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Newsletter from District Governor Rob Fowler to the Lions, Lionesses and Leos of District 410B, Southern Africa

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## February is Past District Governor's Month

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Has your Club started thinking about whom they would like to invite to visit them during the month of February?

District 410B has about 18 PDG's (I'm advised that PDG stands for "Pearls, Diamonds and Gold") to choose from!

I'm sure that your club will benefit greatly from reminiscences of their year as a District Governor and that they will be able to share valuable and encouraging insights that will be of value to all our Lions.

Don't leave your invitations for the last moment. Start now with your invites if you have not already done so!



The "Halftime Worldwide Report Day" for CSFII is on February 26, 2007.

For this report, Group Coordinators are required to submit to Oak Brook a schedule of funds raised together with an indication of what is pledged for the remainder of this Lionistic year.

A big **THANK YOU** to all the Clubs in District 410B that have contributed to date towards our CSFII goals through their pledges towards Melvin Jones Fellowships.

There is still a while to go and a MJF recognition of someone that you believe has done great community service will be a substantial boost to the Fellowship and to our District CSFII efforts.

*This is a tragic scene from Thailand when the Tsunami struck in 2004.*

*Fortunately, LCIF, through your contributions, was able to donate millions to reconstruction efforts.*



Any queries?

Contact **CC Elect Lion Tony Scheffel** to assist your club get its MJF paperwork sorted out.

Remember that the District, subject to availability of funds, will contribute **US\$200** from its own accumulated Project Account towards your MJF - provided that the funds are designated to CSFII in the application. A club need therefore only source **US\$800** from their own funds.

This is a once-off offer subject to the availability of funds so confirm your MJF intention to ensure that some of the available funds are reserved for your club.



# Upcoming Events

Please diarise the following 410B events:

**27 January** - 7:00pm for 7:30pm Supper and film show "The Miracle Worker" on the amazing meeting and friendship of Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan. Cost is R45 pp. All welcome. Contact CS Pam Scheffel on 083 302 5695 or

[pamscheffel@iafrica.com](mailto:pamscheffel@iafrica.com) Venue is the Midrand Community Centre, Halfway House.

**28 January** - Third Cabinet Meeting - LC Midrand

**8 - 11 February** - "All Africa" Forum in Bulawayo

**11 February** - Alfa Romeo Classic Rally - Edenvale

**10 March** - Region 1 Buddy Day

For details contact CCE Lion Tony Scheffel

**24 March** - Lions Operation BrightSight Boat Race at Zoo Lake

**31 March** - LC Nelspruit day trip to Maputo

**25 - 30 April** - MD410 EGOLI 2007 CONVENTION at BIRCHWOOD CONFERENCE CENTRE - Boksburg

**20 May** - proposed **Cabinet and Club Officers** Training

**3 June** - proposed **Club President's Instruction Day**

**June 2007** - 90th International Convention - CHICAGO, USA

**November 2007** - 35th ISAAME Forum - Colombo, Sri Lanka

## In our thoughts ...

**LP Bart Oldenboom** (LC Weltevreden) will be undergoing surgery later this week and we wish him a very speedy recovery.

## FLORIDA EARNS R15 000 FROM JOINT PROJECT

Florida Lions partnered with Weltevreden and had a very successful Christmas wrapping project at the Clearwater Mall. **WELL DONE!**

## LCI EXCHANGE RATE = 7,03

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### A SMALL QUOTE TO PONDER UPON ...

"Science may have found a cure for most evils; but it has found no remedy for the worst of them all - the apathy of human beings". Helen Keller, My Religion, 1927

# L.I.O.N.S

Did the earliest Lions have an inkling of the present day significance of calling our great organization of service volunteers after the acronym for **Liberty Intelligence Our Nations Safety?**

Do we appreciate the freedom that we as citizen's enjoy and how do we respond when we believe that those freedoms are being abused - both in our own case or in the case of others?

We often take for granted the fact that our constitutional liberties are hard won and that the continued freedoms associated with being "free" need to be constantly protected. It certainly is difficult to think of being a Lion committed to the cause of peace and a spirit of understanding amongst the peoples of the world when there is no Liberty or civic Intelligence and no safety from oppression in the streets or in the courts.

Our **Lions Objects** encourage us all to strive for equality and understanding at the highest levels both in our private and civic lives.



A very happy LP Lilian McClarty receives a cheque from Lions Peter Spencer and Wessel Dippenaar of the Lions Club of Weltevreden after their very successful joint December fundraiser. **Teamwork WORKS!!**

*We hope that your District newsletter will continue to stimulate your service activities and encourage a flow of interesting information of relevance to Lions throughout District 410B.*

*Kindly forward any articles and best quality images for publication to DG Rob Fowler at [rob@iafrica.com](mailto:rob@iafrica.com) and we'll do our best to get them circulated in future editions.*