



OUR MAGIC

District Governor JAMES (JIMMY) NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2013



From the desk of DG Jimmy:

Our travels to the Namibian clubs and the Northern Cape started on the 9th January arriving home on the 25th January after travelling 5767 km's. I want to thank Lion Mike Wood and LL Annette for accompanying PDG Paula and myself on our travels. It was indeed a pleasure to have such wonderful company and excellent driving skills. Thank you to all the Northern Cape and Namibian clubs for your friendship and hospitality. We were really spoiled by everyone. Also a very special thank you to Lion Johan Van Es and LL Hanny for hosting us in Swakopmund for six days. You made us feel very special.



The Gordonia Lions members are thrilled that they have 18 prospective members for their Club Branch Kathu which will shortly be formed. Congratulations on this great achievement.



On our travels we have encountered many interesting ways of Tail Twisting and encountered many interesting money containers for tail twisting. The above is used for tail twisting in the Gordonia Lions Club



It was great meeting up with LP Cathy and her members in Rehoboth. LP Cathy showed us

around the many projects that their club is involved with.



The Windhoek Lions Club celebrated Melvin Jones birthday in January by handing out hygiene packs to the Protection Unit and a portable Oxygen machine to the Cancer unit.



The Lions Club of Windhoek and Alte Feste jointly hosted us with a braai. I was presented with a cheque for R2000 from the Lions Club of Alte Feste which I have donated to the Services for Children Project.



On arrival in Tsumeb we were transported to Otavi by bus it was indeed an honour for me to induct 11 members into the Tsumeb and Otavi Club Branch of Tsumeb. Congratulations Tsumeb with your new Club Branch. With DG Jimmy is LP Andre Neethling and Club Branch President Lion Hans Ruhr.



Henties Bay - LP Dawie accepts DG Jimmy's the magic wand to continue spreading magic in Henties Bay. Henties Bay Lions club has 51 members being the second largest membership club in our District. Their growth in membership secret is that they encourage Family membership 63% of their membership is family membership.



A braai in the Desert?

Relaxing in the desert enjoying an amazing braai hosted by the Swakopmund Lions.



LP Heinz waving his magic wand, this club is spreading the magic of service with their Lions Old Age Home and Retirement Centre.



The Walvis Bay Lions still meet in the historic Rheinisch Mission Church 1879-1979 and continue to serve their community.



The beauty of Walvis Bay



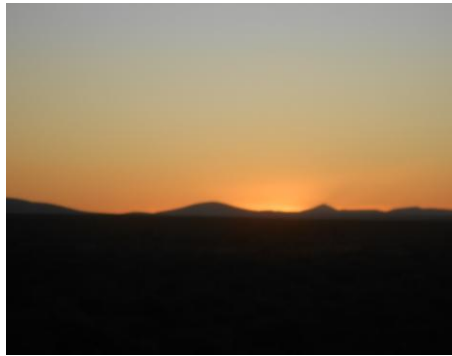
Mariental Lions had a full 100% attendance at my meeting with them. Also in the photo is Lion Mike from De Grendel Lions (far right).



It was a real pleasure meeting up with Lion Billy Howe from Namaqualand Lions. I also presented him with his 45 years Long Service award.



I inducted two new members into the Calvinia Lions Club. Lions Kobus du Toit and Eurika Doman we wish you many enjoyable lionistic years.



During our travels we saw some amazing sunsets!

Membership

Current Membership- January 2013:
 Opening Balance: 944
 Added: 4
 Dropped: 8
 Closing Balance: 940

A Ripple of Service

When you drop a pebble into water, it causes a series of ripples, extending outward and growing larger and stronger. When you sponsor a new club, you're creating a ripple of service. That new club will serve their community with new projects and engage new people. They will inspire others and they will have the ability to start a new ripple by sponsoring a club themselves. All of those acts can be traced back to the club, district or zone that sponsored them.

Taking on the role of mentoring a new club through sponsorship is a great way to increase your positive effect on the world. It enables you to reach outside the walls of your own community and start service in another. So go ahead; start a ripple. Sponsor a club.

Administration:

On logging onto the International Website in January we were greeted by a new look my LCI – you will be able to find all that you require to manage your club on this site. I urge all clubs to process their monthly membership reports and their club service and fundraising activities on a Monthly basis.

In Memorial: Late Lion Abrie Theron member of the Lions Club of Gordon's Bay. It was with great sadness that we heard of the passing away of Lion Abrie, a great Lion an amazing friend. He was the father figure of the Gordon's Bay Lions Club, passionate about Lions Loved by the members of the club and community that we served. A great loss to our Club, our District and Community.



American Student Wins Grand Prize in Lions International Peace Poster Contest

OAK BROOK, IL, USA, Feb. 1, 2013 – Jenny Park, a 13-year-old from California, USA, has been named the grand prize winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

Lions Clubs International is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Peace Poster contest, which was created to showcase the importance of world peace to young people everywhere. More than 400,000 students worldwide, ages 11-13, submitted posters to be considered for the grand prize or one of the contest's 23 merit awards. Entries were judged for originality, artistic merit and portrayal of this year's contest theme, "Imagine Peace."

Park represented her image of peace through portraits of influential individuals who have made an impact on world peace. "These are people from different places and different times, of different faith, of different race, gender, ages and many more characteristics. Yet, they all share one thing in common: they all found peace within themselves," said Park.

