoring a student at each of the four schools in the area.
- They are waiting for the roadworks to be completed in town and will then commence their street sign project.
- The Club members maintain the garden for various elderly people.
- The Club had a successful pancake sale at the Haga Haga night market.
- The Club is functioning well at the moment with their previous issues amongst the members sorted out.
- One new member has been inducted!!!



















### **Gonubie Lions Club**

- Ongoing monthly Craft Market for various charities a different charity each month.
- Ongoing spectacles for the needy in our community.
- Assisted CANSA at the Shaveathon on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
- Monthly pancake sales are held at our local Spar.
- Gonubie Lions will be hosting their annual Mad Hatters Tea Party for the local senior citizens at a local church hall on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> March.
- Planned distribution of beanies to Carel Du Toit school for the Deaf, Choc and knee blankets to Gonubie Frail Care.

### ONGOING GOALS FOR 2024 FOR ZONE 11 are as follows

- Promote both the International Presidents and Our DG' themes for the year.
- Encourage 100% reporting by each Club.
- Encourage membership retention and growth.
- Encourage all clubs to support LCIF.
- Encourage club interaction within the zone.
- Encourage leadership growth through MyLion and 410E GLT training resources.

This concludes my report for Zone 11.

Regards ZC Rodney Kolbe

















REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	PDG Kim van Wyk
PORTFOLIO:	Information Technology (IT)

**PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY:** (Newsletters, Strategy, Targets vs. Actuals, Progress on SMART goals set)

**District Website:** The District website at lions410e.org.za has been updated several time during the year when changes have been requested. Several District and environment newsletters have been uploaded to the site. Please feel free to request updates to the site at any time, including to the pages for clubs that do not host their own website (lions410e.org.za/clublinks.html).

District and Multiple Directories: The 2023/24 MD and Districts directories are available from the District and MD sites. I keep them up to date as updates are sent to me or the District cabinet secretaries – there have been many updates through the year, which indicates that clubs find the directory a useful service worth keeping up to date. Lions are sometimes reluctant to ask for updates as they feel it must involve some effort for me. There is almost no effort involved as I've automated almost the entire process, so please ask for updates whenever they're needed.

#### **District Zoom Account:**

- The Zoom license the District originally purchased in the 2020/21 year has proven to be a popular District resource and is being well used. It has been renewed for the coming 2024/25 Lionistic year. 12 club events and 18 District or MD events have been booked already for this Lionistic year. A calendar of meetings is at http://www.lions410e.org.za/zoom.html. I receive the occasional request for a meeting slot which is unavailable, which suggests the calendar isn't as widely used as I would hope.
- Please only schedule Zoom meetings via email to zoom@lions410e.org.za to ensure all meeting requests are handled on a first-come first-serve basis. I occasionally get emails to my personal email address or WhatsApp messages requesting a Zoom meeting booking, which makes it difficult to ensure all requests are fairly treated.
- I am working on a replacement booking service which will be fully self-service and first-come first-serve, removing me as the bottleneck in obtaining Zoom bookings and ensuring requests aren't made for unavailable times. I hope to have this in place by the Convention but will more likely have it ready by the end of the current Lionistic year.

<u>District Facebook Account:</u> The District Facebook page remains quite active, but I myself do not use Facebook. There is an excellent set of administrators in place though, including PCCs Cliff Hocking and Denis Meyer.

Online Midyear Registration: Online registrations for the District Midyear conference ran smoothly – the midyear.lions410e.org.za and midyearstats.lions410e.org.za sites will be retained for future Midyears. Please let me know if you have any suggestions or requests for future sites to make the registration process more useful.

### **CLUB PROMOTION / INVOLVEMENT:**

The IT portfolio is more passive than most portfolios but I'm available to assist clubs and other DCs with any technical support I can provide, including new pages on the District website. I have received several requests for assistance to clubs so far which I have been able to assist with.

### ISSUES REQUIRING CABINET DISCUSSION / DECISIONS:

No discussions or decisions required.







