



# Malcolm's Mail

District 410B DG's Newsletter

July and August 2013



## 96th International Convention – Hamburg



*PDG Wynford; 1stVDG Dave; DGE Malcolm & PDG Derek*



*A very tired but happy bunch of Governors after Convention*



*Proudly holding the MD410 banner during the Parade*



After a great send off from OR Tambo we arrived in Hamburg via Paris. A very kind German Lion took us on a tour of Hamburg on Sunday in his own car. We were joined on Monday by the other DGE's, Heather (District C), Herman & Berdine (District D) and James & Retha (District A) and so our adventure together began. The photo session with International President Barry Palmer and Anne was a whirlwind experience. Governor school was opened with a moving address by Lion Barry and continued for 3 days under the leadership of Nesim Levi. This culminated in the DGE's banquet which was held in a huge warehouse on the docks. Some 2000 delegates were bussed in for the occasion - quite something. The parade which covered a route of about 2km was one of the highlights. The South African delegation was very well received along the way. At the opening of the International Convention there were about 25000 Lions present from across the world. The atmosphere in the O2 Arena was amazing. One gets such a sense of pride and belonging at what has been and what can be accomplished when we all serve together. The rise of convention which followed the inauguration of the International President, also marked the induction of all the DGE's and was a very emotional experience. All in all it was an experience we will never forget, made more memorable by all the fun and laughter we shared as a group.

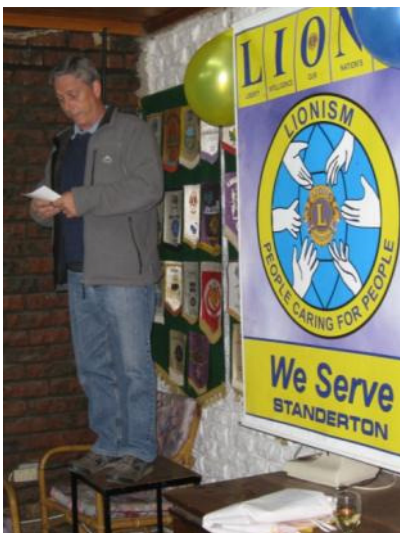


*Sharing a laugh with PDG Jacqui and ZC Grushenka*



## Welcome Home

We were blessed to have no less than 3 “welcomes”. The first was at OR Tambo at 10pm when we were met by the beaming faces of Lions Nick & Beaulieu complete with an appropriate poster. A wonderful sight after 16 hours on a plane! The second was the official function held in Benoni during which IPDG Ivan handed over the chain of office. What an enjoyable evening! Welcome number 3 took place in our home club of Standerton—home sweet home! A very big thank you to everyone involved in any way with these functions. We truly appreciate all your support





# Presidential Inductions



I was privileged to officiate at several club Presidential inductions. The first of these was the induction of Lion Arthur Baines as President of my home club of Standerton together with President Louise Coetzee of the Willows Branch Club.

Lion Les Parkes was also the recipient of a Melvin Jones Fellowship at the same occasion.



The following day saw Mark Meltzer inducted as the president of Glenoaks Lions Club

At the Zone 6 combined induction Lions Gerhard Viviers, Jill Stockwell, Hannelie van der Merwe, Jill Walden and Lioness Pat Bezuidenhout were inducted as presidents of Benoni Lakes, Benoni van Rhyn, Boksburg, Benoni Host and Benoryn Lioness Clubs respectively



Lion Tony Norris received a Melvin Jones Fellowship at the Zone 6 combined Induction function



# Club Activities

## Lions Club Of Wilro Park

After meeting Beryl & Pedro Carvalho of Eyes Alive through Lion Blyda and Harold Rosen and attending a presentation we decided this was an extremely worthwhile project. With the assistance of David O'Sullivan of 702 and his listeners and an interview with PP Delphine Ferreira, 18 immediate responses were received. These were screened and assessed and a decision on the recipient reached. The recipient would be Thulani a bright 16 year old who had lost his eye at the age of 12 and whose wish it was "to look normal again". With the help and expertise of Beryl of Eyes Alive we arranged his first appointment and she began working with began working with Thulani immediately. After a few appointments and many hours of work by Beryl, Thulani's first new eye was fitted and the transformation was amazing—not only did he look so handsome but also very happy! Thulani's Mom, the principal of his school, his mentor and all the other students celebrated but the best is that the girls now tell him that he is 'pretty' and he loves it! Thulani will still have to have a number of appointments to continue the process of fitting the perfect eye for him and then ongoing appointments with Beryl as she continues to take care of him but he has such a bright future now—not only is he happier but also has more confidence and we are sure he will go on to achieve great things.



*Thulani proudly shows off his new eye*

## Standerton Lions Club

The club participated in the 67 Minutes for Madiba project – in this case 67 eye tests was the target requested. Standerton Lions club tested 70 Grade 5 children at Standerton Primary School .



## Boswell Wilkie Branch Club

On the 29<sup>th</sup> August Boswell Circus visited Standerton and so DG Malcolm and Lions Lady Frances, accompanied by several members of both the Standerton & Willows clubs, joined the Brian Boswell Circus Cyber Branch Club of Magaliesburg for a meet and greet. We were treated to "refreshments" in the Big Top and banners were exchanged. ZC Grushenka made a special trip to be present for the occasion. Unfortunately the following day due to extremely high winds, the tent had to be lowered and so no performances were possible. However this meant that the cyber club members along with Grushenka were able to take part in the Bingo evening at the Standerton clubhouse and a great evening of fellowship ensued.

