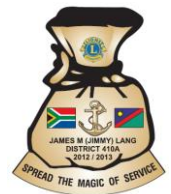




OUR MAGIC

District Governor JAMES (JIMMY) NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2013



My highlight for March was the Hero of the Year Event. Ten nominations was received from the following clubs Tokai, Merriman, Table View, Worcester, Kistenbosch, Sea Point, De Grendel, Bergvliet, Strand and Fish Hoek.



Merriman Lions club nominated the winner – Monique Strydom

Monique started Matla a Bana (Power of the Children) as the result of an approach to petition government about the rape of our children. With the support of the SAPS Child Protection Unit the charity was registered. To date the charity has reached over 40000 abused children created 23 Child Friendly rooms at police units, courts and hospitals, trained more that 2000 police officers, 200 social workers and 100 doctors in the specialist skills so necessary in a project like this.



Community Chest Carnival:
It was such a delight to see our various Lions and Leo clubs participating in this event operating different stalls, from boerewors rolls, prawns, waffles and game stalls.



The Pick n Pay Cycle tour was a major event in Cape Town and I would like to thank all the lions that participated as marshals we have a very good relationship with the organization of this event. I would like our Lions to continue with this relationship with them. I was very fortunate to attend an event hosted by the Lions club of De Grendel for the blind tandem cyclist and their sighted pilots. These cyclists came from as far as Windhoek Namibia and Roodepoort and Pietermaritzburg. It was a most enjoyable and memorable evening. The Chairperson handed various awards of appreciation to the cyclists. We were also informed that the Lions Club of Malgas hosted them on their way to Cape Town.



My last official club visit was to the Lions club of Malgas and in true West Coast style I received my bokoms !



The Louis Volks Event took place at the Merriman Lions Club on the 20th March. When Louis Volks sold his business the new owners gave Louis Volks a painted portrait of himself. This portrait found its way back to Louis Volks and Associates, and when the business was again subsequently sold to Aon, this portrait was retained by the sellers. Les Sweiden, who bought the business from Louis Volks donated this portrait to our District. It is a fantastic painting of Louis Volks and is approx 60cmx45cm and will be placed in our District Office. All present at this event learned something more about Dr.Louis Volks one of our founders.



The month ended with Easter and I am sure that many clubs collected and donated Easter Eggs to various children's homes, hospitals and retirement centres. I had the opportunity on Easter Sunday to deliver Easter eggs collected by my home club Gordon's Bay to the children's ward of the Hottentots Holland Hospital in Somerset West

South Africa Lions Provide Hearing Aids

In LCI - blog

In addition to being well-known for sight services around the world, Lions also offer help for the hearing impaired. For example, the Table View Lions Club in South Africa recently provided second hand and reconditioned hearing aids to local deaf children in need.

Lions clubs and Lions hearing foundations collect thousands of hearing aids each year and send them to regional Lions Hearing Aid Recycling Centers. These hearing services enable Lions to provide affordable hearing aids for those with limited financial resources, giving them a better opportunity to lead happy, healthy lives.



During March the Worcester Hospital received a donation of hearing Aids to the value of over R500k.

Since its inception in 2011 the Table View Lions Club Hearing Aids Project donated hearing aids to the value of close to ZAR 10 million.

Congratulations to the Table View Lions Clubs and to Lion Gisela Weitz and Lion Dilyn Kuni the co-coordinators of this project.



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
 Lions and Leos are invited to attend this event.

Training News!

Guiding Lion training took place on the 16th March – congratulations to Lions Johan Retief, Johann De Klerk, Faezal Karriem, Rudi Bezuidenhout, Pierre Theron, Maisie Fisher, Liz Houston and Jimmy Lang for successfully completing this course.

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



ALOE COAST CONVENTION.

As at the 4th April 2013 only 36 lions from our district have registered to attend this Years Aloe MD Convention in East London. I urge all Lions who have not yet registered to consider attending this major event in our yearly calendar.

MID YEAR CONFERENCE 2013.

The Committee for Mid Year 2013 has met, all feedback received from last years Mid Year Conference has been noted. Date has been set for the 19th October 2013... please diarise this date. Plans are in place for an amazing Mid Year Conference which cannot be missed!

Extract from: A Lions Tale!

The Born Free Foundation has run many Lions Pride events with the help of Wild in Art who designed the mould.

Our Lion is on display just inside the entrance to the Food Court at the V & A Waterfront where all the models are displayed as part of the Lions Trail which the public can follow using a detailed brochure.

The *Lion of Lions* was decorated by internationally acclaimed local artist Riaan van Zyl of Kalk Bay who happily agreed to undertake the project free of charge.

On a wet and windy Friday a few Merriman Lions and Lion Judy Young of Fish Hoek helped with the project at Jetty 2 so that the models were properly located on the trail. The locally cast lifelike models are decorated in many different styles and colours by local artists commissioned by the sponsors.

But, of all the Lions, the *Lion of Lions* is the only one that will roar when you feed it a R5 coin – so take the time to visit the V&A Waterfront and enjoy the spectacle. A large floor sign encourages public donations to hear the very loud roar. This is a unique project involving animal care for endangered species as the number of lions (wild) worldwide is gradually decreasing. It is also a great marketing opportunity.

The Pride of Lions will remain on display until the end of April when they will be stored and repaired as necessary. Whoever buys the *Lion of Lions* will have the option to have the coin mechanism and sound removed and that section restored if they wish.

I hope you enjoy visiting and feeding our *Lion of Lions*.

PDG Clive Fox
 DC Marketing of Lionism
 District 410A

Membership

Current Membership- March 2013:
 Opening Balance: 946
 Added: 4
 Dropped: 8
 Closing Balance: 942