### DG LINDIE VAN V











REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	DC Sandy van Heerden
PORTFOLIO:	Marketing & Public Relations

PR/MARKETING COMMITTEE: Forming part of my District 410E Marketing Team and bringing their expertise to the team are Barbara Hocking, Heather Hingle, Samantha Podmore. Donovan Hendri has joined us and brings with him a great talent and professional graphic design skills. With additional specialized articles on Hearing Awareness submitted by Nerisha Pillay, as a qualified Audiologist and run as a series of informative posts.

This Report will just touch on and highlight the PR/Marketing Campaigns supported by a Presentation at Convention.

### Our aim this year:

- Introduce a Succession plan to ensure continuity going forward and to continue to grow our specialist Marketing Team.
- To build a passionate Team Invite 'qualified and experienced' Lions to join our Team and to bring new, young and exciting marketing concepts.
- To encourage inspire and teach clubs how to plan and run their marketing.
- We are doing much more Marketing on a National basis, sharing our resources, increasing our reach, growing our Brand and of course introducing new ideas & concepts and promoting Lions on a broader basis as one large relevant organization we therefore work very closely together with Brent Proctor from District 410W.

We kicked off December with a Lions Awareness Advent Calendar highlighting Random Acts of Kindness. This was well received by both Lions and our followers and inspired people to bring Joy to the World at Christmas.

Each Month a theme is chosen most especially to highlight our Pillars of Service and Global Causes on Social Media Platforms. We celebrated Melvin Jones Birthday on the 13<sup>th of</sup> January and saw the start of our Lions Awareness Campaigns for the new year starting with highlighting our founder's birthday and launching our Keeping up with the Jones' challenge and inviting Clubs to continue taking up this challenge.

THE BIG WALK for LITTLE WARRIORS on the 24<sup>th of</sup> February proved to be a perfect opportunity to promote Lionism across both Multiple Districts and to really increase our reach across the country. All Clubs were asked to participate and to use the advertising material specially designed and meeting Lions International Branding guidelines. This project was highly visible to the public and Lions Clubs went the extra mile to advertise and promote what we as Lions do and how we make a difference. Save the Date posts were designed for all clubs to advertise their walk, followed by the advertisements on the actual events. On the day special signage had been supplied for the START and FINISH - Ready Steady Go / You're Halfway / You made it! In addition, most participating clubs wore the bright yellow branded t-shirts which really promoted the brand, showed unity and 'trended' on social media.

Then.... A huge, exciting opportunity was presented to Lions international MD 410 to partner with a large International Corporate. Brent Proctor took the lead on this and successfully presented Lions International to the company management.

















The launch has not yet been formally announced however the work has begun and a number of projects undertaken around Disaster Relief, Emergency Bags, Tree Planting and our Youth, these have taken place mainly in Cape Town but also Johannesburg and Durban. We have not been able to run our Marketing Plan around this exciting announcement yet but we have started working on a Strategy and as soon as the partnership has been formally launched we will launch our Marketing Plan.

**NEW BROCHURES** designed specifically for our Southern African Clubs by Donovan Hendry have been professionally produced:

- DISASTER RELIEF BROCHURE
- MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE

These will be available to all Clubs ensuring that we are also all speaking from the same page.

WOOLWORTHS REWARDS: Balance of R22,000.00 – Project to be proposed and discussed: NSRI PINK RESCUE BUOYS – branded with Lions plaque and placed on beaches and at dams around the country. Cost is R1500 each which means we could sponsor 14.

### LIONS INTERNATIONAL MULTIPLE DISTRICT MARKETING GRANT/PROMOTION OF LIONISM:

We were very fortunate to receive another Marketing Grant from Lions International.

This gives us finance and budget for more Marketing activities and further opportunity to promote our Lions Organisation, Pillars of Service, Global Causes as well as other avenues.

