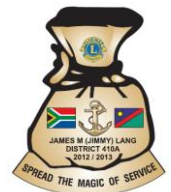




OUR MAGIC

District Governor JAMES M (JIMMY) NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2013



As all club visits are now completed, I am now busy with administration of the district, preparation for the final cabinet meeting, District Convention, Multiple District Convention and the final Council meeting. It is amazing how time goes by so quickly, with only two more months left for the completion of my governor's role.

On the 3rd April I attended the Orientation / Information Evening at the Merriman Lions Club, sadly this was not well supported by clubs.

I attended the Snoek & Patat Evening held by the De Grendel Lions, it was good to see so many clubs supporting this social, and this is what Lions is all about: interacting with one another.

On the 9th April together with a small group of Lions I visited the Athlone School for the Blind where I presented the winner of the Essay competition for Visual impaired with a participant's Certificate and a cheque of R1000 which will be utilized for her schooling. We were well received by the school and the children treated us with some beautiful singing. We all left the school feeling very touched by what we saw. Once again we all realized what a privilege it is to be a LION.



The same evening together with PDG Wolsley, LP Elsie and PDG Paula we visited the V & A Waterfront to visit our "Lion" which stood proudly at the food court. A huge Thank you to PDG Clive who spend many hours on this project and to L Alan Abramsohn for assisting with this project.



Worldwide Induction 13th April 2013

Many clubs around the world inducted members on this day and our district was part of this celebration, many of our clubs also participated in this worldwide event. I joined the Merriman Lions Club in this celebration five members were inducted, four into the Merriman Lions Club and one into the Cape Town Club. **Congratulations to all the new members who joined this month and wishing them many memorable service years ahead.** I urge all clubs to please update their membership records.



On the 25th April I presented the Eikehof CANSA Care Home with a cheque of R5000. The home cares for cancer patients from out of town who need to receive on going treatment and therefore cannot travel to and fro from home; they provide a Home within a Home environment for the cancer patients.



REMINDER:

We still have clubs with outstanding PU101. Clubs who have not submitted please do so urgently. The Leo 72 form (similar to Lions PU101) needs to be completed closing date 15th May.

A New Way to Welcome New Members



New members who are properly welcomed and orientated are more likely to remain Lions. That's why, beginning next fiscal year, new Lions clubs will receive a welcome email from the international president. LCI will also start sending an email to new-member sponsors to thank them for their support and remind them of their responsibilities. For members and sponsors with no email address, an email will be sent to their respective club secretary.

New Member Induction Kits Coming to a DG Near You: -Beginning fiscal year 2013-14, district governors will receive a supply of New Member Induction Kits at the beginning of the year so they are readily available to present to new members. To make the kits easy to distribute, New Member Induction Kits will contain a membership lapel pin, new member certificate and sponsor certificate. Additional information and links will be provided in welcome emails to new members and club sponsors. Kits will continue to be available by request from [Club Supplies](#).

Membership

Current Membership- April 2013:

Opening Balance:	942
Added:	15
Dropped:	13
Closing Balance:	944

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

LCI adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2013 International Convention to amend article 11 section 7 of the International By-laws to increase the one time fee payable by Life Members from U\$ 500 to U\$ 650, it is possible that this resolution will be passed if so then I encourage all clubs that have intentions of honouring a club member with Life Membership to do so before the end of June 2013.



For the first time in our District's history we are holding a Leo Leadership Conference, this conference is funded by Lions Clubs International and is open to Leos, Lions, prospective Leos and Lions, interested Youth. Please consider attending this exciting event, you still have time to RSVP closing date is Monday 13th May.

**Guest Speaker: Bruce Walsh
- Winner or Loser? It's Your Choice.**

INVITE TO LEO LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Date: 18th May 2013

Time: 9.00 -17.00

Venue: Old Mutual Auditorium

RSVP: Deon van Wulven

Email: deonlvw@mweb.co.za

CLUB PROJECTS: - De Grendel

We can serve anywhere in the world?



The Lions Club of De Grendel supported a Children's project in the Island of Tristan da Cuna 2,700 km from Cape Town

De Grendel LC donated the T Shirts that they are wearing and Easter Eggs to the children on this Island.

The items were shipped by Lion Jeanne. T Shirts donation received by Lion Janet from a supplier.

Easter Eggs collected by Lion Yolanda from 4 local schools in our community.

Now one can see that we can serve anywhere in the world.

MATTERS OF INTEREST:

- Each Lions Club sponsoring a Leo Club shall receive an annual billing of U\$100.

- The Club Branch Program will be changed effective immediately to give more autonomy to Club Branches in the areas of funds, dues, dissolution, member invitation and club attendance requirements.
- The Year round growth award will be issued for clubs with net growth for the fiscal year.
- The Presidents Retention Campaign Award will be changed to the Membership Satisfaction Award.
- The October Growth Award will be changed to the Membership Growth Award based on the Growth in October and April effective in 2013/2014 fiscal year.
- Club officers reporting - if clubs have 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents elected for 2013/2014 the names of these officers can be recorded on the PU101

Wing-Kun Tam

*Past International President -
Chairperson of Lions Clubs
International Foundation will be
visiting our District on the 25th-26th
May, a program is currently being put
together to host his visit.*

*Communication has already gone out
to clubs from PDG Wolsley regarding
Melvin Jones Fellow Presentations.
Communication regarding a function on
the evening of the 25th May will be
forward to clubs.*

