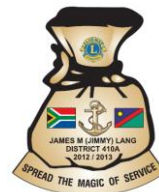




OUR MAGIC

District Governor JAMES (JIMMY) NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2013



From the desk of DG Jimmy:

February was indeed a very busy month; I have almost reached the end of my club visitations with only one more club visit in March. Our third cabinet meeting took place on the 2nd February. On the 4th February together with PDG Paula we travelled to Vredendal where we were hosted by ZC Jan Truter. We were treated to an amazing breakfast cooked by ZC Jan who as per Paula's words – I didn't know that Jan can cook! Thank you ZC Jan for hosting us! I had the opportunity of handing over the Regional Lions Leadership Certificate to ZC Jan at the club meeting in Vredendal.



On the 9th February we attended a Environmental Workshop organized by PDG Liz Houston. It was indeed a very informative workshop and well put together by PDG Liz.



On the 12th February we packed our overnight bag and headed off to Robertson.



The Weekend of the 15th-17th we hosted the Council in Gordon's Bay. The Council Meeting took place on the 16th February 2013.



During this month we heard the sad news of the passing of Zone Chairperson Attie Reyneke. Our deepest condolences to his family and the members of the Malgas Lions Club. His presence will be missed.

2013 Travels with our District Governor Lion Jimmy Lang – By Lion Mike Wood

Lions District Governor Lion Jimmy's decision to visit the Northern Cape and Namibian Clubs early made a great deal of sense. Unfortunately circumstances did not allow these visits to take place during 2012, but it makes complete sense that the visits should be done early in the District Governor's year of office to carry forward the views and direction of Lions International Office as well as D.G.'s personal aims and thereby enabling sufficient time for changes to be made by the Regions and the Clubs in District 410A, if needed.

District Governor Lion Jimmy was accompanied by his lovely wife P.D.G. Paula Lang and Lions Club De Grendel's Lion Mike Wood [Charter Member of 38 years] and Partner in Service, Annette Wood. Over 35 years. Of travelling to the Northern Cape and Namibia 4 times a year on business trips, we had accumulated many customers, friends and knowledge of procedures, overnight accommodations, the roads, eateries and entertainments available.

It was tremendous to see how our former De Grendel Club Members have grown in stature, exuding presence and have become confident and knowledgeable speakers. D.G. Lion Jimmy and P.D.G. Lion Paula are really a formidable team and a real credit to the Lions Organisation. They were well received by all the Clubs visited and were much loved by all the Club Members.

During the 17 days we travelled close to 6000 Km in total. We experienced temperatures in the mid 30°C's to 48°C's which only dropped to 26°C and 28°C at night time. The Isuzu 4x4 went like a Swiss watch, but there appear to be a "Bermuda Triangle" "operating in the vicinity of the Swakopmund Lions Club House, as approaching it, the Air Conditioner ceased to operate, also the Indicators, the Wind screen washer motor and the vehicles windows switch controls did not function. After their meeting, once outside "the Bermuda Triangle" area, 4 blocks away, all these electrical appliance began to work and continued to work 100% ever since.

Even though the DG.'s trip was hard going with early mornings and late nights [we began dinner at 23.00 hours one evening], it was a most enjoyable one along with our easy going travelling companions and the outstanding generousities and hospitalities of all the clubs and club members. A special mention must be made of Chairman Lion Johan Van Es and wife Hanny, whose caring and accommodation for the visiting party was so generous that a 'Thank You Both' seems inadequate, as it does not convey the emotions of gratitude that we would like to express.

To the Clubs visited, similarly, a big 'Thank You'. We were treated, fed and welcomed with open arms.

The "Signature Projects" that Clubs have adopted [in their specific areas have been researched and greatly benefit their Communities. P.D.G. Lion Jimmy and I can't get over the amazing Vibe that one feels in these Clubs, the pride of belonging and outsiders wishing to join in the fun projects, the general feeling of Good will is evident. We certainly laughed a great deal.

Some of the Lion's Projects visited brought tears to our eyes, but made us feel proud of our association with the Lions International Organisation. All these Clubs are certainly making DG Lion Jimmy's 'Magic' in their Communities.

I will avoid singling out any Club visited, because the playing fields are not even, but one of the Clubs visited boasts that a third of it's membership are Leos who have entered the Mother host club. Two other clubs have started Branch Clubs this month, and I believe we will have a Namibian Club with highest membership in District 410 A shortly with

possibly 61 Members, 10 new members are being inducted in Jan./Feb.2013. DG Lion Jimmy inducted 14 new members, and 1 branch Club President [Octavi] P.P. Lion Hans Ruhl. Jimmy passed on the International President's Message together with his own Aims for the year and with P.D.G. Lion Paula answered all queries directed.