### LIONS PROMOTIONAL ITEMS:

- Lions Blue Branded Bags
- Lions Blue ReUsable Bottles
- Lions Branded Blue Caps (distribute at Convention)
- Lions We're on a Mission / Mission 1.5 Button Badges (distribute at Convention)

In accordance with our MULTIPLE DISTRICT MARKETING GRANT as approved by Lions International we are also proud to announce several new Marketing initiatives containing Southern African content!

- Our FIRST PROFESSIONAL ONLINE E-BROCHURE
   To be launched at the Convention and to be made available to Clubs.
- Our FIRST PROMOTION OF LIONS/"WE'RE ON A MISSION" VIDEO PRODUCTION
   Brent Proctor is managing this production which is close to being launched we are hoping to be able to show a Teaser at Convention watch this space.
- We have opened a Lions International MD410 Linkedin account and are currently loading content the aim is to attract professionals and corporates. The Content will be carefully managed by our Marketing Team who will be very selective and all Clubs will need to submit their content to our Linkedin "manager". Guidelines will be sent to all Clubs after Convention.

DC SANDY VAN HEERDEN - PR/MARKETING

















REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	DC Mark van Heerden
PORTFOLIO:	LCIF & Disaster Relief

- The LCIF target for 410E was set at US\$17,877.
- We may not fully achieve our target, but a lot of positive strides have been made in educating our members about LCIF and to promote what LCIF stands for.
- I joined DG Lindie on a roadshow in the EC region where several Club visits were conducted. My purpose was to promote LCIF and to educate Clubs on the various grants that are available as well as to appeal for donations from Clubs and individuals. The response was very encouraging.
- As part of DG Lindies goals of getting 100% of Clubs in the District to donate towards LCIF, there has been a
  committed drive to encourage all Clubs to donate. Emails have been sent to all Club Presidents whose Clubs
  have not yet donated to kindly do so.
- Regular articles have been published in our monthly District Newsletter which I hope has served to further educate our members about LCIF.
- A recent communication was received from LCIF acknowledging the fundraising achievements of the two Districts in MD410:

"Dear MD410 Leaders,

I would like to take the time today to congratulate you on your fundraising progress. As of today, MD410 is at 53% of its goal. The Convention is coming, and I hope it will help you promote the foundation and reach your respective goals. To qualify for the LCIF Goal Achievement Award, DC and DG must donate at least \$50 this fiscal year. Districts 410E and 410W Club participation is the best in the CA VIII. I hope to recognize you with the Club Participation and Goal Achievement awards because you are so close."

- A final push will be made at the MD410 Convention to raise further funds towards LCIF with the hope of reaching our target.
- No applications were received from the District for any LCIF Grants during this period.
- No applications were received in the District for any Disaster Relief grants.
- I would like to thank CT Gizella for the assistance in sorting out the backlog with regards LCIF donations and for
  getting the allocations done. By next month, we should see a much better reflection of the pledges made in our
  District.

It has been a pleasure serving under DG Lindie and I would like to thank her and the Cabinet for the support and encouragement I have received throughout the year.

I wish all members of the Cabinet a successful last 3 months of the Lionistic year.

Together we serve.

Mark van Heerden LCIF District Coordinator, District 410E

















REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	PDG Kim van Wyk
PORTFOLIO:	Christmas Cakes

### 2023/24 Christmas Cake Project

1,062 cases of cakes were ordered from the baker by District 410E in the 2023/24 Lionistic year, giving a total of 12,744 cakes. 43 clubs ordered cakes this year.

### **Online Ordering and Deliveries**

The online ordering system used this year appears to have worked very well. I received a few support queries, which are always welcome. A few Clubs did not appear to be aware that deliveries would be to central locations and requested direct delivery either on the form or by contacting me. In all these cases I advised the Club that the desire to keep the price as low as possible necessitated central deliveries.

I manually sorted the various orders into weeks and central locations and confirmed these with the baker. This process did unfortunately introduce issues for a few in District E where I got delivery dates wrong. For the next year I will ensure the sorted orders are double-checked by a second set of eyes before submitting to the baker.