The poster features portraits of the Dalai Lama, Barack Obama, Aung San Suu Kyi, Ban Ki Moon, Martin Luther King Jr., Mother

Teresa, Woodrow Wilson and -- a self-portrait of Park.

“The reason why I decided to draw a self-portrait in the middle of this poster is because I wanted to convey that peace begins with any regular individual, just like me and you,” said Park. “We don't have to be the Dalai Lama or Mother Teresa to be creators of peace.”

As the grand prize winner, Park will receive US\$5,000 and a trip to a special awards ceremony at the 96th Lions Clubs International Convention in Hamburg, Germany. She will be accompanied by two family members and the president of the Northridge Lions Club in California, USA, which sponsored her local contest.

In addition to the grand prize winning poster, there were 23 merit award winners who receive a certificate of merit and US\$500. This year's merit-award-winners live in Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Cyprus, Ecuador, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Nigeria, Philippines, Republic of South Africa and the United States (Alaska, Hawaii, Minnesota, Missouri, Oregon and West Virginia).

For the past two years our winning entry from the Multiple District has been recognised as a merit winner.

Pieces of Peace – winner of the Essay Competition for visually impaired.

By Maura Loberg, Age 11, Nebraska, USA

In English class, we learned about homophones which are words that sound alike but have different spellings and meanings. I think of the words “piece” and “peace” and realize I am a piece of the peace puzzle. Like a puzzle, our world consists of many types of people that are separated by color, religions, money and many other reasons. It is hard to fit together and live next to each other if not positioned the right way.

My ideas to help aid world peace include better communication, more respect for each other's differences and the opportunity to dream for a more peaceful planet.

One solution to peace would be to try to communicate more and try to get along. I am blind (since birth) and I understand about communication. I rely on my listening skills and I hear a lot of things in the way people talk to each other.

I am different than other students in my school because of my blindness, but a lot of students have other differences that they are dealing with.

Another solution is for people to work on respecting one another more. People have to have open minds and be willing to share their ideas to solve problems...but they won't do that if they fear being laughed at and not respected.

A third piece to this puzzle of peace is for people to imagine and dream things can change. For generations people have used their imaginations to come up with new ways to solve old problems. Allowing people to be creative is always a good way for a positive change.

Putting puzzles together can be challenging but rewarding. Pieces all look different and come in many different shapes and sizes. That should never be a reason to give up. With communication, respect and dreams, we can all be a piece of peace. That is a world that I hope to see.

What's happening!

**Environmental Workshop 9th February
MD410 3rd Council Meeting is taking place
on the 16th February in Gordon's Bay.
Community Chest Carnival 27th Feb – 2nd
March 2013.**

**Hero of the Year Event 9th March
Guiding Lion Workshop on the 16th March
13TH April – Worldwide Induction Day**

**ALOE CONVENTION 30th
April – 4th May 2013 in East
London.**

**For more information log onto
<http://aloeconvention.co.za>**

Registration is open for MD Convention 2013. Go onto the website and download the application. Full Registration cost R880. Accommodation has been sourced you need to make arrangements with chosen establishments. The Convention Committee will not be facilitating accommodation bookings.

Proposed Programme:

- 1st May Council Meeting
Past District Governors Dinner
- 2nd May Cabinet Meetings
Workshops
Welcome Evening
- 3rd May District Conventions
Committee of the whole
Banquet
- 4th May MD Convention
Incoming Presidents Breakfast
Melvin Jones Lunch
Theme Evening – Shipwreck

Partners in Service Programme:

- 1st & 2nd May Visit Malls
- 3rd May Sightseeing around East
London
- 4th May Partners in Service Brunch
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**Lions Exchange Rate for the month of
January in South Africa is R9.04**

MANAGING CHANGE

The fourth objective of President Madden's In a World of Service theme, relates to the effective management of change. The world continues to change. While we may not have a choice about that, we do have a choice on how we react to change; and, as Lions leaders, whether or not we choose to create change. Our choice is really this: either we manage change or it will manage us. Change is inevitable – growth is optional. In order for Lions Clubs International to grow and thrive, we must be willing to let go of what we have always done, and risk trying new things. Many leaders today are too busy solving today's problems to focus on tomorrow's opportunities. In order to maximize our success and our global service impact, we ask that you, our Lions leaders, make innovation and continuous improvement a priority.

It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change.

~Author unknown

Incoming Club Officers Training.

The following dates have been booked for Incoming Club Officers training:
11th May Incoming Club Officers
Training – President/
Secretary/Treasurer/Membership Chairperson
– **Cape Town area**
25th May Incoming Club Officers
Training – President/Secretary /Treasurer
/Membership Chairperson – **Boland area**
1st June Incoming Club Officers
Training – President /
Secretary/Treasurer/Membership Chairperson
– **Country Clubs (Zone 6)**
Please reserve the above dates.....
**More information will be forward to clubs
shortly.**

CANSA Shavathon is one of South Africa's best-loved events in support of a very worthy cause, namely showing solidarity with those affected by cancer. Losing one's hair is a common side-effect of cancer therapy – so **shaving your head** has become a symbolic gesture of support for cancer survivors.

Colouring your hair or paying a **Bail Out Fee** have become options for those who prefer not to shave, or who can't shave on the day. For those who like to be actively engaged and to make a difference, Shavathon embraces **volunteers**. Their support is invaluable.

More information on how you can support the Cansa shavathon will be forward to clubs shortly.

Don't forget 14th February – Valentines Day.