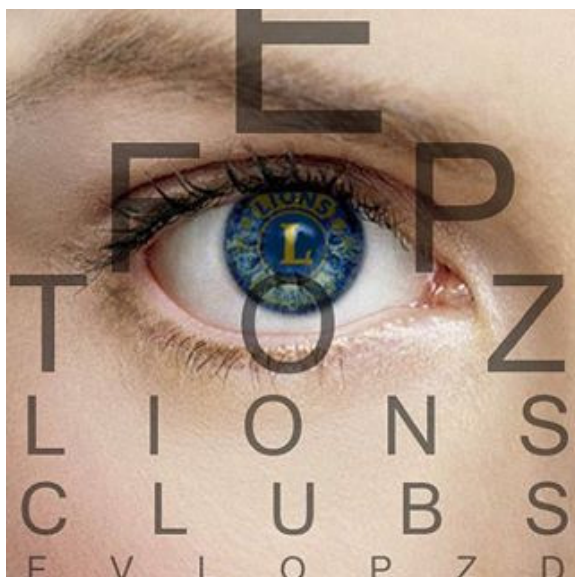


## Sharing the Vision – Serve the Blind

Participate in October's [Sharing the Vision](#) campaign by providing assistance for children and adults who are blind or visually impaired. Your club can help in many ways, such as hands-on volunteering with recreational camps, vocational programs or guide dog schools; providing assistive technology for a family in need; promoting [Low Vision](#) awareness in your community; and supporting Operation Bright Sight.

“80% of all vision impairment can be avoided or cured.”

*World Health Organization*



*What on earth are they all fiddling with?*

### Cabinet & MD Council Meetings

A successful 1st Cabinet meeting was held at The Mannah Lodge on 4th August. It is hoped that this laid the foundation to assist in growing our District both in membership and service.

The 1st Multiple District Council Meeting was held in District C on the 16th & 17th August at the Lions Club of Cowies Hill. This proved to be a productive meeting. Thank you to DG Heather and her team for a great weekend.



*Taking a break from Council deliberations with DG Herman and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Carl from District D*

## New Members



Welcome to the 410B family!

### Edenvale

Kira Sparrow  
Sue van der Walt

Sponsor Linda Errington  
Sponsor Leon Capon

### Johannesburg North

Michel Bialy  
Benjy Naggan

Sponsor Gregory Horvitch  
Sponsor Melanie Horvitch

### Nelspruit

Phillip Needle

Sponsor Mel Boswell

### Potchefstroom

Samuel Crator

Sponsor Sharon Hayes

### St. Augustine College-Victory Park Campus Club

Sponsor Florida Lions Club

Lehlohonolo Chaka  
Nontando Hadebe  
Ngwato Makgalemabe  
Ltumeleng Mataboge  
Glenda Mokoena  
Regina Mokoena  
Livhuwani Mukhondo  
Unathi Ngema  
Xolisile Ntuli  
Tafadzwa Samu  
Patrick Tembani

Phindile Gumede  
Matshepo Mmadupela  
Lindiwe Malinga  
Pule Mathe  
Jerminah Mokoena  
Yitzhak Moraka  
Benfilda Mwidini  
Keabetwe Ngobeni  
Precious Radebe  
Irvine Sibanda  
Vuyelwa Tube

### Weltevreden

James Burnett

Sponsor Danny Burnett

### Manzini

Filipe Vilapouca

Sponsor Marlee Graham

### Bedfordview

Megan Gouws  
Nico Gouws

Sponsor Carolle Olivier  
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### Benoni Host

Gillian Jones

Sponsor David Featherston

### Letaba Tzaneen

Roan Pienaaar  
Engelbrecht

Sponsor Marnes

### Midrand

Brian Bowen  
Colleen Bowen

Sponsor Cliff Hocking  
Sponsor Jacqui Hocking

### Standerton

Marlette Steyn

Sponsor Louise Coetzee

### Weltevreden

Johan Gouws

Sponsor Danny Burnett

We hope that you will enjoy many, many years in our great organization.

## Start Planning for Membership Growth Month



New members are the key to club health and growth, and they increase your ability to serve the community. The months of October and April are dedicated to [inviting new members](#). Begin thinking about your recruitment plan for next month, and earn recognition for your club's growth! Lions who sponsor a new member in October will receive a Silver [Membership Growth Award](#) pin. Gold pins are available for Lions who sponsor a new member in October as well as April. Clubs that add new members in October and April will receive a Membership Growth Award Banner Patch and a Fiscal Year Patch.

### Invite Students and Former Leos



Last month's Global Service Action Campaign was "Engaging Our Youth." This month, think about inviting younger community members, such as students and former Leos, to become Lions. Young members represent the future of Lions. They bring new energy, inspire fresh ideas for service, and provide increased support for local and international projects. Read more about the [Student Member Program](#) and the [Leo to Lion Program](#) and the benefits they receive when joining Lions.



“ To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.”

Anatole France

**Apply Now to Attend 410 Leadership Development Institute Training 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

District 410 provides many leadership development opportunities for current and future Lions leaders. Take advantage of the training offered and register with your 410B GLT Chairman



**Standerton Lions Club**

**2013 Midyear Conference 410B**



We are looking forward to seeing as many of the 410B family as possible at Convention.

It promises to be a great fun weekend. Don't miss out!!



**TELL US WHAT YOU'RE UP TO**

Please submit pictures and write ups of your club projects to DG Malcolm for inclusion in the DG newsletter

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