### **Complaints**

Only 1 complaint was received across the Multiple District, where a piece of plastic was embedded in a cake that the Club received. The Club followed the complaints procedure and the baker made immediate arrangements to collect the cake and reimburse the Club.

### **Box Design**

The redesigned box Lion Donovan Henri designed has been extremely well received and greatly complimented.

### **Rebate**

The agreement the baker has with the MD is to pay rebates to qualifying Clubs once all payments have been made for the year's project. As unfortunately happens every year, a few payments remained outstanding into 2024. The baker received all payments in early March and after about 2 weeks to confirm details and make arrangements, paid the total rebate amount for District E's Clubs to the District. The District will be making the rebate payments to the Clubs.

I would remind Clubs to please carefully note the terms of the rebate:

To qualify for the R5.00 per cake settlement rebate, all invoices must be settled within 35 days from the invoice, or before 31 December, whichever is sooner. In other words, If the invoice is dated 6 September, the amount owed must be paid on or before 10 October. In order to qualify for the settlement rebate, payment must reflect in the baker's account before the due date. **Payments made on the due date will not qualify**.

### 2024/25 Christmas Cake Project

The baker has indicated his cost price will increase by 10% for the 2024/25 project, which could have ended up considerably higher, given the increases in the costs of fruit, nuts, flour, sugar, and eggs, some of which have close to doubled in cost. The transport costs will also increase by 15%, driven by the costs of fuel.

















The exact final cost price from the baker will be advised before the project kicks off for 2024/25 - for the MD Convention I have rounded the cost to R115/cake to the baker from R104.84/cake, which includes the R5 rebate discussed above. The final figure seems extremely likely to be within R0.50 - R1 of the values used here. The total cost per cake is broken down as:

Baker's charge per cake	R115
MD Levy	R0.50
Brightsight Levy	R1
District Levy	R1
LCIF License	R5.16
TOTAL	R122.66

The MD410 Council of Governors has suggested a selling price of R170, representing a 6.25% increase in the selling price from 2023/24. As usual the selling price will be set by vote at the MD410 Convention. This gives a profit of R46.33 per cake, which increases to R51.33 if the rebate is qualified for.

It is important to note that Clubs are always free and welcome to sell their cakes for less than the MD selling price. If Clubs choose to do so though they are strongly requested to ensure their public and customers are told that the Club is selling the cakes at a discount. This prevents members of the public from perceiving unfairness if they come across other clubs selling the cakes at the MD selling price.

### **Smaller Cakes**

The baker has indicated the prospect of producing a smaller cake from the same recipe used for the R1kg cake. This cake would end up approximately 500-600g and would be wrapped in cellophane with an attractive label instead of being in a cardboard box. At the time of writing the baker is experimenting with baking these cakes – I will have exact sizes and prospective costs available at the Convention. I will also have several of the smaller cakes available at the Convention to examine. The reduction in size and packaging will result in a cheaper option. The prospect of including such a cake as an option for the 2024/25 project will be discussed by the District and MD Conventions. The smaller cake would not be intended to replace the current 1kg cake, only to complement it as an option where sales of the 1kg cake are challenging.

If the smaller cake is approved, the baker will ship the smaller cake to the same schedule as orders for the current 1kg cake and orders for the smaller cake will be done online in the same manner as the 1kg cake. A minimum order of 5000 smaller cakes will be required across the MD to make the option viable – if the minimum order isn't met Clubs that ordered smaller cakes would be informed that the smaller cake can't be made.

### **Biscuits**

The baker also produces a range of tasty, well-regarded biscuits – the MD has been engaging with him on branding these biscuits in Lions packaging to provide a product clubs can sell through the year. Two flavours are in consideration - shortbread biscuits and crunchies. The biscuits are packaged in 200g skillets, which give 10-12 biscuits per skillet depending on the flavour and have a 6 month shelf life. Lion Donovan Henri has designed eyecatching labels for both flavours. If the MD Convention approves the biscuit option, the biscuits will be sold in cases of 16 skillets, as either 16 of one of the flavours or 8 of each flavour. The biscuits are priced at R20/skillet – the baker is confident from market experience that the skillets could be sold for R30.