At Swakopmund, the Club treated us to a 'BRAAI IN THE Desert' on the dried up Swakopmund River bed, in the vicinity of the screening site of Mad Max 4 December 2013. Talk about being organized. The enclosed toilet and flush cistern was ready before the rest of the camp was laid out, also frosties from the fridge with meat for the Braai. The following day we were taken for a Harbour Sea Cruise on a Catermeran in Walvis Bay Harbour, which is 6 times larger than Table Bay. We spotted Seals, Penguins, Sea gulls, Cormorants, Dolphins; some of these came on board for tidbits of fish. We sailed past the oyster farms and were treated to platters of these delicacies with Champagne. All too soon the cruise was over, the 4 hours flew by. In closing, our sincerest thanks to all we met and visited. We even brought the rain to certain Northern parts of the country and hope that more rain has fallen since this memorable visit.

We close with the feeling that this visit was truly a 'Roaring' success!



READING ACTION PROGRAM.

Let's get OUR children reading Lions.... join in supporting International President Wayne Madden's 'Reading Action Program'.

For only R1200.00 you can purchase a set of 13 of hardcover educational children's books, available in English and Afrikaans. Each book (excluding 'Off the Wall'), includes a CD with full narration, songs and music. **THIS OFFER IS OPEN UNTIL 30 JUNE 2013 AND WHILST STOCKS LAST. LET'S GET OUR CHILDREN READING!!**

Interested contact: Johan le Roux
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The International Presidents goal to all districts is for each district to achieve 50% of clubs in the district participation in the Reading Program. Currently our district is on 30%. It is imperative that you process your literacy projects on your clubs monthly activity – under the correct heading of education / language / literacy type from International heading and call it Reading Action – not only will the district be recognised but your club will also receive a Reading Action Program patch from Lions Clubs International. If you have not yet participated in a Literacy program please consider doing so. The program also includes stationery, computer equipment etc any contribution which supports literacy.

CLUB PROJECTS: - Hockey!



With financial assistance from the Lions clubs of Berlin and Oslo the Lions Club of Gordon's Bay is involved with a children's hockey team at the Temperance Town School in Gordon's Bay. Two coaches from the Stellenbosch University has given up their time to monthly over the next three months come through to Gordon's Bay to share their skills with the local school coach and children.

Membership

Current Membership- February 2013:

Opening Balance:	940
Added:	24
Dropped:	18
Closing Balance:	946

Year to date the Membership growth in our district is healthy and I would like to thank all clubs who have contributed to the growth of membership this fiscal year thus far.

I invite clubs to participate in Worldwide Induction Day by inducting new members on the 13th April at the District Worldwide Induction event further or hold your own club or Zone event information regarding the district event will be going out to clubs soon.

Future District Events:

9th March – District 410A Hero of the Year.
16th March – Guiding Lion Workshop
20th March- Louis Volks Event



HAVE YOU BOOKED FOR THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION: 30TH APRIL – 4TH MAY 2013.

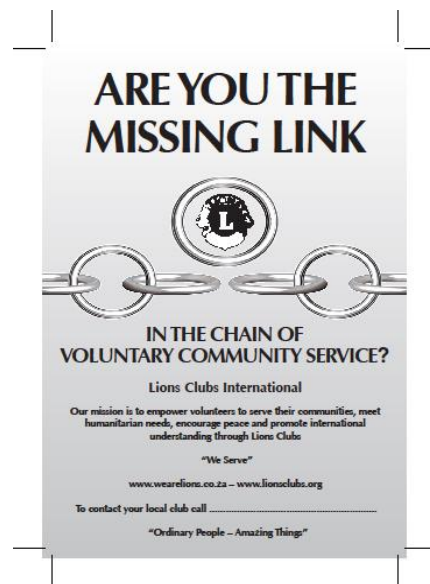
Payment for registration is due on 1st April 2013.

Congratulations!

It was announced at the third Council Meeting of our Multiple District 410 that Past District Governor Holger Sircoulomb of the Windhoek Lions Club was elected to serve as Council Chairperson of our Multiple District 410 for 2014-2015. On behalf of the District I wish to congratulate Holger on his appointment and assure him of our support throughout his term of office.

MARKETING OF LIONS

The advert can be used by clubs for marketing/membership purposes. The Artwork has been forward to clubs; please make use of this initiative.



INCOMING CLUB OFFICERS TRAINING.

All incoming Club officers 2013/2014

...PRESIDENTS, SECRETARIES, TREASURERS, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORS please diarise the following dates:

11th May City Area - Newlands Lions Club
25th May Boland Area – Moorreesburg
1st June Country Area – Calvinia

April is Leo Club Awareness Month



Sponsoring a Leo club brings new energy to your Lions club and can increase your club's community exposure by attracting new audiences, such as young professionals and parents. April is Leo Club Awareness Month, the perfect time to consider [sponsoring a Leo club](#) that will provide members with camaraderie and growth through participation in community service projects, social functions and leadership development activities. Through Leo clubs, you will have a positive influence on today's youth and young adults – helping them become better citizens and leaders for life.