

Wilro Park supports Northam School

Story based on information from ZC Dee Easton



Proud Wilro Park Lions with some of the children showing off the sporting goods, toys and books for their library.

Mamodimakwana Primary School is located in Northam, North West Province. ZC Dee Easton accompanied Lions from the Wilro Park Club and explained "it's a very poor little school as far as physical assets go, but their spirit, warmth and enthusiasm is indeed very rich!" Dee continues "It took us two and a half hours to get there and the heat was incredible - 38 degrees in the shade and probably 10 degrees hotter in the classrooms!"

"The school has very little access to water but the dearest wish of one of the school teachers is to start a vegetable garden, so I'm sure this will not be the last project that Lions do at the school."

The school principal, Lucas, has instilled a wonderfully different kind of discipline in his pupils. He has encouraged them to accept that in order for them to fulfil their dreams and aspirations, they must attend school regularly and learn as much as they can. The amazing and committed response from every pupil to his quiet and dignified leadership is an inspiring experience, says Dee.

At the beginning of the handover presentation, the principal, Lucas, said two words to the assembled children in a very controlled and quiet voice "Be Quiet". Believe me, says Dee, those children hardly moved or said a word for the next 3 hours!

The Lions of Wilro Park presented the school with 10 computers, sporting equipment and books for their library.

Their gratitude at receiving this donation from Lions was an absolute joy to see.



Lion Club President Karl and school principal Lucas checking that everything is working after the installation

Amazing LIONS doing amazing service!



Upcoming Events

Please diarise the following Lions events:

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

21 April - Worldwide Induction Day

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/July 2007 - International Convention in Chicago

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

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It was great to experience each team of Lions talking about their upcoming project with passion and commitment. The rotation of leadership for each project through the year probably means that ideas do not become stale and the club's activities are geared to serving the special needs of the community as experienced and agreed to by all the members of the Lions Club.

How does your Club operate?

Food for thought!

LIONS WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY April 21, 2007

Bringing new Lions into a Club should be done with thought and care. To make planning easy and the event memorable, Lions Clubs International will provide a

Lions Worldwide Induction Day Planning Guide and **Certificates and Press Releases** to honour new members and publicize the event.

Start to work now on your membership growth plans to hopefully coincide with Lions Worldwide Induction Day.

Zone Chairmen will be contacting each club soon so that we can effectively plan for this event. We can either have a special function on the 21st April or plan a special event for this purpose during the Egoli 2007 Convention.

Please contact your Zone Chairman with your thoughts and/or suggestions so that we can make this a successful event in District 410B!

GREAT SUPPORT FROM CLUBS FOR LIONS "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR" NOMINATIONS

Thank you to all the Lions Clubs that submitted nominations for the MD410 "Citizen of the Year" Award. We have been overwhelmed says Cabinet Secretary Pam Scheffel by the number of entries received and the varied scope of the wonderful service performed by each nominee. Many thanks!

LCI EXCHANGE RATE = 7,03 March 2007

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

Kindly forward any articles and best quality .jpg or .tif images for publication to DG Rob Fowler at robfi@iafrica.com and we'll do our best to get them circulated in future editions.

Some project management ideas

Each Lions Club has its unique style in terms of promoting and undertaking service projects and there is probably no ideal format.

Some clubs have a dedicated Community Service committee comprising members whose function it is to initiate and manage the community service activities of the Club for the whole Lionistic year. Other similar committees may focus on fundraising and other specialised aspects of club activities.

Another possible option is to develop a community service projects calendar comprising say, 12 projects per year, one a month. The Club members themselves form the various teams that will project manage one or maybe two projects during the course of a whole year. I saw this in action during my visit to one of our newest Lions Clubs – the Lions of Potchefstroom, and it seems to work pretty well. Each Lion has an opportunity to be involved, at the management and operational level, in a project that they are personally committed to. The club members are involved as active participants and are updated on the planning progress of the project so that they are geared and ready for their own participation when their willing hands are required.