In the interest of shipping costs cases of biscuits will be shipped to central locations on a quarterly basis (the same kind of central locations used for cake deliveries). Orders will be done online. Given that order sizes are likely to be considerably smaller than for Christmas cakes, at least as the project gets off the ground, the baker will not be able to offer the 60 day terms he offers on Christmas cakes. The baker's standard payment terms are 14 days from shipment. Samples of the biscuits, packaging and shipping case will be to hand for the MD Convention.

















### **Online Sales**

The baker is in a position to supply cakes and biscuits to online retailers should the District or MD be able to make arrangements to sell online. Possible options will continue to be explored with the baker.

### **Baker's Commitment**

I remain very taken with John Bratos' passion for the work of Lions and this project and the efforts he goes to to support all the District's Clubs in their charitable work. John and his staff have been a pleasure to work with during this year's project and will no doubt continue to be so.















REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	PDG Peggy du Plooy
PORTFOLIO:	Environment

Herewith; my report for the Environment portfolio.

### **PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY**

- A flyer with all the details of the Environmental Photograph Competition was circulated.
- This will take place at the District Convention; the judging will be done by the delegates.
- Unfortunately, for this contest there will be no monetary prize for the Club member who participated, and this is purely a District 410E contest.

Animal Life AL Bird Life BL **Endangered Species ES Landscape L** 

**Plant Life PL Weather Phenomenon WP** There will be a special prize for the Best on Show.

- The photos will be on display for the delegates, they will be able to vote in each category.
- The results will be made known at the end of the District Convention.
- The rules were circulated and any photo that does not conform to the rules will be automatically disqualified.
- Copies of the winning photos will be circulated with information of the winners after the Convention.

#### THESE ARE SIMPLE WAYS TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AS A CLUB

- Use reusable bags, plastic grocery-type bags that get thrown out end up in landfills.
- Print as little as necessary, make use of overhead projectors or emails.
- Recycle do it, it's a necessity, start in your homes.
- Use reusable beverage containers, there is a large array of water bottles available.
- Don't throw your old notes away, use a shredder and drop it in the recycling bins all over.
- Save electricity where you can.
- Save water, use it sparingly.

### WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO IN SAVING THE ENVIRONMENT

- Grow more trees, or plant more trees at schools, parks etc.
- Say no to plastics, carry reusable bags when shopping.
- Use alternative sources of energy.
- Do not litter your surroundings clean up yourself before leaving.
- Save all-natural resources.
- Rainwater harvesting is a great backup for your gardens in times of drought.
- Reduce pollution.

### MANY CLUBS AROUND THE DISTRICT ARE ENVOLVED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- Planting trees.
- Cleaning up of rivers and beaches.
- Eradication of alien plants are regularly in the media.
- In general, most Clubs are using social media to advertise what they do, and making it known at Zone Meetings.

DG Lindie van Wyk, this concludes my report and thank you.

















REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	Vacant
PORTFOLIO:	Leos

There is no formal report – District Governor Lindie van Wyk will provide verbal feedback.

















REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	PDG Patricia van Wyk
PORTFOLIO:	Peace Poster and Essay

DG Lindie,

Thank you for the honour of serving on your Cabinet.

The Peace Poster and the Essay Competition is one of our most important International Projects. It is a difficult portfolio in the sense that it runs on the American school calendar that does not coincide with ours. I suggest that this portfolio is considered in future to be held by the same Lion for more than one year as one takes over half of the previous year and then start half of the new year. I am committed to supporting the incoming Peace Poster District Chairperson as PDG Peggy supported me during the first half of this Lionistic year. I would like to thank PDG Peggy for her support during this year.

The Peace poster and essay competition offers an opportunity to Children in their formative years to look at the world with new eyes. It opens the door for them to realize they have a voice and can make a difference; it gives them confidence while working towards Peace in this beautiful world of ours. THEY ARE OUR FUTURE.

The theme for 2024-2025 is "Peace without Limits". We've been actively marketing the competition and the following Clubs placed orders for kits for 2024-2025:

Lions Club Kingsburg	1
Lions Clubs East Coast	2
Lions Club Midrand	1
Lions Club Estcourt	1
Lions Club Kouga	1
Lions Club Wilro Park	4
Lions Club Edenvale	1
Lions Club Vereeniging	4
Lions Club Nelspruit	1
Lions Club Pretoria Jakaranda 1	
Lions Club Scottburgh	4
Stock _	1
Total ordered	22

I would like to thank DC Sandy and her team for assisting with our marketing efforts.

I would like to extend a very special thanks to Lion Heather from Northcliff Lions Club, a member of the District Marketing Team and I would like to give her a shout-out for the four posters she designed to promote the "Peace without Limits" competition. See below the beautiful posters she designed, and we've been promoting on social media.





# Strengthen and Flourish



# **DG LINDIE VAN WYK**District Governor 2023/2024





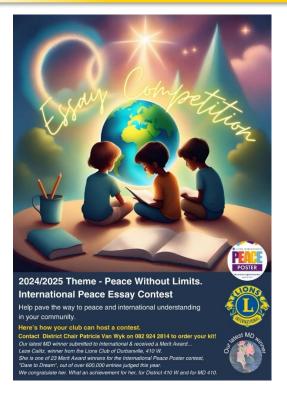














DG Lindie, I wish you and the Lions of District 410E and District 410W a wonderful and fruitful Convention.

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Patricia van Wyk

















REPORT - DISTRICT CONVENTION:	Friday 3 May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	PDG Pierre Theron
PORTFOLIO:	Sight

DG Lindie, Fellow Cabinet Officers, fellow Lions, included in the pack is the 4<sup>th</sup> & final Sight Report for this Lionistic Year.

The figures achieved by our District for vision involvement, since the start of this Lionistic year, to the date of writing this report, are shown below, as indicated by MYLCI:

- No. of Sight Projects completed 262
- No. of people served 13,047

Clubs remain active in the Project. This is due to Clubs supporting Lions BrightSight, as well as the support of Lions BrightSight in encouraging Clubs to get involved in the School Sight Screening initiative.

### The importance of Vision

According to educational experts, 80% of learning is visual. If children can't see well, they will have more difficulty learning. One of the primary threats to young children's vision has always been 'lazy eye' - a layperson's term for Amblyopia. Amblyopia and its related issues need to be detected by age 6 to have the best chance of being corrected through proven therapeutic approaches, such as short-term patching, using prescription eyeglasses, or possibly surgery. To put the size of the challenge in some context, up to 5% of all children will have some degree of amblyopia, and up to 30% of all young people will eventually develop poor vision that will require prescription eyewear.

There is always room for improvement for Clubs to get more involved. I'm pleased to report that several initiatives are under investigation and discussion that will assist and encourage Clubs in the vision screening of young children, going forward.

These initiatives will be made clearer in the coming months and hopefully illustrate to our members just how important it is for those underserved members of our community, particularly school going children, to be vision screened and to receive rectified refractive where necessary.

Vision Awareness is such an important aspect for the development of our children, and we as Lions have not only a duty but a huge opportunity to contribute positively to our children's development. Lions should and must take positive steps to get more involved in this most important aspect of our children's wellbeing, by supporting the opportunities on offer by Lions BrightSight. We are very fortunate to have the facilities of Lions BrightSight available to guide Clubs to improve their efforts.

I wish to record my thanks and appreciation for your support this past year DG Lindie and I trust that Clubs will continue to support the District Vision programme in the year ahead.

Pierre

